EFFORT TO SAVE LOMA VISTA FARM GOING 'FRESH MEX'

VALLEJO – Residents concerned with the potential closure of Loma Vista Farm are holding a fund-raiser on Monday, March 10, 2003 at Chevy's Restaurant in Vallejo.

The fund-raiser will last all day, from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m., and will include lunch, dinner and take-out orders. Chevy's Vallejo will donate 20 percent of all proceeds from food and beverages purchased during this time to the effort to save Loma Vista Farm.

Reservations are encouraged (and required for parties of eight or more). The number at Chevy's, located across the street from Home Depot on Admiral Callaghan Way, is (707) 644-1373.

The Loma Vista Farm has served as an outdoor classroom for adjacent Loma Vista Elementary School and other schools in Vallejo and Solano County. Students come to the farm to learn about farm life, farm animals, growing vegetables and other farm activities.

Run by the Vallejo City Unified School District, the five-acre farm stands on a former military housing site and has been in existence since 1974. However, the state budget crisis and other funding issues have led the Vallejo Unified School District to lay off the two farm workers, effectively closing the farm.

A community effort to save the farm has begun, and this is just the first of many planned fundraisers.

In an ongoing effort to save Loma Vista Farm, this Chevy's fundraiser will be held the first Monday of each month (except due to holidays in May and September, in which it will be held the second Monday). Future dates for the Loma Vista Farm fund-raiser at Chevy's are April 7, May 12, July 7, August 4, September 8, October 6, November 3 and December 1.

For more information on fund-raising efforts for Loma Vista Farm, call (707) 644-1414 or e-mail polkadotdog@sbcglobal.net.