

(2001.5)

Sonoma West Times June 14, 2001

# Laguna trail would connect city and coast

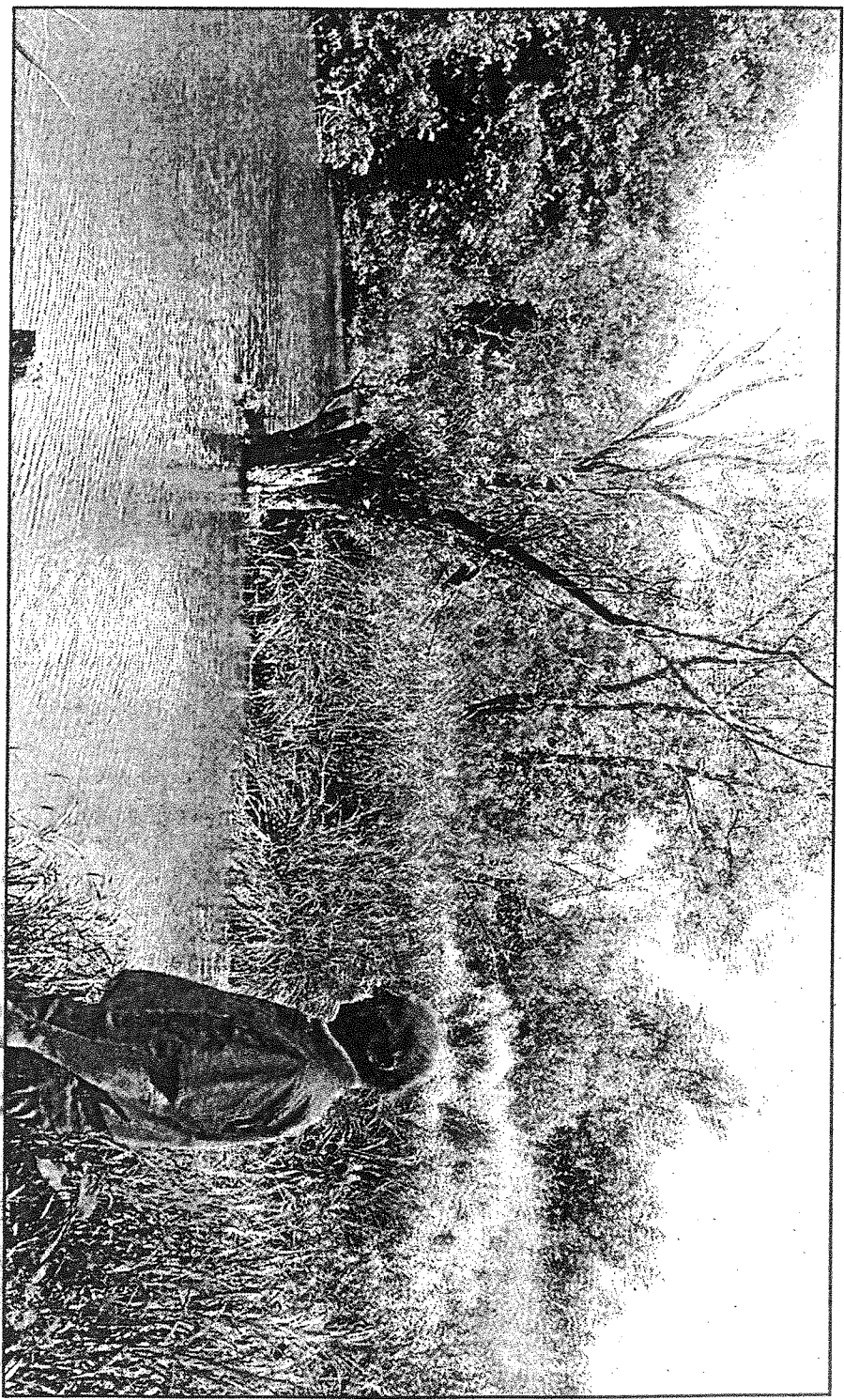
by Corey Young  
Sonoma West Staff Writer

**SEBASTOPOL** — Imagine being able to ride a bike from Jenner to the Napa Valley, following trails almost all the way.

John Jenkel can, and he wants the county to help make the idea a reality. One of the main issues involves establishing a connection between West County trails and the Santa Rosa Creek trail.

Jenkel said such a connection used to exist near the confluence of Santa Rosa Creek and the Laguna de Santa Rosa, just south of the Guerneville Road bridge. Each summer in the late '60s and the '70s, volunteers would put up a 20-foot wooden bridge from the east bank of the Laguna to the south bank of the creek.

In 1978, the bridge floated away and was never seen again, Jenkel said. He is gathering support for rebuilding a permanent bridge at the same site, for **(Please see Trail page A11)**



**CROSSING** — John Jenkel stands at the confluence of Santa Rosa Creek and the Laguna de Santa Rosa near the Guerneville Road bridge. Jenkel says a seasonal bridge at the site used to be installed annually as part of a public hiking trail connecting Santa Rosa with the West County.

Corey Young