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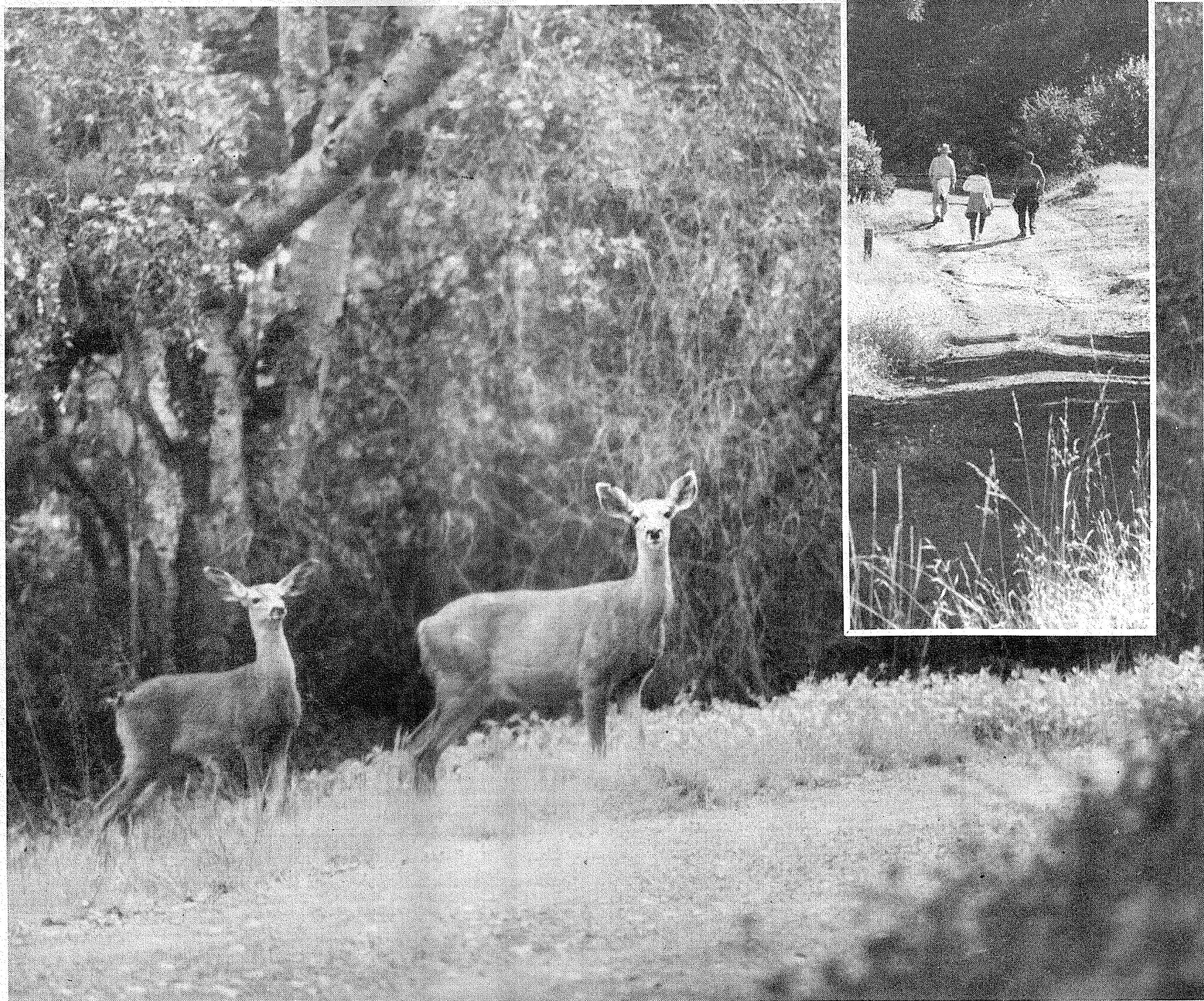
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TWENTY YEARS THAT CHANGED THE PENINSULA

Midpeninsula Open Space District, celebrating its 20th anniversary, has preserved 35,000 acres – Page 10





THE PENINSULA'S backdrop of hills has been largely protected from development by the Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District.

Grove Avenue in Menlo Park.

District supporters suffered a serious setback in 1971 when the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors voted 3-2 to keep the county out of the district. Supporters regrouped, and in November 1972 Santa Clara County voters overwhelmingly voted yes on Proposition R – “for room to breathe.”

In 1976 voters in southern San Mateo County narrowly approved annexation to the district following another petition drive headed by Harry Turner of Ladera with help from Lennie Roberts and a who's who of local conservationists. The supervisors couldn't block it.

Mr. Turner went on to represent South San Mateo County for

10 years on the district board. He was followed by former Menlo Park Mayor Gerry Andeen and now Betsy Crowder of Portola Valley.

The district now has 13,464 acres of land in San Mateo County, 38 percent of the total district. I have been cheering as many of the most threatened parcels have joined the permanent bank of open space – Windy Hill in Portola Valley; Purisima Canyon west of Skyline; Russian Ridge, once planned for a hilltop subdivision with county blessing; Teague Hill above Woodside; Hassler Health Home; Edgewood Park; and many more.

I knew we were doing the right thing. I never dreamed it would be so successful.

The first 20 years

■ 1972: Santa Clara County voters create Midpeninsula Regional Park District (later renamed Open Space District) for area from Palo Alto to Los Gatos. Herb Grench, nuclear physicist and former Palo Alto hired as first – and only – general manager.

■ 1973: First tax revenue from Santa Clara County – \$1.3 million.

■ 1974: First major land purchases – four preserves: Foothills, Fremont Older, Saratoga Gap, and Monte Bello.

■ 1976: Voters in South San Mateo County OK annexation to the district.

■ 1978: Passage of Proposition 13 reduces tax revenue by 35 percent. Peninsula Open Space Trust formed to acquire land. Long Ridge and Thornwood open space preserves acquired in San Mateo County.

■ 1980: Windy Hill Open Space Preserve acquired from POST.

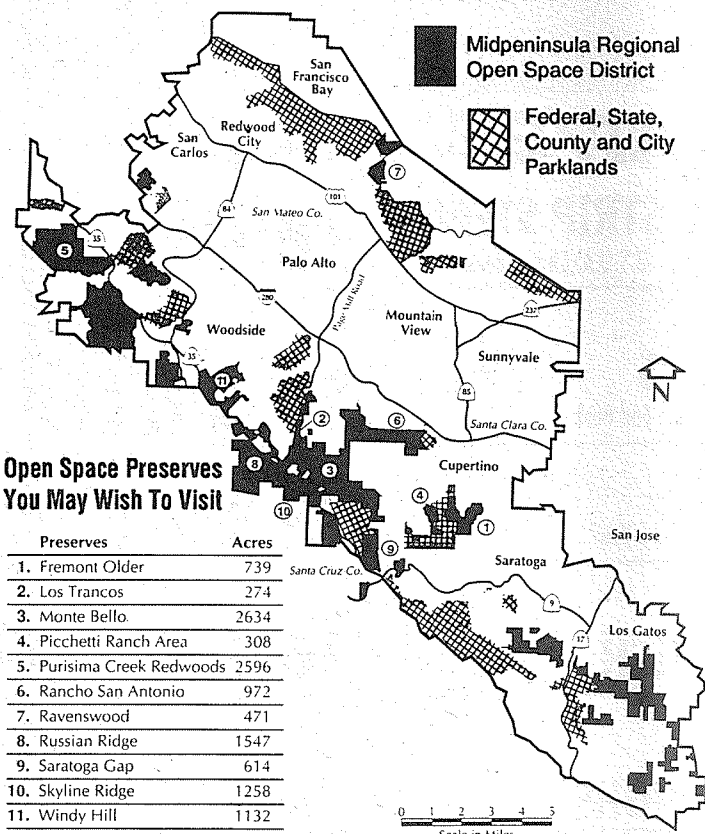
■ 1982: Three preserves acquired: Coal Creek, Purisima Creek Redwoods, and Skyline Ridge.

■ 1983: Pulgas Ridge Open Space Preserve, formerly Hassler Health Home, acquired.

■ 1984: La Honda Creek Open Space Preserve (west of Skyline) acquired.

■ 1985: Two preserves acquired: Ravenswood on Menlo Park's Bay front, and El Corte de Madera, west of Skyline near Kings Mountain.

■ 1988: Teague Hill Open Space Preserve, formerly Ericksen property, acquired in Woodside



COMBINED with other public parklands, the Open Space District's preserves create a greenbelt extending from San Carlos to Los Gatos. The district has acquired more than 35,000 acres.

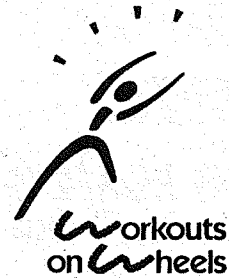
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Myth Versus Reality: Taking the Mystery Out of Drycleaning



Peter and Martha Lancestremere

You take your soiled clothes to your drycleaner and later pick them up looking like new. But do you know what happens in between? To many of us, drycleaning is a mystery. The word drycleaning is a misnomer. Drycleaning is the use of fluids to remove soil and stains from fabric that water cannot do alone. It is called “drycleaning” because the fluid contains little or no water and does not penetrate the fibers as water does. To keep your clothes looking their best, beware of some of those myths about drycleaning.

- **Myth: Frequent cleaning can wear out clothes.**

In fact, the opposite is true. Not only do stains set with age making the garment unwearable, but ground in dirt and soil act as an abrasive, like sand paper, causing rapid wear of fibers.

- **Myth: Hair spray can remove ink stains.**

Sometimes yes and sometimes no. The alcohol in hair spray can help remove some ink stains, but beware, it can often remove dyes leaving an even more unsightly area.

- **Myth: Club soda is the universal stain remover.**

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Sequoia trustees restore \$130,000

By MARJORIE MADER

Trustees of the Sequoia Union High School District have kept their promise and restored \$130,000 in programs cut from the district's budget in June because the money became available.

The district's revised budget for 1992-93 will be presented at the board's meeting at 8 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 4, in the Woodside High School's multi-use room.

At a recent trustee meeting, Superintendent Merle Fruehling said the district was able to move ahead earlier than planned on reorganizing the educational and administrative services departments, thereby freeing up the \$130,000.

Top priority was given to restoring the department chairman positions from two periods to five periods per school. The change will begin in the second semester and cost about \$75,000.

Other restored programs will:

- Increase the school discretionary accounts for supplies, equipment replacement, and principal's discretionary fund. Total cost: \$30,000.

- Augment the district's effort to restructure the high schools. Cost: \$4,500.

- Restore the "student help" budget to \$1,000 at Menlo-Atherton, Woodside, Sequoia and Carmont, and to \$500 at Redwood. The funds will pay students working primarily in the attendance office.

- Increase to full-time the custodial position at Carmont High that had been reduced last spring to half time. Cost: \$16,000.

Books for all at Oak Knoll

Oak Knoll School's book fair, offering titles for readers of all ages, will be held Tuesday and Wednesday, Nov. 10 and 11.

Hours are from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the multi-purpose room of the school, located at 1895 Oak Knoll Lane in Menlo Park.

Shopping for "what's hot?" and "what's a classic?" will be easy because the books will be arranged by category and age level.

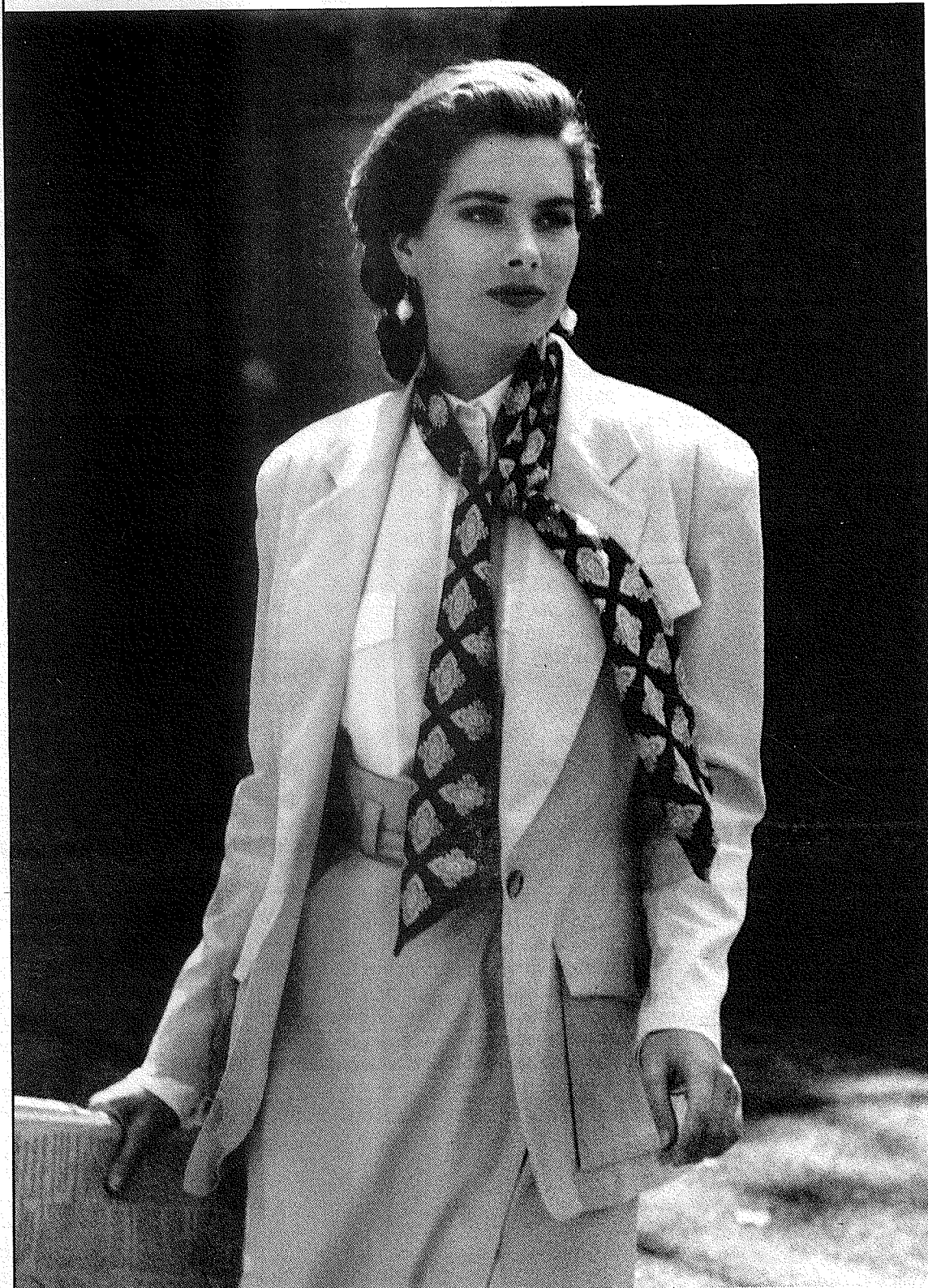
Books for middle school students have been added this year to round out the assortment of titles.

Volunteers will be on hand to suggest titles for gift-giving.

The Oak Knoll PTA sponsors this annual event, which benefits the school library.

For information, contact Gwyn Bailey at 323-9847.

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