



*Since the successful conclusion of the
Campaign to Save Essential Open Space...*

...POST has announced the purchase and protection of three beautiful and diverse properties totaling more than 1,840 acres. In this issue of *Landscapes* you'll read about Loma Prieta Ranch — 493 acres of chaparral and redwoods that provide an important link in a potential trail from the bay to the ocean. Future issues of *Landscapes* will showcase the 1,065-acre Bear Creek Redwoods near Los Gatos, and our latest spectacular purchase: 286 acres of oak woodland

and serpentine meadow near Almaden Quicksilver County Park.

POST's Campaign saved 12,569 acres of strategic and beautiful open land, an extremely important accomplishment. It also created energy and forward momentum for land saving on the Peninsula that has resulted in these three recent land acquisitions....



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...In addition, POST is currently in discussions with landowners on another 13 projects, many of which we've worked toward for years.

All of us want to seize these opportunities to save open lands before they are lost to development and their special character is gone forever. So special are the lands we care about that researchers at Princeton University have identified the San Francisco Peninsula as a "habitat hot spot," San Mateo and Santa Clara Counties being two of only 13 such counties listed in the United States. The Peninsula is home to hundreds of unique plant and animal species, many of which have the unfortunate distinction of being listed by the state and federal government as threatened or endangered.

It's not just the plants and animals that are threatened or endangered — on any given day, stuck in traffic, each of us feels the quality of our life could qualify for the list. But take a moment and look to the hills. Remember that you *are* making a difference — there will always be vast open spaces left untouched on the Peninsula. The job of saving our open space isn't done, but I think, working together, we can outrun the wave of development.

How will we do it? I'm betting on you. Your support, the support of your friends and neighbors, and any ideas you have for us to bring in new supporters, are needed. Not only do your gifts provide the largest amount of money for our land protection fund, they allow us to attract grants from donors like The David and Lucile Packard Foundation, who look first to see what you are doing.

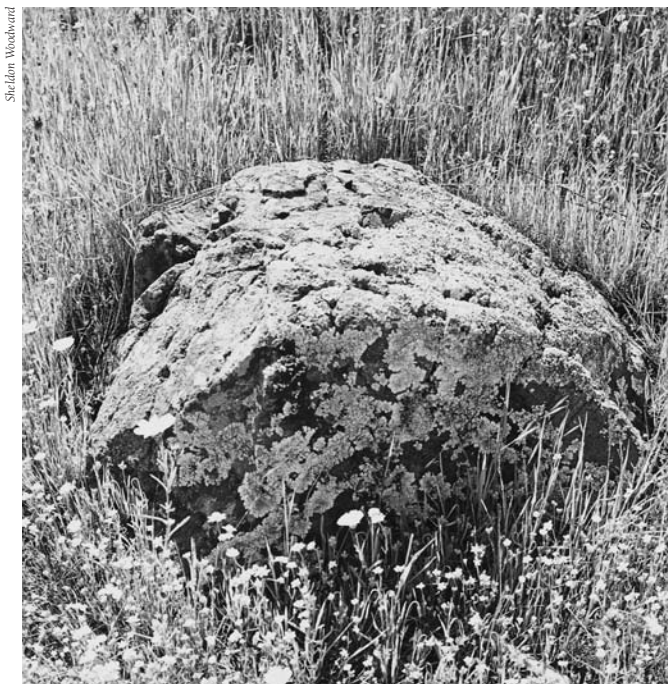
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Your help also makes important public funding possible. In March 2000 the Safe Neighborhood Parks, Clean Water, Clean Air and Coastal Protection Act (Act AB18) is on the ballot. This bond measure will produce over \$2.1 billion for the protection of threatened wildlife areas, the coast, rivers and other open space areas throughout California. It's been over ten years since a park and wildlife bond has passed, and we are in real need of its success. POST looks to leverage your gift support with public funds whenever possible. AB18 has a very good chance of passing, but with a two-thirds vote needed, every one of our votes will really count.

"Big doings" are on POST's agenda. One of the few frustrations in this work is that I can't tell you in advance exactly what properties we are focused on. I *can* tell you that the 13 properties I mentioned earlier are only a fraction of what we hope to do. The momentum created over the past three years during the Campaign is going to protect more open space than we ever thought possible. We're going to make history!

Audrey Rust

Audrey C. Rust, President





LOMA PRIETA RANCH: *Another Link in a Trail to the Sea*

by Mary Shields

Imagine a Saturday morning hike.

You wend your way through sunny chaparral up into the Santa Cruz Mountains, enjoying the beautiful peaks of nearby Mount Umunhum and Loma Prieta. When the trail dips into shady canyons, you stop for a rest in the cool green of a redwood grove.

Now imagine your trail doesn't end here, but keeps right on going — an uninterrupted path over the spine of the Santa Cruz mountains, continuing all the way down to the Pacific Ocean. Thanks to your support, this dream trail is one giant step closer to becoming a reality with POST's latest purchase of 493-acre Loma Prieta Ranch in Santa Cruz County for \$1 million.

POST's purchase and transfer of Loma Prieta Ranch to public ownership places one more piece in the puzzle that will link existing hiking trails, making a unique non-stop hiking corridor from Los Gatos to the Pacific Ocean more possible. In the near future, you might start in Sanborn Skyline County Park outside Los Gatos, hike through the POST- saved Bear Creek Redwoods by Lexington Reservoir, and link to trails in the 14,000-acre Sierra Azul Open Space Preserve. With the addition of Loma Prieta Ranch to this chain of lands, a hiker will be able to continue on through Soquel Demonstration State Forest into the Forest of Nisene Marks State Park,

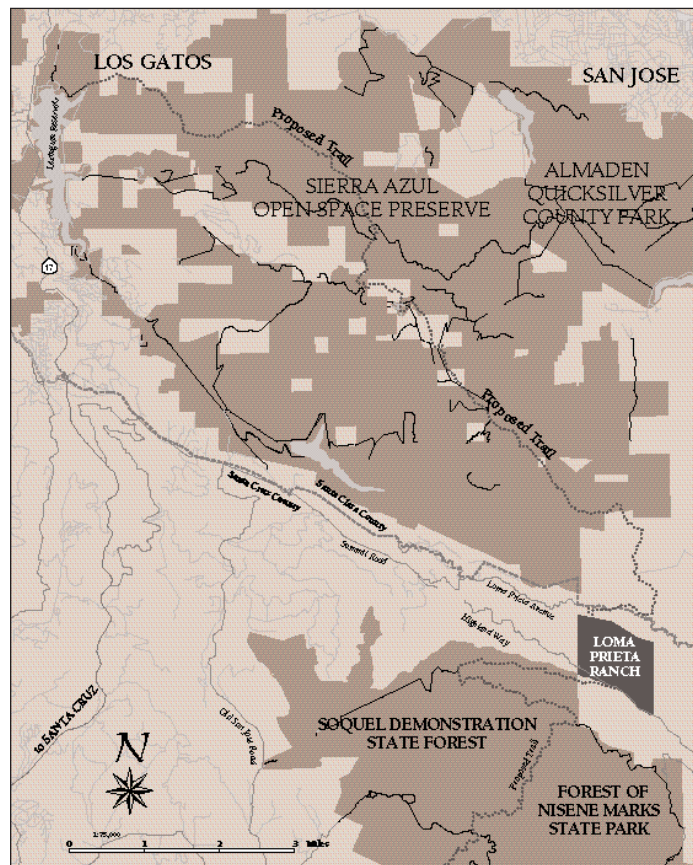
following Aptos Creek to where it flows out into the ocean at Seacliff State Beach.

Undisturbed and Remote Although just minutes from the city of San Jose, Loma Prieta Ranch is surrounded by large blocks of protected land and has an exceptionally wild and remote feel to it. Forty acres of hills on the western slope of Loma Prieta feature

undisturbed chaparral and knobcone pines. A grassy plateau toward the center of the property provides the hiker with a dramatic overlook of Monterey Bay. At the lower elevations, 50 acres of redwoods flourish along the riparian corridor of Soquel Creek, where tree-shaded pools, runs and riffles provide important spawning habitat for Steelhead trout, listed by the federal government as a threatened species.

POST is working with the Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District, its partner in many important land purchases

over the past 20 years, to obtain state funds so that the District can purchase the property from POST, thus allowing us to return the monies to our Land Fund. It is anticipated that the newly-protected land will eventually become part of either Sierra Azul Open Space Preserve or the Forest of Nisene Marks State Park, adding to an expanding network of open space for the crowded South Bay.



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AMY CHENG



A Special Way to Celebrate

by Miki Terasawa

The day after Amy Cheng and Michael Galles got engaged they made a deal — no traditional wedding gifts. Instead, they asked friends and family to make donations to a local nonprofit that reflected the couple’s shared values.

Born and raised on the Peninsula, graduates of Stanford and Santa Clara University, Mike and Amy have witnessed the dramatic change brought about by population growth and a booming economy.

“It’s frightening how quickly the Valley has changed before our eyes,” Amy told us. “Mike and I both work in the high-tech industry and are in the middle of this frenzy around the Bay Area. However, we tried to step back and look at what this growth is costing the area.”

On a friend’s recommendation, the couple checked out the POST website, www.openspacetrust.org, and were impressed by POST’s lean and effective brand of land preservation. Lovers of open space, Mike and

Amy chose POST as the recipient of wedding gifts in their honor. “I hike one of POST’s projects — the Windy Hill Open Space Preserve in Portola Valley — on a regular basis,” said Mike. “POST helps ensure that the Peninsula stays a great place to live.”

We at POST are very grateful for the generosity of Amy, Mike, and their many well-wishers. Over 30 gifts have been given in honor of the couple’s wedding and for the protection of open space! “We want future generations to enjoy the beauty of the Peninsula as much as we have,” Mike said.

Thanks to Mike and Amy, they will.

If you are interested in making an honor or memorial gift to POST, please call us at (650) 854-7696.

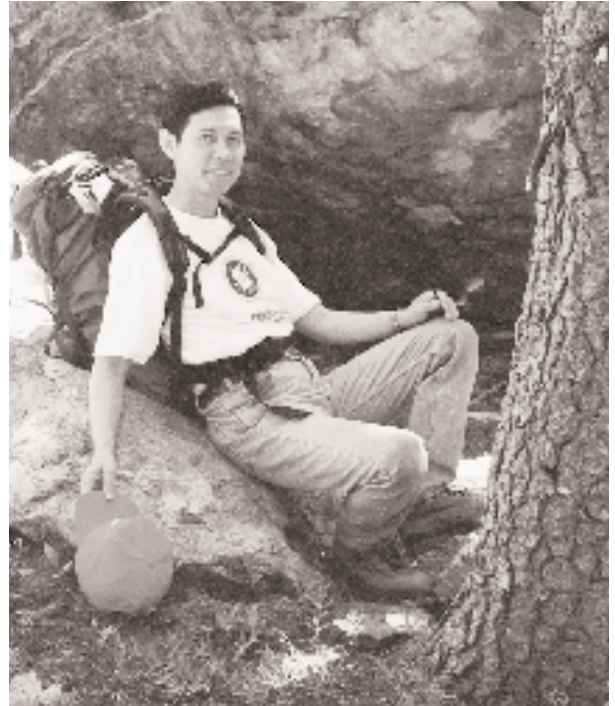
T. Chester Wang Joins POST Board of Directors

POST extends a welcome to T. Chester Wang of Los Altos Hills, who has recently joined our Board of Directors.

As Chairman of Pacific Rim Financial Corporation and a managing partner in Acorn Angels, Chester brings strong Silicon Valley business acumen to POST's board. His real estate expertise is extremely helpful as POST takes on new and increasingly complicated projects.

Chester, who enjoys hiking and skiing with his family, also brings a great appreciation for nature to his work with POST. When asked about why he feels POST's effort is important, he stated it well, "The earth, together with all the living beings, is very beautiful! Let us enjoy it, preserve it, and pass it along to our next generation and to the generations to come."

In addition to his work with POST, Chester serves as Chairman of the China Light Foundation, and as a member of the Board of Directors of Joint Venture Silicon Valley and the San Jose International Business Incubator.



POST 1999 FINANCIAL REPORT

The fiscal year ending June 30, 1999 marked the successful conclusion of POST's three-year capital campaign, *Completing the Vision: The Campaign to Save Essential Open Space*. During the three years of the Campaign, POST raised a total of \$33,377,822, which has been spent or obligated to be spent on land. The amount spent on land purchases varies from year to year depending on the nature of specific land conservation projects.

Funds Received FY 99

Contributions:	
Unrestricted	\$ 887,712
Temporarily Restricted	4,817,428
Grants:	
Unrestricted	5,760,386
Temporarily Restricted	6,006,915
Investments	1,232,962
Interest and Dividends	787,522
Rent and Leases	316,370
Land and Land Value Donations	113,829
TOTAL:	\$ 19,923,124

How Funds Were Spent in FY 99

Land Purchases	\$ 3,646,248
Program Services	2,321,112
General and Administrative	399,000
Fundraising	361,836
TOTAL:	\$ 6,728,196

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Dr. Sylvia Earle

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2000

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Sylvia Earle is Chairman of Deep Ocean Exploration and Research, an organization she founded in 1992 to design, operate and consult on manned and robotic sub-sea systems. Dr. Earle is also the National Geographic Society's Explorer in Residence, having led more than 50 expeditions worldwide, with over 6,200 hours under water. She is the author of more than 100 publications concerning marine science and technology, including *Sea Change: A Message of the Oceans*.

"What Rachel Carson was to insecticides, birds, and our planet in 1962, Sylvia Earle, scientist, explorer, oceanographer, diver extraordinaire, entrepreneur, and eternal romantic, is now to the ocean." — The Boston Globe



Natalie Forbes

Terry Tempest Williams

THURSDAY, MARCH 30, 2000

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A protégé of Wallace Stegner, writer Terry Tempest Williams is Naturalist in Residence at the Utah Museum of Natural History and author of over ten books, forty articles, and is featured in numerous anthologies. Ms. Williams' published work includes *Refuge: An Unnatural History of Family and Place* and *Desert Quartet – An Erotic Landscape*. Her latest work is *New Genesis: Mormons Writing on the Environment*.

"With an observant eye and a breathtaking frame of reference, Williams fluently explores the meeting ground of place, spirit, and emotion." — Kirkus Reviews



Michelle MacFarlane

Stewart Brand

THURSDAY, MAY 18, 2000

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Inventor, futurist and author Stewart Brand is best known for publishing "The Whole Earth Catalog" and founding the Well, the first computer cyber-community.

Currently a director at the Global Business Network, Brand is also president of The Long Now Foundation, which is constructing a 10,000 year clock. Designed to tick once a year for the next ten millennia, the clock is posited as an opportunity to think about the "deep future," helping people see beyond the immediate and to take responsibility for future generations. Brand's latest publications include *How Buildings Learn* and *The Clock of the Long Now*.

"Brand's self-reliant voice rings true — that of an engaging intellectual. His insights bristle with an undeniable pragmatism." — Kirkus Reviews



The Long Now Foundation

Mark your calendar! Your lecture series brochure and order form will be mailed to you the first week in January. All series ticket orders will have priority. Single tickets are limited.



POST'S MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Peninsula Open Space Trust (POST) is to give permanent protection to the beauty, character, and diversity of the San Francisco Peninsula landscape for people here now and for future generations. POST encourages the use of these lands for agriculture, low intensity public recreation, wildlife habitat and other natural resource protection.

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We regret that in our Fall 1999 Campaign to Save Essential Open Space issue of Landscapes we failed to acknowledge Cargill Salt as a long-time POST Business Partner and contributor. Our thanks to Cargill Salt for their many years of support.



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*... learn to be quiet
part of the time,
and acquire the sense
not of ownership
but of belonging.*

WALLACE STEGNER



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