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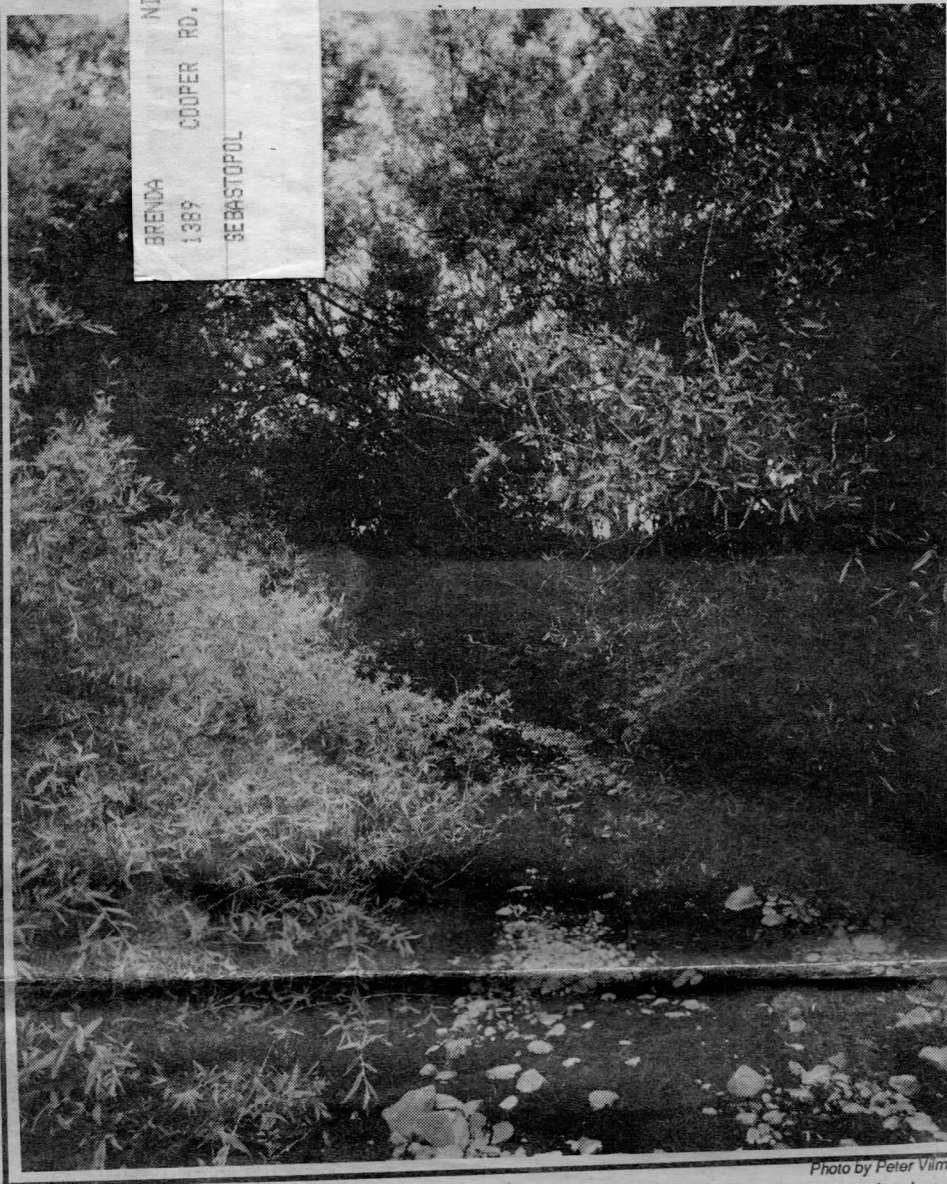
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Riparian Ecology

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COLEMAN CREEK—a tributary of the Laguna illustrates a healthy riparian zone—shade, undisturbed vegetation and clean free-flowing water.

Tardy Santa Rosa filter effluent

BY TOM ROTH

The Perrier doesn't begin to flow until next week, and the first flows of the crystal clear water may be marred by a few bugs.

The Perrier is 3rd District Supervisor-elect Tim Smith's popularized term for filtered wastewater, a product that state regulators ordered Santa Rosa treatment plant to turn out by December 1. But the city's new \$6.5-million filters will not go on line until sometime next week, and they may need some tinkering before they work

Sebastopol council: No net fill

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BY BRUCE ROBINSON

Introduced by Sebastopol's Laguna Advisory Committee, the city council on Tuesday evening, voting 3-1, finally took action on the controversial "no net fill" policy recommendation for low-lying lands within Sebastopol's city limits to reject the proposed policy.

A "no net-fill" policy would have prohibited new fill for construction being trucked in from outside the wetland's area. Instead, fill would have to be obtained from a "borrow site" within the Laguna de Santa Rosa. The policy's intent was to prevent destruction of natural wetlands which could cause flooding downstream from the Laguna.

"I like the intent," said councilman Robert Roventini, but he said that any filling that occurs within Sebastopol would have an "insignificant effect" on the Laguna's overall carrying capacity. Mayor Anne M...

Stream protection measure urged

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The depressing state of S'pol's creeks

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BY JERRY WEIL