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It's on us to care for our shared planet

They tell young journalists, when writing about a dog, to get the mutt's name. Why? Because a collie may be adorable, but a collie named "Maggie" is relatable. And we all like to read about creatures with whom we relate.

I was reminded of that truism when editing the stories you will find in this month's edition of *Coastside*. It's true we always include a fine example of coastal canines as a standing department. But this month, without even trying, it seems like animals poked their cold noses into just about every story. That may be because this magazine is dedicated to our environment. You've heard the expression "canary in a coal mine," which harkens back to dark days when miners would carry the birds deep underground, knowing that if the birds were starved of oxygen and died, it was past time to get the heck out of there. Well, the animals in our midst are all playing that role today as climate change, toxic chemicals, plastics that never degrade and other environmental hazards crowd many species toward extinction.

So, it seems fitting that beloved animals follow readers closely throughout today's edition — from Lily, the Chihuahua mix, to the sturdy dogs who are training even now for next month's Surf Dog World Championships, to the sheep that populate Elkus Ranch. Being good environmental stewards will not only maintain a livable planet for us all but for our four-legged friends, too.

Also inside this magazine, you'll read about the people who have made Pacifica one of the most tree-friendly places you'll ever visit as well as the climate action plans under construction in Pacifica and Half Moon Bay.

We're all in this together and, thankfully, we find ourselves in one of the world's most breathtaking corners. It's good to remember that as we share our responsibility to our animal friends and the environment we all depend upon.



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RCD prompts winning projects on coast

Agency 'helps people help the land'

**5 QUESTIONS
ADRIA
ARKO**

Resource Conservation Districts across California have served as local hubs for conservation for over 95 years and the San Mateo RCD is no exception.

When we asked Adria Arko what her organization did, part of her answer was "helping people help the land." She went on to note that RCDs connect people with the technical, financial and other assistance they need to best manage land and water. They help private and public landowners, community members, parks, farmers, ranchers and more find "win-win solutions" to protect the environment, help ensure a viable local food system, and build resilience to natural disasters. Arko answered a few questions for Coastsides Magazine contributor Greta Reich.

1 Why does the RCD's work on the coast matter? People who live, work, or play in coastal San Mateo County know this is a special place. We are inspired by the abundance and beauty of its natural and working lands, from the tops of redwood-forested mountains to the majestic coastline and beaches of the Pacific Ocean. We depend on its healthy soils, clean air, water resources, and ecosystems to sustain our health, economy and way of life. How we steward these resources directly affects biodiversity, public safety, equity and justice, diverse industries, and our personal fulfillment. While there have been significant investments to preserve, restore and care for the lands and waters of coastal San Mateo County, our community, like many others in California, faces grave threats and significant challenges like climate change, species extinction, water pollution, catastrophic wildfire, drought, flooding, and sea level rise. Not surprisingly, the same forces that threaten plant and animal species also threaten human lives and livelihoods.

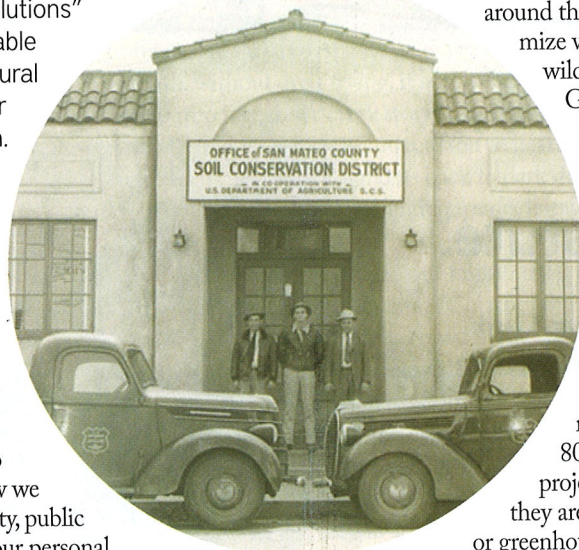
2 What ongoing projects should the public be focusing on? We have a lot of exciting sustainability efforts underway focused on thriving local agriculture, reversing climate change, improving water quality and conservation, protecting species at risk of extinction, and protecting communities from the extremes of wildfire, drought and significant storms. We're currently developing a project in Pacifica to remove a barrier to fish passage in San Pedro Creek, which when completed will provide improved fish habitat, stabilize the banks of the creek, and reduce flooding in the area. We're also helping the city of Half Moon Bay assess the potential for nature-based solutions to sequester carbon as part of its climate action plan. A few projects we have underway on the South Coast include a large-scale project at Butano State Parks to improve the health, biodiversity, fire resiliency, and carbon seques-

tration of 400 acres of forest. We are also completing a multiyear project for Loma Mar to develop water security for the community.

3 Is the RCD doing anything to mitigate the risk of catastrophic wildfire on the coast? We have a team of people working at the intersection of forest health and wildfire resiliency. We have also been helping people recover from the devastating fires of 2020 since then to the present day. We partner with the Fire Safe Council to help communities like Montara, La Honda and Loma Mar, create defensible space around their homes. We also work within forests to minimize wildfire threats, including those in the urban-wildland interface, such as the community of El Granada, where we have worked with community members and County Parks to remove hazardous and highly flammable eucalyptus trees along fire roads in Quarry Park. Most of our work improves the health of our forests while reducing fire risks.

4 What is your relationship with local farms? Since our establishment, we have remained dedicated to working alongside them, empowering and supporting farmers and ranchers as environmental stewards. Across our 80-plus-year history, we have done hundreds of projects that support the farmers in our area, whether they are commercial, educational, ranches, urban gardens or greenhouses, or urban community gardens. We assist them in developing tailored conservation plans, help them implement conservation practices such as composting, improving habitat for pollinators or reducing water use. One of our most successful programs helps farmers conserve, store, and strategically manage water for the mutual benefit of farm water security and protecting streamflow for endangered salmon and steelhead trout — a win-win.

5 How can the public help the RCD help the environment in the Bay Area? There are a number of ways that the public can support RCD's vision to build a more thriving natural environment for all. We share a lot of useful information through our quarterly newsletter, where people can learn more about how to be a good land steward as well as learn more about our projects and events. We also have a few volunteer opportunities throughout the year for people who want to be more involved. If you're interested in volunteering, you can email info@sanmateoRCD.org. We also rely heavily on donations, and would welcome contributions from those that have the means to give. The donated funds are leveraged 200:1, meaning that every dollar donated helps us access grant funding that goes directly to supporting the community. Lastly, if you are interested in doing conservation work on your property, let us know how we can help. **COASTSIDE**





Half Moon Bay Charm Price Store

WHAT'S NEW IN TOWN **Delicious new restaurants join some practical shopping options**

Hardware store turns to reliable hands, and a pair of new restaurants open doors

Bargain buys downtown

Half Moon Bay **Charm Price Store** opened its doors on July 7 at 500 Purissima St. The space was formerly occupied by Ink Spell Books before the longtime book shop opened its new location on Main Street. Half Moon Bay Charm Price Store boasts a little bit of everything, from beverages and canned goods to party and school supplies. The store was modeled after the very popular 99 Cent store, which was located next to New Leaf. Half Moon Bay Charm Price Store owner Gumaro Nabor was a former employee of the now-closed 99 Cent store and is excited to now be opening his own shop with his family. *500 Purissima St., Half Moon Bay*

More business news you can use:

Meet me at the diner

It's Italia owners George and Betsy Del Fierro recently leased the longtime location of Main Street Grill, which was called **Original Johnny's** before that. It's on Main Street just two blocks over from the couple's current establishment. Original Johnny's, which closed in 2006, was a lively place for Coastiders to consume their coffee and share the day's gossip, and the Del Fierros are bringing back that magic with an American diner-style, breakfast-and-lunch joint. The new Johnny's boasts bright teal-colored booths and a black-and-white-checked floor.

547 Main St., Half Moon Bay



Another ace owner for hardware

Hassett Hardware recently bought the Linda Mar Ace Hardware store, which now joins the other five Hassett-owned Ace stores, including those in Half Moon Bay, Woodside and Palo Alto. Dave Reed, now former owner, has been running the show for 23 years, since he was hired as a 16-year-old Terra Nova High School student. Reed has a long friendship with the Hassett family and says he thinks they will be able to take the store to the next level. Reed will continue as a consultant for a few months, but Pacifica resident Rako Mariana will be the new general manager.

*560 San Pedro Ave., Pacifica, (650) 359-2401
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Every day is a good day for pie

Bay Area pie-maker **Sage Bakehouse** will open its first permanent bakery and cafe space in the former Here Comes the Sun location in Montara. The pie business will offer 25 flavors of pies with dine-in and take-out options along with a coffee menu from Pacifica's Craftsman Coffee. Owner Nick Lee hopes the shop will be open in August, but in the meantime, his food truck will be at that location from roughly 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays. Lee and his wife, a Linda Mar native, got inspired by the pies they tried on a trip to New Zealand and have been making pies since.

*8455 N. Cabrillo Highway, Montara, (415) 271-5590
sagebakehousesf.com*

Get a better night's sleep

Mancini's Sleepworld recently opened a new location in Pacifica in the Linda Mar Shopping Center. Mancini's is a Bay Area original, founded by Carl Mancini in 1969. The mattress company has grown from one store in Sunnyvale to over 43 locations in Northern California.

*1430 Linda Mar Shopping Center, Pacifica, (650) 290-8122
sleepworld.com*

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A day at the beach

shouldn't
make
you sick

Tracy Quinn discusses
Heal The Bay and
how to make our
beaches cleaner

Heal The Bay, an environmental nonprofit that's been running for almost four decades now, recently released their Beach Bummers list. The list is an annual report card for the cleanliness of beaches along the Pacific Coast from Washington to Tijuana, Mexico.

Out of the 500-plus beaches included, this year's list ranks only two beaches at "honor roll" level, compared to the 51 from the previous year's list. The significant drop in overall beach health is largely due to the winter storms that washed more pollution into the storm drains and out to the ocean.

Tracy Quinn, CEO of Heal The Bay since 2022, sat down to talk with Coastside Magazine's Greta Reich about the organization's origin, mission and role in keeping the public informed. She also gives advice about how individuals can contribute to the cause.

How did you get involved with Heal The Bay initially, and what do you think is the most important part of the work that you do?

I've been serving as CEO for about a little over a year now. It's really my dream job. I grew up in Orange County, Calif., and always was drawn to the beach and the ocean. And as I saw people getting sick from swimming after storms and the impact of pollution, I decided to pursue this as a career. I worked in water policy as a civil engineer for over two decades, and then the opportunity to lead Heal The Bay came along a little over a year ago and I was so thrilled for the opportunity to join such an incredible organization. Heal The Bay is very unique in that it uses science and policy and advocacy and community engagement and education to protect and restore our coastal watersheds and waterways here in Southern California. It's an incredible organization and I'm really proud to be part of it.



Heal The Bay seeks to make a day at California's beaches a day free from worry about environmental concerns.

There's so much incredible work that we do. We were founded as an organization to protect public health and I think that is core to so much of what we do in all aspects of our work. We really want to make sure that a day at the beach, or a day at the river or lake, doesn't make one sick. So we work on policies to make sure that we're preventing pollution from reaching our waterways, we get the community out there and we do beach and river cleanups. And we also provide educational tools like our beach report cards, which help people to understand where it's safe to swim and which places they should avoid.

Can you tell me a little bit about the history of the organization and how it has transformed into what it is today?

Sure, so Heal The Bay was founded by Dorothy Green nearly 40

years ago when she realized that people were getting sick from swimming in the Santa Monica Bay. The primary source of pollution that was making people sick back then was undertreated sewage from the wastewater treatment plant. So the origin story of Heal The Bay was around advocating to ensure that the wastewater treatment plant was adequately treating the waste to protect public health so that a day at the beach never makes anyone sick.

Heal The Bay was successful. They used both legal and advocacy means to push for tertiary treatment at a high period treatment plant here in El Segundo, California. And that helped to take care of some of the bacteria that was getting in the water, but it didn't solve all of the bacteria problems in the bay. What we then realized is that the predominant source of pollution now is storm drains. Particularly in

wet weather, rain washes down all of the pollution from the entire watershed, picking up oils from cars, pet waste and trash, a lot of single-use plastics, and that carries into our storm drain system and out directly into our ocean with — in most parts of the state — very little to no treatment whatsoever. And so we've evolved to work toward solutions that prevent that stormwater from reaching our ocean. And we do a lot of that through advocacy for stormwater capture projects, which are multi-benefit projects. So these are projects that not only are preventing pollution from reaching our beaches, but they can create green space in park-poor communities. They can capture that stormwater for reuse, helping us to have a more reliable supply of water as we face increasingly less reliable sources or supplies; they can help to address extreme heat issues by putting in more green space and really can help to increase biodiversity by building in habitats. So they can really help to transform communities and help them adapt to climate change, as well as help to reduce the pollution that's reaching our waterways.

How did the Beach Bumpers list start? Is there a specific aspect of the list that is most important to focus on?

This year was our 33rd annual Beach Report Card. We started this process just a few years after Heal The Bay was founded, and it's an incredible tool. We rate beaches from Washington all the way down to Tijuana. We take all of this really complicated water-quality data and synthesize it into a really easy-to-understand, A-through-F grading system. I think the good news is that 95 percent of the beaches that we evaluate are safe to swim in year-round. Where we see the big variance over these 33 years is there's a huge impact on how much it rains. And we know that stormwater is the largest source of pollution to our waterways to our beaches and ocean currently. So this year was obviously very rainy, which is why we saw so many Beach Bumpers and so few beaches on the honor roll.

You'll notice that a lot of the Beach Bumpers are enclosed beaches. So, up in San Mateo County, you'll see some of the beaches around Foster City and the interior of the Bay; down in Southern California, it's Mother's Beach in Marina Del Rey. Beaches that are located in marinas generally tend to have higher bacterial pollution, so I would avoid swimming in enclosed beaches or bringing small children into enclosed beaches. They don't have that opportunity to have circulation and have dilution from the waves coming in and helping to break up and dilute some of that bacteria.

Is there anything that individuals can do in their daily lives to keep beaches clean?

The biggest thing is to properly dispose of trash and waste. Our storm drain systems carry all of that trash and bacteria out to the ocean, so making sure that you're properly disposing of waste and not using single-use plastics can be really helpful. When you're at the beach, take home whatever you brought and try to pick up three extra pieces of trash. From a policy perspective, advocate for your community to invest in stormwater capture projects. Here in L.A. County, we were successful in passing Measure W, which was a parcel tax, and provides about \$300 million a year for the county to invest in stormwater capture projects that are going to help to prevent that pollution from reaching our waterways. It's a really incredible program that could be adopted in counties across California or across the country to really help to make sure that we are capturing our stormwater before it becomes our great-



Tracy Quinn, CEO of Heal The Bay, brings a background in water policy to the job.

est source of pollution.

Do you think we are headed in the right direction, either in terms of policy or data on pollution?

Yeah, I mean, yes, we are. We have stronger protections against wastewater and sewage entering our oceans, which was a huge first step. We are investing more in stormwater capture, partly because we need the water supply. California is prone to drought, and we're seeing that the places where we get most of our water, from the Sacramento San Joaquin Delta area and the Colorado River, being prone to drought. Those supplies are becoming less reliable. So communities are turning to local supplies, and stormwater is a really important one. As we see, stormwater was a nuisance, right, and we wanted to get rid of it as much as possible. We wanted to prevent flooding, so we built the storm drain systems and pushed it out of our cities as quickly as possible, and now we're seeing that this is a really important resource. So I think that we will continue to see more investments in stormwater capture, which will help us to continue moving in the right direction toward keeping our beaches safe.

Are there any policies, either positive or negative, that readers should be aware of, either to advocate for or fight against?

Oh, that's a really good question. I think one of the things that we've seen be really successful here in L.A. is banning single-use plastics. When we go to clean up our beaches, 80 percent of the trash and the plastics that we find on our beaches has come to us from our storm drain system and it's really important that we transition our culture to one of reusables. I think that, from a policy perspective, we have done a lot of work here in L.A., both at the city and county level, to ban single-use plastics. I think that's something that any city can do and can make

a huge impact on the quality of our beaches and of our ocean.

Switching gears a bit, can you tell me about how the Heal The Bay aquarium came about?

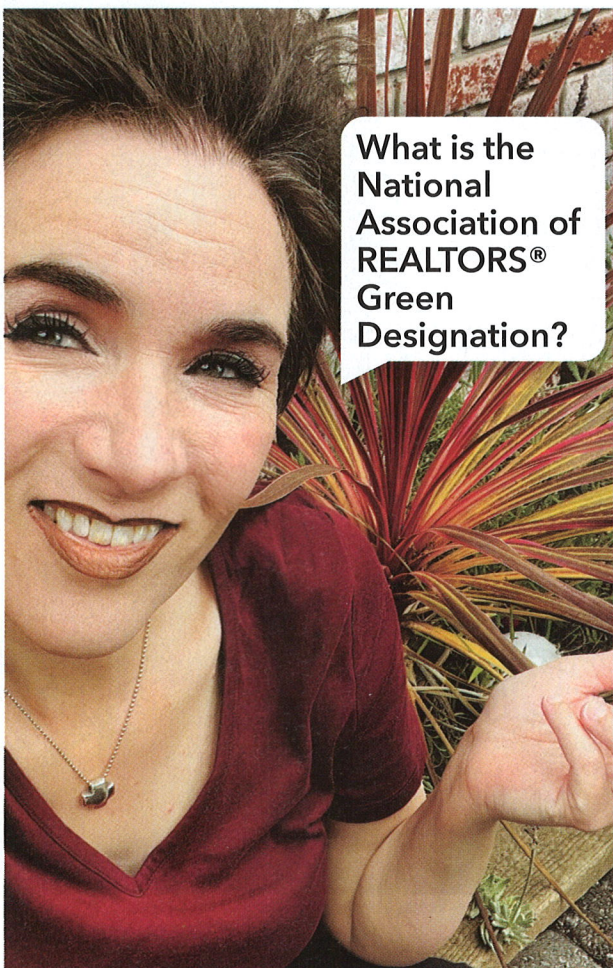
It's really important that, not only do we do the important work of researching the science around public health and water quality, and do the policy, but that we inspire and educate the next generation of environmental leaders. We're really excited to be able to do that through our Heal The Bay Aquarium at the Santa Monica Pier. We've been running the aquarium for about 20 years now, and every year we have about 10,000 students come through with different programmings, from field trips to summer camps. We teach them about water quality, we provide STEM education to them, and they have the opportunity to interact with the creatures that are found in the Santa Monica Bay. So they can meet swell sharks and leopard sharks and moray eels.

Our theory of change is that you protect what you love, and our aquarium provides an opportunity for people of all ages to fall in love with the incredible marine species that we have just off our shores. I think once you see the animals that are impacted by our actions, you're more likely to make sure that your trash ends up in the proper receptacle, and that you are picking up after yourself and picking up after others and taking care of this really incredible place we get to call home.

Are there any projects that Heal The Bay is working on that you're really excited about?

So many things. One of the new things that we're working on that I'm really excited about is opportunities around landscape transformations. Many people have yards in California, and maybe don't think much about it other than the aesthetic value of having something beautiful in their front yard. But landscapes provide these incredible opportunities for us to adapt our communities to the impacts of climate change. Within just that little area where we may currently have a lawn, we can tear that out and make sure that our landscapes can capture the water that's coming off our roofs when it rains, maybe even putting in a cistern to be able to reuse that for irrigation later. But certainly enough to prevent any pollution from leaving our land.

And we can plant native plants to provide habitat to increase the biodiversity of our birds and bees and butterflies and all the things that are important for life as we know it. You know, we are in the middle of the sixth mass extinction event and we've already lost over a million species. Just putting some late native habitat in your landscape provides a really incredible opportunity to help address that problem. Also, having healthy soils helps us to hold on to more water so you don't need as much water to irrigate. And you can plant trees and help provide shade to address extreme heat. There are all of these things that we can do just within our front yards that can really help our community adapt to climate change. **COASTSIDE**



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Bridging a
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ELKUS RANCH REBUILDS AFTER
NEW YEAR'S EVE STORMS





Doug Meyer, an educator at Elkus Ranch, points out details in the plants on the Coastside property to kids curious to learn about the world around them.



Ranch coordinator Leslie Jensen visits horses at Elkus Ranch as she talks about the challenges presented by winter rains.

On New Year's Eve, the educational leader of Elkus Ranch, Beth Loof, received a text message from the ranch foreman stating that the bridge had been washed out from the flooding waters. Not believing that it could be completely gone, Loof drove to the ranch to confirm — and, sure enough, before she even reached the bridge, she could see its remnants floating down Purisima Creek. The bridge that allowed access to the animals, barns and most of the Elkus Ranch grounds was gone. So began six months of rebuilding.

The ranch, a facet of the University of California Cooperative Extension under the Agriculture and Natural Resources Department, has been open since 1975 when Richard Elkus donated the property to the University of California. In the almost half-century since then, nothing of this level of destruction has ever happened.

"All we did was maintain; we fed, we cleaned, took care of the gardens," ranch coordinator Leslie Jensen said in the aftermath of the storm. "But that's really all we could do. We couldn't get any vehicles, we had no trash, no water, anything like that. So we would have maybe one or two people on sight a day just to take care of the animals."

The ranch was officially closed to the public from Jan. 1 to June 1 as contracts were sorted out to rebuild the bridge and water filtration system. Without the bridge, though, nothing else could get done because they could not even access the damage.

For instance, clean water came back "just about a week or two after the bridge because then the electrician could finally get here and the plumber could get here. We had to get that bridge in before (anything else)," Jensen said.

Once the bridge was finished, the end of the long break was in sight.

"The bridge was finished on the Friday before June 1 and we were up and running on that next Monday," Jensen said. "Really it could have all been done in two weeks, a month max — it took six."





Ranch foreman Auggie Aguilar had to cross a stream to get to work earlier this year, after rains washed out the bridge.



A day camper pets the goats at Elkus Ranch. Campers and staff alike are glad to be back on the property.

“But don’t make it sound like I’m bitching,” she made sure to add. “Because I’m really happy to have that bridge, let me tell you.”

Walking around the ranch today, it is hard to tell that less than three months ago it had been practically empty and inaccessible due to rain. Children from the summer camp programs run around with goats and chickens, and a donkey named Sassy gives the place a vibrant, lively quality.

“All hail, Queen Sassy!” was overheard from Doug Meyer, an educational leader, and repeated by the children surrounding him.

“This is my fourth time here,” one of the campers said during their lunch break. “I want to work here doing Doug’s job when I grow up.”

The staff watch the connection the kids have with the animals and the ranch at large every week. “The campers take ownership — they’re the ones cleaning the stalls and helping with feeding and taking them on walks and doing things like that, so they get really close,” Jensen said.

The summer programs are valuable not just to the students, but the parents and staff too, who depend on the camp for child care and in-

come, respectively, over the summer.

Meyer has worked with many animals before, but “I’d never been around sheep. I’d had goats before but just one or two. I’ve never loved them as much as I do (now).”

Even the animals missed seeing people during the closure. Though none of them were hurt during the storms, “you could tell they missed people, especially the goats who are really social animals,” Jensen said. “Plus, with COVID, we went back for a little bit and then had these six months, so I think everybody’s happy that we’re reopening, including the animals.”

During the school year, Elkus Ranch hosts around 20 to 90 children per day through school field trips and private tours. Hope Services, a developmental disability center in Half Moon Bay, also brings in special-education adults once a week to work with the animals.

“A lot of (people) never see this kind of open space, much less livestock like this, and friendly livestock ... you can go in and pet the goats and really get close to some animals, which we love,” Jensen said. “But

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The bridge was finished on the Friday before June 1 and we were up and running on that next Monday!

LESLIE JENSEN,
ELKUS RANCH COORDINATOR

we also like to make it clear that they're part of the food system. We also talk about gardening and botany, all at the appropriate age levels."

After the storms and due to the lack of a bridge, the ranch had to close for spring programming, which is its busiest time most years. Coupling the lack of revenue from spring programming and the money administrators had to spend on repairs, the period was a "major financial hardship," according to Jensen.

To compensate, the ranch sent Loof out as the educational leader to some of the low-income schools to teach children in the classroom.

"It was actually really fun, a little different to go out to them, instead of them to us," Loof said. "We brought wools and cards, brought some skulls, so we talked about the difference between a predator and a prey animal."

Additionally, they also received donations from many Elkus Ranch shareholders, and got support from UC ANR, which sent a project management and facilities crew to help out. The groundskeeper and foreman did the rest of the labor beyond the bridge.

"Everybody really came together. You know it was difficult for a while. Using the man-lift is really slow," Jensen said. "Once we could start walking through, it was really nice. Yeah, everybody really rallied and came through and did everything we asked, and were willing to put in as much time as necessary. It's a really good group of people." **COASTSIDE**



Pea sprouts planted by day campers poke up through the soil in individual cups.

By August Howell

Photos Anna Hoch-Kenney

PLANNING

FOR PACIFICA, HALF MOON BAY ARE CREATING BLUEPRINTS TO NAVIGATE CLIMATE CHANGE

ACTION

The ramifications of climate change and its potential impacts on everyday life are challenging problems. It can be downright daunting to consider how a relatively small community can reduce carbon emissions enough to prevent irreversible damage to the planet.

Climate Action and Adaptation Plans may not be the most catchy phrase to address those issues, but they are a path forward. These plans aren't meant to be done in a vacuum, and Half Moon Bay and Pacifica's versions are no different. Half Moon Bay's Climate Action Plan, released as a draft in March, details how the city plans to collaborate with various community organizations and local businesses, as well as county, state and federal governments.

The purpose of climate action and adaptation plans is broad. Generally, the document identifies measurable targets and actions that local governments can take to reduce greenhouse gas emissions that account for available funding and resources. Half Moon Bay's overarching goal is to align with the state's goal of reducing greenhouse gas emissions by at least 40 percent below 1990 levels by 2030 and becoming carbon neutral by 2045.

Meanwhile, the city of Pacifica is in the late stages of forming a group to develop a similar plan to grapple with climate change. The Pacifica City Council decided to create a Climate Action and Adaptation Task Force in May, and applicants were interviewed on July 6. Eleven candidates were appointed by the City Council on July 10. The task force's term will last at least 18 months or when the City Council adopts the plans.

That task force will be charged with updating climate change plans the city adopted in 2014. That document called for a 35 percent reduction in Pacifica's greenhouse gas emissions from 2005 levels by 2020, and 80 percent below 2005 levels by 2050. However, some residents and the Pacifica Climate Committee thought the plan was inconsistent and didn't meet some of the intended goals.

In 2014, staff from the Bay Area Air Quality Management District



Above, an EV charger next to the Pacifica Brewery along Highway 1 is evidence of growing infrastructure to support a cleaner transportation system. At left, Half Moon Bay Mayor Deborah Penrose, far right, speaks during a press conference for a new SamTrans service known as "Ride Plus."



Rolling along the Coastal Trail is one of the clean-air ways to get around the Coastsides.

“WE WANT TO MAKE SURE PEOPLE KNOW ABOUT THOSE PROGRAMS, UNDERSTAND HOW TO APPLY FOR THEM, MAYBE EVEN PROVIDE SOME ASSISTANCE IN APPLYING FOR THEM.”

VERONIKA VOSTINAK, PUBLIC WORKS AND SUSTAINABILITY PROGRAMS MANAGER

stated the plan wasn't strong enough to reach targets. Pacifica has made some key progress to address climate change, including developing an electric vehicle charging station strategy to support more grant applications for EV infrastructure, completing a heritage tree ordinance update to protect and preserve more trees, and partnering with Peninsula Clean Energy and opting in all accounts into its renewable energy portfolio.

The road to getting a wide-ranging plan on climate change has been uneven. In early 2020, Half Moon Bay sought a consultant to prepare both a climate action and adaptation plan, the latter focusing on how the city could be impacted and adapt to climate change. But when the consultant contract was set to be hired by the Half Moon Bay City Council in March 2020, the funding was halted with the onset of the pandemic. Half Moon Bay's Public Works and Sustainability Programs Manager Veronika Vostinak used a template from San Mateo County to form its Climate Action Plan draft. The city is expected to hire a

consultant to prepare the adaptation portion in August.

“Not a lot of smaller cities have climate adaptation plans,” said Vostinak. “It will be interesting to see, and unfortunately we’ve seen the effects of climate change here in the past few years.”

Some of the measures identified include building out robust carbon sequestration methods and expanding the city’s urban canopy. Vostinak noted that because climate change impacts can disproportionately hurt socially vulnerable populations, the city’s plan outlines ways to assist low-income people to access carbon-free energy and technology. This could be done primarily through outreach and promoting awareness of incentives for renewable tech through Peninsula Clean Energy and the Bay Area Regional Energy Network.

The climate action draft emphasizes the importance of parenting with community-based organizations like Ayudando Latinos a Soñar, Senior Coastsiders, and the Youth Leadership Institute to spread the word about climate change, environmental hazards, and proactive steps. Climate planning experts say minority or low-income communities have historically been left out of the planning process due to several factors, including a lack of trusted relationships with the government and language barriers.

“There are a lot of programs with additional incentives if you’re income qualified,” Vostinak said. “We want to make sure people know about those programs, understand how to apply for them, maybe even provide some assistance in applying for them.”

According to the action plan, Half Moon Bay’s total carbon dioxide emissions decreased by 23 percent from 2005 to 2019 (113,110 metric tons of carbon dioxide to 87,175 metric tons). San Mateo County calculated the city’s inventory, as it does for others in the area. Vostinak noted that because the methodology has changed from 2005, including transportation and methane leakage, staff applied that same methodology to both the 2019 and 2005 data to have consistency across the board. The 2019 levels are equivalent to the emissions generated from driving more than 216 million miles, the equivalent of circumnavigating the Earth 8,690 times.

But because Half Moon Bay’s scope of services is only so large (think supplementing existing services or increasing public transit options), success required communitywide buy-in.

“It’s really about working with the community to figure (it) out,” Vostinak said. She pointed to SamTrans rolling out its ride-sharing shuttle as a good example of the kind of collaboration the city could use.

“Having a bus run up and down Highway 1 that you can catch once an hour isn’t the most convenient or useful for people,” she said. “I’m excited to see how the micro-mobility pilot goes.”

Transportation and natural gas used in buildings account for nearly 87 percent of total emissions in Half Moon Bay. Energy for heating, cooling and powering buildings accounts for 41 percent of the city’s gas emissions. To reduce those figures, the climate action plan states that Half Moon Bay should electrify 31 percent of existing residential buildings in the next seven years. It also suggests electrifying 26 percent



Public bus service and charging stations provide local residents and visitors alike with alternatives.

of existing commercial buildings and reducing industrial natural gas usage 40 percent below forecasted 2030 levels. In February 2022, the City Council adopted an ordinance to prohibit newly constructed buildings from connecting to propane or natural gas, but stopped short of requiring that existing residential and commercial buildings be electrified. Gas lines will still be capped by 2045.

There are myriad other initiatives, collaborations and projects listed in Half Moon Bay’s climate plan. Vostinak acknowledged that looking at the vast list of initiatives can be daunting. She said it becomes easier if individuals break down what actions make sense for them, practically and financially.

“It’s easy to get overwhelmed if it has to be all or nothing,” she said. “But those incremental steps are really helpful.”

COASTSIDE



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Reaching for coastal canopy

TREE CITY PACIFICA STAYS ROOTED TO GROWING CAUSE

Much like the organisms it strives to protect, Tree City Pacifica's efforts to preserve local forests are a growing and changing ecosystem. And if its movement could be symbolically represented by a tree, it would be young ironwood sprouting green leaves — still with room to grow, but strong and healthy.

Tree City Pacifica is a volunteer group that partners with the city to plant and encourage a healthy and diverse canopy around the city. The group started four years ago, and the founding members include Gail Benton Shoemaker, Paul Totah, Jeff Moroso, Sandy Ayers, Kai Martin, Susan Miller and Marj Davis. The Pacificans started working together in 2019 in response to two occurrences: the city of Pacifica's elimination of trees from the Palmetto Streetscape plan, and the decision to remove more than 200 trees in the city without plans for replacement.

Those seven members then worked with the city to get Pacifica to participate in Tree City USA, which meant the city must celebrate Arbor Day annually. The event allows Tree City Pacifica volunteers to work with the city (which buys trees and supplies) to plant trees in specific communities. Four Arbor Days after its inception and with 170 volunteers strong, the partnership aims to plant 20 trees in local parks and neighborhoods and 10 trees in primary and middle schools annually. Pacifica's planting takes place in November to allow for seasonal rainfall, and not on the national Arbor Day in April.

The Tree City designation also meant the group would work with Pacifica to develop a comprehensive tree ordinance. Volunteers spent two years researching



Pacifica City Council members, from left, Sue Vaterlaus, Tygerjas Bigstycck, Mary Bier and Sue Beckmeyer, participate in a recent Tree City planting event.



Gail Benton Shoemaker, a volunteer with Tree City Pacifica, picks some moss off a ginkgo tree the organization planted in Calera Creek Park.

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policies in other cities before recommending best practices to the city for maintaining and replacing trees during development.

"Now the tree ordinance is more solid," Benton Shoemaker said. "There's basically a two-for-one replacement on all trees."

As a new task force starts to craft an updated Climate Action and Adaptation Plan for Pacifica, Tree City members are planning to lobby for the city to incorporate a canopy goal, the amount of land covered by trees, into the plans. The number of reasons why this group wants more trees runs larger than some of the palms in Vallejo. Members list many benefits for a healthy ecosystem, including how they absorb greenhouse gasses, improve mental health, reduce erosion, provide wildlife habitats and even improve property values. Several studies suggest that large or new trees can increase home prices by 9 to 15 percent.



Moroso, a 30-year Pacifican, said a previous group he was affiliated with helped the city replant hundreds of trees around the neighborhood after the city arborist determined that hundreds of dead and diseased trees had to be removed. Tree City founders place emphasis on biodiversity and tree equity, meaning different neighborhoods and streets should get different trees depending on factors like climate, wires and space.

On the equity front, each of the four Arbor Day events has happened in different neighborhoods. In 2019, it was in Vallemar and the Pacifica School District office. In 2020, volunteers gathered at the Sanchez Library and Art Center. The next year was at Fairmont Park. And in 2022, the group planted at Oceana High School. This upcoming Arbor Day in November will happen at Fairway Park and other Pacifica School District schools. Moroso noted there's an investment in bringing in more native plants, which bring in more insects that feed more birds.

"Planting natives, including pollinators, is hugely important," Moroso said.

"One of our mantras is, 'Plant the right tree in the right place,'" added Totah, who handles Tree City Pacifica's communications. "When we look to grow our urban forests, we want to do so wisely and carefully. And do it in a way that these trees can prosper for the next 100 years."

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Top, Sandy Ayers helps lead a planting day. Above, Jeff Moroso makes it his business to make sure trees planted by Tree City remain in healthy condition.

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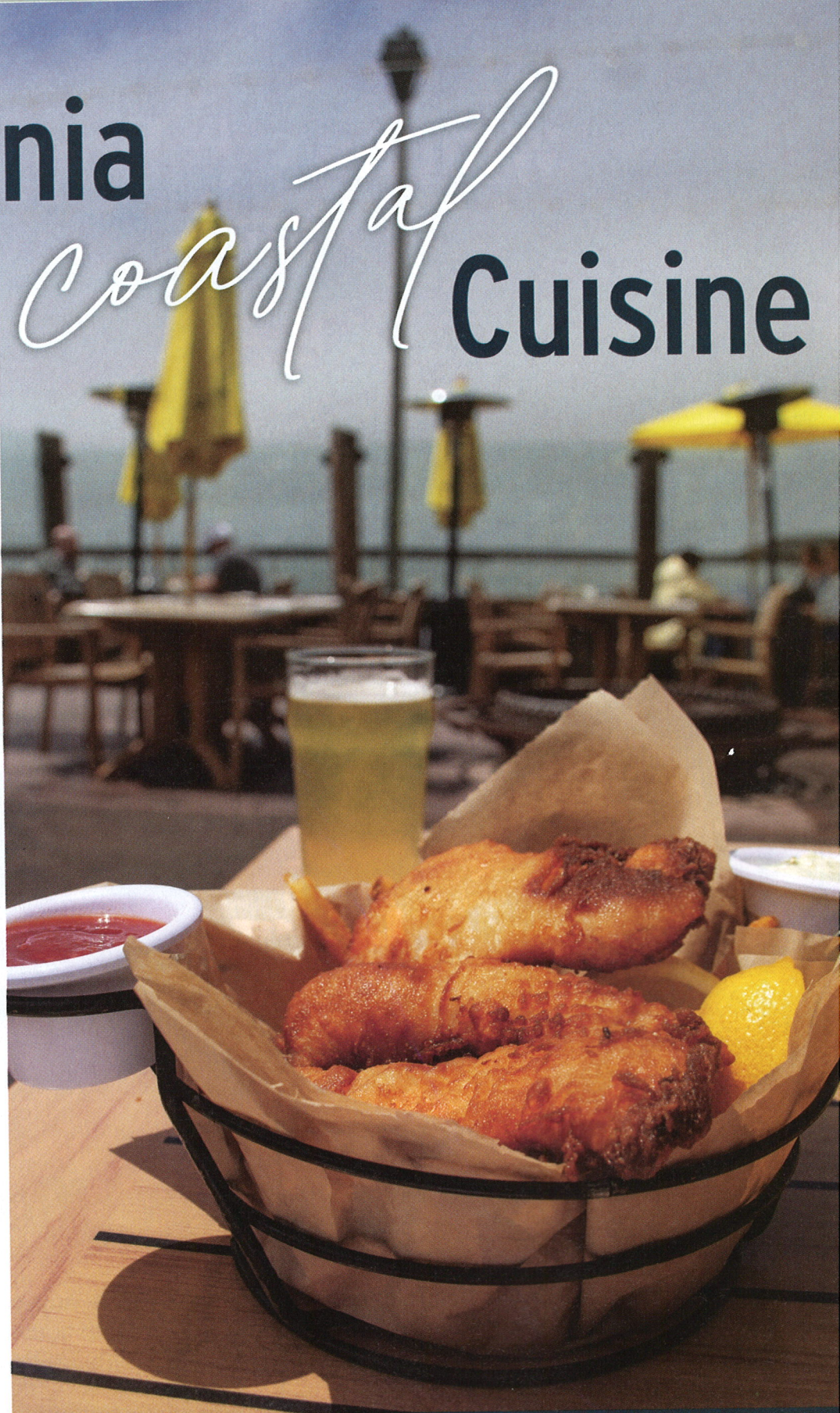
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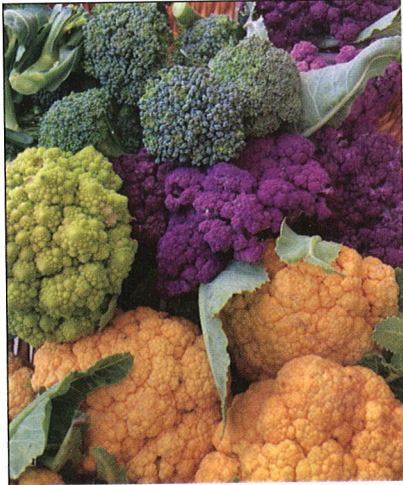
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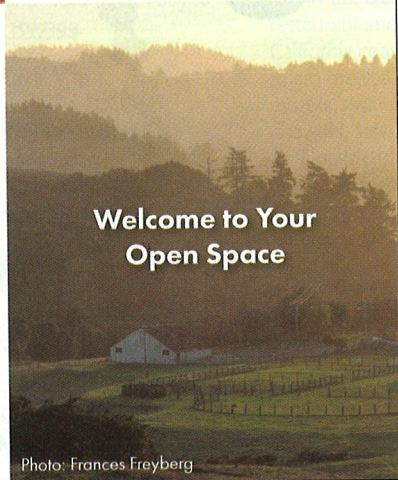
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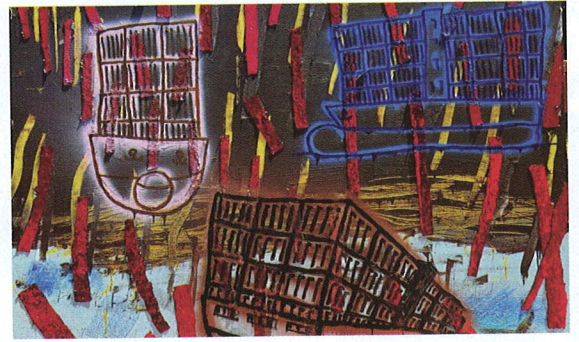


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31ST ANNUAL PESCADERO ARTS AND FUN FESTIVAL

Head down to the South Coast for the 31st annual Pescadero Arts and Fun Festival, a gathering of artists and artisans. Every year locals and visitors alike look forward to the event showcasing community talent. The event was founded in 1991 by a group of South Coast artists seeking an outlet for local genius. The event will feature handmade crafts, live entertainment, a kids area, raffle, and the South Coast Artists Alliance Fine Art Show. Admission to the event is free.

WHEN: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Aug. 19 and 20

WHERE: I.D.E.S. grounds, 22 Stage Road, Pescadero

MORE INFO: pescaderoartsandfunfest.org

PACIFICA SPINDRIFT PLAYERS PRODUCTION

The Pacifica Spindrift Players are coming out to play this month with the 2013 Tony Award winner for Best Play, "Vanya, Sonya, Masha and Spike." "Vanya, Sonya, Masha and Spike," is the story of sibling resentments which ultimately lead to the threat of the sale of their family's home. The comedy, written by Christopher Durang, revolves around the relationships of three middle-aged siblings and the intrafamilial rivalries and possible loss of the family abode.

WHEN: Aug. 11 - Aug. 27

WHERE: 1050 Crespi Drive, Pacifica

MORE INFO: pacificaspindriftplayers.org

MAGIC OF THE COASTSIDE LOBSTERFEST

The Rotary Club of Half Moon Bay is hosting its annual fundraiser. This year's event is a lobsterfest catered by the New England Lobster Company, and funds raised will go to support "Fund a Need." The beneficiary is focused on supporting the Memory Care Unit at Coastsides Adult Day Health Center. Staff at the Coastsides Adult Day Health Center have identified a specific need for memory care supplies to enhance the quality of life for its seniors living with dementia and Alzheimer's disease. The event will feature a full lobster dinner, a silent auction and music by Michael Vincent and U No Who.

WHEN: 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 19

WHERE: I.D.E.S. Hall, 735 Main Street, Half Moon Bay

MORE INFO: rotarylobsterfest.eventbrite.com, rotaryofhalfmoonbay.com



The World Dog Surfing Championships return to Linda Mar Beach in August. File photo.

WORLD DOG SURFING CHAMPIONSHIPS

The famed World Dog Surfing Championships return to Pacifica this summer. Enjoy the surf competition, along with stops at the dog celebrity tents to say hello, take a selfie and more. A portion of the proceeds of this event go to dog-related nonprofits. Attendance is free and the surf dog village is open to the public.

WHEN: 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Aug. 5

WHERE: Linda Mar Beach, Pacifica

MORE: surfdogchampionships.com

TICKET TO RIDE

For 20 years, band Ticket to Ride has been entertaining audiences across the Bay Area with their performances of classic Beatles songs. In August they are bringing their outdoor Beatles tribute to the Coastsides. With Chad Labrosse on lead vocals and guitar, Scott Beyer on keyboards and vocals, Marty Ruiz on drums, George Becker on bass and vocals, and Brandon Robinson on lead guitar and vocals, fans of the classic group will be on their feet dancing along to favorites.

WHEN: 2 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 5

WHERE: Old Princeton Landing, 460 Capistrano Road, Half Moon Bay

MORE INFO: tickettorideband.com

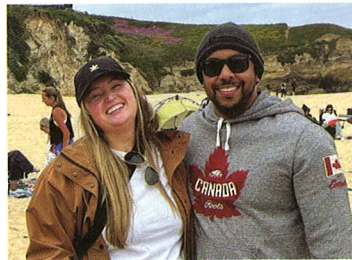
Special events images from Pacifica to Pescadero



► Hugging the sea

More than 100 people turned out to Montara State Beach on June 24 for Sand & Sea Festival organized by the coastal environmental organization Sea Hugger. Volunteers mingled with volleyball players for a unique summertime event that included a volleyball tournament and an afterparty at Old Princeton Landing.

Top: Shell Cleave, George Mardigian, Karin Odasz, Sophia Ostrowski, Paige Coffman, Grace Bigelow-Leth, Allie Sprows and Marianne Rogers. Middle: Volleyball tournament winners U16, Sydney Grani, Samantha Wang, Josienne Campo and Alyse Rosen. Bottom: Sea Hugger Board Member Jeremy Brown and girlfriend Amanda Bright.



► An ol' fashioned time

The Half Moon Bay Ol' Fashioned Fourth of July parade is one of those magical events on Main Street that seems to draw everyone together. Visitors come from over the hill, to be sure, but locals fill the streets to see colorful floats and wave to friends and family taking part.

Above: Grand Marshal Al Adreveno, former mayor and centenarian, driven by Eda Muller.



*Top: Councilwoman Debbie Ruddock and Mayor Deborah Penrose
Bottom: Left to right, Michael Klass (VP), Nancy Marsh (president) and Jotham Stein (member of board) of Coastside Hope.*

Below: Canine companion Ellie, who helps people with hearing, is dressed for the occasion.



► Kids star at Boys and Girls Club

The Boys and Girls Club of the Coastside hosted its annual celebration of members and volunteers in May and, as always, the event shined a light on some of the community's quiet heroes. Juliana Aguilar was named Youth of the Year and Adriana Ruiz Lopez smiled brightly as the club's Junior Youth of the Year.



Above: Boys and Girls Club of the Coastside Members of the Month were honored. Far right: Juliana Aguilar, Youth of the Year.



Junior Youth of the Year Adriana Ruiz Lopez and family.



Senior Program Director Rolando Madrid and Bryan Cunha.



Story and photos
by Barbara Williams-Sheng



A lot at Stake

Stewarding
urban trees
requires care

“ I think that I shall never see /A poem as lovely as a tree,” wrote the poet Joyce Kilmer. The mere sight of a strong, graceful tree inspires poetry, offers peace for the soul, and provides welcome sanctuary. And now, in the face of rapid environmental change due to global warming, trees are more important than ever. In fact, planting trees is something we can do to help mitigate the degradation caused by climate change.

Through the process of photosynthesis, trees take in carbon dioxide from the atmosphere, sequestering excess carbon in the soil and returning oxygen back into the air for all living beings to breathe. Unfortunately, one of the things commonly done in the planting of “urban” or landscape trees, is also what often ruins them. What is it? Improper staking. And here’s why it’s important to be done right or, in some cases, not done at all.

What’s at stake: The purpose of staking trees is to provide stability so that the tree can stay upright until the tree’s root system has developed sufficiently and stakes are no longer needed.



Commercially grown trees (especially smaller ones) almost always come firmly attached to a “nursery” stake. This is done to promote vertical growth and to conserve space during propagation. Trees grown in these conditions usually have weak trunks and underdeveloped root systems and often have a hard time standing on their own. Unfortunately, the nursery stake is often left securely in place. This opens the way to a host of troubles.

Proper staking: Not all young trees need support, but for those that do, staking must be done in such a way that the tree is allowed to move. This is because trunk girth and root systems grow as the tree experiences movement. As the tree moves, it signals the development of a strong central trunk that can support the canopy of the tree in an upright position and a root system that is capable of anchoring the tree into the ground.

(Fun Fact: Thigmomorphogenesis is the scientific term for the growth/cellular thickening of plants that occurs when they are touched by wind, rain, or other external stimuli. It's one to keep in mind for word game aficionados.)

Stakes should be sturdy but no taller than the lowest branch of the tree when both stake and tree are in the ground. Anchor stakes that extend into the canopy of the tree abrade the bark as the branches move, exposing the tree to disease pathogens. Additional damage is done when branches hit the stakes and break. Ties should be made of flexible material and placed below the lowest branches. They should be sufficiently loose to allow movement in the trunk but not so loose that the tree can sway and possibly disturb the root ball.

How stakes damage trees: The outer bark of young trees is very thin and easily damaged. Nutrients and water flow up and down the tree just beneath the bark. When nursery stakes are left strapped tightly around the trunk this flow becomes restricted, much like a tight rubber band around your wrist cuts off the flow of blood and lymphatic fluids to your hand. Stakes that extend beyond the trunk and into the canopy of the tree are abrasive and cause damage to

the bark. This exposes the tree to disease pathogens and can break branches as they hit the stakes.

Becoming an urban tree steward: You can play an essential role in the health and longevity of trees. If you think about how similar the needs of urban trees are to us humans (good food, clean water and air, sunshine and exercise), it's easy to see them as friends. Urban trees live in a nonnative, human-impacted landscape their whole lives. They depend on us to provide healthy soil, sufficient water, judicious trimming and the exercise they need to grow big and strong. If you have prepared the soil prior to planting, followed the planting guidelines referenced above, provided adequate water for the first two to three years, and, only if needed, staked the tree properly, consider yourself an excellent tree steward!

Here are some resources that will teach you how to select, plant and care for a tree:

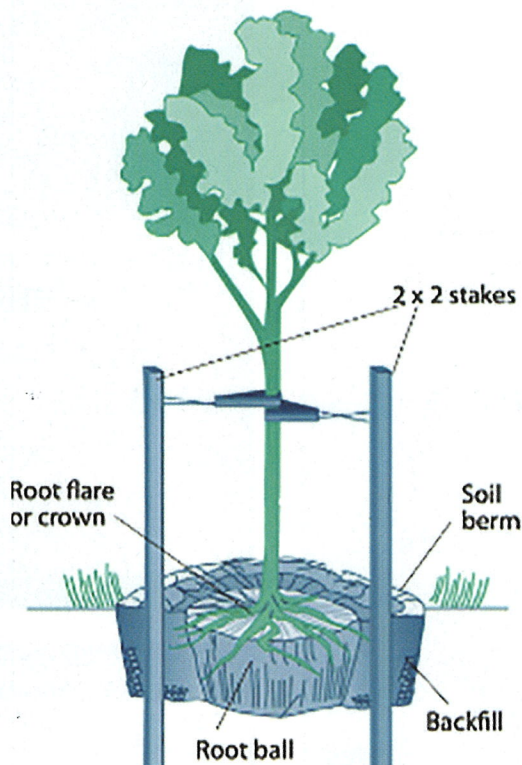
- ▶ Master gardener tree planting video: [youtube.com/watch?v=Z_VJ5joXtHc](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Z_VJ5joXtHc)
- ▶ UC Center for Urban Landscape and Horticulture tree planting: ucamr.edu/sites/UrbanHort/files/80160.pdf, USDA

- ▶ Oregon State University's "Selecting, Planting, and Caring for New Trees:" catalog.extension.oregonstate.edu/sites/catalog/files/project/pdf/ec1438.pdf

- ▶ University of Minnesota's "Staking and Guying Trees:" trees.umn.edu/files/2021-04/Staking%20and%20Guying%20Trees%20in%20the%20Landscape.pdf

- ▶ The Tree Owner's Manual: usfs-public.app.box.com/v/TreeOwnersManual

- ▶ Planting the right tree in the right place: arbodayblog.org/treeplanting/need-know-planting-tree-right-place/ **COASTSIDE**



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WHAT IS A THERAPY DOG?

Therapy dogs accompany their owners to some therapeutic setting, such as a hospital or nursing home, to share the joy of canine companionship. Their work can take many forms. Often they are specially trained through an organization such as the Alliance of Therapy Dogs. You can learn more about certification at therapydogs.com.



Lily

BREED: Chihuahua-poodle mix
AGE: 7 years old

Lily is a gentle soul who seems to love all creatures. According to owner Carla Brooke, Lily immediately greets the family's cat with a kiss every time she returns home from an adventure. Lily works regularly as a therapy dog with Catholic Charities in San Carlos, and often ends her day with a stroll in El Granada's Quarry Park.

— Anna Hoch-Kenney



An early photo of Main Street, Half Moon Bay. Inset, the Miramontes Adobe in what was then known as Spanishtown.

First Lady of the Coastside

Briones lived through historic times

Guadalupe Briones y Miramontes was born into the old California that was almost entirely native American Indian. By the end of her life, California had become part of the United States. That span of time made her a part of the whole sequence of different cultures. The region went from wilderness to statehood. Her family ranch became an U.S. town.

Guadalupe's father and grandfather were both experienced Spanish soldiers. Their roles in Alta California (as the Spanish called the state) put them among the greatest history-makers. Both were explorers and colonists of Spanish California.

Her grandfather, Vicente Briones, came to California with explorer Gaspar de Portolá. That expedition (in 1769) came upon San Francisco Bay. Her father, Marcos Briones, was also a soldier. Soon after the Portolá expedition, Marcos helped guide the famous Anza expedition that started Spain's first California colony. Father and son were together at the groundbreaking for building the Presidio of San Francisco and of Mission Dolores in 1776.

Marcos married a California Indian woman. They had two children. After losing his wife in childbirth, he remarried to a Mexican woman. The family grew, including Guadalupe Briones (born in 1792). Most of her childhood experience was at San Antonio Mission de Padua. That mission was isolated, about 50 miles southeast of the Spanish capital at Monterey. There she learned and played with both Native American (Salinan) and Mexican children. She learned with family and the mission fathers.

When her father moved with his family to Monterey, she was living close to the bustle of the officers and leaders of the district. Still young, they moved into the nearby Spanish-designed community, Vila Branciforte (near Santa Cruz). She met and soon married a soldier, Candelario Miramontes (1808). The army assigned him to "the cavalry company of the Royal Presidio

of San Francisco." There they moved into housing outside of the Presidio. (Living outside the fort and the mission buildings made Guadalupe among the first civilian residents of San Francisco.)

In 1821, Mexicans won their War of Independence from Spain. The Spanish officers and politicians left California. Mexican politicians then governed California. Candelario continued working for the now-Mexican army.

Candelario, Guadalupe and her sister, Juana Briones, started farming in San Francisco. Their farm was near today's Washington Square. They learned about the ways of business with farm and dairy products. They traded their products with the foreign captains of ships visiting San Francisco Bay.

Both Guadalupe and her sister, Juana, also developed the skills of natural healing. They became well known as "curanderas," people who used natural medical methods. She became a midwife. She learned to heal wounds, set bones, and used the plants and herbs around them for their medicines. To the Mexican and American Indian healers, caring for the health of their communities was a near-sacred mission.

In 1841 the Mexican government awarded Candelario one of the Mexican Land Grants. It was thousands of acres. It would become the family's ranch on the Coastside. Soon after they built their grand adobe home for their large (20 children) family, Candelario passed away. Guadalupe became the family matriarch, heir of the great land grant, and elder of the family.

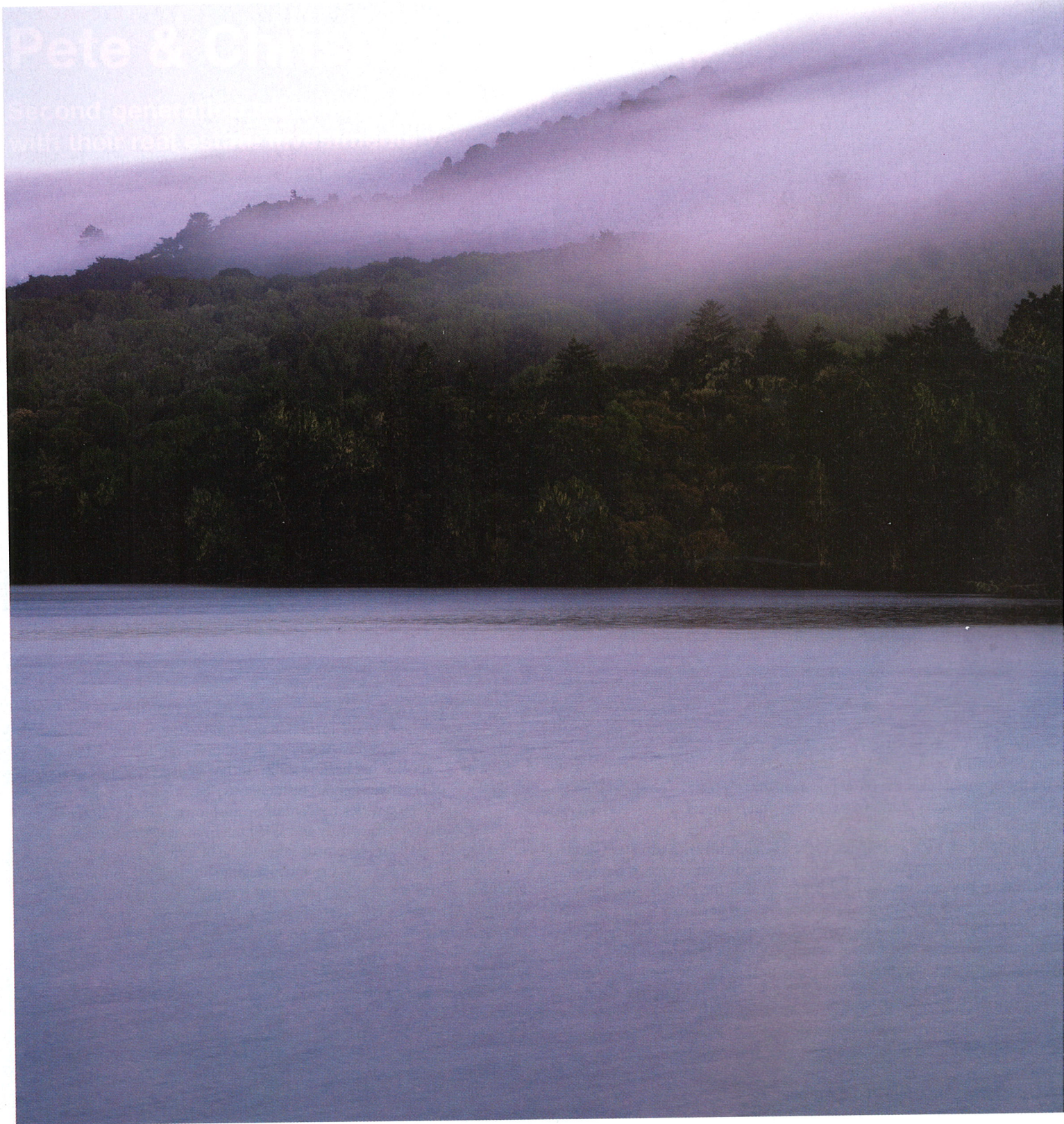
Then gold was discovered. At nearly the same time, Americans won the Mexican-American War, and the Gold Rush was on (1848). That would soon bring hundreds of thousands west. So, things changed in California again.

To protect her rights to her land holdings, she became an American citizen. She continued to live there in her home close to the main trail through the ranch. Both her Hispanic and her few American neighbors became aware of and respected her healing skills. Author William Heath Davis wrote of her in his famous history book, "Sixty Years in California." He said, "She is now a resident of Spanishtown ... It was this woman who cured me of a malady and saved me from death years since ... but Doña Guadalupe's simple remedy relieved me of suffering ..."

The community was growing and changing. She saw her son-in-law, Estanislao Zaballa, survey and plan what is today's downtown and residential district. That subdivision — making today's streets, blocks and building lots — turned fields and trails into a town (in 1863). She also saw her eldest son, Vicente, finally win legal ownership of the land grant in federal courts (1882).

Guadalupe Miramontes passed away at the age of 94. She had experienced California history in all its depth. She had been diligent, productive and caring. Under her hand, the ranch progressed into a working village of family and workers. Then, in her final years, it began to turn into the suburban community, with shops and neighborhoods, that it is today. She was the First Lady of Half Moon Bay. **COASTSIDE**

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Crystal Springs Reservoir

You can expect fog on the coast just about any time of the year, but I've never been so acutely aware of it as I am during the summertime, when a 15-minute drive on Highway 92 takes me from an overcast wintry day to blue skies and sunshine. Crystal Springs Reservoir, off of Highway 92, seems to be a constant battleground of sun and fog, and in the evenings you can see fingers of the fog creeping through the hills until it covers them in a soft blanket. This photograph was taken at 8:50 p.m. on July 10 with an 8-second shutter speed, smoothing the motion of the fog as it rapidly moved toward the reservoir.

— Anna Hoch-Kenney