

Strolling through waves along West Cliff Drive

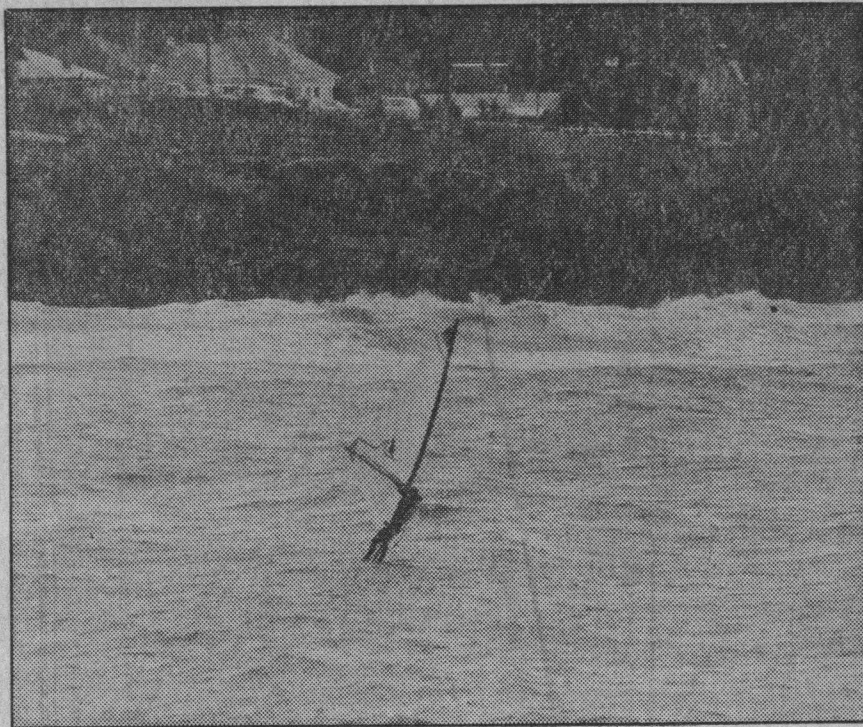
Santa Cruz residents may differ in their lifestyles and on stormy matters of politics. But, last week there was something on which locals could unanimously agree: The waves along West Cliff Drive were as big as anyone could remember.

The raw power of the sea was spectacular and drew the "oohs" and "aahs" of a fireworks display as spectators watched the waves pounded against Light-

house Point and other rocky cliffs.

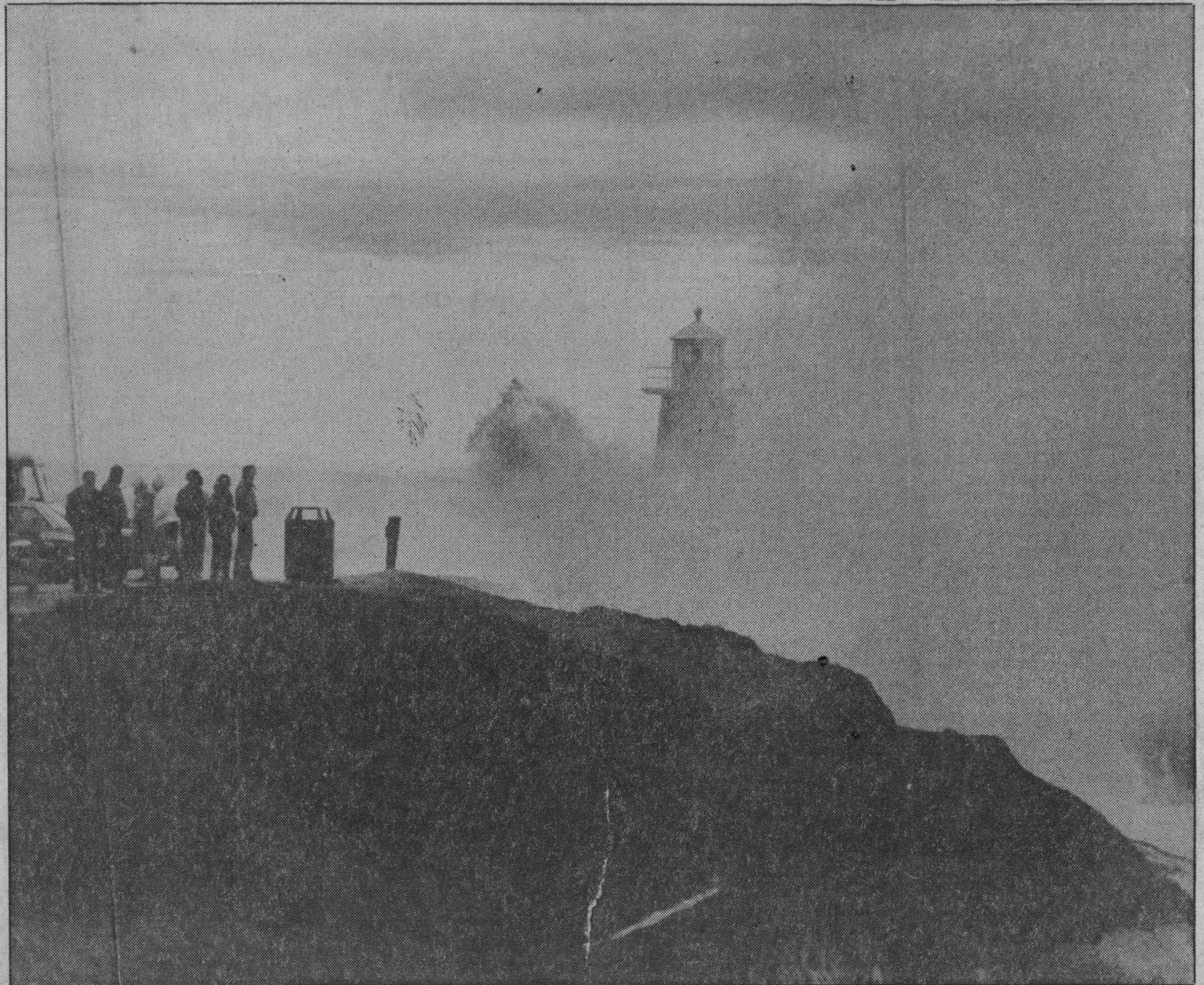
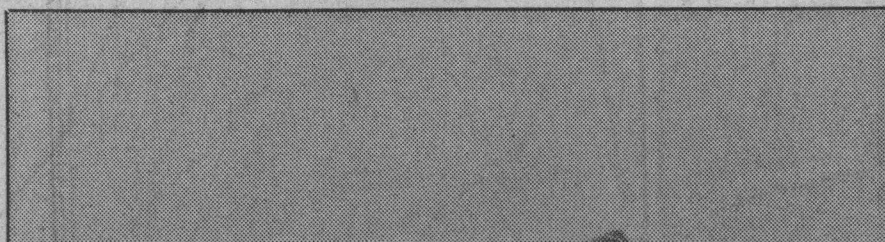
The spray was mostly white and clean. Mother ocean was showing her good side to Santa Cruzans.

The waves weren't brown and ugly as they were from East Cliff Drive to Aptos Seascape. There, they painted pictures of destruction and heartbreak, as the photos on the preceding and following pages show.

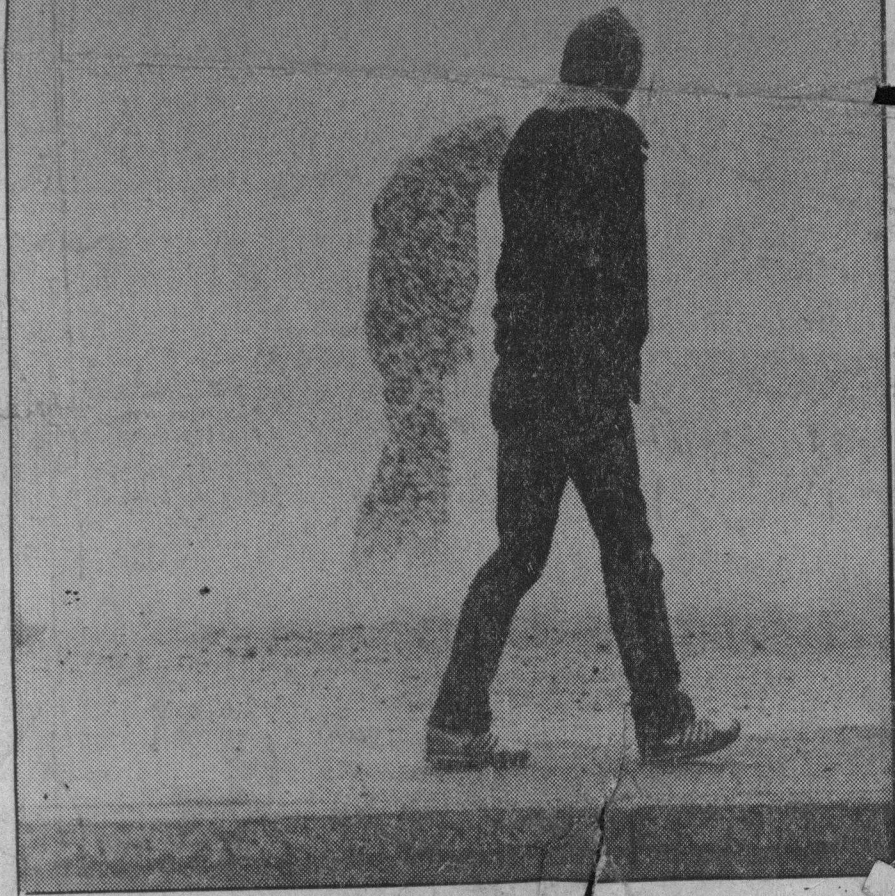


It takes wind to windsurf and there was plenty of that last week

Sentinel photos by Pete Amos



Sightseers played dodge with the towering spray from waves crashing against Lighthouse Point.



The difference between wet and dry often was one step