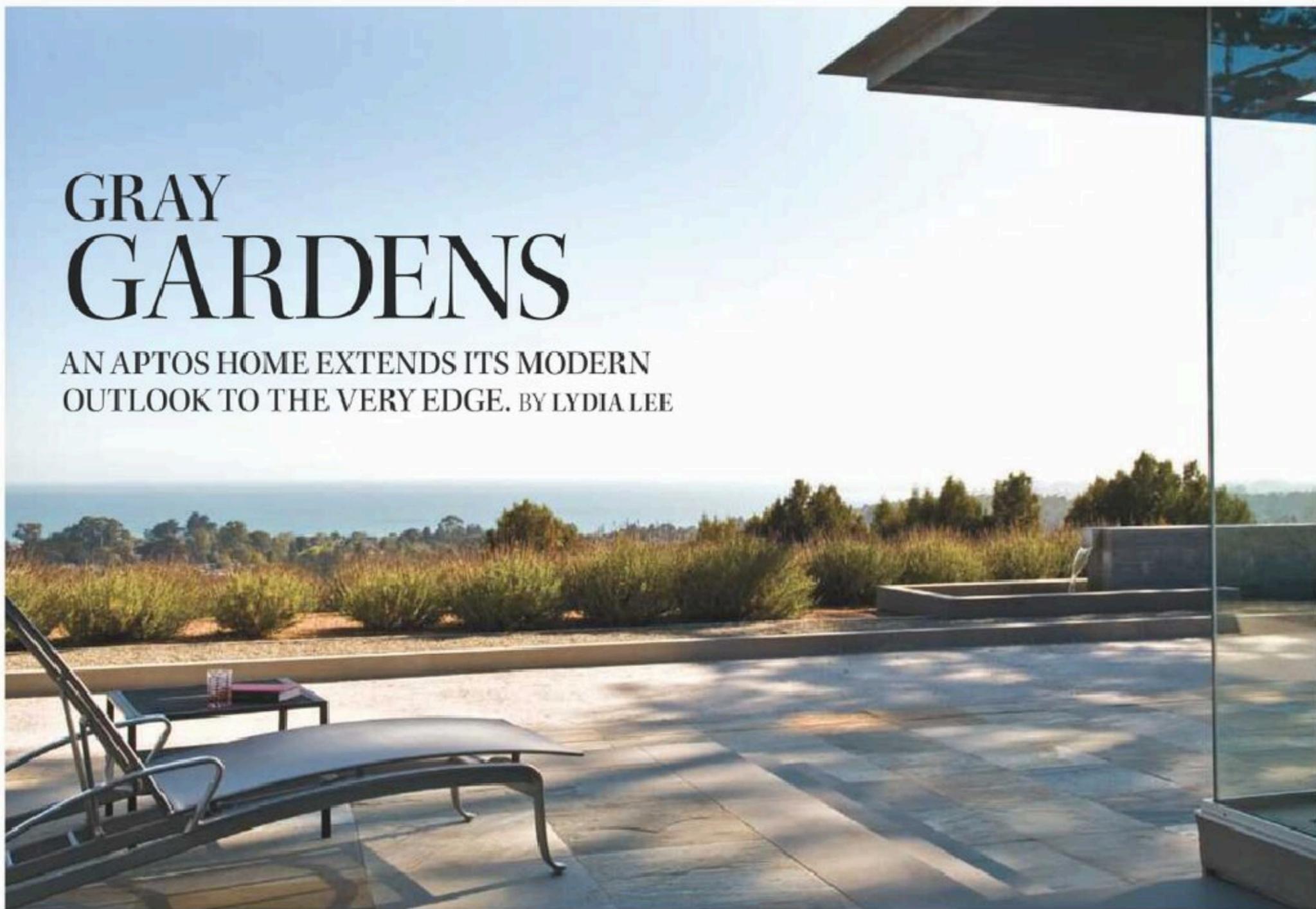
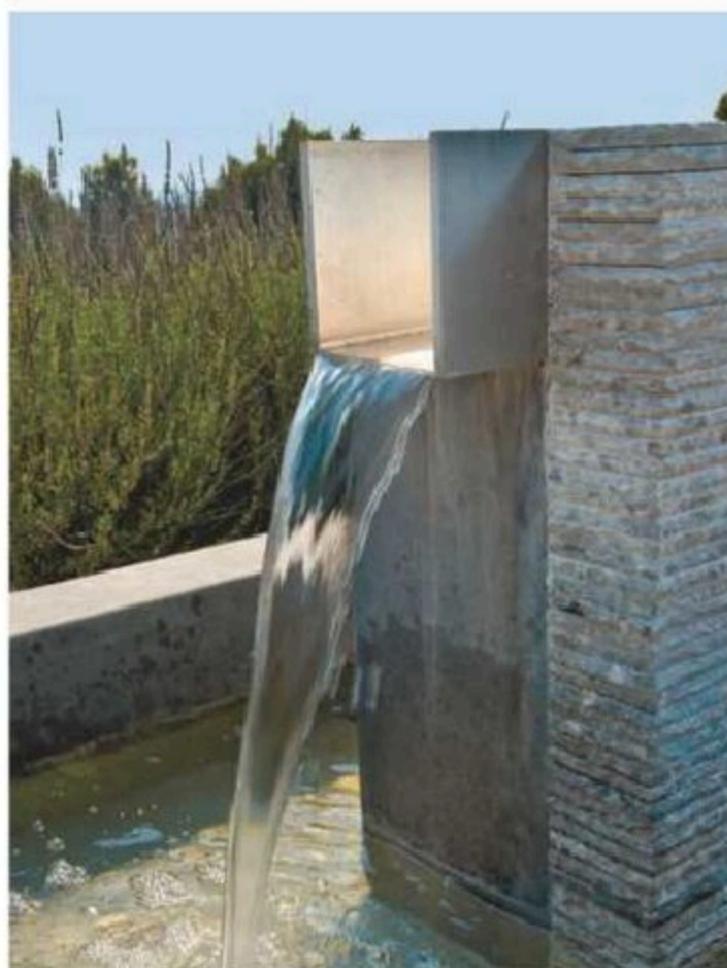


# GRAY GARDENS

AN APTOS HOME EXTENDS ITS MODERN OUTLOOK TO THE VERY EDGE. BY LYDIA LEE



**CLOCKWISE FROM TOP:** The Aptos home of Faye and Jay Stone overlooks the entire sweep of Monterey Bay; the water feature has modern lines and a limestone wall with a hand-chiseled pattern; a field of English lavender blooms in the backyard.



Some people have to be sold on the modern tropes of crisp geometry and clean spaces. Not so Faye and Jay Stone. When they decided to build a new home in Aptos, their interest in contemporary design continued well past the front and back doors. "I wanted everything to be very simple and flow together," says Faye. The couple found a good match for their minimalist sensibilities in San Francisco landscape architect Randy Thueme, who is known for distinctively modern garden design.

Working with Gary Garmann, the late Santa Cruz architect who designed the 2005 residence, Thueme created outdoor spaces to match the clean lines and uniform palette of the house. Paved with slabs of the same gray quartzite used for the floors inside, a front courtyard and large wraparound terrace extend the living