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## Pro-Am under way as storm drenches course and Eastwood saves a life



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PGA pro Mike Weir of Canada and amateur partners George Roberts and Charles Schwab walk to the 11th Green of the MPCC Shore Course during the rain-delayed first round of the AT&T Pebble Beach National Pro-Am Thursday. The start of the event had some dramatic surprises.

### PGA Tour imposes new security rules on tournament spectators

By MARY SCHLEY

GOLF FANS arriving for the AT&T Pebble Beach Pro-Am are going to be surprised at the strict new rules in place for what they can bring with them.

The only things they'll be allowed to carry onto the courses this week will be very small purses, clear plastic bags no larger than a foot square, and one-gallon zip-locks, according to rules created late last year by the PGA Tour. Spectators who show up with banned backpacks, large handbags, camera bags or coolers will

have to leave them at the tournament entrance, and will be given a plastic carry bag that conforms with the rules, according to Steve John, CEO of the Monterey Peninsula Foundation, the nonprofit that hosts the tournament.

"We take care of them when they're here by providing a bag and by storing for them what they can't take in," he said. "That makes people feel a lot better about why we're doing it, because safety is important for us."

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### Tournament CEO was suffocating at volunteers' party

By PAUL MILLER

COMPETITION IN the first round of the AT&T Pebble Beach National Pro-Am had to be suspended Thursday morning because of heavy rains, leaving pros and celebrities idle as officials scrambled to remake the schedule.

But while that was keeping the event's CEO, Steve John, busy at the tournament, another pretty important thing was on his mind: The night before, at the party to honor the tournament's volunteers, John got a piece of cheese lodged in his throat, and Clint Eastwood saved him from suffocating by using the Heimlich maneuver.

"Clint saved my life," John said.

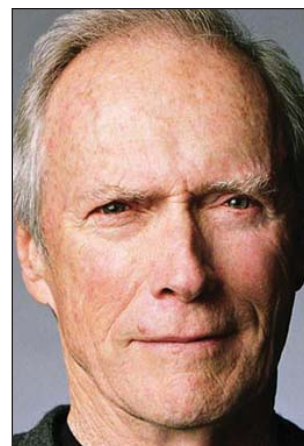
The party at the Monterey Conference Center was in full swing and performances by Kenny G, Tom Dreesen and other celebrities who are playing in the tournament had just ended, John said. He was standing and chatting with VIPs and eating some

hors d'oeuvres when, all of a sudden, he was in a life-threatening situation. "We were just talking," John said. "A piece of cheese went in my mouth, and suddenly I couldn't breathe. It was as bad as it could have been."

"I looked in his eyes and saw that look of panic people have when they see their life passing before their eyes," Eastwood told The Pine Cone. "It looked bad."

"Clint came up behind me, and he knew exactly what to do," John said. "He did the

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Clint Eastwood



Steve John

### P.B. Co. offers new home lots for sale

By KELLY NIX

THE CHANCE for 16 families to build homes on the back nine of the newly renovated Poppy Hills Golf Course in Pebble Beach opened up last week, when the first set of 90 new residential lots was put up for sale by the Pebble Beach Company.

The 16 new lots are located in a cul-de-sac across the street from the golf course, which will reopen in April after undergoing about a year of major renovation. Asking prices for the

parcels range from \$900,000 to \$1.7 million, depending on their size and location.

"They are 1-plus-acre lots, so they are all large," realtor Tim Allen with Coldwell Banker Del Monte Realty said. "Some of them offer great golf-course views and ocean views in the distance. They have a great feel."

The first lots available are near holes 10, 13, 14, 15 and 16. Another 16 lots on the front nine of Poppy Hills will be available for purchase in

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### Local family feuding on nationwide TV



These five sisters from Pacific Grove have a chance to win \$100,000 and a new car on the "Family Feud" game show. The series of programs featuring them will be broadcast next week. See Page 12.

### Cal Am takeover idea drawing little support

By KELLY NIX

THE GROUP calling for a public takeover of California American Water promises that the move will drastically lower monthly rates for the Peninsula's 38,000 water customers, ensure better service and put control of the water supply into local hands — and that it won't delay the effort to build a desal plant.

But with all the purported benefits, pursuing a takeover seems to have little support from prominent Peninsula organizations and community leaders.

"We have never felt it made financial sense to the taxpayers to put [the water supply] into public hands," Rick Heuer with the Monterey Peninsula Taxpayers Association told The Pine Cone. "There is no way you are going to save money."

"The voters of the Peninsula have rejected the idea in the past," Moe Ammar, president of the Pacific Grove Chamber of Commerce said. "It is a waste of resources

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### City writes big check for Wonderspace events

By MARY SCHLEY

A \$20,820 check paid to "Event Reimbursement" went unquestioned by the Carmel City Council when it voted, without even any discussion, to approve the December 2013 check at its meeting this week.

But since the money is for Richard Tavener's Wonderspace Carmel project, in addition to the \$24,900 he has already received since August 2013 under a contract signed by city administrator Jason Stilwell, the payment has Mayor Jason Burnett wondering whether it violates a municipal code policy prohibiting piece-mealing contracts so they don't reach the \$25,000 threshold requiring approval by the city council.

"I do think it raises questions, and we do need to make sure the intent of our policy is being followed," Burnett told The Pine Cone Thursday.

The "description" field in the register read "event reimb/dotday/brainwks/virtual/vpmtg," apparently refer-

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