

(Other Stuff, *continued from P. 1*)

- **Unused pills** – don't throw them in the trash or down the toilet. Just dump them into a bag and take them to Green Dentistry at 360 Post, #704. (Note: They will not accept them in the bottles.) - BJS



### Be Cautious about Giving Info to Census Workers

- Susan Johnson, BBB

With the U.S. Census process beginning, the Better Business Bureau (BBB) advises people to be cooperative, but cautious, so as not to become a victim of fraud or identity theft. The first phase of the 2010 U.S. Census is under way as workers have begun verifying the addresses of households across the country. Eventually, more than 140,000 U.S. Census workers will count every person in the United States and will gather information about every person living at each address including name, age, gender, race, and other relevant data.



The big question is - how do you tell the difference between a U.S. Census worker and a con artist?? BBB offers the following advice:

If a U.S. Census worker knocks on your door, they will have a badge, a handheld device, a Census Bureau canvas bag, and a confidentiality notice. Ask to see their identification and their badge before answering their questions. However, you should never invite anyone you don't know into your home.

Census workers are currently only knocking on doors to verify address information. Do not give your Social Security number, credit card or banking information to anyone, even if they claim they need it for the U.S. Census. While the Census Bureau might ask for basic financial information, such as a salary range, the Census Bureau will not ask for Social Security, bank account, or credit card numbers nor will employees solicit donations.

Eventually, Census workers may contact you by telephone, mail, or in person at home. However, the Census Bureau will not contact you by Email, so be on the lookout for Email scams impersonating the Census. Never click on a link or open any attachments in an Email that are supposedly from the U.S. Census Bureau.

For more advice on avoiding identity theft and fraud, visit [www.bbb.org](http://www.bbb.org).

SHARE THIS INFO WITH FAMILY AND FRIENDS.

(Note: per Morton Beebe who submitted the above, census work will start in February.)

### MR. FIXIT aka Bennett Woll 408-1

First of all, heartfelt condolences to our TL editor, bulletin-board manager, plant hostler, lighting decorator and general wonder-woman-about-the-complex Bev Sutton on the loss of her dear husband, Bob. They shared many amazing adventures together and his passing is an enormous loss. Over the years I've enjoyed chatting with him about sailing and other subjects and always found him interesting, friendly and

entertaining. He was an exceptional man.

Now, a few Mr. Fixit observations and recommendations about new aspects of living at Telegraph Landing. First, compost: Our new compost containers aren't the greatest design, but they are a huge step toward our community's efforts to reduce landfill waste. I hope you will all join in this easy, yet significant, program. Between orange peels, coffee grounds and other compostable waste, we've reduced the weight and volume of our unit's trash by over 50%! We're using the compostable bags from Safeway and admit they're not a great fit for the containers. If you've found a better means of bagging and holding compost, please let me know and I'll publicize it.



Second, our new elevator functions: We have a new safety feature that changes how many of us hold an elevator. It turns out that the new safety features on the doors are designed to stop the elevator from working if anyone waves a hand in the open elevator door gap three times. Instead, we're supposed to use the HOLD DOOR button. Not all of these buttons were installed right away, but they should all be retrofitted now. Please use the HOLD DOOR buttons. If you cause the elevator to stop and wait by waving your hand three times, the elevator is designed to shut down and it means we, the community, must pay for a service call to restore the elevator's operation (not to mention inconvenience to all the elevator's users while it awaits resetting).

Third, fees: I note that our monthly fees have gone up again. Good! Between inflation and the general aging of our buildings and their components, we have to pay more every year just to stay even with rising expenses. We owe the board our thanks for their realistic and forward-looking decision. Thank you, Board.

Finally, to my neighbor whose faucet still makes a terrible noise because it needs a new washer: I wrote my last column to show you how to fix it inexpensively, but you haven't acted. The noise is still intrusive -- please call a plumber!

### In Memory of Robert C. Nyden

Bob Nyden, a retired aerospace engineer, died peacefully November 12, 2009, at his home, after a period of declining health.

During his career he was involved in many interesting projects for both the US military and the private sector. For the last 20 years he was an antenna design engineer at Ford Aerospace/Space Systems Loral in Palo Alto where he worked on the Viking Mars Lander and the antenna for both of the Voyager space explorers.

Bob had a wonderful tenor voice and sang in many choirs over the years. He enjoyed traveling and together we trekked the highlands of Papua-New Guinea, the Atlas Mountains in Morocco and the Himalayas in Bhutan as well as going to many other countries. Most of all, he loved to sail. The two of us lived for 13 years on a sailboat in Alameda, CA. His ashes will be scattered in the Bay he loved so much.



- Bev Sutton

## Staff Notes:



### Kim's Korner: (aka Kim Wiley, Assist. Property Mgr.)

I hope everyone is utilizing the new composting bins! **Please be mindful of what you place in the composting bin – regular recycling items should still be placed in the recycling bins...nothing has changed for recyclables.**

### Security Pass-downs:

#### Front Desk Packages

Did you know that the Elves at the Front Desk received over 6,400 packages last year of all shapes and sizes?



This year looks like it will surpass that with even more packages on the way! The Elves have limited storage space so please help us prevent clutter in the lobby and retrieve your treasures (or have someone else retrieve them for you) in a timely manner!

-The Elves of TL

*Victor Zacca, Linda Altafi, Andree Hoover,  
Valentin Misostov, Dave Fulcher*

**PS:** The elves also wish you a happy holiday season and best wishes for 2010.

***Have you met...?*** *42nd in a series about people who live or work at Telegraph Landing.*

**Doug Harvill and son Zac** (13) moved into Telegraph Landing in October 2006 after relocating to San Francisco in July 2005. Both are originally from the Washington, DC area and moved to Northern California in 1996.

Zac splits his time between Roseville, CA and San Francisco. An eighth grade student, Zac sings in Honor Choir, enjoys drawing, creating comics and is considering a future as an architect. His aquarium is currently populated by warm water tropical fish.



Both Doug and Zac enjoy the amenities of living along the Northeast waterfront. Hiking over Telegraph Hill brings all kinds of pleasures from flora to parrots and the reward of something tasty in North Beach. Or, on the east side of the hill we're blessed with great neighborhood restaurants, Levi's Plaza and Park and fun places to visit on foot.

Doug walks to work at the CBS building at Battery and Broadway where he runs the CBS Bay Area Radio division including all-news KCBS (740AM/106.9 FM), Alice @ 97.3 FM, LIVE 105.3 FM, MOViN 99.7 FM and KFRC- 1550 AM. A lot of his efforts are also focused on creating and managing digital content. If you prefer, you can listen to any of these stations on your computer via the internet.. Go to [kcbs.com](http://kcbs.com), click on Listen, and select from all the CBS radio stations either here or in other major cities. Through Christmas, Doug is also providing four different commercial-free Holiday music stations. All can be heard at [kcbs.com](http://kcbs.com).

For fun, Doug and Zac usually head to the Bay or Pacific coastline. Doug is also a fan of motorsports and his hobby includes duties as a media consultant, emcee and reporter for annual



events as diverse as the Presidio Concours d'elegance, the Monterey Historic Races and the Indianapolis 500.

## On the Move:

### IN:

#### 11/16/09 Miles and Erica Anderson to 1/801

We are Erica and Miles Anderson, and recently moved to San Francisco from Encinitas, CA, a beach town in North San Diego County.

We are longtime professional musicians. Erica was a violinist in the San Francisco Symphony Orchestra from 1955–1975, and then free-lanced until her retirement in 2005. Miles is a semi-retired trombonist who free-lanced most of his career, but was a member of the Los Angeles Philharmonic and then the San Francisco Symphony Orchestra over a ten-year span.



Erica loves reading, and studying other languages. Miles still enjoys working with music, and cooking many of the family meals.

We are both very happy to be back in San Francisco after a thirty + year hiatus.

#### 12/01/09 Hideyuki & Michiko Mitsuoka to 2/707

### OUT:

11/6/09 Ram and Shyamli Kumar from 1/801  
11/6/09 Mark and Marina Semis from 1/404  
11/18/09 Sabrina Karels from 4/20

## Board Meetings

All homeowners are invited to attend the monthly Telegraph Landing Board of Directors Meetings, held in the Club Room from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. usually on the **4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month.** Homeowner input is taken at both the beginning and end of each meeting on items not listed on the agenda. On agenda items, homeowners may comment etc. during the meeting at the time each item is being discussed/considered.

To put an item on the agenda, address a note to the Board and management. Leave your note at the Front Desk to be distributed at least by the Wednesday before the Board Meeting.

**Next Bd. Mtg.: Tues., 1/26, 7:00 PM**

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### Landscape Services:

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## End Note:

### The Real St. Nicholas

St. Nicholas was born in 271 AD and died around December 6, 342 or 343 AD near the Asia Minor (Turkey) town of Myra, where he later became Bishop. He performed many good deeds and was a friend to the poor and helpless, and upon his death, myths soon sprang up about him all around the Mediterranean Sea. He was reputed to be able to calm the raging seas, rescue desperate sailors, help the poor and downtrodden, and save children. He was soon named as the patron saint of sailors, and when Myra was overthrown, his bones were transported by sailors to Bari, a port in Italy, where a tomb was built over the grave and became the center of honor for St. Nicholas. From here the legend spread on around to the Atlantic Coast of Europe and the North Sea to become a European holiday tradition regardless of religion.



In Germany, St. Nicholas is also known as Klaasbuur, Sunnercla, Burklaas, Bullerklaas, and Rauklas, and in eastern Germany, he is also known as Shaggy Goat, Ash Man and Rider and is more reflective of earlier pagan influences (Norse) that were blended in with the figure of St. Nicholas, when Christianity came to Germany. After the reformation, St. Nicholas's attire began to change, maybe as a reflection of the change from the Roman church, and he started to wear a red suit with fur.

Excerpted from: <http://holidays.kaboose.com/xmas-around-stnicholas.html>

## Best Wishes

for a

*Happy Holiday Season,*

*Whichever Holiday you Celebrate*

As practiced in many European countries, the celebration of St. Nicholas is separate from the Christmas holidays, and occurs during the 2 weeks prior to December 6th, which is St. Nicholas's day. Sometimes St. Nicholas Day is the main holiday for gift giving, and not Christmas.

In the Netherlands, legend has it that Sinterklaas (Dutch name for St. Nicholas) arrives in the Netherlands by way of steamboat from Spain 2 weeks before his traditional birthday, December 6th,