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Water and debris rush at the Solvang branch of Santa Barbara Bank and Trust at 2010 Mission Drive, on the corner of Hwy. 246 and Alamo Pintado, just after a tree branch broke through a window. The water line was above the windows and more than one-half of the front doors were under water. (Photo by La Cinda Johnson)

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## **STORM AFTERMATH**



Above, employees from Sunstone Winery construct a new sign along

Highway 246 in Santa Ynez, Right. Brent Freitas, owner of Eye Of The Day gardening center, cleans out what remains he can salvage in his flooded-out business in Solvang



Garden shop feels nature's wrath



Solvang. The bank is slated to do business from a trailer today.

Clean-up workers mop-up at the flooded out Santa Barbara Bank and Trust in year-old daughter, Daisy, was home and commandeered the shop to save what she could as the water began to rise. "We were aware and we were ready, but

what happened here flooded the building across the street and they're 10 feet above us," Freitas said. "We never expected this." Friends and strangers have been dropping by with horse trailers to help collect intact pieces. Some, like a woman who arrived late in the afternoon with a six pack of beer and a hug, have stopped in to offer a hand since

Tuesday Next door, on the same patch of property. Santa Barbara Bank and Trust was licking its wounds from the 12 to 24 inches of water that gutted the inside. A washed out water line passed over the bottom of the ATM machine outside, but things were getting cleaned up by employees of a local engineering company which shot a high-pressure hose over the nearly clean parking lot while a few file cabinets air-dried outside.

Bank employees saved a few computers and some furniture so it wasn't a total loss. according to bank manager Chuck Pira "We thought that we would be washed

out." he said

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