

GARDEN TIP

Although rose bushes have already started to grow, it is not too late to prune out canes to open up the center of the bush, improve air circulation and preclude problems with black spot disease later in the year. A fungicidal spray now will prevent black spot from getting an early foothold. Copper- and sulfur-based sprays offer an organic control.

— *The Washington Post*



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COMING MONDAY IN LIVING:

Jelly Mom finds out what happens when you take SpongeBob away.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Heritage Music Festival will honor Big Mama Thornton

The Heritage Music Festival at California State University, Monterey Bay, is set to celebrate Big Mama Thornton, the first vocalist to record "Hound Dog," later popularized by Elvis Presley. Thornton also wrote and recorded "Ball and Chain," which became one of Janis Joplin's biggest hits. The festival will commemorate Thornton's life story through music, dancing, comedy and drama as Barbara Morrison stars in the musical, "Howlin' Blues and Dirty Dogs."

► **What:** Heritage Music Festival featuring Barbara Morrison in a tribute to legendary blues singer Big Mama Thornton.
► **When:** 7:30 p.m. April 24 and 25
► **Where:** World Theater at CSUMB, on Sixth Avenue on the campus in Seaside. (Take Highway 1 south from Marina or north from Monterey. Exit at the CSUMB/Fort Ord main entrance. Follow the directional street banners to Sixth Avenue.)
► **Information/Tickets:** Tickets are \$20 in advance and \$25 at the door and can be purchased by calling the World Theater box office at -831-582-4580; TTY/TDD 582-5066; or online at <http://CSUMB.edu/worldtheater>.

HOT PROPERTY

Los Angeles Times

Scary Spice's L.A. home sells for more than list price

LOS ANGELES — Who can keep track of those Spice Girls and their real estate doings? Scary Spice (Melanie Brown), who apparently got the nickname for not always following Emily Post's advice, no sooner listed her Hollywood Hills home for \$2,999,999 than it sold for more than the asking price.

The contemporary, which the Multiple Listing Service described as "ultra chic," came on the market in late March and sold for \$3.14 million. It has four bedrooms and four bathrooms in 3,476 square feet and was purchased in 2007 for \$3 million, public records show.

"Given the current economic and real estate markets in Los Angeles, Melanie and Stephen [Belafonte] are delighted," said agent Charmaine DeGrate. "They plan on expanding their family and will need a larger home."



Melanie Brown

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3 steps to prep your home for a quake

BY BRODERICK PERKINS
For The Salinas Californian

The magnitude 4.3 earthquake that hit the foothills along the fringes of Silicon Valley on March 30 should be a wake-up call for earthquake-country residents who are not prepared for The Big One. The temblor hit at 10:40 a.m.,

about 16 miles east of downtown San Jose, but caused no major damage, according to the U.S. Geological Survey.

This time, USGS and other scientists conclude there is a 62 percent probability of at least one magnitude 6.7 or greater quake, capable of causing widespread damage, striking

the San Francisco Bay region before 2032.

If an earthquake, similar in size and origin to the April 18, 1906, Great San Francisco Earthquake, hit the same area today, the devastation will include as many as 90,000 homes and 26,000 other residential properties destroyed or structurally damaged and as many

as a quarter million people displaced in 19 counties, according to "When The Big One Strikes Again," a study that recalls the devastation of the great quake, an estimated magnitude 7.8 to 8.25.

By contrast, the deadly Loma Prieta earthquake in 1989 that

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Paper your world



GANNETT

Wall-covering samples include those from Antonia Vella design, Ronald Redding Designs, Koessel Studios, Tommy Bahama Home, Stacy Garcia and Ashford House. Bold patterns are becoming more popular with homeowners.

New technology makes wallpaper an easier choice

BY T.J. BANES
Gannett

There was a time, not long ago, when the popular wall covering technique involved paint, along with a sponge, spatula or spatter brush.

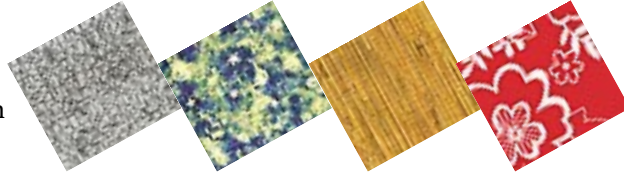
That's when homeowners cringed at the thought of applying wallpaper, anticipating the painstaking hours it would take to one day strip it all away.

But those days are gone. Thanks to technical advances in wallpaper application, and the resurgence of bold patterns, wallpaper is back — bigger than ever.

"I think the overuse of faux finishes that frankly weren't painted very well, and were so pervasive, is one of the reasons wallpaper is so popular now," says Walter Knabe, a wallpaper designer who, along with Laura Corman, operates Walter Knabe Studios Inc. in Indianapolis.

Like most home interior styles, there are few rules when it comes to creating a look with wallpaper. It's simply based on personal taste.

One of Knabe's more unusual projects



DO-IT-YOURSELF

If you're planning to install wallpaper yourself, but aren't sure what type to buy, Bill Burget, executive vice president with DL Couch Wallcovering in Noblesville, Ind., offers this advice: "Every roll of wall covering has a set of instructions. Read them carefully and follow them to the letter." Here are a few other terms to help you navigate the selections:

- **Strippable nonwoven:** A combination of wood (pulp) fibers and synthetic that is both durable and stripable. Good for all rooms in the house.
- **Paper-backed vinyl/solid-sheet vinyl:** A layer of paper laminated to a layer of vinyl. It's durable and

scrubbable (more durable than a washable wall covering). Good for bathrooms and kitchens.

- **Specialty wall coverings:** Flocked wallpaper (made by a machine that shakes very fine cotton, silk, rayon and nylon fibers to give the appearance of velvet or damask); natural fibers (vines, jute, sea grass, wool, linen, silk, cotton that are dyed and laminated to a backing); exotic enhancements (glass beads, sand and cork sifted onto the decorative side of the wall covering). These coverings are good for formal rooms with limited traffic, such as offices and dining rooms.



ALAN STYLES
Recycling

Shop 'green' in south Monterey County

Save the date! The first-ever Greenfield and Gonzales Community-wide Yard Sale on May 30 promises to be a great green event.

The epitome of re-use, this one-day event invites sellers to clean out their closets and garages for profit, and buyers to explore countless sales for extreme deals on useful items. But perhaps the greatest winner is our local environment, as landfills are spared inundation of spring-cleaning spoils.

Greenfield has been challenged to reduce the waste it sends to the landfill; this event offers residents a fun and lucrative way to practice reducing, reusing and recycling while generating income from unwanted items. The cities of Greenfield and Gonzales, Tri-Cities Disposal, and the Salinas Valley Solid Waste Authority are working together to promote the event and recruit as many sellers as possible. Promotion of the sale is sponsored by Salinas Valley Solid Waste Authority, so sellers benefit by registering early to have their sale advertised for free.

The first 100 sellers to register in each city will receive a "Seller's Toolkit" consisting of five reusable shopping bags, a sign to promote their sale, and a guide with tips for holding a successful sale. In Gonzales, register at City Hall, and in Greenfield, register at the police

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SUN 2-4
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18422 Meadowridge - No. County\$825,000
4BR/3BA 2755sfKevan Clarke

212 Oak Ave. - Greenfield\$165,000
3BR/2.5BA 1552sfLinda Dorris

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202 Pajaro St. - So. Salinas\$200,000
2BR/2BA 1344sfLinda Dorris

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4BR/3BA 3293sfLinda Dorris

18 Railroad - Spreckles\$239,900
2BR/1BA 729sfSusan Lubin-Brownlie

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