



# LOCAL LIFE

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■ WHAT MATTERS TO US IN NORTHERN NEVADA ■

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## TODAY

A quick look at useful, fun or unique things happening today in our neighborhoods.

### ■ SPARKS/ SPANISH SPRINGS

#### DONATE TOILETRIES TO HELP NONPROFIT

Cadillac Ranch and Rack & Pinz in the Sparks Legends Marina, 1330 Scheels Drive, Suite 250, Sparks, is teaming up for the first towel drive in support of Ronald McDonald House of Northern Nevada. Drop off rolls of toilet paper, white washcloths or hand towels, laundry soap and garbage bags through Thursday. Details: 775-331-2000.

### TRAVEL RESTRICTIONS

El Rancho Drive is undergoing pavement reconstruction, curb and gutter replacement and stripping between Sun Valley Boulevard and Sullivan Lane. Improvements to bus stops are also planned. However, the project is in winter shutdown. Because of cooler temperatures, the micro-surfacing seal will not be placed until early spring. Temporary lane transitions will be placed at the northern and southern ends of the project limits.

### NEED MORE?

Tune into Newstalk 780 KOH for live updates at the top of every hour.



### TODAY IN HISTORY

#### FROM THE RENO EVENING GAZETTE: DEC. 26, 1919

The badly battered remains of the top of an auto coupe, with a liberal sprinkling of broken glass, are the evidence of the first automobile accident on the new concrete highway on South Virginia road.

The car belonging to the Ford Taxi Company was driven by "Tex," a driver for the company. It was on its way to Reno from Moana Springs, and, according to the driver, he was making good time on the concrete stretch of road when the front wheels hit a rock and he lost control. The car turned over three times and was wrecked, but the driver and a man who had been bringing in from Moana, escaped with but a few scratches.

The accident happened just a short distance south of the Rex road house of Christmas eve.

The concrete road has never been formally opened by the highway department and big signs at both ends declared that the road is closed, but every car that makes the trip from here to Moana or to Carson City uses the new highway. ...

### COMING UP

#### MUSIC OF FRIENDS

Forrest Hartman previews the Nevada Chamber Music Festival, which starts Monday.

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### FOCUS ON: HOME & GARDEN

# COLOR, TEXTURE, PATTERN

## Wallpaper is back in style

BY SUSAN SKORUPA  
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As with any home decorating choice, the popularity of wallpaper waxes and wanes with the styles of the day. But while paint can be simple or dramatic, wallpapers can add texture, decorating experts say.

Wallpaper has three functions, said Gretchen Kinne, a designer at Reno Paint Mart on East Moana Lane.

"One is to texture the wall," she said. "So, we have textures that you can order that give the wall dimension. There are grass cloth, paintable textures and all kinds of three-dimensional products.

"Second is color coordination. You can start with the paper before you pick your paint," Kinne said. "Perhaps floral, for instance, if there's one tone (in the paper pattern) with vibrant contrasting colors, then you can pick the paint."

Finally, if you've just finished decorating a room and it needs a little nuance or accessorizing, wallpaper can furnish that final touch.

Wallpaper selection factors include not just color and pattern selections, but texture, durability, materials such as bamboo or grass paper, cleaning ease and water resistance.

To start, determine what room you're papering and if there are any special needs involved, Kinne said.

"If it's a kitchen or bathroom, consider washable or scrubable paper, or paper that's resistant to water or is vapor-fast," she said. "If it's for something like a day-care center or hospital, you'd want anti-microbial and nonflammable paper."

If the paper is for a "period" house, such as an arts-and-crafts style of the late-19th and early-20th centuries, there are designs available specifically for the era, Kinne said.

Arlene Carter, a consultant at Fuller Color Center on South Wells Avenue, tries to get a feel for the personality and preferences of the person she's helping to choose a wallpaper.

"Color and pattern, it all comes again to knowledgeable people," she said. "I try to get a feel for the person."

"It's good to go to someone who will take the time to talk," Carter said. Renee Lauderback, one of Kinne's customers, is remodeling her house now to include wallpaper.

"I was raised with wallpaper. We had it in almost every room of the house," she said.

"We got to pick (decor) for our bedrooms," she said. "Mine was orange shag (carpet), with fun wallpaper, a wild floral spread in hot pink and orange."

"As I matured, I went for colonial floral wallpaper. I love it," she said.

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### Some tips for wallpaper shopping

■ When a space is small, not used often or where people do not linger long, such as in a powder room, consider a bolder, more in-your-face wallpaper pattern.

■ In areas where people linger or in quiet rooms, such as bedrooms, consider more textural or tone-on-tone paper that plays well with other elements.

■ When studying wallpaper sample books, flip through each book to get an idea of its color palette. If the colors aren't appealing, look at other books. Once you find books with the right colors, use them to select patterns.

■ A retailer can help determine how much wallpaper a room needs, taking into consideration pattern repeat, room size and doors and windows.

■ Make sure walls are correctly prepared beforehand so wallpaper is easier to remove later.

■ If you paint walls with sizing before papering, have sizing tinted a color from in paper. It will hide the seams if there's any paper shrinkage.

■ A design tip: Wallpaper does not have to cover an entire room. Consider using it as an element to create dramatic change at little cost. For example, extend wall color onto the ceiling about 12 inches on all sides; where the paint stops, apply a wallpaper border all the way around the ceiling, then paint the center of the ceiling.

Source: Sheri Kovac, Kovac Design



PHOTOS BY JULIE DAWES/RGJ



Two wallpaper samples from Reno Paint Mart.



Gretchen Kinne of Reno Paint Mart helps Renee Lauderback with sample books in the store on Tuesday. Lauderback is remodeling her home and using wallpaper, which is rebounding in popularity.

More home & garden today: HOME & GARDEN CALENDAR: Looking for something to do around the house or in the garden? 3C

### MASTER GARDENER

## Christmas tree recycling tradition continues for 19th year

BY ANDREW CHURCH  
NEVADA COOPERATIVE EXTENSION

Keep Truckee Meadows Beautiful is encouraging Washoe County residents to recycle their Christmas trees. This year marks the 19th annual Christmas Tree Recycling campaign, which begins today and continues



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through Jan. 18

The recycling program has met with large success in previous years, with 11,000 trees collected in 2009.

The byproducts of the recycling program ultimately benefit the community.

"Recycled trees have been chipped into mulch, which will be used year-round in park, river and open space projects to prevent weed growth, soil erosion and promote beautification," said Maia Dickerson, program director for Keep Truckee

Meadows Beautiful. Daily hours of operation are between 9 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Participants in the program are required to clean their trees of all lights, ornaments, tinsel and other foreign matter prior to recycling. A minimum \$3 donation is recommended to help support the campaign. Trees can be recycled at one of three locations in the Reno area:

**BARTLEY RANCH REGIONAL PARK:** 6000 Bartley Ranch Road (off Lakeside Drive)

**RANCH SAN RAFAEL REGIONAL PARK:** 1595 N. Sierra St. (west side at Coleman Street entrance)

**SHADOW MOUNTAIN SPORTS COMPLEX:** 3300 Sparks Blvd., Sparks (Shadow Lane entrance)

The Christmas Tree Recycling program is coordinated by Keep Truckee Meadows Beautiful with the city of Sparks Parks and Recreation, Washoe County Regional Parks and Open Space,

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## Wallpaper/Bring color samples from room

From 1C

Now, she and her husband, Donald, are working with wallpaper, fabric and paint in their 1950s-era ranch-style house. They plan to paper bedroom and bathroom walls.

When shopping for wallpaper, bring to the store a color sample from walls, furniture or carpet or any item to be matched, Kinne said. A designer can help with pattern and color choices. Her company also can provide a list of local wallpaper hangers.

"We tell people to get more than one estimate," she said. Many papers are pre-pasted, Carter said. Look for sturdier

papers for kitchens and bathrooms.

Some paper manufacturers can provide samples that customers can take home and try out on a wall, she said. And professional wallpaper hangers can help determine how much paper to order.

Now the trend seems to be to bolder colors and patterns, she said. Black and white are big. Specialized coverings include grass cloth and bamboo and fabric of all types. "Green" products are breaking out with recycled products and wallpapers that don't give off chemical fumes.

"I think that trend will

grow," Carter said. "We're seeing a little bit of that."

It's even possible to have a personalized design made, Kinne said.

"It's not cheap, but all art can be reproduced," she said.

Wallpaper prices in the hundreds of sample books Kinne stocks can vary from \$30 or so a roll up to several hundred dollars a roll.

"Some (samples) will knock your socks off," she said.

Before shopping, think about the square footage of the room and draw it out, Kinne said. Remember that each pattern repeats and a little paper is lost with the

application of each strip. Wallpaper patterns repeat over and over again and how the pattern is arranged will determine how the final project looks and how much paper it will take to complete it.

Decide what the wallpaper is going to highlight, Carter said.

"What do you want in (the room)? What will you showcase?" she said. "In the bedroom, maybe you're showcasing a bedspread and you do not want a paper to take away from other things. Lots of time, you just want the walls to complement something."

## HOME & GARDEN CALENDAR

**What's Wrong With My Plant?:** Bring your fresh plant samples to Cooperative Extension from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday (except for legal holidays) to receive a free diagnosis from one of our horticulture staff members. Where: University of Nevada Cooperative Extension Reno, 5305 Mill St. Cost: Free. Details: Leslie at allen@unce.unr.edu or 775-784-4848.

**Growing Vegetables With Nevada Naturals:** This seminar covers the basic use of hydroponics and aeroponics systems. Grow veggies inside or outside. When: 10 a.m. Saturday. Where: University of Nevada, Reno (Agricultural Experimental Station), 910 Valley Road. Cost: Free. Details: John at 771-2976.

**Interior Painting:** Learn interior painting techniques including innovations in paint and primer, tools and supplies and ways to prep and repair walls before you begin. When: 10 a.m. Saturday. Where: Meets at all Home Depot locations. Cost: Free. Details: 775-354-2245 or www.homedepotclinics.com.

**Tiling Floors and Walls:** In this workshop you'll walk away with the skills to plan and complete a successful tile project. Also learn how to use a tile cutter with confidence. When: 11 a.m. Saturday. Where: Meets at all Home Depot locations. Cost: Free. Details: 775-787-9690 or www.homedepotclinics.com.

**Installing Crown Moulding:** Find out how to measure, cut and install crown moulding with professional results. Learn three joint cuts: miter, coped and scarfed. When: 1 p.m. Saturday. Where: Meets at all Home Depot locations. Cost: Free. Details: 775-886-4455.

**Installing a Programmable Thermostat:** Most homeowners

can successfully install a programmable thermostat in a couple of hours. Once it's installed, be prepared to save money and energy. When: 1 p.m. Sunday. Where: Meets at all Home Depot locations. Cost: Free. Details: 775-851-9600 or www.homedepotclinics.com.

**Installing Window Treatments:** Get the basics on blinds, shades and soft window treatments and learn how to measure for inside and outside mounts. Find out which treatment will work best for your home. When: 2 p.m. Sunday. Where: Meets at all Home Depot locations. Cost: Free. Details: 775-851-6000 or www.homedepotclinics.com.

**Way to Grow Gardening School in 2010:** Classes take place from 1-2 p.m. on the second Saturday of each month, January through December with a different subject covered each month. The first class meets on Jan. 16. Open to people of all gardening levels. Classes are limited to 30. Registration is required by Tuesday and payment due at registration. When: 1 p.m. Monday. Where: Moana Nursery, 1100 W. Moana Lane. Cost: \$120 for all 12 classes or \$10 per class. Details: 775-825-0600 or visit the Moana Lane garden center to register.

**Solar Energy Seminar:** An educational introduction to solar technologies for residential and small commercial applications. Topics include: Available solar technologies, system planning and design, system integration, system costs and payback periods and Federal and state incentives. Seating is limited, reserve early. When: 6-7:30 p.m. on Jan. 7, 2010, Jan. 19, 2010 and Feb. 4, 2010. Where: Interstate Plumbing & Air Conditioning, 1506 Glendale Ave., Sparks. Cost: Free. Details: Jeff at 775-331-1550 or RSVP@ipair.com.

## Trees/Volunteers wanted to help at drop-offs

From 1C

city of Reno Urban Forestry, Sierra Fire Protection District, Truckee Meadows Fire Protection District, the Washoe County District Health Department, Tholl Fence, Waste Management Recycle America and the governments of Reno, Sparks and Washoe County.

Numerous volunteer groups and individuals also make the campaign possible. Keep Truckee

Meadows Beautiful welcomes individuals wishing to volunteer in the program. Those interested in volunteering for the Christmas Tree Recycling program or are interested in more information can contact Keep Truckee Meadows Beautiful at 775-851-5185. Volunteer permission forms and job descriptions can also be found at www.ktmb.org.

The Christmas tree mulch

also is available to Truckee Meadows residents for free. Those interested in mulch are advised to provide their own means of collection and transportation.

Although pine mulch is not recommended around flower or vegetable gardens because of its acidity, Dickerson says it has many other uses.

"Christmas tree mulch is great for preventing land erosion, weed abatement, animal bedding and the

creation of walkways and paths through landscaping," Dickerson said.

Information regarding availability of mulch can be obtained by contacting Bartley Ranch at 775-828-6612 or Rancho San Rafael at 775-785-4512.

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### SOAP OPERA SYNOPSIS

## Casey proposes to Alison on 'Turns'

BY TOBY GOLDSTEIN  
TRIBUNE MEDIA SERVICES

This column presents on-air summaries for the week of Dec. 21-25.

**ALL MY CHILDREN:** Kendall persuaded Zach not to kill Aidan, who pitifully told Kendall he just wanted her love. Finally reunited, Zach and Kendall survived traveling through a storm and made it home for Christmas. Liza refused to use blackmail evidence against District Attorney Willis that David gave her, but when Willis died in a car crash, Liza feared he killed himself because of the photos she had.

**AS THE WORLD TURNS:** Brad finally was able to have an emotional connection to Katie through Henry, but realizing how hard his spirit presence is on helping her move forward, he said goodbye to Katie and all his loved ones. Casey shocked Alison with a Christmas Eve marriage proposal. Confronted by Barbara, Mick acted as though he were James made young again, even bearing a scar identical to one James had.

**BOLD AND BEAUTIFUL:** Brooke and Donna were torn over becoming involved in Ridge and Eric's plot to deceive Bill and Katie in order to regain Forrester Creations. After Eric shared his New Year's goals with Brooke and Ridge, he learned that his plan is already working. Despite Bill being their brother-in-law, Brooke and Donna decided not to invite him to the family Christmas, leaving Katie torn about where to spend her holiday. Steffy created a new campaign for the latest collection but Bill wasn't impressed.

**DAYS OF OUR LIVES:** Nicole recalled the voice of the woman holding Sydney, but couldn't place it. While Sami was devastated when several leads proved false, E.J. got a note from the kidnapper that read: "I have your daughter." Learning from Bo that he and Hope may really be through, Carly admitted to Bo that she's falling in love with him again. Before he could reply, Hope showed up and Carly made a quick retreat, but Bo and Hope remained far apart.

**GENERAL HOSPITAL:** Jason, Sam and Spinelli's sleuthing led them to conclude from Franco's artwork that he might be a serial killer. Franco left baby Josslyn's hat for Jason to find, emphasizing Franco's potential to become a serious enemy. Meanwhile, Carly told Jax that, although Franco knows the truth about Michael, she believes he's not

a threat to their family.

**MELROSE PLACE:** In a rebroadcast of the series opener, Violet Foster, recently arrived in L.A. and determined to find her mother, was horrified to discover a bloody body floating in the pool of her apartment complex. The murder victim, landlady Sydney Andrews, was central to several of her tenants' lives, especially David Breck, with whose doctor father, Michael Mancini, Sydney also had a relationship.

**ONE LIFE TO LIVE:** Stopping himself from shooting Bo, Clint made it clear to Bo that he no longer has a brother. Clint was aware of Kim's fake concern for him but kept her on his payroll. Mitch threatened to harm one of Dorian's girls unless she replaces Bo as police

commissioner with someone handpicked by him, and a fearful Dorian caved in. Rex turned up at the cabin, intending to bring Gigi home, but was crushed to see her having fun with Schuyler. Mitch offered to help Stacy end up with Rex, but it will come at a high price.

**YOUNG AND RESTLESS:** Nikki returned home in time for the holidays. Elated to learn the name of Kay's daughter, Paul and Nima ended up in a kiss. Jill later gave Kay the name of the woman they think is her daughter. Emily told Jack she's in love with him. Daisy tearfully told Michael and Lauren that her parents died in a car crash, but Michael remained skeptical of her tale. Adam deliberately knocked down Cassie's drawing, shattering the glass.

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