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# Tomorrow at CMC **Different Voices: Exploring Community Relations Commission**

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# **Upcoming CMC Forums** THURSDAY, April 14

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# TUESDAY, April 19

Tom McNutt, gardening expert, NBC 4 (See Article)

# THURSDAY, April 28

# The Ohio Patriot Act Senator Jeff Jacobson, Ohio Senate; Carrie

Davis, staff attorney, ACLU of Ohio Introduced in late January by state Sen. Jeff

Jacobson (R-Butler Township), the Ohio Patriot Act, or Senate Bill 9, sailed through the Ohio Senate with unanimous support. The anti-terrorism bill, which would expand police powers and strengthen anti-terrorism laws, now heads to the Ohio House. The version of the bill passed by the Senate has generally been praised by lawmakers and some opponents as a more clearly written document that now musters bilateral support. However, the bill still has critics. Civil libertar-

# The Green Industry Moves Out of the Backyard and into the Big Time!

Tom McNutt, garden expert, NBC 4 Ohio's "Green Industry" is a major

economic force, generating over \$3 billion dollars in revenue and employing nearly 100,000 Ohioans. Horticultural products include goods that beautify and enrich our homes, offices, and recreational areas including turf, trees, flowers, and plants. These products and the people who grow, sell, and install them make a tremendous impact on Ohio's economy and improve the qualitv of life for residents and visitors alike.

The green industry is expected to grow enormously in the coming years. Busy consumers increasingly demand

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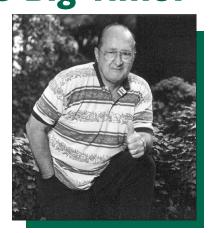
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Franklin County's growing population reflects an ever increasing diversity of culture, religion and color. Men, women and children from all over the world are beginning to change Columbus. They bring with them their skills, cultures and religions. They want to work and be a part of the community. This forum will serve as a general exploration of Columbus' diversity, focusing on a retrospective look at the demographic and cultural shifts in the Columbus community over the past 10-20 years. Discussion will include the economic impact and business opportunities created by these changes.

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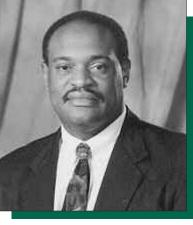
conveniences such as lawn maintenance and they are willing to pay for it. Organic farming is on the rise in agriculture, retailers are using the environmental benefits of plants as selling tools. Water Gardening is booming! Over 33% of homeowners surveyed cited water gardening as the most appealing feature to add to their home.

Joining us to discuss the booming business of gardening is everyone's favorite gardening guru, NBC 4's Tom McNutt! McNutt will also share his expertise to help you prepare your yard for spring. Of course, there will be plenty of time for your gardening questions!



Tom McNutt

Future Different Voices forums will focus on the challenges, issues and opportunities created by the growing Somali and Hispanic communities.



Jim Stowe

# Last Week at CMC

# Thank you Shaniqua!

CMC extends its heartfelt gratitude to Shaniqua Scott, our student intern for the past three years. Shaniqua has worked with us since her sophomore year at Columbus Alternative High School. She is now preparing to graduate and plans to attend Wright State University in the fall to study International Business. We thank her for her hard work and wish her the best of luck!



**National Speaker Stresses Importance of Funding The Arts** 

# About Us...

CMC firmly believes in the free expression of all ideas and the benefits of an open exchange of information. CMC is non-partisan and takes no positions on issues.

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"The money that funds the arts, where does it come from? Half of it comes from earned income, up to 10% comes from government sources, one third from individual donors and another 10% from foundations and corporations. What we have here is a fragile ecosystem. We need all the parts - and no part is gong to take over for another part."

- Robert Lynch, executive director, Americans for the Arts



ian groups, such as the ACLU of Ohio, have concerns that the bill unnecessarily expands police powers, threatening individual rights. Please join us for a debate on the merits and provisions of this controversial piece of legislation.

# Wednesday, May 4

# Medicaid and the **Future of Ohio** Ohio Auditor Betty Montgomery

# Wednesday, May 11

# **Conflict Management Week** Mediation - Another Approach to Tort Reform

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"96 % of American parents value arts education. We have dozens of studies and tons of statistics that talk about kids doing better in school because of the arts - reduced truancy; better communications skills; in general, leading better lives because of the arts. But the money is not being invested. The money is, in fact, dwindling for arts education."

- Robert Lynch, executive director, Americans for the Arts

Speaker Robert Lynch; Ohio Citizen's for the Arts President Jeff Rich; Sponsor Jeff Lyttle of JP Morgan Chase; Sponsor Mary Jo Green of Time Warner Cable; and, Sponsor Chris Schweitzer of Creative Design Solutions

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