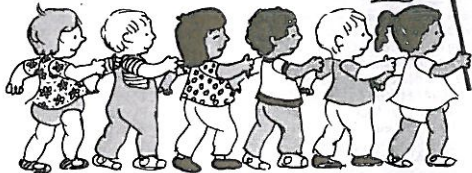


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## Toddlers take over



A comprehensive program of demonstrations, talks, and activities for parents of preschoolers will take place throughout April.

Toddlers Take Over will tackle issues such as child development, parent networks and resources, relationship among siblings, travelling with toddlers, and parents who are working or returning to work.

Organized by Jeri Robinson, the museum's early childhood developer, the program will present Robie Harris, author of *Before You Were Three* and *Don't Forget to Come Back*, who will be talking about developmental issues; Linda Eubanks, presenting stories and songs for ages 4 and under; Judy O'Hare with a preschool puppet show; and Nancy Lineback demonstrating Play, Watch, and Talk.

There'll also be a demonstration of Kindergarten; a showing of a film, "New Relations: Fathers and Sons"; a presentation of the Suzuki method of teaching very young children to play music by ear; and a Tot Stuff workshop on April 9 and 12 (see Workshops section for details).

Activities will take place on Sundays and Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday mornings. A complete schedule of Toddlers Take Over events will be available at the museum and listed on the What's Up Line. Activities will be on a first come, first served basis.



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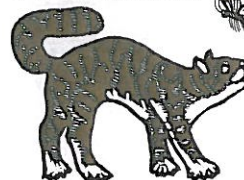
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## Great Pets Day

Gerbils, puppies, kittens, and rabbits all make great household pets and kids will learn all about how to choose them and how to care for them on Great Pets Day, Saturday, April 11.

Experts from the Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (MSPCA) will be on hand to show children



how to take care of puppies and kittens, and staff from the Massachusetts Herpetological Society will be showing and talking about snakes.

Although children are often tempted to adopt an animal from the wild as a pet -- animals such as



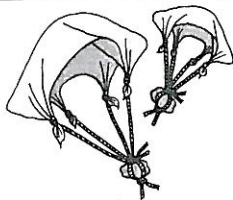
opossums, woodchucks, and owls -- it's not a wise idea and staff from the Blue Hills Trailside Museum will explain why. There's an interesting alternative, though, and museum staff will be telling kids about shelf pets -- animals that can be kept for a night, then released in the morning.

Pet lovers can also acquire tips on animal observation, learn how to make bug houses, and take pony rides.

There'll be lots of animals throughout the museum on Great Pets Day, so kids are asked to leave their own pets at home.



# What's Up?



**What's Up Line**  
Call (617) 426-8855 for a complete listing of hours, exhibits, special events, and travel information. To reach all museum departments, call (617) 426-6500.

**April vacation week**  
Yep, it's finally here and we've got lots going on. All shows are 2, 2:45, and 3pm unless otherwise noted.  
**Sat 18, Hank Chapin and his Suitcase Circus** with songs, stories, and mime.  
**Sun 19, Easter Bunnies Galore**

**Mon 20, Scrub Board Slim and L.J.** old time music and vaudeville revival  
**Tue 21, Clowns Around,** Sophie Parker and Diane Hefner

**Wed 22, Ha Ha Puppet Theater,** "A Lot of Lumps," 2 & 3pm  
**Thur 23, Steve Shakespeare,** juggling and mime

**Fri 24, Tom Smith, folksongs and stories**

**Sat 25, Boston College Children's Theater,** a medley of songs and stories

**Sun 26, Larry Sayco, yoyo champ**

**Great Pets Day**  
Sat, April 11, 10am-5pm. See story and Tot Stuff workshop.

**Toddlers Take Over**  
Events for and about preschoolers throughout April. See story and Tot Stuff workshop.

**Air Fair**  
A great collection of air-related machines and gadgets outside on the Wharf, Sun, May 17, 10am-5pm (raindate is May 24). Wind sculptures, wind vanes, balloon sculptures, and inflatables. Activities include a balloon lift off, bubble blowing, origami balloons, parachute play, and a Moonwalk. Bring a handkerchief and we'll show you how to make a parachute. Get a head start on the day's uplifting activities by signing up for the Inflation Creations workshop.

**Senior Citizen Month**  
The museum joins the May celebration of Senior Citizens Month with special activities every Wednesday afternoon in Grandparents' House: Cooking, Crafts, and Leisure Time Activities From Your Grandparents' Days. Also on Wednesday afternoons, there will be a Senior Social Hour in the Resource Center. Throughout the month, senior citizens will be leading special activities in the Exhibit Center and presenting

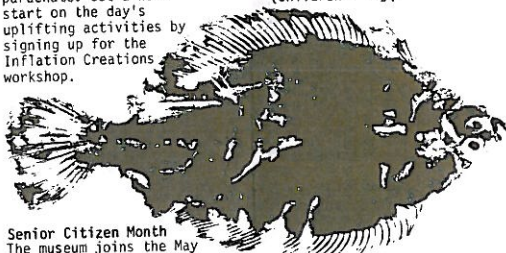
performances and demonstrations. Seniors will be admitted to the museum at half the seniors' admission rate.

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**Best bargain**  
In these inflationary times, it's good to know there are still bargains around. One of Boston's best is the museum's reduced rate on Friday night from 6-9pm. Admission is just \$1.50 per person. For a family of 2 adults and 2 children, that's a savings of \$6 over regular admission rates. Pass on the good news to your friends.

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**O Kodomo No Hi**  
(Children's Day)



This traditional Japanese festival celebrates the joy of children with activities such as fish printing, the flying of brightly colored carp kites, calligraphy contests, the making of origami helmets, and special movies and performances. It all takes place on Sat, May 2, 10am-5pm.

**Friday Night Performance Series**  
Every Friday at 7pm and 8pm. Admission to each show is 75¢ in addition to museum admission; tickets go on sale at 6pm.

**April**  
**3, Patchwork Players,** theater and mime  
**10, Tom Smith, folksongs and stories**  
**17, Steve Shakespeare,** juggling and mime  
**24, Gerwick Puppets,** "Spring Fever"

**May**  
**1, Scott Mastro, mime**  
**8, Tom Smith, folksongs and stories**  
**15, John Nolan, clowning and magic**  
**22, Clowns Around, Sophie Parker and Diane Hefner**  
**29, Gerwick Puppets,** "Spring Fever"

**Admission**  
Exhibit Center: children, 3-15, and senior citizens, \$2.50; adults, \$3.50; children under 3 and members free. Friday night, 6-9pm, \$1.50. All groups must make advance reservations (426-6500). Admission to the Resource Center and Recycle is free.

**Hours**  
Tue-Sun, 10am-5pm; Fri until 9pm. Closed Mondays except April 20 and May 25.

**Travel**  
The museum is at Museum Wharf, 300 Congress Street, on Boston's waterfront. MBTA Red Line to South Station.



## Kids go places with Detours

Detours Is For Kids Who Are Going Places, says the bright red and yellow poster that's springing up on bulletin boards all over Boston, and that's exactly the role of the new museum-affiliated organization which opens the doors of its mobile headquarters, a 1954 city bus, on April 18.



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Detours encourages teenagers from the Greater Boston area to explore the city by providing them with illustrated tour guides, a workshop on Boston's transit system, a quarterly newsletter, a passport packed with free or discounted admissions to the city's museums and attractions, and trip planning advice.

Individual memberships are \$5 with reduced rates for youth and community groups. Since Detours is on wheels itself, groups who join will have the option of arranging for workshops to be held at their sites.

To get the program off to a fast start, Detours' first newsletter, distributed to 125 schools and community centers in March, featured an entry blank for a

membership drawing, and the 500 winners will receive a free membership and an invitation to a special opening week workshop.

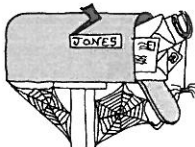
Each of the 10 tour guides explores a theme that has been carefully selected to appeal to teenagers -- sports, food, art, fashion, music, and work. Painstakingly researched by the Detours' staff, the guides accentuate the unusual -- a self-guided tour of the Esplanade on roller skates dubbed "Rolling On the River" and a coffee shop in Gloucester where you can rub shoulders with fishermen at the end of the day. The guides are accompanied by Detours' own illustrated map of Boston's major transportation systems.

The 1954 city bus, last in commercial service in Haverhill, is now refurbished inside and out and sports a gleaming new paint job. It was donated to Detours by Michael Bus Lines of Salem, a major motor coach tour operator. The gift even included driving lessons for Sue Porter, Detours' program manager. "She's having a little trouble with corners, but she's learning quickly," was "Spike" Michael's assessment of his driving student's ability.

Detours is funded in part by a Youth Project grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities.

Membership is open to anyone ages 11-16. For applications, contact the Detours Office at the museum.

## Roundup



### Changed your address?

We're spring cleaning our computer mailing lists and we need your help. If you've changed your address and we haven't caught up with it, clip the mailing label and send it to us with your new address. If you're receiving more than one newsletter, send us all the labels; if they're different from each other, indicate the correct version. Send all corrections to Public Relations Office, Children's Museum, Museum Wharf, 300 Congress Street, Boston, MA 02210. Thanks.

### Japan bond

Director Michael Spock heads for Japan again this spring to enlist the support of government, foundation, and corporate executives in establishing an endowment to conserve and maintain the Japanese Home and support programs. Mike was given a warm welcome in November when he visited Kyoto to thank the many people who generously supported the Kyo-no-machiya project.

### Introductory visits

There's an easy way for high school, college, and professional groups to find out about all the museum's services and resources: sign up for one of the Resource Center's introductory tours.

A staff member will tour you through the Resource Center and discuss the museum

and its programs. Topics include exhibits, educational materials, group visits, kit rentals, workshops, and other professional development programs.

The tours are of special interest to adults involved in early childhood education, elementary education, special education, and community education.

Introductory visits are conducted Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays by prior registration. There's a charge of \$3 per person (\$30 minimum). To make a reservation or for more information, call 426-6500, ext. 206.



### More boardwalk

Construction starts this spring to complete the boardwalk in front of the building, thanks to a \$100,000 grant to the two museums from the Edward Ingersoll Browne Commission which is administered by the City of Boston.

New programs for the young The Carnegie Corporation has made a two-year grant of \$200,000 to the museum to develop programs, materials, and curricula for use by young children and their parents in the Playpace exhibit. Information derived from the pilot program will be used to discover if environments such as Playpace and its programs can be replicated in other museums and public spaces. Project director is Pat Cornu; senior developer is Jeri Robinson.

## Spring workshops for adults and kids

Preregistration is required for all workshops. For more information, call the Resource Center, 426-6500, ext. 206.

**TOT STUFF** -- a medley of ideas and activities for parents of toddlers: edible arts and crafts; music and rhythms with homemade instruments; games and activities to enhance development; and hints on travelling with toddlers; pets for tots (meet some of the museum's pets and discuss the choosing and care of pets).

✓Thurs, April 9, 10am-12noon, or Sun, April 12, 1-3pm. Limit, 20 adults per session. \$5. Child care available on Thursday only, \$1.

**RECYCLE/SEVEN AT ONE BLOW** -- seven quickie art projects involving no glue but lots of imagination. Puppets and pull toys, foam animals and masks, jewelry, games, and more... from Recycle.

✓Sat, April 18, 1-3pm. Limit, 20 adults and children. Children under 10 must be accompanied by an adult. \$5.

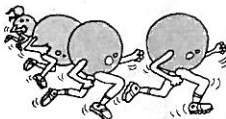
**CHINESE AND INDO-CHINESE IN BOSTON** -- a 1 day conference with experts in Indo-Chinese issues. Sessions:

1. Living in Chinatown: Past and Present, Tunney Lee, urban planner, MIT.
2. Growing Up: Young Asian Americans, Libby Lai-bun Chiu, bilingual coordinator, Boston Public Schools, and John C. Tsang, senior curriculum advisor, Boston Public Schools.
3. Stereotyping and its implications for the socialization process, Donald Kao, associate director, Sex Equity Project,

New York City Board of Education.

4. Issues for Indo-Chinese in the Greater Boston area, Moira Lucey, Indo-Chinese Services coordinator, and Holly Lockwood, director, Chinatown Youth ESL program. ✓Sat, April 25, 8:30am-3pm. Limit, 35 adults. \$15 includes lunch.

**YOUNG INVENTORS' WORKSHOP** -- for kids 8 years and older who love to tinker, this is the perfect workshop: lots of ideas, lots of materials, and the helping hand and imagination of Bernie Zubrowski. This new series concentrates on marble runways and clocks and gears. ✓6 sessions, Tues, April 28-June 2, 3:30-5pm. Limit, 18 children. \$20.



**INFLATION CREATIONS** -- prepare for Air Fair! Experiment with inflatable-deformable "living" sculptures. Decorate yourself with wind-activated doodads. Don't blow it... come! ✓Thurs, May 14, 7-9pm. Limit, 20 adults and children. \$5.

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**RECYCLE/HOW FAR CAN A ROLL-ON DEODORANT BALL ROLL** -- on its own steam? Can you pack an egg so it won't break when you drop it from the third floor? Or dream up 20 different uses for a boffer stick? Discover how Recycle materials lend themselves to problem-solving activities.

✓Sat, May 16, 1-3pm. Limit, 20 adults and

children. Children under 10 must be accompanied by an adult. \$5.



## Workshop registration

Please make reservations at least one week in advance of the workshop or course date. Make check or money order payable to the Children's Museum and send it with the completed form to: Resource Center, Children's Museum, Museum Wharf, 300 Congress Street, Boston, MA 02210. Museum members receive a 10% discount.

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