





ANITA CHASTAIN AND PATRICK **BROWN WEREN'T** PLANNING TO MOVE. BUT THE ZEN QUALITY OF THIS HOUSE, DESIGNED BY RAYMOND MARITZ, WON THEM OVER

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### Refinish, Restore, Rebuild

#### FIX FRUMPY FURNITURE

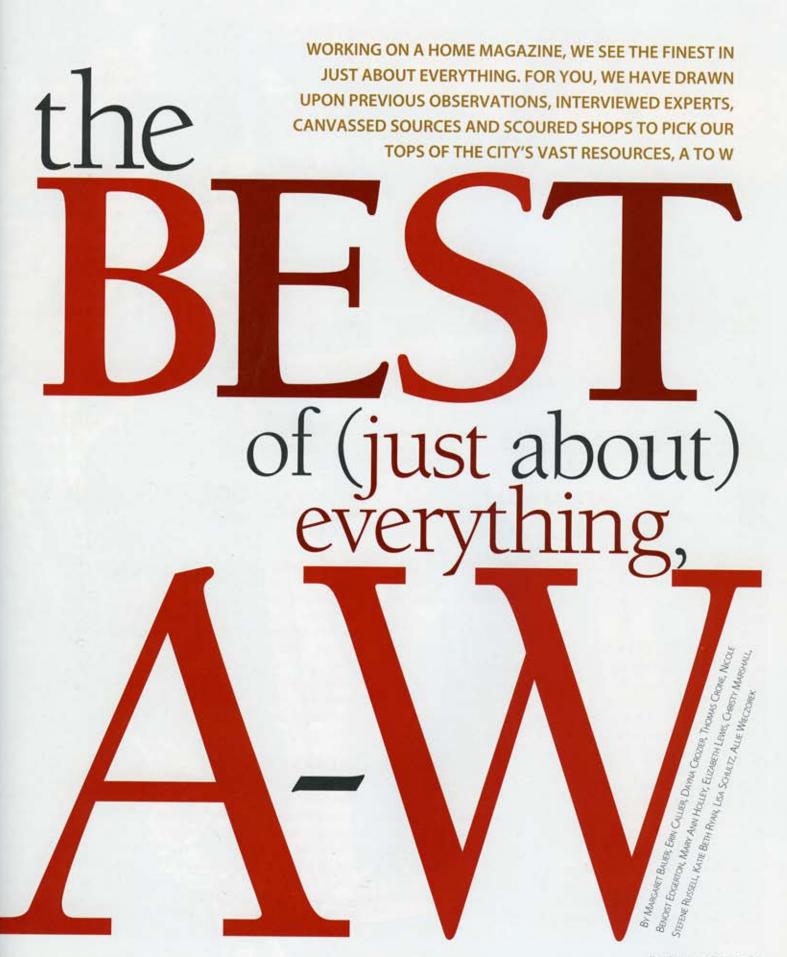
Zollinger Furniture will hand-sand, buff and bring your wooden furniture back to life. If the piece is in fairly good shape, it might need only a French polish (\$500), which involves applying several coats of shellac to restore it to its original luster. If it's a ramshackle wreck, owner Tom Junker will hand-strip, hand-sand and refinish the piece using a multistep process that includes at least five coats of lacquer (which can cost up to \$5,000 for larger pieces).

"Furniture restoration is the core of our business," says Mr. Junker. "People always seem to have pieces that are worth restoring—and people with really fine things want them restored well."

Zollinger has been rubbing, buffing and sewing since 1893; the Junker family has owned the business for the last 80 years. They can also reupholster your old wing chair (\$1,000 to \$1,500 plus cost of fabric) or build replicas of antique pieces to complete a set.







### CURTAIN WORKROOM Pick: ZOLLINGER FURNITURE CO.

Founded by a dentist in 1893, Zollinger Furniture Co. changed ownership decades ago, but the quality of the firm's work has never diminished. Zollinger specializes in custom upholstering, refinishing and woodworking, but their custom draperies have earned the devotion of many St. Louis designers. The staff knows fabric—how it will hang, where to nip and where to pin-tuck. 4821 Fairview, 314-832-1555



## DRY CLEANER Pick: MARQUARD'S CLEANERS

It is no surprise that Marquard's has lasted almost 75 years in this business and racked up a considerable regular clientele: They work extensively on each garment and provide many services that your typical dry cleaner cannot. You can trust them with anything—from your grandmother's christening gown to your best ball gown. In order to ensure that your garments get the care and attention they deserve, try to overlook the slightly higher prices and the at least three- to-five-day waiting period. 7480 Delmar, 314-727-0830

### DRY CLEANER, DRAPERY AND BEDSPREAD Pick: MORGENTHALER'S DRAPERY CLEANERS

Regular readers are possibly getting tired of us mentioning the Morgenthaler name, but hey, they are the best. So cope. We have tested Morgenthaler's against others, and the ladies in Maplewood who inherited the business (which started in 1894) always come out on top. The cleaning is flawless, the rates are reasonable and the turnaround is fast. What's not to like? 7227 Southwest, 314-647-0234

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## ELECTRICIANS Picks: GALANTI ELECTRIC AND BORN ELECTRIC

Calling an electrician can be daunting. You wonder: Will the person show up? And if they do, will they insist on rewiring the entire house? And if they rewire the house, will they leave it in shambles, dirt on the floor, wire shards everywhere? With both Galanti and Born, those fears are unfounded. The workers for both companies arrive on time, are immaculate (the Born boys actually vacuum after they're done) and there isn't a job too big or too small for them to handle. Galanti: 314-724-2320; Born: 636-461-2400



### FENCE, INVISIBLE PICK: PET STOP OF ST. LOUIS

When you want Fido to stay—sans any hair-raising experiences—Pet Stop of St. Louis can keep your admonitions alive and your anxieties low. Pet Stop, recommended by area pet-care specialists, uses high-tech and low voltage to make your pet toe the invisible fence line. Their UltraLite receiver is customizable, simple and effective in keeping your pet close and your nerves intact. The UltraMax will deter even the most determined. A static shock prods your pet into obedience via a rubber-tipped collar. Indoor systems keep Kitty away from baby. Safety shut-offs are also included. Multiple locations and phone numbers, getpetstop.com



## FENCE, WOOD PICK: EASTER FENCE, INC.

Family-owned Easter Fence, Inc., has been making good neighbors throughout the metro area since 1957. Whether you're longing for that white picker fence or prefer the Ft. Knox look, Easter Fence cat accommodate your needs, while keeping your kid and critters safely off the streets. In-shop custor welding on walkway gates, double driveways an even cantilevered gates is no problem for them 314-892-8500, easterfenceinc.com

### FIREPLACES, GAS Pick: FORSHAW OF ST. LOUIS

A local household furnishings institution since 186 Forshaw is known for both interior and exterior products, with an emphasis on quality and price Gas fireplaces are a staple of the business, will options in both traditional wood and stone design 825 S. Lindbergh, 314-993-5570; 13200 Corpora Exchange, 314-874-4300, forshaws.com



