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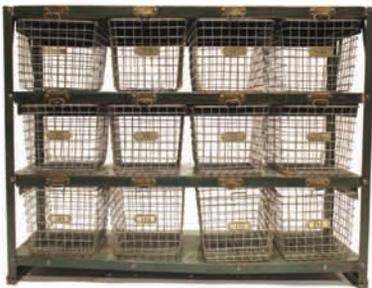


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When we first started this magazine, we always intended to feature Ohio celebrities of national stature on the cover. We were told, “you’re never going to have enough people from Ohio to fill the covers.” Six years later, we’ve stayed true to our original concept and have continued to deliver a steady stream of exclusive, celebrity-based cover features.

This month, we at *C* had the pleasure of shooting Dominique Reighard from *America’s Next Top Model* at BoMA in downtown Columbus. Having graced one of the most popular reality television shows in the country, Dominique glows on our cover and shines during our exclusive interview.

Celebrating more local stars of a different right, we were guests of HILL Distributing’s 75th anniversary event. This local company brings premium spirits like Corona, Guinness and Heineken to Columbus.



DJ Falcoski, Anna Melomud and Roopan Dey at the HILL Distributing 75th Anniversary Party, celebrating one of the premier companies in Columbus. (above) More guests enjoying the products from HILL’s 75th.

The most recent addition to the strolling landscape of the Short North is Black Olive, the creation of Dae Oh (Shoku and Tyfoon) and Amber Fox (*C Magazine*, March 2005 cover). This eclectic restaurant brings in local and international style and food with a neighborhood feel. The *Friends & Family Night* celebration was packed with a local “who’s who” and was one of the most anticipated openings in the city.

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Roopan Dey and Dominique Reighard at BoMA



Amber Fox and Dae Oh at Black Olive. (below) more at Black Olive



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Jason Ohlson at High Street Grill, the new hit restaurant located inside the Westin Hotel

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Tonight I imagine
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 Building.

By Jason E. Ohlson

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COVER STORY

If you've ever seen *America's Next Top Model*, you know how much drama can escalate when 14 beauties are vying for the top prize. During this past season, Columbus' own Dominique Reighard found herself in the midst of her fair share of the drama on the way to being one of the last girls cut. Read about her journey in our exclusive Q&A.

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We kick off this year's Home & Living Issue with three men who know how to improve a home. Ryan Goldberg is creating a new kind of green real estate, while Tom Fortin lives and breathes property rental, and Nick Andrews is the obvious kids' choice winner as manager of Pete Delois' Recreations Outlet in Powell.

16 9 for \$9

Is there anything better than a leisurely lunch to break up the monotony of a hot, summer workday? Before you answer, let us clarify that you're dining on delicious food at extremely reasonable prices. Sound good? Well, as usual, we're bringing 9 of the best your way!

32 RESTAURANT FEATURE

This month, we give you two restaurants for the price of one: *VinoVino* and *Figlio*. Maybe you've stopped by *VinoVino* for one of their famous wine flights, or maybe you've developed an addiction to the insanely tasty pizzas on the *Figlio* menu. Haven't tried either? Then you better get stepping!

36 HOMEWORK

For anyone going through a home renovation, you'll want to check out our Homework feature this month. These homeowners started with a structure that was practically condemned (see, your situation seems better already), and after 8 years of hard work and sweat equity, their perseverance is finally paying off.

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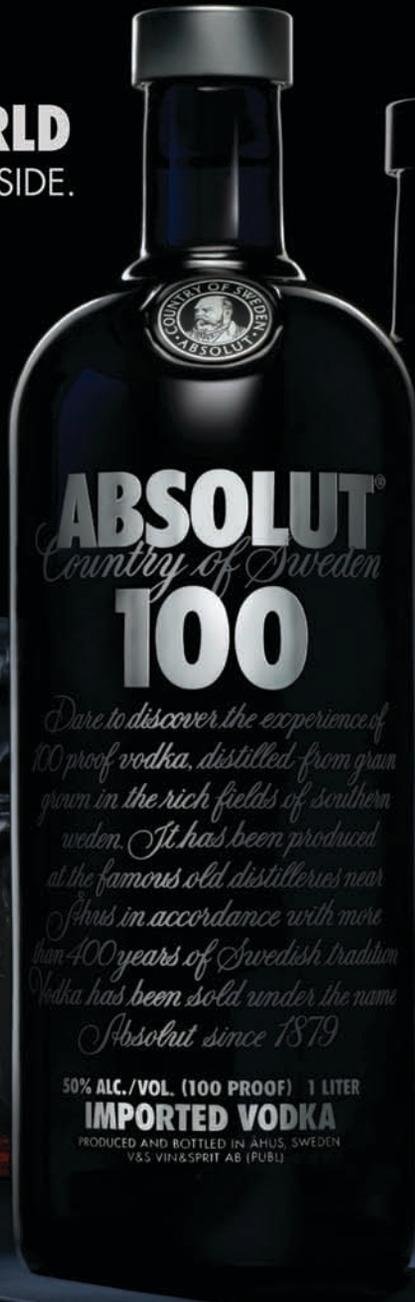
Given that they call themselves 1point3, we tried to solve the mystery behind the name of this local band in our exclusive Q&A. As it turns out, they simply picked a name they liked the sound of—and if powerful instrumentation and screaming vocals are your thing, you'll like their sound, too!

48 FINAL WORD

The final word this month goes to Chuck Gehring, President and CEO of Life Care Alliance. Read about his secret dream to be a professional football player, what he'd order for his last meal and his weakness for White Castle and professional wrestling. Hey, even do-gooders need a break once in a while!



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Nick Andrews

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For many, an overwhelming sense of nostalgia often takes over at the sight of an old-fashioned playground. The mass of bars, the worn-down grass interspersed with patches of exposed dirt, and even the blisteringly hot surface of a metal slide—they all hearken back to the more carefree days of childhood.

And while the phrase ‘some things never change’ can be applied to a great many things, the ever-evolving playground is not one of them. Today’s play systems are designed to be fully customizable, age appropriate and environmentally friendly. They are also extremely safe, and incorporate all sorts of materials: from metal and specially treated lumber to brightly colored (and recycled) plastics and rubber.

In central Ohio, these thoroughly modern contraptions are the bread and butter of Nick Andrews, manager of Pete DeLois’ Recreations Outlet in Powell. The company’s inventory ranges from the nationally renowned Rainbow Play Systems brand, to Goalsetter Basketball Systems, Springfree Trampolines and the Step2 line of

indoor/outdoor toys. Their 14,000 sq. ft. showroom is also a hotspot for young children, as it’s open year-round for play and can be reserved for birthday parties.

“One thing we try to do here is sell high quality products that are built to last a lifetime,” said Andrews. “Parents want to give their kids what they didn’t have, or better than what they did have. We look at warranties, durability, and how well our products will hold up against the elements and weather,” he said.

And while mass merchants like Sam’s Club, Walmart and Toys “R” Us have started getting into the play system market, Andrews notes one big limitation. “Mass merchants just want to sell non-customizable swing sets,” he says. “Our clients can add onto their chosen system, get replacement parts, or adjust the system without leveling their entire yard or building retaining walls. We even offer buy backs on all Rainbow swing sets, and will often trade them in towards a basketball hoop or trampoline,” he said.



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Born to Rent

Tom Fortin

Story | Kristen M. Foley
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As a child, while most of his family worked at Grandview's Fortin Ironworks, Tom Fortin became interested in his family's other business: property rental. He would happily spend his afternoons mowing lawns, cleaning hallways and chatting with tenants. "My mom would pay me \$2 to cut the grass [at the properties]," remembers Fortin. "Honestly, I just felt inspired because I was doing something by myself."

At 16, he bought his first property (a vacant lot) for \$150 at a foreclosure auction. "It was a learning experience and was also something I was doing on my own that was different from the family business," recalls Fortin. "I remember it quite vividly and I was just into it. It was this compulsive thing." Although his mom wanted her middle son to become the family's first doctor, he was secretly pondering how to buy other properties and sell them to his dad's friends. "That worked out sometimes, but not all the time," he laughs. "They just thought it was cute, but it was something that ignited me."

Fortin has come a long way since his vacant lot days; in fact, he's become somewhat of a silent powerhouse in the biz with such ventures as the downtown condo development Carlyle's Watch. His newest venture at 51 Gay Street, a once vacant photo store, will soon house the second location of the popular Short North ZenCha Tea Salon and Fortin also hopes to attract other social businesses to the location, such as dance, yoga and Pilates instructors.

"One of the issues facing our downtown is the fact that we suffer now from affordability and connectivity as it's actually about 40% higher ...to live downtown versus suburban locations," he says. "To help attract and retain people to live downtown, we really have to market and accentuate lifestyle amenities. As I build and redevelop properties into residential or retail spaces, I keep that in mind."

In that same spirit, during City Hop on June 14th, Fortin held a fundraising event at Carlyle's Watch featuring local artists and photographers. All proceeds benefited the Columbus Symphony.

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A New Vision

Ryan Goldberg

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To that end, his communities, like Ashford Park in Sandusky, Ohio, incorporate as many green technologies as possible without charging buyers a premium. These features range from wind turbines for electricity production to easy recycling programs to more subtle details like using permeable pavement to recharge the water table. “Every aspect has been designed to minimize our impact on the planet, without reducing your quality of living,” says Goldberg. “The goal is to reduce utility bills by more than half, and to eventually eliminate them altogether.”

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If we assigned personalities to the family of restaurants encompassing Surly Girl Saloon, Betty's Fine Food + Spirits, Tip Top Kitchen & Cocktails, Surly Girl would undoubtedly be the rowdy, punk rocker of the bunch. Their food menu runs the gamut from the fiery Salad From Hell, to a spicy take on the peanut butter and banana sandwiches of your youth (box of chocolate milk, marshmallows and a cupcake all included). We couldn't get enough of the **Deluxe Veggie Melt (\$8)**, as it's quite possibly the most delicious combination of several vegetables since the debut of V8!

Pei Wei

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Love P.F. Chang's but don't have the time for a sit-down meal? Worry no more. Pei Wei is the new Chang's concept that offers an entire menu under \$10, filled with all sorts of familiar pan-Asian delights made with more care than most full-scale restaurants. Everything is fresh, they serve beer and wine and they tweaked their menu just enough to tout their culinary class. During our visit, we nailed it with the Lo Mein Noodles and the **Chicken Thai Dynamite (\$7.75)** in Sriracha chili sauce with soy, lime, scallions, red bell pepper, carrot and Thai basil.



Chicken Thai Dynamite for \$7.75 from Pei Wei

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Though the restaurant formerly known as B.G. Salvi's is now known as Salvi's Bistro, rest assured that Chef Salvi's original recipes have stood the test of time. If you're a fan of brunch and/or buffets, you do not want to miss their Sunday spread: Prime Rib, over 25 feet of desserts, an omelet station, a waffle station, and the list goes on. For our lunch purposes, we dined on Shrimp Bruschetta that was practically perfect in every way, and a truly decadent helping of **Chicken Marsala (\$8.50)**. To our delight, the dish came with PastaSalvi, the deep-fried, cheesy pasta brick that put the place on the map!



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It's nice to get a local, food-friendly vibe downtown during lunch. Café Lola, located just east of High on Broad, operates in a fashion that reminds you that your lunch hour isn't the house's first rodeo. Lola's food is consistent, quickly prepared and familiar in concept. It's also really friggin' good, breakfast and lunch. During at least one visit, be sure to try the **Spicy Thai Noodle Salad (\$5.50)**—linguine tossed with red cabbage, celery, carrots, and chilled chicken tossed in a slightly spicy Thai dressing.



Spicy Thai Noodle Salad for \$5.50 at Café Lola

Motorcycle Marvel

MotoStars: Celebrities + Motorcycles



The Motorcycle Hall of Fame Museum, the country's premier showcase of motorcycling heritage and history opened its newest exhibit *MotoStars: Celebrities + Motorcycles* on June 28th. From music to movies to motor-sports, the Pickerington, Ohio Museum is packed with recognizable enthusiasts, their unique two-wheeled wonders, exclusive memorabilia and tales from celebrities' favorite biking adventures.

A Buell motorcycle owned by Queensryche guitarist Mike Stone and Erik Buell-designed guitar will be featured alongside custom motorcycles built for Def Leppard drummer Ric Allen and Blink182 drummer Travis Barker. On a deeper note, Chad McQueen honors his legendary father, the late actor Steve McQueen with memorabilia, photos

and McQueen's competition motorcycle from the International Six Day Trials.

Custom motorcycle builders such as Ed "Big Daddy" Roth, Von Dutch, Cyril Huze and Sara Liberte, now recognized as artists in their own right, are also highlighted during the six-month exhibit.

When the tour is over and you want more than memories, The Motorcycle Hall of Fame Museum will offer *MotoStars: Celebrities + Motorcycles, The Book*, in conjunction with the exhibit. More details about the book, "MotoStars: Celebrities + Motorcycles," are available at www.motorcyclemuseum.org. Grab your helmet and get going!

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High Street Grill

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Hopefully, the beginning trend in Columbus of promoting a hotel's identity and utilitarian appeal to the general public through in-house, full-service restaurants keeps growing, because the new restaurant inside the Westin is no joke. Both the lunch and dinner menus are legit; neither one plays a fool to a single dish. From excitingly flavorful **Flatbreads (\$9 and up)**, to classic salads simply done right, to entrees that actually allow intelligent taste to shine through, hotel dining culture gets a shot of steroids from the High Street Grill. Case in point: their kindly portioned Alaskan Salmon Burger made with spinach, feta, pine nuts, lettuce and tomato. Wow!



Portobello Mushroom Tomato Cheese Melt for \$8 from Bexley Monk

Get Your Groove On



For those who miss their Wednesday nights at the Columbus Music Hall with Yumbambé, grab a lawn chair or blanket and head down to Upper Arlington on July 10th from 6:30 – 8 p.m. for some Afro-Cuban Jazz and Salsa. This is just one of the great performances held at the Municipal Services Center North Lawn as part of the city's free summer concert series, Music in the Parks. Visit www.ua-ohio.net for further details.



Beer Here!

Feel like a weekend road trip? Then the 3rd Annual Ohio Brew Week, returning to Athens, Ohio on July 14th-19th, is for you. The event includes seminars on the history of beer, the history of taverns, home brewing demonstrations, cooking with beer demonstrations, cornhole and dart tournaments, as well as local musicians and beer song contests. Head to www.ohiobrewweek.com for a full schedule of activities.

Genji Japanese Steakhouse

5874 Sawmill Rd. (614) 792-2500

Got Yum Yum? Genji does. Yum Yum sauce can be used on anything from salad to rice, beef to chicken, shrimp to scallops and perhaps even a dollop in your soup or on ice cream. A quick rattle of the salt and peppershakers and the knife-juggling chef is underway, chopping, mixing and crafting your lunch right in front of you. With the familiar flavors of teriyaki and soy, the **Vegetable Lunch (\$8.95)** is one of many lunchtime possibilities that range from surf to turf. Plus, they all include soup or salad, and fried rice.



Vegetable Lunch for \$8.95 from Genji's Japanese Steakhouse

Jimmy V's Grill & Pub

1788 W. 5th Ave. (614) 487-1717

There must be something in the sauce that's feeding the popularity of Jimmy V's. Jimmy recently opened his second location at the old Lu Lu's in Grandview, while the original pub has been growing strong in German Village for three years now. It could be the witty bartenders, the happy hour specials or just its cool and quaint neighborhood bar vibe. But after experiencing their **Traditional Greek Gyro (\$5.25)**, served on house-made pita with slow-roasted gyro meat, tomato, onion, feta and some of the best tzaziki in town, it's gotta' be the sauce.



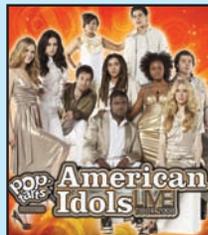
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Idolized

If you took part in the "Battle of the Davids" by calling or texting your votes back in May, then American Idols Live on July 20th at Value City Arena is a once-in-a-lifetime event that can't be missed! Join Season 7 winner David Cook, runner-up David Archuleta, inexplicably underpraised standout Carly Smithson and the rest of the Top 10 Idols as they sing the hits they performed on the show. Check out www.schottensteincenter.com for more info!



Beyond the Backyard

Looking to add a little art into your life? Take a little walk through *In The Garden*, an exhibition highlighting eleven contemporary Ohio artists who focus on garden-related imagery in their photographs. The exhibit, held June 23rd - August 29th at the Miller Gallery of Otterbein College, showcases artists who address the garden theme through different eyes and with different photographic media. Visit www.otterbein.edu to find more information.

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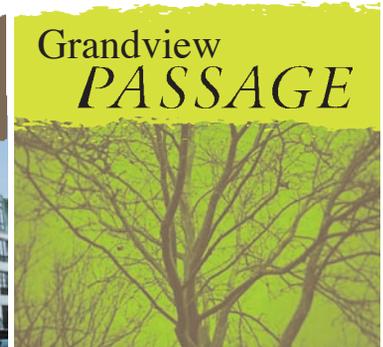


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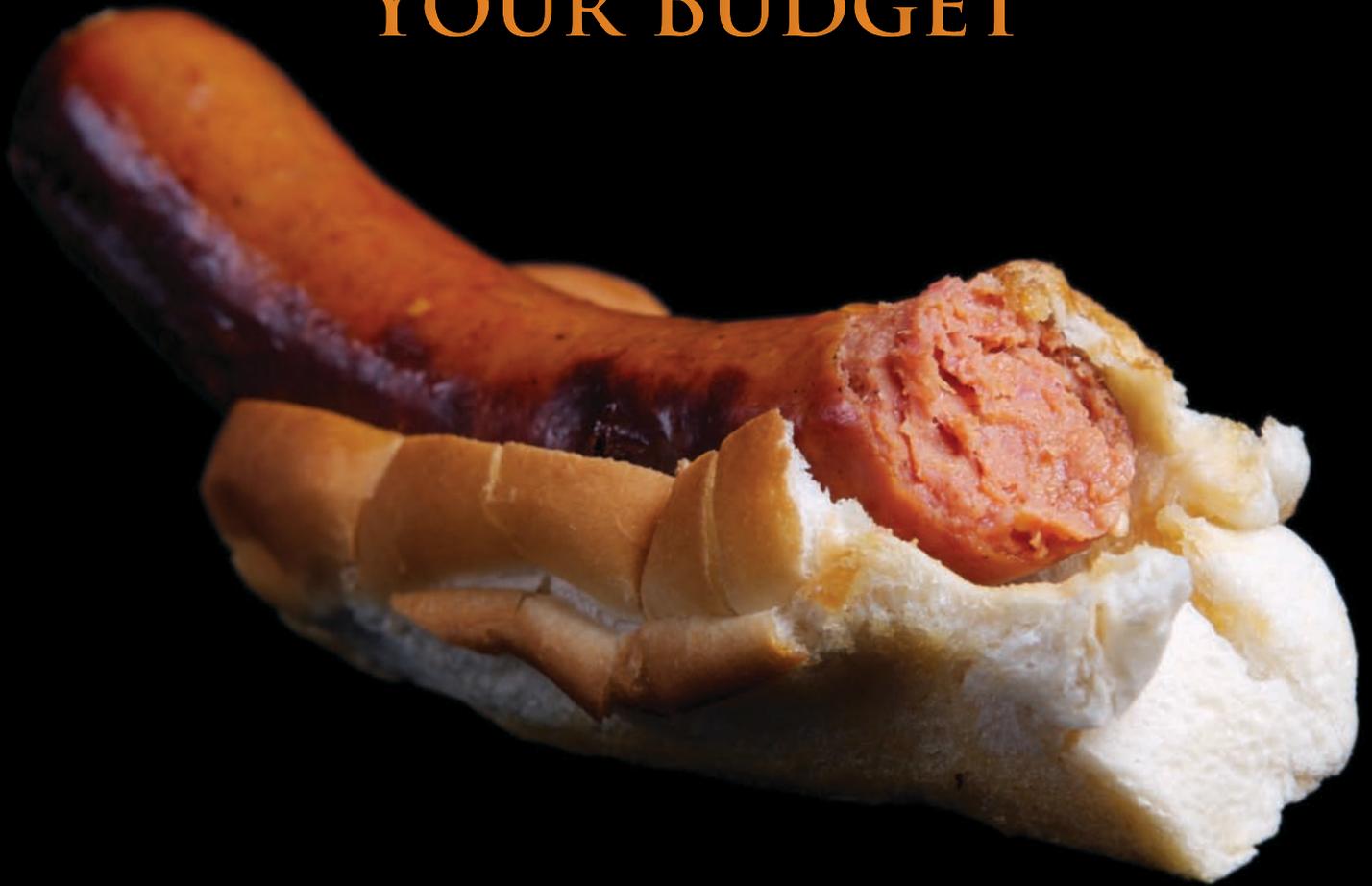
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Dominique Reighard is a diva. The Columbus-native and former contestant on *Cycle 10* of *America's Next Top Model* is strong-willed, opinionated, fashion-savvy, has a tendency to talk about herself in the third person and knows exactly what she wants out of life.

While many of those attributes define a true diva, Reighard is defined by more than what you would have seen on the show. She's downright hilarious, isn't afraid to let you in on her beauty secrets (even the ones you never thought she'd share—can you say weave?), and above everything else, she's a dedicated, single mom of a three-year-old girl. Everything she does in life, according to Reighard, is now for her.

Despite the fact that Reighard was the tenth contestant ousted from the show, she also firmly believes that she'll end up more successful than the winner of the show. Her confidence is surprising yet refreshing, especially after the judges not only tried to break her down pose by pose with their often harsh critiques of her modeling style, but when they focused on her features in general. Reighard readily admits that receiving comments on her look as “hard” or “transvestite like” weren't always easy to take, especially when she knew the world was watching.

Most reality television stars claim they were “victims of editing,” but Reighard admitted to *C Magazine* that, “what you see, is what you get” when it comes to her sometimes over-the-top personality. While TV is known to magnify a situation, especially the funny looks she used to give the other contestants, she came out of the experience knowing there is more to her than what viewers saw on their TV screens.

C MAGAZINE: You tried out five times for *America's Next Top Model*. What kept you motivated to keep going back?

DOMINIQUE REIGHARD: It was one of those things when you look at the TV and look in magazines and just everything going on in the industry and you are like, “I can do this too.” I was here in Columbus, Ohio and I was trying to find the first step to get to LA or New York. Also, I almost lost my life having my child and I decided I was going to follow my dreams after that because I want my daughter to follow her dreams. I thought I was going to be on *Cycle 9* and I didn't get called for it. So when I didn't get the call, I got up and moved to LA.

Q: Where did you have to go for *America's Next Top Model*?

A: Once they called me to see if I wanted to be on the show, I was out in LA. It is funny how if you keep pushing, something will always pull though. This industry is all about selling yourself, no matter how ugly, pretty or awkward you are. After that, I moved back to Columbus, got an administrative assistant job at Polaris and waited until I got to go back to LA.

Q: Why move back to Columbus?

A: Honestly, so I didn't get stuck in a lease while I was on the show.

Q: So you didn't have to audition for *Cycle 10*?

A: I still had to go through and do all of the taping so they could use it for the show. It was already concrete before that. I really worked hard for it, despite meeting so many people in the industry or who were connected to the show before even getting on the show.

Q: Do you see yourself as a celebrity?

A: I don't. I look at myself like the show is just a steppingstone. I am not where I want to be in my career and life. There is so much more for me to do and learn and grow and experience. To settle now would be unsatisfying to me. I am blessed now because I am not just a model but a personality, too. There are other things that I have always wanted to venture out and do, like correspondence work and getting into acting—maybe even have my own talk show. I really want to do my own clothing line one day. I have been really thinking about it a lot lately. The options are there and I have been so

blessed. It would be stupid for me not to take it and run with it and really push myself even more.

Q: When you got on this cycle, did they ever tell you why you got picked for *Cycle 10* and not *Cycle 9*?

A: It is really hard to say. It's so funny the way they pick up. Every girl goes through extensive examinations (I mean with different psychologists and things). Maybe it was because a girl has a similar look or personality as me. So when they do this, it is strategically planned. They know who is going to clash with whom and they pretty well know what is going to happen.

Q: When you are gone, you have no access to anything?

A: No...no TV... no music... you can't sing. A lot of people look at it as being easy, but you still have to maintain your



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 Brave metallic belt

bills and everything at home. There is a lot of sacrifice that goes into it. Yeah, they give you this amazing opportunity, but you still have to prepare yourself to be able to do it. And when you are there, it is a very stressful situation and not easy. It is a stressful situation and people are beating you down with words every day. You definitely have to be really

grounded with yourself. It is really difficult when you are secluded and you are being criticized like that all the time and can't talk to your family. I'm a single mom, so it was difficult only being able to talk to them three or four times for like 15 minutes.

Q: How long were you there?
A: Two and a half months.

Q: Did you go in with a certain vision of what was going to happen to you?
A: You know what, I am so positive it's insane. I went into the show thinking I was going to win. I was highly disappointed when I got eliminated. Even all the way up to when I got eliminated, I thought I was going to win. Maybe it had

to do with that they put so much attention on me all the time. I got criticized the most and maybe more than all of the girls there. It didn't bother me because I was on *Talk Soup* every other weekend and it got me that much more airtime. I don't know if that was their plan for me, but I actually thought I was going to win. I'm very optimistic.

Q: Do you feel like you were true to yourself?

A: OH YEAH! If anything, it forced me to be more true to myself than I would have been in the real world. There were times when people were so mean to me and a lot of the things that were said were edited out. So you didn't know why I said the things that I did. I kept my integrity to myself. I never called anyone outside of her name. I never

“You know what, I am so positive it's insane.”

use curse words. I expressed how I felt. I kept it moving and I believe the show captured who I really am. I can't say they didn't. That is me on TV whether it is edited or not. I think you got the true essence of who I am. I like to talk a lot. I get on people's nerves because I talk way too much. I think I am funny. Yeah, I am really confident. I don't think I am conceited or arrogant and sometimes I am over-the-top. I do talk in the 3rd person a lot. I think it captures who I am. I was respectful to everyone. I was grateful for the opportunity and when difficult times arose, I handled them with grace and kept it going.

Q: How did you push through all the criticism from the judges?

A: Well, I have to say I made them work for me and not against me. In this industry, everyone is going to have an opinion. When we met Elle MacPherson, she was telling me how in the beginning of her career she met with clients who did not like her and really brought her down. But, she made the decision to keep her attitude positive. Sometimes the same person that doesn't like you now might like you the next time around. I think the most important thing is being grounded in this



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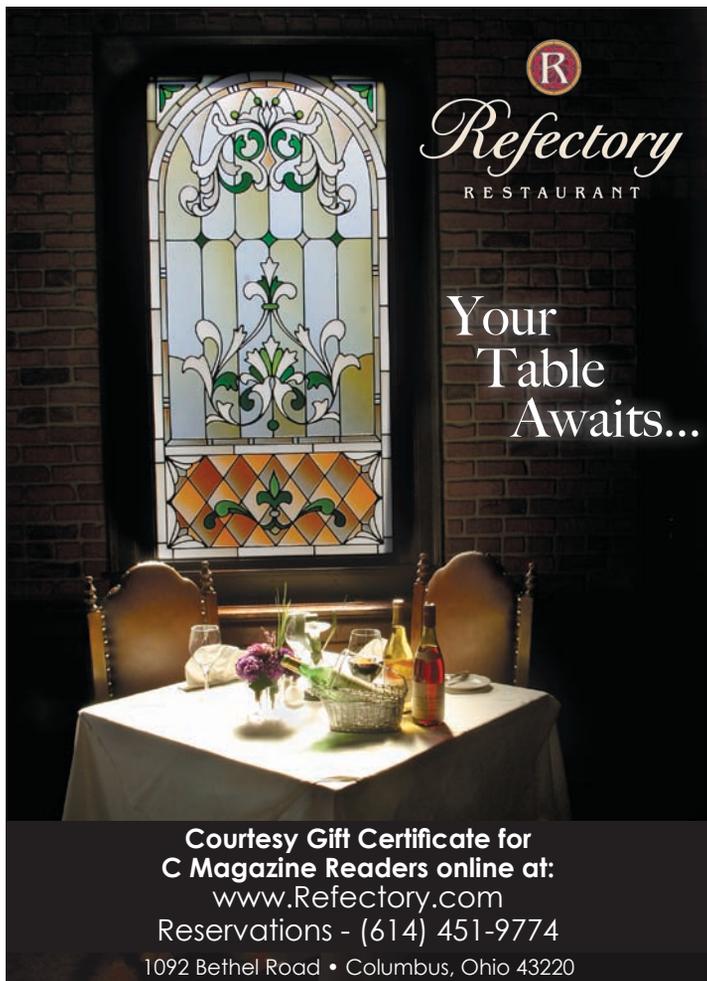
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industry and not letting what people say affect how you feel or what you think and your attitude. And your attitude is the most important thing. There is nothing better than meeting someone beautiful and loving being around them. Despite what they said

about me at panel, I looked inside myself. I took some things in. I made it work for me, not against me.

Q: Was there anything you wish they wouldn't have caught on tape?

A: The moments when I made the

really awkward facial expressions. When people are following you around 24/7, they get you in really awkward positions.

Q: What else did you want to gain being on the show besides winning?

A: I gained an amazing amount of exposure. We had billboards in New York, LA and all across the country. The show is everywhere, in 120 countries. To me, it is almost a blessing in disguise, because now I have more options versus being stuck in a contract as the winner. I make whatever I want out of my career. I made it far enough to take advantage of that.

Q: Did you get to keep the pictures from ANTM?

A: Yeah, they sent me a nice book, but I am in the process of revamping my look. My website will be up, DominiqueReighard.com. I am keeping my options open as far as agencies and management. I don't want to get stuck, because it is so easy to get stuck.

Q: What advice would you give to someone else not in the modeling industry?

A: Make it work for you, not against me. They called me a transvestite practically every panel and I made it work for me. Transvestites are some of the most beautiful women in the world. Half the time, you don't even know they are transvestites. Am I

I do talk in the 3rd person a lot. I think it captures who I am."

offended? No. I think you are telling me I look fierce. Everyone is going to have something to say about you.

Q: What made you interested in the industry in the first place?

A: I think it goes back to when I was 9 years old and I used to watch *E! Television* and they would have all of the backstage modeling shows. I used to make my brothers videotape me and I used to think I was Mariah Carey, but better. I would play it back and watch and study myself.

Q: How would you describe your own sense of style?

A: I'm a diva. I'm so over-the-top, I can't help it. I love anything that is different. I love big hair. I love





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to wear high heels all day long, and even when I was pregnant, I wore high heels. I love dressing up and wearing make-up. My favorite part about going out is getting ready. My friends can't stand me. After we get all diva-fied and go out, I am ready to go home after about 15 minutes. I love accessories, high heels and I got my weave back after they cut my hair really short on the show. Now I feel good about myself.

Q: You have five minutes to get ready for a night out. What are the three signature pieces you grab.

A: The perfect high heel, the cutest little vintage clutch bag and my makeup.

Q: Your heel?

A: A stiletto.

Q: You are in the middle of a photo shoot. How do you stay focused?

A: I think the biggest thing is just connecting. Sometimes you have to put things aside. What I do when I'm in the middle of a photo shoot and it's not going well is go outside and scream as loud as I can. I do some jumping jacks and come back in.

Q: What is the best advice you got from Tyra on the show?

A: Tyra always talked about turning it off and on—being an actress in front of the camera. She used to always say, "Soften it up, Dominique." They always told me I had such strong features.

Q: Do you feel like living in Columbus has helped or hindered your career?

A: It has not hindered my career. It's all about the person. Like I said, as long as I have my computer and the Internet, the sky is the limit. Before I started traveling, I worked with a lot of local photographers here. If it is really something you want, you can find a way to keep it moving. I don't think there are any excuses. It has all been done before!

Q: Where in Columbus did you grow up?

A: The Bexley area.

Q: Print or runway?

A: Runway.

Q: Prada or Gucci?

A: I love D².

Q: 1st person or 3rd person?

A: 3rd.

Q: Diva or princess?

A: My daughter is the princess; I'm the diva.

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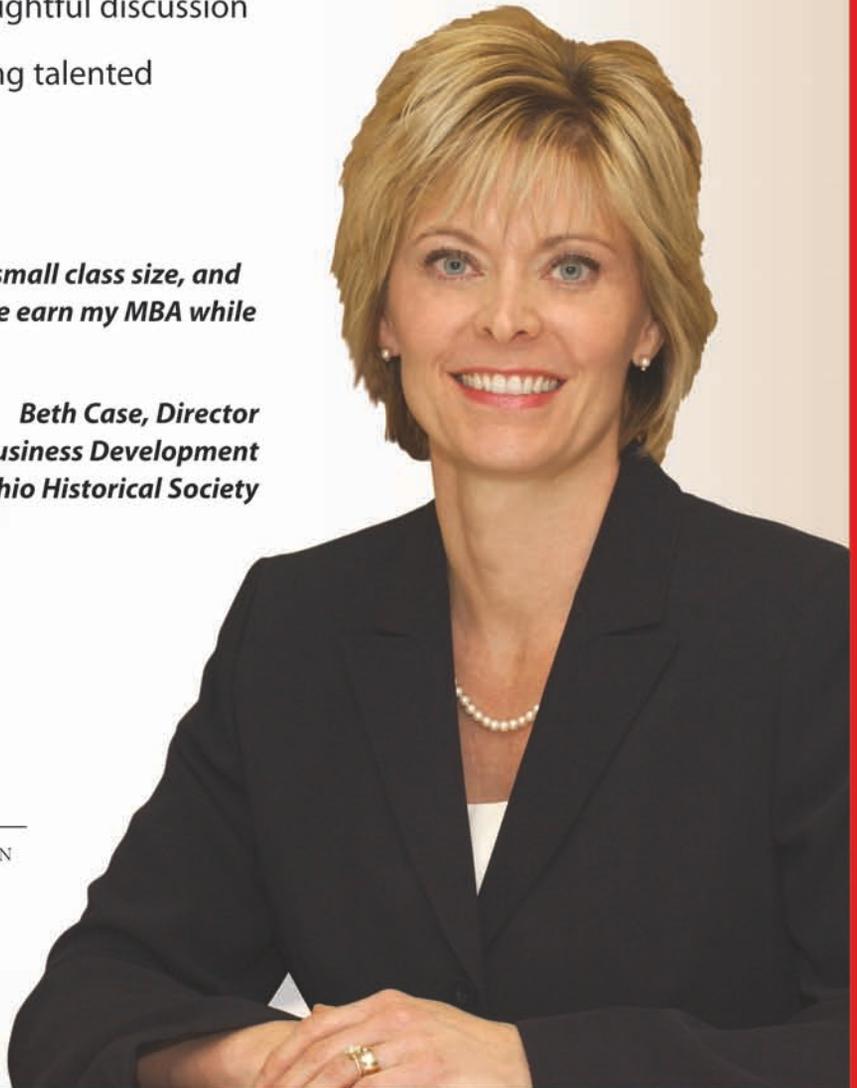
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martini, Cosmo or a three ounce pour of a house white or red wine. Ordinarily, one should be very leery of “house wines”, but at Vino Vino, they have a Cruvinet. For those who know what that means, there’s no more to say. For laypeople, let’s just say that anyone who cares enough to invest in a system like the Cruvinet to manage their wine-by-the-glass program, cares enough about wine that they would never in a zillion years serve crap as “house wine”—even at three bucks a glass.

At Vino Vino, you can count on their house wines to be very interesting indeed. Sometimes they serve a varietal that no one has ever heard of before, while other times they will serve a unique treatment of a familiar grape, perhaps produced in an unusual region. Still others are outstanding examples of well-known grapes

and styles that are amazingly affordable for their quality.

Speaking of amazingly affordable for the quality, the four-dollar menu has the best fish taco that any of us at C have had while not sitting on a beach. The tortilla is covered in crispy shredded cabbage then topped with grilled white fish, creamy cilantro sauce and salsa. Vino Vino’s salsa is made mostly from pineapples, which adds an even island-ier feel to an already island-y feeling dish. In fact, this fish taco alone gives Vino Vino all the cred they need to call their hour happy. And, it really is an hour. That’s freaking awesome!

Given that happy hour at Vino Vino actually is both happy and only an hour, it is easy to miss it every now and again. Never fear, the regular menu is just as terrific as the happy hour one,

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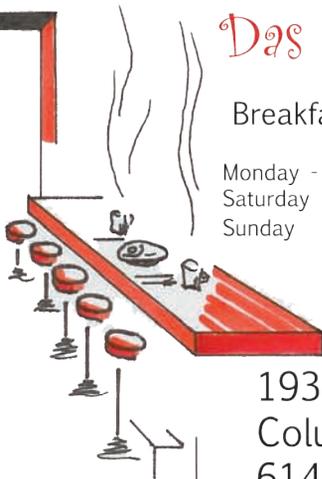
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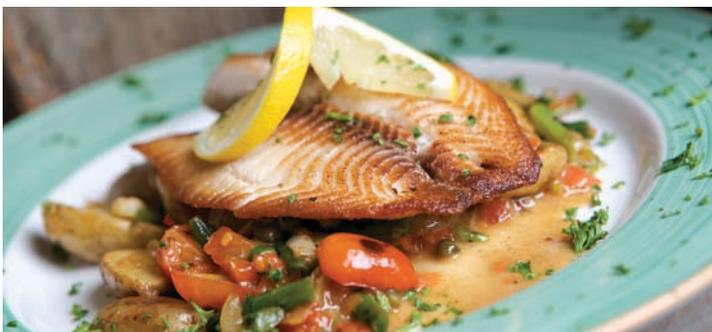
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and it isn't much more expensive, either. The high-dollar items are no more than fifteen dollars. For the most part, those are the entrees, like pistachio crusted chicken and beef tenderloin, and a couple of the pastas, like the ocean-tastic Linguine Diablo, which is crammed full of shrimp, scallops and salmon in a spicy cream sauce.

Vino Vino's sister restaurant, Figlio, has been serving top-notch pastas and wood-fired pizzas in the space next door for seventeen years. There's a symbiosis between the two places that makes either experience truly enjoyable. Figlio does have a more casual vibe to it, right down to the look of the menu—but is no less classy. The wine selections on Figlio's list are all exemplars of very familiar styles, like California Chardonnay or Tuscan Chianti. The Figlio side has more of a grab-a-bite feel than Vino Vino, but the casualness doesn't belie the high quality of the food, atmosphere and service, which all excel. In fact, having Figlio so close to Vino Vino might present problems to people dining in larger groups, since some people will invariably want to sit on the Figlio side, while others will prefer the Vino side. The only viable solution is to compromise and come back often enough that everyone is happy with the quantity of times they got to sit on their favorite side.

A selling point for those pulling

for the Vino Vino side is the wine flight program that they have available. It's a way to simultaneously get one's drink on while learning a thing or two. The constituent elements of the flights change on a regular basis, but, like most of the wines at Vino Vino, they are carefully selected to showcase interesting varietals, styles, terroirs, etc. Each three-glass flight comes with an informational flyer that explains the essentials of the wines without slipping into that pretentious wine-enthusiast vernacular that sitcom writers use to make their characters sound snobbish. If the varietal in the wine is less familiar to American wine drinkers, like Torrontes for example, then the text will clearly and plainly explain in the vein of something like: "If you used to drink Pinot Grigio, give it up. Try this grape that is practically the only thing they drink in Argentina." It may have a night-blooming floral aroma and a stone fruit and flint expression that gives away its origin, but that means far less to Pinot Grigio drinkers than Vino's more direct and easily accessible approach.

There are many ways for diners to experience a meal at either Vino Vino or Figlio, and it's possible that a single set of diners eating there every day for a week would never have the same experience twice. And while the day, meal and company may change, the fun will always be reliably fantastic.

Homework

how to live



Vintage Beauty

Olde Towne East, Ohio

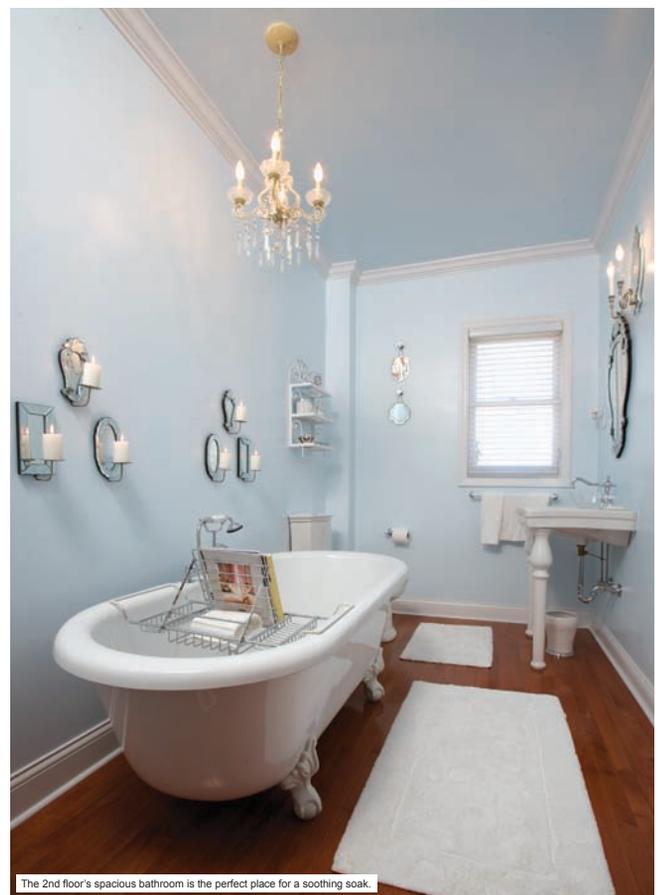
Story | Michael Scott
Photography | Eric Wagner

If you're familiar with the content we choose to run in *C Magazine*, you know we have a passion for featuring some of the most industrious and hard-working people in central Ohio. In keeping with that tradition, we've found that the homeowners from this month's Homework feature are no exception. As you can plainly see from the photos contained in the next two pages, this particular couple has spent the last 8 years meticulously renovating their turn-of-the-century American foursquare located in an up-and-coming neighborhood of Olde Towne East. And with regard to their laborious efforts to restore the home's original beauty, we couldn't be more pleased to report that they have truly succeeded at recapturing the splendor of years gone by.

Take for instance, their desire to preserve the home's architectural integrity. Every effort was made to keep as much of the original woodwork as possible, which includes flooring throughout the entire house, pocket doors, and the three-level staircase railing. For missing pieces and problem areas, the couple hired

local millwright and woodworking expert Vance Wright to match the home's original quarter sawn Tiger Oak wood pattern. His expertise was further utilized in the creation of several new pieces built to the owners' specifications. A great example can be found in the dining room where a 5-piece bookshelf was designed to display a gorgeous (and not to mention huge) piece of blown glass art by Stephen Rolfe Powell.

While the integrity of the home's original structure was of great importance to these homeowners, there was just no escaping the fact that some modernizing had to be done. At the time of purchase, the home didn't pass inspection and they were warned not to buy it. During their first visit, they found that 26 jacks were holding up the kitchen floor to keep it from collapsing. The home had no central heating or air conditioning, the electrical wiring and plumbing hadn't been updated in years, and the interior was home to rotting walls, non-working fireplaces and fixtures from several decades past. But even though it was their



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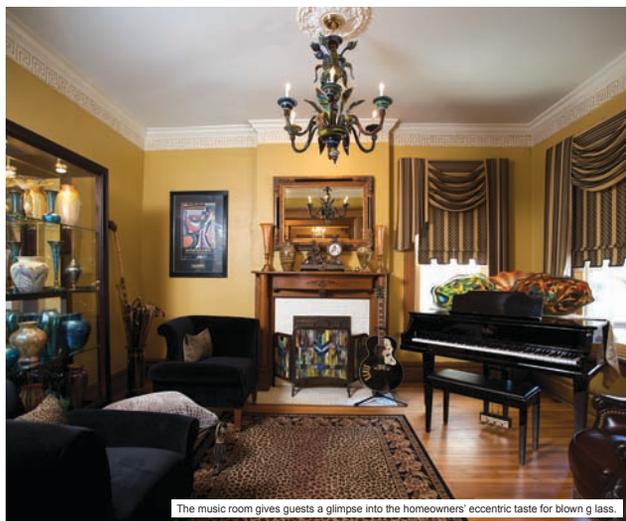
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Though plans are underway to update countertops and appliances, the kitchen's historic beauty will be forever preserved.



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The music room gives guests a glimpse into the homeowners' eccentric taste for blown glass.

first experience renovating an older home, they fearlessly dove right into replacing the basement's beams (which, not surprisingly, raised the house over 3 inches), replacing multiple walls and all windows, installing two separate HVAC systems, and updating the plumbing and electricity. And as if all that wasn't enough, the couple also chose to live in the house *while* they renovated it—which, and this *is* surprising, never led to any physical violence toward each other!

Though the house has been renovated to impress throughout, there are still a few highlights worth special mention. Within the last two years, the homeowners were finally able to start making changes to the 3rd floor, turning it into a guest suite of just over 900 sq. ft. The bright, sunny space boasts a brand new vaulted ceiling and a beautiful walk-in shower with a glass block wall. The home also has an oversized master suite, dedicated sitting area and a brand new bathroom.

Adjacent to the master suite is a bedroom that was turned into a dressing room with built-in wardrobes, dressers and shelving. On the main floor, the music room's fireplace has original tile-work, a Tiger Oak mantle and parts of cast bronze, while the living room's fireplace is made of marble and parts of cast bronze. The kitchen has a tin ceiling and multi-layered cornice molding, and outdoors is a covered deck overlooking a paved brick backyard with a large garden.

But most impressively of all is the

couple's art collection. The gentleman of the house is not only a blown glass artist himself, but he and his family have been collecting blown glass pieces for over 50 years. Because of this, the newly renovated home has, to a large extent, become an elaborate gallery for showcasing some truly unique glass artwork. In the music room, for example, guests will find several of the homeowner's original blown glass spin-outs displayed atop the piano. There is also a large glass armoire displaying several pieces by world famous artist Victor Durand. The room's other showpiece is an intricate blown glass chandelier originally made in Murano, Italy. Across the hall and into the living room are several pieces (including a lamp) by Charles Lotton, another world famous artist.

As for more traditional artwork, the homeowners have purchased several paintings to really put the finishing touches on their restoration. One portrait in particular was acquired from a local antique shop in Columbus. The seller didn't know the artist's name, but could tell from the painter's style that he (or she) was a Columbus artist. When the portrait (which prominently features the faces of three women) was being cleaned, the art restorer offered to do some touch-ups to make the women appear more attractive. But, staying true to their vision of celebrating the home's original time period, the homeowners politely declined and opted to keep the piece, just like much of the rest of the house, as original as possible.

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Robot Hive

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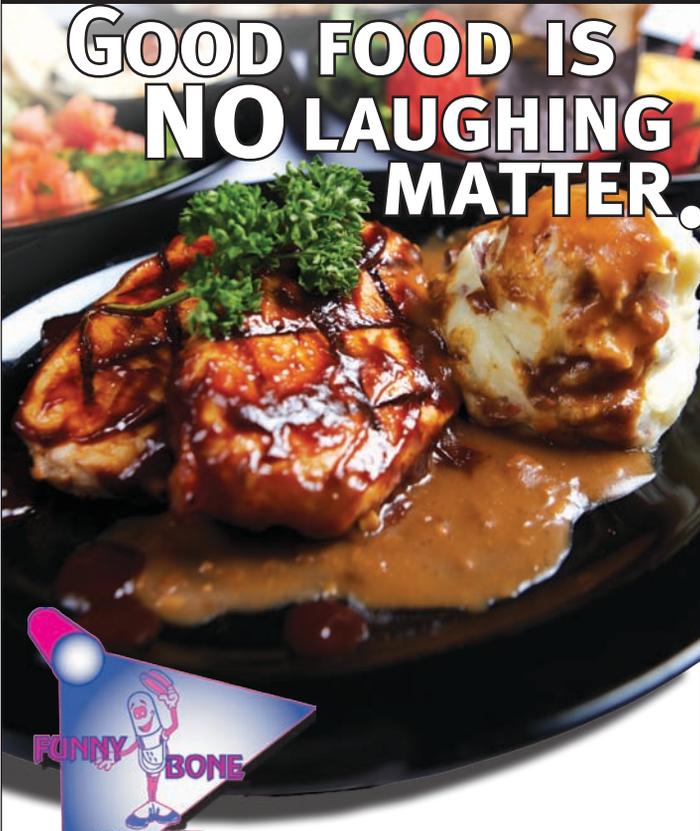
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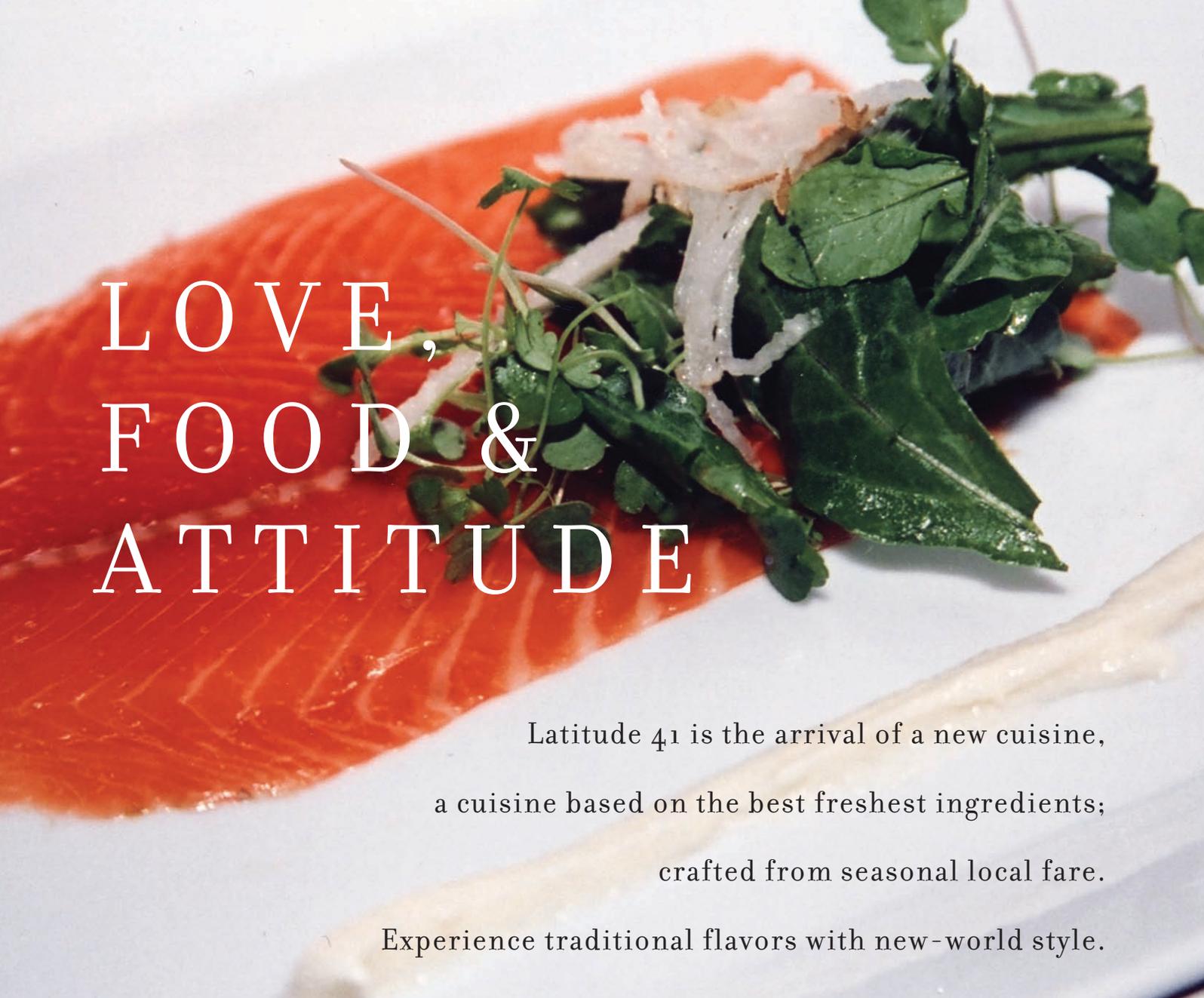
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Grin and Bear It

This year's Memorial Tournament took place from Thursday, May 29th to Sunday, June 1st at the Muirfield Village Golf Club. The tournament, which was presented this year by Morgan Stanley, was the perfect excuse for several parties hosted at homes located on the golf course. At the end of a long weekend of great weather, golfer Kenny Perry took home the championship trophy.



Courting Legends

The Ohio Basketball Hall of Fame held its 3rd annual induction ceremony on May 17th at the Columbus Convention Center, celebrating 22 of our state's greatest basketball legends. The evening included dinner, a silent auction, induction ceremony and a speech by guest speaker, Jim Burson. Fans from all over Ohio were given the chance to interact with their favorite basketball stars throughout the evening.



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Several weeks later, while driving home from work, a deer ran across the highway and hit the front hood and left side of my car. Miraculously, the car stood up to the force of the deer, the engine was not damaged and I arrived home safely. I felt no great impact from this accident and incurred no injuries.

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All in a Name

1point3

Story | Cary Smith
Photo | Eric Wagner

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"There's a bunch of jokes out there about what our name means," says Mike Maxwell, lead singer and guitarist. "The truth is there really isn't any reason for our name other than it just sounded good to us."

The band formed in 2000 when Maxwell saw bassist Skot Thompson playing in another band and decided to steal him for his own brainchild. Shortly thereafter, they nabbed drummer Chad Johnson from another band and started to pump their loud and brutal version of rock 'n roll into bars and clubs in the Columbus area.

"A lot has changed since we first started playing," says Thompson. "We used to try and cram as many parts as we could into a song, which made it hard on us and the audience. We play a more traditional song structure now."

That "traditional" song structure consists of a blistering array of powerful riffs covered by powerful screaming vocals and at least a couple of time signatures to switch through. The end result is a mix of traditional slayer-like metal with a touch of punk and vocals that will tear through the audience.

"I'm really good at what I do," says Maxwell. "It's just the only way that I know how to sing. If I were on *American Idol* or in some pop band, I would be singing the same way. I can't sing any other way."

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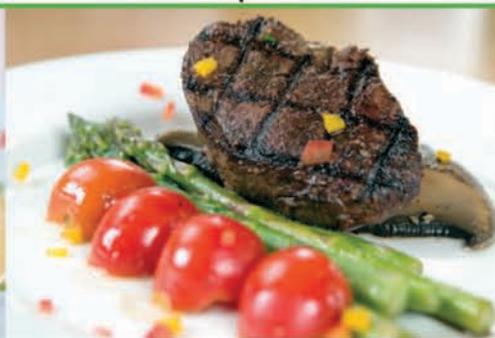
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Final Word

Who's who



Hand Over Fist Chuck Gehring

Interview | Michael Scott
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Once a month, *C Magazine* interviews a prominent Columbus figure to discuss why he or she wakes up in the morning. This month, we sat down with Good Samaritan and community caregiver Chuck Gehring, President and CEO of Life Care Alliance.

C Magazine: Your secret dream is...?

Gehring: I would love to be a professional football player.

C Magazine: What is your favorite restaurant in Columbus?

Gehring: Oh, there are lots of them. I'd say Columbus Brewing Company is one.

C Magazine: You're walking down death row... what was your very last meal?

Gehring: A nice, grilled piece of salmon, some macaroni and cheese and apple pie with ice cream.

C Magazine: What do you find yourself saying all the time?

Gehring: "Trust me."

C Magazine: Which musician (or band) has inspired you the most?

Gehring: Believe it or not, AC/DC, just because of the music. I know their lyrics are not inspirational at all, but their music is driving, so that's always good.

C Magazine: What are your three biggest vices?

Gehring: My once-a-month glass of wine, probably White Castle and professional wrestling.

C Magazine: Columbus is the single best city for...?

Gehring: Living and raising kids. I mean, I grew up here, and I just think it's the greatest city around.

C Magazine: What's the best way to spend a lunch break?

Gehring: For me, it's to have lunch with a donor to this agency. I would rather do that than anything else.

C Magazine: What's the most dangerous thing you've ever done?

Gehring: Probably trying to waterski. I know that's not very dangerous, but that's the pathetic life I lead.

C Magazine: Of all the vacation's you've taken in your life, which vacation was your most memorable?

Gehring: I'd probably have to say going to Hawaii on my honeymoon 26 years ago. There's nothing like Hawaii; it's like another planet.

C Magazine: If you could meet anyone, dead or alive, who'd it be?

Gehring: Well, you got to say Jesus Christ, don't you? I mean, if I could meet him, that would be just the end-all in your life.

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