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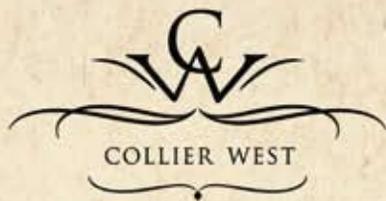
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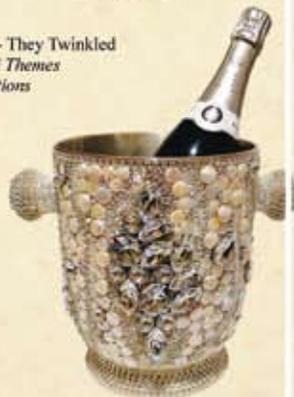


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Jason Ohlson at German Village Coffee Shop.

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For me, really?

Having had the unique pleasure of watching my 3-year-old frolic through the toy store, I am now absolved of any feelings of guilt for not buying everyone everything on their holiday wish list this year. Finger crayons and a pair of plastic drum sticks, for Pete's sake, were my son's calling, and I would have never guessed it in a million years.

If I had shopped for my son like I normally feel compelled to shop for friends and family, I would have spent the equivalent of a third world country's economy on items he neither cared for nor really wanted. Instead, I waited patiently until he found his perfect gift, and when he did, and he gave me his approval, it was an honest exchange. He didn't lie and pretend to love everything; he truly searched for his perfect possession. I, too, was honest and didn't force my interests, likes and wishes upon him. I simply watched, listened and gave him exactly what he wanted.

The moment was beautiful, because it illuminated the "shunned" side of gift giving—receiving. The disproportionate amount of attention we give to our giving of gifts must be attributed to our self-absorbed tradition of asking for too much. We give so that we may receive. It's an old I/O Psychology trick called the "Door in the Face" technique. You ask for more than what is reasonable just to get a return on what you really want. Ex. I want a 728i BMW, a Presidential Rolex and a live-in masseuse. No? Okay. I'll settle for a wide-screen plasma TV then.

The truth, and everyone knows it, is that receiving should be as much fun as giving. This year, I suggest not beating around the gift-giving bush and getting right to the point, which is getting people exactly what they want. Consider this issue of *C* the pebble down the hill—our gift to you. We feel good making you feel good. Happy Holidays.

Jason E. Ohlson
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COVER STORY

A hidden treat in this year's *Radio City Christmas Spectacular* is that three of the lead dancers are from Ohio. For our *Holiday* issue, we thought it'd be fun to photograph and interview a handful of Rockettes at a few Columbus hotspots to allow their holiday personas to glow. As expected, they shined like the stars they are.

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SUITLESS

'Tis the season. For our Suitless features this issue, we wrapped their profiles with care and boxed them up for an easy, relaxed read. Meet a pair of brothers turned furniture designers, Columbus' reigning home furnishings collector, and Easton Town Center's most extraordinary keeper of beauty and class.

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9 for \$9

Nothing is more annoying than to have 38 minutes left of your supposed one-hour lunch break and find out that the place you've chosen flat-out sucks or doesn't fit its reputation's bill. Well, here are 9 places to dine with at least one wickedly yummy dish that could stand as a meal during your lunch hour. Oh, and they are all \$9.

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RESTAURANT FEATURE

Joe Saccone and Rick Hauck answered Columbus' call for a big-time steakhouse in Ohio 20 years ago. So what do they do for an encore? You might not believe it, but the ritziest place in town now has a sidekick, with all the class and sexiness you have grown to expect. Call it what you want, but on a ten scale, it's an Eleven.

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RIDE 23

Looking at this month's Ride 23 owner and you would never guess the kind of records he has already accomplished in his short lifetime. The owner of these race bikes is Jeremy R. Teasley, a 17-year-old senior at Central Crossing High school in Grove City. He's a Columbus native with nothing but nitrous running through his veins.

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BEYOND 270

There is a chill that usually accompanies something that catches us by surprise. It's the feeling that comes right before Jason Voorhees jumps out of the bushes or when Rod Sterling pops out and tells you that you're entering the Twilight Zone. Sometimes it's called the heebie jeebies. Sometimes it's called the Phantods.

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FINAL WORD

Since this is our *Holiday* issue and sharing is key, we thought it'd be fun to bring together two Columbus hitters that know each other more than they'd like to admit at times. Meet longtime friends and PICA partners Vincent Volpi (CEO) and Luis Alcalde (President). This time around, Vincent was able to get the Final Word.

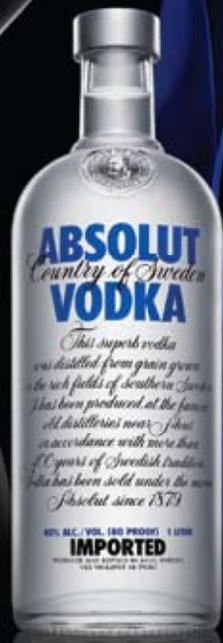


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Sitting Easy Randy & Brandon Dupler

Story | Cary Smith
Photo | Eric Wagner

If you take a quick glimpse at the career paths of twin brothers Brandon and Randy Dupler, it appears that they are twins in almost every way. They both graduated from the same Columbus high school, both went to Ohio State and joined the same fraternity, and both had a long career in office environment industry with the same previous employer. Their differences, however, are what make them a successful duo and allowed them to start their business, Dupler Office.

“We both have very different personalities and different skill sets,” says Randy. “Brandon is on the business development side and networks with the business community, where I have a tendency to do things on the operational side. We compliment each other well.”

About six years ago, the Dupler brothers decided to look at the possibility of starting their own office design business. Both did their research in different areas to test the waters. After being approached by Allsteel furniture to create a partnership, Dupler Office was born. In 2006, the two started working together again, only this time as principal partners.

“It was kind of a dream of ours to be able to work together again as twins,” says Randy. “This business was something that I think we really had a passion for, so it was good to get back to it.”

Dupler Office, as it is obvious by walking into their own offices, prides itself on creating a work environment that is indicative of the feeling and stimulation that a company wants to create and reflect. They work with clients on their specific needs using their modern design techniques. “Usually, when a client comes to us, it’s not just because they want to change the furniture in the office,” says Brandon. “It’s because they want to change the office environment to reflect a change in the attitude and focus of a company.”

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Charming Christiane Branderhorst

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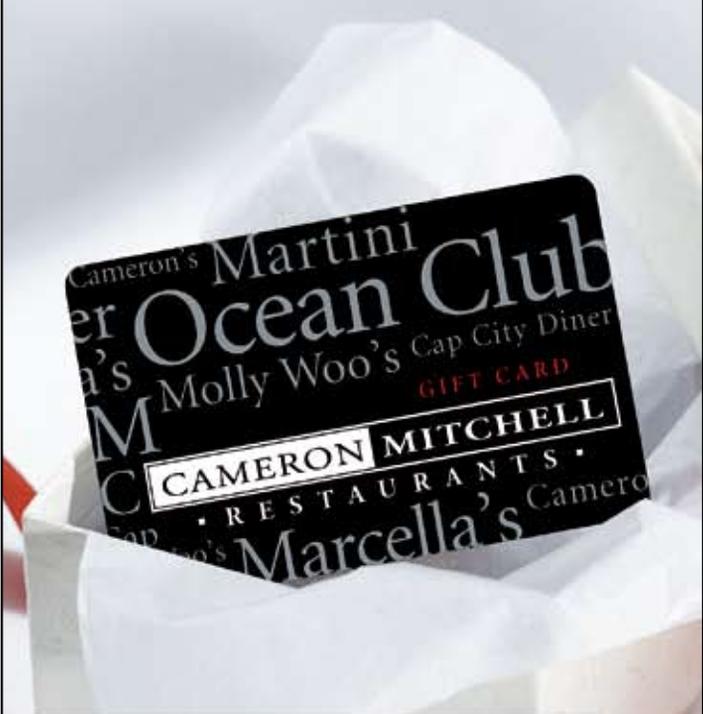
“Take for example pearls,” says Christiane Branderhorst, Director of Columbus’ very own Tiffany & Co. at Easton Town Center. “They are not just a birthday or wedding gift; they embody an entire lifetime of sacred moments. At Tiffany & Co., we get the beautiful opportunity to celebrate the best moments of people’s lives.” On a grand level, this point is best illustrated by the championship trophies Tiffany & Co. designs and engraves. Take a look at the Crew’s 2008 MLS trophy or any of the Vince Lombardi trophies—they’re Tiffany & Co. all the way.

Branderhorst has dedicated nearly two decades of her life to celebrating Tiffany & Co.’s culture, a culture that humbly began with the selling of *fancy goods*. “One big misconception about us is that luxury equals exclusivity or snobbery,” says Branderhorst. “It doesn’t. Luxury is not defined by the one asking for its definition, but by the one defining it.”

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A Rare Find Suzi West

Story | Cary Smith
Photo | Eric Wagner

The unique appeal found lining the shelves in a store like Collier West in the Short North is something that would be more expected in the boroughs of New York or a major European city than here in Ohio. The same could be said for Suzi West, co-owner of the homewares boutique and a constant globe trekker, who could easily fit in on the streets of Paris. Thankfully for us, she's chosen to bring it all back to Columbus with her.

"I'm always on the look out for something unique that I can add to the store," says West. "I have a saying: I buy something when it blows my hair back."

Inspired in 2004 by a recently purchased and empty home in the Hocking Valley, West created a mix of rustic and European décor that would later make up the majority of Collier West's inventory. After a 10-year career as a visual director with Limited Brands, West partnered with friend Mary Jo Collier to bring her vision to reality.

After just five months, Collier West had to relocate its vast array of chandeliers and antiques to a larger space on High Street when consumer demand pushed for it. "When I was at Limited, I used to always think about the niches in the market that there was a need to fill," says West. "There was a real demand for what Collier West brings to Columbus, more than I originally imagined."

West plans on going on more international shopping excursions to add to her arsenal for the 2009 season. "The average shopping experience here is somewhere around forty minutes," she says. "The store almost plays like a mix of a museum and a store. There's a lot to process."

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Pulled Pork Sandwiches (\$8.75)

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Straight from Hong Kong, but nestled off South High Street and Route 104, the Leung family has cooked Chinese cuisine in Columbus for 25 years. The Rice Bowl is best known in the south end for their **Wor Su Gai**, Chicken with Cashews and their Chinese New Year festivities. The relaxed dining room with attentive service is almost as refreshing as a frosty Tsingtao and **Singapore Noodle (\$7.25)**: BBQ pork and shrimp, stir-fried in a spicy curry sauce with rice noodles, mushrooms, snow peas and crispy water chestnuts.



Singapore Noodle (\$7.25)

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This eclectic restaurant, founded by a former brand manager for Pepsi, has successfully brought some of the most recognizable noodle and pasta dishes from around the world together on one menu. Asian, Mediterranean and American culinary traditions inspire most of the offerings, which are prepared fresh daily using specially selected ingredients from around the world. During our visit, we tried a **TRIO Meal (\$7.25)** that included Penne Rosa (spinach, mushrooms and penne pasta sautéed in a spicy tomato cream and topped with feta) Parmesan Crusted Chicken Breast and a Caesar Side Salad. For an in-and-out restaurant, Noodles really puts out some super-consistent, super-tasty fare. Check 'em out. They're no joke.



TRIO Meal (\$7.25)

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They are making no bones about it: Gallo's Tap Room serves bar food. You know: nachos, cheese fries, chicken tenders, burgers and sandwiches. They do it under a bunch of high definition televisions, while conversation-level Rock and Roll provides the background. Oh, yeah – they've got beer. It is a tap room, after all. What sets Gallo's apart from your garden-variety tap room, however, is the quality of the food. It's all homemade, from the apple coleslaw to the teriyaki citrus wasabi wing sauce. Their take on New Orleans' classic muffuletta, which they call **The Big Easy (\$7.95)**, contains the most delicious olive salad in all of the Eastern and most of the Central time zones.



The Big Easy (\$7.95)

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Since its debut in the early 1970s, *Grease*, the story of "bad boy" Danny and "the girl next door" Sandy, has found its way into several Broadway productions, a major motion picture (with a cult-like sequel) and jumpstarted the careers of the likes of John Travolta, Olivia Newton-John and Patrick Swazye. It even made Rosie O'Donnell a Broadway star, too!

Now, "the one that you want is back" in Columbus from December 16th – 21st at the Palace Theatre. Joining the cast with his rendition of "Beauty School Dropout" is *Season 5* winner Taylor Hicks as Teen Angel. "I am incredibly excited to be a part of one of my favorite musicals," Hicks said in a press release. "The Soul Patrol's (Hicks' group of rowdy fans) gonna invade Broadway!"

Hicks joins Clay Aiken, Fantasia Barrino, Tamyra Gray, Frenchie Davis, Diana DeGarmo and Constantine Maroulis on the list of Idol winners and contestants who have appeared in Broadway productions in the past several years.

The musical, although set in 1959 in fictional Rydell High in Chicago, transcends any age bracket and includes all of your favorite songs from the show and movie, including "Summer Nights," "Greased Lightnin'" and "We Go Together." So grab your poodle skirt and your saddle shoes and get ready to "Hand Jive" the night away. You better hurry and get your tickets now before Hicks' Soul Patrol grabs them all up!

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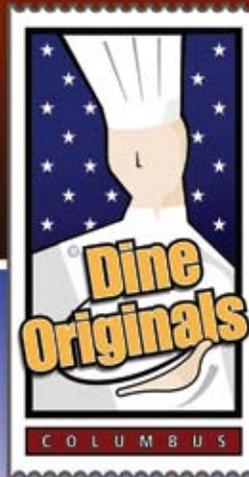
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Red Oak Salad (\$7)



Crackin' Up

If you are like most families, the holidays mean a traditional trip downtown to see *The Nutcracker*. But, if you are looking for something a little different this year and want to leave the kids at home, why not check out *Cracked Nuts* at Balletmet's performance space, December 26th – 28th. This production is recommended for mature audiences and demands audience participation, so be prepared to be part of the show. This ain't your mama's *Nutcracker*.



Have a Ball!

Join the King Arts Complex and the citywide Kwanzaa Committee for a unique celebration on December 27th. The Kujichagulia Kwanzaa Ball will celebrate the holiday as well as provide tribute to actress, composer, singer, educator, and author, Nana Camille Yarbrough. The free event will also include an evening of dance, music and various artifacts, jewelry, texts and accessories for sale.

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Columbus is a Midwestern city with a Big Apple feel, so it is fitting that we can complete—as we have in recent years passed—our equation of holiday happiness with the addition of the *The Radio City Christmas Spectacular*. For more than three quarters of a century, the Radio City Rockettes have long been a legendary force in entertainment. Theirs is a rich history filled with endless dedication to precision dance that is unlike any other dance organization in the country. Now they are here to deliver the same wonder, joy and excitement that New Yorkers have felt for years.

This year marks the debut of the biggest production of *The Radio City Christmas Spectacular*, starring the world famous Rockettes, in the show's 76-year history. A whole new *Spectacular* is in store for Columbus. Directed and choreographed by Linda Haberman, who conceived and directed last year's critically acclaimed 75th celebratory show at Radio City Music Hall, the arena production was specifically designed to play in large venues scaled to capacities ranging from 7,000 – 12,000. This multi-faceted theatrical touring production will be completely constructed for an arena space, allowing the audience to experience the magic of *The Christmas Spectacular* at the grandest scale ever imagined by the Radio City creative team.



Rockettes (L to R) Mary Capellas, Melissa Thomas, Laura Danelski and Anna Richardson, at Eleven.

Hitting the road with twenty-six trucks and sixteen buses, the show will celebrate Christmas with dramatic arena lighting effects; breathtaking imagery; flying sequences; new musical compositions and an array of glamorous new costumes. The touring production will feature high-energy, tap-infused Rockette performance numbers, breathtaking sets that will surround the audience and special effects that will leave viewers in complete awe.

A hidden treat in this year's performance is that three of the lead dancers are from Ohio. For our *Holiday* issue this year, we thought it'd be fun to photograph and interview a handful of dancers at a few Columbus hotspots to allow their holiday personas to shine. As expected, Anna Richardson (Westerville), Mary Capellas (Warren), Melissa Thomas (Parma) and Laura Danelski made holiday magic every step they took.

C Mag: Mary, give us a little background on where you come from and what you've done lately.

Mary: I grew up in Warren, Ohio. I began dancing in when I was in kindergarten. My dance teacher was a Rockette and that's how I was introduced to the Rockettes. I went to Ohio University and then the summer before my senior year I went to an audition. Afterwards, I had to call my mom for a plane ticket to Germany and a passport, so I went to Germany and toured with 42nd Street for a while, did a few cruise ships and then I lucked out at my Rockette audition and made it my first try. I've been dancing with them for the past ten years.

C Mag: What are some things coming up for you in 2009?

Mary: I teach dance to high school kids and teach Pilates to adults. I also tour and judge with dance competitions and teach master dance classes across the country.

C Mag: How do you take the whole dance culture phenomenon that's taking place with hit shows like *So You Think You Can Dance* and *Dancing with the Stars*?

Mary: I love it. I think it is great to introduce the population to dance in a new and different way. I grew up watching old Jean Kelly movies and Fred Astaire and that's how I really became involved in dance and through my dance teacher. I think it is great that it has become more accessible to a much wider audience.

Laura: I feel thrilled about the role

Mary, Anna, Laura and Melissa at Hyde Park on the Cap.



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dance has taken on in media, in the country and even throughout the world. Even in commercials these days you'll see dance. I think the movie musicals that are accessible to kids now are amazing. Like Mary, I grew up watching Fred Astaire, Ben Crosby, Jane Kelly and all of their movies. I'm just excited that kids can see those today, but with a new twist. To speak to that, our show, *The Radio City Christmas Spectacular*, has evolved through the years and we still have the classic elements like "The Parade of the Wooden Soldiers" and the "Living Nativity." We have done those every year since 1933, but the show that is coming to Columbus has brought in new-age technology, different dance moves and different elements. The physicality of the show and just the sheer number of kicks that the audience will see... We have really amped it up, and we are just excited to bring such a great production across the country and to add to the dance that is out there.

C Mag: Anna, how does it affect your future as a dancer?

Anna: I totally agree with

everything that Mary and Laura have said. As a professional dancer, the jobs are pretty sacred; there is not that much stability to it. But with the media and a lot more shows coming out, there is so much more opportunity for us as professional dancers, so it is really great to see America become a lot more familiar with what we do and how they have formed an appreciation for it. So when shows like *The Radio City Christmas Spectacular* come to town, they have a greater appreciation for it and they want to go out and see everything they get to see on TV all the time.

C Mag: I think that with what's coming out now on TV, the area between the art and the viewer is getting finer. People are getting the art of dance; they're starting to understand a Mia Michaels routine. For a long time, I think that people just stepped away. Do you think people are becoming more intelligent, or do you think people are becoming more aware of the art?

Mary: I think that because dance is more accessible the audiences

are now able to see it and hear the critiques. I think the audience feels a little safer now and they start to understand and appreciate what goes behind it—especially in the medium of television where the audience can see the background. They can't come to our rehearsal and they just see the end product, but now with these other things and that they see the rehearsal process, hopefully it opens the doors and explains a little bit more.

C Mag: With the physicality and skill that go into being a universal dancer, where do you place the dancer in the context of professional sports?

Anna: Radio City Rockettes are defiantly treated as athletes. We do up to four shows a day, 17 shows a week, and this year we will be traveling with an 18-city arena tour, so that takes a lot of physical strength. We actually do up to 300 kicks in one show. We are treated as athletes. We have a great athletic training program. We have to really train our bodies before rehearsals. We have to do a lot of cardio, a lot of strength training, weight training and

a lot of dance classes to be able to be ready, just as athletes have to be able to be ready before their first football game. Dance is an art, but it takes just as much strength as most sports.

C Mag: It says here "never under any circumstances let your hat hit the stage." That's a huge taboo for you guys, right?

Laura: With the hat hitting the stage, as professionals, we just have to be prepared at any moment for anything that could happen on stage. Shoes have come off during performances. Some women have had to do a number on the ball of their foot until they could get off stage to get a new shoe. But we have been pretty good about making it work. We have amazing dressers backstage and amazing stage managers, so if something happens like that, most of the time they can get it fixed before anyone even knows it happens. We are pretty good about making it all look seamless.

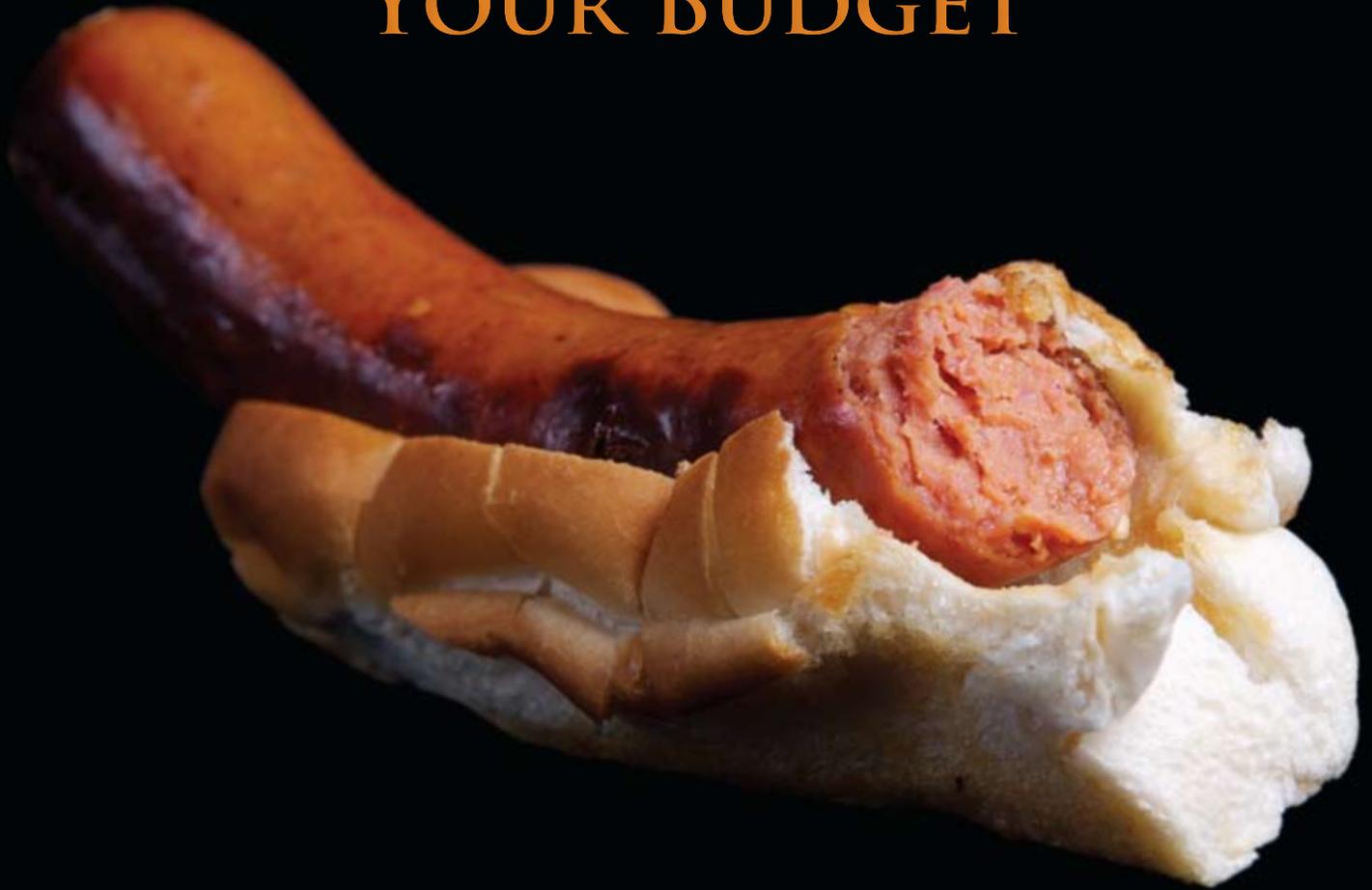
C Mag: Mary, tell us how many changes of clothes you have in a single performance?



The Rockettes enjoying drinks and desserts at Mojoe Lounge on the Cap.

More than 1,300 colorful costumes are worn in *The Radio City Christmas Spectacular* Arena tour. Each Rockette must change costumes **eight times** during each show and in a few of the changeovers, they have as little as **78 seconds** in which to change their costumes.

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Mary: We have 8 different costume changes, one of which actually takes place on the stage.

C Mag: Break down some of the more extraordinary developments this year and some of the newer scenes.

Mary: It is almost completely different than from when we were in Columbus last time. We start off with a reindeer number; from there, Santa comes out and the Rockettes carry Santa on the sleigh. We do a great piece called the “12 Days of Christmas.” It’s an eight-minute tap number and we dance all the twelve days of Christmas. And, of course, we do The Parade of the Wooden Soldiers. There is a new element that happens and we have some young boys in our show this year. There is an older brother and younger brother. The older is a little skeptical of Christmas so Santa introduces them to some magic of Christmas—one of which is that he makes some snow in the audience and then he gets them to fly. In that scene the magic is there.

C Mag: Based on last year’s performance, I imagine there are things that happen this year that go above and beyond.

Mary: The LED screen is huge and it takes up the whole side of the stage. We also have two other stages that we are traveling with; they have elevators and turntables that rise and spin. The stage is actually like a rock concert, really. There is also a runway from the stage. The same people that have done The Rolling Stones, Justin Timberlake and Madonna designed our stage. With this stage, we can come out from so many different places we just sort of pop up.

C Mag: Are there any secrets?

Laura: This isn’t quite a secret, but the Rockettes actually don’t touch when we are kicking. It is so that we don’t get pushed or accidentally push the women next to you, because that would throw off her kicking. So we dance as one unit and we appear to be touching but we are all performing the kicks independently on our own. It is an illusion that we are touching each other’s backs.

C Mag: Do you all insure your legs?

Mary: You know we do. We also have a former Rockette that has gone to school and become an athletic trainer. She has developed a wonderful program. It helps us to condition before the season and she is there during the entire season. She also has a staff that will go on the road with us.

C Mag: What do you think would be the first three words to come out of a 10-year-old’s mouth after seeing the show?

Mary: No matter their age, they would be awesome, awesome, awesome!

Radio City Christmas Spectacular is set to play a two-day, four-show engagement at Nationwide Arena on Tuesday, December 9 and Wednesday, December 10. Show times will be 4 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. each day.

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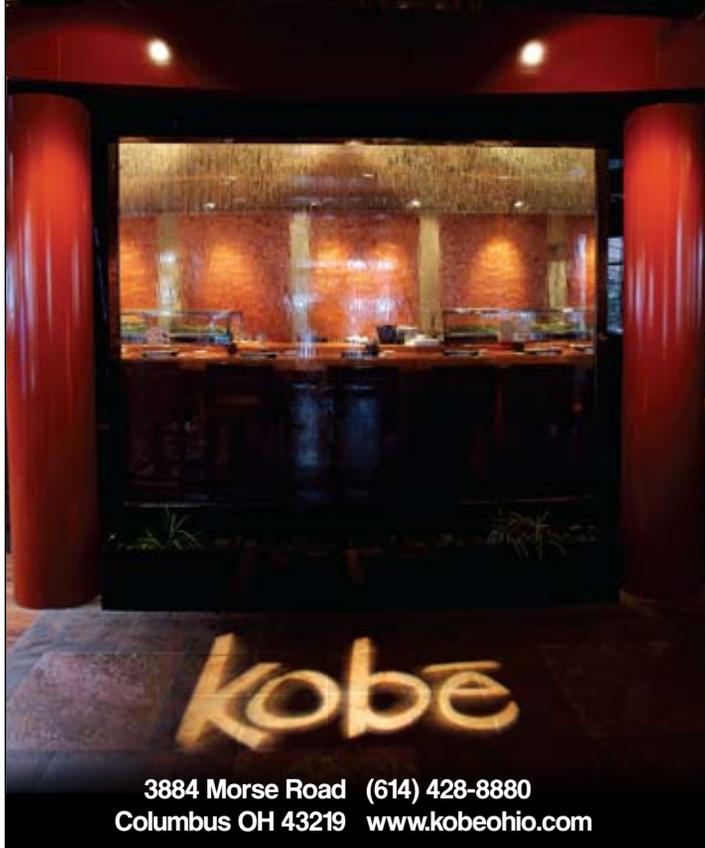
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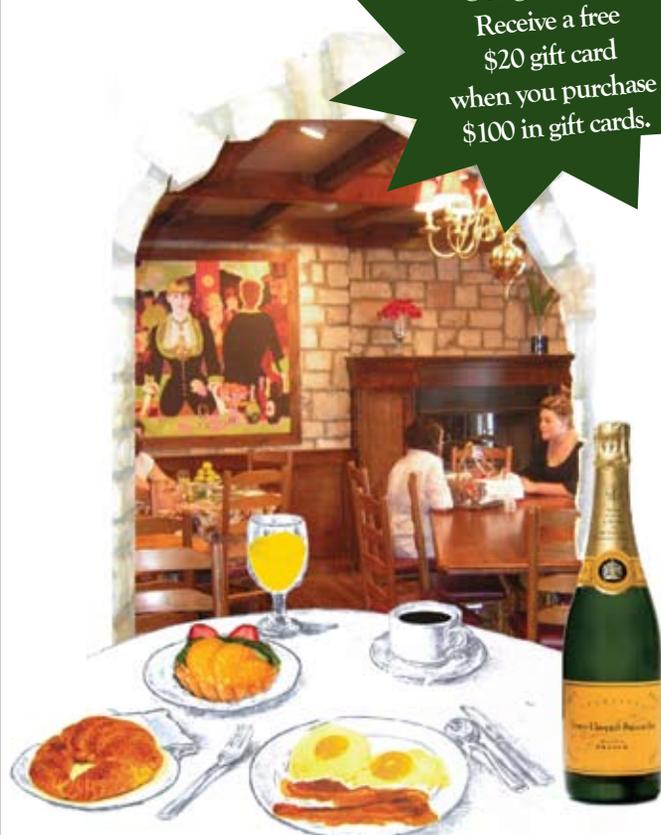


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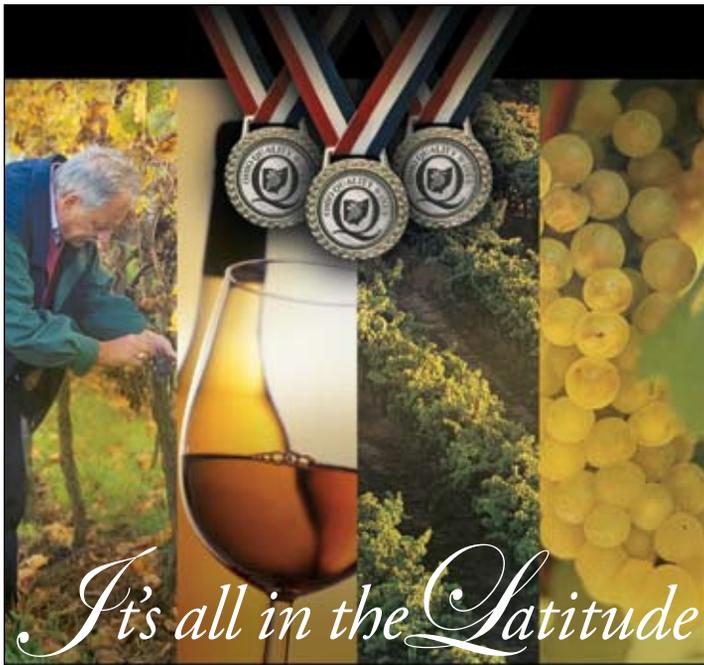
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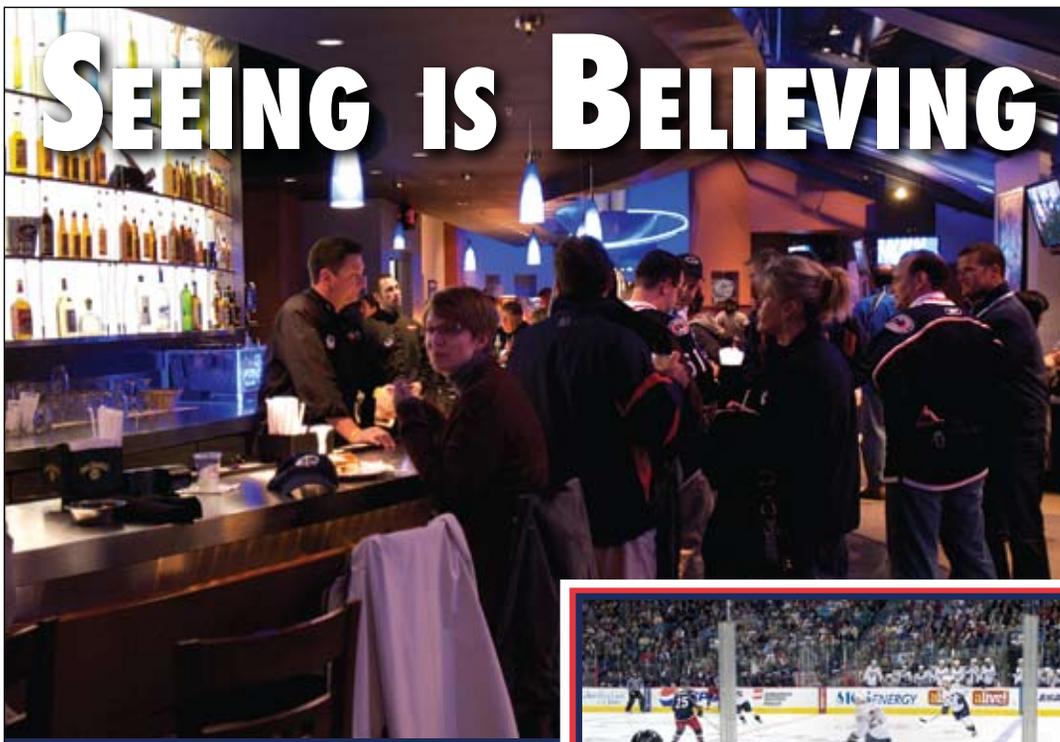
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Salute

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Cool Bet

This year's Halloween weekend came with a mystique twist this year as the Capital Club hosted their Monte Carlo Masquerade Casino Night on Friday, October 24. Guests dressed the part and toasted their way into an after-hours hosted by Tell A Friend Promotions where special guest DJ Ssagala spun a special set. A portion of the proceeds benefited the Homeless Families Foundation and the YEB Foundation.



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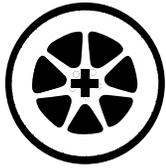
The Columbus Crew announced the winners of its team awards on Oct. 27 at its annual Crew Team Awards Ceremony, presented by adidas, held at the Lifestyle Communities Pavilion. For the second consecutive year, the ceremony was followed by a Casino Night, the proceeds of which benefited the Crew's charitable arm, the Crew Soccer Foundation.



True Colors

Franklin Park Conservatory was glowing pink on October 10 for In Living Pink, the annual fundraiser for the Central Ohio Chapter of the Young Survival Coalition. The Young Survival Coalition is dedicated to the concerns and issues that are unique to young women and breast cancer.





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Ride 23

How they ride

Story | Matt Snyder
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2008 Suzuki Pro Street NOS Hayabusa & GSXR 1000 Super Sport

Owned by Jeremy R. Teasley

Looking at this 17-year-old young man, you would never guess the kind of records he has already accomplished in his short lifetime. The owner of these race bikes is Jeremy R. Teasley, a 17-year-old senior at Central Crossing High School in Grove City. Jeremy is a Columbus native with nitrous running through his veins. His motto: "Hometown kid just beating the odds."

Jeremy has deep roots in Columbus starting with his father James Teasley, a multi-time word drag race champion, along with his grandfather, a local newies hometown hero. Even Jeremy's two brothers Brandon, the current ET street champion, and Cameron, who just turned 13 and is ready to follow in his big brothers footsteps, are tearing up the tracks as soon as they sit on a bike.

Jeremy's Suzuki race bikes are custom built by his only sponsor, MSP (Maximum Street Performance) of Heath, Ohio. Jeremy started racing at

15 on the AMA circuit and has already won 11 national events. He has the #1 plate in Real Street for 2008 and set the national record 5 times. He also holds the #2 plate in Super Sport 1000 in 2008, while being the current record holder of the eight and quarter mile in this class. Just to show you how much nitrous is in his blood, he holds the current Worlds Fastest Pro Street NOS record. For those of you who watch TV, he was also a *Pinks* all-out finalist and episode champion.

Jeremy is looking forward to the 2009 season racing his MSP custom built Suzuki Pro Street NOS Hayabusa, along with his GSXR 1000 super sport motorcycles. For most people, running a 7 to 8 second ¼ mile would never be possible, but for Jeremy, it is an everyday job.

When you hear the name Teasley on the street or track, it would be smart to bet on this rising star.



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Crazy Cool Phantods

There is a chill that usually accompanies something that catches us by surprise or doesn't sit well in your stomach. It's the feeling that comes right before Jason Voorhees jumps out of the bushes or when Rod Sterling pops out and tells you that you're entering the Twilight Zone. Sometimes it's called the heebee jeebees. Sometimes it's called the Phantods.

The music of Columbus's Phantods can catch you by surprise with its genre-jumping and catchy hooks, but unlike its namesake, it won't spook you—not too much, anyway.

"I think our ability to switch genres in the middle of a song is something that sets us apart from most bands," says Drummer Kenan Edler. "That and Dan's Beard, really."

Formed somewhere in the realm of six years ago by singer and keyboardist

Gretchen King and guitarist Daniel Hagquist, The Phantods started with a distinct idea and a sound that uses a band like Mr. Bungle as a starting point. After a couple of years, bassist Nathan Jacobs and Drummer Kenan Edler were added to form the current incarnation of the band. With their sound complete, they went straight to work on their self-titled release. "It was a long time coming, but the record came out a couple of months ago," says Jacobs. "After trying out studios, we decided to record it ourselves. We found that nothing sounded quite as good as Dan's basement."

The self-produced and recorded album displays their signature Polka, Punk and Metal fusion, with the strong melodic vocals of King hovering above them. "I like to have the song appear to be something simple on the surface lyrically," says King, "though there's a lot going on underneath it all."

For more information on the Phantods go to www.myspace.com/phantods

Final Word

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Back at Ya

Vincent Volpi & Luis Alcalde

Interview | Vincent Volpi and Luis Alcalde

Photo | Eric Wagner

Since this is our *Holiday* issue and sharing is key, we thought it'd be fun to bring together two Columbus hitters that know each other more than they'd like to admit at times. Meet longtime friends and PICA partners Vincent Volpi (CEO) and Luis Alcalde (President).

Luis Alcalde: You're at a party and someone asks you what you do. How do you answer them?

Vincent Volpi: How much time do you have?

Q: How did you get into the brand protection, loss prevention, risk management and security consulting business?

A: It was actually a means to an end (to fund law school), but I originally got into the business because women like men of mystery.

Q: What do you like best and least about your job?

A: Being responsible.

Q: What is your favorite Latin American country and why?

A: Colombia. I have a ranch there and raise horses (and dogs to protect my horses).

Q: Drink of choice?

A: Ciroc martini, very dry and cold, up with normal Spanish Manzanilla olives.

Q: Favorite sports team?

A: I loathe watching sports. However, I like sports, especially water sports, running, the gym and martial arts.

Q: Idea of a great night?

A: Great company and conversation over good food, wine and a tango.

Q: What about you would people be surprised to learn?

A: That I'm not as mean as I look or act.

Q: Are you a good cook?

A: All Italian boys can cook. Good depends on who's eating.

Q: What are some of the brands that PICA protects?

A: You'd be hard-pressed to name a Fortune 500 Company we haven't done some business with over the years.

Q: What do you look for in employees?

A: Integrity, skill and hunger, more or less in this order.

Q: What do you look for in friends?

A: Integrity, discretion, intelligence, good conversationalist and a willingness to save me if I'm kidnapped by the Taliban.

Q: Who do you like to hang out with?

A: My six-year-old daughter.

Q: With all the places you go to all over the world how do you feel about Columbus?

A: It will always be home to me. It also has an outstanding quality of life, if you measure quality of life in a balanced way.

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