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FROM THE EDITOR

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Jason Ohlson with Miss Ohio USA 2012 Audrey Bolte and local radio celebrity The Torg.

**PATERNAL MUSINGS**

Considering this month’s paternal significance, I offer my own poetic words of wisdom to all current and soon-to-be fathers. Cheers to you and yours as you take inventory of all your natural blessings.

**GONE FISHIN’**

Hand-in-hand they walked along  
 A gray rock candy gravel path  
 To the lake that held the boy’s heart.  
 The old man was gone, yet  
 The fish remained in their sea.  
 With casts that seemed to stretch for miles,  
 He looked to his father for praise.  
 That day not a single fish was won,  
 And the smiles seemed to be strained.  
 Leaving earlier than imagined,  
 The boy turned to the man,  
 Whose back looked too familiar,  
 And continued to fish in vain.

Cool evening rain found the boy  
 With his pole still in the water.  
 His sea was now dappled about  
 By the dancing of the rain,  
 And he wondered for the whereabouts  
 Of his hopes just washed away.  
 He wanted not to grow old,  
 Forgetting why he held his hand  
 To the shore of their beginning, so  
 He tied his pole to the cypress tree  
 And ran home to become a man.

If you look, to this day, there remains  
 A line for the old man to see,  
 And a boy who can’t move  
 Till the older hand replaces the tree.

Jason E. Ohlson

# RELAX 2012



**MISS OHIO USA 2012**

**9 | SUITLESS: BUSINESS**

This bunch of forward-looking individuals prides itself on being able to pursue lofty goals. Brent and Melissa Jenkins want every household in America to subscribe to their healthy-snack service. Bill Stevenson brings back the luxury of the country club, and Nick Andrews takes playground equipment to a whole new level.

**14 | 9 FOR \$9: LUNCH EATS**

What’s for lunch today? Here’s a hefty helping of lunchtime spots, new and old. There are always interesting eateries popping up and we sample them all for you. The best part about them – they’re all less than \$9. Visit [www.columbusmag.com](http://www.columbusmag.com) for 400+ more.

**20 | COVER: EXCLUSIVE**

You’ve seen her here before, but this time come closer. We have all of her – Miss Ohio 2012 – in a spread that reveals how this small-town “tomgirl” has been able to follow big-city dreams. Audrey Bolte shares what it means to work hard and follow a one-way road to get to that crowning achievement.

**30 | THE FARE: DINING**

Brio’s been written about myriad ways and for good reason. It’s a go-to spot in Columbus with scrumptious Italian food and an unforgettable vivacity.

**34 | DROP POINT: EVENTS**

Each month, *C Magazine* recaps key area events and parties. From tattoo conventions to marathons, hangar car parties to celebrity launch parties, we definitely ran the gamut of fun this month.

**43 | RIDE 23: AUTOMOTIVE**

Lex McAllister heralds his 1968 Z/28 Camaro as the most badass, tough-around-the-edges, 100-percent All-American car. The muscle car was bought brand-new by his father, and son still keeps it in its original state with zero restoration after all these years. Its few dings and scratches only add to its personality.

**45 | BEYOND 270: MUSIC**

Guitarist-vocalist Ruvane Kurland treads a solo path with his own rendition of acoustic folk rock, a sound he’s blended with his life experiences, which enables him to personally connect with his audience. He’s exploring new territory on his soon-to-be-released album, *Elevate*, fusing his acoustic base with a bit of an electric edge.

**46 | FINAL WORD: WHO’S WHO**

We end this issue with an exchange with Scott Stienecker, president of PromoWest Productions. He provides a perfect ending to an issue dedicated to relaxation.



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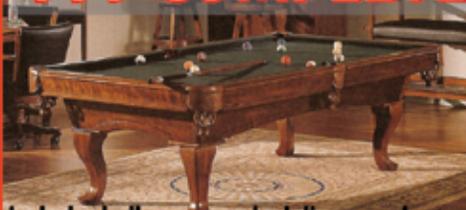
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## GREAT GRILLING

May is considered to be National Burger Month across America. Each person in the country eats an average of three burgers per week, or around 150 burgers per year. This adds up to a hefty 40 billion burgers consumed per year in the country. Here are some tips for grilling up the best burgers:

**Start Natural:** Start with the best ingredients, no matter what kind of burgers you are making. Opt for the most natural, pure base that you can get. For example, if you are making beef burgers, opt for ground brisket that is free of hormones, antibiotics and fillers.

**Prep the Burger:** Season your burger with a little sea salt and fresh ground black pepper and brush both sides with a small amount of canola oil. This will help prevent it from sticking to the grill, as well as give it even more flavor.

**Choose your Bun:** Having a good bun to put the burger on should not be overlooked. Don't skimp when it comes to the buns. Opt for a sesame coated brioche bun — one that is fresh and is going to add to the overall flavor profile.

**Terrific Toppings:** Having an array of toppings can really make a big difference in burger taste. Along with the traditional condiments and veggies that people commonly add to their burgers, consider some new flavors, such as guacamole, salsa or grilled pineapple.



## CUSTOM FUN NICK ANDREWS

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 galvanized metal and specially treated lumber to brightly colored (and recycled) plastics and rubber. The Goalsetter basketball hoops are 98-percent recycled steel and are made in the USA.

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 Woodplay

Play Systems, to Goalrilla and Goalsetter Basketball Systems, to Springfree Trampolines. The 14,000-square-foot indoor 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,” says 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 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 to their chosen system, get replacement parts, or adjust the system without leveling their entire yard or building retaining walls.”

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## A NEW FIX BRENT & MELISSA JENKINS

It's a sad fact in life, but the majority of Americans and Columbusites are more likely to have dipped into a box of Twinkies or a bag of Doritos in the last day than a bag of organic cookies made right around the corner. We seek out junk food like vampires do blood, Canadians do hockey, or Michael Bay does explosions. Most people don't realize that there are healthy alternatives out there to the labels that took their hearts years ago, or they just don't want to take a chance on something new.

This war on unhealthy snacking is something that Brent and Melissa Jenkins are taking on with Sprig, a new subscription service offering healthy snacks. "I think there are a lot of people out there that look at some of the organic good stuff on the shelves and think about it, but are afraid or intimidated and never take that next step," says Melissa. "We try to sort out what we think is the best of the best and take that out of the equation."

After admiring the success and business model of a subscription cosmetics service last October, a small seed was planted in the mind of Brent Jenkins that, after a couple of name changes, grew into Sprig. Relatives and neighbors

always asked the Jenkins where they did their shopping. They wanted to know if the pair could shop for them and bring the healthy deliciousness to their pantries. The Jenkins realized they had found their niche.

"I think we all just want to feel better about a lot of things, and one is what we put in our body, and the easiest way to change that on a daily basis is by what we put in our mouth," says Brent. "We've tried to do it every day, but there are a million people out there that don't and we want to try to share what we've found with them and make their lives better."

So while both working full-time jobs, they set out to farmer's markets and scoured the Internet to find local products they consider excellent that are not only healthy, but have a story behind who produces them. The snacks that made the cut ended up in one of three Sprig boxes that get shipped to your door, waiting to make you feel better in more ways than one.

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■ **Cary Smith**



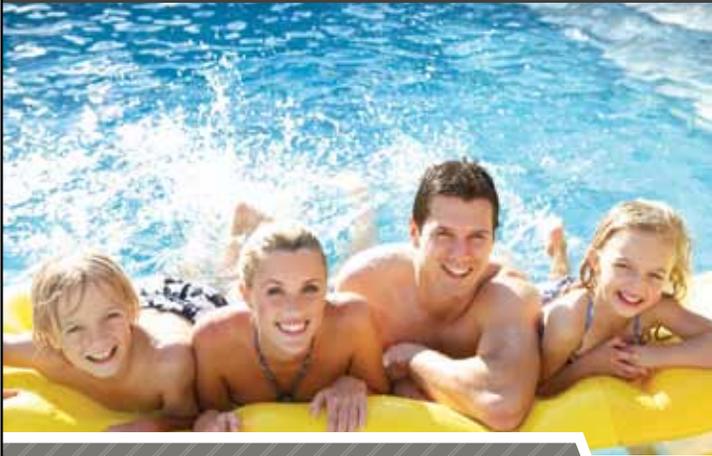
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PAR EXCELLENCE BILL STEVENSON

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Since Stevenson came to Medallion more than a year ago, when Arnold Palmer management took over, he and his team have almost doubled membership and are approaching the capacity of what the club is intended to handle. They came in with a plan to drive in new members – and they did – with record-setting numbers, bringing the golf addicts back to their links in droves.

“It was really unheard of in the country club world what we’ve been able to do here in the last year and a half,” says Stevenson. “Adding over 200 members to the club in such a short time is really a testament to our dedicated team.”

As a general manager, Stevenson likens his job to that of an orchestra conductor, always in the background making sure that all the moving parts are performing correctly, and there are more moving parts at a club than most people realize.

In the past, Stevenson was a chef working the kitchens at four-star restaurants, so one would assume that a lot of his organization and delegating skills came from this period in his life. It sounds like this was a time he enjoyed, but the opportunities and challenges in the kitchen didn’t appeal to him as much as those of a general manager.

“A lot of people think of the GM as a guy that is always in the clubhouse dining with members or out on the course playing golf all the time,” says Stevenson. “I’m not that guy. There’s always something going on and something to take care of every day.”

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■ Cary Smith



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The Blue Danube has been a staple of North Campus for decades now. We are not strangers to The Dube or their menu, but this time we strayed from the usual and tried their **Breakfast Burrito (\$6.50)**. This mammoth of a meal is accompanied with a cluster of scrambled eggs, cheddar cheese, sausage, bacon rice, and...basically it has more ingredients than customer-designed tiles embedded into the The Dube's ceiling. Most importantly, the Breakfast Burrito, with all it's infinite flavor, is under \$9.

## Pita Hut Grille

4965 N High St. Columbus, OH (614) 433-0996 - CLINTONVILLE

This month, we came across one of the most impressive kabob joints in Columbus. The Pita Hut, located near the Graceland shopping center, invited us to taste items on their menu. After tasting the **Lamb Shawarma Sandwich and Fries (\$7.99)**, it came as no surprise why the Pita Hut is quickly being recognized as one of the most addictive restaurants in the city. Each sandwich is slathered with their homemade hummus and secret herbs and spices imported from Jerusalem, giving it an authentic taste that makes it stick out from the rest.



Lamb Shawarma Sandwich and Fries (\$7.99)

## The Inn Between

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9 for \$9? How about an entire menu for under \$9! The ever-lovable owner, Ali, tried to retire, but after a year, he got bored. His restlessness is a lunch-goers gain because everything has a personal touch. The real-deal Hummus is made of tahini that's shipped in from Beirut; the Beer Battered Cod's hand-rolled in Japanese breadcrumbs for the perfect crunch; and the regulars' favorite, the **Rumplemeyer (\$7.95)**, is a homemade chicken salad that'll have you asking the secret recipe "Inn Between" bites.



Rumplemeyer (\$7.95)

## Cafe Bella

2593 N. High St. Columbus, OH (614) 267-1998 - CLINTONVILLE

Be prepared to expect the unexpected when you come to Café Bella. The quaint, little café has an overpowering charm inside shown from the lifestyle cautious kitchen to their greenhouse in the back. Don't expect to order off of the menu—they don't have one! This allows them to buy it fresh and make whatever they can with it. They do have a format; you can always expect a soup, sub, pasta, and salad. Whatever you are feeling for that day, you can be assured it will come just as your order it. We were lucky enough to be there for the savory **Sausage and Peppers with Pasta (\$9)**.



Sausage and peppers with pasta (\$9)

## Starliner Diner

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Chiliquiles Southwestern Scram (\$8)



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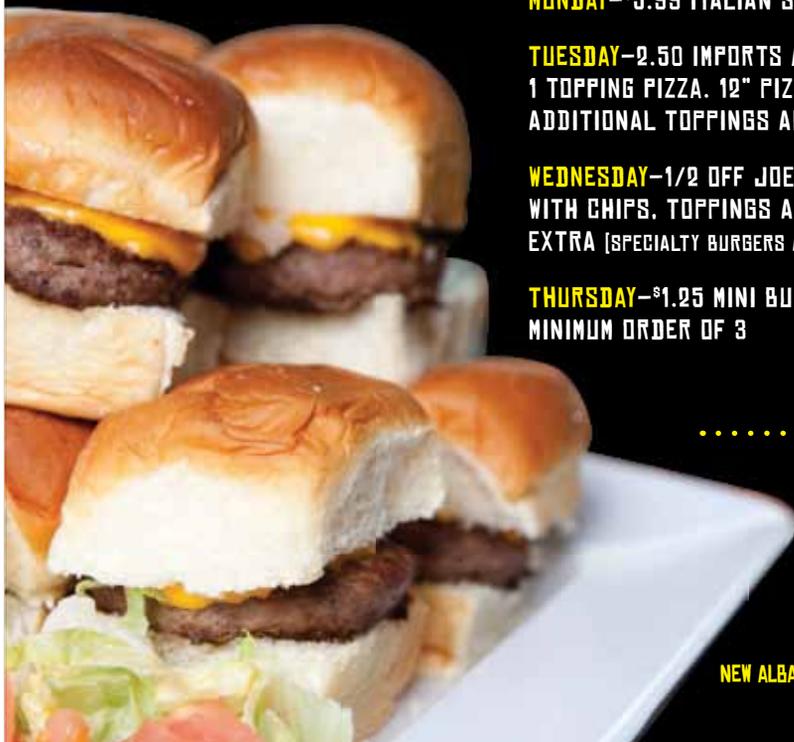
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## 2012 BICENTENNIAL CITY TOURS

The Columbus Historical Society has set the 2012 Schedule for its tour of center city historical sites. This tour highlights the diversity of Columbus' history, including the city's role in the

Underground Railroad, prohibition, and the start of the NFL. The tour runs along Broad Street and into Franklinton, the Short North, German Village, Town Street, Franklin Park, and the near East

Side. Tour leaders draw on the city's rich history and bring to life stories that showcase the city's history of exploration, politics, business, social customs and, of course, sports. Join in for an eye-opening trek through Columbus' past and present. You're sure to experience a "Hey, I didn't know that!" moment on a fun-filled jaunt.

Bicentennial City Tours is a 2 hour, non-stop, air-conditioned bus tour that will make you laugh and tuck away unique tidbits to share with family, friends and visitors. Tours depart from the CHS offices at COSI, 333 W. Broad St. in Downtown Columbus and cost \$30 per person, \$27 for seniors, \$24 for members (unlimited tickets available for member purchase). Prior registration and payment are required. Tour dates are set for the 2nd Saturday June through October, except September (when COSI is closed after the 5th). Call 614-224-0822 x2.



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# MISS OHIO 2012

## AUDREY BOLTE

### WHAT WAS THE EXPERIENCE LIKE FOR YOU?

Well, when I stepped out on stage they called me Top 15. I felt very confident in my performance from the day before. They got to number 8 and I was starting to get nervous but then I was like, "I got this. I know I can make Top 15." They kept calling the names, and for a second I was hesitant and then I was like, "No, be confident." Right then, they called my name and I was like a football player. I was like, "Yea!" That pumped me up more. Then we went back and changed for Top 15 and we came back out for Top 5. They called my name last. I kept talking to myself. "You did good. This was your first pageant ever and you made Top 15. You did good." Then I was like, "No, you've been good with your diet and working out." I did my diet the healthy way but I was hunnnnrry! I can eat twice the amount my dad does at Thanksgiving. I eat a ton and I don't know where it goes. All of a sudden, they called the fourth girl and I said to myself, "I want it!" Then they called my name and I was like, "YES!" But I was standing up there and I was numb when they announced my name when I won. I didn't know what to do with my hands. I didn't have anything going through my head. They shoved the flowers in my hand and put the crown on my head. I looked at my mom and I didn't know what to do.

### WHAT IS YOUR FOCUS DURING YOUR REIGN?

Living with a positive attitude, empowering women and raising money for breast cancer awareness and ovarian cancer will be my focus. I want people to realize you can do something you never thought you could do.

### WHAT WERE YOU LIKE WHEN YOU WERE 13 YEARS OLD AND THEN 16 YEARS OLD?

Those are two different dramatic ages for me. At 13, I had buck teeth. I had no self-confidence at 13. I went from kinky, poufy hair to straight hair. I had braces. I was quiet and wasn't a social butterfly. That's where I went through a stage of where I was very unsure of everything. I was very withdrawn

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sometimes. But, then I got my braces off and then people started to look at me a little differently. Boys started to pay attention to me. My mom told me that if someone gives you a compliment to say thank you, because I was very bad at taking compliments. Now that's drilled into my head. At 16, you also get a car. My first car was a Dodge Dakota truck. I called it White Thunder. I went from this quiet girl with braces and hair in her face to people starting to notice me and I didn't know how to handle it.

### DO YOU HAVE A NICKNAME? HOW'D YOU GET IT?

Butch. My mom called me Butch just because I would be this girl with all these horses and be scrubby dirty but somehow in 15 minutes I'd be ready to go to dinner. I'd be driving my big truck and would step out of my truck in my heels to go to modeling jobs.

### WHAT IS YOUR MOST NOTABLE CHARACTERISTIC?

I'm just different. I'm a very independent person. I can be dirty all day and turn around and get pretty. I'm very giving and caring and I'll practically bend over backwards to help someone out. I believe in karma. What goes around comes around. You do good things and it will come back to you. I'm tough, too.

### WHAT IS YOUR GREATEST FEAR?

Being buried alive. Another fear is not pushing myself as far as I could. I never want to feel that I'm missing out on something.

### WHAT MAKES YOU ANGRY?

People stereotyping others because of the way they look or dress. That fires me up.

### END WAR OR END WORLD HUNGER?

War will never end. People will always be in a struggle for power, but you can do something about hunger.

### WHAT WAS YOUR FIRST JOB?

My first paid job was at PetSmart. I know how to take care of animals and where do they stick me? Fish! I love fish and I like to fish but I don't know anything about tropical fish.

### ANYTHING ELSE YOU WANT OUR READERS TO KNOW ABOUT YOU?

I am a normal, everyday person. I'm a small-town girl but that doesn't stop me from having big town dreams.

### HEELS OR SNEAKERS?

Stilettos make your legs look fine!

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### POLITICAL VIEWS – PUBLIC OR PRIVATE?

Keep them private because everyone is entitled to their opinion.

### MOVE EVERY SIX MONTHS OR LIVE IN THE SAME PLACE YOUR ENTIRE LIFE?

Move every six months. I love to make friends wherever I go and learn about new cultures.

### KNOW THE TRUTH OR LEAVE SOME THINGS SECRET?

Know the truth; it's better for you.

### BE GOSSIPED ABOUT OR NEVER TALKED ABOUT AT ALL?

Maybe you can make a positive impact by being gossiped about.

**Editor's Note: Audrey Bolte won second runner-up at the 2012 Miss Usa 2012 pageant on June 6.**



PHOTOS: ANDREW NICHOLSON

## TASTE OF TUSCANY BRIO TUSCAN GRILLE

1500 Polaris Parkway, Columbus, OH 43240 (614) 410-0310

### WHAT:

What new can be said about an eatery that's been written up countless times, about a locale that's in a way, an institution in Columbus? Brio is a chain, in fact, with grilles as far east as Connecticut and as far west as Nevada, but you would never know it. We felt like we were visiting someone's home – a grandiose home to be sure – a Tuscan estate teeming with hidden niches begging to be explored and opulence dripping from every corner. Take some time to look around.

### WHO:

Five years ago, Lindey's used to occupy this spot, and one of its owners, Rick Doody, still is involved with what has now become Brio. The eatery, operated by the Bravo Brio Restaurant Group, converted to a publicly held operation about 2 years ago.

### WHERE:

Brio has a commanding presence on the southwest side of Polaris, next to Sak's. With its double-level facade, you won't miss it. It stands directly behind BJ's Brewhouse, which is on Polaris' main drag. Not to mention, it's a quick jaunt from I-71.

### WHEN:

This spot opens daily at 11 a.m. and there's plenty of room if you're looking for a gathering spot. Another exciting note, there's a tantalizing brunch menu, available Saturday and Sunday until 3 p.m., with dishes such as open-faced chicken and avocado omelets and fruit and ricotta crepes. You'll have to wrap up your dining affair by 10 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 11 p.m. Friday and Saturday, and 9 p.m. Sunday.

### TEST:

Being a bit early, we bellied up at the marble bar, the whole scene bustling with a cosmopolitan vibe. We enjoyed a few sips of a salty-delicious dirty martini before General Manager Shelia Lucas told us our table was ready when we were. We enjoyed watching the crowd – and all sorts – all around us. A family reunion ensued behind us, relatives dribbled in, greeted to joyous welcomes and carafes of wine. We wished we could join them.

We found our way to our booth, martinis in hand. The spot set out for us – a u-shaped, black, wood-lacquered booth – was in plain sight of the kitchen, wood-fired oven, and the entire main dining area. Executive Chef Jon Bruckelmeyer wasted no time in delivering plates to us. First up

– Bruschetta Quattro, a platter of chewy ciabatta toasts in a carnival of colors: roasted red pepper with mozzarella, chilled tomato caprese, sliced steak, and margherita. All these slices oozed fresh summertime flavors.

Round two: Warm and comforting red and yellow peppers stuffed with polenta and sausage. We found these soft, hearty and delicious, with a contrast of a peppery arugula salad with citrusy dressing. A strawberry salad came, too, brimming with spinach, romaine, fruity strawberry and grape bites mixed with grilled chicken. It was the addition of candied pecans that really caught our attention.

Brio chose to showcase its grill items for our dinner course. We were treated to platters of succulent meats, such as lamb chops with red wine veal sauce, beef

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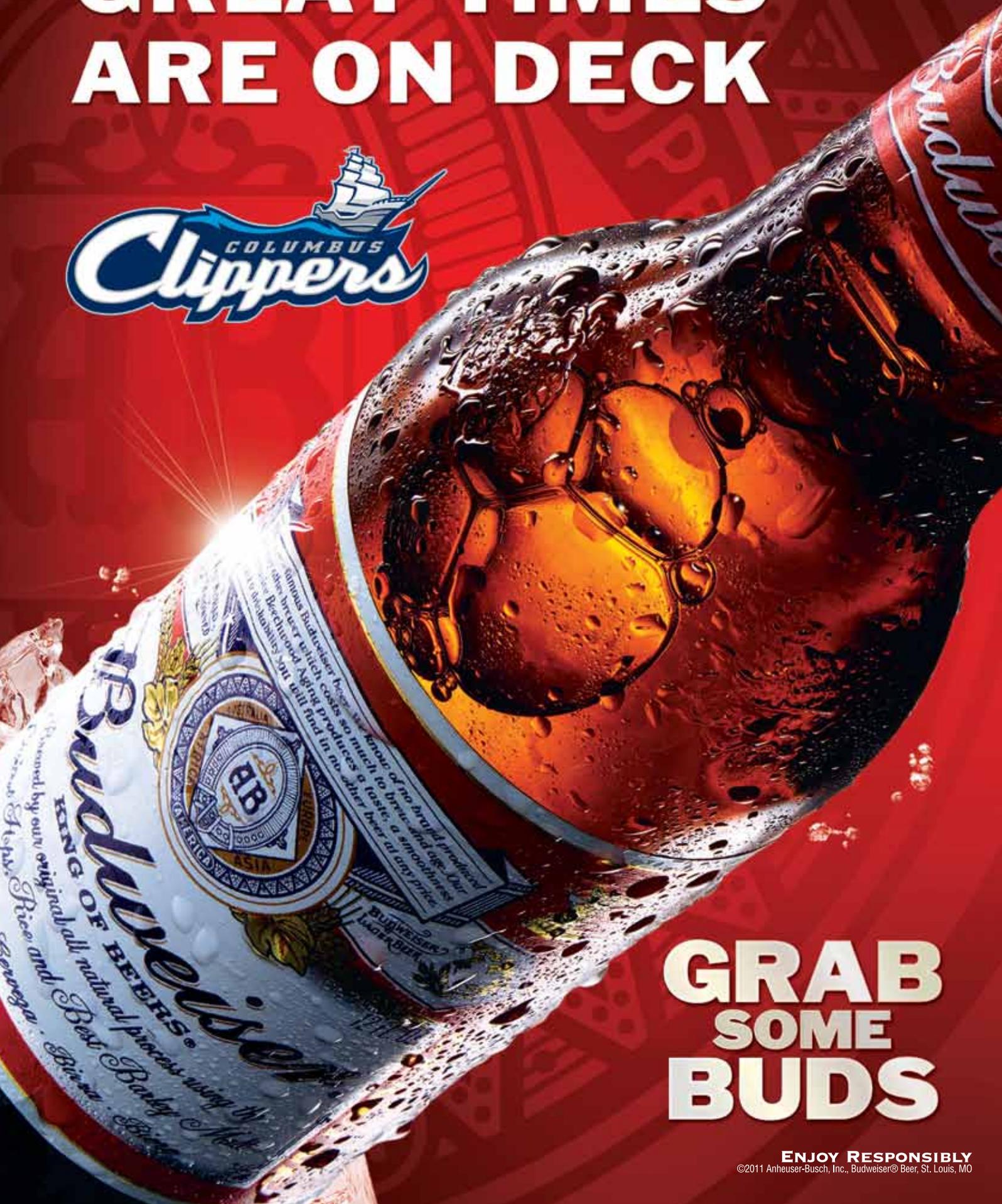
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medallions and bursting, crusty shrimp with gastrique sauce, and skewers of lemon rosemary chicken with wild rice orzo. Wonderful as all this was, though, the showstopper for us was the pasta alla vodka, delicate tiny morsels of ravioli-like pasta folded with ricotta, and swimming in tomato Parmesan cream sauce. It was rich, earthy and everything you dream about in great Italian food.

Just wait until you see the dessert selection. We marveled at our special treat, the dolcino sampler, pretty as a picture and a perfect crowd-pleaser. Condensed tastes of popular menu items are displayed here: carrot cake, tiramisu, cherry cheese cake, chocolate caramel cake, and our favorite – caramel cream with a layer of rosemary and salt. We loved the unlikely combination of flavors. Brio was full as we ended our supper. Families, couples, kids – all

kinds – and with the quality of the food and lively atmosphere here, it's easy to see why.

### THE HOT TIP:

Linger over appetizers and drinks during happy hour Monday-Friday from 3 to 7 p.m. and again from 9 p.m. to close. We first selected a couple of drinks from a \$5 drink specials menu. Try these:

- White Peach Sangria: Peach nectar, fresh berries and citrus fruit, blended with chardonnay and peach schnapps. We expected lots of sweetness, but were surprised at its delicate, refreshing flavor.
- Dirty Martini: Just the way we like it, super salty from the olive juice. Always a winner, this glass came bursting with briny flavors in every tiny sip.

Pair these aperitifs with a selection from an eclectic tableau of plates, from

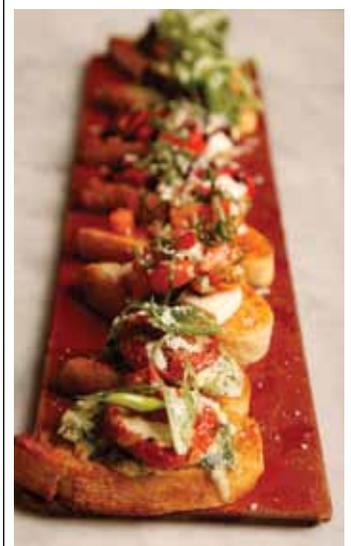
Bolognese-topped Lettuce Wraps to Ravioli Caprese. They're all \$3.95 and perfectly portioned. We enjoyed:

- Spicy Shrimp and Eggplant: Bursting pan-seared shrimp comes interspersed with crispy-delicious Romano crusted eggplant. We wouldn't have guessed this plate would astound us so much, due in part to a black pepper cream sauce, sizzling good and very original in flavor.
- Four Cheese Pizzetta: This comes straight out of the wood-fired oven, and tastes like it, too. This crispy crust gets dressed up with savory cheeses, sliced tomatoes, and spicy arugula.
- Beef Carpaccio: Sliced silky thin and speckled with mustard aioli and a dusting of field greens. We loved the coolness combined with the soft texture of the beef.

■ Jackie Dee

## Three You Need

The spicy shrimp and eggplant will catch you off guard with its sizzling black pepper cream sauce; the delicate pasta alla vodka tastes heavenly good with ricotta cheese filling; the dolcino sampler will wow you with its creative presentation and taste.



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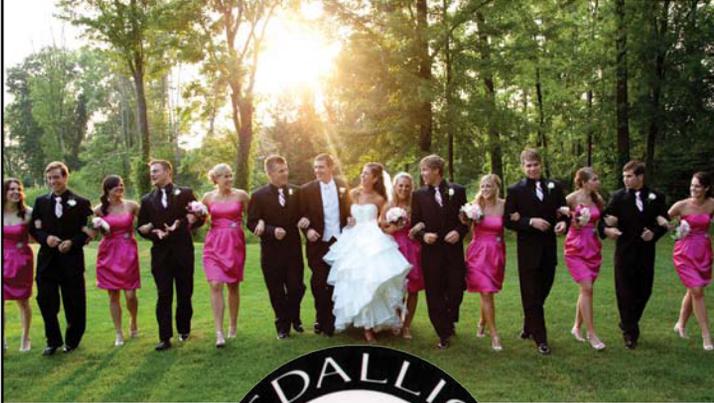
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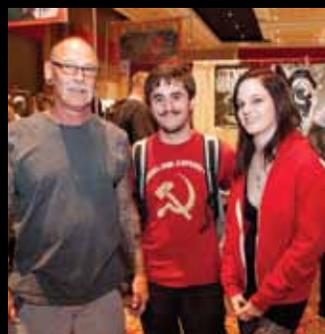


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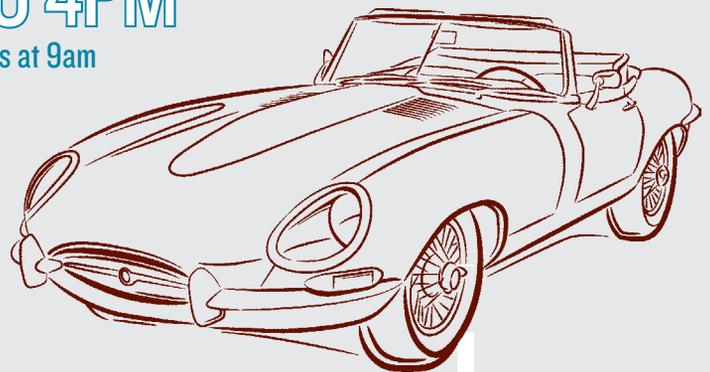
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Third-generation drag racer Troy Coughlin Jr. scored one of the biggest victories of his career when he banked \$20,000 at the Super Spring Buck Blast at South Georgia Motorsports Park. Racing his JEGS.com-branded dragster, Coughlin won the main event. The victory was extra special for Coughlin as he defeated his friend, mentor and JEGS.com teammate, Kenny Underwood, in the final round.



"Winning any race is great, but to be able to race Kenny in the final makes it even better," Coughlin said. "He's one of the best racers in the country and it's an honor just to line up against him. When you race someone like Kenny, you have to be focused and do your very best. We won a lot of money and we got this really cool trophy with an eagle on it. Kenny says it looks like a chicken, but it's really an eagle."

Coughlin's \$20,000 victory was the culmination of a great weekend for the JEGS.com driver as he also reached the semifinal round in two other races during the multi-day event.

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## 1968 Z/28 CAMARO

For some reason, the one place that my mind finally relaxes, my phone goes in my pocket and I tune out the world at large is at a car show, race or on the road in my 1968 Z/28 Camaro. I don't need to pay for therapy because the sound of an engine seems to reduce the glitches of my day-to-day nonsense to nothing. Cars are not just pieces of metal, plastic and leather slopped together. They are mobile works of art that shed light on the dynamic of the generation in which they were made.

Muscle cars have been and will always be my favorite cars, especially those like my first-generation Z/28 with an 8 cylinder 302 engine. GM rolled out the Z/28 performance package to offer virtually "race-ready" Camaros for sale from any Chevrolet dealer. The story of how it came into my possession is a great one. My father, Joe, sparked my passion for all things auto, just like his father did for him. My dad grew up in a typical, middle-class family, but they were atypical in the fact that my grandfather was always trading in cars for the newest and coolest GM, Ford, Pontiac, etc. It came time for the annual trade-in, at which point my dad headed to Jack Maxton Chevrolet. His mother, Connie, wanted a family car that was easy for her to get into and drive around town. By some miracle of God, my then 17-year-old father convinced his parents that the perfect solution for the family was a souped-up muscle car!

My dad was a popular guy in high school, but the brand-new Camaro sealed the deal. I remember when I still lived in NYC, I randomly bumped into a man from Columbus who talked about a kid named McAllister, who drove the coolest car in school, a 1968 Z. Turns out, he and my father were buddies!

Dad drag raced at National Trail Raceway, but as of today, has only managed to put a little over 30K miles on the thing. Nowadays, the Z only graces the masses with its presence on sunny, warm days throughout the spring, summer and fall months, mostly because I'm extremely paranoid about taking her out. If anything ever happened to her, I believe my father might murder me. No, he definitely would murder me. It's not the most powerful, nor the most perfect car you'll see at a cruise-in, but it is typically the only one that has stayed in one family, without any restoration to the interior or exterior. That is extremely rare. It's got a few dings and scratches, which only adds to its badass, tough-around-the-edges, no-muss-or-pomp personality. It's the epitome of an American car made during an iconic decade and still, more than 40 years later, its character is still the perfect representation of 100-percent All-American pride and power.

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## 2012 SKATE FOR HOPE



Skate for Hope is an annual figure skating show held each summer at the Nationwide Arena in Columbus, Ohio. Skate for Hope is the most unique and beautiful breast cancer fund-raising event in the United States. SFH has raised over \$370,000 to help find a cure, while uniting generations of women.

Skate for Hope utilizes figure skating, a sport that epitomizes women's strength, to bring attention, resources and education to fight against breast cancer. Each year, over 100 figure skaters from the Central Ohio area come together to celebrate life, cancer survivors and the hope of a future free from breast cancer. In addition to these local skaters, Olympic, World and National Champions join the cast to present a spectacular show, honoring those that have been touched by this disease.

Skate for Hope is a not for profit 501c3 charitable organization that donates its proceeds to the Stefanie Spielman Fund at the James Cancer Center and Solove Research Institute and to the Vera Bradley Foundation for Breast Cancer Research.

The next Skate for Hope show will take place on Saturday June 16, 2012 at 5:00 pm at the Nationwide Arena in Downtown Columbus, Ohio!



## CASUALLY COOL RUVANE KURLAND

Like most solo artists, Ruvane Kurland's music has many layers, but his are both figurative and literal. Wedged between layers of beatboxing and ukulele plucks are his wide-ranging vocals laced with elements of nature and all kinds of relationships with hints of his influences, but all in all the music is him.

Playing shows since he was 17 and touring across the country, Kurland has been trying to perfect his brand of acoustic folk rock, which wasn't even a category that people considered when he first graced the stage. He blends his life experiences into his music, and when he plays he tries to connect that to the audience in any way that he can.

"The best part about playing in front of people for me is when, even if it's just for a second, you realize that you've really connected with someone in the audience," says Kurland. "I really live off the energy that I get from the crowd and try to make every show a different experience."

One way Kurland does this is through his live "acoustic looping," where he takes any brand of instrument and loops it over previous layers to make it sound like something completely new. It's a technique that can be dangerous live, but makes every show different and feels like an entire band is coming from his voice and hands.

Kurland is currently putting the final touches on his new album *Elevate*, which he says carries his regular acoustic base with a little bit of an electric edge. One of his newest songs, "I'm Home," is already garnering attention as it recently placed second in the Columbus 200 Bicentennial song contest. The album is due out around June of this year and will feature many guest appearances from musicians that Kurland has admired for years.

For more information on Ruvane Kurland, go to [www.ruvanekurland.com](http://www.ruvanekurland.com)

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## LIVE AND DIRECT SCOTT STIENECKER

Once a month, *C Magazine* interviews a prominent Columbus figure to discuss what makes them tick. This month, we chat with PromoWest Productions president and live music magician, Scott Stienecker. There's no doubt he has made more people smile than anyone else in town.

### Who is your hero?

When I was in college at Bowling Green State University, I engraved into my dorm locker the names Bill Graham, Jules Belkin and Jerry Weintraub. As an aspiring businessman, those were my heroes. But today, after having found some success, I'd say my hero is my son. His ability to listen and his drive are inspiring.

**What is your favorite holiday?** St. Patrick's Day is the most fun. My

roommates in college were both Irish, and so began the annual party. But Christmas means the most to me.

**Power is ... ?** Being able to make things happen with just a phone call.

**If you could change one thing about Columbus, what would it be?** I would love to have the cow town image completely gone. We have gone way past that now.

### What angers you?

When people seriously offer unfounded opinions on important matters.

**What is your favorite local restaurant?** Right now, I'd say the Hubbard Grille, but it changes almost every year.

**What is the most important thing one can donate?** A lot of people would say time and be quick to discount when people

actually put up money. But the two are really the same.

**What is a memorable quote that had a real impact on you?** When I was in my late thirties, I had the pleasure of listening to Les Wexner speak. He said that as soon as you stop growing and taking chances, you would become stagnant and stop moving forward. And when that happens, someone is going to pass you by.

### What is your Death Row dinner?

A great filet with corn on the cob, iced tea and tomatoes with sugar on them. That is the kind of meal I remember growing up.

**What is the biggest mistake you've made?** Taking over the Agora Theatre in Cleveland, Ohio in 1996.

**What is the single greatest concert you were responsible for?** It would be a close

tossup between the Polaris Eagles shows and the OSU Rolling Stones show.

**What would you say is more important — talent or creativity?** Depends on the job. And if you are an entrepreneur, you better have both.

**Got a favorite movie?** *Hangover*.

■ Jason Ohlson



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