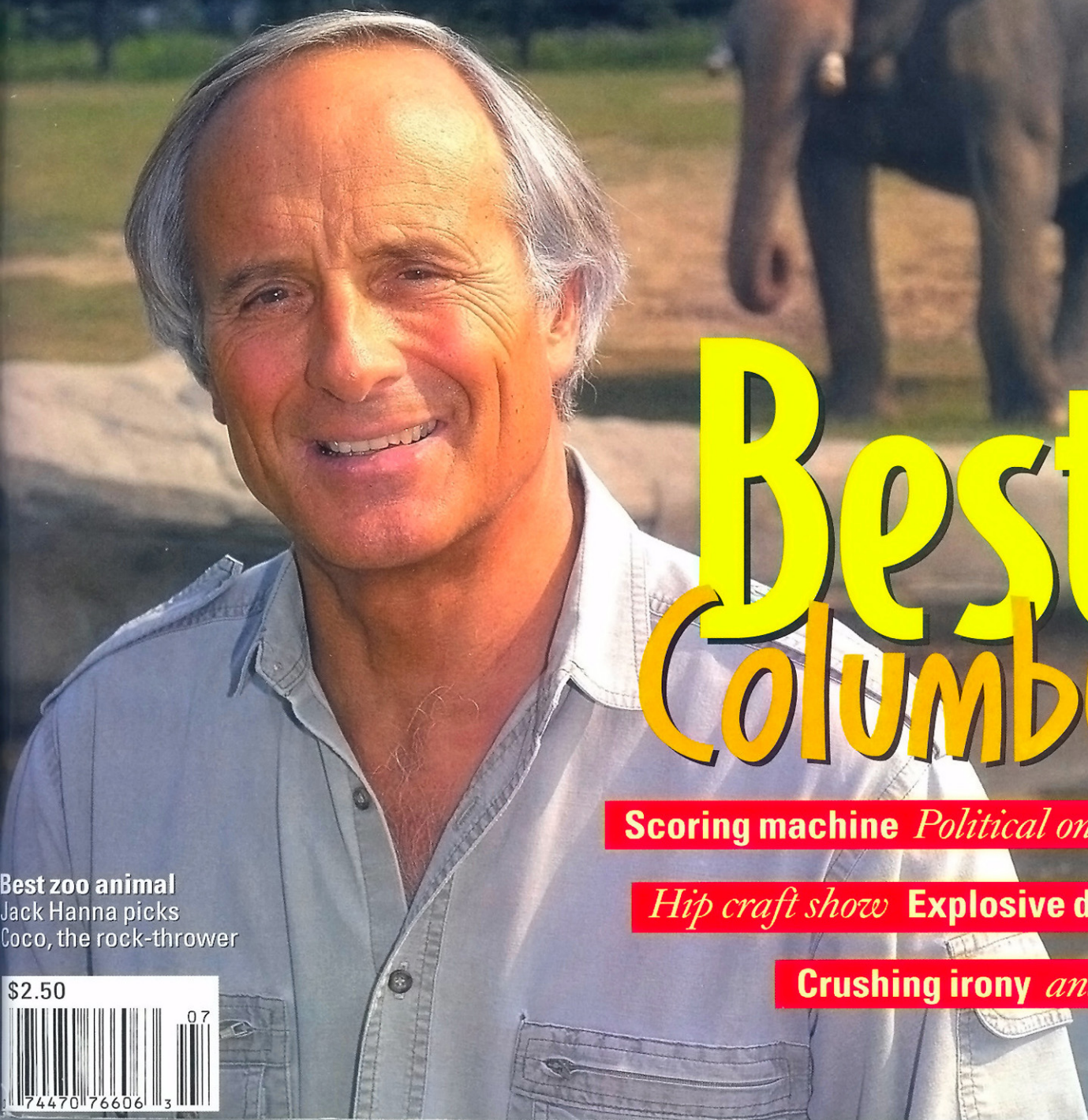


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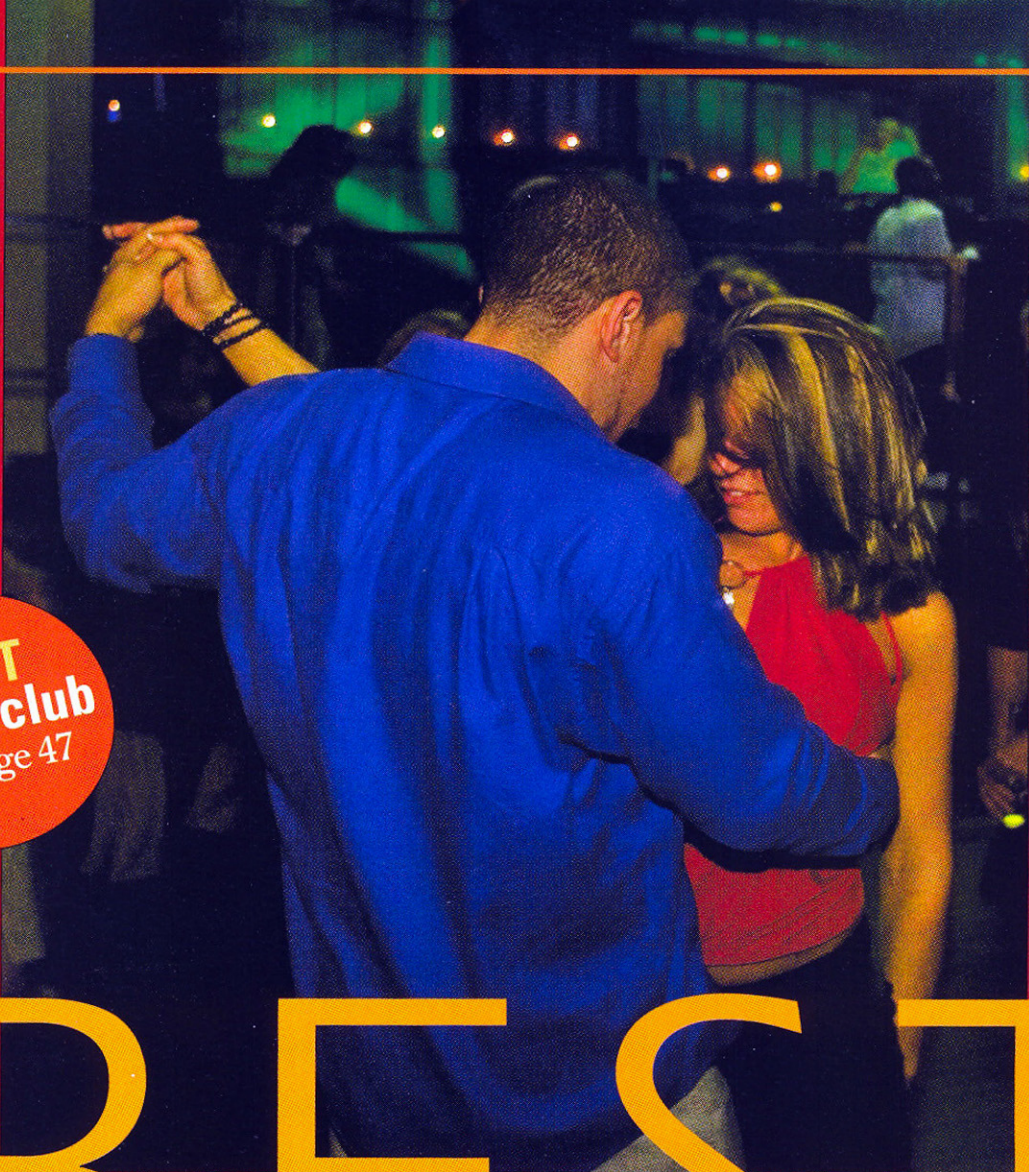
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BEST *of Columbus 2007*

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Dance club

BoMA, the newcomer, steals the scene from the Park Street tandem of Sugar and Spice.

crowd. A reader sums it up: "Fantastic service, great value for the money, fresh ingredients, different variety, well-balanced plates, just enough food."

Fast casual: For a quick nosh, **Chipotle** wins.

Cheap lunch: **Chipotle** again.

Steakhouse: **Hyde Park**, by a somewhat surprisingly wide margin considering the number of good steakhouses in town. "This is class!" swoons one reader.

Chinese: **P.F. Chang's China Bistro** for the fifth straight year.

Asian: **P.F. Chang's** again.

Sushi: **Haiku**, in a runaway.

Mexican: **El Vaquero** is the favorite, one more time.

Seafood: **Columbus Fish Market**, by a comfortable margin. For the Easton

options, **Mitchell's Ocean Club** edges newcomer **McCormick & Schmick's**.

Vegetarian: **Dragonfly Neo-V Cuisine**, by two votes over **Northstar Café**.

Italian: **Bravo!** edges a tight field of **Brio**, **Figlio** and **Moretti's Sawmill**.

French: **Bon Vie**.

Greek: **The Happy Greek** owns this category.

Indian: **Indian Oven**, easily.

"Shows the place can be cool and do great food too," explains one reader.

Middle Eastern: **Aladdin's**, for the fourth straight year.

Diner: **Cap City Fine Diner & Bar**, with readers noting the meatloaf and chocolate cake.

Pizza: **Massey's** slips past last year's winner, **Donatos**. Readers from both Texas and Florida claim to love

Massey's so much they've had pizzas shipped cross-country.

Hamburger: **Thurman Café's** burger is favored over **Max & Erma's** offering.

Wings: **Buffalo Wild Wings Grill & Bar** beats **Roosters** in a close battle, even though one reader writes, "I hate their stupid name."

Desserts: **The Cheesecake Factory** bests **Pistachio**.

Barbecue: **City Barbeque**, with more votes than all the others combined. "I could eat the brisket every night," writes a reader. "And the green beans. And the black-eyed peas. And the mac & cheese. And then I could die happily from my heart attack."

MEDIA

Local news website: **WBNS10tv.com** slips past last year's winner, **nbc4i.com**.

Morning TV newscast: **NBC4**.

Evening TV newscast: **WBNS 10-TV**.

Talk radio station: The team at **610 WTVN** still is more popular with our readers than the sports-talk format of **1460 The Fan**. As one states: "Corby, BC, what more needs to be said?"

Music radio station: **CD101** claims the title over **WNCI** and **Mix 97.1**.

Public radio station: **WCBE 90.5**.

Morning radio show: **WNCI's Morning Zoo (97.9)** is "Zany!" according



One man's opinion

Dan McCarthy, president, the Success Group

Seafood counter

McCarthy's choice is the one at **Weiland's Gourmet Market** in Clintonville. "They have the best selection and, more importantly, they tell you how to cook everything. And the smoked trout dip is awesome," says McCarthy, a father of four. "The kids will all watch the lobsters in the tank a couple of minutes before they trash the rest of the store."



Import

The best news of the year for fans of fine dining was the arrival of chef **Richard Rosendale**, whose Rosendales at the corner of Hubbard Avenue and High Street in the Short North quickly caused a buzz among foodies. And with good reason. Rosendale's impressive dossier includes working as chef de cuisine of the prestigious Tavern Room Restaurant at the Greenbrier resort in White Sulphur Springs, West Virginia, as well as being named U.S.A.'s Chef of the Year for 2005 and appointed captain of the 2008 Culinary Olympic team.

Artsy trend

Columbus saw the openings of two new restaurants that combine food with art. In addition to the elegant **BoMA**, a former downtown church converted to a fine-dining restaurant with a dance club and art galleries, **Cam's on Campus**, an affordable Cameron Mitchell offering, opened inside the Wexner Center.

Way to make expensive wine more affordable

Wine "on tap" doesn't necessarily mean a box wine in the fridge. At **The Wine Guy Wine Shop** in Pickerington, people get the chance to taste world-class wines without the triple-digit price tag. Most area restaurants offer more moderately priced wines by the glass, but Wine Guy owner Craig Decker serves his best wines from an air-tight dispensing system. "It gives people a chance to really enjoy wines at a very affordable price," he says. Some two-ounce pours cost \$5, while a sample of Penfolds Grange 2002, which retails for \$259 a bottle, goes for \$22.

Munching in a mansion

An elegant brick house built for a Marysville physician in 1884 has been transformed

Explosive dessert

The chocolate bombe at BoMA is to die for. A dark chocolate domed shell, complete with a red hard-candy fuse, conceals a soft rich chocolate mousse inside. *Columbus Monthly* restaurant reviewer John Marshall calls it, "silken, luscious and darkly wonderful."



Saag paneer

When the tasters eagerly assembled around the takeout containers of the popular Indian dish that includes spinach and cheese, one person predicted the frenzy might result in someone accidentally being jabbed with a plastic fork. We're happy to report no injuries occurred and appetites were satisfied.

The winner was the saag paneer from **Cuisine of India**, which also earned points for the side of rice, which had peas and bits of cilantro. The close runner-up was **Dosa Corner**.

TASTE TEST



Passover dinner

Dragonfly Neo-V Cuisine, the acclaimed Short North vegetarian restaurant, features a lavish organic vegetarian buffet in honor of the Passover holiday, along with services officiated by Rabbi Israel Wolmark—the father of Dragonfly owner/chef Magdiale Wolmark.

Sack lunch

Your nose will take notice when you are delivered the paper bag in which the trout en papillote is served at **Thom's on Grandview**. The sumptuous aroma of vegetables, lemon and fresh trout will be topped only by its taste.

Way to please and offend your priest

If you can escape the guilt of ordering the dish, check out the delicious **seafood strozzapretti** with prawns, mussels, clams, tuna and moonfish at **Latitude 41**, the restaurant in Columbus, A Renaissance Hotel. Strozzapretti is a variety of pasta that means "strangled priest" or "priest strangler" in Italian. ■