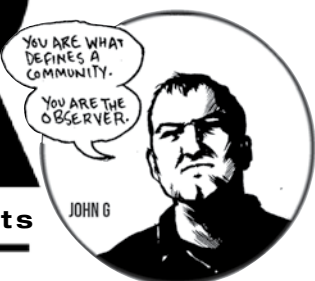


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Way to go Cleveland! Not only did we pull off the Republican National Convention, peacefully for everyone. We showed the world how it is done. While many of us would like to believe it was because the first, the largest, and the longest demonstration of the entire event, was Circle the City With Love. Which brought not just 3,000 demonstrators to the Hope Memorial Bridge between Ohio City/Tremont and Cleveland to hold hands, and pray for peace and love. But brought hundreds of police officers to meet, shake hands and hug the demonstrators! It was an amazing way to start the week, and says so much about the City of Cleveland, and our people and neighborhoods. Thank you! More images from the entire week in the inside pages 2 and 3!

NOT TO BE MISSED -

Metro Park's Zoo's Tiger Passage

BY JIM O'BRYAN

While not in Ohio City or Tremont, the Metro Park Zoo is a bikeable walkable destination I always try to visit while meeting for the OCTO.

The best way to see the Zoo is in little pieces. I always buy a yearly membership, and if I am nearby, I'll bike up stop in and spend an hour with the monkeys, or a couple hours with the gorillas. Instead of rushing through, you grab a camera, and relax, and enjoy the moment, and the zoo rarely disappoints when seen like this.

I had not been to the much heralded "Tiger Passage" so after leaving Canopy I head

south to the Zoo.

As I got to Tiger Passage, there was only a single tiger sleeping in the shade. But after 15 minutes he got up and put on a really great display which saw many within feet of the

top of the food chain in many countries.

Take the time, check it out, buy yourself and family a yearly membership, it is a great value, and always great fun!



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Tiger Passage has 25 or more great places to get near the Tigers. The photo above taken with a 75mm lens. Below, there are windows where you can get incredible photos with a iphone, and kids just love it!



Tremont's sign is on West 10th and Abbey



At the Inner Harbor



At Edgewater Park

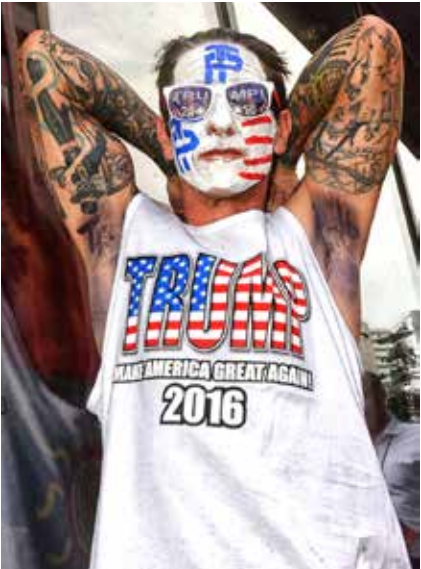
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Mayor Frank Jackson waves as I head down Euclid Avenue.



Cleveland Police Chief Calvin Williams was a star, thank you for your leadership.



Trump supporter.



In Cleveland it's all about the music.



Many people feared riots or worse, but by the end of the week, everyone was saying, "Make America Cleveland Again!" Good work to everyone involved!

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City Club's Dan Moulthrop



Visiting officers had fun keeping an eye on the media...



...and those expressing themselves.



Protesters loved working with Cleveland Police, and they remained positive.



Though police and media outnumbered protestors 30 to 1.



While it was good for the city, so many of the optics did not line up with what Cleveland is all about, good times, good food, great people. Cages not needed!

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OPINION | RECIPES

If Life Gives You Lemons, Make A Nice Lemonade Cocktail

BY BRUCE GROSSMAN

I think I must be going crazy from this record heat wave, because all I can think about these days is a nice long cold refreshing drink. I've been like Walter Mitty in the Sahara, but reading upon cocktails instead of dreaming of adventure. And I came to an important conclusion-- I'm going to become a cocktail snob! It seems relatively cheap and easy-- and who in this bailiwick doesn't want to be sophisticated? I've never thought of being a wine snob, because that would be far too expensive and I'm sure I couldn't pull it off. A man must know his limitations. Besides that, I would probably giggle talking about a bottle's "nose," let alone smelling a cork. I could no more criticize a Bordeaux than a blind man could describe a Monet. This is not to say I've never tried. One day while walking down the aisle of a supermarket I saw a young lady handing out little plastic cups of wine samples and I said to

myself, "A-ha! A wine expert! I'm going to learn something today!" So I went up to her and said, "Excuse me, young lady, what wine do you recommend for cooking coq au vin?" She replied, "Gentle sir, one should cook with the wine one likes to drink." So I said, "Well then, Boone's Farm sangria it is!" And then she quietly asked me to leave. (But note, I do make one mean coq au Thunderbird!) But I might fare better with the cocktail crowd. After all, Paulius, the owner of The Velvet Tango Room has been known to sit with me at the Koffie Cafe while I do the crossword. So while I might be a snob, Paulius isn't. He has assured me that he doesn't judge his customers by the cocktails they order. (I've heard, however, that nothing more depresses him than the word "Chocotini".) But while Paulius might be comfortable in his own shoes and accepting of himself and others,

I'm not. I have given much thought on how not to embarrass myself in the sanctity of his Lounge. But I still don't know if a Horse's Tail is a woman's or a man's drink and don't want to look like a horse's rear myself-- or if a Seven and Seven is kid's stuff. But then I had an epiphany! Any drink named after a New York borough is probably safe. Here in Ohio City, the Next Brooklyn, who could put me down for ordering up a Brooklyn, a Bronx, a Manhattan, or even a Long Island Iced Tea? So I did deep research on Pinterest and adapted these select recipes:

THE BROOKLYN-- BY MAUREEN PETROSKY
(adapted from Kitchn)
Serves 1
1 1/2 oz. rye whiskey or bourbon
1/2 oz. dry vermouth
1/4 oz. Amer Picon bitters
1/4 oz. maraschino liqueur
1 maraschino cherry for garnish
Shake with ice and strain into a martini glass

THE BRONX
(adapted from Chowhound)
Serves 1
2 oz. gin
1/2 oz. dry vermouth
1/2 oz. sweet vermouth
1 oz. orange juice
Orange slice for garnish
Shake with ice and strain into a martini glass

THE MANHATTAN
(adapted from Saveur)
Serves 1
3 oz. rye whiskey
1 oz. sweet vermouth
3 dashes Angostura bitters
1 maraschino cherry for garnish
Shake with ice and strain into a martini glass

THE LONG ISLAND ICED TEA
This Long Island Iced Tea Recipe is by Mixologist "Sledge" (adapted from Allrecipes). Sledge assures us that this is the REAL Long Island Iced Tea, and the only correct way to make it. Sledge, I like your attitude.

Serves 1
1/2 oz. vodka
1/2 oz. tequila
1/2 oz. gin
1/2 oz. light rum
1/2 oz. triple sec
1 oz. sweet and sour mix
1 oz. cola
Except for cola, shake with ice and strain into a hurricane glass. Stir in cola.

ANOTHER LONG ISLAND ICED TEA
This Long Island Iced Tea is adapted from Betty Crocker, yes Betty Crocker. (So there Sledge! That girl knew how to make a nice stiff drink!)

Serves 1
3/4 oz. vodka
3/4 oz. tequila
3/4 oz. gin
3/4 oz. light rum
3/4 oz. triple sec
1 tablespoon simple syrup
1 tablespoon lemon juice
1 oz. carbonated soda
lime or lemon slice for garnish
Except for carbonated soda, shake with ice and strain into a hurricane glass. Stir in carbonated soda.

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FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

Halting the Holler

BY ERIKA DURHAM

I love to walk. I live within a mile and a half of where I work for a reason, I love to be able to wake up in the morning and start my day by getting some fresh air, some low impact exercise, and just get myself moving before I have to spend a day in concentration. There aren't many things that stop me from taking walks in the city. Although it may be naive, I generally don't feel a real fear of the possibility of being robbed, I don't mind the cold or the heat. Rain is fine too, and the 30 minutes each way is a commute I am grateful for. The one thing that will stop me however, is that it seems a woman cannot propel herself through this city without being cat-called, constantly and consistently.

When I first lived in Cleveland as an adult and started noticing it, I was mostly on my bike, so the shouts at least dissolved more quickly as I flew by (or sometimes weren't even audible). It also seemed as if a lot of people who did it back then were people who live in the city and make their way up and down the streets throughout the day. It seemed more of an intention to compliment than to be aggressive or insulting. Calls were more along the lines of "hey beautiful"; "hey gorgeous"; "DAMN girl!..."etc.

These days, things have seemed to take a drastic turn for the dark and

unsavory. Calls range more along the lines of "GIRL let me get some of that"; "I'm gonna come get that a** girl"; "Look at the a** on her, how do you think she got an a** like that?"; "I wanna take you home with me"; "Give me that number"...and so on. These are the calls that make me get in my car and drive to work instead of walking. They're the calls that send the horrible fears of being abducted (or worse) down my spine.

What is so upsetting to me about all of it is the other person's seeming attempt to call out just how vulnerable we are as women in the world. It's a stark and ugly reminder that if they desired, most men could overtake most women in a physical situation. It terrifies me. To cap it all off, when you're shouted at from a car or bike while on foot, your options for rebuttal are almost non-existent or serve to fuel the fire. If you flip the bird, most callers use that as an opportunity to call you "sassy" or "tough," and find a way to incorporate that into their disgusting dialogue. Anything you try to yell back is lost on them, and is only seen in the demeaning light of "you're so cute when you're mad." What's terrible is that these situations stir something in me that makes me want to haul off and punch these guys right in their stupid heads. Unfortunately, all I've come to be able to do is to ignore completely, not even look up, not make a peep, pre-

tend as if the violation of my mental being has simply not been committed. I don't even look up when someone honks their horn at me, even with the strong possibility that it's someone I know trying to wave hello.

The problem with that solution is that it hasn't helped either. It's as if it's a quiet acceptance and allowance of the type of behavior I wish was eliminated from my life. To put a bit of perspective in place, I'm not talking about an instance of this once or twice a month. I once walked to work at 8:30 AM on a Sunday morning and it happened FIVE times before I got even 15 blocks away from my house. And these days, it's not just the friendly harmless dudes from my first years in Cleveland, it's men in pickup trucks, it's men in suits, it's men across the street, it's men on ladders, it's everywhere. If I had a nickle for every interaction I thought was innocent and friendly with a man, that quickly turned to a blatant (and often crude) attempt at a pickup, let's just say I wouldn't have to work three jobs anymore.

What I don't understand is what the goal of cat-calling and vulgar pickup attempts could possibly be. Do people honestly believe their shouts will result in a woman responding positively? That they'll get a date out of it? That women will turn and jump in their car with them? These all seem so ridiculous that it sadly seems the only purpose of it is the bizarre attempt to

"put women in their place," or at least to remind us that we're not in control, even of our own safety.

My purpose here isn't to point the finger at every man. I know there are good men in the world, many of them. What I would like to propose is for the good men to make a case to other men about why this needs to stop. Women are already hyper aware of their physical limitations against men and even if it may seem trivial to someone who hasn't experienced this directly, just ask around to women you know who have and see how it makes them feel. I can't even count the number of women I know who avoid walking (even in broad daylight, even on Sunday morning) because they're sick of being objectified.

I don't know what the solution to the problem is, but I do think if you've read this far and you know someone who makes a habit of cat-calling, or if you see someone doing it and feel comfortable enough with them to explain why it's so awful to be on the receiving end, please do so. There are plenty of reasons to be afraid in the world, and this simply shouldn't be one of them anymore.

As an end cap, I'd like to clarify and recognize that women aren't the only victims of this, I am aware that it is an issue in the LGBTQ community and can happen to men as well. I'm writing from my own experience, and would love to read what any and all of you have to say as well.



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Crime Stoppers

BY WILLIAM JELENIC

Crime Stoppers encourages members of the community to assist local law enforcement agencies in the fight against crime by overcoming two (2) of the key elements that inhibit community involvement: fear and apathy. Crime Stoppers provides an anonymous telephone number, Text Tips and Web Tips to encourage citizens in the community to volunteer vital information helpful to law enforcement agencies to fight against crime.

The Crime Stoppers program began in 1977 from the efforts of local police departments and the Cuyahoga County Chiefs of Police Association. Our program now operates as an independent organization. The concept has developed into a combination of efforts by local media, businesses, civic and social clubs, law enforcement agencies and the public. Donations of airtime, newspaper space, and reward monies have established Crime Stoppers as an effective tool to fight crime in the area.

Why do we need Crime Stoppers?

Crime Stoppers is based on the principal that someone other than the criminal has information that can solve a crime and was created to combat the three major problems faced by law enforcement in generating that information: fear of reprisal, an attitude of apathy and reluctance to get involved. Crime Stoppers resolves these problems by offering anonymity to people who provide information and paying rewards when the information supplied leads to arrest.

Crime Stopper Programs are organized as a not for profit organization (charity). A civilian community board of directors provides direction as to the financial and promotional activities of the program. The board of directors enhances the community involvement aspect, and its function is vital to the program's success.

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fund raising. The reward money paid out by the program is from the fund raising and donations from concerned citizens and businesses.

A community board of directors, made up of persons from throughout the area, meets on a monthly basis to evaluate arrests and to decide on the size of rewards to be paid, up to \$2,500. Rewards are then distributed in a private manner to the callers. Callers are eligible for rewards up to \$2,500, but, despite this, many callers choose not to collect their rewards.

The Phone Call - Hotline 24/7

Calls are received at the local Crime Stoppers tips line phone. This phone is a stand alone instrument which does not provide caller ID, and conversations are not recorded. The information is taken, initial inquiries are made, and then it is passed to the investigating officer. Calls are accepted regarding any publicized request for information, such as "Crime of the Week" or any other crime(s) the caller has knowledge of.

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Does Crime Stoppers Work?

The answer is quite simply yes. Since the start of Crime Stoppers, many calls have been received resulting in thousands of arrests and recovery of substantial amounts of property. Calls have included information about murder, robbery, rape, assaults, drug and firearm offenses.

The success of a Crime Stoppers program cannot be purely judged on statistics; however, other benefits have come to notice:

A greater awareness in the community that there is a crime problem.

A willingness by the community to fight back against crime if it is given the opportunity and motivation.

Improved relationships between police, media, and the community.

Crime Stoppers is definitely here to stay. It has been accepted by police as a valid and effective investigative tool and the public, through its overwhelming response, appears to have accepted it as a more palatable alternative to traditional methods of giving information.

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6:00 PM - 9:00 PM

AT MARKET SQUARE PARK

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AUGUST 12

FAMILY YOGA NIGHT

7:15 PM - 8:15 PM

AT VISION UNDERGROUND

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When the National Assessment of Educational Progress was released late last year, scores nationwide fell or remained flat. Of 21 urban districts that make results public, Cleveland was one of only three to record gains on all four tests.

There is other good news

For the third straight year, the District’s report card showed a C in “value added,” a measure of whether students achieved the growth expected of them. That placed Cleveland ahead of more than half of Ohio’s 609 school districts.

The District focuses heavily on literacy in kindergarten through third grade. Last school year, 86 percent of third-graders met Ohio’s Third Grade Reading Guarantee.

CMSD’s graduation rate has hit 66 percent, another new record, and has increased 14 points in the last five years. Moreover, graduates are better prepared for college and other postsecondary training, according to the Higher Education Compact of Greater Cleveland.

“The true test for us is whether we are graduating kids,” District CEO Eric Gordon said. “While we have a long way to go, we are headed in the right direction.”

The Cleveland Plan calls for a massive culture shift designed to ensure that every child in the District receives a quality education. *The Plan* has drawn nationwide attention, with even President Obama taking note.

To give children a strong start, CMSD and private providers have joined forces in PRE4CLE to make high-quality preschool available to as many children as possible. At higher grades, a growing number of new school models give every student a chance to find the right fit.

Community engagement is critical. Demonstrating their commitment, 91 percent of parents and caregivers met face-to-face with their children’s teachers last year.

Surveys have shown that the public believes CMSD is on the right path. In a more direct vote of confidence, enrollment is rising for the first time in decades.

“We are far from our goal,” CEO Gordon said. “But with the continued hard work of our entire staff and continued public support, our future is bright.”

