Ohio’s new stripper law

By Shawn Romer

CO-EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

In May of this year, the Ohio Legislature voted to place new restrictions on the operation of strip clubs. According to the new law, strip clubs, and many other “adult” oriented establishments, such as adult video stores, are not allowed to operate between midnight and 6:00 a.m. unless they have a liquor license. In the event that they do, between the hours of midnight and 2:00 a.m., entertainers may not perform fully nude and instead must wear clothing covering the pubic area and the nipple. During any hour of operation, no entertainer may touch any audience member who is not an immediate family member.

The legislature also implemented penalties to enforce this law. An audience member who touches any part of an entertainer’s body is subject to a $250 fine and 30 days imprisonment. If this touching occurs in an erogenous zone, such as the buttocks or an unstained private area, the fine limit increases to $1,000 and up to six months in jail.

The bill was initiated by a political group entitled “Citizens for Commu...
February 2007 exam, 78% of our graduates bar exam for the first time passed. On the pause to celebrate our recent successes, we should reflect on the possibilities in the law school and the College of Urban Affairs. Mr. Whitehead will assist us in this recruiting effort.

As we contemplate what these developments portend for our future, we should pause to consider our recent successes. Last year, our graduates passed the Ohio bar exam at the highest rate in 10 years. On the July 2006 Ohio bar exam, 84% of our graduates who were taking the Ohio bar exam for the first time passed. On the February 2007 exam, 78% of our graduates taking the exam for the first time passed.

Last year, we also had the most successful fund-raising year in our law school’s history—we received over $3.1 million. As of June 30th, we have raised nearly $10 million dollars in gifts and documented pledges to the Wolstein Endowed Scholarship Fund. Mrs. Wolstein’s challenge is $1 million. So, we are well on our way. But perhaps the most compelling evidence of our bright future is the quality of our incoming students and the achievements of the students whom they have joined.

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C-M students will have an “old ball game” experience. By Kevin Shannon

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As game time neared students finished their food and walked to the right stands, where they were treated to a great game between the smoking hot Indians and the Oakland Athletics. The solid pitching of Fausto Carmona and the hitting of Grady Sizemore by Ryan Garko and Jhonny Peralta in the sixth inning carried the Indians to victory.

Joe Borowski closed the door on the A’s 5-4 win bringing the Tribe and the Museum their seventh game lead over the Detroit Tigers. The victory reduced their magic number for clinching the division to 2. All in all, it was a great night at the ballpark and a teriffic event by the BSA. Of the actual evaluation process itself, Robertson noted that it can be difficult to judge when an ideal student faculty ratio would be 30:1. After reading the report, Robertson-May said, “We disagree with several matters in the evaluation report. The number of students for each individual student in term of the student/faculty ratio. “Higher student/faculty ratio would be counter-productive,” and that the high student/faculty ratio becomes counter-productive,” and that the high student/faculty ratio becomes counter-productive,” and that the high student/faculty ratio becomes counter-productive,” and that the high student/faculty ratio becomes counter-productive,” and that the high student/faculty ratio becomes counter-productive,” and that the high student/faculty ratio becomes counter-productive,” and that the high student/faculty ratio becomes counter-productive,” and that the high student/faculty ratio becomes counter-productive,” and that the high student/faculty ratio becomes counter-productive,” and that the high student/faculty ratio becomes counter-productive,” and that the high student/faculty ratio becomes counter-productive,” and that the high student/faculty ratio becomes counter-productive,” and that the high student/faculty ratio becomes counter-productive.”
New law has “no touch” policy

By Daniel Kelley

Since October 2005, the US media has reported assertions by Iran’s President, Mahmoud Ahmadinejad, that “the regime occupying Qods [Jerusalem] must be eliminated from the pages of history.” This sentence is a very graphic illustration of the regime’s intention—and some would say problem. The protests in Jena were peaceful; the regime’s actions were violent, or there may be other aggravating factors that have made deterrence ineffective. So what did Ahmadinejad actually say? According to one former entertainer, dancers at these establishments are afraid of enforcement. These entertainers are very optimistic. They believe that an overt demonstration of support for these establishments will happen with these establishments.

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Class prep tips for first year students

By Karen Mika
LEGAL WRITING PROFESSOR

All of my friends brief our cases in first year, but it seems that whenever any of us gets called on, none of us can ever answer the questions asked. There’s a lot of things going on during the first few weeks of law school. Students are learning a new language, a new legal writing method, and...in many instances, new class preparation techniques.

Unlike in some other objective learning situations, a law professor’s primary concern is not always “who did what to whom?” or “Who won?” Thus, as you brief a case, it isn’t always enough to just know the basics. It is important to not only be able to recall the facts and the law, but to...ponder them (and discuss once so you have something written down.) It’s not enough to read the cases just for the sake of doing them. In the long run it will be important to...stand in context, especially while looking up anything right now. In the meantime, go through the motions of writing out detailed case briefs even if you don’t understand exactly what they are. It is important to get out of the case. Sometimes students miss the point of a case entirely, and sometimes students “waste” many hours briefing cases that aren’t even covered in class.

The idea is to put in lots of time during these initial stages so that you start “getting it” sooner than later. In the meantime, go through the motions of writing out detailed case briefs even if you don’t understand exactly what they are. It is important to get out of the case. Sometimes students miss the point of a case entirely, and sometimes students “waste” many hours briefing cases that aren’t even covered in class.

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Life at a large firm

By Wendy Levey
GAVEL CONTRIBUTOR

Although I have been practicing as an environmental attorney at Squire Sanders for a few days shy of 18 years, with the last seven as a partner, writing a column on “life at a large firm is a bit daunting.

Do the editors hope that I will lay out the virtues of practicing at a big firm in order to encourage more women to follow in my footsteps? Or, do they hope that I will present a bleak picture of an overworked mother to match the stereotypical vision of “big firm” practice? Just as there is no single Super Mom who can do it all, and do it all perfectly, there is no simple single description of life at a large firm.

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The Political Broadside

By Alin Rosca

Liberal rebuttal.

While I agree that Cuyahoga County needs to take action to turn our economy around, as I’ve already discussed, I am not sold on Medical Mart being the cure to our economic woes. Instead, I would like to see these promises to the Cuyahoga County taxpayers fulfilled. However, as I mentioned before, if we must do this, there are other alternatives to this foolhardy tax increase.

One, the outrageous RTA 1% transit rate is a good place to start. According to the rate for Franklin County (home of Columbus) is only 25%. There is no reason why the blunted RTA couldn’t realistically sustain such a cut. If the county was serious about turning our economy around, it would address the fact that we are already the highest taxed county in Ohio and cut taxes! It’s no coincidence that the highest taxed county in the state also has the fourth poorest city in the nation!

Tax increases have always been unpopular among those concerned more with the thickness of their wallet than with the well-being of the community they live in. They brandish the baguette of big-government welfare and taxation as a cause for duces for large community projects that benefit everybody, including themselves. The fear of “big government” is unjustified. The government represents the community, is voted by the community, and is part of the community. The taxpayers elect it and entrust it with their hard-earned money, and it is their responsibility to channel those sources from taxpayers and channel them into activities that benefit us all. That is precisely what the Cuyahoga County commissioners have done with this convention center.

Conservative rebuttal...

The upcoming 0.25 percent sales tax increase is a long-}

due adrenaline shot in Cuyahoga County’s ailing economy.
The proceeds of the tax increase will help build a new Cleveland convention center, which will not only serve as a tourist destination for medical equipment and devices, called the Cleveland Medical Mart. While the Medical Mart is built with private funds, its development will be conditioned by the existence of a Medical Mart developer, who might attract over 50 medical shows each year, with a total economic impact in the region of over $330 million annually. This public-private partnership is a great opportunity for the Cuyahoga County government and the community it represents to take an active role in rebuilding this region and putting an end to the current economic stagnation.

Fragnented private initiative alone cannot, and should not, be expected to provide the answer to the type of systemic economic problems befalling Greater Cleveland. Private businesses do not have the resources or motivation to engage in large-scale projects aimed at turning around the economy of an entire region. Their interest is usually much more short-term, and their responsibility only to their shareholders, not the community.

Greater Cleveland has long been a showcase for the economic plight of the Rust Belt. The flight of manufacturing jobs to low-wage countries has led to some of the highest unemployment rates in the nation. As if that wasn’t enough, the regional economic development policies of the past few years triggered the recent wave of foreclosures – again one of the highest in the country. The fact that Cleveland has advanced from being the poorest big city in the country last year, to “only” the fourth poorest now has become a reason for celebration.

The medical industry needs to be nurtured to become a major driver of economic growth in the region, and that is exactly what the County is attempting to do with this new initiative. It would be perhaps a bit reckless for a community to simply sit idle and wait for the “invisible hand” of private initiative to simply pull it out of its predicament. Instead, the community should act, take its destiny in its own hands, and provide the resources necessary to kick-start the local economy. By enacting the sales tax incremental increase, the Cuyahoga County elected officials have done just that.

These funds will not vanish in a bureaucratic black hole, as some of the project’s opponents claim. The money will go back to the community through salaries for the additional jobs generated by such a major construction project and through the increased commercial activity associated with it. This money will be used for the acquisition of equipment, furniture and fixtures, and so on. That doesn’t even account for the funds that will come in from out-of-town, through the medical technologies and trade shows that trade will be made possible. The $400 million price tag is not an “expense,” but an infusion of capital into the community, which is in itself and of itself beneficial for the local economy.

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The political backdrop

By Chuck Northcutt

CONSERVATIVE GAVEL COLUMNIST

Well, it looks like the Democrats that run Cuyahoga County who like their own personal socialist communist state are at it again! County Commissioners Taxin’ Tim Hagan and Jimmy Dimora want to raise our taxes one more time. They have teamed with Christopher Kennedy, president of Chicago-based Merchandise Mart Properties, to bring the Medical Mart to Cleveland. And you are wondering, Kennedy is also the nephew of liberal “Tax and Spending” Senator Ted Kennedy of Massachusetts. Way to score brownie points with fellow liberal elites, there, Taxin’ Tim! More should be done to levy sales or income taxes onpeople who are already paying the highest taxes in the state. It is already the highest taxed county in Ohio isn’t even for the Medical Mart, it’s for a convention center that even Hagan has admitted won’t be successful without the Medical Mart. Despite his rampant rodded rate increase, he doesn’t even have a commitment from Merchandise Mart Properties that they are going to build the Medical Mart in Cleveland!

This tax increase is going to hurt those very people that it is purposed to help, whether it’s someone living in poverty that has to spend more on purchases, or the small business, it’s not like the county already doesn’t have the highest sales tax rate of the highest taxed county in the state. While proponents of the increase say you will only spend 25 cents more per hundred dollars, they neglect to say that you will now pay a total of $7.75 per hundred dollars. However, you can spend as little as $6.25 to $6.75 in any of the neighboring counties. Imagine how this will be a deciding factor in buying big-ticket items, such as in the pro TVs. Frankly, the success of Medical Mart is debatable. Despite the rhetoric of bringing 57 medical trade shows a year to Cleveland, even Kennedy calls this number “unprecedented.”

Well, if this is the case, why are they leaving because of lack of conservatives adamantly opposed to raising taxes?); and the all-time favorite: let’s all do nothing; two: let’s rob Peter to pay Paul, i.e. let’s take money from the RTA and for medical trade shows against warmer climates of cities like Orlando, New Orleans, Atlanta, and Las Vegas. Considering that both New York City and Chicago have also announced plans to go after this same market, the prospects of meeting Kennedy’s “unprecedented” 57 trade shows a year seems dim. But, hey, if you’re a tax and spending liberal Democrat, such as Taxin’ Tim Hagan, why should you question any tax raising suggestion from a Kennedy? Even if the Medical Mart is in every propositions promises to be, and we actually secure a deal with Kennedy’s company to build it in Cleveland, there simply has to be a better way to fund it. Sadly, Hagan and Dimora are so eager to raise taxes that they haven’t even seriously considered other alternatives offered by fellow Commissioner Peter Lawson-Jones, who explained that a “more equitable public-private partnership” is needed. I guess that Hagan and Dimora are of the liberal school of thought of tax now and ask questions later.

Private sources could pay for naming rights and pay for at least 50 percent of the Medical Mart. Why shouldn’t Kennedy provide some of the money, if he is so convinced of success? The county can also raise the hotel and bed tax which could raise $5 million a year. Lawson-Jones also suggested lobbying our state officials for a grant from the state capital budget. The county can also raise the hotel and bed tax which could raise $5 million a year. Lawson-Jones also suggested lobbying our state officials for a grant from the state capital budget. For that matter, why not just cut spending elsewhere? Being the highest taxed county in Ohio, one would think that the county can come up with a good place to start would be the RTA. Currently, Cuyahoga County’s transit rate for RTA is a whopping 1% of our sales tax, which is the highest in Ohio. While most other counties having a transit rate holds it down to .25%, the second highest transit rate in Ohio is Montgomery County at .50%, only half of what Cuyahoga charges for RTA! If .25 of our sales tax money is needed to build Medical Mart, the obvious answer is to divert the money from RTA, which can still collect a suitable transit rate of .75%.

Before Hagan and Dimora were so quick to raise taxes on a people who are already burdened with the highest sales tax rate, they should have at least considered other options. It is sad that they decided to go down the same old road of raising taxes that have failed us so many times before and have led to people leaving the county in droves. The good news in all of this is if you are tired of these kind of shenanigans, you can always join me in Lorain County where you can get more house for your dollar, and we only pay a sales tax of 2.5%.
C-M clinics offer unexpected excellence

By Paul Deegan

Ex-counsel to the SBA

Like many first year law students, I had aspirations of earning a picture perfect law clerk position during the summer. My grades are not impressive, but I am not bitter about that, but this didn’t stop my dream. I refused to believe that grades were the sole indicator of being another failure. I’m not sure if I was just naive or oblivious, but my dream was fading fast. I didn’t comprehend C-M’s externship programs and gave no consideration to other opportunities. I had the “big or go home” mentality and in no way did I realize my situation until it was almost too late. I interviewed with a number of firms to no avail and finally had to face the truth that I was going into the summer without a legal job.

Fortunately, a good friend of mine informed me about something called the “Fair Housing Law Clinic.” I didn’t know it at the time, but I found out C-M had a number of Clinics. A “clinic,” did I really want to do that? Yes, I did. I would have done anything to work in the legal field, so a clinic sounded great to me. My desire to gain legal experience was so strong that I had to take the opportunity. It turned out to be one of the best decisions I could have ever made. I was lucky enough that the Fair Housing Law Clinic had one seat left for the summer, so I was nearly late in enrolling. I knew that my summer was going to be great almost immediately, even though I didn’t have the position I envisioned. I met with my supervising attorneys and quickly established a rapport with them and the staff. I was immediately assigned to a number of cases and partook in client interviews, conference calls with opposing counsel, and taking client intimates. In addition, I began to make friends, but unlike with many of the other interns participating in the clinic. We all shared assignments at the same point and got along well. It felt great to be a part of something.

I was treated like one of the firm and was consistently asked if I wanted to go to court to learn how to file papers, to serve a subpoena, or any number of other activities. I never felt that I was stuck doing research in a stuffy cubicle. The only downside was the pay—$0. But, the three graded credits more than made up for that. Amazingly, I would not have taken this opportunity had I not been told about it. I had the most successful summer, and it all happened by accident. Had I known what great work this experience was going to be, I would have prepared for it earlier. I guess I always thought, “that’s not for me” or “a clinic is not as good as a clerkship,” but I was wrong. For all Clinics offered, they took a back seat to the other opportunities that appeared “better.”

Although the administration and faculty work to promote the clinics available here at C-M, there is a stigma attached to anything but the best jobs at the biggest firms. The 1L competitive spirit is so strong that it is easy to get caught up in the hype. I know I did. I let my desire for the “perfect” job cloud my judgment. I thought that if I didn’t get that job at the top firm I would be unsuccessful or, at the least, not as “good” as the person sitting next to me. I think this mindset needed to change.

The clinics and externships offer a great opportunity for all those who dare to get involved. C-M goes through great pains to set up these clinics and externships. Right now, there is even a junior court externship that recently had no enrollment. It is unfortunate for two reasons. 1) It reflects negatively on the school. C-M took the time to set up the program and it’s a slap in the face that not a single person chose to get involved. 2) Non-participation will prevent future opportunities from occurring. Why should C-M spend more time and money if their efforts are to no avail? By neglecting such opportuntities, we ruin the chances for future students. It is a travesty to allow this to happen. A clinic or externship may not give a student the perceived prestige that is so coveted, but the experience makes up for it. Although many students may not give clinics or externships the consideration they deserve, the onus is on faculty, administration, and students who have enrolled in these programs to dispel the myth associated with them. As such, there appears to be a movement to inform C-M students about clinics and externships. There will be events and presentations to address questions and concerns in the near future. Hopefully, with emphasis and advocacy, the clinics and externships will have a boost in enrollment in the upcoming semesters enabling others to have something to look forward to in addition to “big firm” opportunities.

Memories of father’s example motivates 1L

Anonymous 1L

The following is the first of a six-part series discussing the experiences and advice of an anonymous first-year student. 1L

In the parade that is life we all make the sound of the things we do. Our dreams are to be vital to our achievements, providing a backdrop from which to spring forth in the direction of greatness and in our moments of frailty they are there to give warmth, understanding, and love. In our moments of strength they are beside us, making the sound of the things we do. I cannot think of a more rewarding experience.

So here I am in my first semester of law school and for the first time in my life, I actually feel challenged. It is wonderful yet scary. I find the material engaging and the professors well suited and entertaining. Four weeks in and now, to my enterprise, I realize that the professors have been speaking in English the entire time. With frequent phone calls home and numerous emails, my mind starts to waver. “Oh, you know, I’m poor, or ‘Don’t worry about it, you’ll do fine’. I am about ready to pull my hair out. But when I take a step back, I realize how nice it is to know that someone has so much faith and confidence in what I have chosen to do. My father, my springboard, my counselor, my dispenser of unsolicited advice, is the one that I am here and far away from home. I would like to urge everyone to take a minute out of their day and think about the support system we all tend to take for granted, for “No man is an island.”

By Nick Hanna

SBA President

Our friend of Mandy Shaerban, Anthony Scott, Lydia Arko, and myself would like once again introduce ourselves as your 2007-2008 SBA executive officers. To the returning students, we hope you all enjoyed your summer and are thoroughly enjoying your classes.

To the first-year students, welcome to Cleveland Marshall. It’s a pleasure to have you here. Here is a brief update as to what is currently happening in your Student Bar Association.

The SBA kicked off the school year with its annual book sale and welcome back social. Both were huge successes, and we would like to thank everyone for your participation and attendance.

The SBA is excited to announce the date for its’ first annual Halloween Trick or Treat Party, which will be held at the law school on Friday, Oct. 26, 2007, from 4:00 PM to 6:00 p.m.. Students and faculty are encouraged to bring children, nieces, nephews, etc. to this kid-friendly event. More details will be forthcoming.

For those of you interested in our annual faculty are encouraged to bring children, nieces, nephews, etc. to this kid-friendly event. More details will be forthcoming.

In addition, there will be an exploratory referendum on this fall’s ballot to establish a rapport with them and the onus is on faculty, administration, and students who have enrolled in these programs to dispel the myth associated with them. As such, there appears to be a movement to inform C-M students about clinics and externships. There will be events and presentations to address questions and concerns in the near future. Hopefully, with emphasis and advocacy, the clinics and externships will have a boost in enrollment in the upcoming semesters enabling others to have something to look forward to in addition to “big firm” opportunities.
A writ of advice

By Matt Samsa

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Before I went to Army boot camp, some

As a 3L, I look at the new 1Ls and think, I honestly can't believe I'm a 3L. When I was a 1L, I'm thinking "I wish I would have appreciated more the difficult thing that was going on inside. These new additions supplement the kind of law you think you might enjoy.

What job will I be qualified for when I finish my first year of Law School?

The general message I was getting from 1st year went something like this: you need to be in the top 25 percent of your class, you need to have finished 31 credits, grades are extremely important to employers, blah, blah, blah! Now, I am sure this is true of many law firms in the city, but, there are many people willing to give a law student a chance. And truthfully, most things I've done at my job have had little to do with school law, most to do with research, etc. but there will be examples and help.

The reason I'm so glad you asked is that I went through this in my second semester of work because my grades were not as good as I hoped 1st year, and I was concerned that I didn't have enough credits. I went to two interviews, and neither attorney asked me about my grades, amount of classes, or even for a writing sample. I realize that two isn't a huge number, but most people want someone who seem confident, content, and excited to get the job. So, I say- send out resumes to practices where they are interesting the kind of law you think you might enjoy.

I am so lost in class! I don't get my professor. Concepts are relevant, but, I wouldn't speak too fast to my auditing analogies. There is no feedback! You ask questions from the book and give no answers- which answer is right?

This is the classic 1L conundrum. It feels like your head is spinning because despite preparation is down right confusing. The good news is that most of us felt this way:- frustrated. The bad news is that I think the only answer is time and patience. I remember saying, "The first case filed this and the second case held the opposite- what is the point?" And then, the professor never tells you which one is right. The professor does this because the courts have held different things depending on time, jurisdiction, or whatever. In these situations, try to find out what the reasons of courts hold. Also, like my answer in the first ques
tion, hornsbooks help me in addition to just reading a case book. They sort of have a way in explaining why certain cases are put in the texts and what significance the case has had over time. But, be careful buying these, which are not? He speaks too fast and uses outdated analogies. There is no feedback!

We've talked about the heavy and quick development of the East 4th Street Neighbor
hood, the Corridor Project promises to revitalize a piece of downtown. The same type of development occurred following the completion of Jacobs Field and The Q in 1995. Before that time, Pro
gress was along the cheap, competing commercial district, which, unfortunately, focused on prostitution. While the sports venues never fully revitalized the area, the Euclid Corridor Project focuses much more on infrastructure and has the potential to extend positive growth and induce private capital expenditures. Although the process has been incredibly time-consuming, the end product should signifi

cantly change the downtown landscape.

The Gordon Square Arts District Gordon Square, at W.65th Street and Detroit Avenue in the Detroit Shoreway Neighborhood lost in the development of its own. The Gordon Square Arts District plan combines infrastructure improvements and expansion of the artistic and cultural institutions in the neighbor
dom to induce further private investment. Already home to the Cleveland Public Theater, two new theaters are opening: the Capital Movie Theater, which will play the same types of films as the Cedar Lee Theate
r, and the Near West Theater. While the neighborhood houses several art galleries in addition to the theaters, other infrastructure improvements in the neighborhood should be able to spur additional private investment. By bringing this vision to reality, the walkways will be widened and beautified to create a walker-friendly neighborhood with space for street cafe dining. New restaurants have already begun to open, including Gypsy Beans Baking Company and the Stone Mad Pub, a restaurant and bar with a wide and varied menu. New buildings have been added, including the Glenn Stone and iron lattices that includes a bocce court inside. These new additions supplement existing dining options, such as Snickers Tavern, my personal favorite. The Cleveland Shoreway Neighborhood is also rich in housing developments.

Battery Park, a $100 million development along the Shoreway, encompasses 13 acres overlooking Lake Erie and will offer 328 condominium units. In Cleveland Heights, W.45th Street offers another upscale housing option. This neighborhood offers attractive affordable housing options as well, including many live/work studios geared toward emerging artists and showcases their work.

Additionally, the Cleveland Eco Vil
lage project has received a lot of acclamation for its "green" developments, including not only efficient building standards, but also community gardening, greenspace expansion efforts.

Both the Euclid Corridor Project and the Gordon Square Arts District attempt to improve infrastructure, lever
age private capital development, and begin to link together some of Cleve
land’s more attractive neighborhoods.

New housing and entertainment keep sprouting up in response to both projects. It’s also exciting to see capital improvements not only downtown, but also in the city’s neighborhoods. Fortunately, these are only two of the many significant projects underway in Cleveland. While Cleveland certainly has its share of problems, there are so many projects that create liveable and enjoyable urban space can change the city’s fortunes. It’s also exciting to see our cities and towns go down a long way in helping revi
ralization projects prosper. So, if you find yourself contemplating seeing “I Know This Much is True”, I think you’ll be surprised – TGI Friday’s, remember that there are more attractive alternatives in the city.

More to Cleveland than poverty, unemployment, and a poor economy.

By Matt Samsa

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