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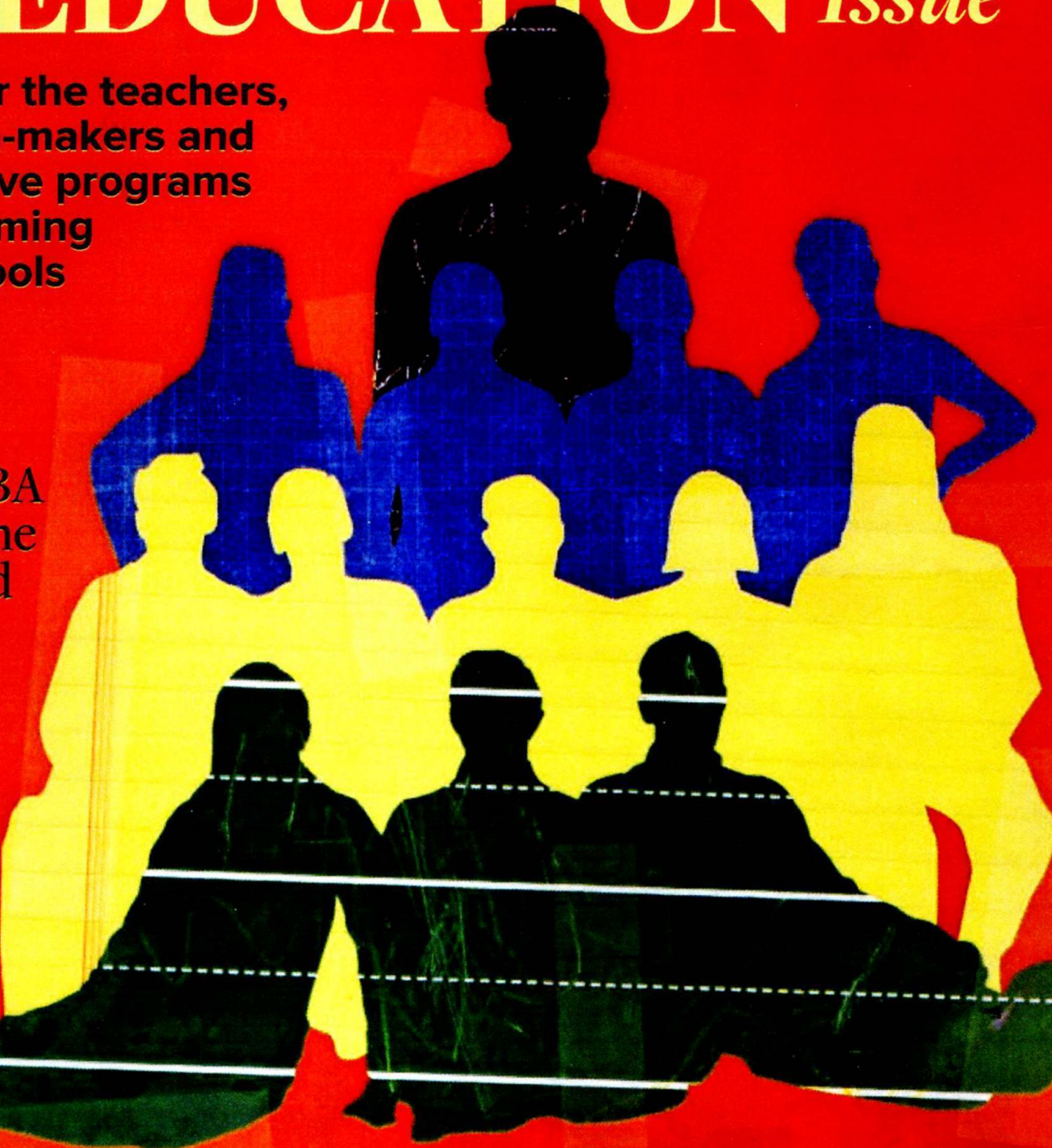
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FIVE COCKTAILS TO TRY NOW

*Wherever your travels may lead,
you're never far from a great
cocktail. Check out the latest
libations to try on the road*

1. THE SEELBACH

The Columbia Room, Washington, D.C.

Sometimes you just want a seriously classic cocktail. This one, named after the famed Seelbach Hotel in Louisville, Ky., where it was created, is a bracing one, made with bourbon, orange liqueur, Angostura and Peychaud's bitters, then fizzed with dry champagne and garnished with an orange peel. Time your visit right and you can take a hands-on cocktail class with mixologist Derek Brown, or watch him carve Japanese-style diamonds out of ice.

1021 Seventh St. NW; 202-393-0220; passengerdc.com

2. THE CASABLANCA

Eastern Standard, Boston

Who knew that just blocks from Fenway is a bar leading the local/seasonal drink revolution? Boston's Eastern Standard is the place to find drinks frothed with local farm eggs, house-made vermouth and spirits infused with all manner of herbs, fruits and teas. In fact, an entire section of the menu is devoted to infusion drinks, including a rich concoction of Medjool date-infused whiskey, vanilla and S. Maria al Monte, a bitter, herbal Italian amaro.

528 Commonwealth Ave.; 617-532-9100; easternstandardboston.com

3. THE MAYA WELL

Lani Kai, New York City

"Experience a little aloha," invites cocktail impresario and Hawaiian native Julie Reiner at her new cocktail emporium, which is described by some as "tiki lite." Amid the chic, spare décor, look for tropical drinks with a modern edge, such as the fragrant and fruity Maya Well (raspberry tea-infused tequila, ginger, pineapple and lime juice) to wash down a plate of pork belly sliders.

525 Broome St.; 646-596-8778; lanikainy.com

4. THE BACKHANDED PUNCH

The Franklin, Philadelphia

At this tiny speakeasy-style bar celebrating the golden era of barrooms, classic cocktails are both celebrated and updated with fresh juices and other of-the-moment ingredients. Back in the day (meaning the 1800s), punches were found at America's earliest bars. So, brave a dip in the Flowing Bowl with the Backhanded Punch, made with Dominican and Jamaican rums, Kashmiri green tea, white crème de cacao, lime juice and orange bitters.

112 S. 18th St.; 267-467-3277; thefranklinbar.com

5. SLOE GIN FIZZ

Bar Pleiades, New York City

Yes, cocktail magic lies within this sleek, cool uptown lounge. Try a velvet-smooth, gently tweaked classic Sloe Gin Fizz, made with sloe gin, lemon juice, egg whites and rhubarb bitters.

Surrey Hotel, 20 E. 76th St.; 212-288-3700; thesurrey.com

—Kara Newman

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