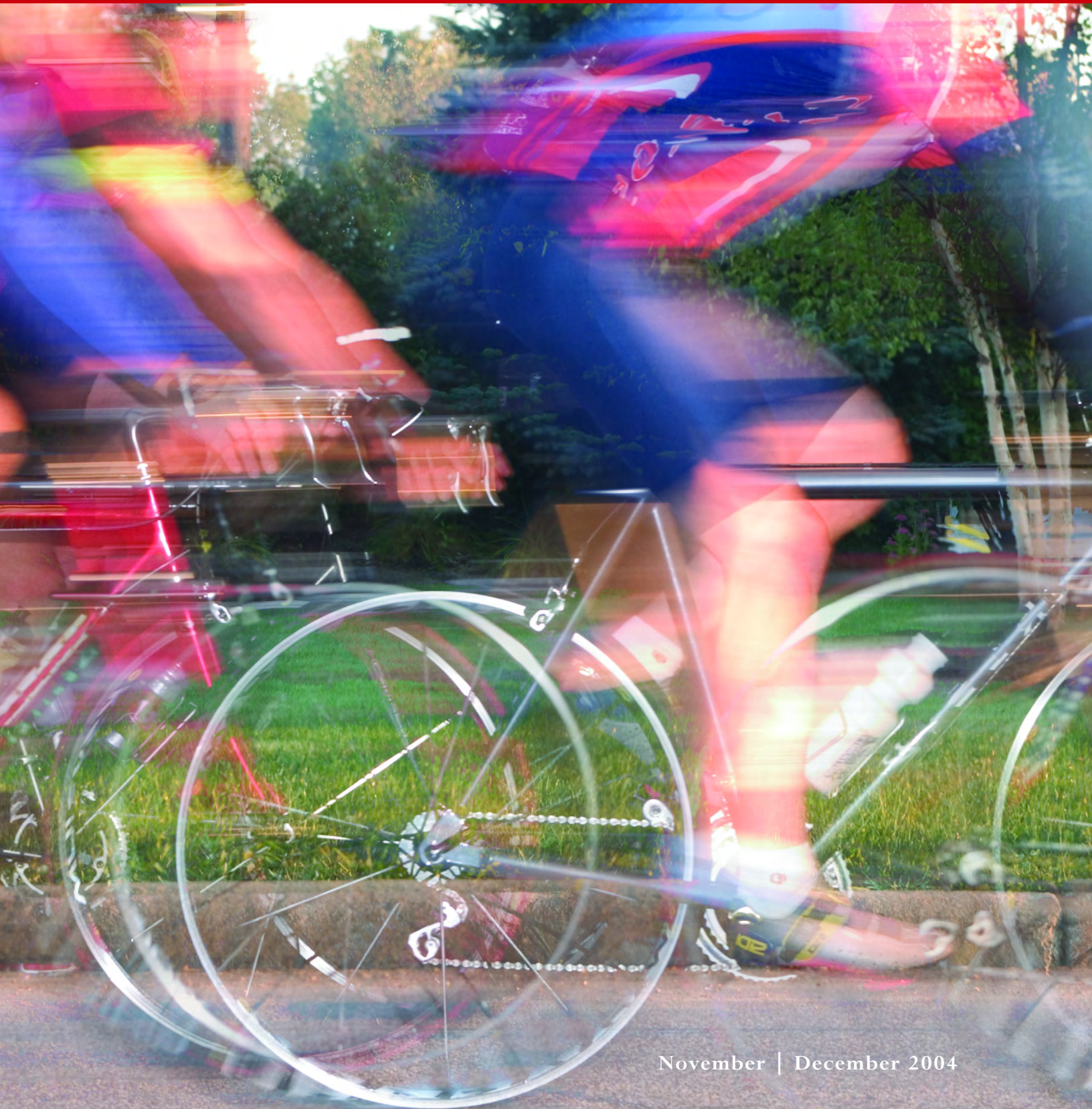


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And the band learns on!

The Shaker Heights School System has earned an enviable reputation for helping students learn in order to successfully interact and assume leadership roles in a diverse, global society.

Recently, a group of 200 Shaker band students and chaperones traveled to Italy to perform and experience a different part of the world. In addition to touring Pompeii, ancient Rome and the Vatican Museum, band members performed throughout the country, in such

locales as Amalfi, Orvieto, and Sorrento. In fact, they were so warmly greeted that in Sorrento they were urged to play an encore third set in the Town Square, as throngs of local citizens and tourists lined the streets.

Because of this wonderful experience, the students learned about an enchanting land while making friends for Shaker Heights in a distant corner of the world.

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SHAKER Autumnfest!

There was good fun, fine art, and great food at Shaker's second annual AutumnFest in October. The event, sponsored by the City, Schools, and Library, was a collaborative effort involving area merchants, arts organizations, and others.





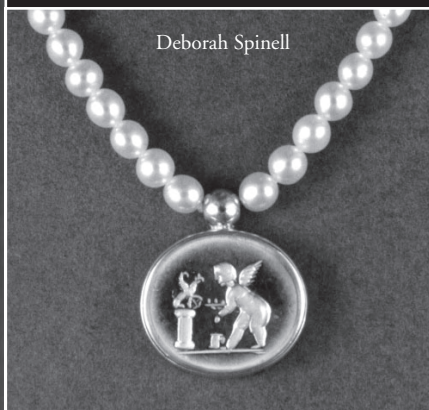
For a few lovely autumn hours, before and after the rain, it was hometown time, a chance to celebrate all that Shaker has to offer. See the City's website, shakeronline.com for more pictures.



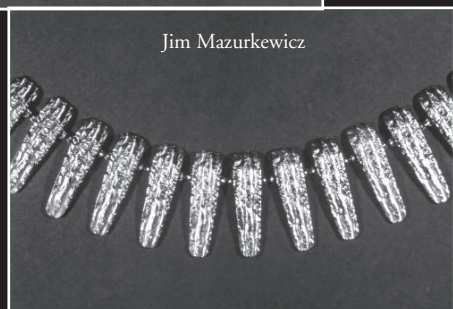
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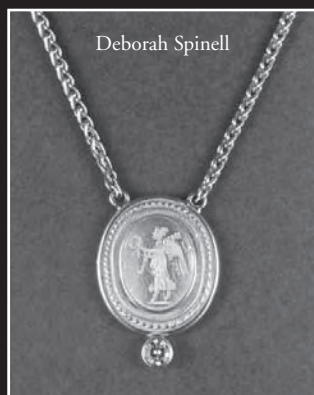
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Vote 2004!

Residents are reminded to go to the polls on Tuesday, November 2. Polls are open from 6:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Issue 117, the Shaker Heights City School District Proposed Bond Issue, asks voters to approve raising approximately \$23,500,000 for repairs and maintenance to schools and public libraries. The last bond issue was approved in 1996. The cost to property owners will be approximately 2 mills, or \$61.25 per year for each \$100,000 of value.

Nominees Sought for Preservation Awards

The Shaker Heights Landmark Commission is accepting nominations for its eighth annual Preservation Awards to spotlight local preservation efforts. Awards are given in the following categories:

- **Architecturally Appropriate Addition:** An addition that complements the architectural features of the existing structure and is consistent with the Commission's design guidelines. (Call the Planning Department at 491-1430 for a free copy of the guidelines.)
 - **Before and After:** For a dramatic exterior restoration.
 - **TLC Award for Continued Stewardship:** For properties that have been carefully maintained by their conscientious owners.
 - **Retention of Original Materials:** Preserving a structure's original slate roof; replacing deteriorated wood siding with new wood siding rather than vinyl or aluminum; or other efforts property owners have made to retain or restore the structure's original materials and details.
- Property owners, architects, or contractors can nominate themselves and/or other property owners. Nominations can be submitted for single-family, two-family and multiple-family houses, as well as apartment buildings, commercial structures, and religious buildings. To nomi-

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nate a property, call the Planning Department for a nomination form, download one from the City's website, shakeronline.com (Forms & Permits), or write a letter explaining why the property is being nominated. Include your name and telephone number as well as the nominee's name, address, and telephone number. A high-quality, color photograph of the property is required. Please note that photos become the property of the City and will not be returned. The deadline to send nominations is 5 p.m., December 17.

For more information, call Stacey Pfau, 491-1433.

Certified Shaker Properties

Congratulations to new Certified Shaker property owners, listed below. These listings represent some of the best rental properties the City has to offer. For a complete list of certified properties and to find out about vacancies, call 491-1332 or check the City's website, shakeronline.com.

Certified Shaker is a program that recognizes rental properties which meet or exceed the City of Shaker Heights' standards of excellence, and encourages rental property owners to make their properties the best they can be. To learn more about becoming certified, call 491-1370.

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3555 Gridley Road (Jeanne Fuller)

3539 Lytle Road

(Sussex Corners, LLC.)

3698 Normandy Road

(Koola Simmons)

Apartments

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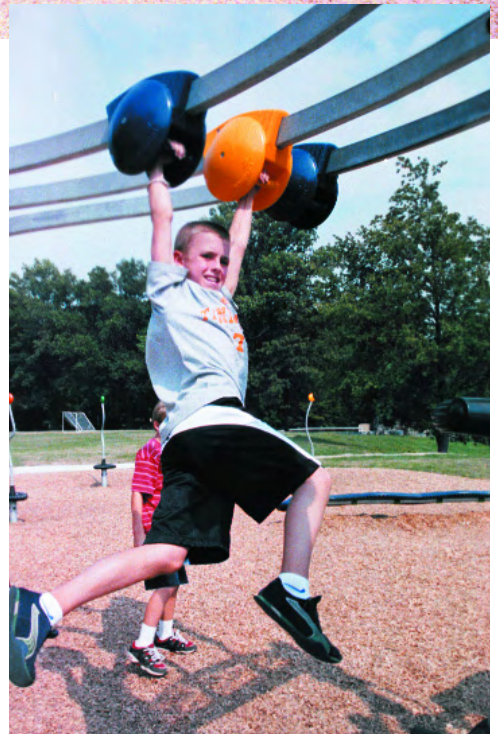
(Michael Montlack)

Van Aken Courts,

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A few determined parents can make a difference; in this case, where no playground existed for fifth and sixth graders at Woodbury Elementary School, there are now two. Parents formed the Landscaping and Outdoor Learning Area Committee in early 2002 and raised \$179,000, largely from private donors with support from the schools and the city. The play areas were completed this summer and officially opened on September 21.





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Landlord Tip of the Season

Here's a project for those long, dark winter months: Upgrade your basement lighting fixtures. Brighter lighting makes basements feel safer and more inviting. A spruced-up lower level is a valuable asset, especially when touring a prospective tenant. Call today to learn about energy efficient lighting options, 491-1370.

Public Cautioned about Candle Fire Risks

From November 2003 through the end of February 2004, 36 percent of fires in Shaker Heights resulted from candle use. The City's Fire Department wants to end this disturbing trend. The National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) reports that December has twice the number of candle fires than the average month and candle fires overall have tripled in the last decade.

"Candles can be beautiful, but dangerous," warns Assistant Chief Wayne Johnson, speaking on behalf of a department determined to keep the public safe.

The Shaker Heights Fire Department urges the public to follow these rules to greatly reduce their risk of fire:

- Never leave a candle unattended.
Extinguish the candle before going to sleep or leaving the room.
- Always follow the manufacturer's directions.
- Use a sturdy holder that will not tip easily and is large enough to collect dripping wax.
- Place candles on a sturdy surface where they cannot be knocked over by children or pets.
- Keep candles away from fans and items that can burn. Avoid using candles with combustible items embedded in them.
- Keep wicks trimmed to one-quarter inch and extinguish container candles before the last half-inch of wax starts to melt. Taper candles should be extinguished within two inches of the holder.

- Always store candles, matches, and lighters out of reach of children.

For additional safety tips and detailed information, visit the NFPA website, nfpa.org.

VanAkenOnline.com

The Van Aken Business Development Association now has a website that includes a listing of the businesses and merchants in the Van Aken-Warrensville Center area.

The listing includes maps, addresses, telephone numbers, hours of operation, and web links.

Residents also can stay up to date on the Association's activities via the site. The Association's goals are to promote businesses in the area, to assist in the redevelopment of the area, and to help coordinate events there. The site also links to Shaker's city website and that of Shaker Works, a group of local business owners and professionals.

Independent Living

A long-time partner with the City of Shaker Heights, Judson at University Circle is known for its retirement community and its services for older residents. It has now launched Judson Partners, helping residents who live in Shaker and other first-ring suburbs to remain healthy and in their own homes.

A Partners advisory committee, which included individuals from both the Shaker community and City staff, crafted a program that would not duplicate services being addressed by other organizations. The result is a membership and service coordination program designed for individuals who wish to access specific support and convenience services while continuing to live independently. Judson Partner members pay an annual/renewable fee.

For more information, call 791-2321.

REAL NUMBERS

Housing transfers between September 16 and November 30, 2003 appear below. The list includes only those properties that have had a prior sale within the last 10 years. Excluded are "quit claim" transfers as well as those resulting from foreclosure, in which the sale price is not reflective of the property value.

ADDRESS	2003 SALE PRICE	PRIOR SALE PRICE	ESTIMATED CONSTRUCTION COST
20799 Almar Drive	\$270,000	\$134,000 (1994)	\$ 9,000 (1941)
3330 Ardmore Road	\$219,500	\$190,000 (1999)	\$ 10,500 (1926)
2713 Belvoir Blvd.	\$577,500	\$525,000 (2000)	\$ 25,000 (1928)
22561 Byron Road	\$585,000	\$371,000 (2000)	\$ 18,000 (1930)
22576 Calverton Road	\$441,000	\$245,000 (1994)	\$ 11,000 (1931)
3256 Daleford Road	\$340,000	\$240,650 (1997)	\$ 12,000 (1931)
3345 Daleford Road	\$280,000	\$222,000 (1998)	\$ 16,000 (1929)
3325 Dorchester Road	\$285,000	\$190,005 (1994)	\$ 12,000 (1927)
22225 Douglas Road	\$413,000	\$340,000 (1998)	\$ 35,000 (1961)
14665 Drexmore Road	\$267,500	\$146,038 (1999)	\$ 5,000 (1914)
3326 Elsmere Road	\$190,000	\$140,000 (1993)	\$ 10,500 (1925)
3329 Elsmere Road	\$325,000	\$215,000 (1995)	\$ 12,000 (1927)
2880 Huntington Road	\$356,700	\$234,500 (1998)	\$ 8,000 (1915)
3330 Kenmore Road	\$326,000	\$110,000 (1994)	\$ 7,500 (1923)
3718 Lynnfield Road	\$160,000	\$134,000 (2001)	\$ 15,000 (1956)
3342 Norwood Road	\$344,200	\$286,100 (2001)	\$ 18,000 (1925)
3535 Norwood Road	\$187,500	\$138,000 (1996)	\$ 8,500 (1931)
3698 Palmerston Road	\$170,000	\$ 95,000 (2001)	\$ 9,500 (1941)
3714 Pennington Road	\$102,000	\$ 59,999 (1995)	\$ 3,500 (1941)
3729 Pennington Road	\$101,800	\$ 76,800 (2003)	\$ 4,000 (1941)
3567 Riedham Road	\$162,500	\$148,000 (2000)	\$ 12,000 (1927)
3663 Rolliston Road	\$209,000	\$130,000 (1998)	\$ 6,800 (1940)
21862 Rye Road	\$251,000	\$195,000 (1998)	\$ 41,000 (1956)
14808 Shaker Blvd.	\$376,500	\$265,000 (1995)	\$ 23,000 (1922)
16000 S. Woodland Road	\$565,000	\$450,000 (2000)	\$125,000 (1956)
21349 S. Woodland Road	\$246,480	\$237,000 (2002)	\$ 29,000 (1951)
21476 S. Woodland Road	\$215,000	\$160,000 (2000)	\$ 28,000 (1956)
23551 S. Woodland Road	\$290,000	\$217,000 (2000)	\$ 22,000 (1954)
3644 Strathavon Road	\$146,500	\$ 79,000 (1993)	\$ 11,500 (1927)
3010 Torrington Road	\$540,000	\$380,000 (1998)	\$ 25,000 (1929)
2901 Warrington Road	\$245,000	\$133,000 (1994)	\$ 8,200 (1916)
3102 Warrington Road	\$216,500	\$179,000 (2003)	\$ 6,500 (1916)
3417 Westbury Road	\$119,000	\$ 72,000 (1995)	\$ 11,000 (1927)
22149 Westchester Road	\$300,000	\$179,000 (1994)	\$ 20,000 (1947)
3718 Winchell	\$140,000	\$133,800 (1999)	\$ 19,000 (1952)
3130 Woodbury Road	\$295,000	\$ 98,000 (2002)	\$ 12,000 (1921)

Information Source: First American Real Estate Solutions

Red Light, Green Light

The City-wide Traffic Signalization project, managed by the Ohio Department of Transportation, is moving ahead. (A start date was not available at press time.)

One of the most anticipated benefits of the project will be the reduction of neighborhood cut-through traffic. By improving the flow of traffic on Shaker's main arteries, drivers will experience less frustration and be less interested in taking short cuts through residential neighborhoods. The result is improved travel times and driving experience for residents and for those who drive through our community.

In addition, the project will improve safety for emergency vehicles, motorists, and rapid transit riders. Certain intersections will respond to sensors on emergency fire/EMS vehicles, automatically adjusting to accommodate them. Approaching rapid transit trains will trigger "no left turn" signs in intersec-

tions. There will be designated left turn lanes at Farnsleigh and Van Aken in both directions. The length of green lights for both trains and cars on the Van Aken and Shaker lines will be extended, decreasing travel time for riders and enabling vehicles to keep moving through main streets.

Of the City's more than 65 traffic signals, ten met none of the various levels of scrutiny required to warrant retaining them. While they will be removed during the project, the intersections will be closely monitored after the project is completed to determine if circumstances have changed. Weekly updates on the project's status will be available on the City's website, *shakeronline.com*.

Stars of Shaker Winners

The Stars of Shaker program recognizes homeowners whose properties both enhance their neighborhoods' curb

appeal and inspire others to enhance their homes. Congratulations to the winners of this year's program:

- **FERNWAY:** Dave and Jill Anderson, 3280 Norwood (overall curb appeal), Kent and Barbara Darragh, 16520 Parkland (landscaping).
- **LOMOND:** Mark and Jennifer Fogliano, 18320 Scottsdale (overall curb appeal), Dwayne Fort, 18012 Winslow (overall curb appeal, two-family), Karen and Doug Nordstrom, 18707 Lomond (porch/entry).
- **MALVERN:** Jim and Vicki Bell, 2721 Sherbrooke (overall curb appeal), Tim and Patrice Morley, 3139 Montgomery (porch/entry), George Richardson, Condo Association President, Shaker Glen (overall curb appeal, apartment/condo).
- **MORELAND:** The Bonner Family, 3577 Chelton (overall curb appeal), Robert Hart, South Shaker, 15700 Van Aken (overall curb appeal, apartment/condo), Jewel and Ed Kirkland, 3665



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Chelton (overall curb appeal, two-family), James and Mary Thompson, 3685 Ludgate (porch/entry), Shirley White, 3414 Milverton (landscaping).

- **ONAWAY:** Linda Klein, 3329 Clayton (overall curb appeal), Debra Lawrence, 3102 Warrington (porch/entry), Norman and Dolly Sigel, 3168 Warrington (landscaping).
- **SUSSEX:** Jeff and Karen Lewis, 3668 Traver (paint color scheme), Robert Means, 19605 Sussex (landscaping), Mike Michelson, Condo Association President, The Barclay, 19015 Van Aken (overall curb appeal, apartment/condo), Frances Priebe, 3606 Lytle (overall curb appeal), Bill and Judy Steehler, 3669 Townley (porch/entry), Bob and Susie Zimmer, 19801 Winslow (overall curb appeal, two-family).

Pictures of winning properties can be viewed on the City's website, *shakeronline.com*

Power Company Presents Plan

Illuminating Company representatives returned to City Hall for the August Safety and Public Works meeting to follow up on promises, made at the June meeting, to address power outages in the City. A presentation of the Shaker Heights Reliability Improvement Plan made the following assertions:

- An extensive inspection of poles, circuits and other facilities was begun, using both visual inspection by foot patrols and infrared cameras.
- The Illuminating Company determined that repairs, upgrades, installations, and additional tree trimming were required. Some of the work, the committee was told, had been completed immediately; some is promised by the end of 2004, and some by April 2005.
- Communication among the City, the Illuminating Company, and residents includes posting planned outages on the City's website, *shakeronline.com* in advance.

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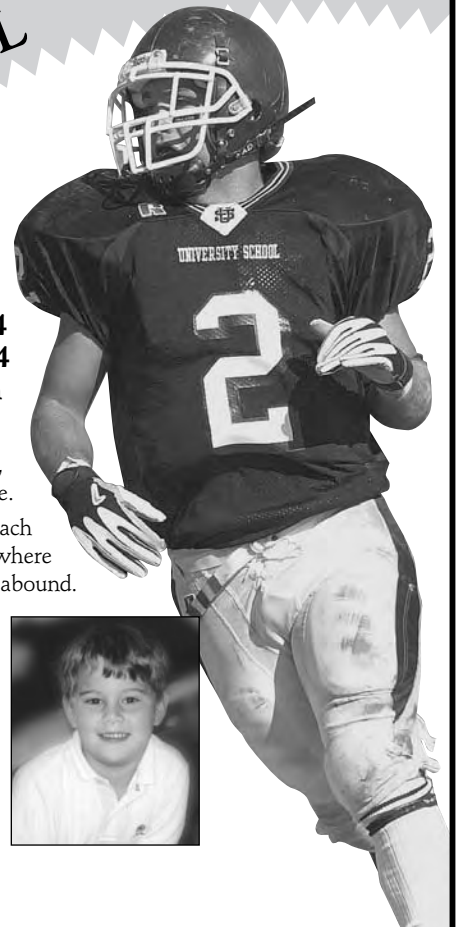
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Shaker Shorts

- The City's Police Force participated in the U.S. Marshal's Violent Fugitive Task Force last year; Shaker's Corporal James Clague was the SHPD's representative. The team's stellar performance earned them the following awards: "Top Cops" for the State of Ohio, Distinguished Group Achievement Award from the U.S. Marshal's Service, which was presented in Washington, D.C. in September, and Distinguished Group Achievement, which was presented by Ohio Attorney General Jim Petro in October.
- Kelly Harris, Assistant Program Coordinator with the City's Community Life Department, was the sole representative from the State of Ohio at the National Poetry SLAM conference in St. Louis, Missouri in August. She was invited to speak by Poetry Slam, Inc. The conference focused on the use of city, state, and national standards in arts education as a basis for local curriculum development.
- Shaker Family Center is now accepting recycling materials at a Paper Retriever dumpster located in the parking lot. The following materials can be brought for recycling: newspapers, magazines, office and school papers, shopping catalogs, mail, shredded paper (bagged), fax papers, posters and folders. (Please do not include: plastic, glass, cardboard, metal, trash, laminated paper,

food containers, milk cartons or telephone books.) Shaker Family Center earns a small income from the recycling project.


Reminders

- **BICYCLE LICENSING:** Licenses will be sold from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. November 6 and 13, and December 11 in the Police Department lobby, 3355 Lee Road. Cost is \$1.50 (re-issued licenses are 50 cents); please bring the owner's Social Security number, which will be recorded on the application. For children, a parent's number can be used. Call 491-1220 for additional information.
- **CHILD CARE SEATS:** Is your child buckled up safely? The Fire Department offers free safety checks. Call 491-1200 for information or to make an appointment.
- **CITIZENS POLICE ACADEMY:** To be placed on the list for the class of 2005, call 491-1240 or visit the City website, shakeronline.com.
- **DOMESTIC POWER TOOLS:** Operating or permitting the operation of any mechanically powered saw, drill, sander, grinder, lawn or garden tool, lawn mower or other similar device used outdoors, other than powered snow removal equipment, outdoors between the hours of 9 p.m. and 7 a.m., or on Saturday or Sunday before 9 a.m. is prohibited.
- **DOGS:** Dogs are not permitted to run at large, and owners are required to immediately remove all feces deposited by their dogs on public or private property that is not their own. Dog waste must not be put in City waterways, sewers or on the curbside, as it poses a health hazard. Nuisance dogs should be reported to the Animal Warden 491-1490.
- **FIRE SAFETY:** The Fire Department offers free home safety inspections throughout the year. Using a "Home



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• GO-GREEN REBATE PROGRAM:

Homeowners are eligible for discounted energy audits (\$300). Depending upon results and budget, up to 25% of repair costs may be rebated. Find out more by calling 491-1370.

- **LOST PETS:** If you have lost a pet, call the Public Works Department at 491-1490 (after hours or emergencies, 491-1499).

- **NOISE:** The playing of radios, television sets, musical instruments and similar devices is prohibited between 11 p.m. and 7 a.m. weekdays and 11 p.m. and 9 a.m. Saturdays and Sundays if they create a noise disturbance across a residential real property boundary.

- **PLAYING IN THE STREET:** Roller skating, roller blading, skateboarding or riding in any type of coaster or toy vehicle in the street is prohibited unless permission has been given to close streets for block parties.

- **POWER OUTAGES:** Please call CEI, not City Hall: 1-888-544-4877.

- **RUBBISH PICKUP:** Collections scheduled on or after the following holidays, unless they fall on a Saturday or Sunday, will be one day late: Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Year's Day, Martin Luther King Day and Memorial Day. Call the Public Works Department, 491-1490, to report a missed pickup. Calls must be received the next business day. To receive an email reminder when pickup is delayed, sign up for the City's email list at shakeronline.com

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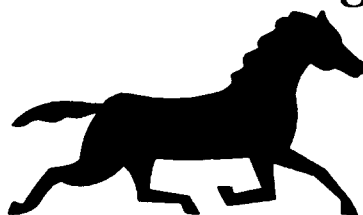
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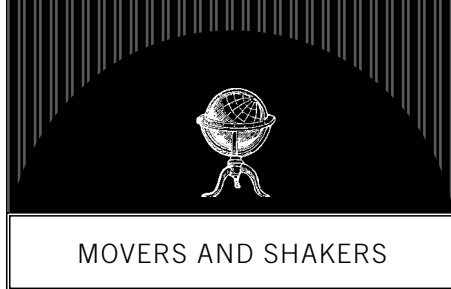
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Word has it that The Shaker Cycling Club is really just an excuse for smart people to ride bikes whilst discussing Nietzsche and warblers. However....



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MOVERS AND SHAKERS

BY AMY GARVEY

If Lance Armstrong wanted to join the Shaker Cycling Club, the current members would probably have to think about it. It's not that the six-time Tour de France winner would raise the bar too high when it comes to speed, distance, and agility. This is, after all, a hard-riding group that includes racers and a world class athlete or two. The real issue would be: Could Lance keep his end of the conversational ball rolling?

The conversation is just as important to these cyclists as the ride. At 7 a.m. each Saturday they meet at Shaker Boulevard and Courtland Road. Once they hash out which of several routes they want to take, they ride at 20 mph for 30 or 40 miles a pop. And they talk the whole way.

Chris Coburn, executive director of CCF Innovations, comes from a cycling family and hooked up with the group soon after he moved to Shaker Heights. "There's a neat mix of people and the quality of conversation is exceptional," he says. "It's very broad-ranging, from art, music and literature to current events and sports, all while going 18 to 20 mph. If you took someone from Wellesley, or Lincoln Park, or Scarsdale — any of those sorts of benchmark communities — and you wanted them to see the best of Shaker Heights, I think this is it."

Brad Whitehead, director of economic development initiatives at The Cleveland Foundation and one of the club's founders, agrees. "The group is reflective of the spirit of Shaker Heights," he says.

"We have fascinating conversations. You could be riding in one spot and discuss gardens and the sighting of warblers, then move up a bit and enter a raging debate on Nietzsche. Then you might have the crazies from the Cleveland Clinic who have been up all night doing research and still go out and ride 40 or 50 miles. It's an interesting and eclectic group of people who go out and spin hard."

The group started small, just a handful of guys who wanted to get in a good, hard ride on Saturdays and get back in time to make breakfast for the kids. Then a couple of years ago one of the NASA engineers in the group linked everyone up by email and set up a website. The list of potential riders grew to about 100.

From left, cycling club stalwarts Dan Guggenheim, Chris Pierce, Chuck Lawrence, Brad Whitehead, Lanny Solomon, and Dr. Alan Hirsh.





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The Rev. Dr. Jim Antal, minister of Plymouth Church of Shaker Heights, has been a serious cyclist for most of his life and was both a coach and racer.

ALTHOUGH IT'S NOT CLEAR TO NON-CYCLISTS EXACTLY WHY ANYONE WOULD WANT TO BE ON A BICYCLE FOR 24 HOURS, THIS SORT OF EXTREME-CYCLING BEHAVIOR IS NOT THAT UNCOMMON AMONG SHAKER CYCLING CLUB MEMBERS.

Nowadays he gets up extra early on Saturdays to finish writing his sermon before taking off to meet the guys at Shaker and Courtland.

Though conversations occasionally turn to ministerial advice, for the most part, he gets to be just one of the guys. He especially enjoys the Emerald Necklace rides which take the group through an 80- to 100-mile stretch that begins as they ride straight down Shaker Boulevard into downtown Cleveland. Those longer rides, which are scheduled a couple of times a year, call for an even earlier starting time of 5:30 a.m.

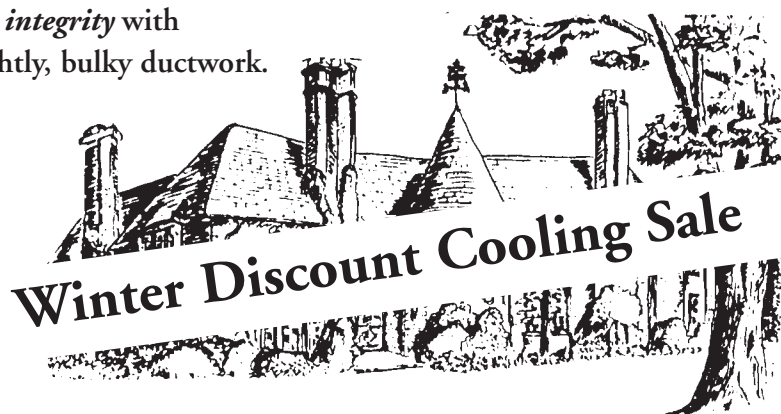
For Antal, the group provides camaraderie outside of his congregation, which he finds "wonderfully healthy." He is especially awed by the cycling members of the Cleveland Orchestra. "Here they are, the best musicians in the world, how could it be that two of them are spectacular cyclists? They just kick butt! And there are a couple of others who come and keep up. It's astonishing!"

Chris Coburn also takes his cycling seriously. He attends the national 24-hour challenge each summer in Grand Rapids, Michigan. Cyclists ride a 125-mile loop during the day, then switch to a 22-mile loop in the evening. When night falls, they continue riding on a six or seven mile loop.

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sort of extreme-cycling behavior is not that uncommon among Shaker Cycling Club members. Shaker cyclists Jim Karlovec and Susan Rabiah have ridden all night, too. Karlovec took part in his first 24-hour challenge in June 2000 because he had a personal goal to complete a 200-mile day. That year he rode 200.3 miles, got off the bike, and swore he'd never do that again. This year he took the challenge so he could log 324 miles and earn a 1,000-mile jersey.

Karlovec and Rabiah, whose first date was a week-long backpacking trip in Death Valley, always have an athletic goal

know who's going to show up and what kind of conversations you're going to get drawn into."

This year, another goal for the couple is their fall wedding. They of course approached riding pal Rev. Antal about officiating. Unfortunately, Antal was already booked for that date.

Reflecting on the hard-riding, fast-talking group's history, Brad Whitehead calculated its age –13, maybe 14 years – by the age of his children. He still can still get back and have breakfast with them, because as the kids grew, they unknowingly accommodated his passion

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they are working toward. The sheer muscle power of Shaker cyclists impresses Karlovec.

"One of the greatest things about the groups is the physical strength of the people in the group. It's made up of cyclists of all abilities who have diverse sport backgrounds. There are those who are very competitive in rowing, or cross country skiing. There are triathletes and highly competitive cyclists and people who like to ride as tourists. We get a workout and it's very social. You never

by starting to sleep late on weekends.

Having teenage children tends to make a parent consider his own age, but Whitehead is not overly concerned. He'll continue riding with confidence. "You know you're going to get your heartbeat up and have an interesting conversation," he says. "And the good news is there are always at least a few doctors along for the ride."

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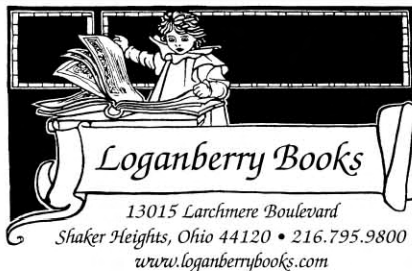
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In 2001, Charla Wilburn was a 23-year-old single mother with two young daughters. She had never held a job that paid enough to allow her to move her family out of her grandmother's house. She came to New Life Community in Shaker Heights looking for a "push" that would get her beyond low-paying jobs and into living independently.

Charla now lives in Shaker's Chelton neighborhood, and her children are succeeding in Shaker Heights public schools.

The Wilburn family is one of more than 450 that have been served by New Life Community, a faith-based residential job training and homeless shelter founded in 1988. New Life, however, has become much more than that since it started. The center is now one of the most successful programs of its kind in Northeast Ohio, having forged partnerships with local school districts and Cuyahoga Community College so that its residents can develop the tools necessary to succeed in the real world.

Moreover, a recent grant from the United Black Fund has allowed Tri-C to offer a two-credit course on how to succeed in college. The course, held at New Life, can be used toward any degree a student wishes to pursue at Tri-C.

New Life also teaches business classes, led by the center's Employment Director, Jan Thrope, who lives in Shaker's Mercer neighborhood. Classes include tutoring for the General Equivalency Degree for those who did not complete high school, putting together a resume, making cold calls on potential employers, and preparing for interviews. Basic computer, fax and copier skills also are taught.

"New Life Community helps individuals learn to identify the strengths they have developed over the course of their difficulties," says Thrope. "They begin to shed feelings of shame and inadequacy by real-



Charla Wilburn with daughters Jasmine, left, and Jayla.

New Life

Residents of Shaker Heights have been instrumental in improving the lives of hundreds of single mothers and their children at New Life Community. The work is just beginning.



New Life residents Ronda Thaxton, her daughter Jennifer, and son Nicholas. Below, residents Rose Younger, her baby son Roger, and son Jervon.





New Life Community's Executive Director Donna Asnani, facing camera, with a volunteer from a local church. At right, four-year-old resident Danianna Williams enjoys her dinner.

izing that the coping skills, problem solving strategies, and interpersonal skills they have acquired will be assets to a potential employer. They learn that they can obtain a job *because* of their backgrounds — not in spite of their background.

EDUCATION IS THE KEY

The center is on East 152nd Street near Kinsman Road, behind St. Cecilia's Church. Residents are housed in furnished apartments that were carved out of St. Cecilia's old parish school after New Life bought it from the Cleveland Catholic diocese for a dollar in the early 1990s.

The vast majority of the people who enroll in New Life's job training program are single women. In fact, men are not allowed in the shelter at all unless they are in residence. There has been

one single father and only a handful of intact families who have taken part in the program over the years.

Charla Wilburn is a model success story. During her first four weeks in residence in 2001, she grew so confident in herself that she got the first job that she interviewed for — a clerical position with the Salvation Army in Cleveland, a job she still holds. She budgets fastidiously so that she is able to maintain a small apartment in



Shaker, own a car, and send her girls, Jayla, 5, and Jasmine, 11, to Mercer and Woodbury schools.

The center influences every aspect of a family's life. It all starts with self esteem — with the daily positive affirmation meetings in the center's small chapel, which staff and residents are required to attend — and moves onto practical matters: how to create a wholesome home atmosphere for children, and how to create and stick to a household budget.

After three years of hard work at the Salvation Army, Charla looks forward to the day that she can pursue a career as a social worker. She is waiting for her children to grow a bit older so she has time in the evenings to attend college.

Education is the key to New Life



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Resident Brandon Coleman.

Community's success. Staff from New Life and the Shaker Heights School District work together to make sure that the dozen or so students who come to the district from the center each year are welcome and able to achieve academically.

Peggy Caldwell, the district's director of communications, says, "There is a real tradition and ethic in this community of reaching out to people who are having difficulties."

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After several months in her New Life apartment, Charla saw the positive effects that attending Shaker schools were having on her daughter Jasmine. When Charla went to look for an apartment on the outside, she says she "was determined to live in Shaker because of the school district. Any place else would have been a last option."

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Residents Juanita Evans, left, and Rose Younger with Executive Director Donna Asnani.

Volunteering: The True Spirit of the Holidays

The success of New Life Community is in large part due to the residents of Shaker Heights who volunteer at the center, many of whom are young people passionate about civic and social responsibilities.

Elementary schools in the Shaker district, including Lomond, Fernway, and Onaway, support the center with holiday toy and school supply drives. Teens from TLC (Teens Learning to Connect), a summer specialty camp run by Shaker's Community Life Department, also volunteer occasionally at the center.

And this past spring, four Shaker Heights High School seniors – Renee Frantz, Bridget Gilbride, Abby Hexter, and Alexandra Russo – organized a walk/run benefit called “Get in Motion for New Life Community.” The benefit was the students’ senior project. More than 100 people participated in the run, which raised more than \$3,000 for the center — nearly enough to support one family for a four-month stay at the center.

Some 30 Shaker Heights residents work with the center’s families on a regular basis. Members of the congregations of St. Dominic Catholic Church, Shaker Heights Community United Church of Christ, and Heights Christian Church assisted at the center during this year.

New Life Executive Director Donna Asnani says, “We learn as much from our residents as they learn from us. People who volunteer here learn courage, perseverance, patience – and the benefits of a good attitude.”

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a letter from New Life as proof of residence. The district buses New Life children to the appropriate schools.

New Life children may also attend Cleveland Municipal School District schools if that is their family's preference. Some families choose to stay in Cleveland schools so that their children have continuity from previous attendance.

During the 2004 fiscal year, New Life Community operated with a budget of \$875,000. The center's funding comes primarily from individuals, businesses, and religious groups of many faiths.

Funding also comes from Cuyahoga County and the State of Ohio through the job training and housing programs. Recent cutbacks have dropped government funding from 50 to 25 percent, so funding from private sources is now more important than ever. Foundation funding also has decreased due to the downturn in the economy.

New Life Community also relies on in-kind donations. One way that individuals can contribute directly to residents is by providing clean and gently worn business clothing for women in sizes 10 and up. The women who reside at New Life are thrilled to have castoff office attire. Also needed are working vacuum cleaners, cleaning supplies, and furniture that is in good repair. New Life will send a truck to your home if you have a large donation such as a bed or a couch. Call the center at (216) 751-7301.

"Without business and individual donors this hidden gem would not be able to survive," says Kathy Golovan, president of New Life Community's board of trustees, who is the director of legal affairs at Medical Mutual.

"As soon as people walk in the door they wonder why they haven't heard of New Life before," she says. "The place changes the lives of not only the residents here, but everyone who becomes involved with the organization."

Linda Saslow is a Shaker Heights writer who lives in Fernway.



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Recreation & Leisure

The Recommendations

The City's Recreation and Leisure Assessment Task Force presented its recommendations to the public for input at the task force's third and final public meeting, held on October 21.

Once again – as with the Strategic Investment Plan process – Shaker residents worked together to set goals and objectives, this time for recreation and leisure projects that will enhance the quality of life in Shaker Heights.

More than 400 residents attended the task force's three public meetings. Residents expressed their ideas and desires for short-, medium-, and long-term recreation initiatives.

At the first meeting, residents discussed ideas together in small groups. Fourteen top ideas emerged. At the second meeting, residents ranked these ideas in terms of preference and time frame for implementation. The task force also worked through information gathered from focus groups and youth at the middle and high schools.

Using this information, the Recreation and Leisure Task Force put together recommendations, as shown on the map on the following pages.

The recommendations use five guiding principles to create a framework for recreation and leisure over the next five years and beyond.

These principles include:

- Providing facilities and locations for recreation that serve users of all ages and who have multiple interests.
- Improving existing facilities.
- Including all neighborhoods in the recreational framework.
- Ensuring a connection between various recreation facilities and locations.
- Leading the way in regional collaboration, including working with the Shaker schools and surrounding municipalities.

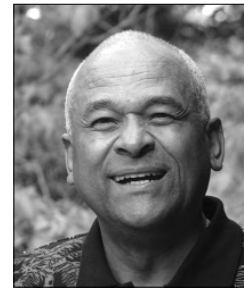
In the coming months, this information will be presented to City Council. Updates on final recommendations will appear in issues of *Shaker Life* magazine and on the City's website, shakeronline.com.

All the varied recreation and leisure needs of this community cannot be met within the boundaries of Shaker Heights. We must find ways to productively and affordably cooperate with our neighbors.

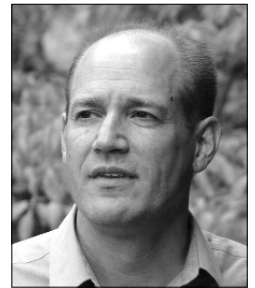
— DAVID BERGHOLZ

Our children and adolescents need opportunities to spend their spare time in healthy, active, and positive pursuits. By providing these opportunities, we can help prevent childhood obesity, diabetes, and high-risk behaviors. Good recreational programs give students a chance to practice what we teach them in the classroom about healthy habits and civic participation.

— MARK FREEMAN



Mike Shinn, Co-chair



Warren Wright, Co-chair



Donna Alexander



David Bergholz



Steve Kaufman



Peter Nagusky

Assessment Task Force

Over the past eight months, the task force collected and analyzed the public's input regarding the future of recreation and leisure within Shaker Heights.

Task force members reflect on the process and their thoughts for the future of recreation in the City.



Norman Bliss



Mark Freeman



Laura Holmes



Judy Rawson



Tom Schorgl



Elizabeth Papp Taylor

Growing up in Shaker my friends and I had some of the best recreational opportunities a kid could imagine. We played baseball at Lomond School, rode our bikes and had picnics at Horseshoe Lake, went for long walks at the Nature Center and swimming and ice-skating at Thornton Park.

Now 20 years later, I want my daughters and their friends to have the same – if not more – recreational opportunities that I had.

— NORM BLISS

Our task force is charged with making sense of resident preferences, anticipating needs for the future, and formulating a coherent strategy, all within a challenging fiscal environment. Our methodology was community-driven consensus building through open forums that fostered discussion and debate. I am encouraged with the outcomes that emphasize improving our precious assets that make Shaker unique – like Shaker Lakes and Thornton Park – and building a network of trails to connect these and other key recreation locations.

— WARREN WRIGHT

The task force is helping to shape the recreational and leisure future of Shaker Heights. The City leaders and staff have been extremely cooperative and I think we are accomplishing our goals.

— MIKE SHINN

Resident participation in this public process was informed, passionate, and sustained. The task force skillfully transformed a long wish list into a community-wide vision. It will serve all ages and all neighborhoods far into the future. It is affordable and respects the character of Shaker Heights. Many thanks to all who participated. Once again, Shaker residents are our greatest resource.

— JUDY RAWSON

Recreation & Leisure

Shaker Lakes Parklands (Horseshoe Lake and Southerly Parks)

- walking, hiking and biking trails
- improve / enhance parklands
- outdoor performance space
- dog park (exact location to be determined)

Shaker Towne Centre

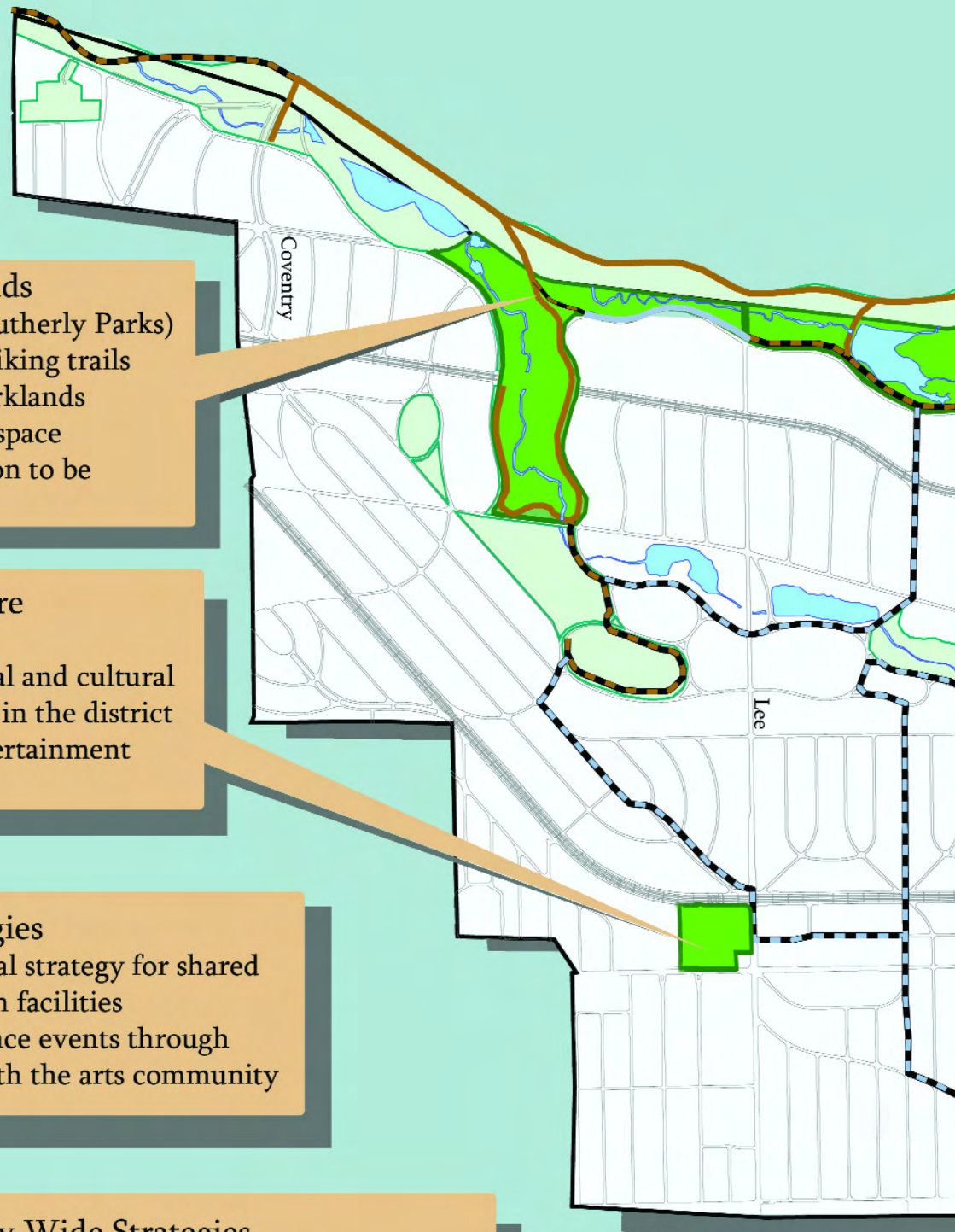
- improve soccer field
- expanded recreational and cultural activities for all ages in the district
- develop arts and entertainment opportunities

Regional Strategies

- initiate a regional strategy for shared use of recreation facilities
- bring performance events through partnerships with the arts community

City Wide Strategies

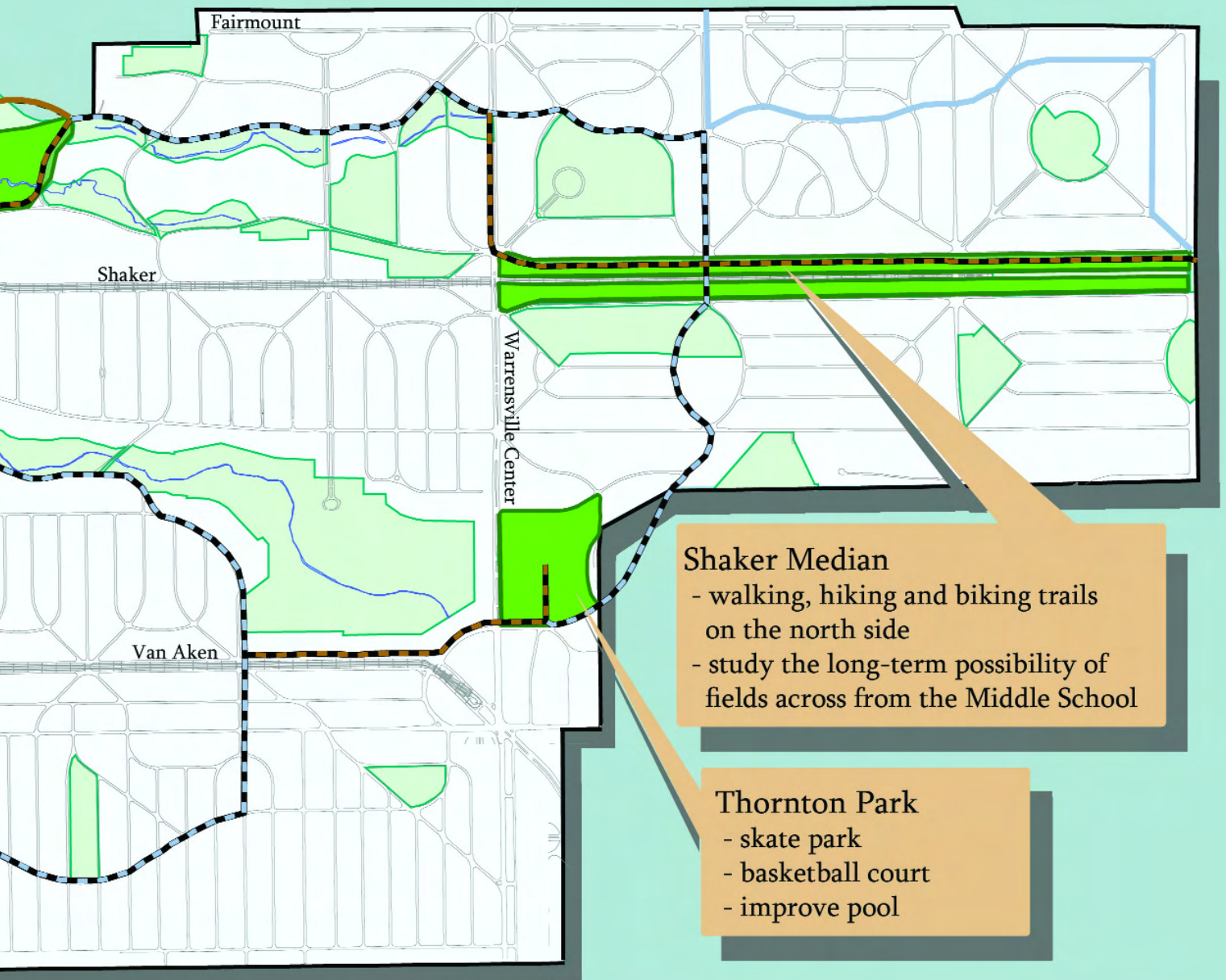
- maintain and improve fields
- maintain and improve tennis courts
- investigate economic development strategies for recreation opportunities



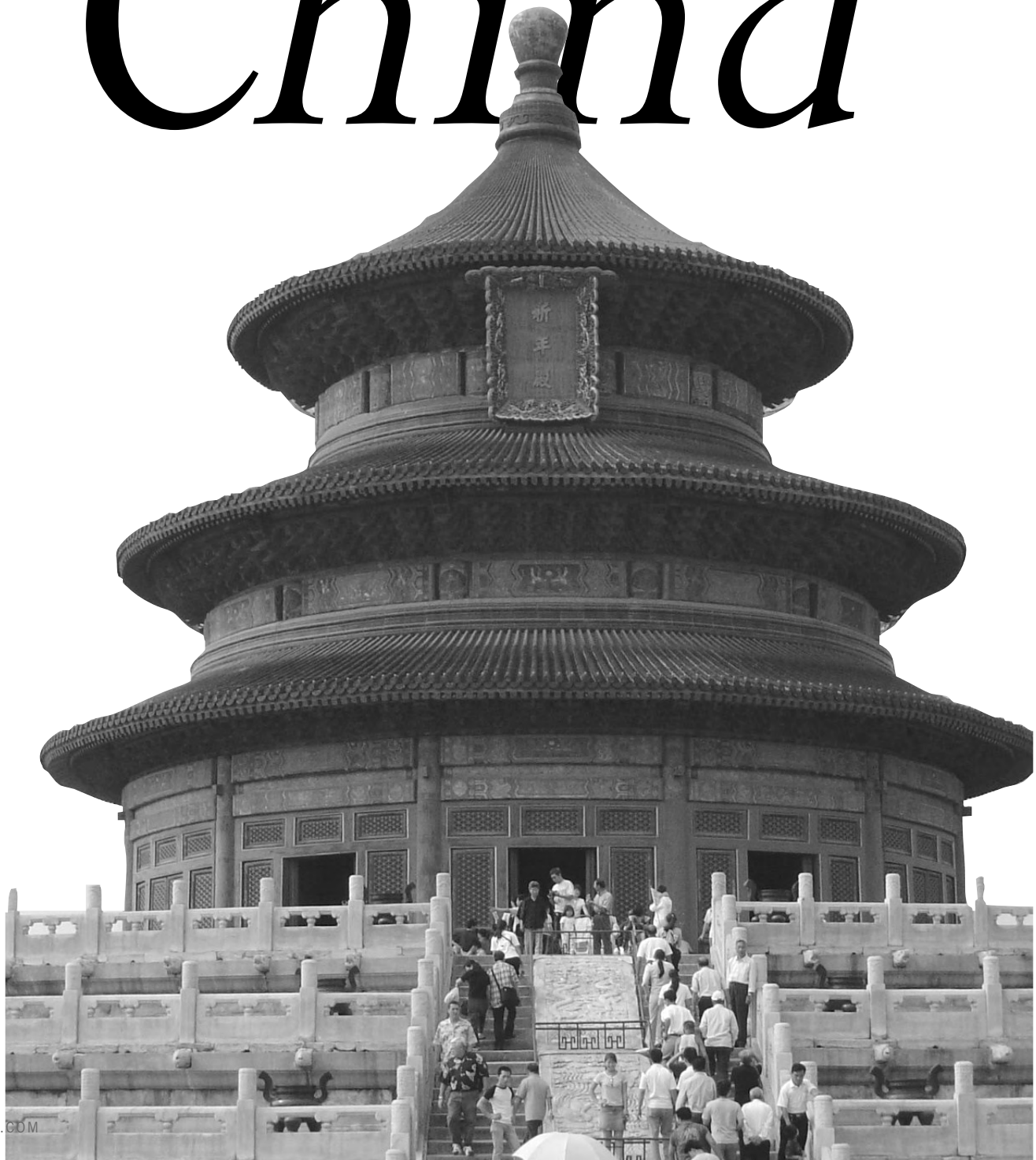
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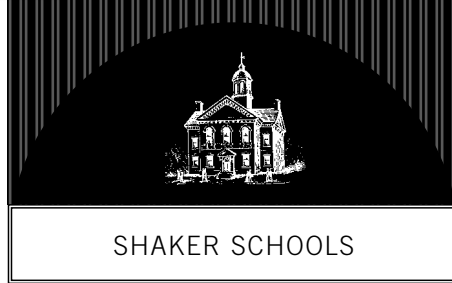
Assessment Task Force

Recommendations



SHAKER in *China*





BY DANA NOBLE
PHOTOS BY EMILY ROSENBERG

On June 2, 14 students and two teachers from Shaker Heights High School arrived in Shanghai, China. Greeted by students, teachers, and administrators from the Shanghai Foreign Language School, we began an unforgettable three-week experience.

This was the high school's first student exchange with China. The trip included a home stay and a tour of four major cities in China — Shanghai, Luoyang, Xian, and Beijing. It was the culmination of a year's planning and an equal amount of time studying Chinese history, culture, literature, and art through the Asian Studies-China class, a course offered to Shaker and Beachwood High School students and supported by a grant from the Freeman Foundation for the advancement of study of Asia.

The Shanghai Foreign Language School (SFLS) had been selected by teacher Terry Pollack and Cleveland Museum of Art education director Marjorie Williams with the help of Freeman Foundation consultant Lucia Pierce in Washington, D.C. SFLS draws the best young people from Shanghai and central China, who are fluent in English and other languages, and provided dormitories for our students during their visit.

The relationship with this elite residential school began in October 2003 when Pollack, Williams, and Shaker High Principal Michael Griffith traveled to Shanghai to meet Principal Rong



Xinmin and visit the school. This May, officials from the Chinese school visited Shaker.

Our students — Reid Albano, Emily Blanchard, Stephen Cabrera, Hannah Engel-Rebitzer, Will Feldman, Julia Ferguson, John Gustafson, Yusuf Kernizan, Gabe Mack, Miriam Mack, Johanna Rocco, Cody Rose, Emily Rosenberg, and Jessica Schick — more than met the requirements for partial scholarship for the trip. Terry Pollack and I taught the students Asian Studies on Wednesday evenings. We would visit the Cleveland Museum of Art once a month, where Marjorie Williams, Joellen Deoreo, Seema Rao, and Jean Graves worked with the students.

Moreover, the students worked with museum staff to create an audio tour of the Asian collection, explaining, for example, the religious significance of jade bi disks or the Confucian scholar tradition of paintings of bamboo.

Shaker High girls and their new friends in Shanghai, from left, Emily Rosenberg, Emily Blanchard, Johanna Rocco, "Michelle", Julia Ferguson, "Dream", Jessica Schick, Miriam Mack, Hannah Engel-Rebitzer. Left, the Temple of Heaven, 15th century, in Beijing.



A view of Shanghai's European district, known as the Bund, from the Oriental Pearl Tower.

The students studied with interest and insight. Now they would experience the people, the culture, and the places they had studied. We also were joined by Terry Pollack's wife Barbara Gross, and Marjorie Williams. Both added immensely to the education and bonding of our group.

Hardboiled Eggs Soaked in Tea

SFLS was a gracious host. Students became acquainted with the Chinese education system. Rooms became temporary homes for pairs of students, thus giving them a preview of what college dormitory will be like, except perhaps for the food. Breakfast consisted of rice gruel with pickled vegetables, hardboiled eggs soaked in tea, and fired bread.

We spent most of our week there touring greater Shanghai. We were treated to a view of the city from the roof of a boat on the Huangpu River. Shanghai is a huge, bustling city of contrasts; modern monuments to the new China, in innovative designs of glass and steel, dominate the river's eastern bank. Stately Western architecture of the early twentieth century is prevalent on the other side.

Teachers from SFLS escorted us to the Shanghai Art Museum, where students saw hundreds of hanging scrolls of the style we studied in our Cleveland collection. We learned of the tremendous diversity of ethnic groups in China from the folk art of various regions. We traveled west to the garden city of Suizhou and wandered along quiet streams and through man-made caves, just as princes of the Ming Dynasty had 400 years before us.

And, of course, our guides took us shopping. Our students shopped on the modern, stylish Nanjing Road open mall for the latest in designer footwear and clothing. In the old city, they bought traditional silk dresses, Mao t-shirts, hats, and posters.

The friendships our students forged with their hosts were the most significant things to develop from our stay. Each student went to the home of a SFLS student, where they dined with families, played video games with their new friends, or were taken shopping. Our students were surprised by the wealth and comfort of the homes they visited – testaments to the upward mobility of the professional and business classes in urban China.

STUDENTS BEGAN TO APPRECIATE
THE DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE
LIVES OF FOUR HUNDRED MILLION
URBAN CHINESE AND THE ONE BILLION
PEOPLE OF RURAL CHINA.

Call me "George": Into the Heart of China

With some regret and a few tears at leaving our "home," we boarded the train for the 500-mile trip to Luoyang in Henan Province. Many Shaker students were excited by their first-time experience of long-distance train travel. They visited each other's rooms and sprawled on bunks, listening to music, playing cards, sharing experiences

from their home stay, or practicing their Chinese. One student stood in the corridor saying hello to every passerby, attempting basic communication.

The vastness of the plains of central China passed by the train's windows, seemingly endless fields of corn and wheat dotted with the straw hats of peasant farmers, hoeing with crude tools or walking behind plows pulled by oxen. Students began to appreciate the differences between the lives of the four hundred million urban Chinese and the one billion people of rural China.

Luoyang provided some of the most interesting cultural experiences on the trip. When we disembarked, we were met by our guide. He wore a black t-shirt and jeans and looked like he had just ridden in on a Harley. He told us to call him "George." (Most Chinese we met had a Western name, for the benefit of us non-Chinese speakers).

Exchanging sidelong glances, we followed this roughneck through the crowded and chaotic maze of the station. Of course our fears were unfounded. During the next several days, we discovered a warm-hearted guy who not only proved to be well informed but also a lot of fun. The students are still talking about George.

Less frequently visited than other major cities in China, Luoyang was less Western than Shanghai or any of the cities we would see. We got closer to the old China here.

The first morning George drove us out of the city to meet an elderly woman — who lived in a cave. We learned that Chinese lived in caves for centuries, and millions still do. As we approached her home, we looked down 20 feet into her courtyard, about 50 feet square, and saw a shaded, pleasant earthen floor surrounded by walls into which doorways were carved from the dry, red earth.

Descending a ramp, we came into the courtyard and were invited to enter the rooms.

Our host was a 90-year-old woman who made a living by opening her home to tourists. Her simple bedrooms and kitchen with earthen floors and walls provided a cool respite from the heat of a 90-degree summer day.

She sat and smiled at our students. They were drawn to her, and soon they all sat around her, eating the peanuts she offered and asking questions. We learned about the difficulties she had suffered living in a cave, about her simple way of life, about her family.

She showed us her feet. She explained that her feet had been bound when she was a child — typical in her culture — and she still struggled to move about easily. Yet she accepted her lot gracefully. Her generous spirit moved us all.

Luoyang was the capital of ancient China during eight dynasties and became a Buddhist holy site in the fifth century when the carving of the 100,000 Buddhist statues of Longmen Grottoes began. We wandered for three hours amazed by the number and majesty of these amazing images carved in niches and caves above the beautiful Yi River,

Shanghai as seen at 5:30 a.m. from the 11th floor of the Shanghai Foreign Language School dormitory. Below, the facade of the Forbidden City in Beijing, from Tiananman Square.





Miriam Mack, left, and Emily Rosenberg in the garb of two traditional Chinese figures -- the Emperor's Wife and the legendary Princess Daiyu.

The Ugly Dumplings

BY EMILY ROSENBERG

When you pick up a package of frozen dumplings at the grocery store, you may think throwing them in a skillet with a bit of oil is the extent of the freezer-to-table process. I also believed this, until I went to China and learned the art of dumpling-making. It was challenging, but the experience was entertaining and enlightening, and will remain precious to recall.

After a long day of cavorting through ancient Shanghai, my host sister and I returned to her 11th-floor apartment to cook dinner for ourselves. We invited my friend and fellow student Miriam Mack and her host sister to share our "international girls' night in."

When we arrived at the apartment, all the necessary ingredients for preparing the dumpling dinner already were set out: two types of wraps — round for potstickers, square for wontons — a huge bowl of chopped vegetables and pork, resembling a meatball mixture, for the filling, and small bowls of water.

My host father picked up a round wrap and showed us how to fill it with our chopsticks, then instructed us to dip our fingers in water and spread it along the edge of the round to properly seal the potsticker with a series of pinches.

He made it look easy, but when Miriam and I tried it we had either too much or too little filling. Our finished potstickers looked pathetic. We became better at it with practice but still could not match our host sisters in speed and presentation.

After we had made 50 or so potstickers, we moved on to wontons, which proved an even greater challenge. To make the proper wonton shape, you have to fold the square in half after filling it and then wrap inwards so the sides touch. The trick is getting the ends to stay folded inwards; otherwise it looks like a poorly made ravioli.

Several times I put too much filling in my wonton but still tried to fold it properly. Much of the mixture oozed out of the wrap and made a sticky mess. Following one such incident, an idea suddenly came into my mind, and I began laughing uncontrollably as I tried to tell my friends that I had made "an ugly dumpling."

Although I thought this extremely witty, I had to ask the two Chinese girls if they knew the story of the Ugly Duckling, which they did. Miriam simply gave me a wow-you-are-so-crazy look.

The dinner turned out to be a success. There were steamed dumplings, fried dumplings, and enormous bowls of wonton soup to go around. It was heaven. But who would have thought that making a dumpling could prove so arduous? Even if there were a number of ugly dumplings that night, Miriam and I were proud of ourselves for having persevered, satisfied our stomachs, and created an enduring memory.

Emily Rosenberg is a senior at Shaker High.

aware that we were witnessing incredible artistic and archaeological wonders.

But most exciting was our visit to the ancient Shaolin Temple in the mountains above Luoyang. From our bus as we approached we watched thousands of youngsters practicing the art that this area is known for: kung fu.

The temple itself was beautiful, but our visit to one of the kung fu schools was special. George arranged the visit. We were privileged to wander into dorm rooms where sleepy-eyed five-year-olds rested from their daily routine of academics in the morning and martial arts training in the afternoon.

We learned that these schools allow otherwise needy students a chance for an education, and maybe even some day a role in the movies like Bruce Lee and Jet Li before them. The highlight of the visit was a stunning martial arts demonstration by children and teenagers who had been students at the school. We finished our visit with a basketball game, Shaker versus the students of this academy in central China. China won a closely contested battle.

Bruce Li...the Farmer

Our third stop was the beautiful, ancient capital of China, Xian. A thoroughly modern city, Xian is in some parts all traffic lights and malls, but we would turn a corner and suddenly enter an ancient bazaar or the Moslem center.

We enjoyed dumplings in a modern restaurant then strolled through the night market where handcrafted jewelry, local textiles, beautiful tea cups, and hand-painted hanging scrolls appear next to knock-off Givenchy handbags and Tommy Hilfiger sweaters.

Our students learned the art of bartering with the salespeople and excitedly returned to our hotel with tales of their bargains or disappointments.

A wall built 2000 years ago to keep out invaders has been rebuilt. One morning we rented bicycles and toured the city riding atop the wall. Fifty feet wide, it affords the tourist a view of the modern apartment buildings amid the structures of ancient China.

Xian's popularity as a tourist destination rests on the mausoleum of the first

emperor of all China, Qin Shi Huang, and the Terra Cotta Warriors and Horses, an amazing archaeological site uncovered in the 1970s. Photographs do not begin to capture the scope of thousands of life-sized statues of warriors and horses in battle formation, carved in ancient times, each unique and standing for all time.

Ancient China gave way to modern the next day when we visited dairy farmer Bruce Li's experiment in agriculture. Mr. Li, an engaging gentleman with a mischievous smile, has taken his name from that more famous China native. He showed us his dairy farm, allowed us to help milk some cows, and lectured us on the difficulties of starting a business in today's China.

The most exciting of all our experiences in Xian was our visit to a small grade school in An Wu, a village outside the city. Our bus brought us over rough dirt roads into a stand of a few dozen houses. We got off in front of a beautiful old building, which we understood was the school. Suddenly, the double doors opened wide and out stepped fifty children, aged three to six, smiling and chanting a welcome to us.

They served us tea in paper cups, and proceeded to dance for us for the next hour. Our students were enchanted. Later we enjoyed lunch, simple but delicious food, in one of the typical walled homes of the village.



Guardians of the Longmen Grottoes in Luoyang.

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MILLIONS STILL DO.

We concluded our stay in Beijing. After four days — visiting Tiananmen Square and the Forbidden City (we were shocked to find a Starbucks there), the Ming Tombs and the Summer Palace, the Temple of Heaven and the Sacred Way — our heads were spinning, overwhelmed with beauty and majesty.

By now our students had become comfortable in China and talked of getting up early and walking the few blocks to

Tiananmen Square to view Mao's body, or taking a taxi to Temple of Heaven Park to practice tai chi with thousands of natives.

On our last night, we dined at A Fun Ti, a Beijing restaurant that specializes in the music and food of Xinjiang Province — and dancing on tables. During the dinner, the emcee brought audience members onstage to dance for "prizes." Some brave Shaker girls volunteered. Before long, the entire Shaker group was on stage, dancing to Western rock and roll. Joined by the waiters and other young Chinese people, our differences in custom and language disappeared.

Dana Noble teaches English and Asian Studies at Shaker Heights High School. He has also accompanied Shaker students on exchange visits to Takatori, Japan.





NEIGHBOR SPOTLIGHT

Leslie Sinclair: *Another Feather in The Cleveland Clinic's Cap*

BY AMY GARVEY

Leslie Sinclair did *not* want to leave Fort Myers, Florida, to move to Cleveland, Ohio. But, she says, Cleveland-area parents of autistic children are very persistent.

"They were calling me at home every other night. One man actually called to ask me why I said 'no'. Can you believe it? It took me three months to make the decision. Leaving was the hardest thing I ever did."

It wasn't just the sunshine Sinclair was going to miss—it was the family services program she had built from scratch in Fort Myers to serve children with autism. The Cleveland parents were doing their best to lure her north to head The Autism Center at the Cleveland Clinic Children's Hospital.

Sinclair made that leap from Florida just four years ago and is already receiving accolades for her work. She was named Educator of the Year in 2003 by the National Association of Private Schools for Exceptional Children. In 2002, the program received the HERA award from the American Association of Health Practitioners "for improving women's and children's health outcomes."

Perhaps most importantly, she's watched her student population grow from 6 to more than 60 children.

"This is really so much more than a job for me," she says. "I consider myself to be an advocate for people with autism. The way I advocate best is by developing services that don't exist. Once you do that and see the people improve, it keeps growing on itself."

The CCCH Center for Autism is a behaviorally driven program with a high

staff to student ratio. The staff constantly evaluates the behavior of each student and searches for the motivator that will reward improvements. Nearly half of the students who begin the program during their preschool years go into mainstream settings without support, though the program serves students up to 22 years old and includes vocational training.

Sinclair started her career in New Jersey as a speech and language pathologist who happened to observe others like her working with a small program for children with autism. "It was the most amazing thing I have ever seen," she says.

SINCLAIR BECAME WIDELY KNOWN HERE WHEN SHE SPOKE ON THE SAME BILL AS NEUROLOGIST OLIVER W. SACKS, AUTHOR OF THE BEST-SELLING "THE MAN WHO MISTOOK HIS WIFE FOR A HAT." THAT'S WHEN THE PHONE CALLS STARTED.

She was hooked, and helped build that program from one that operated in a borrowed church basement, to the well-known Eden Family of Services.

When her family moved to Sanibel Island near Fort Myers, Sinclair worked for the public school system for a few years but quickly realized the area needed more and better services for those with autism. She opened a satellite division of Eden in Fort Myers in 1996.

"That was really my life," she says. "We did all the manual labor on the building. We'd have students from 7:30 a.m. until 6 p.m. then come back at 7 p.m. and work on the building. So you can understand that it was very difficult to leave."

Before she succumbed to the siren song of the Cleveland Clinic, Sinclair already was known to some local fami-

lies through an early client with whom she kept contact. But she became more widely known when she spoke here on the same bill as neurologist Oliver W. Sacks, author of the bestselling "The Man Who Mistook His Wife for a Hat."

That's when the phone calls started.

Once Sinclair made the decision to move here, Shaker Heights was a natural place to set up housekeeping.

"We love the look of Shaker Heights," she says. "I love the diversity and the intellect of the people in Shaker Heights." Her household includes partner Jim Francois, and son, Cameron Weitzner, a senior at Shaker High School.

All three enjoy the cultural aspects of the city from the music and theater to the art museum where Sinclair regularly embarrasses her family by weeping at the same painting each visit.

Originally a classical voice major in college, Sinclair also likes to draw, sketch, paint, and play the piano to unwind. Humor is also an important part of her daily life.

"Particularly within this field, humor is so important. If we didn't laugh, we would probably cry. It's a great escape valve, it's very therapeutic. It also maintains your sense of youth so that you can have fun and relate to a child. These children have a socialization problem. If you can make them laugh and have fun, you've done a good job."

More than a few Cleveland-area parents and their children are inclined to agree with that. Just, please, don't call her at home to tell her.







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Bond Issue on November Ballot

The Board of Education of the Shaker Heights City School District has put a joint school/library bond issue on the November 2 ballot to raise funds for building improvements and repairs. (Bond money is not used for general operating expenses.)

Capital improvements to the library include replacement of the 78-year-old slate roof at the Main Library; implementation of wireless infrastructure, which can be used for tutoring, ESL and adult literacy classes; and improvements to the library's security system. Fact sheets about the bond issue are available at the Information Desks at both libraries and on the Shaker Schools' web site at www.shaker.org

KnowItNow.org Goes Statewide

The busiest virtual reference service in the nation just got busier! The online service, www.KnowItNow.org, is now part of a statewide initiative that helps Ohio residents gain access to information on an as-needed basis, regardless of the time of day – or night!

The new, statewide service is an expansion of the KnowItNow 24x7 virtual reference service currently offered to libraries around the state by CLEVNET, a library computer network of the Cleveland Public Library that includes Shaker Library. The statewide KnowItNow 24x7 is a 24/7 virtual reference service made available free to all residents of Ohio through a three-year, \$936,000 federal Institute of Museum and Library Services grant awarded by the State Library of Ohio.

The KnowItNow service is easily accessible and user friendly. Simply log on to www.KnowItNow.org, and enter a zip code. From that point, the web site

guides users to a variety of locations within the site. The layout of the site allows users to ask questions on a variety of topics, chat in real time with a librarian, get help with homework and find answers to their questions.

Resources from business and finance to health and medicine to science and technology and genealogy are accessible from the site, with librarians staffing the service for real time answers to questions from users. Homework help for students is available from 2 p.m. to 10 p.m. seven days a week. Residents can access the web site from a home computer, a personal laptop, and a computer at work or at the library.

Memory Loss: What's Normal and What's Not

In observance of Alzheimer's Awareness Month, Shaker Library presents a program on aging and memory loss.

Malvern resident Christine Stevens, an R.N. with the Visiting Nurse Association, will speak about normal lapses in memory and the more serious warning signs of memory loss. The program begins at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, November 18 at Woods Branch. Reservations are requested by calling: 991-2421.

Picture This!

Rick Santich of Moto Photo & Portrait Studio will present two photography seminars at the Main Library this November. *The Basics of Digital Photography* will be held at 7 p.m. Wednesday, November 10 at 7 p.m. when Santich will teach participants how to get photos from their digital cameras, to the computer to the printer.

7 p.m. Wednesday, November 17, Santich will present *How to Take the Best Holiday Photos* and will teach participants how to get the most from their cameras - both digital and film.

Both sessions are free and open to the public; however, reservations are required by calling: 216-991-2030.

Meet the Author!

Meet Michael Perry, author of *Tales from Cincinnati Bearcats Basketball* at 2 p.m. Saturday, November 27 at Woods Branch. A 1980 Cleveland Heights High School graduate, Perry is the sports editor of *The Cincinnati Enquirer* and previously covered college basketball programs at Purdue University, Xavier University and the University of Cincinnati.

In his book about one of America's top basketball programs, Perry writes about charismatic coaches and colorful players, including Cleveland natives Steve Logan from St. Edward High School, Ruben Patterson from John Hay and Melvin Levett from Euclid.

Following his program, books will be available for sale and signing. Reservations are requested by calling: 216- 991-2421.



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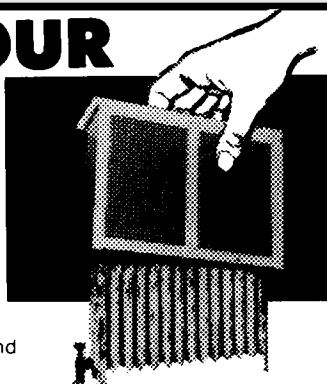
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Movies at Main

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Films are shown at 1 p.m. the first Friday of the month and at 6:30 p.m. on alternating Thursdays at Main Library.

Residents can watch the Wayans Brothers in **White Chicks** at 6:30 p.m. Thursday November 4; **The Last Samurai** at 1 p.m. November 5; **The Stepford Wives** at 6:30 p.m. November 18; **The Hours** starring Meryl Streep, Nicole Kidman and Julianne Moore at 1 p.m. December 3; **SpiderMan** starring Tobey Maguire at 6:30 p.m. December 2 and **The Bourne Supremacy** at 6:30 p.m. December 16.

All movies are shown in Community Room E at Main Library and are free.

Meet the New Staff at Shaker Library

In addition to the change in the library's automation system, there has also been a change in library staff with the addition of five new professional staff members to help residents find the information they need.

Meghan Hays is an Adult Services Librarian responsible for the Local History Collection. She has a B.A. in Russian Language from Grinnell College, an M.A. in both History and Russian & East European Studies from the University of Michigan and a Masters in Library Science from the University of Michigan. She has worked as an archivist for the Bentley Historical Library in Ann Arbor, Michigan and for the NASA Glenn Research Center. She has been a resident of the Fernway area since 2002.

Ed Rossman is an Adult Services Librarian with a B.A. from Cleveland State University in Communications and Political Science, an M.A. in Communications from Ohio University, and a Masters in Library Information Science from Kent State University. For the past nine years, Rossman was Supervisor for the Lakewood Public Library Technology Center, where he was involved with programming, public-



Shaker Library's newest staff members include LeoNard Thompson, John Skvasik, Meghan Hays, Ed Rossman and Megan Villhauer

ity, education and web page creation.

John Skvasik is an Adult Services Associate and 2003 graduate of the School of Journalism/Mass Communications at Kent State University, where he served an internship with Cleveland Cinemas helping to market films shown at Shaker Square Cinemas and Cedar Lee Theatre. He has two years experience as a Public Service Assistant with the Stow/Munroe Falls Public Library.

LeoNard Thompson, an Adult Services Associate with a B.A. from Wilberforce University, is currently pursuing a Masters in Library Science from Clarion University. The former Warrensville Heights City Schools Media Technician trained library media specialists, teachers and students how to use audio-visual and computer equipment, peripherals and software.

Meghan Villhauer is a Youth Services Associate and 2004 graduate of John Carroll University where she majored in Art History. Prior to accepting a position with the Library, she worked in the Children's Department for Borders Book Store where she led themed story hours, incorporating crafts and activities related to the books. Additionally, Meghan has taught percussion to children in grades 3-10 and

worked as a Student Librarian for the Jones Music Library at Baldwin Wallace.

Poetry Series Receives Funding from Ohio Arts Council

Poetry Not in the Woods is a series of poetry programs that began years ago at Woods Branch. The series has again received funding from the Ohio Arts Council and has an impressive line-up of poets for the 2004 – 2005 season.

Tuesday, November 16 at 7 p.m. poets who will read their work include R. A. Washington, multimedia artist, musician and author of five books; Marjorie Johnson, a Fulbright and NEH award-winning teacher; and Kelly Harris, Slam poet and winner of the MOCA emerging artist award.

Wednesday, December 15 at 7 p.m. poets reading their work include Maj Ragain, creative writing teacher at Kent State University and author of four books and Ray McNiece, captain of two championship Poetry Slam teams, author of many books and CDs of poetry and actor.

Both programs begin at 7 p.m. and are free. For more information, please call the Main Library at 991-2030.



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Shaker Library Receives Grant for A Mind of Her Own Series

Nextbook and the American Library Association have chosen Shaker Heights Public Library for a grant to host a Let's Talk About It: Jewish Literature program entitled *A Mind of Her Own: Fathers and Daughters in a Changing World*. The five-part, scholar led, book discussion series begins in January 2005, and will feature Rabbi Eric Bram and Dr. Judith Oster as discussion leaders.

Books to be read and discussed are *Tevye the Dairyman and The Railroad Stories* by Sholem Aleichem (Translated by Hillel Halkin), *Bread Givers* by Anzia Yezierska, *1185 Park Avenue* by Anne Roiphe, *American Pastoral* by Philip Roth and *Bee Season* by Myla Goldberg.

For more information about the books and the series, pick up A Mind of Her Own flier at either Shaker Library.

Mother Daughter Book Group at Woods Branch

Girls in grades 4 - 6 and their mothers are invited to read and discuss *The Doll People* by Ann Martin at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, November 30. Please register and pick up a copy of the book beginning November 2.

Let's Book

Celebrate Children's Book Week: November 15 - 21, 2004 with Shaker Library. Stop in to either library and pick up a bookmark of Newbery and Caldecott Award-winning books along with a list of the 75 Authors and Illustrators Everyone Should Know from the Children's Book Council.

the Bookshelf

Political Fiction

On the heels of the election, try some of these politically inspired titles.

Balance of Power by Richard North Patterson (2003)

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Executive Privilege by Jay Brandon (2001)

Myra McPherson has hired attorney David Owen as she seeks to divorce her husband, who she fears will harm her and their son. The complication? Myra's husband, John, is the President of the United States and will go to great lengths to protect the secrets his family is hiding.

Memorial Day by Vince Flynn (2004)
CIA counter terrorism agent Mitch

Rapp suspects an al-Qaeda plot to detonate a nuclear bomb in Washington D.C. during a Memorial Day celebration and, with fierce determination, pursues the terrorists.

Politically Inspired edited by Stephen Elliott (2003)

Compiled in response to the events of 9/11, this volume of short stories includes selections that address a variety of issues and emotions.

The Running Mate by Joe Klein (2001)

The author of *Primary Colors* (1998) tells the story of U.S. senator Charlie Martin, a decorated Vietnam vet and all-around good guy, on his way to the top. When his career begins to unravel, he finds himself struggling to keep from falling into the sleazy political pool.

Sammy's Hill by Kristin Gore (2004)

This first novel by the daughter of former Vice President Al Gore is the story

of Samantha Joyce, an advisor to a senator from Ohio. When the senator makes a bid for the Presidency, Sammy's already-hectic life gets a little crazier.

State of the Union by Brad Thor (2004)

In the President's State of the Union address, the American people learn that the Cold War has been revived and unless the President meets Russian demands, hidden bombs will be detonated in major U.S. cities. The only hope just may be Agent Scot Horvath.

Zero Game by Brad Meltzer (2004)

An innocent betting game involving Congressional voting and governmental procedures captures the interest of good friends and Capitol Hill staffers Matthew Mercer and Harris Sandler. When things go wrong and the game gets serious, they find themselves on the run.

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How to Build a Web Page

6 p.m. Monday, November 1
10 a.m. Wednesday, December 1

Internet with Experts: Googlemania

7:30 p.m. Wednesday, November 3

Graphics & Animation in PowerPoint

10 a.m. Thursday, November 4
2 p.m. Wednesday, December 15

Creating Access Databases from Scratch

3 p.m. Thursday, November 4

How to Build a Web Site

6 p.m. Monday, November 8
2 p.m. Wednesday, December 1

Introduction to PowerPoint

2 p.m. Friday, November 12
6 p.m. Monday, November 15
2 p.m. Tuesday, December 14

Introduction to Word

10 a.m. Thursday, November 18

Creating & Using Forms in Access

3 p.m. Thursday, November 18

Introduction to Excel

2 p.m. Friday, November 19
6 p.m. Monday, December 13

Working with Windows

6 p.m. Monday, November 29
2 p.m. Friday, December 3
10 a.m. Wednesday, December 15

Charts & Tables in Excel

2 p.m. Tuesday, November 30
6 p.m. Monday, December 20

Graphics & Clip Art in Word

10 a.m. Thursday, December 2

Creating & Using Queries in Access
3 p.m. Thursday, December 2

Intro to Microsoft Access
6 p.m. Monday, December 6

Searching the Internet with Filters
10 a.m. Wednesday, December 8

Finding Images Online
2 p.m. Wednesday, December 8

Teen Activities

4:30 P.M. TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 9
BINGO! Tournament in the Teen Center
Prizes for All Winners!

7:30 P.M. THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 11
T.A.B. Teen Advisory Board Meeting in
the Teen Center

3 – 4:30 P.M. THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 18
EXPRESSIONS: Games and Crafts at
Woods Branch

THE TEEN CENTER WILL BE CLOSED:
Wednesday, November 24 and Friday,
November 26

4:30 P.M. THURSDAY, DECEMBER 9
Holiday Movie in the Teen Center
Bring a snack and watch a movie with
friends!

THE TEEN CENTER WILL BE OPEN:
2 – 6 p.m. Monday, December 27 –
Thursday, December 30

Barbara Luton Art Competition Applications Available

Applications for the 6th Annual Barbara
Luton Art Competition will be available
at both libraries beginning Monday,
November 15. The competition is open
to artists ages 18 & up. Prizes include a
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9:30 a.m. Thursdays at Woods Branch

9:30 a.m. Wednesdays at Main Library.

Babies 18 – 24 months old. (Baby must be
18 months old by Jan. 1, 2005.)

10:30 a.m. Tuesdays at Woods Branch.

10:30 a.m. Wednesdays at Main Library.

In-person registration for Shaker School District
residents begins 9 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 11.
Please register at the library where your child
will attend.

TODDLER STORYTIMES

Stories, songs, games and rhymes for 2-
year-olds with an adult. (*Child must be 2
years old by Jan. 1, 2005.*)

Winter Session: Jan. 3 – Feb. 24, 2005.

10 a.m. Mondays or 10 a.m. Wednesdays at
Woods Branch.

10 a.m. Tuesdays or 10 a.m. Thursdays at
Main Library.

In-person registration for Shaker School District
residents begins 9 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 11.

PRESCHOOL STORIES

*Stories, songs, rhymes and fun for 3-, 4- & 5-
year-olds.*

10 a.m. & 1:30 p.m. Mondays at Main
Library.

1:30 p.m. Tuesdays or 10 a.m. Thursdays at
Woods Branch.

No registration is required; however, groups
are asked to make special arrangements.

PAJAMA STORIES AT WOODS BRANCH

Stories for children ages 3 and up with or
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7:15 p.m. Mondays, Nov. 15 & Dec. 20.

Registration is required and begins 2 weeks
before each program.

READING BUDDIES AT MAIN LIBRARY

A reading-centered book club for children
in grades 2 & 3.

Winter Session: Jan. 4 – Feb. 22.

4:15 p.m. Tuesdays

Registration begins Dec. 14.

AFTERSCHOOL AUTHORS AT WOODS BRANCH

Writing activities for children in grades 2 -
5.

Winter Session: Jan. 12 – Mar. 2

4:15 p.m. Wednesdays

Registration begins Dec. 29.

BOOK BUGS AT MAIN LIBRARY

A book-centered writing club for children
in grades K – 4.

Winter Session: Jan. 6 – Feb. 24

4:15 p.m. Thursdays

Registration begins Dec. 16.

AFTERNOON SPECIAL AT WOODS BRANCH

For children in grades K-4

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4:15 p.m. Thursday, December 9

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Holiday Hours

Both libraries will close at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday, November 24 and re-open at 9 a.m.
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7th Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Writing Contest: Expressions of Freedom

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Contest rules and application forms are available in the children and teen departments at both libraries beginning November 15. The contest ends December 10 and winners will be notified in January and will read their winning entries at the library's Awards Ceremony on January 14, 2005.

Library Offers Book Discussion Opportunities

Book Discussion times, dates and books for the months of November and December are:

10 a.m. November 9 at Main Library: *One Thousand White Women* by Jim Fergus

7:30 p.m. November 9 at Main Library: *Cozy* by Parnell Hall

2 p.m. November 13 at Main Library: *The Accidental Tourist* by Anne Tyler

7:30 p.m. November 23 at Main Library: *The Sun Also Rises* by Ernest Hemingway

2 p.m. December 11 at Main Library: *In the Shade of My Own Tree* by Sheila Williams

10 a.m. December 14 at Main Library: *The Piano Tuner* by Daniel Mason

7:30 p.m. December 14 at Main Library: *The Trees* by Conrad Richter

7:30 p.m. December 14 at Main Library: *Amendment of Life* by Catherine Aird

3 p.m. December 16 at Woods Branch: *A Spanish Lover* by Joanna Trollope



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Register and pick up books for the morning discussions at the Main Library fiction desk; for the evening discussions, register and pick up books at the Main Library Info desk.

In addition to book discussions, the library will present a librarian-led book talks on Recent & Recommended books at 7 p.m. Monday, November 8 at Main Library and at 3 p.m. Thursday, November 11 at Woods Branch.

Library staff has produced an annotated booklet of its book discussion sets to help residents select books for their own book discussion groups. These are available at the Fiction Desk at Main Library and the Info Desk at Woods Branch.

HOORAY, IT'S KWANZAA TIME!

Joyce Mosely, a member of the Cleveland Association of Black Storytellers, will explain the meaning of Kwanzaa at 2 p.m. Monday, December 27 at Main Library. Following her presentation, children in grades K–6 will celebrate the joy of family, culture, and the African harvest by crafting special symbols of this holiday.

The program is free; however, reservations are requested by calling the Children's Department at 991-2030.

Endnotes

- The Red Cross Bloodmobile will be at Main Library from 2 to 7 p.m. Monday, November 22.
- Both libraries are open Veterans Day, November 11.
- The library board meets at 6:30 p.m. Monday, November 8 at Woods Branch and at 6:30 p.m. Monday, December 13 at Main Library.
- Friends of the Library meets at 7 p.m. Tuesday, November 16 at Main Library.
- Library employment opportunities are posted on the bulletin boards by the circulation desks at both libraries.
- The Main Library Teen Center will be open from 2 – 6 p.m. Monday, December 27 through Thursday, December 30.



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2 Election Day. Local issue: Shaker Schools/Library Bond Issue.

2, 9, 15 Flu Shots, SHAKER HEIGHTS HEALTH DEPARTMENT, 3400 LEE RD. (In the basement of City Hall. \$16/person. Pneumonia shots available for \$25. Both vaccines are free to those with Medicare as their primary insurance. Appointments are required and can be made by calling 491-1480.

2 Environmental Town Hall Brown Bag Lunch Series, NOON TO 1 P.M., NATURE CENTER. Rebecca Reynolds from Green Clean, a chemical-free cleaning company, will discuss The Advantages of Green Cleaning, her company's commitment to natural and safe cleaning practices and how you can apply them at home. INFO: 321-5935.

3 Fall Sports Recognition Night, 6:30 P.M., SHAKER MIDDLE SCHOOL. Honoring the athletes' feats.

4 Podiatry Care, 8:30 – 11:00 A.M., SHAKER COMMUNITY BUILDING. On your toes for simple foot care for the 50+ set. \$10. INFO: 491-1360.

4 Movie at Main, 6:30 P.M., MAIN LIBRARY. Watch the PG-13-rated flick, *White Chicks* starring the Wayans brothers, who disguise themselves as two white chicks to prevent the kidnapping of two wealthy sisters. FREE. INFO: 991-2030

4 – 6 Twelfth Night, 7 P.M., LAUREL SCHOOL, ONE

LYMAN CIRCLE. Upper school students tackle the bard. TICKETS & INFO: 464-1441.

5 First Friday Flick, 1 P.M., MAIN LIBRARY. Watch Tom Cruise in *The Last Samurai*. FREE. INFO: 991-2030.

5 A Holiday Boutique, 2 – 8 P.M., HATHAWAY BROWN SCHOOL, 19600 N. PARK BLVD. Unique holiday gifts. \$5 admission benefits the Parent Association. Sale continues Nov. 6 from 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. INFO: 440-821-7846.

EXHIBITS IN SHAKER

Thru Nov. 19: A Natural Eye, MAIN LIBRARY. Photographs by members of the Photo Club at the Nature Center at Shaker Lakes. Browse and buy from those with a natural eye. INFO: 991-2030.

Thru Nov. 21: Museum Exhibit, SHAKER HISTORICAL MUSEUM, 16740 S. PARK BLVD. *Shaker Heights City of Gracious Living* includes photos and memorabilia that focus on homes, gardens and accoutrements of an elegant garden-inspired city. \$2/adults; \$1/children ages 6 – 18. Members & children under 6 years free. INFO: 921-1201.

Thru Nov. 27: The Eclectic Sculptor. MALCOLM BROWN GALLERY, 20100 CHAGRIN BLVD. Enjoy the art of former Clevelander Shirley McWorter-Moss. INFO: 751-2955.

Nov. 1: Art Exhibit, SHAKER COMMUNITY BUILDING, 3450 LEE RD. *Outdoors and In*, the watercolor paintings of Alix Hallman Travis, will be on display until December 11. INFO: 491-1360.

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BERTRAM WOODS BRANCH LIBRARY
20600 Fayette Road

MAIN LIBRARY
16500 Van Aken Boulevard

THE NATURE CENTER AT SHAKER LAKES
2600 South Park Boulevard

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SHAKER FAMILY CENTER
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5 Wine Tasting, 7 - 9:30 P.M.,

NATURE CENTER. Malvern Neighborhood Association event. No sour grapes allowed. INFO: TRACI ONDERS, 283-9326.

6 Junior NBA and WNBA Youth

Basketball League, WOODBURY SCHOOL GYM, 15400 S. WOODLAND RD. It's nothing but net for boys and girls in grades 3 - 6. League runs through Feb. 26. FEES & INFO: 491-2599.

6, 13, 20 & 27 Nature

Walk, 3:30 TO 4:30 P.M., NATURE CENTER. Meet at the front door to the exhibit area for a one-hour, naturalist-led walk around the trails. INFO: 321-5935.

7 15th Annual Bowl for Kids'

Sake, 9 A.M. - 3:30 P.M. AMBASSADOR LANES BEDFORD. *Right up your alley!* Family fun and fund-raiser that includes free T-shirts, great giveaways, refreshments and many chances to win great door prizes. Bellefaire JCB Bowlathon is sponsored by Jewish Big Brother Big Sister Association. INFO: 320-8310. REGISTER AT WWW.JBBBSA.ORG

7 Humperdinck's Hansel and Gretel with Perry Lorenzo, 3 P.M.,

MAIN LIBRARY. The internationally recognized opera expert and Director of Education for Seattle Opera, Perry Lorenzo, provides a fun, upbeat, and helpful introduction to the music, myth and magic of Engelbert Humperdinck's fairy tale opera. The Cleveland Orchestra performs Hansel and Gretel on December 2, 3 and 4, at 8:00 p.m.(opera

in concert with English subtitles). This lecture will be repeated Monday November 8, 7:30 p.m., in Reinberger Chamber Hall at Severance Hall.

8 Low Vision Support Group, 11

A.M. – 12:15 P.M., SHAKER

COMMUNITY BUILDING. Get help and tips for coping with vision loss.

TRANSPORTATION AVAILABLE BY CALLING 491-1348.

9 Book Discussion, 10 A.M., MAIN

LIBRARY. Read and talk about *One*

Thousand White Women by Jim Fergus.

INFO: 991-2030.

9 Babes in Nature, 10 TO 10:45

A.M., NATURE CENTER. *Terrain for tots!*

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9 Shaker Sports Boosters

Meeting, 7:30 P.M., SHAKER HIGH

TEACHERS' CAFETERIA. All parents are welcome to help boost Shaker sports.

INFO: JANE GLADDEN, 378-0613 OR

NANCY GOLDSMITH, 591-9279.

9 Mystery Book Discussion, 7:30

P.M., MAIN LIBRARY. Read *Cozy* by Parnell Hall and talk about whodunnit.

INFO: 991-2030.

10 The Basics of Digital

Photography, 7:00 P.M., MAIN

LIBRARY. Rick Santich, photographer and owner of MotoPhoto in Shaker Heights, will discuss digital photography and how to get your pictures from the camera to the computer and the printer. INFO: 991-2030.

10 Women's Fall Athletic

Awards, 6:30 P.M., SHAKER HIGH.

10 Protect Yourself Against

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Tuesdays, Thursdays & Saturdays: PLAY AND LEARN STATION AND PLAY AND LEARN BABIES, 10 A.M. – NOON, MAIN LIBRARY. Free drop-in play and literacy-based activities for children from birth to 5 years with a parent or caregiver. Cosponsored by Shaker Family Center and Shaker Library. Thursday evening hours from 6 - 8 p.m. INFO: 921-2023 OR 991-2030.

Saturdays: OPEN GYM, 10 A.M., SHAKER FAMILY CENTER, 19824 SUSSEX ROAD. For parents and children from birth to 5 years. Indoor exercise equipment and activities in a gym and muscle room during winter months. Discount passes available. FEES & INFO: 921-2023

Saturdays: NORTH UNION FARMERS MARKET

Sundays: RECOVERY, INC., 2 P.M., SOMERSET POINT RETIREMENT COMMUNITY, 3550 NORTHFIELD RD. Self-help group to help those experiencing panics, depression and anger learn to cope and manage symptoms. INFO: NATALIE SILVERBERG, 595-9276 OR WWW.RECOVERY-INC.ORG

11 Nature Center Photography Club Meeting, 6 - 8 P.M., NATURE CENTER MEETING ROOM. Moto Photo's Rick Santich will speak on lighting, how to use light in nature photography, how to work under various times and conditions and how to use flash techniques. Attendees can bring in several of their best and worst pictures where lighting played a key role in the success or failure of the photo. INFO: CRYSTAL BIRNS, 321-5935 X 237 OR E-MAIL, BIRNS@SHAKERLAKES.ORG

11 Band Concert, 7:30 P.M., SHAKER MIDDLE SCHOOL. Middle School students toot their horns.

12 Conference Day. No school for Shaker schools grades K – 12. Conferences by appointment.

12 & 13 The Tempest, 8 P.M., HATHAWAY BROWN SCHOOL, 19600 N. PARK BLVD. Watch a student production to see that they are "such stuff as dreams are made on!" TICKETS & INFO: 932-4214.

13 Book Discussion, 2 P.M., MAIN LIBRARY. Read and talk about *The Accidental Tourist* by Anne Tyler. INFO: 991-2030.

14 Cleveland Cello Society Recital, 2 P.M., PLYMOUTH CHURCH, 2860 Coventry Rd. INFO: IDA MERCER, 921-3480.

15 Conference Day. No school for Shaker Schools grades K – 8. Conferences by appointment.

15 Men's Fall Athletic Awards, 6:30 P.M., SHAKER HIGH.

16 Nature Center Night at Luchita's, 5 - 10 p.m., Luchita's on the Square. Say you're with the Nature Center and Luchita's will donate 50% of all dinner and drink checks to the Nature Center. Reservations encouraged: 561-8537. GRACIAS!



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16 Nature Reads, 6 P.M. TO 7:30 P.M., NATURE CENTER. Bring a brown bag supper and join other nature and book lovers for a discussion of *Soul of Nowhere* by Craig Childs. INFO: LESLIE KREBS, 321-5935 EXT. 226.

16 Parent University at Shaker Family Center, 7 P.M., 19824 SUSSEX RD. Early childhood expert and Shaker resident Barb Cicerchi tells parents "How to Select a Preschool." Free. INFO & RESERVATIONS: 921-2023.

16 Poetry Not in the Woods, 7 P.M., MAIN LIBRARY. Hear original poetry read by R. A. Washington, Marjorie Johnson and Kelly Harris. FREE. INFO: 991-2030.

17 Taking the Best Holiday Photos, 7 P.M., MAIN LIBRARY. Rick Santich, photographer and owner of MotoPhoto in Shaker Heights, will discuss how to get the most from your cameras - both digital and film. INFO: 991-2030.

18 Health Roundtable, 11:30 A.M.-12:30 P.M. SHAKER COMMUNITY BUILDING. Health Talks with city nurse Sandi Hurley. INFO: 491-1360.

18 Parent Lecture, 7 P.M., WULIGER CENTER AT BELLEFAIRE JCB, 22001 FAIRMOUNT BLVD. Michael Bradley, author of *Yes, Your Teen is Crazy!* will speak about his book for parents and about his soon-to-be-released book for teens, *Yes, Your Parents Are Crazy*. Recommended for parents of teens. \$5/person. INFO: 932-2800.

19 Professional Workshop with Michael Bradley, 9 A.M. - NOON, WULIGER CENTER AT BELLEFAIRE JCB. Bradley has spoken to parents and professionals throughout the country. CEUs will be given for social workers and psychologists. INFO: 932-2800.

18 Movie at Main, 6:30 P.M., MAIN LIBRARY. Watch the PG-13-rated film, *The*

Stepford Wives, starring Nicole Kidman who finds her new Connecticut neighbors quite unusual. FREE. INFO: 991-2030.

18 Special Education Meeting, 7 P.M., SHAKER MIDDLE SCHOOL.

18 The Canoe Club: Boating on the Shaker Lakes, 7:30 p.m., Shaker Historical Museum. Jack Ulman, the last Commodore, will speak about the Canoe Club, a gathering place for canoeing and sailing on Lower Shaker Lake until it was closed in the 1970s. Members of the Club during its heyday will share memories, artifacts and photos. This program is cosponsored with the Nature Center. FREE WITH RESERVATIONS: 921-1201.

19 Morning Open House, 8:30 -11:30 A.M., LAUREL SCHOOL. Prospective students can take a peek! Girls entering kindergarten through

Grade 12 and their parents can attend and observe classes, tour the school and meet new Head of School Ann Klotz. RESERVATIONS REQUIRED; CALL 464-0946.

19 Hearing Loss Support Group, 10 - 11 A.M., SHAKER COMMUNITY BUILDING. *Now hear this!* Dr. Ray LeZak shares info on how to anticipate and treat hearing loss and talks about the latest digital hearing aid devices. INFO: 491-1360.

20 Laurel School Admission SATURDAY, 9 A.M. - NOON, LAUREL SCHOOL. Informal tours and info about Laurel School. INFO: 464-0946.

22 Low Vision Support Group, 11 A.M. - 12:15 P.M., SHAKER COMMUNITY BUILDING. Get help and tips for coping with vision loss. Transportation is available by calling 491-1348.

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23 Museum Exhibit, Shaker

Historical Museum. *Traditions to Treasure* exhibit continues thru Jan. 15 and features memorabilia of ethnic holiday traditions. \$2/adults; \$1/children; Members & children under 6 years free. INFO: 921-1201.

23 Book Discussion, 7:30 P.M.,

MAIN LIBRARY. Read and discuss *The Sun Also Rises* by Ernest Hemingway, INFO: 991-2030.

24, 25, 26 City schools closed for Thanksgiving.

25 Thanksgiving. City offices, schools and libraries closed.

27 Meet the Author!, 2 P.M.,

WOODS BRANCH. Meet Michael Perry, author of *Tales from Cincinnati Bearcats Basketball*. Charismatic coaches and colorful players, including Cleveland natives Steve Logan (St. Edward), Ruben Patterson (John Hay) and Melvin Levett (Euclid) are profiled in Perry's book about one of America's top basketball programs. A 1980 Cleveland Heights High School graduate, Perry is the sports editor of *The Cincinnati Enquirer* and previously covered college basketball programs at Purdue University, Xavier University and the University of Cincinnati. INFO: 991-2421.

30 Immortal Paw Prints, 7 -

8:30 P.M., SHAKER COMMUNITY BUILDING. Pet bereavement support group with Tina Bulucea, L.I.S.W. INFO: 491-1360.

30 All Starz Handbells & Steel

Drum Concert, 7 P.M., WOODBURY SCHOOL.

30 Advent Lecture Series, 9:15 -

10:30 A.M. OR 7 - 8:15 P.M., ST. DOMINIC CHURCH, 3450 NORWOOD RD. Father Tom Fanta offers lecture series for the advent season Tuesdays thru Dec. 14. INFO: 991-1441.

Events for December

1 & 8 AARP Defensive Driving Class, 12:30 - 4:30 P.M., SHAKER COMMUNITY BUILDING. Insurance at a premium? This 2-part class for those 50 and older may drive down the costs. Pre-registration and advance payment required. Send \$10 check (payable to AARP) to the Shaker Community Building, 3450 Lee Rd., Shaker Heights, OH 44120.

2 Movie at Main, 6:30 P.M., MAIN LIBRARY. Watch web slinger Tobey Maguire starring in *Spiderman*, a PG-13-rated film. Free. INFO: 991-2030.

2, 3 & 4 Pippin, 8 P.M., SHAKER HIGH. Hey, it's time to start living . . . time to get your tickets to this upbeat musical performed by talented Shaker students. Bring the kids for a bit of Broadway in their backyard. TICKETS & INFO: 295-4200.

3 First Friday Flick, 1 P.M., MAIN LIBRARY. Watch *The Hours* starring Meryl Streep, Nicole Kidman and Julianne Moore. FREE. INFO: 991-2030.

3, 4 Annual Holiday Show, 11:30 A.M. - 5 P.M., 2951 DRUMMOND RD. Unique handcrafted jewelry, necklaces, earrings, pins and bracelets. Lois Becker offers great gifts for early holiday shopping. Need help? Bring your clothes and Lois Becker will accessorize you. Show continues Dec. 5 from noon - 4 p.m. INFO: 921-3083.

3 Holiday Collectibles, MALCOLM BROWN GALLERY, 20100 CHAGRIN BLVD. A dazzling showcase of unique gift ideas of art that capture the magic of the season. Show continues thru Jan. 4. Holiday hours: M - F: 11 a.m.-7 p.m., Sat.: 1 - 6 p.m., Sun.: noon - 5 p.m. INFO: 751-2955.

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4 Sugar Plum Workshop, 9 – 11:30 A.M., PLYMOUTH CHURCH, 2860 COVENTRY RD. Workshops to help the little ones make affordable gifts for giving. Material fees range from 25¢ to \$3. INFO: SHELLI SMITH, 295-9742.

4, 11, 18 Nature Walk, 3:30 TO 4:30 P.M., NATURE CENTER. Meet at the front door for a one-hour, naturalist-led lead a walk on the trails. INFO: 321-5935.

4 Season's Treatings Craft Fair, 10 A.M. – 2 P.M., SHAKER FAMILY CENTER, 19824 SUSSEX RD. Handcrafted Items, jewelry & gifts for sale. Crafters also wanted. INFO: 921-2023.

6 St. Dominic School Tour, 9 A.M., 3450 NORWOOD RD. Sign in at the school office and pick up visitor tags before touring and meeting teachers. INFO & RSVP TO JULIE, 561-4400 .

6 Instrumental Concert, 7 P.M., LAUREL SCHOOL. Primary and middle school students perform. INFO: 464-1441.

7 Environmental Town Hall Brown Bag Lunch Series, NOON TO 1 P.M., NATURE CENTER. *What's a Foodshed?* Kari Moore from the Northeast Ohio Foodshed Network will discuss the Network's efforts to strengthen our regional food economy and improve opportunities for local farmers and food industry entrepreneurs. INFO: 321-5935.

7 Science Fair, 7 – 8 P.M., ST. DOMINIC SCHOOL. See 7th and 8th grade scientists' work. Concoctions (aka refreshments) available.

9 Podiatry Care, 8:30 – 11:00 A.M., SHAKER COMMUNITY BUILDING. Simple foot care for the 50+ set. \$10. INFO: 491-1360.

9 Annual Friends Holiday Tea, 4 - 5:30 P.M., NATURE CENTER. Come to the Nature Center with goodies to share and enjoy the gift-giving season. INFO: 321-5935.

10 & 11 Winter Solstice Suites, 7:30 P.M., SHAKER COMMUNITY BUILDING. Verlezza Dance performs. INFO: 491-1360

9 BINGO! Tournament, 4:30 P.M., MAIN LIBRARY TEEN CENTER. *B-4-I-8! I played BINGO! on this date.* After school and

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11 Laurel School Admission Saturday, 9 A.M. – NOON, LAUREL SCHOOL. Informal tour and info about Laurel School. INFO: 464-1441.

11 & 12 Holiday Home Art Show, 10 A.M. – 4 P.M., 14381 ONAWAY RD. Christie Leu, Joy Griffith, Deanne Carroll and others sell original, handcrafted gift items, jewelry, glass, scarves, watches, clocks, switchplates, boxes, ornaments, home décor and furniture. INTO: 751-8873.

11 Celebration of Lights, 6 P.M., NATURE CENTER. Evening exploration features a guided walk in the woods to see how people from around the world use lights in cultural and religious traditions during the darkest days of the year. 40-minute group tours leave every 10 minutes beginning at 6 p.m. (The last tour leaves at 8 p.m.) Hot cider and cookies are served after each *illuminating* tour. Advanced registration required. FEES & INFO: 321-5935 X 221.

11 Book Discussion, 2 P.M., MAIN LIBRARY. Read and discuss *In the Shade of My Own Tree* by Sheila Williams. INFO: 991-2030.

Ongoing Senior Activities at the Community Building

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Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays: PACE, 11:15 A.M. – NOON. People with Arthritis Can Exercise is offered in partnership with Judson Retirement Community. \$2/session.

Tuesdays & Wednesdays: Benefits Check-Up, 9 A.M. – 1 P.M.

Wednesdays: Coffee & Camaraderie, 10 – 11 A.M. Socialize, hear a speaker and enjoy coffee and pastry. INFO: 491-1360.

Thursdays: Open Bridge, 1 – 4 P.M. Drop-in and play. All levels welcome. REFRESHMENTS PROVIDED; \$1/SESSION.



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13 Art Exhibit, SHAKER COMMUNITY BUILDING, 3450 LEE RD.
People and Places, the photography of Myron Bud Stern, will be on display through January 13. INFO: 491-1360.

13 Low Vision Support Group, 11 A.M. - 12:15 P.M., SHAKER COMMUNITY BUILDING. Get help and tips for coping with vision loss. TRANSPORTATION AVAILABLE BY CALLING 491-1348.

14 Book Discussion, 10 A.M., MAIN LIBRARY. Read and discuss *The Piano Tuner* by Daniel Mason. INFO: 991-2030.

14 Book Discussion, 7:30 P.M. MAIN LIBRARY. Read and discuss *The Trees* by Conrad Richter. INFO: 991-2030.

14 Wind Ensemble & Symphonic Band Concert, 7:30 P.M., SHAKER MIDDLE SCHOOL. High school musicians perform.

14 Mystery Book Discussion, 7:30 P.M., MAIN LIBRARY. Read *Amendment of Life* by Catherine Aird and talk about whodunit. INFO: 991-2030.

15 Poetry Not in the Woods, 7 P.M., MAIN LIBRARY. Hear original poetry read by Maj Ragain and Ray McNiece. INFO: 991-2030.

15 Winter Choir Alumni Concert, 7:30 P.M., SHAKER HIGH SCHOOL. Come back to school and raise your voices.

16 Health Roundtable, 11:30 A.M.-12:30 P.M. SHAKER COMMUNITY BUILDING. Health Talks with city nurse Sandi Hurley. INFO: 491-1360.

15 Protect Yourself Against Identity Theft, 7 P.M., SHAKER COMMUNITY BUILDING, 3450 LEE RD. INFO: 491-1295.

16 Book Discussion, 3 P.M., WOODS BRANCH. Read and discuss *A Spanish Lover* by Joanna Trollope. INFO: 991-2421.

16 Movie at Main, 6:30 P.M., MAIN LIBRARY. Watch Matt Damon starring in *The Bourne Supremacy*, a PG-13-rated thriller. Free. INFO: 991-2030.

16 - 19 Thornton Park Hockey Tournament. THORNTON PARK ICE ARENA. The NHL may be locked out, but high school hockey is key for fun! Watch great skates, high sticks and awesome saves as Shaker High competes with local teams for the tournament trophy and bragging rights to the coolest team on ice. INFO: 491-1295.

20 - Jan 2 City schools closed for winter break. Schools reopen January 3, 2005.

28 Pet Bereavement, 7 - 8:30 P.M., SHAKER COMMUNITY BUILDING. Give paws to pets who've passed. Pet bereavement support group led by Tina Bulucea, L.I.S.W. INFO: 491-1360.

SIGNATURE EVENTS IN THE CIRCLE AND BEYOND

(For a complete list of events in University Circle, visit their web site: www.university-circle.org)

Thru Jan. 2: The Teacher and the Student: Charles Rosenthal and Ilya Kabakov, MOCA, 8501 CARNEGIE AVE. The art and genius of a contemporary Russian émigré artist known as "the father of Moscow Conceptualism" is on display. (See Dec. 12 gallery talk at CMA.) INFO: 421-8671.

Nov. 2 & Dec. 8: Judson Park Open House, 2 - 3 P.M., 2181

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Nov. 17 & Dec. 15: Matinee Concert, 12:30 P.M., JUDSON MANOR, 1890 E. 107TH ST. WCLV broadcasts live from Judson Manor. RSVP to enjoy local musicians and lunch: 791-2321.

Nov. 17: Faculty Recital, 8 P.M., CIM. William Preucil on violin and Arthur Rowe on piano.

Nov. 19: Jesse Manibusan, 7:30 P.M., CATHEDRAL OF ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST, EAST 9TH ST. & SUPERIOR AVE., NE. Multicultural minister, singer, songwriter, guitarist and storyteller performs. Freewill donation. INFO: 771-6666 EXT. 5510.

Nov. 6: Yangtze Remembered: An Exhibition Tour, 11 A.M. – NOON, CLEVELAND MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY, 1 WADE OVAL DR.

Photographer Linda Butler captured China's river and its people before, during and after completion of the Three Gorges Dam – the largest construction project since the Great Wall. \$5/person. INFO: 231-1177.

Dec. 1: Faculty Recital, 8 P.M., CIM. The Cavani String Quartet 20th anniversary celebration features Annie Fullard and Mari Sato on violin, Kirsten Docter on viola and **Merry Peckham** on cello.

Dec. 3: Dead Men Talking, 7:30 P.M., CLEVELAND MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY, 1 WADE OVAL DR. Forensic pathologist William Bligh-Glover discusses how natural history applies to the work of the modern-day coroner. TICKETS & INFO: 231-1177.

Dec. 3, 4: Sweeney Todd, 8 P.M.,
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 duction of Stephen Sondheim's macabre
 musical. Sunday matinee at 2 p.m.
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Dec. 5: Holiday Circlefest, 1 - 6
P.M., University Circle institutions present
 a family event featuring music, exhibits,
 shopping and holiday cheer.

Dec. 6: Cleveland Youth Wind
Symphonies I & II, 7:30 P.M.,
SEVERANCE HALL. Gary M. Ciepluch
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Dec. 12: Gallery Talk, 2 P.M.,
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BLVD. CMA staff member Frank
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 themes in Kabakov/Rosenthal's history
 painting as it relates to works in the CMA
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the usual call for the cavalry:

"I want Mom!"

Says Ms. Shaker Man on her way up:
"Thanks for handling it."

Boys vs. Girls: Shaker Man is likewise perplexed by the growing difference in parenting techniques required by his eight-year-old son and 12-year-old daughter. Where Sonny Boy still responds to the good old drill sergeant routine—exemplified by a recent bike trip that included a father's memorable, loving instruction following a knee-scraping spill to "Quit whining and get back on your d--- bike"—Ms. Almost-A-Teen now bristles at nearly every fatherly suggestion.

"Sweetheart, could you move your shoes from the—"

"I know—"

"— entrance hall?"

"I said I know—"

"It's just that they're in the way—"

"WHY ARE YOU ALWAYS PICKING ON ME?"

Mr. Eight responds to his sister's foot-stomping, door-slamming march upstairs by shrugging his shoulders, raising his eyebrows and saying: "Girls."

"You stay out of this," Shaker Man says. Yet Sonny Boy begins to look prophetic an hour later when Ms. Twelve—agonizing over her choice of attire for the Snootley Dance Lesson Series at a local Club (a Club, he is informed, with a capital "C")—asks Shaker Man whether the purple dress looks better than the green one.

"They both look fine," he says, wrestling with a leaky faucet in the kitchen.

"But which is better?"

The wrench slips.

"You look very pretty in both."

"Daddy, you're not even looking at me."

"OK, I'm looking. They're both nice."

"Nice nice, or nice boring."

The entire head comes off the faucet.

"Nice," he says. "Nice meaning 'nice.' Nice nice. Look, you don't even

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like Snootley or any of the boys at it. So what's the difference? Just go upstairs and put something on or we'll be late."

Comes the reply: "You... just... don't... understand."

Another thundering disappearance and another look—that look—from Ms. Shaker Man, who adds: "You really don't understand, do you?" before disappearing herself upstairs to solve the riddle of purple vs. green

Offers Mr. Eight: "I'm not saying a thing."

From the Mouths of Babes: Only one thing is worse for Shaker Man than hearing The Old Man's favorite phrases spill out of his own mouth: Hearing *his own* favorite phrases slip out of his children's lips. It was bad enough when Sonny Boy at age five responded to a question about his toy phone by holding out his hand and saying: "Shh! I'm on a conference call." Now, though, his children—when did they get so *smart*?—seem to consciously or unconsciously call him on every parenting flaw. During a father-son building project, for example, Mr. Eight—feeling affectionate after a weekend of being coached in backyard baseball and bike-riding—says the magic words every Shaker father longs to hear: "You're the best Dad in the whole world."

Shaker Man smiles. "I don't know about that."

"Yes you are."

"I'm not sure."

"You are."

"I'm not as patient as I'd like to be," Shaker Man says. "I lose my temper with you when I shouldn't. And I don't always listen when I should. I wish I was better."

Eight reflects on this and his week-end of coaching.

"It's OK, Dad," he offers at last.

"It's like you said: Everybody's bad at something."

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Being a father in 21st Century Shaker is all about words like *Understanding* and *Nurturing* and *Caring*. Determined not to repeat the mistakes of generations past—those remote fathers who worked long hours downtown and fell asleep after work with martinis in their hands and pot roasts waiting in the kitchen—the modern Shaker Patriarch doesn't yell, doesn't spank, and speaks openly about emotions, both his own and those of his children.

At least, that's what Shaker Man would like to think he does. Reality, however, has a way of intruding upon fatherly evolution, including:

The Father Has Spoken (But Is Anybody Listening?): Unfortunately for Shaker Man, his own role model for parenting—call him The Old Man—

Tales of a modern Shaker patriarch

came from the Old School, in which children really did walk four miles to school, carrying hot baked potatoes because they couldn't afford gloves, and where, if they were paddled at school, they also got paddled at home. The Old Man's emotional philosophy can be summed up in a standard conversational exchange with Shaker Man during the latter's Sensitive Young Poet Years:

Shaker Man: "I feel awful/anxious/depressed when I think about [whatever]."

The Old Man: "Well, don't think about [whatever]."

This works well enough with younger children—those in, say, the two- to three-year-old range—but fails miserably as soon as independent reason takes hold.

"I don't like it when you go away on business," his eight-year-old son says at bedtime before one of Shaker Man's early morning flights.

"Well," replies Shaker Man, "Don't think about it."

"How do I do that?"

Shaker Man pauses.

"Think of something else."

"Like what?"

"Something happy."

"Like what?"

"Like... your scooter."
"OK."

Feeling smug, Shaker Man tucks his little man in bed and makes a beeline for the kitchen and then the living room, arranging himself on the couch with a newspaper, a bag of Oreos and a glass of milk. He snaps the newspaper—just right—when a small voice filters down the stairs.

"Dad?"

"What?"

"I can't go to sleep."

"Why?"

"Because I'm still sad."

"Think about the scooter."

"I can't."

"Why?"

"Because I'm sad."

"So think about something else."

"Like what?"

"Something happy."

"But I'm sad—"

"Oh, for Pete's sake—"

"He just misses you," his wife says.

"I'll only be gone for a day."

"It's a phase," she adds

"Ok, OK," Shaker Man says. "I'll handle it."

"Be gentle."

And so Shaker Man is in his best behavior—the first, second and third times back up the stairs. On the fourth try, *for Pete's sake* morphs into something slightly longer and more descriptive than even The Old Man would have been proud of. Dead silence is followed by

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