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The Shaker Landmark Tour celebrates harmony and diversity



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food, music and dancing, a fine-art show, a crafts fair, a pancake breakfast, and children's activities – all to be held in the Van Aken/Farnsleigh shopping area Friday night, October 1 and Saturday afternoon, October 2.

Light refreshments will be served at Shaker's Municipal Court open house on Friday afternoon. An exhibit of Moreland School memorabilia, photos, and other collectibles will be on display all weekend at the Main Library.

On Saturday, Shaker High School Homecoming activities will include a parade and the big football game. Band alumni and community musicians are invited to join the High School marching band for the half-time show. Call 295-4233.

Also on Saturday, the Historical Museum will host its annual Harvest Fest, and the Shaker Public Library will host an art exhibit and demonstration.

Last year's All Shaker Open House, sponsored by local realty companies, will be repeated. Area realtors will hold most of their Shaker listings open Sunday afternoon, October 3, bringing interested buyers into our community.

On Monday, October 4, residents are invited to Tour Your Schools to see first-hand the wonderful things happening in classrooms throughout the district and in the preschools at Shaker Family Center.

All residents will receive a schedule of events by mail in mid-September, and information is available 24/7 at the City's website, shakeronline.com.

THESE AUTUMNFEST ACTIVITIES WILL TAKE PLACE AT THE VAN AKEN/FARNSLEIGH SHOPPING AREA UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED.

FRI. OCT. 1	3-7 P.M.	SHAKER COURT OPEN HOUSE – 3355 LEE ROAD
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	ALL WEEKEND	DISPLAY: MORELAND SCHOOL MEMORABILIA, PHOTOS AND OTHER COLLECTIBLES – MAIN LIBRARY
SAT. OCT. 2	10 A.M.-12 P.M.	PANCAKE BREAKFAST
	11 A.M.-6 P.M.	STREET FAIR - RIDES & GAMES, HANDS-ON CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES, ART SHOW & CRAFTS FAIR CONTINUE
	11 A.M.-5 P.M.	HISTORICAL MUSEUM HARVEST FEST: SALE OF HERBS, BAKED GOODS, ACTIVITIES FOR CHILDREN, MUSIC & EXHIBITS.FREE ADMISSION – 16740 SOUTH PARK BLVD.
	1:10 P.M. 2 P.M.	HOMEcoming PARADE: HIGH SCHOOL OVAL FOOTBALL GAME: SHAKER HEIGHTS HIGH SCHOOL
SUN. OCT. 3	2-4 P.M.	SEE ORIGINAL PAINTINGS, GICLEE PRINTS AND ENJOY A PAINTING DEMONSTRATION; MEET ARTIST S.C. VERSILLEE. AT MAIN LIBRARY.
	12-4 P.M.	ALL SHAKER OPEN HOUSE W/ AREA REALTORS. SEE SUNDAY PLAIN DEALER FOR LISTINGS.
MON. OCT. 4	9:30 A.M. - NOON	TOUR YOUR SCHOOLS: AT ALL SHAKER PUBLIC SCHOOLS &
	1 - 2:30 P.M.	PRESCHOOL PROGRAMS IN SHAKER FAMILY CENTER

Landmark Weekend: Celebrating the Harmony of Diversity

New and old residents alike agree that two key reasons they make Shaker Heights their home are the strength of its neighborhoods and the beauty of its homes. The 2004 Landmark Weekend celebrates and honors this proud heritage — the rich diversity of residents, cultures, and beautiful homes.

The Fund for the Future of Shaker Heights will dedicate this year's Housewarming to late Shaker Mayor Walter C. Kelley, a founding Fund member and champion of diversity.

The cocktail reception is Saturday, September 11, at 17050 South Park Boulevard from 5:30-7:30 p.m. and benefits the Fund, a privately funded, non-profit organization dedicated to maintaining the diverse character of Shaker's neighborhoods.

Through financial incentives for home purchases in designated areas, the Fund has loaned more than \$2.2 million to nearly 400 families of all races since its inception in 1985. Support for the Fund will further Mayor Kelley's vision of maintaining vital, exciting, and diverse neighborhoods. Tickets are \$75 each or \$150 for patrons. For information, call 491-1370.

The weekend continues with the Landmark House Tour on Sunday, September 12, from noon to 5 p.m. This year, a traditional walking tour will consist of nine properties that represent a diversity of housing types, styles, sizes, and locations throughout the community. Two condominiums, a townhouse, a two-family home, and five single-family homes will be highlighted.

The Landmark Commission designates local landmarks, offers educational programs, and issues publications in

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Recreation & Leisure Assessment

Residents of all ages, from all neighborhoods, have been participating in the City's Recreation and Leisure Assessment. This community-wide conversation includes three public meetings; the first two are complete and the third is October 21 at 7 p.m. at the Shaker Community Building (previously scheduled for September).

More than 200 residents have been involved so far. At the first public meeting on May 18, residents brainstormed to create a list of ideas and initiatives for recreation and leisure.

The top fourteen were:

- Fields
- Outdoor Performance Space
- Walking, Hiking, Biking Trails
- Fitness Center
- Skateboard Park
- Teen Meeting Place
- Multipurpose Recreation Center
- Community & Cultural Center
- New and Improved Pool
- Dog Park
- Basketball Courts
- Ice Skating Rink
- Parks
- Tennis Courts

At the second public meeting on July 14, residents rated and ranked the various initiatives, considering their preference for the location of each.

Based on this ranking exercise, the possibilities fall into roughly three groups. The top tier includes the Fields, Pool, and Walking, Hiking, Biking Trails. The second tier includes the Skateboard Park, Ice Rink,



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Basketball Courts, and Multipurpose Recreation Center. The third tier includes the Outdoor Performance Venue, Parks, Dog Park, and Community and Cultural Center.

At the third meeting on October 21, residents will react to a variety of scenarios presented by the Recreation and Leisure Taskforce. The scenarios will illustrate options available to the community. The Taskforce's final report will become the City's framework for Recreation and Leisure.

To prepare the scenarios, the Taskforce will review the input received at previous public meetings and gather additional data, including recreation and leisure development in similar communities, alternative funding sources for potential projects, and information about the usage and operations of our current facilities.

The Taskforce will also establish guidelines for developing the scenarios for the short-, medium-, and long-term. Some draft guidelines include:

- Community preference
- Optimization of facilities
- Connection to daily life
- Partnership potential
- Cost
- Time frame
- Inclusivity for all residents
- Respect for community character
- Land/space availability

After the third public meeting on October 21, the Taskforce will complete its research and prepare a report for City Council. For regular updates on the Recreation and Leisure Assessment, please visit the City website, shakeronline.com

Lights Out

The frequent power outages in the City will be addressed, according to Dennis Chack, President of the Illuminating Company, and Chuck Jones, Senior Vice President of FirstEnergy.

Antiquated facilities and equipment in Shaker may be to blame. Both men have committed to inspections, upgrades, and tree trimming. "We're going to get this done," Chack told the



Construction of Belgian Courts is Underway

The first phase of construction has begun on the 16-unit luxury condominium project known as Belgian Courts. The first building, with units that face North Moreland at the corner of South Park, will have six connected townhomes. The buildings in the development are designed to resemble Shaker mansions. The anticipated price for these units will be approximately \$350,000.

City. Jones indicated that he will personally supervise the analysis of all equipment and lines, and that he will deliver both a dramatic decrease in outages (except for serious storms), and a complete plan for testing and upgrading all lines that seem vulnerable to malfunction.

At press time, CEI was working in some Shaker neighborhoods replacing old bare wire with Tri-plex, a braided wire. According to CEI, the old wire can come in contact with other old bare wire and cause an outage. The braided wires will look better and will prevent these types of outages.

Residents are reminded that when a power outage occurs, they should:

- Check with neighbors to determine whether the outage affects one home or a group of homes;
- Call 888-544-4877 to report the problem. Be ready to provide address(es) without power and contact phone number;
- Turn off major appliances, and keep refrigerator and freezer doors closed;
- Call City Hall at 491-1400 for the latest information on how FirstEnergy is addressing the problem. FirstEnergy will notify the City at regular intervals of the status of any power outage. As information from FirstEnergy is received, it will be made available to residents as well. After hours, a recording with up-to-date information will be available at this same number, 491-1400.

Two Strikes Legislation

Repeated calls to the same residence for police assistance are a burden on both the City's safety forces and its taxpayers, and interfere with the comfortable enjoyment of life and property for the neighbors. A new City ordinance for activities such as disturbance of the peace, noise complaints, and disorderly conduct makes it possible for the City to recover its costs for response time to these nuisance calls. If two such violations occur within any 12-month period at the same residence, the owner may be sent a notice declaring the property a nuisance and warning that if one more violation occurs, the owner will be charged for the response time of the safety forces. **Residents in need of emergency services should continue to call 911 for assistance.** A copy of the new ordinance is available on the City website, shakeronline.com.

Stars of Shaker Heights

The new Stars of Shaker program generated 90 nominations from residents and neighbors in seven neighborhoods. Nomination forms, available at City buildings and online, were accepted until June 15. The award categories were for:

- Outstanding Landscaping
- Outstanding Paint Color Scheme
- Outstanding Porch or Entry



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- A Single-Family Home with Outstanding Overall Curb Appeal
- A Two-Family Home with Outstanding Overall Curb Appeal, and
- An Apartment/Condominium with Outstanding Overall Curb Appeal

To be considered, nominees had to be in good standing with Housing Inspection. In addition, a panel of judges rated each nominated property on a scale of 1 to 5 in a demanding set of criteria.

For example, to be a winner in the Outstanding Paint Color Scheme category, a property had to receive an average score of 4 or higher in the following:

- Colors are consistent with the Shaker Village Color Booklet
- Pleasing color scheme
- Condition of paint
- Quality of workmanship

The judging panel was made up of representatives from each of the seven participating neighborhood associations and four individuals appointed at large by the Mayor. Winners will be announced later this fall. For more information about the program or the criteria used, see the City website, shakeronline.com.

Shaker Towne Centre Update

Drivers along Chagrin Boulevard have noticed something new at Shaker Towne Centre; namely, they can see *through* it to Van Aken Boulevard! Center Street (working name) has actually taken shape now that a section of the Centre's buildings, including part of Blockbuster and all of Baskin Robbins, has come down. Baskin Robbins plans to relocate elsewhere in the Centre later in the year. Blockbuster has reconfigured its space in its current location.

Kensington Station, the mixed residential-commercial project, and Center Street, its main thoroughfare, become the new face of Shaker Towne Centre on Van Aken Boulevard.

Progress on the area's revitalization is brisk. New curbs, sidewalks, driveway aprons, and installed utilities are in

Parks and Recreation



Renovations at Thornton Park make it both more efficient and beautiful. New brick seating walls, decorative fencing, a flagpole, the relocated admission booth, and new landscaping enhance the entranceway. An irrigation system will keep it all healthy and colorful.

place, as are curbs along Center Street. Watch for decorative light poles and street furniture such as benches, trash cans, and bike racks in the area this fall.

Pavers that lined the walkway at the Centre have been carefully removed for future use elsewhere in the Shaker Towne Centre Redevelopment area. As for Kensington Station, Heartland Developers predicts a ground breaking later this year. Check for updates on the City website, shakeronline.com.

Grass Bag Flag Program

Shaker residents place their grass clippings in specially marked Shaker bags that are picked up on regular rubbish collection days. On any given collection day, separate grass crews go to every home on the route, finding bags at only 25% of the homes. To make the pickup more efficient, a program has been designed to *flag* the homes with bags.

A special door hanger will be displayed outside on a door or railing when grass bags are in the yard for pickup. This will enable crews to deliver prompt service when needed and avoid unnecessary backyard trips. The City will test the program in a few neighborhoods from September 1 through October 15.

City Departments Relocate

The Housing Inspection Department has relocated to the second floor of the Shaker Community Building, 3450 Lee Road, where it shares quarters with the Neighborhood Revitalization Department. The two departments work collaboratively on housing preservation issues. Telephone (491-1470) and fax (491-1456) numbers remain the same.

Now that Housing Inspection has moved out, the lower level of City Hall will be reconfigured to accommodate the Health Department, which will move from the second floor at 16500 Chagrin Boulevard. Check the City website, shakeronline.com, for the confirmed moving date.

Business News

Shaker Community Credit Union, Others Invest in Shaker

The Shaker Community Credit Union will relocate to 15808 Chagrin Boulevard, into a building that was once the Temple Beth El and was then owned by the City. The site will undergo approximately \$500,000 worth of improvements.

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The Credit Union's plans fit well with Shaker's redevelopment goals. The City of Shaker Heights, Councilman Zach Reed of Cleveland, and the Mt. Pleasant NOW Community Development Corporation are working together to coordinate redevelopment of the Chagrin-Kinsman corridor that runs through both Cleveland and Shaker Heights.

Shaker's effort focuses on attracting reinvestment in the commercial properties in this area, which has excellent access to public transit, established surrounding neighborhoods, and proximity to retail and community assets like the Shaker Heights Public Library and the Shaker Community Building.

Other projects in the area include renovation of the former Gulf Station, 15809 Chagrin, by Hertz Car Rental; seven demonstration energy-efficient infill homes scattered through the adjoining neighborhood; and new occupancy of the Benjamin Rose Building, 16400 Chagrin, by a day care center, a physician's office, and an adult computer training center. (The City's Health Department will move back to City Hall, see story above.)

Shaker Works Online

Shaker Works, a group of Shaker business professionals and owners who live and/or work in Shaker Heights, recently launched its new website, shakerworks.com. The organization holds monthly meetings at 8:30 a.m. on the first Thursday of the month, generally at the Shaker Community Building, 3450 Lee Road. Minutes, membership information, and a directory of members are available at shakerworks.com.

Health *and* Safety

Flu Shots *Offered*

The Health Department will again offer flu and pneumonia shots this fall. Appointments are required and can be made by calling 491-1480, after September 13.

The flu clinics will be held on the following Tuesdays: October 12, October 19, October 26, November 2, November 9, and November 16 (if needed).

Flu shots are \$16. Pneumonia shots are \$25. Both vaccines are free to those with Medicare as their primary insurance.

The Health Department will also offer at least one evening and one Saturday clinic; specific dates to be determined. Flu shot clinics are scheduled in the Health Department's new location at City Hall, 3400 Lee Road (check the City website, shakeronline.com, for confirmation of the move date).

Certified Shaker Properties

The following rental properties have attained the distinction of "Certified Shaker," designated by the Neighborhood Revitalization Department as meeting standards that make them among the best the City has to offer. Availability changes daily; to find out if there are vacancies, call 491-1370 or check the City's website, shakeronline.com.

Rental Homes

20499 Byron Road (Julie Gillette)
3714 Gridley Road (Diana Marsilio)
3005 Huntington Road (David Gordon)
2557 Kendall Road (Brian Hoover)
3448 Lynnfield Road
(Judith Weiss-Salomon)
18705 Newell Road (Tom Montello)
3701 Palmerston Road (Carter Strang)
3000 Warrensville Center Road
(Jane Tresville)
3001 Warrington Road
(Tom Chelimsky)
18701 Winslow Road (Ann Yoo)
19419 Winslow Road (Wynn Phillips)

Apartments

Colony Apartments, 2949 Van Aken Blvd. (Kirt Montlack)

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
20649 Almar Dr.	\$154,900	\$125,000 (1999)	\$ 1,300 (1928)
22359 Calverton Road	\$343,000	\$235,000 (1998)	\$ 14,000 (1937)
22575 Calverton Road	\$312,000	\$312,500 (2001)	\$ 17,000 (1929)
17411 Chagrin Blvd.	\$200,000	\$110,000 (1994)	\$ 15,000 (1920)
3333 Daleford Road	\$325,000	\$172,025 (1995)	\$ 13,500 (1925)
3365 Daleford Road	\$ 88,500	\$ 86,700 (2002)	\$ 25,000 (1930)
3537 Daleford Road	\$152,000	\$ 98,000 (1993)	\$ 28,500 (1952)
14565 Drexmore Road	\$247,500	\$200,000 (1992)	\$ 7,000 (1916)
2712 Dryden Road	\$551,000	\$420,000 (1996)	\$ 12,000 (1935)
20011 Fairmount Blvd.	\$162,500	\$130,000 (2002)	\$ 9,500 (1945)
22489 Fairmount Blvd.	\$234,700	\$130,000 (1999)	\$ 8,500 (1938)
15811 Fernway Road	\$247,900	\$208,000 (2001)	\$ 12,000 (1926)
17024 Fernway Road	\$344,900	\$215,000 (2003)	\$ 13,500 (1935)
3339 Grenway Road	\$280,000	\$217,000 (1995)	\$ 14,000 (1927)
3345 Grenway Road	\$265,000	\$199,000 (1998)	\$ 10,000 (1925)
2635 Haddam Road	\$280,000	\$165,500 (1995)	unknown (1933)
3140 Huntington Road	\$260,000	\$223,500 (1997)	\$ 15,000 (1925)
3319 Kenmore Road	\$339,900	\$320,000 (2001)	\$ 10,000 (1925)
3553 Latimore Road	\$223,700	\$144,900 (1998)	\$ 12,500 (1927)
16817 Lomond Blvd.	\$139,900	\$ 97,000 (2002)	\$ 8,000 (1936)
17020 Lomond Blvd.	\$220,000	\$149,000 (2002)	\$ 10,000 (1936)
15 Lyman Circle	\$395,000	\$240,000 (1993)	\$ 32,000 (1951)
3553 Lynnfield Road	\$182,500	\$142,500 (1996)	\$110,000 (1995)
3592 Lytle Road	\$200,000	\$130,000 (2003)	\$ 14,000 (1928)
3350 Maynard Road	\$210,000	\$185,000 (1999)	\$ 10,000 (1925)
3577 Pennington Road	\$119,985	\$ 52,500 (2003)	\$ 6,000 (1924)
3635 Rawnsdale Road	\$246,000	\$220,000 (2001)	\$ 10,000 (1930)
3616 Rolliston Road	\$150,000	\$129,000 (2000)	\$ 6,000 (1924)
17313 Scottsdale Blvd.	\$139,000	\$ 56,667 (1993)	\$ 19,000 (1955)
19020 Scottsdale Blvd.	\$141,000	\$119,900 (1995)	\$ 22,000 (1960)
16601 Shaker Blvd.	\$429,900	\$328,500 (1994)	\$ 55,000 (1955)
19115 Shaker Blvd.	\$765,000	\$485,000 (1995)	\$ 40,000 (1926)
3721 Sutherland Road	\$205,000	\$134,500 (1995)	\$ 12,000 (1929)
3642 Traynham Road	\$175,000	\$140,000 (1995)	\$ 10,000 (1927)
3655 Traver Road	\$191,500	\$182,000 (2003)	\$ 10,000 (1938)

Information Source: First American Real Estate Solutions

Landlord Tip of the Season

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Boag Named Director of Public Works

The City concluded a national search for a new Director of Public Works when it hired William Boag, former Director of Public Works for the City of Lakewood. Previously, Boag spent 30 years in a wide range of management positions at Ohio Bell/Ameri-



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tech. Before that, he served in the Navy for four years.

Boag was impressed with the search process. “The Public Works Department has a top-notch management team that asked tough questions,” he said. “It is clear that the managers are committed to working as a team with a new director to improve services for our residents.”



William Boag

Boag participated in a series of interviews, including sessions with Public Works supervisors and the Department's three union stewards. Leadership skills were among the attributes that both City officials and staff identified as important qualities they were seeking in the new director.

According to Phil Rini, Shaker's Local 1099 Union steward and field representative, and a 25-year Shaker employee, workers at Lakewood had good things to say about Boag, and he is known to work well with everyone. “He met with their union stewards weekly and held labor-management meetings monthly,” said Rini. “During the interviews, he answered hard questions honestly and was realistic. He sees that one person cannot fix everything, and he will bring people to the table to get a lot done,” he added.

Since joining Shaker, Boag has concentrated on improving the Department's delivery of services to residents. (See related story on grass bag flag program.)

City Hires Patrick Campbell for Economic Development Director Post

Patrick Campbell, Principal and Founder of Commonwealth Development Consulting, is the new

Economic Development Director for the City.

Most of Campbell's 15 years' experience in urban and inner-ring redevelopment projects has been in Ohio and the Cleveland area. He has consulted on redevelopment projects in Slavic Village, Tremont, the Canal Corridor, Ohio City, and Garfield Heights. Clients include developers, designers, builders, and community development corporations.



Patrick Campbell

"Pat Campbell is highly qualified and committed to the kind of urban redevelopment that is a win-win for the city, the owner, and the neighborhood surrounding any specific project," says Mayor Judy Rawson. "He is well-suited to help improve the City's commercial and retail districts to a level compatible with its renowned residential neighborhoods."

Campbell has a Masters of Real Estate from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and a Bachelor of Architecture from the University of Cincinnati. He is a registered architect in two states and a member of the Urban Land Institute and the National Trust for Historic Preservation. He serves on numerous boards and committees, has published articles in the *Cleveland Free Times* and the *Sun Press*, and was winner of the MIT Center for Real Estate's Spaulding Award in 2002. His office will be located in City Hall, 3400 Lee Road.

Shaker Family Center Annual Benefit

Shaker Family Center holds its third annual benefit open house on Saturday, September 11 from 7:00 to 9:30 p.m. This year's event will feature six condominium units at Sussex Courts of Shaker Heights, 19996 Chagrin Blvd. A tent will enclose the courtyard. Each unit will be

open for guests to visit throughout the evening. Cocktails, buffet, and silent auction will complete this entertaining evening. Valet parking will be provided for guests as they enter the tented courtyard on Chagrin Boulevard. Reservations required. Call 921-2023 for information and ticket prices.

Shaker Shorts

SHAKER STUDENTS figured prominently in this year's National History Day competition. Five entries by a total of 14 students finished in the top 10 in their respective divisions in the June finals, and a 15th Shaker student won a special national prize for her exhibit.

THE SHARP (STUDENT HEALTH ADVOCATES REACHING PEERS) TEENS won the Reel Teens USA 2004 Best PSA (public service announcement) award. The group received a trophy and a check for \$100, which was used to support group activities this summer. The 2004 SHARP summer session had over twenty Shaker teens working to complete a health promotion and wellness project related to substance abuse prevention.

THE SHAKER PREVENTION COALITION has been approved for a fourth year of funding under the Drug Free Community Support Grant Program.

THE NATURE CENTER AT SHAKER LAKES is recycling paper in its "Paper Retriever," from Abitibi Consolidated. The dumpster is located at the back of the parking lot and is available 24/7. Bring magazines, shopping catalogs, newspaper, office and school papers, envelopes with windows, books (if covers are torn off), and mail. Staples are okay. Shredded paper, in strips, not confetti, must be in plastic bags. (No cardboard, flake board, phone books, plastic, glass, metals, or trash.) The Nature Center earns a small income from the paper collected.

PAINT & PESTICIDE ROUND-UP: October 23, 24 & 30, 31, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m., Shaker Service Center, 15600 Chagrin Blvd. Includes propane tanks, gas cylinders, motor oil, antifreeze, batteries. Excludes latex paint. For more information, call 491-1490.

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Reminders

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• **DOGS:** Dogs are not permitted to run at large, and owners must immediately remove all waste deposited by their dogs on any property other than their own. Dog waste must immediately be removed and disposed of in a sanitary manner. It 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.

• **TEMPORARY SIGN ORDINANCE:** All temporary signs in residential districts, including 'For Sale by Owner' and political signs, must be removed or replaced after 45 days. Signs may not be located in, or obstruct, the public right of way. They must be placed at least 20 feet from the nearest sidewalk.

• **SMOKE DETECTORS:** All Shaker Heights residents are required to have a minimum of one smoke detector adjacent to the sleeping area in each dwelling unit and at least one smoke detector on each additional level, including the basement. Smoke detectors are provided free to low-income residents. The Fire Department will install smoke detectors for residents who require assistance.

• **FIRE SAFETY:** The Fire Department offers free home safety inspections throughout the year. Using a "Home Fire Safety Checklist," two firefighters inspect dwellings from top to bottom. Among the hazards they look for are faulty or inadequate electrical wiring; improper storage of paints, thinners, and other combustible liquids; and unsafe heating and cooking areas. To make an appointment, call 491-1215 between 8.30 a.m. and 5 p.m. weekdays.

• **CHILD CAR SEATS:** Is your child buckled up safely? The Fire Department offers free safety checks. Call 491-1200 for info or to make an appointment.

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• **LOST PETS:** If you have lost a pet or wish to adopt one, please call or visit the Animal Shelter, located within the Service Department at 15800 Chagrin Blvd. Shelter hours: Monday – Sunday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Call 491-1490 (after hours or emergencies, 491-1499), to speak with a volunteer, call 378-1312, or visit shakeronline.com

• **WOOD CHIPS:** Wood chips are available year round at the Canoe Club on South Park Boulevard. Residents must bring their own containers and shovels.

• **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.

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• **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.

• **SAFE CITY HOTLINE:** To anonymously report any suspicious activity, call 295-3434.

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

• **BICYCLE LICENSING:** Licenses will be sold from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in September and October in the Police Dept. lobby, 3355 Lee Rd. 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 dates.



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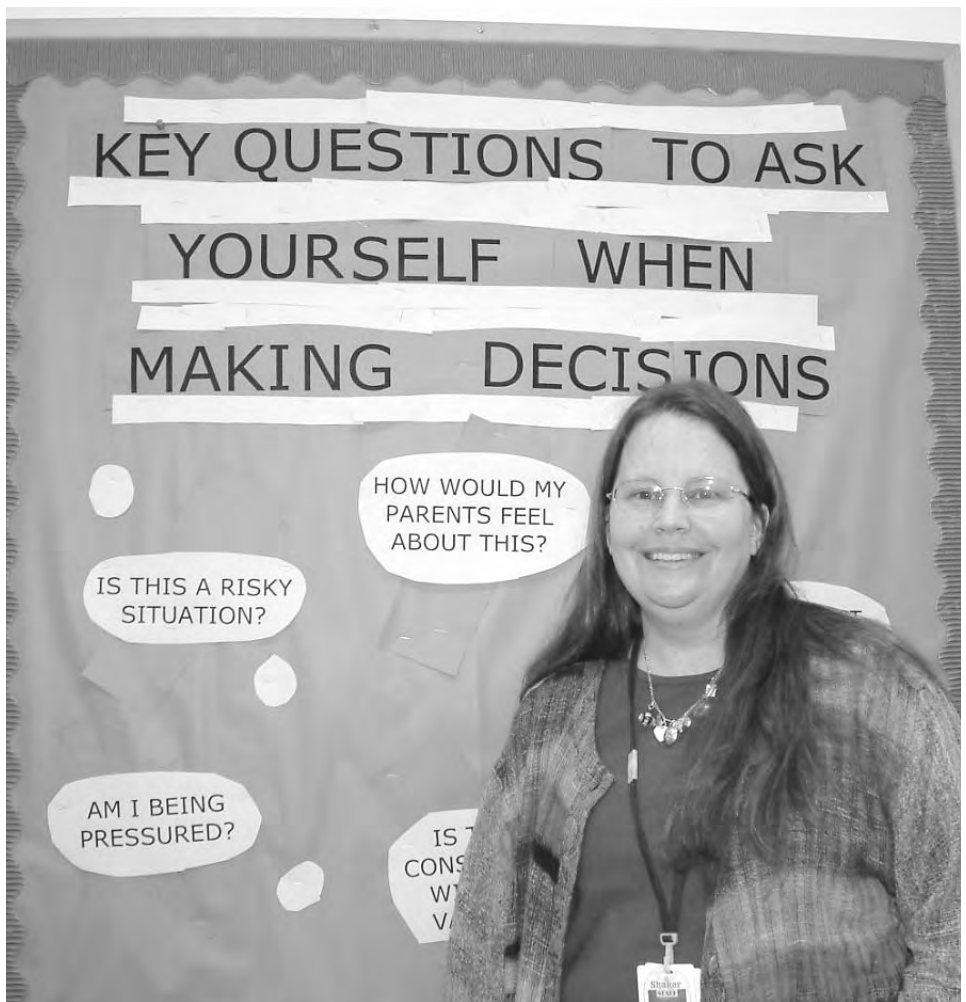


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The nurses in Shaker Schools deal with more than stomach aches and sniffles. Much more.



BY DALE CALLENDER-AGGOR

At the High School, nurse Paula Dworkin promotes sound decision-making to help teens stay physically and emotionally healthy.

Thoughts of school stir up an assortment of memories — listening as teachers, chalk in hand, bring lessons to life; poring over books to complete an important homework assignment; playing spirited games in the school yard during recess; engaging in fun after-school activities; and yes, even visiting the school nurse because of a stomach ache.

School nurses have been integral to the educational system in America since the late 1800s, when they worked to identify students with communicable diseases. With the discovery of antibiotics and vaccines, and with improvements in housing, sanitation, and public health practices, the primary role of the school nurse has evolved into one of enhancing the education process by promoting a peak level of wellness.

For many in Shaker Heights, school nurses are a necessary and treasured part of the team. The School District strives to provide its students at all eight buildings with access to registered nurses who are professionals with advanced training — something that students at other districts may not have.

“There are some districts that have no nurses,” says Paula

SHAKER SCHOOLS BOAST A STUDENT/NURSE RATIO OF ABOUT 700:1,
WITH EIGHT NURSES SERVING APPROXIMATELY 5,600 STUDENTS ENROLLED
IN KINDERGARTEN THROUGH GRADE 12.

Dworkin, R.N., of Shaker Heights High School. “Teachers and secretaries deal with students’ sprains and broken ankles.”

In going about their daily routine, which includes administering vision and hearing tests, keeping immunization records, and touting the value of wearing a bike helmet, today’s school nurses frequently are confronted with less-than-routine challenges such as substance abuse, eating disorders, depression, and physical abuse.

Then there are the diet-related problems normally seen in adults, including Type II diabetes, high blood pressure, dental ailments, weak bones, and obesity.

They also are called on to deal with chronic diseases, families without health insurance, increasing numbers of children who come to school sick, risky adolescent behaviors, and a growing number of children with physical, emotional, learning, and developmental needs.

Today’s school nurses encounter liver, heart, and kidney disease; congenital conditions; seizure disorders; cardiac conditions; severe allergies; HIV/AIDS; cancer; asthma; and Type I diabetes (often involving unstable insulin dependent diabetics). And with a population that is increasingly international and mobile, school nurses have to be up to speed on public health issues — like SARS — from all over the world.

According to *School Nursing: Yesterday and Today*, an online nursing course provided by Stony Brook University, about 30,000 school nurses care for 42 million students in the United States.

This translates to 1,400 students to each nurse. But the National Association of School Nurses (NASN) suggests student/nurse ratios of 750:1 for the general school population, 225:1 for the mainstreamed population, and 125:1 for the special needs population. According to the association’s website, these recommendations are not being met in most schools.

Shaker schools boast a student/nurse ratio of about 700:1 with eight nurses serving



Woodbury nurse Karen Madeja keeps sixth-grade campers healthy.

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approximately 5,600 students enrolled in kindergarten through grade 12 each year. And with one R.N. stationed in each building, students have the opportunity for long-term, personal interaction with the school nurse. At the elementary level, for example, students are able to develop a working relationship with their nurse over a period of five years.

"The long-term contact fosters a sense of community that is instrumental in making change in the individual, the school, and the community," says Camelia Sutorius, R.N., who works at Onaway Elementary.

A sense of community and the ability to foster strong relationships have become increasingly important, given

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societal changes that have altered the nature of school nursing from what it was a few generations ago.

While the school nurses of the 19th century focused on disease, *School Nursing: Yesterday and Today* explains how that changed over the course of the 20th century.

During World War II, about 25 percent of all Selective Service registrants could not be accepted into the military due to physical problems, which were believed to affect national security adversely. This situation helped shift the role of the school nurse from caregiver to health educator. By the 1950s, the scope of school nursing extended to include behavioral health. School nurses conducted health education in and out of the classroom.

However, in the 1960s, confusion over the role of the school nurse made the once-valuable position an expendable commodity, with duplication of services by non-nursing personnel. In the 1970s school nursing services increased by necessity when physically and mentally challenged students were

brought, by federal law, into the general student population. Nursing roles became more clearly defined.

For example, school nurses serve as valuable sources of information for parents who need to know if their children should visit a doctor. Shaker's nurses can also provide parents with information about specialty camps for children with chronic health issues, guiding families toward resources they may not otherwise find on their own.

A considerable amount of their time is spent helping students and their parents manage diabetes and asthma, both of which are on the rise among American children. Nurses counsel families about nutrition, exercise, and other lifestyle changes they can make to promote children's healthy growth.

Pamela Katz, R.N., of the Middle School, says that because many families are without health insurance the nurses can connect them with a federally funded insurance membership that is available free of charge or on a sliding scale based on income. Lomond's Mary Mohr, R.N. recently helped a family



School nurses help the faculty stay healthy, too. Lomond nurse Mary Mohr monitors teacher Lee Sattelmeyer's blood pressure.

locate a dentist who would accept their insurance after several rejections.

The result: a child was able to receive much-needed care to correct a painful dental problem that was affecting his ability to concentrate in school.

Nurses also help parents find sources for eye exams and glasses for their children at no charge. And of course they attend to students and staff members who are injured or become ill at school or on the playground. With broad-based backgrounds in health care,

Shaker's nurses are prepared to handle a wide range of situations. Mohr, for example, was a nurse practitioner before joining the Shaker staff, while Mercer's Elizabeth Anderson worked in an emergency room.

But the nurses are quick to mention that the school health office is not an urgent care center. For tuberculosis testing, strep cultures, vaccinations, and other medical assistance at a reduced rate, families are often referred to the Shaker Heights Health Department.

“Not just cared for, but really loved.”

Occasionally, Shaker school nurses catch potentially life-threatening health problems. Molly Fite, a third-grader at Fernway last year, came to see Barb Cross, R.N., a few times with a racing pulse after playing outside.

Cross used common techniques such as icepacks to get Molly's heart rate down, and she suggested that Molly's parents take her to a pediatrician. The doctor examined Molly but found nothing unusual.

Then, one day at school last October, Molly's heart rate remained at over 300 beats per minute for more than 40 minutes, resisting Cross's attempts to bring it down. Cross called the District's physician, Laurie Stuart, and they agreed that Molly should go immediately to the hospital.

Cardiologists and electrophysiologists at Rainbow Babies' and Children's Hospital discovered that Molly had two rare and hard-to-detect electrical abnormalities in her heart, both of which can cause an irregular heartbeat. The Rainbow specialists were amazed by Cross's knowledge, aggressiveness, and persistence.

Molly's condition improved substantially with surgery.

“There's just a tiny chance that this problem will do harm,” says Michele Fite, Molly's mother. “But people often don't even know they have it. Barb is the one who spotted it. We're very grateful that she was so aggressive. I also got follow-up calls from Barb and from [Fernway Principal] George Cannon to see how Molly was doing. I have always felt that our children are not only well cared for, but really loved.”



Barb Cross, of Fernway, checks out the heart rate of cardiac patient Molly Fite.



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Mercer's Elizabeth Anderson is a former emergency-room nurse.

Educating the student population and their parents is still part of the job for today's school nurses. The Parent-Teacher Organization at the High School, for instance, asked Dworkin to speak about such peer pressure issues as bullying and drinking.

And, in a nurse-generated initiative, a maturation program called "Just Around the Corner" helps fourth-graders and their parents create an environment where children can feel free to ask their parents questions about growing up.

As part of the program, one evening is devoted to girls and their mothers (or a substitute) and another to boys and their fathers (or a substitute) to discuss health, hygiene, and body changes. The students receive small gift bags containing soap, shampoo, deodorant, and informational books.

Concerned about the growing incidence of childhood obesity and diabetes, a group of nurses secured District and grant support to write an updated nutrition guide for families. The information, based on recent federal guidelines, now appears in Shaker's student handbooks, along with ideas for healthy meals and snacks with kid appeal.

The emphasis on behavioral health that came about in the 1950s is still important. Dworkin says part of her job at the high school is just to talk and listen. Of the 5,484 visits to her health



School nurses Camelia Sutorius and Pam Katz wrote a nutrition guide for students.

office during the 2003-2004 school year, 260 dealt with a social or psychological element. (A total of 27,000 visits was recorded at the health offices throughout the School District last year.)

Stationing a nurse in each building also enhances the schools' ability to help students with special needs. In 1975, the law now known as the Individuals with Disabilities Act (IDEA) was passed to ensure every child a free and appropriate public education. Before 1975, public schools were exempt from educating any child scoring less than 50 on an IQ test. Now public schools are responsible for all children in their district — one of the most daunting challenges in public education in America.

The Shaker School District was able to anticipate the impact of this legisla-



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tion by devoting the proper staff to keep up with the changes, which has enabled students with disabilities to participate more fully in school and activities.

"We saw the needs coming," says Samuel Sexton, the District's Director of Special Education. "We knew we needed to provide the services."

Nurses work with children with a wide variety of special needs. "Children with wheelchairs, special feeding units, medication pumps for chemotherapy, and walkers are all going to Shaker schools," says Katz, who was for many years the nurse at Boulevard Elementary. "These days many parents choose to mainstream."

Woodbury's Karen Madeja, R.N., accompanies sixth-grade classes on their annual camp outing, attending not only to injuries but also administering medications and monitoring health conditions such as diabetes and allergies, which can be exacerbated by changes in routines and environment. Without her vigilant presence, some children would lose out on the two-day outdoor learning experience.

Sutorius has worked at Onaway Elementary for four years and says she has noticed the positive impact of increased diversity.

"Sometimes special education involves educating the other children about health conditions because they need to be aware," she says. "We become more sensitive to disabilities and more compassionate in our community."

The School District's nurses even extend their services to staff members, helping them monitor their weight and blood pressure. Each nurse also leads a CPR team at her school and takes responsibility for training staff to use the external defibrillator found in each building.

With school nurses equipped to handle a wide range of issues, students, parents, and staff are in good hands at the Shaker Schools.

Colleen McCreary, Communications Specialist for the Shaker Heights City School District, contributed to this article.



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BY AMY GARVEY

Put any little girl in a sparkly tutu and some ballet slippers and watch the dancer in her unfold. She'll twirl, she'll whirl, she'll leap and bow. She becomes a fairy, a swan, a *princess* right before your very eyes.

Jennifer Kups turned into a princess when she was just three years old and a student at Rita Wilhelm Academy of Dance in Mayfield Heights. That princess turned into a serious student and studied and performed with the Cleveland Ballet. She majored in dance at Kent State University and performed with local modern dance companies.

When an ankle problem ended her performing career, Kups turned her energy toward shaping future princesses. Now a dancing queen of sorts, Kups, and her husband, Frank, a stockbroker by day, opened Studio J Academy of Dance in Shaker last year. By the looks of things, the little girls and *boys* of Shaker Heights are happy about that.

Shaker Heights' junior royalty first met Jennifer Kups four years ago. Kups by then was a teacher at Rita Wilhelm Academy.

"We had this room upstairs at our house. It was nothing but space and a hardwood floor. I said to Frank, how about I just teach the neighborhood kids at home?" Thus Kups' "Attic Dancers" were born.

"It just grew and grew until I couldn't do it anymore," Kups says. "I had 50

students dancing in my attic. I had cracks in my house. But the group performed at a block party two years ago and the mayor happened by and asked me if I might be interested in opening a studio in Shaker Heights. I said I'd love to, but I needed at least a year."

Kups hesitated because she had just taken over Rita Wilhelm Academy when that Grand Dame retired. That studio had flourished in Mayfield Heights for 50 years, so she was understandably nervous about opening one from scratch.

Once she felt she had the first studio running smoothly, she and Frank began searching for the right location in Shaker Heights. They ultimately found space in the basement of the Shaker Business Center at 20820 Chagrin Boulevard. Almost immediately her 50 Attic Dancers returned to the fold. Now, Kups says, the student population at both studios is about the same.

"We thought this was a good location to draw students from several neighborhoods," she says. "I now understand why parents wanted a studio so close to home. When you're driving one kid to soccer practice and



Jennifer and Frank Kups
at their studio.

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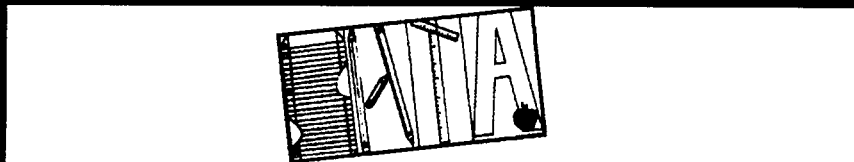
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Studio J offers a menu of ballet, jazz, tap, and hip hop for students of all ages and skill levels. Serious ballet students learn the Cecchetti technique, a form all Studio J teachers are certified to teach. They are coached through their exams, and this fall Kups is launching a competitive dance team from Studio J.

The Shaker staff is also Pilates certified, which may result in more adult classes next season. For jazz and hip hop, Kups and the instructors routinely travel to the Broadway Dance Center in New York City to learn the latest techniques.

"We're all very well trained," Kups says. "I would never have a student teach a class. Sometimes they will assist with the younger students, but that's all. You can hurt somebody if you're not trained in how the body works."



Kups emphasizes, however, that you do not need to be a serious dancer to find a class at Studio J. “Whatever your level of skill and interest, dance gives you coordination and confidence. And people can start dancing whenever they would like to,” she says. “For the serious students, we offer the required hours of training for certification. For someone else, a class twice a week may be enough. And we offer beginning classes for adults. Dance is a great way to attain lifelong fitness. Ballet for adults is a new rage to strengthen and tone your body in a new way. This year our Diva Dancers were a big hit at the recital.”

Studio J recitals are professional shows — fast-paced, complete with full scenery, professional lighting, and excellent costumes.

Along with the Dancing Divas, Studio J’s hip hop group was another big hit at the recital. The popularity of hip hop has helped get boys to dance again. “We have a whole group of hip hop boys between the ages of 5 and 10 who steal the show. They did when we performed at the Cavs arena, too, and they’re gung-ho for next year,” says Kups.

A sweet way to introduce little ones to dance is through a birthday party at

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Jennifer and Frank Kups are a real boon to their adopted community. While Shaker Heights dancers enjoy what the Kups have built, the Kups are enjoying Shaker Heights. They may not actually be royalty, but the couple is definitely living a fairy tale ending in Shaker.



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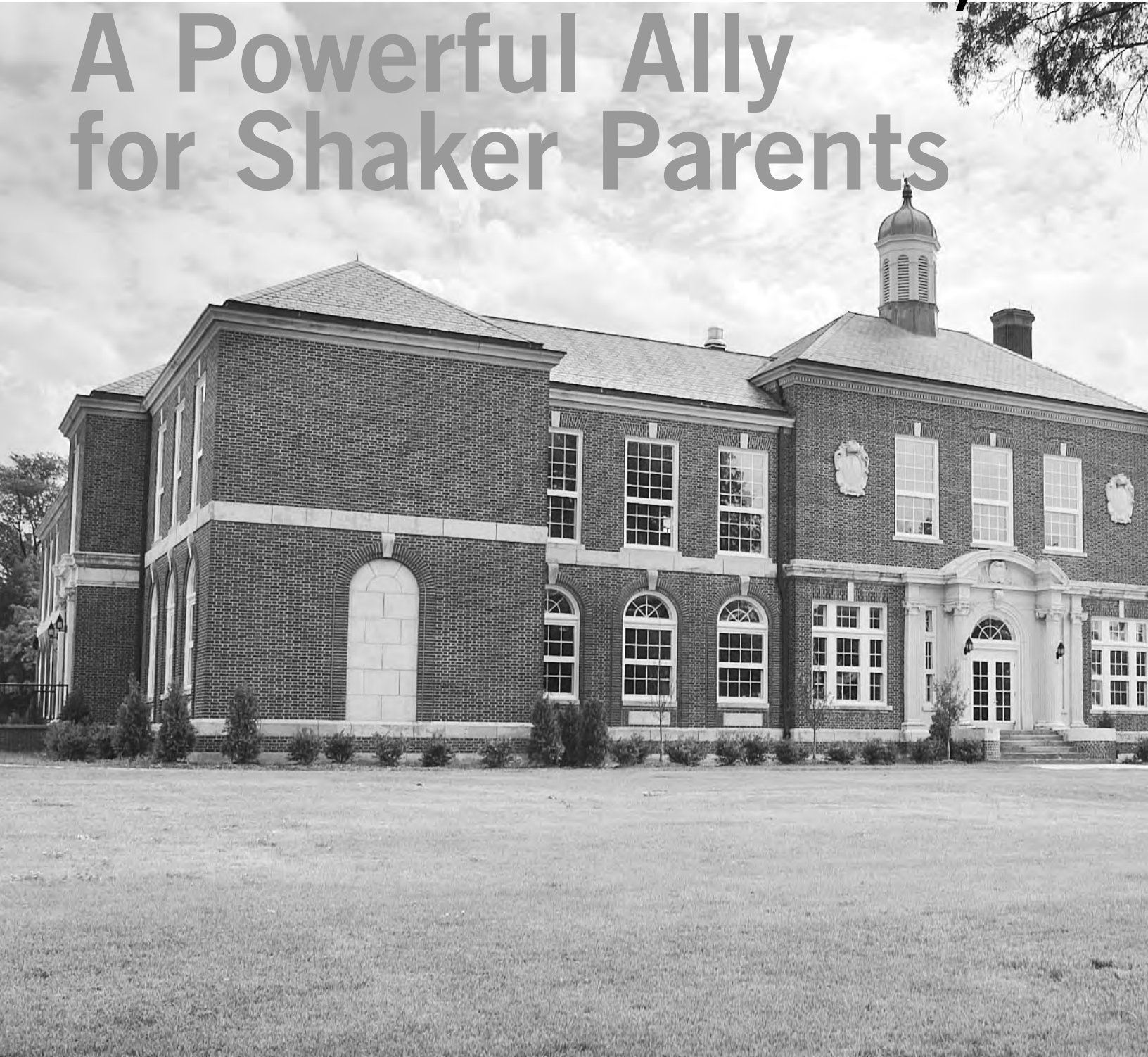
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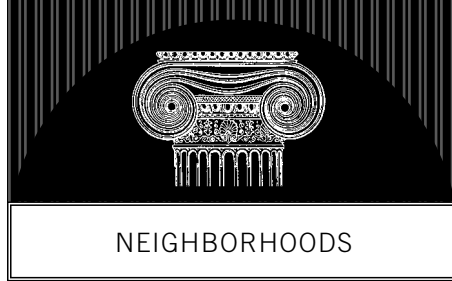
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Hanna Perkins Center for Child Development celebrates its one-year anniversary in the former Malvern Elementary School

BY NANCY O'CONNOR

Serve lots of strawberry shortcake — it's one way to ingratiate yourself with new neighbors. By all accounts, it's a strategy that worked well for the Hanna Perkins Center for Child Development.

When the Malvern Community Association held its annual block party in July, the Hanna Perkins Center treated dozens of children and adults to dessert on the grounds of the former Malvern Elementary School, into which the Center moved a year ago after more than 50 years at University Circle.

The Hanna Perkins Center was eager to reach out to the neighborhood through the block party and it intends to host additional community events in the future. (Last November, the Center sponsored a Malvern Alumni Party that drew some 100 elementary-school graduates back to their former school and raised funds for the non-profit Center.)

"I think Hanna Perkins is going to be a good neighbor," says Kathy Barbagallo, co-president of the Malvern Community Association. "They have done some fabulous things improving the building's exterior and with the grounds. There are still some concerns among some

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neighbors, regarding lighting, for instance, but I'm confident these can be worked out."

For many of those who paraded the streets around the Center, colored its parking lot with chalk, and peeked inside its cheery Parent-Child Resource Center, the block party was their first introduction to their new neighbor.

For Shaker families, the Hanna Perkins Center represents an excellent choice for child-parent enrichment programs, expert education, and essential family support. There are several programs, including the Hanna Perkins School for toddlers through kindergartners, which is, according to its literature, "uniquely suited to children with developmental or emotional challenges," a Child Therapy Clinic that provides treatment services for children and adolescents "having trouble with the stresses of growing up," and a Child Therapy Training Program, which trains professionals in psychoanalysis.

But of special interest to many of the neighbors, particularly those steering strollers and wobbly wagons, is the Center's new Reinberger Parent-Child Resource Center, which offers parents and caregivers a non-therapeutic place to play and interact with their infants and children up to six years of age. It also sponsors enrichment programs such as art and music classes.

Free drop-in play times are scheduled Monday through Friday. Board games, an arts and crafts table, a science and gardening area, a play kitchen, woodworking tools, and other kid-friendly activity centers encourage parent-child collaboration and socialization.

"Drop-in" versus "drop-off" play times — adults must remain onsite with their children — are fundamental to the Hanna Perkins philosophy.

"All of our programs involve parents and children and focus on strengthening that important relationship," explains Kelly Scovil, who served as the Resource Center's Program Director during its first year.

The Resource Center sponsors a number of morning, afternoon, and weekend parent-child programs, including music, gardening, art, and lan-

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Building Renovation Enriches The Entire Community

Before moving in, the Hanna Perkins Center for Child Development spent over \$5 million in building renovations. It received nearly \$1 million in historic preservation tax credit that required it to keep as much of the original woodwork, windows, and hardware as possible. Visitors to the second-floor therapist offices will be amused to see original school blackboards in many of them.

At the building's official dedication ceremony in June, Mayor Judy Rawson applauded the Center's "devoted and loving work that allowed this building to be registered on the list of Federal National Historic Places."

She also pointed to the Center's successful move to Shaker as "a beacon of collaboration and excellence," and noted that the Center's arrival reflects well on the City. "To our long list of what Shaker has to be proud of, we can now add another — home to the internationally renowned Hanna Perkins Center."

The Center's Director, Tom Barrett, told the crowd of 200 gathered for the ceremony, "Hanna Perkins is glad to be back in the heart of a neighborhood." When it first opened in 1951 in University Circle, "We were part of a neighborhood. Even when we moved to a building on Cornell Road in 1960, we were surrounded by houses. But over time, buildings began to spring up all over." Now, Hanna Perkins is back in a neighborhood setting where it will continue to serve as "a place where children with stumbling blocks can be helped."





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guage/culture classes. One popular class led by Hanna Perkins kindergarten teacher Rique Sollisch — “Books By Me” — blends story-telling with reflective writing and illustration on themes selected for their developmental value.

“For example, one week Rique read a book about a little raccoon who acts bossy,” Scovil recounts. “The children were encouraged to create book pages on which they drew pictures from the story and recorded their feelings about bossiness. Exercises like these are a great way to foster discussion about things kids and parents might not talk about otherwise.”

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Many families enjoyed assisting in the design and development of the Center’s Butterfly Garden. Weekly between mid-April and late August, children worked side-by-side with parents and Center staff planting, watering, and watching the garden grow. They also kept journals of their activities, did garden-related crafts, and enjoyed garden-grown snacks.

Wendy Steinberg and her two daughters, Lea, six, and Jennifer, four, were among those enrolled in last spring’s “Children Discovering Italy” program. The class was led by Tuscany native and Hanna Perkins child therapist Lisabetta Superchi, who introduced participants to the country’s language, culture, sports, and foods.

Steinberg, who with her husband Robert has lived in the Malvern neighborhood for eight years, is within walking distance to Hanna Perkins, and enjoys not only the special programs, but the drop-in play times, too.

“It’s a very nice, clean facility, with books to read to children, books for kids at all different levels of reading, and books on parenting for adults to read



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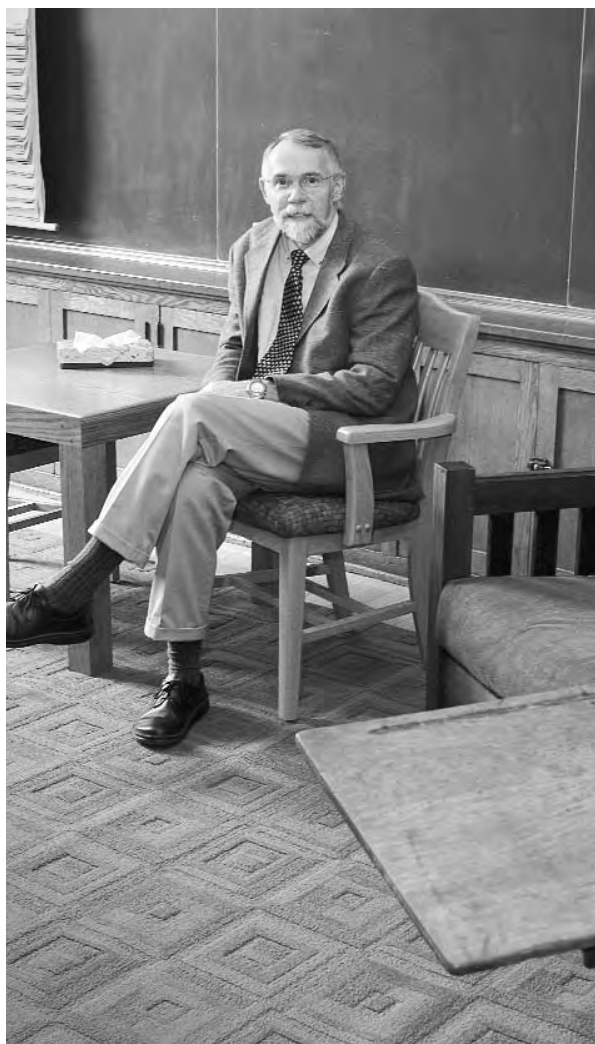
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Hanna Perkins Center Director Dr. Thomas F. Barrett

while their children play. There are also games, puzzles, a play kitchen, and other make-believe areas. The Center is really for the community and all the children in the community. It's a very nice addition the neighborhood."

HANNA PERKINS SCHOOL EDUCATES KIDS AND PARENTS

Shaker parents looking for early childhood education programs with a low teacher-to-student ratio and a high regard for developmentally appropriate instruction can add the Hanna Perkins School to the list of possibilities.

"All children have issues growing up," says Hanna Perkins' Director of Education, Joan Horwitz. She points out that often the first childhood struggle many parents confront is the anger of a two-year-old.

"It's really awesome. But we can help

the parent who is feeling helpless all the time and who might not know quite how to handle it."

For some kids, the issues go beyond the normal stresses of development to include divorce in the family, the death of a loved one, adoption, a traumatic experience, or a serious illness in the family.

"We provide help for the parents in negotiating the ordinary and not so ordinary stumbling blocks or pitfalls that children come up against," says Horwitz.

Several key beliefs underlie the school's therapeutic approach, she says.

First, children convey their inner feelings through their behavior. "Parents need to help them learn to recognize their feelings, put them into words, and express them in appropriate ways."

Second, personality development during the first five years of life becomes the foundation for all other



abilities to learn, work, and form healthy relationships.

Last, the parent-child relationship is central to healthy personality development; parents are the best primary facilitators of treatment with young children.

Parents who enroll their children in the school's Toddler Program, pre-school, and kindergarten, she believes, "would like some help with how things go in their child's personality development. They don't want to just leave it up to chance or just hope that issues will resolve themselves. They want to help their child master the skills of growing up."

The school's curriculum focuses on the development of self-care skills, independence, and the healthy management and channeling of intense feelings. Parents of students are assigned and meet regularly with a Hanna Perkins "family helper" who is a licensed child development specialist.



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The parent, the specialist, and the classroom teacher work as a team to facilitate the child's healthy personality development. Children do not meet with the specialist; instead, the focus is on empowering the parents to guide their child's development through skillful parenting.

The Hamiltons, for example, are among the Shaker families who appreciate the developmental guidance and parenting strategies Hanna Perkins School offers. Lomond-area residents for nine years, Scott and Lisa have three children: Olivia, a second-grader at Lomond Elementary, and four-year-old twins Chad and Marie, who are enrolled in the Hanna Perkins pre-school.

"We were introduced to Hanna Perkins through the Early Childhood Enrichment Center," Lisa says. "We had the opportunity to meet with one of the Hanna Perkins therapists who spent one day each week at the enrichment center observing and helping families with issues."

They were impressed with the therapist and the practical parenting tools at Hanna Perkins. "We like the curriculum, the philosophy, and we wanted the

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Hanna Perkins Center Director of Education Joan Horwitz, left, and Kathryn Mahon, Development Officer

kids to consistently get the messages about self-care and self-control from us, from their school, and from everyone they would come into contact with at Hanna Perkins,” says Lisa.

Working with the Hanna Perkins specialist has required Lisa to toss out some old parenting strategies that, she admits, weren’t really working.

“Scott and I are better able to help the kids communicate and work through their feelings. We’re learning how to work out control situations by giving choices. And, we’re teaching the kids that there are consequences to the choices you make — that you need to focus on making good choices.”

The Hanna Perkins Center for Child Development is located at 19910 Malvern Road in Shaker Heights. For more information about Hanna Perkins School, call 991-4472; for more information about the Parent-Child Resource Center, call 929-0201.



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Shaker Journal:

My Darling, We are Growing Older

On the ultimate meaninglessness of
Shaker Man's body, possessions, and career

BY JOHN R. BRANDT

Illustrated by BettyAnne Green

Leaves turn brown, hair turns gray, and middle-aged men in Shaker turn toward their... midlife crisis.

Feeling their careers settle in to whatever arc will likely carry them into retirement, watching their children need them less and less, hearing tales of marriages falling apart, these 40-something men begin to stare out the window in the evening. They think Big Thoughts about their Youth, and its Loss, and some, like Shaker Man, sigh and say to their wives, "You know, I'm getting older."

To which Ms. Shaker Man, smiling sympathetically, says: "Physically, maybe." Followed by: "You're still five good years from 50. And a solid 15 from 60. Now snap out of it and go cut the lawn."

And so it is, mowing his backyard of discontent, that Shaker Man ponders the touchpoints of middle-aged malaise, including:

Body: At 45, Shaker Man has reached an age where there is no comfortable weight. Everyone he knows is either too fat (*My God, he hears one women say of another, Her butt needs a zip code all for itself*), too skinny (*My God, the same woman says of another, She looks like a bag of bones*) or yo-yoing up and down on some kind of diet that involves massive quantities of foods unlikely to actually promote weight loss. Even Shaker Man—as devoted to

cholesterol and full-flavored (i.e., *bad-for-you*) foods as any man alive (or, more likely, dead)—finds it hard to believe that he can eat as much bacon, ham, and eggs as he wants and still lose weight. Yet at 215 pounds of solid, er, potatoes, he's willing to try anything

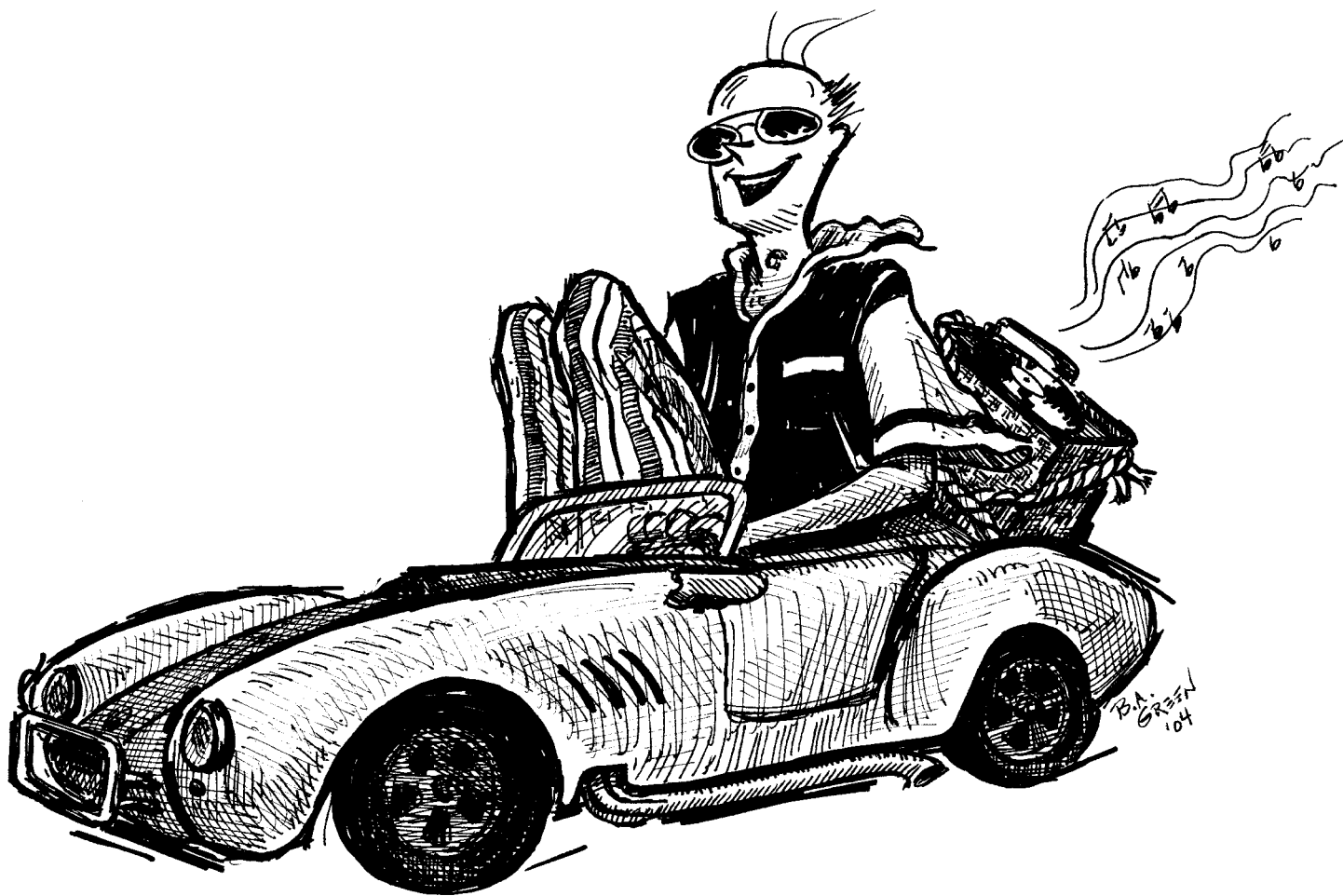
"It's like a miracle," he tells his wife, pointing to his new copy of the *Southwest Beach All-the-Fat-You-Can-Eat Diet*. "You eat nothing but meat—steaks, hamburgers, barbecued chicken—and you lose weight."

"Two pounds," she answers. "When they remove your heart during the transplant. But the one they put in weighs just the same, so you're back to where you started."

"But that's the beauty of the *All-the-Fat-You-Can-Eat Diet*. If you stay on plan, your cholesterol goes down—along with your waistline!"

"You sound like an infomercial."

Unfortunately for Shaker Man, eating protein for every meal—without benefit of bread, potatoes, pasta, most fruits and vegetables, or dessert—is harder than it looks, both before and after its ingestion. Meat—once the center of every dining experience—now appears fleshy and unappealing. Much to his own surprise, he begins to crave vegetables, cre-



ating an unfortunate scene in the local grocery when, after a binge sampling of raw green beans, he is asked by the produce manager to leave. Worst of all, the vast fluid requirements of the *All-the-Fat-You-Can-Eat Diet*—approximately 82 quarts of water per day to prevent protein overload of the liver—requires both a) an almost constant replenishment of the water bottle he now carries with him everywhere, and b) an almost constant, well, drainage of his bladder. Bad enough at home (*Dad, I need to get in there!*), his frequent trips to the restroom at work have begun to prompt stares and whispers, including one awful, sympathetic nod from a senior executive at the sink:

“Prostate?”

Possessions: The next words out of Shaker Man’s mouth are as predictable as fall’s turning leaves: “Hon,” he says, “Let’s go look at a convertible.”

“A car or a municipal bond?”

“Something open to the road. With the wind whistling through our hair—”

“—What’s left of it—”

“—the sound of the road in our ears—”

“—as if you could hear it—”

“C’mon,” he says, giving her a playful hug. “It’ll be fun.”

“I’m not sure you’re bald or fat or old enough for a convertible.”

“I’m working on it.”

“Poor baby.”

“That’s my point,” he says. “I’d like to get the thing before I look like Dick Cheney.”

“That’s a scary thought. But do you think we can get Halliburton to pay for it?”

“I’m serious.”

“This isn’t going to end with you in a baseball cap with a gray ponytail hanging out the back, is it?”

“With some young chippie next to me—”

“—Holding your nutritional supplement.”

Once at the dealership, however, Shaker Man finds that fitting a chippie into a convertible is the least of his problems. Sleek, stylish and tight (attributes he himself no longer retains), the convertible requires planning, muscular thighs and contorted vertebrae just to get into the front seat and under the steering wheel without also sitting on the gearshift. A misguided attempt to try out the back seat—after being reminded that he still has children ages 7 and 11—ends with our hero on the floormats like a



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stranded turtle, wedged between rows of seats with a cupholder in his eye. Two salesmen are required to pull him out.

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SHAKER MAN IS PARTICULARLY
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THERE IS A POPULAR TELEVISION
SHOW DEDICATED TO THE
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LONG-AGO 1970s, A PERIOD
DURING WHICH HE WAS ALREADY
DRIVING, GOING TO COLLEGE,
AND WORKING.

Work: Perhaps most ego-damaging of all has been the shift in how Shaker Man is viewed at work. Once a protégé fought over by senior executives (or so he imagines), he's now a middle-aged lifer himself, occasionally asked to mentor (babysit) a rising star (wet-behind-the-ears MBA). Once asked to play centerfield for the company softball team (three others had declined), he most recently was urged to retire from the corporate bowling team to "make way for somebody younger." In short, he's gone from Young Turk to Old Fart in the blink of an eye—and he doesn't like it one bit.

"These PEOPLE," he sputters to his wife, still steamed about being cut from the bowling team, "These PEOPLE—they could be my kids!"

"Well, that would show them. You could send them to back to their cubicles. Ground them from all business travel until they let you wear three-tone shoes and throw a 16-pound ball down an alley."

"This is about more than just bowling."

"Thank God."

At work, however, Shaker Man feels increasingly out of touch not just with the interns (who really could be his children), but with the 20- and 30-somethings—people whose references

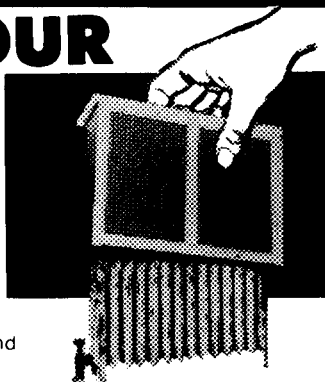
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to reality TV shows and bands he's never heard of seem like a cryptic jargon designed especially to exclude him. Shaker Man is particularly horrified to learn that there is a popular television show dedicated to the laughable quaintness of the long-ago 1970s, a period during which he was already driving, going to college, and working.

Even more damning are Shaker Man's own references, all of which date to an older, less digital era. Meeting with young staffers (*Some of these PEOPLE*, he tells his wife, *born in the 1980s*), he is told that a problem client keeps repeating himself over and over.

"Like a broken record," he says.

"A what?" says one.

"A broken record. Like an album?"

"An album of what?" says another.

"You mean like a scrapbook?"

"No," Shaker Man says, starting to turn red. "A record. Like a 33. Or a 45?"

"It's a gun?" says a third.

"It's a *RECORD!*" Shaker Man says.

"With music. Songs. Lyrics. On piece of vinyl. Like a CD, only BIGGER.

OLDER. LIKE ME. GOT IT?"

All the twenty- and thirty-somethings look at one another, then back at Shaker Man.

"We got it."

Later, as Shaker Man rounds a corner on his 23rd trip to the restroom, he overhears a conversation.

"What was with the old guy today, huh?"

"All that psycho talk about CD's?"

"I heard he's sick."

"Really?"

"Haven't you noticed? He's losing weight and he's in the bathroom all the time."

"That's not good."

"You're telling me."

"I wonder what it is?"

"I'm not sure," comes the answer, "but I heard it's his prostate."

John R. Brandt ponders the vagaries of middle age in the Boulevard area with wife Lana, daughter Emma, and son Aidan.



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NEIGHBOR SPOTLIGHT

Harrison Dillard: *The Fastest Man on Earth*

BY AMY GARVEY

Most days, Harrison Dillard goes about his business in Shaker Heights and nobody pays much attention to him. But once in awhile, somebody says, “Hey, aren’t you Harrison Dillard?” And he replies, “I’m afraid I have to plead guilty to that.”

Harrison Dillard was once the fastest man on Earth.

Born and raised in Cleveland, Dillard vividly recalls the 1936 parade the city threw for returning Olympic hero Jesse Owens.

“A bunch of us got permission to go see our idol in this parade. I was standing curbside, and this car passed by—just close enough that I could’ve touched it. Jesse Owens was sitting on the back of it wearing a dark suit and a white shirt and a dark tie. He looked over at us and winked and said, ‘Hi kids, how are ya?’ We were so excited! Our hero had *talked* to us! Well, I almost took the door off the hinges when I went home. I told my mother I saw Jesse Owens and he talked to me and I was going to be just like him. She turned to me and said, “Yes, son, I’m sure you will.”

Dillard began running track in junior high, and was a standout at Kennard High School. His athletic prowess earned him the attention of Baldwin-Wallace College and Ohio State University. Dillard was set to attend OSU — Owens’ alma mater — until he decided that 140 miles from home was too far.

Baldwin-Wallace got a first-rate runner until World War II interfered. A member of the Army Reserves, Dillard was called to active duty near the end of his sophomore year. He served 16 months stateside and 16 months in Italy.

“I spent seven or eight months in combat in Italy,” he says. “The remainder was spent waiting to go home.”

Once the war ended, the Army set up

competitive sports programs; Dillard joined the track team of the 92nd Infantry Division. He was then selected to compete for the Mediterranean Theater Team against the European Theater Team in Frankfurt, Germany. Dillard won four gold medals in those games.

Dillard recalls that *Stars and Stripes*, the military newspaper, asked General George Patton what he thought about Private Dillard. Patton allegedly said, “He’s the best goddam athlete I’ve ever seen.”

Those gold medals weren’t Dillard’s last. When he returned to Baldwin-Wallace, he returned to running hurdles. “I had exchanged letters with my coach, Ed Finnigan, while I was overseas. He had dreams as a coach, and I had dreams as an athlete. I wanted to be a national champion and go to the Olympics. He wanted to be the coach of someone who did that. We both achieved a dream.”

In 1947 Dillard won four national championships. In 1948 he qualified for the Olympic team for the 100 meter sprint and as a member of the 4 x 100 relay team.

That 100 meter sprint has become legendary in Olympic lore. Photoelectric timing systems were still relatively new in 1948. The race appeared to be a dead heat. The judges at the London games referred to the photo to determine that Dillard indeed came in first, beating another American runner, Barney Ewell.

“At that point, I became — in theory at least — the fastest human in the world.” Dillard, incidentally, took home another gold medal for the relay that year.

At Helsinki Olympics in 1952, Dillard again won two golds. That year, the individual event was hurdling, his original specialty. His team also won the relay.

Dillard remains the only American athlete to win Olympic golds in both sprinting and hurdling events.

“It’s almost indescribable when you get on that top step,” he says. “Your country’s flag is up on the center flagpole, they play your country’s national anthem—it really gets to you. When you’ve worked years for this, when you had the dream since you were 13 or 14 years old, it makes you shiver. I remember the hairs on the back of my neck stood up...it’s a tremendous feeling.”

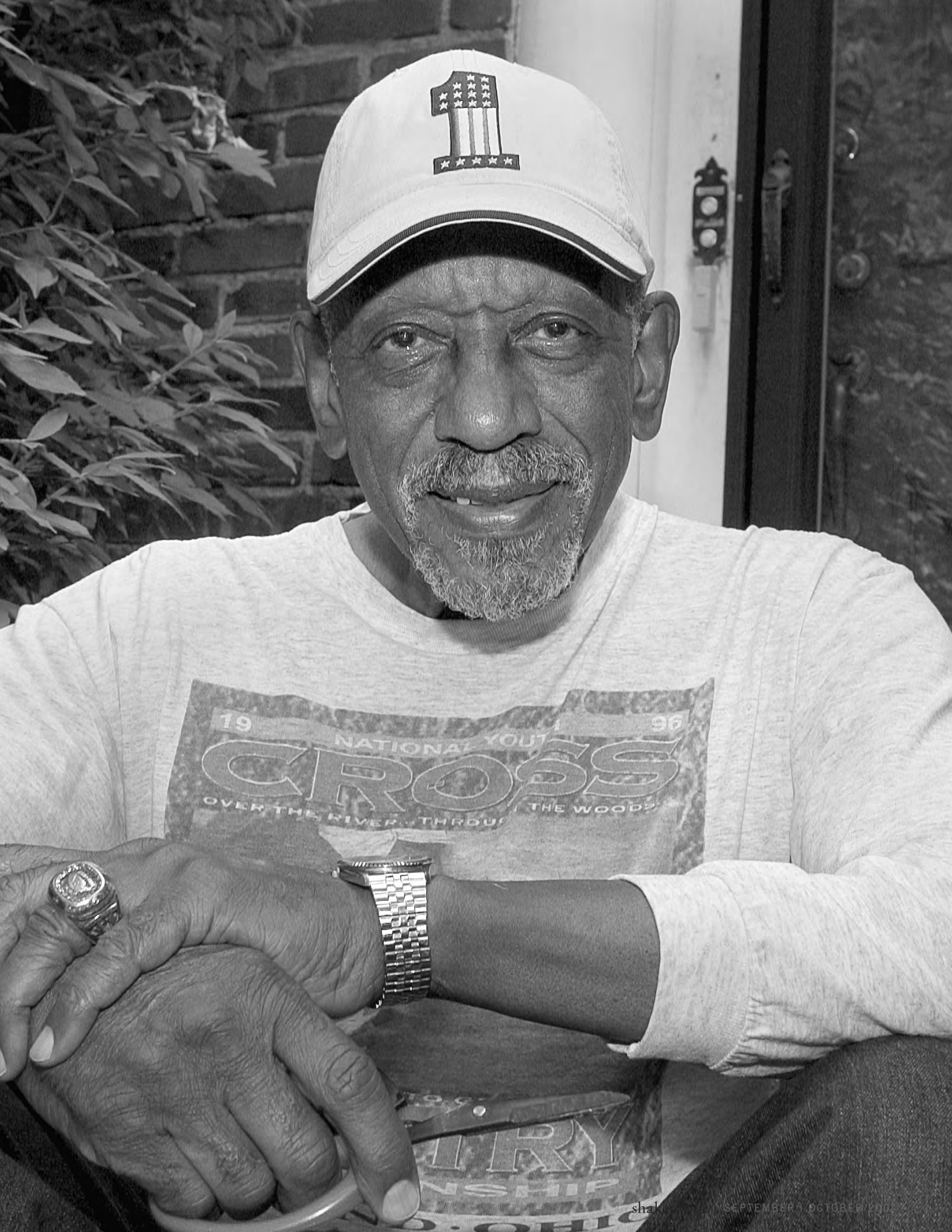
No one stays on the top step forever. “There’s such a thing as earning a living,” Dillard jokes. He returned to Cleveland and worked for 10 years in public relations for the Indians, sold life insurance for a while, then was hired by the Cleveland Board of Education. He retired from there after 27 years, the last 12 of which he spent as head of the Business Department. He moved to Shaker Heights in 1995 with his wife, Joy, and their daughter, Terri, with whom they share a home.

Dillard never had a parade in his honor like the one where he was inspired by Jesse Owens. But the Cleveland kid who once thought 140 miles was too far to go from home has seen most of the world. He still gets autograph requests from kids in Europe. He’s a member of numerous national halls of fame. On his 81st birthday this July, he was inducted into the African American Ethnic Sports Hall of Fame in Sacramento, California.

“It’s amazing that more than 50 years after I quit running, somebody still remembers,” he says.

It’s hard to forget someone who was once the fastest man on Earth.





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Teen Center Re-Opens on September 7

The Teen Center on the second floor of the Main Library is a homework and activity center for teens age 12-16. The Center is open from 3:30 to 7:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday and features library staff, five computers with word processing and printing capabilities, textbooks from the Shaker Heights City Schools, reference material, as well as games, comics, and magazines to fill the gap when a student or study group needs a break.

Programs, such as making comic books and learning Origami, are regular features in the Teen Center throughout the school year. In addition, talking, cell phone use, light snacks, and drinks ARE ALLOWED in the Teen Center!

DANGER! It's Banned Books Week! September 25 to October 2

Visit the library to see the list of challenged and banned teen and children's books. Could some of your favorites be on the list? Teens can enter a Banned Books Contest and guess which teen authors and books are challenged the most. Winners will receive \$10 gift certificates to buy a favorite banned book!

Open Mic Night For Teens

Teens in grades 5 to 8 are invited to celebrate Teen Read Week by participating in the library's *I Survived Open Mic Night 2004* from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Wednesday, October 20 in the Main Library Teen Center. All participants will receive prizes.

Teens can showcase their poetry, SLAM techniques, music, dance, stand-up comic routines, magic, or other creative performance. Participants should plan to arrive at 6:45 p.m.

There will be an *I Survived Open Mic Night 2004* Workshop from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. Tuesday, October 12 at Woods Branch. Registration is limited; please call 991-2030 ext. 3132 for reservations.

Noontide Tales: A Storytime for Grown-Ups Begins in September

Shaker Library will be telling tales . . . out of the library. Beginning Wednesday, September 1 at noon and continuing every Wednesday throughout the month of September, Shaker librarians will read short stories aloud, outdoors at the Community Colonnade next to the Main Library.

Residents and area employees are invited to bring a brown bag lunch and listen to literature read aloud. For more information, please call the Main Library, 991-2030. In the event of inclement weather, the program will be held inside at Main Library.

Internet Research for Teens: Doing It Faster, Better, Smarter!

The library will offer two classes for teens to teach Internet searching techniques to help them complete homework assignments faster, better and smarter. Library experts will show teens how to use electronic reference resources for accurate and authoritative



Reader of the Month

MARY MULLIGAN

AGE: 55

LIVES IN: Mercer

OCCUPATION: Part-time teacher

USES: Bertram Woods

ALL-TIME FAVORITE BOOK: *The Poisonwood Bible* by Barbara Kingsolver

OTHER FAVORITES: *Warriors Don't Cry* by Melba Pattillo Beals, *Memoirs of a Geisha* by Arthur Golden, *Dearest Friend* by Lynne Withey and Harry Potter books by J. K. Rowling

LIKES TO READ: History, historical fiction, biographies, autobiographies

LIBRARY SERVICES: Borrowing books, magazines, and movies

INFLUENCES: NPR and recommendations from friends

OTHER INTERESTS: Knitting, needlepoint, tennis, and learning more about computers

FAMILY: Husband, John, an attorney and children Jenny (SHHS '97) Tom (SHHS '99), Sarah (SHHS '01), and John (SHHS '04)

BRIEF BIO: A native of Cameron, Missouri, Mulligan is a graduate of the University of Kansas and earned her Master's degree from Case Western Reserve University. Mulligan taught social studies at Normandy High School before retiring to become a stay-at-home mom. A dynamic community volunteer, Mulligan is a past PTO and PTO Council president and has served as a spokesperson for school levy initiatives. Active in the League of Women Voters, Mulligan worked for Habitat for Humanity for five years before becoming an adjunct professor at Ursuline College.

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Classes are offered from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. Wednesday, October 6 for students in grades 6-8 and 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. Wednesday, October 13 for students in grades 9-12. Registration begins September 22; please call 991-2030 ext. 3185.

Library Begins Its Fall Book Discussion Series

It's back-to-school season and back to book discussions at Shaker Library. Each library offers residents an opportunity to meet others and join in a lively discussion about literature. Annotated book discussion brochures are available at either library.

Clip and save the quick book discussion reference that lists the dates, times and books to be discussed.

2 P.M. SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 11 AT

MAIN LIBRARY: HAWAII BY JAMES MICHENER

10 A.M. TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14 AT

MAIN LIBRARY: THE DEVIL IN THE WHITE CITY BY ERIK LARSON

7:30 P.M. TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14 AT

MAIN LIBRARY: AN ARTFUL DEATH BY RODERIC JEFFRIES

7:30 P.M. TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 28 AT

MAIN LIBRARY: PLAINSONG BY KENT HARUF

2 P.M. SATURDAY, OCTOBER 9 AT MAIN

LIBRARY: THE FIRST PART LAST AND HEAVEN BY ANGELA JOHNSON

10 A.M. TUESDAY, OCTOBER 12 AT MAIN

LIBRARY: CONSIDER THIS, SENORA BY HARRIET DOERR

3 P.M. THURSDAY, OCTOBER 14 AT

WOODS BRANCH: THE PIANO TUNER BY DANIEL MASON

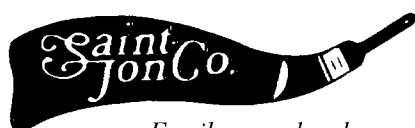
7:30 P.M. TUESDAY, OCTOBER 19 AT

MAIN LIBRARY: SCARECROW BY ROBIN HATHAWAY

7:30 P.M. TUESDAY, OCTOBER 26 AT

MAIN LIBRARY: FOREIGN AFFAIRS BY ALISON LURIE

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programs that begin at 3 p.m. Wednesday, September 8 at Main Library and Thursday, September 9 at Woods Branch. For more information or to register, please call the library where you will attend.

Readers can also log on to *readthisnow.net*, the 24/7 online resource for readers, made possible through the CLEVNET consortium.

Library and Learning Disabilities Association Co-sponsor a Reading Club at Main Library

The library and the Learning Disabilities Association of Cuyahoga County will offer a reading club for students with learning disabilities. The free program is for students in grades 2 to 4, who have been identified with a specific learning disability, or who are struggling with reading and comprehension. It will be led by Special Education Teacher, Heather Rosenblatt, who will offer reading-related activities designed to provide enjoyment and enrichment to the reading experience.

Parents should visit the Children's Department at the Main Library to pick up registration forms, which must be filled out and signed in order for students to be registered. The Fall Session will be held from 4 to 5:30 p.m. Tuesdays September 14 through October 26. There will be no program on October 12 due to the Friends Book Sale. Registration began August 24.

Informed Decision 2004 Series Continues at Main Library

The library continues its community conversations about the issues that will be most important in determining the outcome of this November's Presidential Election.

Representatives from the Republican, Democratic, Green, and Libertarian Parties will be present. The topic for September 20 is *National Security in a Post 9/11 America*; the October 25 topic is *The Economy: Outsourcing, Capitalism and Beyond*. Both conversations begin at 7:30

p.m. at the Main Library. Registration is not required, but is appreciated. For more information, please call the Information Desk at the Main Library: 991-2030.

Meet the Author! James Robenalt

James Robenalt, author of *Linking Rings: William W. Durbin and the Magic and Mystery of America*, will speak at Woods Branch at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, September 15.

Published by Kent State University Press, Robenalt's book chronicles the life of his great-grandfather, William W. Durbin, a businessman and professional magician, who was a major figure in 20th century Ohio politics.



A Phi Beta Kappa graduate of Miami University, Robenalt is a lawyer with Thompson Hine LLP. He is the founding chair of the Judicial Candidates Rating Coalition, an assembly of bar associations that rate judicial candidates in Cuyahoga County. A trustee of the Cleveland Bar Association, Robenalt is past chair of its Judicial Selection Committee. He's also a Serjeant of the Court of Nisi Prius, a group of lawyers who perform satirical skits for clients, judges, and community leaders each year at its so-called Grand Assize dinner. He serves on the board of the Near West Theater, a community theater in Ohio City. Robenalt lives in the Malvern area with his family.

the Bookshelf

Back-to-School Books for Children and Parents

The Awful Aardvarks Shop for School by **Reeve Lindbergh**, illustrated by **Tracey Campbell Pearson**

Aardvarks invade the mall and turn it upside down with their wild back-to-school shopping spree.

The Bus for Us by **Suzanne Bloom**

On her first day of school, Tess wonders what the school bus will look like.

Cam Jansen and the First Day of School Mystery by **David Adler**, illustrated by **Susanna Natti**

Cam Jansen uses her photographic memory to help catch a car thief on her first day as a fifth grader.

Countdown to Kindergarten by **Alison McGhee**, illustrated by **Harry Bliss**

A little girl worries about the many rules she hears they have at school.

David's Drawings by **Cathryn Falwell**

When David arrives at school, he is shy until his classmates help him draw a picture.

Don't Miss the Bus!: Steering Your Child to Success in School by **Mary Ann Smialek**

A parent and educator shares her classroom experiences, including techniques to help parents become active participants in their children's education.

Motivated Minds: Raising Children to Love Learning by **Deborah Stipek and Kathy Seal**

Learn how to create a home environment that will enhance your child's school experience.

What the Rest of Us Can Learn From Homeschooling: How A+ Parents Can Give Their Traditionally Schooled Kids the Academic Edge by **Linda Dobson**

This manual is filled with practical tips, including the six principles of successful learning, how to make time for learning and how to help with homework.

Computer Center Classes this Fall Include Internet for Seniors

Library staff members offer a variety of classes to help customers master computer skills. Daytime, afternoon, and evening classes are planned to accommodate a variety of schedules. Course offerings vary from the basic learning-how-to-use-a-computer-mouse classes to the more sophisticated *How to Build a Web Page* and *Excel Spreadsheet* classes.

Registration is on a first-come, first served basis and begins the Monday a week before the class. There are no waiting lists and some classes have prerequisites. For complete information about the classes, please call Walter Lesch at 991-2030 ext. 3156. Brochures with a complete list of all classes are available at both libraries.

In addition to the special classes listed below, library staff will offer its popular *Internet for Seniors* series from 2 to 4 p.m. Mondays October 4 through November 1. Seniors can sign up through the City's Senior Adult Office by calling 491-1347.

3 – 4:30 P.M. THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 2: INTRODUCTION TO EXCEL
 2 – 3 :30 P.M. FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 3: HOW TO BUILD A WEB PAGE
 10 – 11:30 A.M. TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7: INTRODUCTION TO THE INTERNET
 3 – 4:45 P.M. TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7: FINDING IMAGES ONLINE
 3 – 4:30 P.M. THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 9: CHARTS AND TABLES IN EXCEL
 10 – 11:30 A.M. SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 11: INTRODUCTION TO THE INTERNET
 6 – 8 P.M. MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 13: INTRODUCTION TO MICROSOFT ACCESS
 10 – 11:30 A.M. TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14: WEB E-MAIL
 2 – 3 P.M. TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14: MOUSE CLASS
 10 – 11:30 A.M. SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 18: WEB E-MAIL
 6 – 7:30 P.M. MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 20: INTRODUCTION TO THE INTERNET
 3 – 4:30 P.M. TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21: MUSIC AND MOVIES ONLINE
 10 – 11:30 A.M. TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21: INTRODUCTION TO THE INTERNET
 3 – 5 P.M. THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 23: WORKING WITH WINDOWS
 2 – 3:30 P.M. FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 24: SEARCHING THE INTERNET WITH FILTERS
 6 – 8 P.M. MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 27: INTRODUCTION TO POWERPOINT
 3 – 4:30 P.M. TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 28: GRAPHICS AND ANIMATION IN POWERPOINT
 10 – 11:30 A.M. SATURDAY, OCTOBER 2: INTRODUCTION TO WORD PROCESSING
 6 – 8 P.M. MONDAY, OCTOBER 4: CREATING ACCESS DATABASES FROM SCRATCH
 10 – 11:30 A.M. TUESDAY, OCTOBER 5: INTRODUCTION TO THE INTERNET
 2 – 4 P.M. TUESDAY, OCTOBER 5: CREATING ACCESS DATABASES FROM SCRATCH
 7:30 – 8:30 P.M. WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 6: INTERNET RESEARCH FOR TEENS IN GRADES 6 - 8
 10 A.M. – NOON THURSDAY, OCTOBER 7: INTRODUCTION TO POWERPOINT
 2 – 4 P.M. FRIDAY, OCTOBER 8: INTRODUCTION TO MICROSOFT ACCESS
 10 – 11:30 A.M. SATURDAY, OCTOBER 9: INTRODUCTION TO THE INTERNET
 6 – 7:30 P.M. MONDAY, OCTOBER 11: INTRODUCTION TO EXCEL
 10 – 11:30 A.M. TUESDAY, OCTOBER 12: WEB E-MAIL
 2 – 3 P.M. TUESDAY, OCTOBER 12: MOUSE CLASS
 7:30 – 8:30 P.M. WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 13: INTERNET RESEARCH FOR TEENS IN GRADES 9 -12
 2 – 4 P.M. FRIDAY, OCTOBER 15: INTRODUCTION TO MICROSOFT WORD
 10 – 11:30 A.M. SATURDAY, OCTOBER 16: WEB E-MAIL
 6 – 8 P.M. MONDAY, OCTOBER 18: WORKING WITH WINDOWS
 10 – 11:30 A.M. TUESDAY, OCTOBER 19: INTRODUCTION TO THE INTERNET
 2 – 3:30 P.M. TUESDAY, OCTOBER 19: CREATING AND USING FORMS IN ACCESS
 7:30 – 8:30 P.M. WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 20: INTERNET WITH THE EXPERTS: THE INVISIBLE WEB
 10 A.M. – NOON THURSDAY, OCTOBER 21: INTRODUCTION TO MICROSOFT ACCESS
 2 – 4 P.M. FRIDAY, OCTOBER 22: HOW TO BUILD A WEB SITE
 6 – 7:30 P.M. MONDAY, OCTOBER 25: GRAPHICS AND ANIMATION IN POWERPOINT
 10 – 11:30 A.M. TUESDAY, OCTOBER 26: INTRODUCTION TO WORD PROCESSING
 2 – 3:30 P.M. TUESDAY, OCTOBER 26: CREATING AND USING QUERIES IN ACCESS
 10 – 11:30 A.M. SATURDAY, OCTOBER 30: INTRODUCTION TO WORD PROCESSING

DAR and Library Sponsor Constitution Exhibit

The Moses Cleaveland Branch of the Daughters of the American Revolution will sponsor a National Constitutional Week Display at Main Library during the month of September.

Shaker members **Leann Rayburn**, a Malvern resident, and **Joanne Dickinson**, a Mercer resident, have been the driving force behind this annual exhibit honoring the nation's Constitution and were instrumental in obtaining an American flag for the library.

Tuesday, September 14, library staff members will read the Constitution aloud beginning at noon. Residents who wish to volunteer to read an article of the Constitution can sign up at the Main Library Information Desk.

Self-Check-Out Machines Installed at Both Libraries

Self-check-out machines, similar to ones found at grocery stores, are now available at both libraries. Residents who wish to use them must have a library card in good standing (no fines or overdue items in excess of \$10).

To use the machines, residents scan their library card with the bar code up, and wait for the machine to prompt them to place the first item on the platform. When check-out is finished, the machine will prompt customers to scan their library card again and will print a receipt with the items and due dates.

Residents in a hurry will appreciate this convenience; others, who enjoy the interaction with library staff when they check out items, will have that option as well.

Library Seeks Volunteers

The library offers a free delivery service for residents in the Shaker Heights City School District, who are 18 years and older and permanently or temporarily unable to come to the library.

Residents interested in receiving this service should call the Main Library and ask for Homebound Services. A library staff member will inquire about

reading or listening preferences and arrange for homebound delivery service.

The library is grateful to the volunteers who help with deliveries for this much-appreciated service. Residents interested in becoming a homebound volunteer can call Kim Cullers at 991-2030 extension 3004.

Business Series Begins in September

Shaker Library means business! This fall, the library will begin *Small Business 101*, programs for people interested in beginning a home-based business. John Renner of the Small Business Administration will offer two business start-up programs at the Main Library. In addition, the library has prepared a companion list of books, databases, and Internet sites that are helpful business resources.

Business Basics, an overview of the many free SBA programs, will be offered at 7 p.m. Wednesday, September 22. John Renner, Economic Development Representative for the SBA's Cleveland District Office, will discuss all of the programs available to new and existing entrepreneurs through the SBA and its resource partners. This informative session will provide details on the programs and step-by-step instructions on how to access them through the vast small business resources in Northeastern Ohio.

Writing a Business Plan and Legal Issues is the second program at 7 p.m. Wednesday, October 27. Renner will teach participants how to write a business plan and speak about key legal issues to consider in business start-up ventures.

Both programs are free; however, reservations are requested by calling the Information Desk at the Main Library, 991-2030.

Friends Hold Fall Used Book Sale

Friends of the Shaker Library will hold their fall book sale October 14 – 17 on the second floor of the Main Library. The sale begins with a presale for

Friends members from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Thursday, October 14. Residents who are not members may join at the door for a small fee.

The sale opens to the public from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday, October 15 and Saturday, October 16 and ends with a Bag Sale from 1 to 3 p.m. Sunday, October 17, when all bags of books cost \$5.

Friends welcome book donations throughout the year. Residents may bring gently used books to Main Library, where they will receive a receipt for tax purposes. Residents who wish to help sort books and set up for the book sale the week of October 11 may call the library and leave names and phone numbers.

Both libraries will be CLOSED

Monday, September 6 for Labor Day and Friday, September 10 for Staff Professional Development

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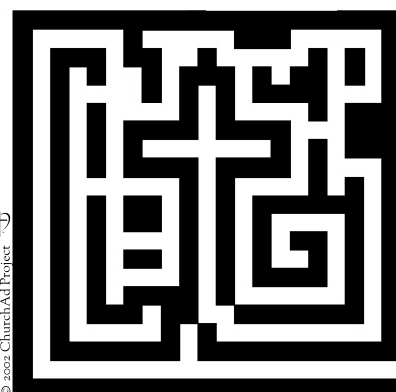
The library shows free movies at Main Library on alternating Thursday evenings at 6:30 p.m. and at 1 p.m. on the first Friday of each month. The September 2 evening feature is **Twisted** (Rated R) starring Ashley Judd as a detective on the prowl for a serial killer whose victims have one thing in common – her.

Friday, September 3, watch the romantic comedy **Along Came Polly** (Rated PG-13) starring Ben Stiller and Jennifer Aniston. The Senior Adult Office provides popcorn for this afternoon movie.

September 16, residents can watch **Man on Fire** (Rated R) starring Denzel Washington as a soldier for hire contracted to protect the daughter of a wealthy American family in Mexico City.

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Main Library's Art Gallery Features Paintings and Prints of S.C. Versillee

The original paintings and Giclee prints of S.C. Versillee are currently on display on the art gallery wall at Main Library. The exhibit opened August 23 and continues through October 3. Residents are invited to meet the artist and enjoy a painting demonstration from 2 to 4 p.m. Sunday, October 3.

A 1999 graduate of the Cleveland Institute of Art, Versillee worked in commercial art for 4 years until she decided to focus on painting. While she still accepts commercial work, the greater part of her artistic energy is focused on the exploration of her personal work, which has been described as "mysterious, poignant, stirring, and other worldly." Versillee's strongest influences are music, nature, ethnic cultures, and old objects infused with meaning. The subject matter of her paintings reflects her broad range of interests. Versillee has an affinity for rich colors and contrasts and much of her work is grounded in ethnographic influences, particularly from Africa, Asia, and Native America. In addition, there is an undeniable element of storytelling in even the most abstract of her work that the artist attributes to her love of writing.

Versillee is currently studying for her Masters of Library Information Science degree at Kent State University.

Footnotes

The Red Cross Bloodmobile will be at the Main Library from 2 to 7 p.m. Monday, September 20.

Both libraries are open on Columbus Day, October 11. Visit the library and discover a new world of information!

Main Library reopens on Sundays from 1 to 5 p.m. beginning September 12.

The Library Board of Trustees meets at 6:30 p.m. at Main Library Mondays, September 13 and October 11.

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BOOK BABIES

Stories, songs, games and rhymes for 1-year-olds with an adult.

Fall Session: Sept. 28 - Nov. 17

For babies 12-18 months (Baby must be 12 months by Oct 1.)

9:30 a.m. Tuesdays at Woods Branch

9:30 a.m. Wednesdays at Main Library

For babies 18 - 24 months (Baby must be 18 months by Oct 1.)

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. Sept. 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 by Oct 1.)

Fall Session: Sept. 27 - Nov. 18

10 a.m. Tuesdays or Thursdays at Main Library

10 a.m. Mondays or Wednesdays at Woods Branch

In-person registration for Shaker School District residents begins 9 a.m. Sept. 11.

PRESCHOOL STORIES

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

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

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

Programs begin the week of Sept 13. No program at Woods Branch on Nov. 2. Registration is not required; however, groups are asked to make special arrangements.

Please register at the library where your child will attend.

PAJAMA STORIES AT WOODS BRANCH

Stories and more for children ages 3 and up with or without an adult.

7:15 p.m. Monday, Sept 20.

Registration begins Sept 7.

AFTERSCHOOL AUTHORS AT WOODS BRANCH

An 8-week session of writing activities for children in grades 2 - 5.

4:15 p.m. Wednesdays

Fall Session: Sept. 29 - Nov. 17

Registration begins Sept.15 for the 8-week session.

MOTHER-DAUGHTER BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP AT WOODS BRANCH

A librarian-led book discussion for girls in grades 4-6 and their mothers.

7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 12

Read and discuss *The Landry News*, Andrew Clements' story about a budding 5th grade journalist and the consequences for her teacher, class, and school when she publishes a newspaper.

Registration and book pick up begin Sept 14.

BOOK BUGS AT MAIN LIBRARY

A book-centered writing club for children in grades K - 3

Fall Session: Sept. 30 - Nov. 18

4:15 p.m. Thursdays

Registration begins Sept. 16.

SCHOOL-AGE SPECIAL AT MAIN LIBRARY: FIESTA!

Celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month! Experience Hispanic culture through literature, arts, and crafts. (This is the first in a series of special programs for youth in grades K - 6 on a variety of exciting topics presented throughout the school year.)

1:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. Friday, October 8

Registration begins Sept. 20.

INTERNET SCAVENGER HUNT AT MAIN LIBRARY

10:30 A.M. SATURDAY, OCTOBER 23

Teams of children and adults can compete for prizes as they learn to search the Internet in this entertaining learning adventure.

Registration begins Oct. 9.

READING BUDDIES AT MAIN LIBRARY

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

Fall Session: Sept. 28 - Nov. 16

4:15 p.m. Tuesdays

Registration begins Sept. 14.

HALLOWEEN STORYTELLING AT MAIN LIBRARY

7:30 p.m. Monday Oct. 25

Enjoy stories and songs both shivery and silly, along with some Halloween fun for the whole family. Dress in costume, if you wish.

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Events *for* September

1 Noontide Tales, NOON, SHAKER COMMUNITY COLONNADE. Shaker librarians offer a story time for grownups. Bring a lunch and listen to the lilt of literature read aloud. Free. Programs continue at noon every Wednesday in September. In the event of rain, stories will be read in the Main Library. INFO: 991-2030.

2 Movie at Main, 6:30 P.M., MAIN LIBRARY. Ashley Judd stars in *Twisted*, the story of a detective on the trail of a serial killer. INFO: 991-2030.

3 Free Friday Flick, 1 P.M., MAIN LIBRARY. Watch the romantic comedy, *Along Came Polly*, starring Ben Stiller and Jennifer Aniston. Free. INFO: 991-2030.

3 Friday Night Skate, 7:30 – 9 P.M., THORNTON PARK ICE RINK. Celebrate the end of the school week with this cool social activity. Skate rentals available and the snack bar's open.

4 Larchmere Boulevard Bi-annual Sidewalk Sale, 11 A.M. – 5 P.M., LARCHMERE BLVD. Bi-annual bargains abound when merchants offer discounted merchandise, food, and flowers a la European "Market Day." INFO: MARC GOODMAN, 229-8919.

4, 5, 11, 12, 18, 19, 25 & 26 Nature Walks, 3:30 TO 4:30 P.M., NATURE CENTER, 2600 S. PARK BLVD. Happy weekend trails to you and your family. Meet at the front door to the exhibit area on Saturdays and Sundays for a one-hour, natural-ist-led hike around the trails. INFO: 321-5935.

7 Environmental Town Hall Brown Bag Lunch Series, NOON TO 1 P.M., NATURE CENTER. *It's not easy being green!* Green building and sustainability concepts are key components of the City of Shaker Heights' economic development strategy. Learn more about the "Go Green" Initiative and how you can get involved. INFO: 321-5935.

7 AARP Shaker Chapter Meeting, 1:30 P.M., SHAKER COMMUNITY BUILDING. Power to the 50-something people!

8 Recent & Recommended Book Talk, 3 P.M., BERTRAM WOODS BRANCH, 20600 FAYETTE RD. Shaker librarians recommend books you might have overlooked. Program repeats at 3 p.m. September 9 at Main Library. INFO: 991-2421.

9 Nature Center Photography Club Meeting, 6 TO 8 P.M., NATURE CENTER. Meet in the Nature Center's meeting room. For more info, call Madeline Podnar, 321-5935 ext. 232. The Nature Center's Nature Photography Club meets on the second Thursday of every month. For the latest information on the Nature Photography Club, visit their web site at shakerlakes.org/photographyclub.htm

9 Shaker Works, 4 – 5 P.M. SHAKER COMMUNITY BUILDING, 3450 LEE RD. Nonprofit alliance of business professionals and owners who live and/or work in the Shaker Heights City School District welcomes new members. INFO: LAUREY BANKER, 752-5648.

10 Gallery Opening, 6 – 8 P.M., MALCOLM BROWN GALLERY, 20100 CHAGRIN BLVD. The season opens with paintings by **RHONDA BROWN SAFFOLD**, emerging artist and daughter of Malcolm & Ernestine Brown. Saffold earned her BFA from The Ohio State University in painting and drawing and MA in Art History from the University of Wisconsin. Active in the Chicago art scene, her first solo exhibition brings forth an exciting, new voice. Gallery Hours: Tues. - Fri. 11-6 p.m.; Sat. 11-4 p.m. INFO: 751-2955 malcolmbrowngallery.com.

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Destinations...

BERTRAM WOODS BRANCH LIBRARY
20600 Fayette Road

MAIN LIBRARY
16500 Van Aken Boulevard

THE NATURE CENTER AT SHAKER LAKES
2600 South Park Boulevard

**SHAKER COMMUNITY BUILDING
COMMUNITY COLONNADE**
3450 Lee Road

SHAKER FAMILY CENTER
19824 Sussex Road

SHAKER HEIGHTS HIGH SCHOOL
15911 Aldersyde Drive

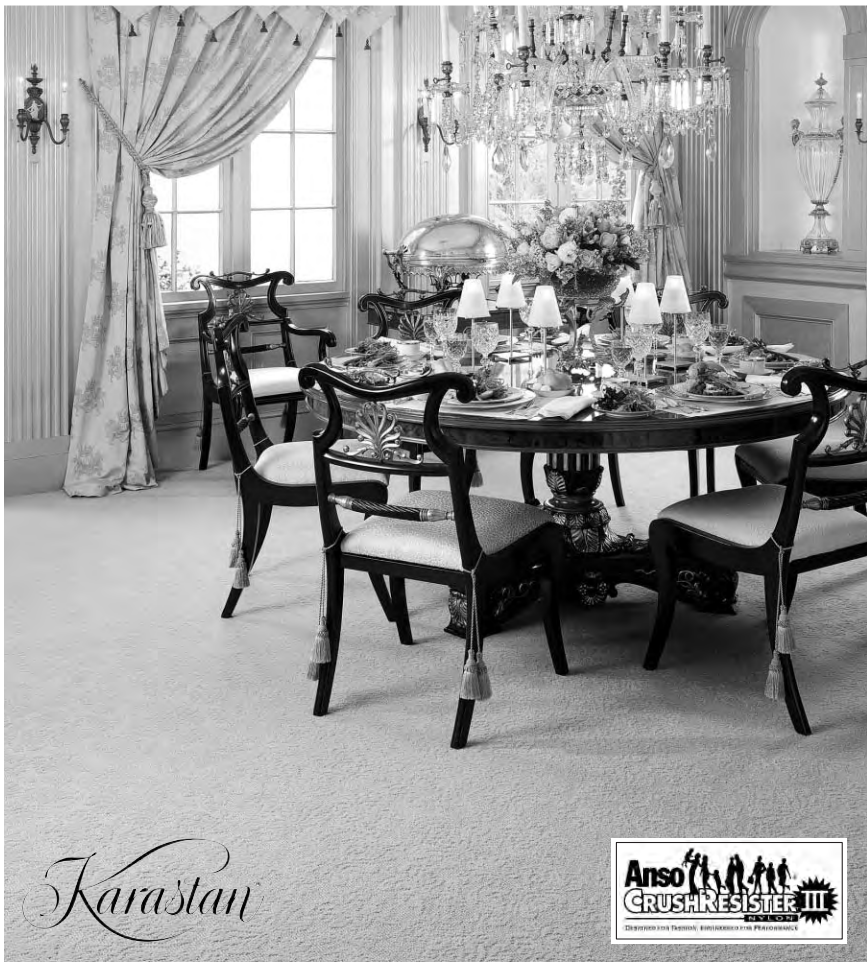
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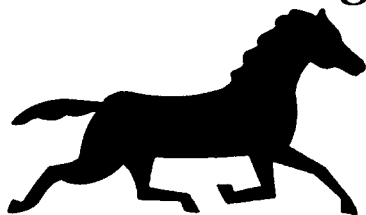
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11 Doggie Dip, 10 A.M. – NOON, THORNTON PARK. *Shaker pool goes to the dogs!* \$1/canine and \$3 for non-resident canines, includes a delectable doggie buffet. Bring a leash. INFO: 491-1295.

11 Book Discussion, 2 P.M., MAIN LIBRARY. Read and discuss James Michener's *Hawaii*. INFO: 991-2030.

11 Fund for the Future Housewarming, 5:30 – 7:30 P.M. Party to benefit the city's Fund for the Future. Tickets: \$150/patron; \$75/person, includes Landmark Tour. INFO: GAIL GIBSON, 491-1331.

12 Homecoming Sunday, 10:30 A.M., PLYMOUTH CHURCH, 2860 COVENTRY RD. Sunday school begins and the choir, Stephen Ministers, Sunday School teachers, and others are commissioned. INFO: 921-3510.

12 Landmark Tour, NOON – 5 P.M. Tour nine distinctive Shaker homes and enjoy lemonade on the lawn of the Shaker Historical Museum from 2 – 5 p.m. Tickets: \$15/person. The day of the tour tickets will be available at both City Hall and Shaker Historical Museum. INFO: STACEY PFAU, 491-1433.

13 Medicare RX Discount Card, 1:30 P.M., SHAKER COMMUNITY BUILDING. Benjamin Rose Institute's Semanthie Brooks speaks about the new Medicare Drug benefit cards and answers questions about Medicare Parts A and B. INFO: 491-1360.

13 Sports Boosters, 7:30 P.M., SHAKER HIGH TEACHERS' LUNCHROOM. Shaker parents meet to boost all sports.

14 Book Discussion, 10 A.M., MAIN LIBRARY. Read and discuss Erik Larson's *Devil in the White City*. INFO: 991-2030.

14 Open House, 7 P.M., SHAKER HIGH SCHOOL. Come back to school, follow your student's schedule, meet teachers and administrators, and volunteer for the PTO. INFO: 295-4200.

14 Mystery Book Discussion, 7:30 P.M., MAIN LIBRARY. Whodunit? Read *An Artful Death* by Roderic Jeffries and find out. INFO: 991-2030.

15 Meet the Author, 7:30 P.M., WOODS BRANCH. Meet Malvern resident James Robenalt, author of *Linking Rings: William D. Durbin and the Magic and Mystery of America*. INFO: 991-2421.

16 Health Roundtable, 11:30 A.M. – 12:30 P.M., SHAKER COMMUNITY BUILDING. Health talks with city nurse Sandi Hurley.

16 Movie at Main, 6:30 P.M., MAIN LIBRARY. Denzel Washington stars as a soldier for hire in *Man on Fire*. INFO: 991-2030.

16 Rosh Hashana. Shaker Heights City Schools closed.

17 Hearing Loss Support Group, 10 – 11 A.M., SHAKER COMMUNITY BUILDING. Former CWRU audiologist and speech pathologist Dr. Ray LeZak speaks out on the latest adaptive equipment. TRANSPORTATION AVAILABLE: 491-1348.

18 Window Repair Fair, 10 A.M. – 1 P.M., SHAKER COMMUNITY BUILDING. Shattered by the thought of window repair? Watch the experts show you how and get tips for painless repair. Free. INFO: 491-1370.

18 ECEC 30th Birthday Bash, 10 A.M. – 2 P.M., 19824 SUSSEX RD. Outdoor gala with food, games, silent auction, and raffle to celebrate the Early Childhood Enrichment Center's 30 years of service to young children. A special display features an update on past ECEC students and what they're up to now. INFO: MICHELLE BLOCK, 991-9761.

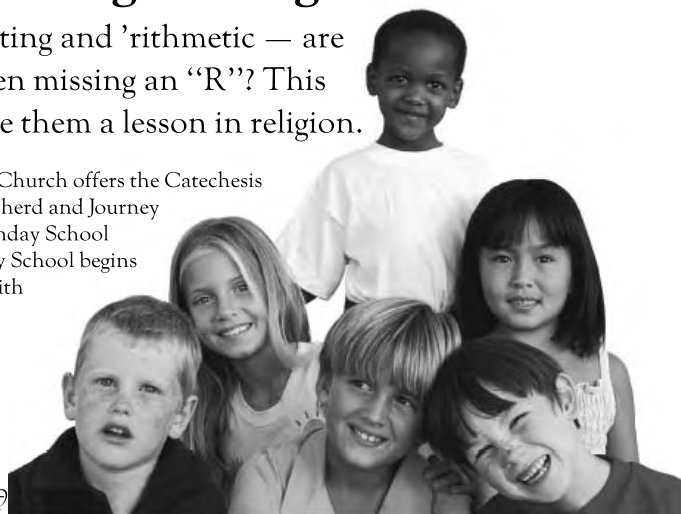
18 3rd Annual Fairmount Fall Festival, NOON – 5 P.M., LAUREL SCHOOL'S FAIRMOUNT CAMPUS, 7420 FAIRMOUNT RD. Athletic feats including a Laurel vs. Shaker showdown. Food available for sale or pack a picnic. Rain or shine. INFO: 464-1441.

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Mondays, Wednesdays & Thursdays: Patricia S. Mearns Indoor Playroom, 9:30 A.M. – NOON, SHAKER FAMILY CENTER, 19824 SUSSEX RD. and Monday, Wednesday & Friday 4 – 6 p.m. For children from birth to age 3 and parent or caregiver. FEES & INFO: 921-2030.

Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays: PACE (People with Arthritis Can Exercise), 11:15 A.M. – NOON, SHAKER COMMUNITY BUILDING. Joint activities with Judson Partners. INFO: 491-1360.

Tuesdays, Thursdays & Saturdays: Play and Learn Station, 10 A.M. – NOON, MAIN LIBRARY. Free drop-in play for children from birth to age 5 and parents. 6 – 8 p.m. Thursday evenings. INFO: 921-2023 OR 991-2030.

Wednesdays: Coffee & Camaraderie, 10 – 11 A.M., SHAKER COMMUNITY BUILDING. Senior social opportunity.

Thursdays: Open Bridge, 1 – 4 P.M., COMMUNITY BUILDING. Feeling *vulnerable*? Head over to the Community Building for an afternoon of *tricks*. \$1/person. INFO: 491-1351.

Saturdays: North Union Farmers Market, 8 A.M. – NOON, SHAKER SQUARE. Rise and shop for fresh and local produce. Meet and greet your neighbors at the open-air market.

Thru Sept. 29: Variety As the Spice of Art, 8:30 A.M. – 5 P.M., SHAKER COMMUNITY BUILDING, 3450 LEE RD. Art by Jacqueline Kahane Freedman. INFO: 491-1360.

Thru Oct. 3: Personal Prism, 9 A.M. – 9 P.M. MAIN LIBRARY. Original Paintings and Giclee prints of S. C. Versillee, a finalist in the 2003 Artist's Magazine's Annual Art Competition and the recipient of the Sankofa Fine Art Plus Emerging Artist Award. Versillee will be at Main Library from 2 – 4 p.m. Oct. 3 to answer questions and to give a live presentation of her painting technique. INFO: 991-2030.

Thru Oct. 31: Shaker Heights: City of Gracious Living, Shaker Historical Museum, 16740 S. PARK BLVD. Exhibit of photos and memorabilia about our garden-city inspired community. FEES & INFO: 921-1201.

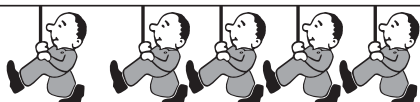
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19 District-wide International Families Picnic, 1 P.M., BOULEVARD SCHOOL. Comida campestre, pique-nique, piquenique - in any language this is a good time!

19 Cleveland Cello Society Recital, 2 P.M., J. D. HERR MEMORIAL CHAPEL OF PLYMOUTH CHURCH. Free recital. INFO: 921-3510.

20 Red Cross Bloodmobile, 2 - 7 P.M., MAIN LIBRARY.

20 Pajama Stories, 7:15 P.M., WOODS BRANCH, 20600 FAYETTE RD. Take the little ones for tales at the library, then tuck 'em in at home. INFO: 991-2421.

20 Informed Decision 2004, 7:30 P.M., MAIN LIBRARY. Discuss the issues that will be most important in determining the outcome of the Presidential Election with those who agree and disagree with you. This month's topic is *National Security in a Post 9/11 America*. RESERVATIONS: 991-2030.

21 Fitness Areas Grand Opening, 2 P.M., WOODBURY SCHOOL. They'll want to get physical when Shaker PTO unveils the new play and fitness areas at Woodbury School.

22 The Wonders of Science, 4:30 - 5:30 P.M., SHAKER FAMILY CENTER, 19824 SUSSEX RD. 6-week science class for children ages 4 and 5 through Oct. 27. \$65/child, materials included. The Family Playroom is open for members with siblings ages birth - 3. Non-members with children this age may use the Playroom for \$5 per visit during the science class. INFO: 921-2030.

22 Business Basics, 7 P.M., MAIN LIBRARY. John Renner of Cleveland's Small Business Association will speak about the many free resources available for those interested in starting up a business. INFO: 991-2030.

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

25 Yom Kippur

28 Nature Reads 6 P.M., NATURE CENTER. Bring a brown bag supper and join other nature and book lovers at the Nature Center's monthly book club discussion of *The Path: A One-Mile Walk Through the Universe* by Chet Raymo. Free. INFO: LESLIE KREBS, 321-5935 EXT. 226.

28 Book Discussion, 7:30 P.M., MAIN LIBRARY. Read and discuss *Plainsong* by Kent Haruf. INFO: 991-2030.

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1 & 2 Annual Fall Jewelry Sale,

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1 – 4 AutumnFest.

Fall into fun when the city celebrates the season with activities and events including a carnival in the Van Aken Shopping Plaza. INFO: 491-1400. SEE TOWN TOPICS, THIS ISSUE

1 Free Friday Flick, 1 P.M., MAIN

LIBRARY. Watch *Miracle*. Kurt Russell stars as hockey coach, Herb Brooks, who makes everyone believe in miracles! Free. INFO: 991-2030.

1 Celebrating the Shaker

Parklands, 8:30 A.M. – 5 P.M., SHAKER COMMUNITY BUILDING.

Photographs by Carol Conti-Entin will be on display until October 28. INFO: 491-1360.

2 Community Carnival, LAUREL

SCHOOL, ONE LYMAN CIRCLE. Student-run carnival benefits United Way and Community Shares. FEES & INFO: 464-1441.

2, 3, 9, 10, 16, 17, 23, 24, 30 & 31 Nature Walks,

3:30 TO 4:30 P.M., NATURE CENTER, 2600 S. PARK BLVD. Meet at the front door on Saturdays and Sundays for naturalist-led walks on the trails. INFO: 321-5935.

2 Shaker Harvest Fest, NOON – 4 P.M., SHAKER HISTORICAL MUSEUM.

Free museum admission and children's activities in conjunction with the city's AutumnFest. Buy herbs and baked goods and enjoy the autumn air. INFO: 921-1201.

2 Homecoming Game, 2 P.M., RUSSELL H. RUPP FIELD. Don't punt on this afternoon when the Shaker Raiders tackle Euclid.

2 Homecoming Dance, 8 - 11 P.M. SHAKER HIGH.

3 Hike for Nature VII, 9 A.M. - NOON, NATURE CENTER, 2600 S. PARK BLVD. Long and short hikes for families to benefit the Nature Center. \$20/adult; \$5/child. INFO: 321-5935 EXT. 236.

4 Tour Your Schools. Shaker Schools open doors for the community! Take a peek at today's education.

5 Environmental Town Hall Brown Bag Lunch Series, noon, Nature Center. Learn how your vote can affect clean air and water. INFO: 321-5935 EXT. 236.

5 Taste of Shaker, 1 - 3 P.M., PEARL OF THE ORIENT. Spend a *wonton* afternoon with friends. TRANSPORTATION AVAILABLE: 491-1360.

5 Arthritis Encounters, 7 P.M., SHAKER COMMUNITY BUILDING. John Petures of the Arthritis Foundation speaks on the disease and the strides made by the Arthritis Foundation. INFO: 491-1360.

5 Interior Painting Techniques, 7 - 9 P.M., SHAKER COMMUNITY BUILDING. Don't brush off this free opportunity from the City's Neighborhood Revitalization Department. Learn faux finishing techniques as well as the basics. INFO: 491-1370.

5 How to Play Sports in College, 7:30 P.M., SHAKER HIGH SMALL AUDITORIUM. Shaker Sports Boosters present a panel on taking a high school sport to the college level.

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Tues., Oct. 19 '04
Tues., Nov. 16 '04
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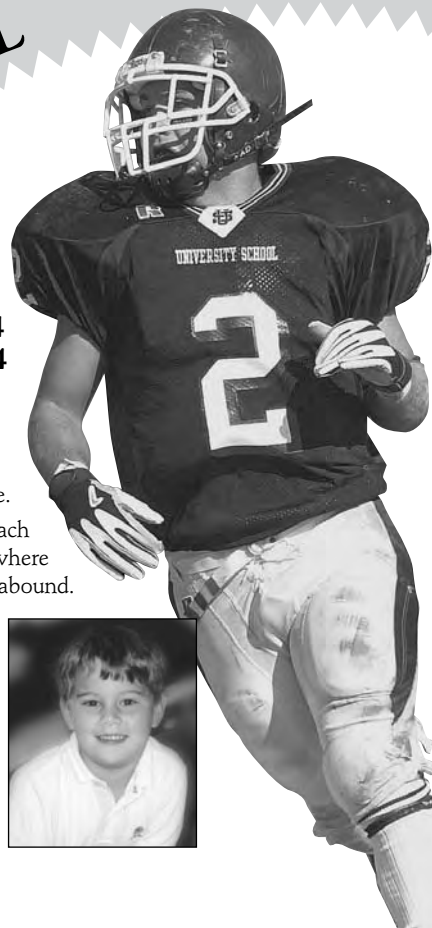
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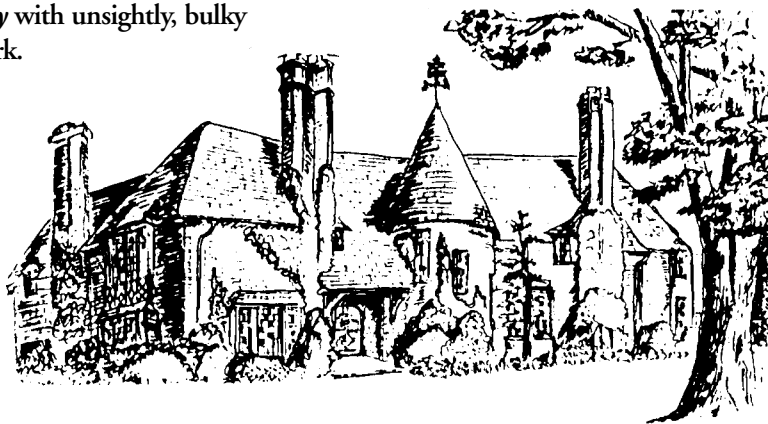
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6 Walk Your Child to School Day. Tell 'em to take a hike... with you to school!

6 Internet Searching Skills for Students in Grades 6 – 8, 7:30 P.M., MAIN LIBRARY. Internet BFS! Learn how to search the Internet better, faster and smarter! INFO: 991-2030.

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

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9 Book Discussion, 2 P.M., MAIN LIBRARY. Read and discuss *The First Part Last* and *Heaven* by Angela Johnson. INFO: 991-2030.

11 Columbus Day. City offices closed. Schools and libraries open.

11 Band Boosters, 7:30 P.M., SHAKER HIGH MUSIC ROOM. Parents band together to drum up support for the great Shaker band!

12 Book Discussion, 10 A.M., MAIN LIBRARY. Read and discuss *Consider This, Senora* by Harriet Doerr. INFO: 991-2030.

12 Mother-Daughter Book Club, 7:30 P.M., WOODS BRANCH. Girls in grades 4 – 6 and mothers read and discuss *The Landry News* by Andrew Clements. INFO: 991-2421.

12 Organization and Study Skills with Shaker High's Marcia Jaffee, 7:30 P.M., SHAKER MIDDLE SCHOOL. Learn how to help your student organize and prioritize.

13 Internet Searching Skills for Students in Grades 9 – 12, 7:30 P.M., MAIN LIBRARY. Internet BFS! Learn how to search the Internet better, faster and smarter! INFO: 991-2030.

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Nov. 5: Wine Tasting, 7 – 9:30 P.M. NATURE CENTER. *Grape expectations!* Malvern Neighborhood Association is holding a neighborly wine tasting. \$20/person. RESERVATIONS REQUIRED BY OCT. 29 TO TRACI ONDERS, 283-9326.



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14 Book Discussion, 3 P.M., WOODS BRANCH. Read and discuss *The Piano Tuner* by Daniel Mason, INFO: 991-2421.

14 Nature Center Photography Club Meeting, 6 TO 8 P.M., NATURE CENTER. Meet in the Nature Center's meeting room. INFO: MADELINE PODNAR, 321-5935 EXT. 232.

14 Used Book Sale, 6:30 – 8:30 P.M., MAIN LIBRARY. Friends of the Shaker Library sell an assortment of used books at bargain prices. Friends' members get in free for first dibs on bargains; others may join at the door for a small fee. The sale opens to the public Oct. 15 – 17. INFO: 991-2030.

14 An Evening with Jack Gladstone, 7:30 P.M., SHAKER MIDDLE SCHOOL. Rose Bowl champ and Blackfoot Indian singer and storyteller offers affirmative family entertainment. jackgladstone.com. Free. INFO: 295-4100.

15 Hearing Loss Support Group, 10 – 11 A.M., SHAKER COMMUNITY BUILDING. Learn about the latest adaptive equipment. TRANSPORTATION AVAILABLE: 491-1348.

15 AARP Shaker Chapter Meeting, 1:30 P.M., SHAKER COMMUNITY BUILDING. Gray power!

16 Green & White Ball, LAUREL SCHOOL, ONE LYMAN CIRCLE. Fund-raiser for the independent girls' school. TICKETS & INFO: ELLEN FEUER, 464-1441 EXT. 169.

18 Parent University, 7 P.M., SHAKER FAMILY CENTER, 19824 SUSSEX RD. Clinical social worker and child psychoanalyst Deborah Paris leads a discussion on children's fears. FREE WITH RESERVATIONS: 921-2023.

19 Mystery Book Discussion, 7:30 P.M., MAIN LIBRARY. Read and discuss *Scarecrow* by Robin Hathaway. INFO: 991-2030.

20 I Survived Open Mic Night, 7 – 8:30 P.M., MAIN LIBRARY TEEN CENTER. Teens in grades 5 – 8 can showcase their SLAM, music, dance, or performance skills. Prizes for all. Prep workshop from 3:30 – 4:30 p.m. Oct. 12 at Woods Branch. INFO: 991-2030.

21 Health Roundtable, 11:30 A.M. – 12:30 P.M., SHAKER COMMUNITY BUILDING. Health talks with city nurse Sandi Hurley.

21 Mother-Daughter Dinner, 6 P.M., SHAKER MIDDLE SCHOOL. Middle school munching with mothers.

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**21 Recreation and Leisure
Assessment Meeting, 7 P.M., SHAKER
COMMUNITY BUILDING.** The city fields
questions and comments about Shaker's
recreational resources at its 3rd and final
meeting. Get off the bench and into the
game with your suggestions. INFO: 491-
1430.

**23 & 24 Paint & Pesticide
Round Up, 8 A.M. – 4 P.M., CITY
SERVICE CENTER 15600 CHAGRIN BLVD.**
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**23 Internet Scavenger Hunt,
10:30 A.M., MAIN LIBRARY.** Let your fin-
gers do the walking on this entertaining
Internet searching and learning adventure as
teams compete for prizes. INFO: 991-2030.

**23 Red Tag Day, 2 P.M., RUSSELL H.
RUPP FIELD.** Get the red out! Cheer the
Shaker football team on to victory versus
Lakewood and watch a great band show on
a high-spirited afternoon.

**24 All-School Open House, 1 – 3
P.M. LAUREL SCHOOL, ONE LYMAN
CIRCLE.** Tour the school, meet students,
teachers and the new head of school Ann V.
Klotz. INFO: 464-0946.

**25 Informed Decision 2004, 7:30
p.m., Main Library.** Discuss the issues that
will be most important in determining the
outcome of the Presidential Election. This
month's topic is *The Economy: Outsourcing,
Capitalism and Beyond*. RESERVATIONS: 991-
2030.

**26, 27 Fall Choir Concert, 7:30
P.M., SHAKER HIGH.**

**26 Nature Reads, 6 P.M., NATURE
CENTER.** Bring a brown bag supper and
join other nature and book lovers at the
Nature Center's monthly book club discus-
sion of *Undaunted Courage: Meriweather Lewis,
Thomas Jefferson and the Opening of the
American West* by Stephen E. Ambrose.
FREE. INFO: LESLIE KREBS, 321-5935
EXT. 226.

26 Book Discussion, 7:30 P.M., MAIN LIBRARY. Read and discuss *Foreign Affairs* by Alison Lurie. INFO: 991-2030.

27 Writing A Business Plan & Legal Issues, 7 P.M., MAIN LIBRARY. SBA's John Renner will speak about how to write a business plan and the legal issues involved in business start-ups. INFO: 991-2030.

28 Movie at Main, 6:30 P.M., MAIN LIBRARY.

30 & 31 Paint & Pesticide Round Up, 8 A.M. - 4 P.M., CITY SERVICE CENTER 15600 CHAGRIN BLVD. Haunted about what to do with the old propane tanks and paint buckets? Take 'em to the City's Service Department for safe disposal.



PUMPKIN PATCHES

15 Pumpkin & Cider Sale, 3 P.M., BOULEVARD SCHOOL

16 Fall Festival, 1 - 4 P.M., FERNWAY SCHOOL

16 Pumpkin Affair, 11 A.M., LOMOND SCHOOL

16 Pumpkinfest, 11 A.M., ONAWAY SCHOOL

25 Halloween Storytime, 7:30 P.M., MAIN LIBRARY Tall tales told at the library. Come in costume, if you wish. INFO: 991-2030

28 & 29 Enchanted Forest, 6 - 8:30 P.M., NATURE CENTER, 2600 S. PARK BLVD. Cookies, cider, and no boos at this alternative to the scary season's usual hauntings. FEES & INFO: 321-5935 EXT 221.

31 Trick or Treat, 6 - 8 P.M. Goblin-getting' time on Shaker's scream-lined streets.



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Sept. 18 & 19: Chalk Festival, 11 A.M. - 4 P.M., CLEVELAND MUSEUM OF ART, 1150 EAST BLVD. Works by chalk artists, demos, and entertainment. FEES & INFO: 707-2483.

Sept. 18: Day of Music, 12:30 - 6 P.M., SEVERANCE HALL, 11001 EUCLID AVE. Free open house with music and children's activities, ending with a Cleveland Orchestra concert. INFO: 231-7300.

Sept. 23: Free Concerts, 11:30 A.M. - 1:30 P.M. AND 5 - 7 P.M., WADE OVAL. Charter One Bank sponsors an afternoon concert with the Brazilian jazz of Moises Borges and an evening concert featuring the Roberto Ocasio Latin Jazz Project. University Circle eateries will sell food. INFO: 707-5033.

Oct. 3: Faculty Recital, 4 P.M., CIM, 11021 EAST BLVD. Enjoy a faculty recital including William Preucil on violin. FREE. INFO: 791-5000.

Oct. 8: Broadway: The Golden Age, 9:30 P.M. CLEVELAND INSTITUTE OF ART CINEMATHEQUE, 11141 EAST BLVD. More than 100 celebrities reminisce about the Great White Way in the 1940s, 50s, and 60s in this anecdotal history that includes home movies, clips from filmed performances, and rare audio tapes. Cleveland premiere. Film repeats at 7 p.m. Oct 9 and 4 p.m. Oct. 10. TICKETS & INFO: 421-7450

Oct. 9: Open House, 10 A.M. 1 P.M., CLEVELAND INSTITUTE OF MUSIC, 11021 EAST BLVD. Stop by for donuts, sit in on a rehearsal and take a peek into CIM's music preparatory classes and concerts for all ages. INFO: 791-5000.

Oct. 11: Case Symphonic Winds & University Circle Winds Ensemble, 7:30 P.M., SEVERANCE HALL, 11001

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Oct. 16: Metropolitan Opera National Council District Auditions Community Concert, 1:30 P.M., CIM'S KULAS HALL.

Afternoon arias performed by emerging artists. FREE. (FYI for opera buffs: Metropolitan Opera tenor Ben Hepner emerged from this competition.)

AND BEYOND . . .

Sept. 6: Western Reserve Academy Antiques Festival, 10 A.M. – 5 P.M., 5951 SOUTHWICKE COURT, HUDSON, OHIO. More than 100 antique dealers from the Northeast and Midwest. Tickets: \$8/person. INFO: JUDY WILSON, 330-656-4308.

Sept. 7 & 21, Oct 5: Judson Park Open House, 2 - 3 P.M., JUDSON PARK, 2181 AMBLESIDE DR. Tour with refreshments. RSVP REQUIRED: 791-2321.

Sept. 11: American Heroes Day, 4:25 – 6 P.M., LAKE VIEW CEMETERY, 12316 EUCLID AVE. Gather to remember and reflect. Safety forces and bagpipers will process to the Garfield Memorial. CommUnity luncheon follows. Free. INFO: 421-2665.

Sept. 15 & 20: Matinee Concert, 12:30 P.M. JUDSON MANOR, 1890 E. 107 ST. WCLV 104.9 FM broadcasts live from Judson Manor. Program features local musician and optional lunch package. INFO: 791-2321.

Sept. 18: Angels of Lake View & Other Sculptures Tour, 10 A.M. – NOON, LAKE VIEW CEMETERY. Spend a heavenly afternoon with Dale Hinton touring the grounds and learning about the legacies of Cleveland's most prominent citizens. Tour repeats from 2 to 4 p.m. Sept. 19 Tickets: \$3.50/person. Walking tour begins at Garfield Monument. RESERVATIONS: 421-2665 EXT. 3035.

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Sept. 26: Architectural Tour, 2 P.M., LAKE VIEW CEMETERY. Historical architect Dale Serne leads a tour of the architectural gems at Lake View. Tickets: \$3.50/person. RESERVATIONS: 421-2665 EXT. 3035.

Oct. 24: A Little Night Music, 5 P.M., THE COUNTRY CLUB, 2825 LANDER RD. Cocktails, concert, dinner, and a raffle sponsored by the Cleveland Institute of Music Women's Committee to benefit CIM. Tickets: \$80; \$100 patron. INFO: 791-5000 EXT. 360.

Oct. 31: Designer Dress Days, 10 A.M. – 6 P.M., MANDEL JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTER, 26001 S. WOODLAND RD. BEACHWOOD. 35th annual sale of designer dresses and accessories. Begun by Liz Faulb in 1969, the 1st sale was held at the Shaker Theater on Lee Road. This year's sale features furs, fine jewelry, women's designer dresses (some with the tags still attached), and men's outerwear and sweaters. The sale continues from 10 a.m. – 7 p.m. Nov. 1 & 2 and from 10 a.m. – 8 p.m. Nov. 3.

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