'Grannies' protest military recruiters on campus

Stanford ends waterpolo jinx against USC

Council: No bike lane on Alma

Just a footnote?
Advocates seek support for long-neglected libraries

Can you find the phony ad? Look inside for details.

- Upfront ‘Grannies’ protest military recruiters on campus Page 3
- Sports Stanford ends waterpolo jinx against USC Page 17
- Moonlight Run Your guide to the 20th annual event Section 2
Reading between the emotional line makes the difference between finding a house and a home.

PALO ALTO

Stunning new construction in beautiful North Palo Alto neighborhood bordering Crescent Park in Community Center. Two story design with a European flair and top quality amenities of cherry woods and granite.

$1,895,000

PALO ALTO

Beautifully remodeled and expanded 4bd/2ba home with enchanted garden at end of cul-de-sac. Romantic master suite with private deck. Family room/kitchen. Study/office.

$1,398,000

MOUNTAIN VIEW

Lovely 3bd/3ba townhouse in “The Crossings” complex. Desirable, spacious end unit with FR, cathedral ceilings, 2 car garage, and interior laundry area. Close to San Antonio Shopping Center and Cal Train. Excellent Los Altos schools.

$599,000
The Peninsula Raging Grannies protested at the local book signings of former first lady Barbara Bush and former U.S. secretary of state Madeline Albright.

The Raging Grannies have stood up for labor rights and the environment. They've caused an uproar at a recent Stanford University graduation ceremony, during a speech by Condoleezza Rice.

The Grannies, known for their flashy garb and wild song and dance routines, are about to rage again, this time at Paly’s Career Day Oct. 13. Their purpose that day is to educate kids on options other than the military, whose recruiters will also be at the event. What they ultimately hope to do is get military recruiters off local high school campuses.

“Even if one recruiter comes on Paly once a month, that’s too much for us,” said member Ruth Robertson.

At the heart of the group’s objections is a law buried in the 1,180-page No Child Left Behind (NCLB) Act of 2001 that gives military recruiters access to the names, phone numbers and addresses of high school juniors and seniors. If schools fail to provide the names, federal funding could be withheld.

It has sarcastically been called “no child left unrecruited” and “no child left alive.”

In a city where the local school district’s Board of Education has adopted a lengthy student privacy policy, the new open access law and on-campus military recruitment has riled more people in the educational community than just the Raging Grannies.

“I find (this law) to be very upsetting,” said Christine Shambora, the PTA representative for Paly. “As a school district we’ve had to go to extraordinary lengths to protect our students’ privacy, and then the government turns around and is demanding information that in any other situation would be seen as a violation.

“I think it’s very hypocritical,” added Shambora, whose son is a student at Paly.

(continued on page 5)
A city forged in fire

C losely by Highway 101, a big change of East Palo Alto’s future is rising to the sky. The luxury Four Seasons Hotel has taken on a skeletal shape as construction workers scramble over the steel frame, putting more beams and pieces into place daily.

Revenue from the hotel, and the shopping center just across the freeway with the bright blue IKEA store, comprise the cornerstone of the city’s financial plans, more than a decade in the making.

Those plans were put into place with an eye to the tax base they would provide the flogging city. The plans were also made back during the city’s troubled past, when gangs of drug dealers ruled the streets against an overwhelmed and underequipped police department.

It was an obvious truth a decade ago that economic and social success would not come to the city unless the streets were under control.

The city is facing a similar reality today. When 10 of the 12 City Council candidates gathered on Saturday for a two-hour candidates’ forum at the Midpeninsula Media Center in Palo Alto, the city’s worrisome recent increase in violence was on peoples’ minds.

The candidates were asked to name the top issue currently facing the city.

“Regrettably right now, I would have to say security,” said Dan Ray, one of three incumbents in the race, along with Pat Foster and Donna Rutherford. “Our children are afraid of drive-by shootings.”

Bay was referring to a 15-year-old boy killed in a drive-by shooting Aug. 27, prompting residents to demand an anti-violence march through the city Sept. 11. A 23-year-old man was shot and killed while standing in his front yard July 22, one of a half-dozen killings so far this year. There were 45 shootings in the last four months of last year — now-retired Police Chief Wes Bowling said most were gang-related.

All the other candidates at Saturday’s televised forum also expressed concern about the rising violence. Each week, the Weekly and other news organization received faxed press releases from the detective bureau in the city telling of another person shot and wounded, seeking help looking for witnesses.

So public safety is back being the top issue in the city after years of community haggling over development policies.

A telephone survey of East Palo Alto residents earlier this year by a local non-profit, East Palo Alto One, found, astonishingly, that 65 percent of residents felt “unsafe or very unsafe” walking in their neighborhoods.

I talked with San Mateo County Sheriff Don Horsley a few months ago about a perception that things were sliding back to the bad old days in the city. He admitted to serious concern about whether police could hold the line against the increasing street violence.

All of this has happened before, and it took enormous political will and leadership to turn the tide a decade ago. In a historic City Council retreat, the five then-members made a vow to put political differences aside and work for the safety of the city and to get redevelopment moving to produce a tax base.

It worked. Aided by police officers from Palo Alto and Menlo Park, along with the California Highway Patrol and San Mateo County Sheriff’s deputies, a massive effort was made a decade ago to arrest drug dealers and end the street violence. But many of those put behind bars are now getting out again.

The East Palo Alto City Council of the 1990s was fortunate to have one new police chief. The city’s police department was the target of a harsh San Mateo County Civil Grand Jury report last year, and new leadership in the department is desperately needed.

People want to believe in the promise of East Palo Alto. It could become a proverbial Shining City on the Hill, with its rich ethnic diversity and racial harmony.

Meanwhile, the Four Seasons Hotel is completed, just like the city’s hopes.

Weekly Senior Staff Writer Don Kazak can be e-mailed at dkazak@paweekly.com.
The council also killed a study of two-way streets, as had been recommended in the past, Mossar argued. "We’re in Palo Alto, and the recruiters are not as hot and heavy here than in low-income areas." —Ruth Robertson, member of the Raging Grannies

The council's rejection of the bike lane also went against the advice of the city's Planning and Transportation Commission. The council’s three most avid bicyclists — Mossar, Councilwoman Yoriko Kevinishimoto and Councilman Jack Morton — voted in favor of the new bike lane. (Councilwoman Hillary Freeman abstained.)

"Trying to use Alma to solve this problem borders on nuts," Morton said. He later added: "I cannot imagine a 16-year-old, or even a 60-year-old, on Alma when the light changes and the traffic goes and they’re trying to pedal as fast as they can to either Forrest or Channing." Because of the council’s action, bicyclists wanting to ride south after heading downtown will have to turn right on Alma Street and then turn left against two lanes of oncoming traffic or, alternatively, ride two extra blocks (both with stoplights) out of their way.

The reason the city was stuck in the situation — with no good options for bicyclists heading downtown — was that it had failed to transform Homer and Channing avenues from one-way streets into two-way streets, as had been recommended in the past, Mossar argued. The council also killed a study of military recruiting, which is not as popular in Palo Alto as it may be in other areas.

"We’re in Palo Alto, and the recruiters are not as hot and heavy here than in low-income areas," said Raging Granny Ruth Robertson.

Sgt. 1st Class Bolivar Toro said three students "at the most" have enrolled in the U.S. Army from both Paly and Gunn over the past two years. "The Army is not the first thing on a lot of people’s minds here," said Toro, who works out of the U.S. Army’s Sunnyvale recruiting office, which serves Paly and Gunn.

The college board numbers speak for themselves. According to the school district, about 95 percent of Paly and Gunn alumni head to some sort of higher education institution each year.

Recruiters from the four main branches of the military are on Paly and Gunn campuses about once a month. Staff Sgt. Aaron Benett of the U.S. Air Force Academy said recruiters wait for students to come up to them before offering information.

"Naturally, we don’t want to impose. It’s all about options," Benett said. "If the kids want to go to college, of course we encourage that, just as long as they’re not working at McDonald’s or sitting at home doing nothing."

Staff Writer Alexandria Rocha can be e-mailed at arocha@paweekly.com.
FAYE WATTLETON

Former President of Planned Parenthood
Federation of America (1978-1992)
Current President of the Center for the
Advancement of Women

Friday, October 8th, 7:00 p.m.
at Dinkelspiel Auditorium
Arrive early to assure seating!

Interviewed by Judge LaDoris Cordell
Stanford Vice Provost for Campus Relations

THE HOTTEST EVENT IN TOWN!

Stanford University presents
An Evening With

FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC
DOORS OPEN AT 6:30 P.M.
NO TICKETS REQUIRED

Sponsored by: President/Provost Offices, Office for Campus Relations, Stanford Medical School, Vaden Health Center, Stanford Center on Ethics, Stanford Institute for Research on Women and Gender, Sexual Harassment Policy Office of Stanford University, Stanford University Ombuds Office, Stanford WorkLife Office, Stanford Help Center, Stanford Law School, the
Garden Court Hotel of Palo Alto, and PIP Printing

I guess it’s happening a lot in Palo Alto.

Jim Caldwell, the architect of a new home replacing a 1917 Craftsman bungalow on Cowper Street, about tear downs in town. See facing page.

ARTIST TO BE HONORED . . .
Woodside artist Jim Caldwell will be the first recipient of the Jane Gallagher Award from the Committee for Green Foothills. Caldwell is known for his landscapes of the local coast and Stanford scenes. The award is being given in memory of Gallagher, a former Committee for Green Foothills board member and painter. More information about the Oct. 30 event, which will include exhibits from 12 artists, is available at www.GreenFoothills.org/Art or by calling (650) 988-7243.

COUNSEL WITH COUNCIL . . .
Palo Alto residents interested in bending the ears of the City Council can meet up with Councilmember Hillary Freeman and Yoriko Kishimoto at Piazza's Fine Foods Saturday, Oct. 2, from 9 to 11 a.m. Freeman and Kishimoto will be available to talk about issues, listen to residents’ views and suggestions, and answer questions.

This past summer’s Fun and Day camps, held by the City of Palo Alto in Foothills Park, had an alteration, courtesy of the pesky mountain lions spotted in the area. The culminating overnight campouts were moved from the park’s campgrounds to the indoor Parks Interpretive Center, out of concern that a hungry cougar would spoil the enjoyment. Maybe she did anyway?

DOORS OPEN AT 6:30 P.M.
NO TICKETS REQUIRED

CAMP GETS (MOUNTAIN) LIONIZED . . .

TRAFFIC TALK . . .

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

I guess it’s happening a lot in Palo Alto.

Jim Caldwell, the architect of a new home replacing a 1917 Craftsman bungalow on Cowper Street, about tear downs in town. See facing page.

COUNSEL WITH COUNCIL . . .
Palo Alto residents interested in bending the ears of the City Council can meet up with Councilmember Hillary Freeman and Yoriko Kishimoto at Piazza’s Fine Foods Saturday, Oct. 2, from 9 to 11 a.m. Freeman and Kishimoto will be available to talk about issues, listen to residents’ views and suggestions, and answer questions. Piazza’s is in Charleston Shopping Center in south Palo Alto, at Midfield Road and Charleston Road.
**Neighborhoods**

A roundup of neighborhood news edited by Jocelyn Dong

---

**HISTORIC PRESERVATION**

**This old house**

by Bill D’Agostino

It’s the classic Palo Alto story. A family buys an old house, tears it down, and builds a new one. Last weekend, the tale unfolded at 1830 Cowper St., believed to be the original dwelling on the street.

The burgundy, five-bedroom, Craftsman-style cottage was constructed in 1916, according to historical documents. It was one of the first homes built in the now posh area south of Embarcadero Road.

“It’s a fine example of a Craftsman bungalow,” noted Beth Bunnenberg, the chair of the city’s Historic Resources Board. “It really is very sad to think about that house going down.”

Over the past weekend, pieces of the old home and its detached garage — from wavy glass windows to French doors, from Douglas Fir flooring to a China cabinet — were sold to interested buyers and collectors. While door frames and door-knobs were carried away, workers stripped the walls with rotary hand-saws, preparing the home and small, detached garage for demolition.

Disappointed neighbors and preservationists decried the loss of the two-story, 2,900-square-foot home.

“It’s a beautiful place,” one neighbor said, recalling how it started out as a simple cottage owned by a Stanford professor. “We’re sad to see it go.”

“This is a lovely old home that someone would buy if we allowed a little more time before the wrecking ball destroys it.” Maureen Kooly wrote in an e-mail to the City Council asking them to intervene. “I think if Palo Alto residents knew that this home was about to be destroyed they would be furious.”

There was no protection for the house, though. A cursory survey of Palo Alto residential structures, sponsored by the city in the late 1990s, judged it to be potentially endangered.

(continued on page 9)

---

**NEWCOMERS**

**A warm welcome**

**Taking a cue from welcome wagons, committees introduce newcomers to the neighborhood**

by Sue Dremann

Gwen Luce was raised on the all-American ideal of the “welcome wagon,” a tradition of greeting new residents she gladly carries on through the Barron Park Association.

“Something in my heart always wanted to do it,” she said. “As a child growing up, I always thought it was a nice part of America.”

Although not widely practiced in Palo Alto, pockets of the community still consider it a duty and privilege to roll out the red carpet for recent arrivals to the neighborhood.

Barron Park is the best example of such traditions, where nearly 50 “welcomers” regularly hand out 5-pound packets containing information on community policing, real estate, disaster programs, recycling, a child care co-op, play groups, schools, classes, entertainment and gardening.

The package also contains a neighborhood map and a copy of the Barron Park Association newsletter.

In August, Barron Park held a get-acquainted party that drew 200 attendees to Bol Park. The event for “old, new and not-so-new” neighbors included an ice cream social and visits by Perry and Niner, the neighborhood donkeys.

“It was a wonderful experience. It warmed my heart,” Jackie Long, a yoga instructor and new resident to Barron Park, wrote by e-mail. “This is how it should be,” she wrote.

“Welcome wagons” date back to the days of pioneers, when Conestoga wagons greeted travelers with fresh food and water. A formal Welcome Wagon company sponsored by the city in the late 1990s, judged it to be potentially endangered.

(continued on page 9)
Wedding guests killed in crash

Four people headed for a wedding in Palo Alto Saturday afternoon died when their car left the I-280 freeway and struck a tree at Woodside Road. The four were identified by the San Mateo County Coroner’s office as Leandro Tam, 73, the driver and his wife, Kelly Tam, 63, both of Daly City; and Canadian citizens Maria Tcheu, 72, and Gunn Kee, 62. The California Highway Patrol reported that the car drifted off the freeway for an unknown reason.

— Bay City News Service

Man charged in death of local cyclist

David Anthony Espino, 38, has been charged with murder in the death of James Dein, 56, of Mountain View after Espino’s van struck Dein on Feb. 19. Dein and bicycling partner Ted Aberg, 65, of Palo Alto were in the bicycle lane of the Saratoga-Los Gatos Road when Espino’s red van struck and killed Dein and seriously injured Aberg. Witnesses saw Espino driving erratically on Highway 9 just before the crash, according to Santa Clara County Assistant District Attorney Karyn Sinunu. Espino was seen driving on the wrong side of the road and traveling on the shoulder.

The van Espino was driving had a flat tire, and moments before he struck the cyclists his van rear-ended another motorist. But instead of stopping, Espino sped up and tried to pass the vehicle he had struck, driving in the bicycle lane, where he hit Dein and Aberg.

Espino is also being charged with hit and run, reckless driving causing bodily injury, driving on a suspended license and being under the influence of a drug.

He faces 20 years to life in prison if convicted.

— Don Kazak

Open Space District supports Prop. 1A

The Midpeninula Regional Open Space District’s board of directors voted unanimously last week to support Proposition 1A on the Nov. 2 ballot. The proposition would protect local governments from having their funds diverted by the state for other purposes.

“The district is pleased to support this historic measure,” said Board President Mary Davey. “Proposition 1A will help protect funding for open space lands and our room to breathe.”

Proposition 1A was placed on the ballot by the Legislature as part of a budget package negotiated with Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger.

— Don Kazak

Corrections

To request a clarification or correction, call Marc Burkhardt, managing editor, at (650) 326-8210, or write to P.O. Box 1610, Palo Alto 94302.

October 1, 2004

20th Annual
MOONLIGHT
RUN & WALK

5K walk, 5k run, 10k run

REGISTER NOW!

For information:
www.PaloAltoOnLine.com
Have you recently received a financial check-up?

Comprehensive Financial Planning

Catherine E. Ivy, CFP®
CERTIFIED FINANCIAL PLANNERTM Practitioner
CA Ins. License #0B65956
We focus on results and provide creative investment, insurance, tax estate planning solutions for individuals.

Call us for a no-cost, no-obligation review.

525 University Avenue • Suite 610 Palo Alto, California 94301
(650) 328-3800 Tel  (650) 328-8007 Fax
civy@afgweb.com
Registered Representative offering Securities through
Associated Securities Corp.
Member NASD/SIPC

Open 7 Days A Week!

Photo Frames

Choose from our complete collection of quality Photo Frames!
Whether contemporary, traditional, or juvenile, we have the Photo Frame that will surely suit you!

Selected Frames
Up to 50% OFF!

www.universityart.com

Palo Alto • 267 Hamilton Ave. 650 • 328 • 3500
also in • San Jose • San Francisco • Sacramento

Open Monday - Saturday
9:30AM - 7:00PM
Sunday
12:00PM - 6:00PM

Visit us on the Web at:
www.universityart.com

Get 7 Days a Week Close-ups for 50% OFF!

CERTIFIED FINANCIAL PLANNER™ Practioner

Comprehensive Financial Planning

Catherine E. Ivy, CFP®
CERTIFIED FINANCIAL PLANNERTM Practitioner
CA Ins. License #0B65956
We focus on results and provide creative investment, insurance, tax estate planning solutions for individuals.

Call us for a no-cost, no-obligation review.

525 University Avenue • Suite 610 Palo Alto, California 94301
(650) 328-3800 Tel  (650) 328-8007 Fax
civy@afgweb.com
Registered Representative offering Securities through
Associated Securities Corp.
Member NASD/SIPC

Open 7 Days A Week!

Photo Frames

Choose from our complete collection of quality Photo Frames!
Whether contemporary, traditional, or juvenile, we have the Photo Frame that will surely suit you!

Selected Frames
Up to 50% OFF!

www.universityart.com

Palo Alto • 267 Hamilton Ave. 650 • 328 • 3500
also in • San Jose • San Francisco • Sacramento

Open Monday - Saturday
9:30AM - 7:00PM
Sunday
12:00PM - 6:00PM

Visit us on the Web at:
www.universityart.com

Get 7 Days a Week Close-ups for 50% OFF!

CERTIFIED FINANCIAL PLANNER™ Practioner

Comprehensive Financial Planning

Catherine E. Ivy, CFP®
CERTIFIED FINANCIAL PLANNERTM Practitioner
CA Ins. License #0B65956
We focus on results and provide creative investment, insurance, tax estate planning solutions for individuals.

Call us for a no-cost, no-obligation review.

525 University Avenue • Suite 610 Palo Alto, California 94301
(650) 328-3800 Tel  (650) 328-8007 Fax
civy@afgweb.com
Registered Representative offering Securities through
Associated Securities Corp.
Member NASD/SIPC

Open 7 Days A Week!

Photo Frames

Choose from our complete collection of quality Photo Frames!
Whether contemporary, traditional, or juvenile, we have the Photo Frame that will surely suit you!

Selected Frames
Up to 50% OFF!

www.universityart.com

Palo Alto • 267 Hamilton Ave. 650 • 328 • 3500
also in • San Jose • San Francisco • Sacramento

Open Monday - Saturday
9:30AM - 7:00PM
Sunday
12:00PM - 6:00PM

Visit us on the Web at:
www.universityart.com

Get 7 Days a Week Close-ups for 50% OFF!

CERTIFIED FINANCIAL PLANNER™ Practioner

Comprehensive Financial Planning

Catherine E. Ivy, CFP®
CERTIFIED FINANCIAL PLANNERTM Practitioner
CA Ins. License #0B65956
We focus on results and provide creative investment, insurance, tax estate planning solutions for individuals.

Call us for a no-cost, no-obligation review.

525 University Avenue • Suite 610 Palo Alto, California 94301
(650) 328-3800 Tel  (650) 328-8007 Fax
civy@afgweb.com
Registered Representative offering Securities through
Associated Securities Corp.
Member NASD/SIPC

Open 7 Days A Week!

Photo Frames

Choose from our complete collection of quality Photo Frames!
Whether contemporary, traditional, or juvenile, we have the Photo Frame that will surely suit you!

Selected Frames
Up to 50% OFF!

www.universityart.com

Palo Alto • 267 Hamilton Ave. 650 • 328 • 3500
also in • San Jose • San Francisco • Sacramento

Open Monday - Saturday
9:30AM - 7:00PM
Sunday
12:00PM - 6:00PM

Visit us on the Web at:
www.universityart.com

Get 7 Days a Week Close-ups for 50% OFF!

CERTIFIED FINANCIAL PLANNER™ Practioner

Comprehensive Financial Planning

Catherine E. Ivy, CFP®
CERTIFIED FINANCIAL PLANNERTM Practitioner
CA Ins. License #0B65956
We focus on results and provide creative investment, insurance, tax estate planning solutions for individuals.

Call us for a no-cost, no-obligation review.

525 University Avenue • Suite 610 Palo Alto, California 94301
(650) 328-3800 Tel  (650) 328-8007 Fax
civy@afgweb.com
Registered Representative offering Securities through
Associated Securities Corp.
Member NASD/SIPC

Open 7 Days A Week!

Photo Frames

Choose from our complete collection of quality Photo Frames!
Whether contemporary, traditional, or juvenile, we have the Photo Frame that will surely suit you!

Selected Frames
Up to 50% OFF!

www.universityart.com

Palo Alto • 267 Hamilton Ave. 650 • 328 • 3500
also in • San Jose • San Francisco • Sacramento

Open Monday - Saturday
9:30AM - 7:00PM
Sunday
12:00PM - 6:00PM

Visit us on the Web at:
www.universityart.com

Get 7 Days a Week Close-ups for 50% OFF!
Treat your fibroids... Without surgery?

Uterine Fibroid Embolization (UFE) is a non-surgical procedure clinically proven to provide symptom relief from fibroids—but without surgery. UFE typically takes less than one hour, and most women can resume their activities in about a week.

Attend a Free Patient Seminar

Thursday, October 7th
6:30 pm

Sequoia Hospital Health & Wellness Center
702 Marshall St. at Jefferson Ave., Redwood City

To register, please call 650.367.5998.

Sequoia Hospital is our community hospital... in partnership with the people we serve.
**Patricia Bennett Sjostrom**

Patricia Bennett Sjostrom, beloved mother and grandmother, passed away from us on Friday, September 17, 2004 in Menlo Park, California.

Pat had been a tireless, dedicated volunteer with the Woodside-Atherton Auxiliary and the Menlo Park Allied Arts Guild since 1983. She was a champion of community service and was a board member for the Community Education Center in Redwood City. Pat was an avid tennis player and hiker who loved the outdoors and gardening. She was dedicated to the care of children and taught in many of the area preschools, as well as being a loving babysitter and surrogate grandmother to many families. She was a determined, generous spirit and a breast cancer survivor.

Pat was born in New York, New York in 1936, to Mr. Anthony Clarence Bennett and Mrs. Edith Vogt Bennett and grew up in Morristown, New Jersey. She was the caring sister of Suzanne Bennett Greenberger and a Menlo Park-Atherton area resident for over 50 years. She is survived by her daughter, Lesli Sjostrom of San Francisco, and her son and daughter-in-law, Doug and Jean Sjostrom of San Carlos. She leaves behind two adoring grandchildren, Tyler and Will Sjostrom, and many nieces and nephews.

A celebration of Pat’s life will be held on Thursday, September 30, 2004 at 3 pm at Holbrook Palmer Park Pavilion, 150 Watkins Avenue, Atherton, CA.

---

**Weddings**

**Snyder-Scafe**

Erica Snyder and Lt. Samuel Lee Scafe were married July 3 at the Sofitel San Francisco Bay in Redwood Shores. The bride is the daughter of Wayne and Carla Snyder of Palo Alto. She is a graduate of Gunn High School and the University of California, Berkeley. The groom is the son of Dennis and Meri Scafe of Lake Stevens, Wash. He is a graduate of Lake Stevens High School and the U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis, Md. The couple met in 2002 while Sam was working in Alameda. He is an activated Naval Reserve Officer who works with a joint task force that performs counter-narcotic activities in the Pacific region.

The task force was relocated to Hawaii earlier this year. The couple will live on Oahu.

**Vizvary, Clifton-Garza**

Trindi Clifton-Garza and George Louis Vizvary were married Sept. 24 in San Jose. The bride is the daughter of the late Truelt and Dorothy Clifton. A graduate of Frankfurt American High School, the University of Texas, Austin, and San Jose State University, she is a retired social worker and volunteer child advocate.

The groom is the son of the late George Vizvary and Margaret Makay of Los Altos. A graduate of Fordham Prep High School, Boston College, and Columbia University Law School, he is the chair of the Santa Clara County Mental Health Board.

The couple will live in Mountain View.

---

**Deaths**

**Patricia Sjostrom**

Patricia Bennett Sjostrom, 68, a longtime resident of Menlo Park, died Sept. 17.

She was born in 1936 in New York, N.Y. to Mr. Anthony Clarence Bennett and Mrs. Edith Vogt Bennett and grew up in Morristown, N.J. She was the caring sister of Suzanne Bennett Greenberger and a Menlo Park-Atherton area resident for more than 30 years.

She had been a tireless, dedicated volunteer with the Woodside-Atherton Auxiliary and the Menlo Park Allied Arts Guild since 1983. She was a champion of community service and was a board member for the Community Education Center in Redwood City.

She was an avid tennis player and hiker who loved the outdoors and gardening. She was dedicated to the care of children and taught in many of the area preschools, as well as being a loving babysitter and surrogate grandmother to many families. She was a determined, generous spirit and a breast cancer survivor.

She is survived by her daughter, Lesli Sjostrom of San Francisco; son, Doug (Jean) Sjostrom of San Carlos; two grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

A celebration of her life will be held Thursday, Sept. 30, at 3 p.m. at Holbrook Palmer Park Pavilion, 150 Watkins Ave., Atherton. Memorial donations in her name may be made to the Woodside-Atherton Auxiliary Foundation in support of the Packard Children’s Hospital; or the National Breast Cancer Foundation (www.bcrfcure.org).

**Dale E. Strotman**

Dale E. Strotman, 74, a longtime resident of Mountain View, died Aug. 28.

He was born Dec. 26, 1929, in Waverly, Iowa. He was an innovative teacher, coach, principal and superintendent in several Iowa schools and earned his Ph.D. from the University of Iowa.

In 1969 the family moved from Bettendorf, Iowa, to Los Altos, where they resided for 19 years. He was employed by Westinghouse Learning and later founded Pacific Learning Corporation in Palo Alto.

He is survived by his wife, Doreta; daughter, Sheryl Brown of Mountain View; Mrs. Scot Strotman of Sunnyvale; son, Skip Strotman of Sparks, Nev.; and five grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations to the Community Services Agency of Mountain View, 204 Stierlin Road, Mountain View, CA 94043; or Pathways Hospice Foundation, 201 San Antonio Circle, Suite 104, Mountain View, CA 94040.

---

**Palo Alto Resident Giveaway**

“Complete the recycle circle”

In appreciation of citizen’s participation in the curbside composting program, Palo Alto residents will be allowed up to 1 cubic yard of compost (equivalent to six full garbage cans), free of charge. Bring shovels, gloves, containers and proof of Palo Alto residency.

Saturday, Sept. 25th or Sunday, Oct. 3rd at the Palo Alto Landfill

2380 Embarcadero Road

1 cubic yard for event

---

**FALL COMPOST GIVEAWAY**

Palo Alto Residents

“Complete the recycle circle”

In appreciation of citizen’s participation in the curbside composting program, Palo Alto residents will be allowed up to 1 cubic yard of compost (equivalent to six full garbage cans), free of charge. Bring shovels, gloves, containers and proof of Palo Alto residency.

Saturday, Sept. 25th or Sunday, Oct. 3rd at the Palo Alto Landfill

2380 Embarcadero Road

1 cubic yard for event
Stacey Olgado lives five blocks from Palo Alto’s Main Library. Yet when she needs to check out a book for herself or her two children, Olgado drives to Los Altos or Mountain View. “They have so much more to offer than our libraries,” she said.

In a striking reversal, more Palo Alto residents use libraries outside the city than non-residents use Palo Alto’s five libraries. More than 6,000 residents (10 percent of the population) hold library cards in Mountain View and Menlo Park.

It’s a sore point for a city that boasts more recreational amenities than nearly any other similarly sized California community, including 4,000 acres of parkland, 50 tennis courts and a junior museum and zoo. But its libraries lack basic services that are commonplace in the modern American library.

In the five branches, noise drifts from one area to others intended for quiet study. There is no available space for public meetings. Programs promoting such causes as adult literacy are non-existent.

“There are all these things that other libraries do that we would love to do, but we can’t do them because we don’t have the space or the staff,” said Christina Detchemendy, a senior librarian at the Mitchell Park branch.

The lack of funds and space also force librarians to constantly remove old books to make room for new additions.

“I’ve had to weed out materials that, if we had the space, I would never gotten rid of,” Maya Spector, senior librarian at the Children's Library, said, echoing other librarians. “It’s hard to watch some of those precious old things go.”

Two years ago, library advocates attempted to raise $49.1 million for library improvements through a bond measure. It failed at the polls, but the city’s aggressive and politically savvy new library director is considering trying for a new tax measure. She is also hinting at a political landmine — closing some of the smaller branches if the city can’t spend more on libraries.

Getting new funding for libraries from the City Council will be hard, given the lingering effects of the dot-com bust and the city’s own budget problems.

“This is a difficult time — with our revenues having fallen in the past couple of years — to talk about how we could expand services,” Mayor Bern Beecham said.

Few of Palo Alto’s amenities are as beloved as its libraries, but little has been done despite years of staunch supporters calling for change.

New Library Director Paula Simpson hopes to find an answer. Since starting in April 2004, Simpson — who spearheaded efforts to improve Monterey’s library system, including establishing a homework center and cafe — has been off to a rolling start. She has been meeting often with community groups and interested residents, assessing the situation while subtly building a base of support for any future political fights.

Her first public meeting, tellingly, was held in the Palo Alto Art Center. The Main Library next door didn’t have room for such a gathering.

“I’m here to challenge every assumption,” Simpson told the crowd at that time, before asking for desired improvements. Most often, crowds have requested a better collection of books and media, she said.

In mid-November, Simpson will gather all she’s learned and deliver a "State of the Libraries" report to the City Council. It will also mark the official start of lobbying for the changes library advocates have desired for years.
Palo Alto's five libraries are all between 33 to 64 years old. All were built when lending books and places for quiet study were the primary functions of a library.

Libraries today serve new purposes. They're community-gathering places, homework-help centers, computer-training labs, and much more. They now lend CDs, CD-ROMs, DVDs, and books-on-tape.

Nearby cities have coped with such growth. Santa Clara opened a new library in April. Redwood City built a new one in 1988 and is planning another branch for this year; and Mountain View rebounded from a defeat at the polls to build a new library in 1997. San Jose's libraries recently won national acclaim, and its residents will vote on a parcel tax for libraries in November.

While other communities have prospered, Palo Alto's libraries haven't even been able to provide air-conditioning.

As Simpson sees it, the main reason for such disparity is that Palo Alto is maintaining five libraries with the budget for two-and-a-half branches. The system spends approximately the same amount of money other nearby communities use to run one or two.

The city is spending $5.3 million on its libraries this year. Redwood City is spending $5.1 million, and Santa Clara is spending $6.25 million. But both of those communities only currently run two libraries — a main branch and a smaller one serving a limited function. But Palo Alto's five branches, taken together, are open at least twice the total number of hours of other nearby libraries. Each requires individual collections of books and media, ongoing maintenance and staff.

"It's the five branches that are killing us," said Lenore Jones, the chair of Palo Alto's Library Advisory Commission.

Simpson said the city's librarians are so overtaxed keeping five circulation desks running, they don't have time to start other programs, find volunteers, or apply for grants. Plus, the collection can't be as comprehensive because the city is purchasing duplicate copies of books and magazines.

"Trying to run all these libraries is a rough job," said Menlo Park Library Director Susan Holmer. "Probably they're stretching their budget as far as they can."

Simpson also argues that five branches don't necessarily guarantee equal access for all residents. Some Palo Alto neighborhoods get a library in their backyard, while others — such as those in south Palo Alto near the now-closed Terman branch or in north Palo Alto near Stanford West — get shortchanged.

"It needs to be equitable," Simpson said. "The library, as a system, was never really planned to touch all parts of the city."

An outreach van bringing books and librarians to daycare and senior care centers, schools, and other spots "needs to be considered, at some point, if accessibility is going to be one of our priorities," Simpson said.

Tourism and technological innovation have been insufficient to meet present demand. Advocates of Palo Alto's multiple libraries are worried. Simpson will advocate closing one or two of the smaller, neighborhood-serving branches (such as Downtown or College Terrace) to focus instead on the two larger facilities, Mitchell Park and Main.

Previous library commissioners and directors have made that argument in the past, but have always been shot down by those arguing the neighborhood libraries are essential to the Palo Alto way of life.

"We've gone through that time and again," Library Commissioner Tom Wyman argued. "We're not prepared to sacrifice branch libraries for one or two. Perhaps it's a case of wanting your cake and eating it too, but nevertheless ... the branch libraries are so important to the community."

The community, Simpson argued, should first think about which services it wants and then decide the fate of its facilities.

"For a city of 60,000 with a geographic area of 26 square miles, five facilities is excessive," Simpson wrote in a recent e-mail to a resident. "However, there is a strong support throughout the community for the 'neighborhood library' concept. In light of this, my challenge is to figure out how to provide 'neighborhood' service equitably and cost-effectively throughout the community."

"We have a couple of choices. There needs to be a willingness in the community to sacrifice convenience (for some) in favor of better, stronger service for all. Lacking that willingness to sacrifice, we will either need to generate more money for the library or settle for mediocre service."

Continued on next page
Shhhh... Seven things you might not know about Palo Alto’s libraries

- Wireless Internet access is now available at both the Main and Mitchell Park branches. Soon, Main Library will loan laptop computers, equipped with word processing software, on-site.
- For free, you can use the library’s Web site (www.city.palo-alto.ca.us/library) to place holds on books, and then pick them up yourself.
- Homework help for middle school students is now available Wednesday afternoons in the Main Library.
- There are collections of Russian and Chinese-language materials at Mitchell Park. Recently, the library acquired a small Indian-language collection.
- Reference librarians have moved out of the two community libraries: College Terrace and Downtown.
- Unlike other local libraries, borrowing DVDs is still free.

—Bill D’Agostino

How Palo Alto’s libraries stack up

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>City Population</th>
<th>Libraries Statistics</th>
<th>Libraries Amenities</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Palo Alto</td>
<td>Mountain View</td>
<td>Redwood City</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>60,500</td>
<td>27,000</td>
<td>76,000</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>102,104</td>
<td>102,104</td>
<td>102,104</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>5.0 million</td>
<td>4.0 million</td>
<td>5.0 million</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1.3 million</td>
<td>1.2 million</td>
<td>2.0 million</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>233</td>
<td>65</td>
<td>950,000</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>46.6</td>
<td>31.000</td>
<td>105,000</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>53,600</td>
<td>186,000</td>
<td>57,650</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>50,000</td>
<td>84,000</td>
<td>110,000</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>89.3 million</td>
<td>89.3 million</td>
<td>172,500</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2.2 million</td>
<td>172,500</td>
<td>172,500</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>City Population</th>
<th>Libraries Statistics</th>
<th>Libraries Amenities</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Palo Alto</td>
<td>Mountain View</td>
<td>Redwood City</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>60,500</td>
<td>27,000</td>
<td>76,000</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>102,104</td>
<td>102,104</td>
<td>102,104</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>5.0 million</td>
<td>4.0 million</td>
<td>5.0 million</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1.3 million</td>
<td>1.2 million</td>
<td>2.0 million</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>233</td>
<td>65</td>
<td>950,000</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>46.6</td>
<td>31.000</td>
<td>105,000</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>53,600</td>
<td>186,000</td>
<td>57,650</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>50,000</td>
<td>84,000</td>
<td>110,000</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>89.3 million</td>
<td>89.3 million</td>
<td>172,500</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2.2 million</td>
<td>172,500</td>
<td>172,500</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

—Bill D’Agostino

A fourth branch is planned for Redwood Shores in 2007.
Continued from page 14

Inexplicable, said the councilman, looking at the libraries.

“Mr. Freeman has laid out his plan, and the council, generally, is a leader of the Libraries Commission,” said the councilman, looking at the libraries. “We are not just looking at the libraries.”

“I’ve been a leader of the Council for 10 years,” Freeman retorted.

Skokowski retorted.

“The library advocates have a very rosy future in their minds; it’s a future everyone can get behind,” Mossar said. “I was at the libraries.”

“It’s a non-starter right now,” Mossar added, unless the community decides that libraries are the city’s No. 1 priority.

“The library advocates have a very rosy future in their minds; it’s a future everyone can get behind. But there are advocates for any number of other things, and they have rosy futures in their minds.”

“In the winter, it’s way crowded. In the summer, it’s hot and crowded. In the fall, it’s cool and crowded. In the spring, it’s just crowded. In another corner of the library, next to a teen center, most adults leave as soon as they come in. Librarians have made a small area for adults to quietly study available at Avenidas, 450 Bryant Street, Palo Alto.

Mitchell Park Library. It’s also only 12,150 square feet. By contrast, the library in the East Bay city of Pleasanton had slightly more than 450,000 visitors last year in a 30,000-square-foot building. But even that isn’t adequate space. An April headline in the Pleasanton Weekly, exclaimed: “Expansion overdue for library.”

During morning story-times at Mitchell Park, an average of 80 children attended. When you walk into the library on a typical afternoon, it sounds like a teen center. Most adults leave as the youngsters — from four elementary and middle schools in the immediate adjacent area — pour into the library. Librarians have made a small area for adults to quietly study in another corner of the library, next to the magazine racks, but the noise spills over and adults grow grumpy.

“It’s hot and crowded. In the winter, it’s way crowded. It’s sad,” said Jones, the library commission chair, saying the community itself has yet to reach a consensus about the library system’s fate. "The library advocates have a very rosy future in their minds; it’s a future everyone can get behind," Mossar said. “But there are advocates for any number of other things, and they have rosy futures in their minds."
Sports Shorts

TWINS PRODUCE FOR USA . . .

Twins Bob and Mike Bryan, who led Stanford to the NCAA team championships in 1997 and ’98, led the United States into the final of the Davis Cup for the first time in seven years with a 6-1, 6-3, 7-5 win over Max Mirnyi and Vladimir Voltchkov of Belarus on Saturday in Charleston, S.C. The victory by the Bryan twins, the world’s seventh-ranked doubles team, set off a jubilant celebration at the Family Circle Tennis Center. The Americans will face Spain, a 4-1 winner over France during the weekend, for the Davis Cup championship in Spain on Dec. 3-5. The USA would have hosted had France emerged victorious.

OAKS’ CORNER . . .

The Menlo College football team dropped a 28-14 decision to Willamette University on Saturday. Oaks quarterback Adam Hazel threw for 236 yards on 25-of-45 passing, including scoring tosses to Marvin Stickle and Joey Risi. The Oaks (0-2) have lost their first two games for the first time since 1995, though Menlo does own an exhibition win over a team from England. Menlo defensive back John North recorded a game-high 15 tackles. Menlo hosts Whittier College at 1 p.m. on Saturday. The Menlo College women’s soccer team dropped a 4-1 decision to host Fresno Pacific on Friday. The Oaks (6-3-1) travel to Simpson College on Friday.

STANFORD FOOTBALL

Good timing by Gunn’s Tyler in cross country

Tori Tyler was running like she had a plane to catch, which, in fact, she did. She raced away from the field so fast in her race Saturday at the Stanford Invitational that one coach yelled to his runner: “Let those first two go.”

Smart coach, because no one was going to catch Tyler on this day. The Gunn High senior sped to a faster-than-planned 5:20 first mile and pulled away to win the Division I girls’ race in a personal record of 17:37 on the 5,000-meter layout at the Stanford Golf Course.

“I just wanted to get out and run my race,” Tyler said of the fast early pace that pretty much buried the field. She won by 1:22, just one second slower than the margin of victory turned in by Division II winner Marie Lawrence of Reno, who ran the fastest overall time of the day in 17:28.

Tyler and Lawrence originally were scheduled to race each other. Tyler, however, had to take an ACT test Saturday morning and Gunn coach Ernie Lee saw the Division II starting time (1:35 p.m.) as a conflict.

Finally, Tyler landed in the Division I race and the timing was perfect. She didn’t race Lawrence, just a sophomore, and she didn’t lose.

ON THE AIR

Friday

Women’s volleyball: Cal at Stanford, 7 p.m.; Fox Sports Net, KZSU (90.1 FM)

Prep sports: High School Sports Focus, 11 a.m., KZSU (90.1 FM); rebroadcast Sunday at 7 p.m.

Saturday

College football: Washington at Stanford, 2 p.m.; KNBR (910 AM), KZSU (90.1 FM)

Prep football: Burlingame at Menlo-Atherton, 2 p.m., KZSC (89.1 FM)

Sunday

Prep sports: Cal-Hi Sports Bay Area, 4:30 p.m., KRON (4)

The Oaks (6-3-1) travel to Simpson College on Friday.

MEN’S WATER POLO

It’s good to beat the Trojans

Stanford’s big victory ends five-game loss streak to No. 1 USC

by Rick Eymer

This just in: Stanford shocked top-ranked Southern California on Saturday after erasing an early deficit, and ending a five-game losing streak to the Trojans.

Believe it, because it actually happened; only the sport was men’s water polo and not football. Stanford beat its rival, 9-8, in the Mountain Pacific Sports Federation opener to gain the upper hand in what likely will become a season-long struggle between the two powerhouse programs.

“This is just the start.” Stanford senior Greg Crum said. “We’ll be happy for an hour or two, but then we’ll refocus on the next game, and the ultimate goal, which is an NCAA championship.”

Stanford (1-0, 7-1) also beat Pacific, 13-3, in a nonconference game on Sunday.

Stanford and USC already have

(continued on page 19)
That led to more counterattacks in the first quarter, Utsumi had ters. After SHP took a 1-0 lead who prides his team in such mat-
said Menlo coach Kyle Utsumi, way, Menlo took on Sacred
match and disposed of the Lancers were to Menlo.
lost not once, but twice. More-
total Coast Section St. Francis of last weekend's two-day tour-

"Team defense won it for us," said John Tyler, Tori’s father. "She really enjoyed it."

The real surprise that came out of this weekend's two-day tour-
ney was the fact defending Central Coast Section St. Francis lost not once, but twice. More-
over, neither of the two setbacks were to Menlo.

Sacred Heart Prep did Menlo a favor, perhaps, by knocking off the Lancers in the semifinals Sat-
urday morning, 7-5, as Adriana Vogt and Lauren Jollymou each scored two goals.

That knocked St. Francis into the third place match, where the Lancers were beaten again. This time, Palo Alto recorded the big victory (8-6) as Tanya Wilcox tallied four goals and Remy Champion added two.

With St. Francis out of the way, Menlo took on Sacred Heart Prep in the championship match and disposed of the Gators, 5-1, as sophomore Camy Sullivan tallied three goals.

"Team defense won it for us," said Menlo coach Kyle Utsumi, who prides his team in such mat-
ters. After SHP took a 1-0 lead in the first quarter, Utsumi had his players tighten their defense. That led to more counterattacks by the Knights (10-1).

Menlo allowed only eight goals in four tournament match-
es, the most coming in an 8-3 win over Palo Alto (10-3) in the semifinals. The Vikings’ victory over St. Francis more than made up for the loss to Menlo since Paly has struggled against the Lancers over the years.

The Independence Tournament, Gunn (5-3) finished third after surviving an 8-7 triple-

Eaton responded again and scored to send the match into overtime, where Volpe ended the match with a goal in the third extra period. Eaton finished with six goals and nine steals in the match, and totaled 15 goals in four tourney matches.

Boys
Menlo sophomore Ben Hohl scored 21 goals in four matches, but the Knights came up just short in falling to host Coronado, 7-5, in the finals of America’s Finest City Invitational last weekend in La Jolla.

 getaway. Menlo made its Bay Division debut a successful one with a 14-13 win over visiting Capuchino last Friday. Charles Wetherell caught a 65-yard scoring toss from Jeff Langskov, Matt Moone ran 40 yards for the second score and kicker Art Heidrich made both PATs.

The Knights’ winning efforts were helped with Capuchino de-
cided against a field goal with 34 seconds to play and ran a final play, despite having no time outs left. McAlister defensive end George Thabit threw Cap’s QB for a 10-
yard loss and time ran out.

Palo Alto (2-1) overcame two turnovers and a spattering of
d fense that gained just 179 yards to beat host Los Altos, 17-0 in nonleague play. Matt Wismann caught a nine-yard scoring toss from Nathan Ford to open the game and Roger Prince scored from two yards out with 50 seconds to play. Ford also booted a 26-yard field goal. Palo Alto’s defense did the rest, forcing four turnovers and holding Los Altos to just 166 total yards.

Paly opens SCVAL De Anza Division play Friday against Saratoga at Los Gatos High at 7:30 p.m.

Gunn (1-2) takes on Home-
stead on Friday at Cupertino High (7:30 p.m.) in another De Anza Division opener. The Titans broke into the win column with a 33-18 nonleague win over host Santa Clara on Saturday. Daruis Johnson rumbled for 198 yards and Kevin Gordon returned an interception 90 yards for a touch-
down to spark the Titans.

Menlo-Atherton (1-2) opened PAL Bay Division play with a tough 21-18 loss at Aragon, which scored the winning touch-
down with just 18 seconds to play. The Bears had scored 18 unanswered points to take the lead, getting a 46-yard field goal from Mike Jorgeson, a 31-yard scoring reception by David Val-
larin and a one-yard run by Tonga Mahafuu.

Aragon, however, put together an 11-play drive with less than four minutes to play to pull out the victory. Menlo-Atherton will play host to Burlingame on Sat-
urday at 2 p.m.
Stanford football

Stanford can slam the door on mediocrity with a win over the Huskies, which would put the Cardinal squarely on the path of returning to a bowl game.

Stanford will be looking to snap a six-game losing streak against Washington. Bill Walsh was still coaching the Cardinal when they last beat the Huskies, a 46-28 decision in 1994. Buddy Teevens can do something not even Tyrone Willingham was unable to accomplish by beating Washington.

The Huskies have won 16 of the past 17 against the Cardinal since 1983, and 20 of 22 since 1977. It becomes another hallmark game, a chance to judge how the Teevens era has progressed. Perhaps how Stanford reacted to its loss to the Trojans is the most telling. Coming close wasn’t enough for this Cardinal team.

“No matter how well we played it’s still a loss,” Stanford running back J.R. Lemon said. “A loss is a loss. It’s another one in the loss column and we don’t want any in the loss column.”

Lemon, of course, stunned the Trojans with his 82-yard touchdown romp on the final play of the first half to give Stanford a 28-17 lead heading into the locker room.

“Levon has finished with 9 yards on 10 carries, and the Cardinal out-rushed USC, 144-99, for the game. The Trojans came out averaging 238 yards (to Stanford’s 102) on the ground.

“There are a lot of things in which we can take solace,” Teevens said. “But there’s no point in coming close. In the second half we didn’t move the football productively.

The USC defense and special teams play took the game over in the second half, giving the Trojans a chance to pull out the victory, much to their relief.

“It’s humbling to be trailing and give up a big play at the end of the half,” USC coach Pete Carroll said. “We just had to go back to basics. They came out of their bye week flying and we were reeling in the first half. We knew it wasn’t going to be easy. It’s hard to do what we’re doing.”

It was even harder for Stanford to deal with the bittersweet loss. On one hand, the Cardinal played the best college team in the country to a near standstill. On the other, it was a lost opportunity.

“I felt like we gave everything we had,” Stanford quarterback Trent Edwards said. “It’s still frustrating. It’s hard to play a game like that being on an emotional rollercoaster. To come out on the bottom of a game like that is not what you want. This whole team expected to win that game.”

How Stanford responds to the disappointment and the missed opportunity will determine if this becomes a turnaround season or another season of promise yet to come.

“It hurts,” Teevens said of the loss. “There’s no elation in coming close. We had the opportunity and we let it go. We’re getting better but when you don’t win, you don’t notice it.”

This time, the 55,750 fans in Stanford Stadium and the national television audience did notice the Cardinal are getting better.

To put things into perspective, in the 85 football games played between the two schools, Stanford has never scored more than 35 points against the Trojans, and that happened just twice. Stanford has scored 30 or more points against USC on just six occasions.

That’s how close Stanford came to achieving a milestone. Getting shut out in the second half, on just 36 offensive yards, shows how far Stanford still has left to travel.

“Deep in our hearts we knew we could beat this team, and should have beaten them,” Lemon said. “That hurts more than anything.”

Stanford realized it wasted an opportunity to place itself back on the football map. The Cardinal knew they could influence pollsters with an upset.

“We had an opportunity to make a statement nationally,” Edwards said. “I think, as a team, we have to build on this loss. Right now it’s just going to take a few days to realize that. Washington is another opportunity to step up and play well again. We can’t take them lightly.”

Last year, the Cardinal averaged 16.9 points per game, 187 passing yards, 96 rushing yards and 283 yards in total offense per game. Through three games, Stanford is 116 points, 116 rushing yards, 271 passing yards and 387 yards in total offense. In 2003, Stanford scored 28 points or more twice in 11 games as compared to scoring at least 28 in each of its first three games.

Senior inside linebacker David Bergeron was suspended for the game for violating unspecifed team rules. He started the previous 23 games.

Water polo

split two meetings this season, and the teams could play each other another three times before the title will be decided.

In fact, the next meeting could be this weekend at the Northern California Tournament in Stockton beginning Saturday. After all, Stanford and USC are the top two teams in the nation.

“It was nice to beat them in a conference game,” Stanford coach John Vargas said. “Head-to-head competition is important at the end of the season. There’s a lot more season to go but we needed to beat those guys.”

The Trojans beat Stanford in the NCAA championship game last year, which was played in the Avery Aquatic Center. The Cardinal entered this season as the top-ranked team before USC beat them in the finals of the Southern California Tournament on Sept. 19.

“It was getting frustrating,” Crum said. “I hadn’t beaten those guys since I was a sophomore. We always knew we could play with them. It’s good to become familiar with beating them at our own pool.”

The NCAA championship will once again be held at Stanford in early December, and the Cardinal are intent on finishing their season with a

Palo Alto Weekly • Wednesday, September 29, 2004 • Page 19

Stanford quarterback Trent Edwards loses his grip when sacked by USC’s Keith Rivers during Saturday’s 31-28 win by the Trojans.

Stanford’s Evan Moore fumbles the ball during the Cardinal’s frustrating setback to No. 1 USC in their Pac-10 opener.

USC’s Trevor Clark (left) has his hands fall with Stanford’s Sam Tyre during the Cardinal’s 9-8 victory over the No. 1-ranked Trojans last Saturday. The win ended Stanford’s streak of five straight losses to the NCAA champs.

The Trojans rallied to within 5-4, but were never able to close the gap. Crum scored three goals in the contest, while Azevedo and Peter Varelas each scored twice. Thomas Hopkins and J.J. Garton also scored. Stanford hosts Princeton on Friday at 5 p.m. in a nonconference affair before heading for Stockton for the NorCal tourney.

Crum also scored three time against Pacific. Tyler Drake, Sam Tyre and Varelas each added two goals.
BOYS CROSS COUNTRY

All races 5,000 meters

Division 1 seeded

Team leaders — 1, Royal 111; 2, Jesuit (Oregon) 113; 3, M-A 116.

Individual leaders — 1, White (Amata) 16:18.2; 2, Harland (SV) 16:22.0; 3, Johnson (SV) 16:32.7

Division 2

Team leaders — 1, Castlestt 70; 2, Mt. Shasta 67; 3, El Dorado 81.

Individual leaders — 1, Fitzik (Mt. Shas- ta) 16:27.2; 2, Durham (3) 16:39.3; 3, Soja (3) 16:46.1

Division 3

Team leaders — 1, Castilleja 57; 2, Homestead 49; 3, Menlo 54.

Individual leaders — 1, Hightower (Luther) 16:36; 2, Dixon (Valley Christian) 16:53; 3, Oak Park 128; 3, South Tahoe 147.

West Catholic League Athletes

Singles — Rosek (SRH) d. Duthu- lee, 6-3, 7-6 (7-4); Herr (BH) d. A. Ahlta- va, 5-2 retired (retired); Parvais (Cas- havana, 6-3, 4-6, 6-3; Evans (SRH) d. Watts, 6-2, 6-2; Kakston (SRH) d. Field, 7-6, 6-3

Doubles — Currier and Parker (SRH) d. Moore-Thomas, 6-2, 6-4; Busted-Thanos and Palacios (SRH) d. Grese-Navares, 6-1, 6-2.

Score Records: Rec 16-4 (1-0)

SCVAL De Anza Division

At Palo Alto 5, Homestead 2

Singles — Hu (PA) d. Crawford, 6-0, 6-0; Freeman (PA) d. Kung, 6-2, 6-4; DeCaro (H) d. Kalkstein (SHP), 6-3, 6-1.

Doubles — Aziz-Akin (M) d. Yotte Chan- din, 6-7, 5-7, 10-7; Lehmann-Hain (PA) d. Young, 6-3, 6-3; Piasa (SRH) d. E. Hu, 6-7, 7-5.

Records: PA 1-1 (1-0)

Private School Athletics League

Division 1

Singles — Herrmann (PA) d. Daga, 6-5, 6-0; Shinps (Pa. C. Lllm, Llmm, 6-0, 6-1; Am- di (Fr. D) d. Ch, 3-6, 6-2; D. Cat (Bd), 7-6, 6-2.

Doubles — B noted-Doig, W. D. Viggiano, Llmm, 4-6, 6-3; McPhaul (B) d. Stillman (B), 6-3, 6-2.

Records: PA 1-1 (2-2)

SCVAL De Anza Division

At Gunn 3, Menlo-Atherton 0

Singles — Acosta (ELC) d. Lopez, 7-5, 6-1; Seipp, Graumann, Hudson, Wilson (PA) d. A. Athavale, 6-3, 6-2.

Doubles — Hancock (PA) d. Yeh, 6-2, 6-1; DeCaro (H) d. Katek (SHP), 6-0, 6-2.

Score Records: Rec 16-3 (3-0)

Individual leaders —

Palo Alto scorers — 1, North Monterey 95; 2, Trabuco Creek 101; 3, Riverbank 109.

Team leaders —

MA scorers — 1, Serra 123; 2, Trabuco Creek 128; 3, North Monterey 154.

Division 2

Individual leaders — 1, Hightower (Luther) 16:36; 2, Dixon (Valley Christian) 16:53; 3, Oak Park 128; 3, South Tahoe 147.

Team leaders —

MA scorers — 1, Serra 123; 2, Trabuco Creek 128; 3, North Monterey 154.

Division 3

Individual leaders — 1, Hightower (Luther) 16:36; 2, Dixon (Valley Christian) 16:53; 3, Oak Park 128; 3, South Tahoe 147.

Team leaders —

MA scorers — 1, Serra 123; 2, Trabuco Creek 128; 3, North Monterey 154.

Division 4

Individual leaders — 1, Ryno (Marin) 15:52; 2, Miller (SV) 16:18; 3, Shastina (Shasta) 16:46.

Team leaders —

MA scorers — 1, Shasta (Shasta) 19:27; 2, Atkins (Durham) 19:50; 3, Soja (3) 20:12.

Division 5

Individual leaders — 1, Fritske (Mt. Shas- ta) 19:56; 2, Hall (Big Bear) 19:51; 3, Kirschman (Enterprise) 19:55.

Team leaders —

MA scorers — 1, Gray 19:27; 2, Atkins (Durham) 19:50; 3, Soja (3) 20:12.

Division 6

Individual leaders — 1, Kalkstein (SHP) d. Russo, 6-2, 6-3; Herrmann (PA) d. Lumm, 7-6, 6-1.

Team leaders —

MA scorers — 1, Gray 19:27; 2, Atkins (Durham) 19:50; 3, Soja (3) 20:12.
STANFORD ROUNDUP

Women's soccer is streaking
Cardinal put six-match win streak on line
Thursday at Santa Clara
by Rick Eymer

The Stanford women's soccer team heads into Thursday's showdown at Santa Clara riding a six-game winning streak following a productive weekend at the Santa Clara adidas Classic.

The 16th-ranked Cardinal (7-2-0) shared the lead with teammates Amanda Trotter and Teresa McWalters before Siraki and McWalters separated themselves from the pack. Siraki won in 21:14 with McWalters second (21:15) and Trotter third (21:37).

Women's volleyball

Stanford kicked off its Pac-10 season with a pair of wins over the weekend, and then headed to Mora ga for a measure of revenge on Tuesday against host St. Mary's, which handed the Cardinal their first loss of the season on Sept. 4.

An even bigger match looms Friday when California visits Burnham Pavilion for a Pac-10 contest at 7 p.m.

The Bears, coached by Palo Alto High grad Rick Feller, are ranked 16th in the nation.

Stanford (2-0, 9-2) beat No. 14 Arizona, 30-23, 30-26, 30-22, on Thursday night and defeated Arizona State, 30-21, 30-21, 30-12, Tuesday against host St. Mary's, which handed the Cardinal their first loss of the season on Sept. 4.

Seniors Sara Bei and Anita Siraki each raced to victory as the No. 1-ranked Cardinal women's team swept the top three places and the titles at the annual Stanford Invitational on Saturday at the Stanford Golf Course. The Cardinal scored 21 points to easily beat runnerup SMU (63) in the 4,000 event and 34 points to defeat Cal Poly (84) in the longer race.

Before coming to Stanford, the pair helped guide the Cardinal to national championships at the NCAA outdoor and indoor championships, and also helped the team to its first Pac-10 title.

The Cardinals are 2-0 (9-2) on the season after a 1-0 (9-2) win over Arizona on Friday night.

Sara's Sara Bei won an individual title with a sizzling season best, 14:00.5.

She won last season in 13:42. In the 6,000-meter race, Siraki shared the lead with teammates Amanda Trotter and Teresa McWalters before Siraki and McWalters separated themselves from the pack. Siraki won in 21:14 with McWalters second (21:15) and Trotter third (21:37).

Women's volleyball

Stanford at Santa Clara, 7 p.m.

Friday

Cross Country

Field hockey

Socal

Men's soccer


Records: Stanford - 2-0 (9-2); Arizona - 0-2 (5-5).

Men's WATER POLO

MPSF

Washington at Stanford, 2 p.m.

Women's soccer

Santa Clara Tournament, Stockton, all day

Sunday, Oct. 2

Field hockey

Soccer

College - Stanford at Southwestern, 7 p.m.

Soccer

College - Stanford at Notre Dame Invitational, all day.

Records:

Soccer

College - Stanford at Santa Clara, 7 p.m.

Loss

6-1; USC 0-1 (7-1)

Nonconference

Sunday

Pacific 2-0-0

1-1-0; Stanford 1-3-0

Pacific 2-0-0

College - Stanford at Santa Clara, 7 p.m.

Men's soccer

Stanford opens the Pac-10 season on Friday night, hosting California (7-0-1) at 7 p.m.

The Cardinal (5-1-2) looks to rebound from its first loss of the season, 2-0, to Santa Clara on Friday night in the opening round of the Stanford Nike Invitational.

Gunn High grad Mehdi Balouchy scored one of the goals for the Broncos (7-1).

Stanford and Brown played to a 0-0 tie.

Palo Alto Weekly • Wednesday, September 29, 2004 • Page 21

STANFORD ROUNDUP

Women's soccer is streaking
Cardinal put six-match win streak on line
Thursday at Santa Clara
by Rick Eymer

The Stanford women's soccer team heads into Thursday's showdown at Santa Clara riding a six-game winning streak following a productive weekend at the Santa Clara adidas Classic.

The 16th-ranked Cardinal (7-2-0) shared the lead, 3-0, on Friday, and Marquette, 5-0, on Sunday to win the title by goal differential.

The last time Stanford beat Santa Clara, it set the stage for the Cardinal's best season ever, when they reached the NCAA quarterfinals in 2002 and won 21 of their 23 games.

Otherwise, the series, dating to 1984, has belonged to the Broncos. Stanford - 1-0-1 against the national champions Santa Clara in their past 12 meetings, and 6-6-3 overall.

The Broncos (6-2-1) have recorded five consecutive shutouts.

More often than not, both teams have been nationally ranked when they played and this year is no dif

ferent. Soccer America has Stanford at No. 16, and has Santa Clara at No. 9.

Thursday's game at Buck Shaw Stadium begins at 7 p.m.

Cardinal defender Jenny Farenbaugh was named MVP of the tournament after recording a pair of assists in the win over Denver.

Forwards Marcie Ward and Gina Faiss-Eissner and midfielder Martha West Jointed Farenbaugh on the all-tournament team.

Ward, freshman Lizzy George and sophomore Andrea Eissner scored for Stanford against the Pio
cers, who managed just one shot on goal as freshman goalkeeper Erica Holland earned her first collegi
giate save while helping the Cardinal to its sixth straight shutout of the season.

Cross country

Seniors Sara Bei and Anita Siraki each raced to victory as the No. 1-ranked Cardinal women's team swept the top three places and the titles at the annual Stanford Invitational on Saturday at the Stanford Golf Course. The Cardinal scored 21 points to easily beat runnerup SMU (63) in the 4,000 event and 34 points to defeat Cal Poly (84) in the longer race.

Before coming to Stanford, the pair helped guide the Cardinal to national championships at the NCAA outdoor and indoor championships, and also helped the team to its first Pac-10 title.

The Cardinals are 2-0 (9-2) on the season after a 1-0 (9-2) win over Arizona on Friday night.

Sara's Sara Bei won an individual title with a sizzling season best, 14:00.5.

She won last season in 13:42. In the 6,000-meter race, Siraki shared the lead with teammates Amanda Trotter and Teresa McWalters before Siraki and McWalters separated themselves from the pack. Siraki won in 21:14 with McWalters second (21:15) and Trotter third (21:37).

Women's volleyball

Stanford kicked off its Pac-10 season with a pair of wins over the weekend, and then headed to Mora ga for a measure of revenge on Tuesday against host St. Mary's, which handed the Cardinal their first loss of the season on Sept. 4.

An even bigger match looms Friday when California visits Burnham Pavilion for a Pac-10 contest at 7 p.m.

The Bears, coached by Palo Alto High grad Rich Feller, are ranked 16th in the nation.

Stanford (2-0, 9-2) beat No. 14 Arizona, 30-23, 30-26, 30-22, on Thursday night and defeated Arizona State, 30-21, 30-21, 30-12, Tuesday against host St. Mary's, which handed the Cardinal their first loss of the season on Sept. 4.

Seniors Sara Bei and Anita Siraki each raced to victory as the No. 1-ranked Cardinal women's team swept the top three places and the titles at the annual Stanford Invitational on Saturday at the Stanford Golf Course. The Cardinal scored 21 points to easily beat runnerup SMU (63) in the 4,000 event and 34 points to defeat Cal Poly (84) in the longer race.

Before coming to Stanford, the pair helped guide the Cardinal to national championships at the NCAA outdoor and indoor championships, and also helped the team to its first Pac-10 title.

The Cardinals are 2-0 (9-2) on the season after a 1-0 (9-2) win over Arizona on Friday night.

Sara's Sara Bei won an individual title with a sizzling season best, 14:00.5.
Editorial

'Stanford trails' back — still need work

Despite thick environmental-impact report, foothills-trail alternatives still fall short of real commitment to creating regional trails, not roadside bike lanes

The publication this month of a 1 1/2-inch-thick environmental-impact report on alternative ways to create trails from the flatslands to the foothills above Stanford University brings to an end a nearly two-year interlude on the "Stanford Trails" debate.

It also brings back larger issues involved than just a couple of trail connections — such as what Stanford agreed to during Santa Clara County approvals of a new General Use Permit for Stanford during 2000 to 2002. In our reading of the mitigation agreement — signed by university officials — Stanford agreed to add regional-trail connections consistent with adopted trails master plans in Santa Clara and San Mateo counties.

It was only later that Stanford balked at the idea of routing trails along the inner edge of its lower-sloths lands — the Dish area east of I-280 and Felt Lake region west of I-280. Instead, it began promoting — strongly lobbying for — alternatives that put virtually all the connections outside those lands.

The new report focuses only on the southern trail along the Page Mill Road corridor, and puts off to a later report the potentially more controversial trail routing along Alpine Road.

The report also excludes as "legally unfeasible" the proposed interior-trail routes along existing service roads pushed by environmental organizations, consistent with 2002 actions by the Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors after hard lobbying by Stanford officials. We agree that the interior routes would unnecessarily intrude upon and divide the Stanford lands. Routes along the periphery, however, are appropriate, and in our opinion must be substantially more than roadside paths.

The report examines a plethora of environmental considerations, such as habitat favored by the threatened red-legged frog. But it finds few impacts that can’t be mitigated in any alternative. The hefty report is even heavier reading due to alphanumerical designations for different trail alternatives mixed liberally with boilerplate EIR-eze. (The full report is posted online at www.sc-planning.org/planning/)

The two primary alignments for the Page Mill corridor are:

1) Up Old Page Mill Road to 280 Freeway, then north parallel to the freeway frontage to a large service tunnel — described by Stanford as a "cow tunnel" — under the freeway with a trail extending west to link to Palo Alto’s Eid Pearson/Rastradero Open Space Preserve, and

2) A route along the south side of Page Mill Expressway, veering south along Deer Creek Road, with one alternative winding through a horse-boarding pasture hill area between Deer Creek and 280. Each has alternative segments.

Of the two, the Old Page Mill Road alignment is clearly superior in terms of it being a "trail" and not — as we have earlier characterized Stanford’s preferred Alpine Road alignment to the north — a "glorified bike lane" along the 40,000-vehicle-per-day Page Mill Expressway.

The Old Page Mill trail alternative would be enhanced by using the so-called "cherry stem" route that would turn uphill near the old Frenchmen’s Tower structure, then bend down to the cow tunnel. But Stanford has objected on the grounds that even that route intrudes too deeply into Stanford lands. This position is highly questionable, because the corner the route would cut off is too small cannyon with a seasonal stream (dry in summer).

A similar issue exists along Alpine Road. The General Use Permit documents clearly show a dotted-line trail route located within the Felt Lake Stanford lands, but the university instead proposed widening to 12 feet the existing small bike lane at the edge of Alpine Road — completely off its lands. Stanford agreed to provide a fancy bike lane it would be one thing, but the university agreed to provide trails connections as required by the General Use Permit, and we feel it should honor its agreement.

As Stanford struggles to enhance its image in the community, the topic of these trails has been a raw and unresolved issue, with a degree of real polarization far out of proportion to the actual impact of the trails on either the environment or on Stanford’s long-term interests as a landowner.

The trails will be there beyond our lifetimes. We should do them right, as a legacy.

Page 22 • Wednesday, September 29, 2004 • Palo Alto Weekly

Save for rainy day

Editor

So the city wants the voters to increase the storm-drain fee more than 100 percent in order to fund some basic maintenance issues. I should know, living over in Southgate where the streets turn into rivers at the slightest sprinkling. But the city has known that there are problems in its streets and it hasn’t fixed them. It tried to increase fees four years ago and it was rejected, and it’s sat on its hands since.

Oh wait, I’m sorry, it’s done more than that. It’s spent millions of dollars on empty parking garages, speculated on real-estate deals, hired who knows how many consultants to figure out what any 5th grader can tell you by casual observation, remodeled the council chambers and paid millions of dollars in staff fees to “go back and study some more” numerous projects.

It’s asking for an increase for basic maintenance. When a light bulb burns out at City Hall, or it needs a new lawnmower to mow the rarely if ever used Lawn Bowling Green, is it going to want to tax us for that as well?

Here’s an idea that most of us were taught when we were young: Stop wasting money and save it for a rainy day.

Keith Ferrell

Escobita Avenue

Palo Alto

‘Priceless’ storm-drains

Editor

Our family lived for eight years in Southgate, and spent hundreds of dollars dealing with the flooding that neighborhood annually experienced, from damages in supposedly dry basements to fallen trees during El Nino.

We now live in Community Center, and welcome the Lincoln/Channing “quadruple curb-side surgery” that will disrupt our personal lives and home, but will result in properties not damaged the way our previous home experienced.

The thousands of dollars that our insurance company paid, along with what we paid, makes $15 a month or less pale in comparison. And the price of less stress around losing one’s home, or belongings therein: priceless.

Paul Losch

Lincoln Avenue

Palo Alto

What $25 million

Editor

Recently I received a copied piece of paper in my mailbox from the Palo Alto Committee Against Measure I. This document purported to “bust myths” about the need for the Palo Alto Unified parcel tax (Measure I).

The most ridiculous of its claims was that “parents’ fundraisers and other unreported funding” increase annual PAUSD spending to more than $13,000 per student in Palo Alto.

Well, I certainly wish that claim was true, because Palo Alto schools would be in far better shape if it were. That $13,000 per student equates to more than $25 million per year that’s “unreported” — and completely unknown to the school district, the Partners in Education campaign and PTAs.

As a member of the Partners in Education fundraising campaign, I have worked on and studied Palo Alto school fundraising and categorically deny that anything even close to that amount is raised.

This kind of outrageous and unsubstantiated “data” certainly demonstrates a shoddy level of re-search and credibility offered to Palo Alto by the Palo Alto Committee Against Measure I.

Don’t be misled by their false claim.

For generations Palo Alto has valued and trusted its schools and district leadership. Today that leadership has asked us to affirm our commitment to excellent education by continuing the current parcel tax and increasing it by $19 a month.

I urge every Palo Alto citizen to vote to support Palo Alto’s schools, its youth and its future.

Kathy Schroeder

Adobe Place

Palo Alto

Inappropriate support

Editor

I am concerned by what I have read in the newspapers regarding (continued on page 24)

The Palo Alto Weekly encourages comments on our coverage or on issues of local interest.

What do you think? How do you feel about military recruiters on Palo Alto high-school campuses?

Letters: Address to Palo Alto Weekly, P.O. Box 1610, Palo Alto, CA 94302, or hand-deliver to 703 High St., (at Forest Avenue), Palo Alto.

Voice mail: (650) 326-8291 (then press 1)

Fax: (650) 326-3928

E-mail: readerwri@pawekly.com

No anonymous letters or "open letters" to other organizations or individuals will be printed. Please provide your name, street address and daytime telephone number. Please keep length to 250 words or less. We reserve the right to edit contributions for length and style and for factual errors known to us.

YOUR TURN
Guest Opinion

Searching for ‘the common good’ hot seat — locally and nationally

by Ray Bacchetti

So where does Palo Alto fit in this polarized, contentious and feisty world? Here we are with as rich a mix of resources and talent as one is likely to find in any mid-sized American city — in the world, for that matter.

Do we shift from a city once known for leadership and come to look like just another instance of civic decomposition in which opposing sides line up behind their positions and no one articulates a case for the common good?

I used to think that a sort of aquifer of civic pride and broad, shared values lay — cool and dependable — beneath both Palo Alto and the United States.

If particular issues started to heat up and divide us, we could tap into it and be reminded that, despite the devilish details on which reasonable people can disagree, there was something special about my city and country that at some level everyone agreed about.

Senators seemed to respect the institution they served. Supreme Court justices were inclined to see themselves first as Americans and second as Catholics, Southerners or members of a political party. Cities achieved some successes reconciling ethnic and economic (though not yet racial) differences. Some successes.

Some members of a political party. Cities achieved some successes reconciling ethnic and economic (though not yet racial) differences. Some successes.

Children seemed to respect the institution they served. Supreme Court justices were inclined to see themselves first as Americans and second as Catholics, Southerners or members of a political party. Cities achieved some successes reconciling ethnic and economic (though not yet racial) differences. Some successes.

How naive that view seems now. As complicated as the world of my childhood and young adulthood was — with the Depression, World War II and the Iron Curtain — it seems several orders of magnitude more complex now. Do we still have a grip on the principles that brought the United Nations into being, conceived the Marshall Plan, turned the corner on civil rights at home and created the Peace Corps?

The depth of an aquifer, especially a moral one, isn’t easily calculated. It can nourish and refresh you right up until the well goes dry.

It seems we now live in a nation of red and blue states, in a state where few assembly districts are in play in elections, where a “market metaphor” dominates areas well beyond business — dividing us into winners and losers and making compromise a synonym for weakness rather than a tool in the search for common ground.

But “all politics is local,” as the late Tip O’Neill and many others have observed. And even in our bumper-sticker age of political philosophy a few good ideas get attached to the backs of cars — such as “Think globally, act locally.”

So where does Palo Alto fit in this polarized, contentious and feisty world? Here we are with as rich a mix of resources and talent as one is likely to find in any mid-sized American city — in the world, for that matter.

Do we shift from a city once known for leadership and come to look like just another instance of civic decomposition in which opposing sides line up behind their positions and no one articulates a case for the common good?

Our arguments on the larger stages of state and national politics will have a hollow sound if we aren’t modeling locally the approaches we believe in more generally.

The notion of the common good is one of the more important elements in the Palo Alto as well as the national aquifer.

It’s not magic. It doesn’t make problems go away. And some of our recent debates — such as 800 High St., optimizing city revenues and city services, traffic calming — aren’t easily resolved.

Neither is the current hot issue about dedicated parkland versus a large recycling center in the Palo Alto baylands. Such problems require evidence, analysis and the exploration of alternatives.

A “common good” perspective doesn’t provide answers. It deals with the tone of debate and the qualities answers need to have. No process dictates particular policies and practices. But it governs which particular answers make the cut and how to evaluate what’s working and what isn’t.

How do we get at the common good so that it might become a pragmatic tool for our engaging each other in seeking solutions we all can feel OK about?

Several years ago, I brushed up against a program that aimed at transforming the common good from an abstraction to a lens usable in all manner of public contexts. One of its techniques was to gather groups into conversations. A part of the apparatus of those conversations was a chair labeled “the common good,” and participants would occupy that chair by turns.

When in it, each would need to discuss the issue at hand from the perspective of the common good. Mini-epiphanies happened. For example, the sitters often realized that there was such a perspective and that they had a pretty good idea of what it felt like and how it might look.

It was difficult for sitters to state a narrow view and still, without dissonance, claim that it was identical with the common good.

No one needs to warn us, “Don’t try this kind of thinking at home.” It’s not dangerous, and home is a great place to experiment.

If it works there, maybe we can take it down the tree-lined street to City Hall — and maybe use it as we face decisions in November that can sway our leaders, at every level, to govern.

■ Ray Bacchetti is a scholar in residence at the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of teaching, above Stanford University. He is a longtime resident of Palo Alto and a former member of the Palo Alto Unified School District Board of Trustees. He can be e-mailed at raybac@earthlink.net.

Streetwise

How do Palo Alto libraries compare with those of neighboring cities?

Question and interviews by Erin Pursell. Photographs by Carien Veldpape-Heithoff. Asked at Mitchell Park and Midtown Shopping Center in Palo Alto.

David Sullivan
Retired Palo Alto

They’re not as good as Mountain View, which has a monstrous branch. But I do use the Palo Alto libraries, which I’m fairly happy with.

Troy Parker
Retired Palo Alto

I’d say they compare pretty well. I can find everything I need right here.

Beth Mills (w/dog Teyva)
Teacher Palo Alto

I don’t think they compare very well. It doesn’t seem like the city puts very much money into them.

Charles Drekmeier
Retired Palo Alto

I gather they don’t compare well with Los Altos. I do use the library here frequently, and the staff is helpful. As far as scholar collections, they don’t compare well, but I can go to Stanford for those things, which has a great library.

Sharon Gobuty
Student San Francisco

San Francisco has a much bigger main branch than Palo Alto, but Palo Alto’s other branches are nicer and bigger than San Francisco’s smaller branches.
our police chief, Lynne Johnson. It seems to me that the police chief has been covering up for her officers and will continue to do so.

Her automatic support for her officers has been made pretty clear by her recent statements and non-action involving Mr. Hopkins’ beating by officers Kan and Lee. She could have kept quiet or she could have disciplined them. Instead, she claims publicly that they did no wrong and should not be held to answer for their actions.

What’s even more frightening is that she claims the officers violated no departmental procedures.

Such an attitude encourages police misconduct and demonstrates a failure to recognize those officers who do display restraint and good judgment.

Her unconditional support for the two officers who beat an elderly man is an insult to the good officers on the force. She also put officers Kan and Lee on paid administrative leave both before and after the district attorney made the decision to bring them to trial on felony assault charges, rather than suspending them without pay.

We need a civilian police oversight commission, as many cities and small towns have. Such a commission would advise the City Council and conduct its own investigations. In regard to racial profiling, Chief Johnson has been presenting statistics to the Human Relations Commission for months and could continue to do so for years.

But she will never find any of her officers at fault. This statistic gathering is just a delaying tactic to avoid dealing with the issue.

I fear greatly what will happen once the Palo Alto Police Department acquires Tasers. Officers Kan and Lee would no doubt have used them on Mr. Hopkins. Such use might have killed him.

Natalie Fisher
Ellsworth Place
Palo Alto

Take a harder look
Editor,
Perhaps the most offensive part of Jason Yen’s Guest Opinion (Weekly, Sept. 22) on the Republican National Convention was his unapologic hijacking of Barack Obama’s now-famous line, “a skinny black kid with a funny name.”

Yes, the America that President Bush advocates with massive tax breaks for the wealthiest among us and the America that Arnold Advocates by vetoing an increase in the minimum wage is an America that I find abhorrent.

Let me suggest, Jason, that before you become too enthusiastic about the conservative values espoused at the Republican National Convention that you find some time to see how those values are affecting people in communities Palo Altans are frequently able to ignore.

Try volunteering at the Ecumenical Hunger Program or at one of the East Palo Alto elementary schools. Then, let me know if you still yearn for a Republican renaissance in our state.

Lissy Bland
Wilton Avenue
Palo Alto

Stem-cell progress?
Editor,
The article about Robert Klein’s crusade for embryonic stem-cell research for diabetes (Our Town Aug. 18) prompted me to write. I don’t know how or why Mr. Klein could ignore advances in “adult” stem-cell research.

An Aug. 20, 2004, press release from the Lee Iacocca Foundation General Hospital reads, “Researchers at Massachusetts General Hospital have received FDA approval to begin human trials of an adult cell therapy that reverses Type 1 (juvenile) diabetes in animals. The team, led by Harvard’s Dr. Denise Faustman, has treated diabetic mice with adult spleen cells.”

It is a mystery to me why $3 billion must be taken from California taxpayers for speculative and unethical research when progress is being made now with “adult” stem cells.

Pat Puccio
Grayslake Road
Rancho Palos Verdes

Spectrum
Saving friendships from ‘death by distance’

by Mischa G. Stephens

It is no longer length or quality of the communication but frequency that sustains our links. The Internet is ideal for the frequent connections that help keep long-distance friendships alive.

...
**Weekend Preview**

The Black & White Ball returns to Palo Alto.

**Wednesday**

‘Thirst’, A groundbreaking new documentary

**Thursday**

Hollywood by the Bay presents “Laugh Till You Heal,” an interactive writing workshop held to benefit Breast Cancer Awareness and recovery groups.

**Friday**


**Saturday**


**Uncompromising Quality, Signature JJ&F Service**

“Family Owned & Operated Since 1948”

**FRESH PRODUCE**

- **Spring Mix** $2.99 lb.
- **Butternut, Danish, Carnival, Sweet Dumpling & Spaghetti Squash** $1.49 lb
- **Red leaf, Green leaf, Romaine & Iceberg** $0.99 lb
- **Bartlett, D’Anjou, Bosc, Comice** $0.89 lb
- **Bananas** $0.39 lb

**GROCERY**

- **Passport Organic Extra Virgin Olive Oil** 750 ml $7.99
- **Anna’s Thins** Ginger, Orange, Almond, Chocolate Mint, and Lemon 5.3 oz. $1.39
- **Salsa, Fresh** assorted varieties, 13 oz. $2.49
- **Freschetta** The frozen Pizza that rises when you bake it. Pepperoni or Supreme 28 oz. $5.99

**MEAT, POULTRY, SEAFOOD**

- **Natural Beef** No artificial ingredients.
- **Center Cut Pork Chops** $2.99 lb
- **Lean, Meaty Pork Spare Ribs** $3.49 lb
- **USDA Choice Center Cut Chuck Roast** $2.49

**BEER & WINE**

- **Corona Extra Imported Beer From Mexico** 12 pk. $10.99
- **Sonora 2001 Zinfandel Amador County** 750 ml $8.99 / $119.50 case
- **Graffigna Malbec 2003 from Argentina** Estate Bottled 750 ml $7.99 / $95.50 case
- **One.6 2003 Merlot Low Carb Wine** California 750 ml $7.99
- **One.6 2003 Chardonnay Low Carb Wine** California 750 ml $7.99

**COMING UP IN FRIDAY’S WEEKEND EDITION**

**Society**

The Black & White Ball returns to Palo Alto.

**Theater**

A review of the Pear Avenue Theatre’s “Veracruz.”

**Movies**

Reviews of “Ladder 49” and “Shark Tale.”

**Gizdich Family Apple Ranch**

**Assorted Apples**

- **99¢ lb.**
- **USDA Choice Top Sirloin Steaks**

**Clover Stornetta Farms**

**Whip Cream**

- **$2.29 pint**
- **$1.29 1/2 pt.**

**Palo Alto • (650) 857-0901**

**www.thirstthemovie.org**

**www.publiccitizen.org/california**


**Tickets are $100 and can be purchased online at www.hollywoodbythebay.com or by calling (650) 595-1702. For more information visit www.hollywoodbythebay.com.**

**Rubenstein and Hollywood by the Bay will be donating proceeds to Breast Cancer Action. Led by Hollywood writer/producer Deborah Cutler Rubenstein and actress/comedian Wendy Garfinkel, “Laugh Till You Heal” is an interactive workshop where participants learn how to use comedy to transform their own tragedies and those of others into positive creative results. Workshop will be held Thurs., Sept. 30, from 7 to 10 p.m. at Hyatt Rivery’s. 4219 El Camino Real in Palo Alto. Tickets are $100 and can be purchased online at www.hollywoodbythebay.com or by calling (650) 595-1702. For more information visit www.hollywoodbythebay.com.**

**Tickets $100. Lucie Stern Community Center, 1305 Midfield Road, Palo Alto. Call 321-7123. www.paloalto-blackandwhiteball.com.**

**Can you find the phony ad?**

Find the phony ad in the Wednesday Weekly and enter to win fabulous prizes. For more information go to www.PaloAltoOnline.com
Movies

Note: Screenings are for Wednesday through Thursday only.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Movie Title</th>
<th>Screenings</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>A Dirty Shame (NC-17)</td>
<td>Century 16: 11:30 a.m., 1:35, 4:55, 8:05 &amp; 10:10 p.m.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Before Sunset (PG)</td>
<td>Aquarius: 8 &amp; 10 p.m.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>The Bourne Supremacy (PG-13)</td>
<td>Century 16: 11:45 a.m.; 2:30, 5:10, 7:35 &amp; 9:15 p.m.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Bright Young Things (R)</td>
<td>Guild: 7 &amp; 9:45 p.m.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Cellular (PG-13)</td>
<td>Century 16: 12:45, 3:30, 7:30 &amp; 9:45 p.m.; Century 12: 11:30 a.m.; 1:45, 4:30, 7:15 &amp; 9:45 p.m.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Collateral (R)</td>
<td>Century 16: 11:25 a.m.; 2, 4:30, 7:25 &amp; 9:35 p.m.; Century 12: 11:50 a.m.; 2:40, 5:20, 8 &amp; 10:30 p.m.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>First Daughter (PG6)</td>
<td>Century 16: 11:35 a.m.; 2:15, 4:45, 7:10 &amp; 9:35 p.m.; Century 12: 11:35 a.m.; 2:15, 4:45, 7:10 &amp; 9:35 p.m.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Garden State (R)</td>
<td>Century 16: 12:15, 2:55, 5:20, 7:45 &amp; 10:05 p.m.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Hero (PG-13)</td>
<td>Century 16: 11:40 a.m.; 1:35, 4:15, 7 &amp; 9:15 p.m.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Napoleon Dynamite (PG6)</td>
<td>Century 16: 1, 3:35, 5:25, 8:10 &amp; 10:30 p.m.; Century 12: 11:45 a.m.; 2, 4:45, 7:45 &amp; 9:35 p.m.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>The Princess Diaries 2: Royal Engagement (R)</td>
<td>Century 16: 11:30 p.m.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Shaun of the Dead (R)</td>
<td>Century 12: 12:15, 2:15, 5, 7:30 &amp; 9:35 p.m. Aquarius: 7 &amp; 9:40 p.m.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Silver City (R)</td>
<td>Palo Alto Square: 1:30, 7:20 &amp; 10 p.m.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Sky Captain and the World of Tomorrow (PG)</td>
<td>Century 16: 11:10 a.m.; noon, 1:40, 2:35, 4, 6:00, 6:50, 7:30, 9:20 &amp; 10:30 p.m.; Century 12: 11:55 a.m.; 2, 2:25, 5, 7:45 &amp; 10:15 p.m.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Vanity Fair (PG-13)</td>
<td>Century 16: 2, 4:30, 7:05 &amp; 9:25 p.m.; Century 12: 2, 3, 5 &amp; 7:30 p.m.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

★ Skip it ★★ Some redeeming qualities ★★★ A good bet ★★★★ Outstanding

Aquarius: 430 Emerson St., Palo Alto (266-9260)

Century Cinema 16: 1500 N. Shoreline Blvd., Mountain View (960-9970)

Century Park 12: 55 E. Bayshore Blvd., Redwood City (365-9000)

CinéArts at Palo Alto Square: 3000 El Camino Real, Palo Alto (493-3456)

GUILD: 949 El Camino Real, Menlo Park (266-9260)

Spangenberg: 780 Anastradero Rd., Palo Alto (354-8220)

Stanford: 221 University Ave., Palo Alto (324-3700)

Internet address: For show times, plot synopses trailers and more information about films playing, visit Palo Alto Online at http://www.paloaltoline.com/
ENTREPRENEURIAL TRACK RECORD

- Co-founded and operated successful San Francisco-based software startup
- Developed and marketed proprietary software solutions
- Managed a team of developers and sales professionals

OBSESSIVE-COMPULSIVE DISEASE (OCD)

- Experienced strong symptoms of OCD
- Underwent comprehensive treatment and therapy
- Achieved significant improvement in mental health

ECONOMIC IMPACT

- Generated additional revenue for the company
- Contributed to economic growth in the local community
- Supported local businesses and services

If you have any questions or need further information, feel free to contact me at john.doe@example.com.

Best regards,

John Doe

[Signature]