



## October 3 Meeting Announcement Corel and Totally Hip

We will have the opportunity to see some new and truly innovative products when Corel and Totally Hip come to the DVPC meeting in October. Corel will show the latest update of their popular office suite, Corel® WordPerfect® Suite 8 with Dragon NaturallySpeaking™. This is the first word processor that integrates speech input and recognition. Totally Hip's WebPainter 3 gives you all the tools you need to create professional web animation and graphics. WebPainter's ease-of-use and unique cel animation process creates high-quality GIF animation.

DVPC meetings are held in the lobby conference room in Building B at the Bank of America Technology Center office complex in Concord, located near the northeast corner of Clayton Road at Galindo (see the Map to Monthly Meetings). Please use the main entrance of the building, which is in the center of the front of the building that faces Clayton road.

Doors open at 6:30 p.m. and the meeting starts at 7:00 p.m. The New User's SIG has their meeting from 6:30 to 7:00. We'll also have the Networking Table from 6:30 to 7:00; if you have something to sell or trade, need technical help, or just want to exchange views, visit the Networking Table. We'll probably have one of our ever-popular mini-auctions with great products, so bring your checkbooks and cash! Also, as usual, we'll have library disks and those great DVPC mugs (version 2) for sale, SIG news, random access, and some of our usual great door

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### President's Corner

By Alan Mildwurm, DVPC

It is with the deepest regret that I must announce the passing of our membership secretary, Janet Rose.

Janet has been such an integral part of our club for so long, that I can't imagine how we will function without her.

For years, Janet not only ran the membership desk at our meetings, but she also assisted in several of the club's operations, including the newsletter, picking up and distributing our mail, attending board meetings, and maintaining the membership rolls. Janet was always available if we needed information and never acted as if it were a bother.

Her insights into the club's operation were invaluable, and her efforts and organizational skills greatly streamlined our procedures and saved the club money.

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## Demo Day Job Opportunities

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Are you interested in working for a national marketing services company demonstrating hardware and software products in major computer resellers?

[MarketSource](#) currently has positions open beginning September 11, 1998 running through the end of 1999 for companies including Dragon Software and NEC.

MarketSource is in search of knowledgeable PC users to demonstrate our client's products. Pay varies by account and ranges from \$12 to \$20 per hour. Representatives must be 21 years of age or older. We provide our reps with training, free software, uniforms and promotional materials to ensure quality programming.

Please check our corporate overview at [www.marketsource.com](http://www.marketsource.com) for more background information on MarketSource.

If you are interested in being a part of the Dragon Software, NEC or any future demo day programming please respond to us at [demo@marketsource.com](mailto:demo@marketsource.com) with the following information:

Name:

Address:

Email Address:

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Fax:

How long have you been working on a PC computer?

Do you also have knowledge of MAC compatible computers?

Have you demonstrated hardware or software before? If so, where, for what promotion, and what were you demonstrating?

Do you mind working weekends?

Would you ever be available to work during the week?

We appreciate your interest in our Demo Day Programming and look forward to working with you at a future event.

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Janet was truly an Unsung Hero to DVPC and I know we shall all greatly miss her. Our thoughts and prayers go to her family.

Janet was born January 20th, 1943. She is survived by her husband Don; four sons: Michael, Dan, Chris, and Bryan Rose; both parents; and a brother.

Janet will be sorely missed!

Obviously my thoughts the past few days have been on the untimely passing of Janet Rose. It won't be the same.

In October, we are pleased to have two excellent presentations lined up. *Corel* will be presenting their latest version of WordPerfect with voice recognition. This product is garnering a lot of attention and I know, as a WordPerfect user in my office (and a lousy typist), it will be interesting to see this work. We also have a new company, *Totally Hip* coming to present their web design software. With a name like theirs, it has to be good!

We are also gearing up for our annual Windows Night in November. Several presenters are already signed up and it

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should be a fun night. We are also fortunate to have *LINCOLN SPECTOR*, the famed computer humor columnist who appears in several publications (including *PC World* and *Computer Currents*), coming in November to give us some insights on... well, come to Windows Night and you'll see! We're going to have a somewhat different setup because of Lincoln's talk; we'll have both an audience session featuring Lincoln Spector, and then the Windows Night trade show session. These two sessions will probably be in separate locations. We'll keep you informed as our arrangements with Bank of America are finalized. Check the DVPC web site, [www.dvpc.org](http://www.dvpc.org), for updated information as we get closer to the November meeting.

In December I have some tentative presentations set up – a wireless Internet provider and proxy server software that can be used in business and by home users who are connecting to the Internet via cable modem or ADSL and have persistent connections. Stay tuned.

Lastly, we are faced with the nearly impossible task of replacing Janet. I really hope that we can members who are willing to fill in to do the many tasks Janet did for *DVPC*, even if it takes several people! Please call me if you are interested.

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## **SIG NEWS** *Compiled by Bill Earl, SIG Coordinator, DVPC, 939-5874*

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*See the DVPC Calendar on page 16 for the date and time of each SIG meeting.*

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### **Access/Visual Basic SIG** [Ron Ogg](#) (283-7900 Ext. 201) and [Ted Armstrong](#) (939-4096) SIG Co-Leaders

The Access/Visual Basic SIG meets on the fourth Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. at Gateway Group's offices, 3687 Mt. Diablo Blvd., Suite 350, in Lafayette. Check out the Access/VB SIG on the web for information about this month's meeting at [www.dvpc.org/sig\\_vbaccess](http://www.dvpc.org/sig_vbaccess) – or navigate there from the DVPC home page ([www.dvpc.org](http://www.dvpc.org)), select SIGs from the menu bar at the left, then click on the Access/VB SIG icon. See the Clarion SIG announcement below for directions.

### **Advanced Users SIG** [Jeff Noyer and Sharon Clark](#), SIG Co-Leaders – 937-5282

The Advanced Users SIG meets on the third Thursday of each month at 7:30 p.m. at 336 El Divisadero Avenue in Walnut Creek. Directions: From downtown Walnut Creek, take Ygnacio Valley Road toward John Muir Hospital. Continue past Walnut *Boulevard* and John Muir Hospital. At the intersection of Ygnacio Valley Road and Walnut *Avenue*, turn right onto Walnut *Avenue*. At the first traffic light, turn right onto Blackstone Drive, then make the first right onto El Divisadero Avenue. Follow the road as it curves to the left. 336 El Divisadero Avenue will be on your right, immediately after the curve. It is a one-story, gray/brown house with white trim. The Advanced Users SIG is for anyone interested in discussing advanced topics such as hardware and software issues, cutting-edge technologies, networking, Windows NT Server and Workstation, troubleshooting, etc. Please join us to participate in this very informative and educational forum. We hope to see you at the meeting!

### **Clarion SIG** [Ron Ogg](#), SIG Leader – 283-7900 Ext. 201

The Clarion SIG usually meets at 7:00 p.m. on the fourth Wednesday of each month at Gateway Group's offices, 3687 Mt. Diablo Blvd., Suite 350, in Lafayette. Because of vacation schedules, there will be no meeting in September, so we'll see you again in October. Check out the Clarion SIG on the web for information about each month's meeting at [www.dvpc.org/sig\\_clar](http://www.dvpc.org/sig_clar) – or navigate there from the DVPC home page ([www.dvpc.org](http://www.dvpc.org)), select SIGs from the menu bar at the left, then click on the CWSIG icon.

Directions: take Highway 24 west to the Central Lafayette exit, and keep to your left to the stop sign at Deer Hill Road at the end of the exit ramp. Turn left onto Deer Hill Road, and continue to where it dead ends at Happy Valley Road. Turn left onto Happy Valley Road. Turn right at the traffic signal at Mt. Diablo Blvd. Take Mt. Diablo Blvd. through the next traffic signal and turn left into the driveway at 3685/3687. Immediately turn right into the parking lot in front of 3687. Take the elevator to the third floor to the door on the right just before the end of the hallway. See Gateway Group's Web site at [www.gatewaygroup.com](http://www.gatewaygroup.com) for a map. If you get lost, call Ron Ogg at 283-7900 Ext. 201. TopSpeed's Clarion 4 and Clarion for Windows are powerful database development tools that compete with products like Visual Basic and Delphi and even products like PowerBuilder. If you are an advanced Clarion developer you are invited to join the SIG. This is a SIG for advanced users, so beginners will want to get more hands-on experience before joining. Be sure to come early for a good seat; the meetings are very well-attended.

### **Education and Entertainment SIG** [Alan Mildwurm](#), SIG Leader – 510-770-5770

The Education & Entertainment SIG meets on the 4th Wednesday of each month at Montevideo School in San Ramon at 7:30 p.m. Call Alan at (510) 770-5770 (work) to confirm the date. The E&E SIG is oriented to exploring the best in education and entertainment software for the PC. Everyone is invited to attend our meetings, and bring your kids along – they'll have a great time, too!

Directions: Take 680 to Bollinger Canyon Road, go west to San Ramon Valley Blvd., go south to Montevideo Rd. and turn left. Proceed east on Montevideo about 3 blocks to Broadmoor and turn left. The school is 1 block on the right. We meet in Room 22.

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### **Internet SIG** *SIG Leader TBA*

The Internet SIG is being rescued, reconstituted, and reborn. We didn't receive information about the inaugural meeting, but check the DVPC web site for updated information, and we should have the complete story in this space in an upcoming issue of *Diablo Blue*.

### **Microsoft Project SIG** [Elias Asmar](#), *SIG Leader – 299-8500*

The Microsoft Project SIG meetings are held at 7:30 p.m. on the third Monday of each month at InterPro ADF's office at 3569 Mt. Diablo Blvd., Suite 210. Park in the lot behind Radio Shack. The entrance to suite 210 is at the back of the building. Enter through the door marked "210" at the parking lot end of the walkway from the street and take the stairs to the second floor. Everyone who is interested in Microsoft Project and project management is invited to attend. If you plan on attending, please call Elias Asmar at 925-299-8500, Fax 925-299-8511, leave a message on the DVPC BBS, or send an E-mail message to Elias on the Internet to:

[73762.723@compuserve.com](mailto:73762.723@compuserve.com)

### **New Users SIG** [Bill Earl](#), *SIG Leader – 939-5874*

The New Users SIG holds its meetings at 6:30 p.m. prior to the regular DVPC monthly meeting on the first Thursday of each month at Bank of America building B. We discuss whatever is confusing or puzzling new PC users. If you are a new user of PCs who would like to meet with other new users – and some experienced users who can answer your questions as well – then join us at the New Users SIG meetings at 6:30 p.m. prior to each DVPC monthly meeting.

### **Paradox SIG** [Bill Mero](#), *SIG Leader – 685-2484*

As a recent President of a well-known country once said, "All good things must come to an end." So it is with some regret and sorrow that we announce the closing of the Paradox SIG, one of the oldest SIGs sponsored by DVPC.

Attendance has diminished considerably during the past year. No doubt Corel would like it known that this is due to increased ease of use, and they would be partly right. In truth, the demand for Paradox developers has never been higher, but a great deal of work can be accomplished in Paradox without writing a single line of code. Naturally we discourage this type of adventurism.

Still, after more than 6 years of monthly meetings it's time to make a graceful exit. To our primary and lovable founder, Scott Saftler, we give our deepest thanks. He welcomed the novices that we were with open arms and never made us feel stupid. He presided over and introduced us all to the most interesting group of nerds and hackers one could ever ask to sit up all night with.

When Bill Mero finally learned enough PAL and ObjectPAL to pass as a real deal developer, Scott handed the leadership of the SIG over to him. But anybody who attended when Scott was present knows that on those nights the meeting was always a team effort, and a life long friendship developed. Keith Brooks kept us all full of popcorn and cookies, sometimes freshly baked. He also rounded up the projector for us almost every month. Walt Parsons showed up regularly and usually swore he was going to quit because he really didn't, "do that much with Paradox."

So many other faces and minds passed through our cozy living room it's hard to name them all. Many have become good friends, Big Jim Middleton, Al Levy, Smitty, Dan (yes we have your screen), LouAnne, David, John, Tony, Cyndi, Natasha, Ed, Harold and Wendol who came all the way from Modesto to get help running his farm with Paradox. For a short time we had a member who could program on the fly faster than anyone we'd ever seen, he was fascinating to watch, and we couldn't teach him anything.

We had some memorable summer meetings, which were really parties in disguise. We all brought our significant others, drank beer, told lies and tried not to talk computers.

Over the years we encountered the births of grandbabies, the graduation of sons and daughters, one pretty messy divorce,

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retirements and other milestones in life. When you meet with people every month it's easy to notice that you often see them more often than you do your own Mother. For a couple of years a handful of members casually arrived early each month and thus was born the unofficial Investment SIG.

To make a short story long, we thank DVPC for supporting SIGs. They serve a wonderful purpose and maintain the earliest tradition established by computer types, which has always been to share skills, encourage novices, and look forward to the next version of almost everything.

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Bill & Kathleen Mero

**Real Estate SIG** Bill Thompson, SIG Leader – 693-0174

Come to the Real Estate SIG meeting on October 9th, 1998 from 9:00 a.m. to Noon. We will be meeting in the conference room located at 3480 Buskirk Avenue, Suite 120 in Pleasant Hill at North American Title's offices. For more information contact SIG leader Bill Thompson at (510) 693-0174 or email at [thompson@DLSNetwork.com](mailto:thompson@DLSNetwork.com).

**Windows SIG** Ron Ogg (283-7900 Ext. 201) and Walt Parsons (934-0775), SIG Co-Leaders

This month we're going to find out about USB: the Universal Serial Bus. What will it do for you? Is it the wonderful solution to all of our peripheral interconnection problems that we've been told? Come to the October Windows SIG meeting and find out!

The Windows SIG meets on the first Tuesday of each month at Nordic Computers in Concord (see their ad on page 12 for a map) at 7:30 p.m. Everyone who uses, is interested in, or is curious about Windows on their PC, is invited to attend. See you all at the next Windows SIG meeting.

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## DVPC Board Meeting Minutes (not really) by [Tom Krauss](#), DVPC

Well, folks, it happened! Again!! Your Tom Krause stand-in has nothing to report – for a *second* month in a row! Tom missed our September Board meeting, but promises (promises, promises!) to be back for our *October* Board meeting. Your stand-in is starting to get tense about this, folks! As he told you in last month's *Diablo Blue*, "the sooner, the better!!"

## SIG News...

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### **WordPerfect SIG** [Walt Parsons](#), 934-0775, SIG Leader

The WordPerfect SIG meets on the fourth Monday of each month, and is held at Walt Parsons' home in Walnut Creek. It was also decided to limit the majority of the discussion to the Windows version of WordPerfect, and mainly versions 7 and 8. Other members of the suite will only be discussed in passing; the emphasis will be on WordPerfect.

We're back from vacation now that it's October, and our first meeting of the new season will be on October 26th, following Corel's presentation at the October 1st DVPC general meeting. Here's hoping I have to borrow chairs from the neighbors to seat all the people that will be attending!

If there is something that you want to know about WordPerfect, come to the WordPerfect SIG meetings on the 4th Monday of each month. The SIG meets at the Parsons' home in Walnut Creek. Due to limited seating, please RSVP in advance to the e-mail address: [waltnewf@pacbell.net](mailto:waltnewf@pacbell.net). Anybody wishing to get on the e-mail notification list should contact Walt at the above e-mail address.

## Email Meeting Notification Available by [Ron Ogg](#), DVPC

We're providing an Email Notification service for the DVPC monthly meeting, and for SIGs as well, for all current, paid-up members. If you're interested in receiving an email message announcing each monthly meeting, and for the SIGs you attend, fill out this form and mail to the address on page 16 of this copy of *Diablo Blue*. Note that there's no separate notification for the New Users SIG since it's held on the same night as the monthly meeting.

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## **George's Jottings** by [George Griffin](#), DVPC

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### *Windows 98 Interlude*

Have you wished that you could access more than one parallel port, and not have to install a special board, or an A-B Switch setup? Yes? Well, relief is in sight.

You have heard of Windows 98? Well, Windows 98 has support for the long touted USB – Universal Serial Bus – a goodie that does the job of multiple ports with finesse. Of course, your computer has to have USB ports built in for this to work!

So, when I was cruising one of our local computer emporiums, I spotted a Belkin *USB Parallel Adapter*. This adapter is a cable with a USB Type A connector on one end, and a Centronics printer connector on the other end.

You ask: *Did it work, George?*

Wait – you are way ahead of me!

On the first try we were arm-in-arm, Murphy and me, and (guess what?) Murphy won!

Not giving up, I really re-read the instructions with more concentration, and this time I think I won. At least the printer prints!

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## **Y2K Class Action Suit Dismissed** by [Elizabeth Heichler](#), IDG News Service

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*September 1, 1998*

One of several class-action lawsuits filed against Intuit over how its personal finance software handles the so-called Year 2000 problem has been dismissed, the company and its lawyers said Tuesday.

Judge John Herlihy of the Santa Clara County Superior Court last Friday ruled that because no one has experienced any form of damage from Intuit's software products, and there was no proof that any such damage would take place before Intuit had the opportunity to provide a remedy to software users, the complaint should be dismissed.

The lawsuit was filed last April by Alan Issokson on behalf of all purchasers of Quicken 5 and 6 for Windows and Quicken 6 and 7 for Macintosh. Like five other lawsuits subsequently filed in New York and California, the complaint claimed that the online banking features of the Quicken versions would not handle dates after Dec. 31, 1999 properly.

In May, after the New York lawsuit was filed, an Intuit spokesperson maintained that the company's intent is to take care of customers and absorb most of the cost of upgrading the software to handle Year 2000 compliance. Intuit intends to give out free patches fixing the software through the financial institutions with which the Quicken customers do their online banking, he said at the time.

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## What Was That URL? by Alan Bowker

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### *A Tip for Netscape Navigator Users*

If you forgot to bookmark a particularly cool Web site you found the other day while surfing with Netscape Navigator, chances are you can locate it quickly without using a search engine. Just look through your cache. Navigator stores a copy of every Web page and image on your hard drive, emptying it according to preferences you've set.

To locate URL and cache file names, type:

**about: cache**

in the Location box and press ENTER.

Navigator will display a list of Disk Cache Statistics for your recent visits. To display only the URLs of the cache files, enter

**about: global**

instead. Since this data relies on the amount of caching you've set up for your browser, the number of items and their ages will vary.

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## Windows 98 Tips and Tricks by Ron Ogg, DVPC

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### *Speeding Up Program Loading in Windows 98*

Disk Defragmenter in Windows 98 has a new option to speed up loading of programs. This option moves the files you use most often together near the beginning of the hard drive. To make it work you have to run your system for a while (a couple of weeks), then run Disk Defragmenter. Click on Start, Programs, Accessories, System Tools, Disk Defragmenter. Click on the Settings button, and make sure the checkbox *Rearrange program files so my programs start faster* is checked. Click OK to start defragmenting your hard drive.

### *Turning Off Find Fast*

*Find Fast* is a routine that runs in the background and indexes all files on your hard drive. Unfortunately, it can slow down your PC – especially if you don't have a super-fast processor and hard drive. Here's how to turn off Find Fast:

First go to Start, Settings, Control Panel and click on Find Fast. Click on the first index listed to highlight it, then click on Index on the menu bar, and click on Delete Index and follow the prompts to delete the index. Repeat these steps for each index. Then go to Start, Programs, Start Up, move the mouse pointer over Find Fast, click the right mouse button, and from the popup menu select Delete and click on Yes in the *Confirm file delete* dialog box.

Find Fast is history!

### *Where Did My File Extensions Go?*

Windows 98's default is to hide file extensions for all "known" file types. To display all file extensions, double click on My Computer, click on View on the menu bar and click on Folder Options. Click on the View tab, and clear the *Hide file extensions for known file types* checkbox.

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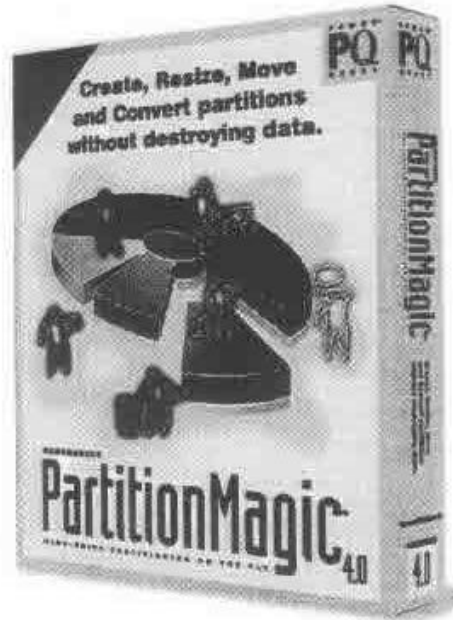
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## Diablo Blue Article and Ad Information

Diablo Blue needs articles from the members of DVPC. See your name in print! Achieve fame and fortune! (Well, maybe just some limited fame in Contra Costa County...) We are particularly interested in product and book reviews and articles about your PC experiences.

Commercial advertising is available in Diablo Blue. Prices are \$75 for a full page, \$40 for a half page, and \$25 for a quarter page for one insertion – or get three consecutive insertions for the price of two. For more information, call editor Ronald Ogg, at 283-7900, Ext. 201 (days). Members of DVPC can submit personal classified ads that will be printed in Diablo Blue for three insertions at no charge. The rules are simple: up to 9 lines (as we typeset it), material must be suitable for publication (the editor is the sole judge of suitability), the member must be in good standing (current dues paid), and ad space is available on a first-come first-served space available basis only. If you want fewer than three insertions note that on your ad copy. If members want their business card reproduced, the rate is \$10 for one insertion, or \$25 for three insertions. The card must be horizontal and must be scannable.

Send your articles or member ad copy as email attachments to the [Newsletter Editor](#), or mail to: Editor, Diablo Blue, P.O. Box 2222, Orinda, CA 94563-2222. See the deadline information in the Calendar on page 15 of each issue of Diablo Blue.

## DVPC on the Internet

DVPC has a web site on the Internet – thanks to our Web Team: Cindy Barnes, Ron Ogg, and Stan Umlauf. You can surf your way to our own domain and home page by starting your favorite Web browser and typing the following URL; be sure to save it in your browser's hotlist so you don't have to type it each time:

<http://www.dvpc.org>

## DVPC Officers and Directors

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The Board of Directors usually meets on the Wednesday evening following the general meeting each month. Check the DVPC Calendar on page 16 of each issue of *Diablo Blue*, or the DVPC home page on the Internet ([www.dvpc.org](http://www.dvpc.org)) for the meeting date, time, and location. You can reach any of the officers and directors by talking to them at the DVPC monthly meeting, or leaving a message on the DVPC voicemail System.

## DVPC Voice Mail System

DVPC has a computer-based voice mail system. The phone number for the DVPC VMS is 556-1449. This communication vehicle provides members with up-to-date information about monthly and SIG meetings, potential new members with information about DVPC, and a message center for Board of Directors members and SIG Leaders.

*Diablo Blue* is the monthly newsletter of the Diablo Valley PC User's Group. Editor: Ronald Ogg, Mailing: Craig Peterson  
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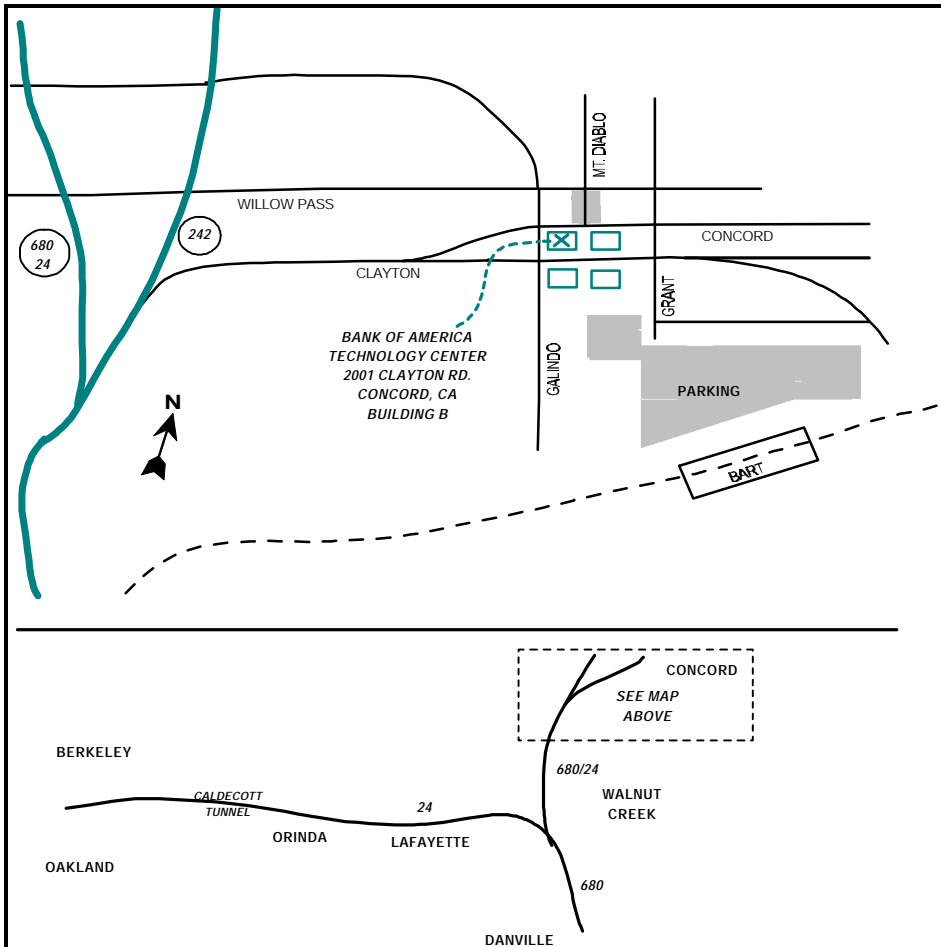
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Building B is the first building on your left, at the northeast corner of Clayton and Galindo.

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## DVPC October 1998 Calendar

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
See SIG News starting on page 4 for more information about SIG meeting dates, times, topics, and locations			DVPC Monthly Meeting 7:00 p.m. New User's SIG 6:30 p.m.		
5	6 Windows SIG 7:30 p.m.	7 Board Meeting 7:00 p.m. Alan Mildwurm's house	8	9 Real Estate SIG 9:00 a.m. <i>New meeting day, time, and location!</i>	10
12	13	14	15 Advanced Users SIG 7:30 p.m.	16 <i>Diablo Blue deadline</i> Email articles and ads to the Newsletter Editor: rogg@value.net	17 Internet SIG <i>Check SIG News for latest Internet SIG information</i>
19 Microsoft Project SIG 7:30 p.m.	20	21	22	23	24
26 WordPerfect SIG <i>On Vacation</i>	27 Access/Visual Basic SIG 7:30 p.m.	28 Clarion SIG 7:30 p.m. Education & Entertainment SIG 7:30 p.m.	29	30	31

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