



## A LIFE LESSON FOR TEEN DRIVERS



PHOTO BY PAT HAMPTON

Calistoga firefighters use the jaws of life to extricate crash victims Walker Hughes and Daniel Alfaro in a staged car crash in front of the entire student body at Calistoga High School on Wednesday as part of the "Every 15 Minutes" anti-drinking and driving program.

# Every 15 minutes...

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The Calistoga Junior Senior High School held its fourth official Every 15 Minutes car crash simulation Tuesday afternoon to demonstrate to teens and the community the realistic outcomes of drinking and driving.

Every 15 Minutes is a program designed to show high school students the dangers of driving a vehicle while intoxicated, or texting, or getting in a car with someone that is intoxicated,

with an emotionally charged scene that took place in front of the school on Lake street.

At 8:06 a.m., Monica Avina became the first victim of a drunk driving accident. The grim reaper, acted out by Lee Shaw, appeared in Avina's English class with a rose to alert her fellow classmates that she had died, and proceeded to take her away. Her face was then painted in white and she was escorted to place her tombstone in the

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Krystal Castillo leads the 28 "walking dead" out of the gym and to the front of CHS.

## Teachers, district in mediation

■ Union asking for more prep time, smaller classes, health benefit coverage

By Pat Hampton

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The teachers union and school district administration will begin mediation talks on May 1 after an impasse was called by the union last week over disagreements on benefits, prep time and class size.

At Monday's school board meeting, teacher Ivan Miller said Yu-Yee Wu, a mediator with the State Mediation and Conciliation Service, will meet with both sides at 10 a.m. in the conference room at the administration building on Lake Street.

Wu will spend the day meeting separately with both teams of negotiators seated in different rooms.

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## Citywide yard sale tomorrow

■ 20 homes on map inserted in today's paper

By Pat Hampton

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Looking for used dishes for your college student? Maybe a forgotten basketball hoop for the garage door?

The annual citywide Calistoga Yard Sale featuring the cleaned

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## CHS expands open house to show non-parents, others new changes

■ Chance to tour new buildings, participate in student demonstrations, and discuss Common Core standards

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For the first time, the Calistoga Junior Senior High School is inviting the community to participate in an open house, usually meant for students and their families, giving locals the opportunity to experience everything new on campus.

The community open house will be held on Thursday, April 26 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. inside the

new gym.

Instead of a traditional open house in which parents walk from classroom to classroom, the community open house will bring staff and students together to highlight key areas that are the school's current focus, including Project Based Learning, Instructional Technology and Technical Arts.

In addition, visitors will have the opportunity to tour the new buildings, including the gym,

weight room and multipurpose room, which hold the music room and kitchen.

"We want the community have a chance to get an inside look at our facilities and also see the amazing, innovative work that our faculty and students are part of," said CJSHS vice principal, Kara Mannix.

The open house will commence with a short presentation by school superintendent Esmeralda Mondragon. The community will then have the opportunity to walk through over ten different stations.

At the stations, visitors will learn about school programs, see student demonstrations and possibly participate in a drama game.

There will also be projects from the woodshop classes, a demonstration of the new 3-D printer, displays from the Digital Media Arts program, performances from the drama and music classes, and Gary Guttman's seniors will be on hand to talk about their "Genius Hour" projects.

Along with the student presentations, informational stations will teach visitors about the new Common Core Standards and Student

Services, as well as learn about additional programs the school provides to students, including counseling, tutoring, and family supports.

"We are really excited about this event and the chance to show the community what we are doing and all of the changes that are happening, both on our campus, as well as changes that are coming from the State of California," Mannix said. "We hope to provide a lot of information about these changes in an interesting and relevant way to both CJSHS families and the community."