



SCOTT MACDONALD/THE SALINAS CALIFORNIAN FILE -PHOTO

Dennis Lehnen, pictured in the KSBW studios in Salinas in 2003, said he couldn't imagine leaving the region. 'I love the area,' he said.

# Lehnen scores again



## DENNIS LEHLEN

- **AGE:** 54
- **OCCUPATION:** Lead sportscaster for KSBW-TV.
- **EXPERIENCE:** Has been with the station for 24 years.
- **EDUCATION:** Broadcasting degree from Chico State University.
- **PERSONAL:** Raised in Quincy. Single with a daughter, Gabriele, 17.

*Longtime KSBW sportscaster is favorite for prep football, pro golf and more*

By **GLENN CRAVENS**  
The Salinas Californian

For 24 years, Dennis Lehnen's face has appeared on KSBW-TV's nightly sports broadcasts.

The 54-year-old has traded his lunch to talk to Jack Nicklaus and stood on the sidelines as the San Francisco 49ers continued their dynasty.

Readers of The Salinas Californian have shown their love for Lehnen by once again

choosing him as the No. 1 television sportscaster in the Salinas area.

"I love the area," he said. "I couldn't manage to leave it."

Lehnen is the lead anchorman in KSBW's "Operation Football Blitz," a Friday-night showcase during the high school football season where several minutes are dedicated toward highlights of high school football games.

He said he loves reporting high school football and the various golf events in the area, including the AT&T Pebble Beach National Pro-Am.

One of his favorite memories came during the AT&T, when he gave up his lunch to interview a hungry Nicklaus.

Another favorite memory was attending Super Bowl XXIV in the Superdome at New Orleans, where the San

*'You're drawn to him.'*

— **Brian Dakin**,  
fellow KSBW sportscaster,  
explaining Lehnen's popularity

Francisco 49ers won the first of two consecutive titles.

"That was a great game," he said.

Lehnen was raised in Quincy and went to school at Chico State University, where he majored in broadcasting.

Lehnen was also a part-time producer for KPIX-TV in San Francisco.

"He's a guy who has a pretty quick wit," said fellow KSBW sportscaster Brian Dakin. "You're drawn to him."

Contact Glenn Cravens  
at gcravens@thecalifornian.com