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'A
Christmas
Carol'
home
for the
holidays

Start a new tradition

by B. Lynn Goodwin

Are you looking for a new form of holiday fun? Try putting on a family production of "A Christmas Carol" and let everyone's inner-ham emerge.

Retired Danville teacher Gail Kamerer can tell you exactly what to do and how to make the show a success. The secret is her script, which she is happy to share with you.

"I love the play because it's not religious. It's universal," Kamerer said. "All religions can relate to people who are stingy, who live their lives without understanding what family is all about."

Productions of "A Christmas Carol" were a tradition in Kamerer's life long before she introduced the concept to her fifth-graders at Greenbrook Elementary School in the 1980s. She learned how to create this neighborhood tradition the year her mother's brother came to visit the family in Pasadena.

Her uncle was Catholic; her mother was Episcopalian. Rather than decide which church to attend, her mother brought home the "Christmas Carol" script she had used in her elementary school classroom. She invited neighbors and friends to join them for dinner and a play on Christmas Eve.

She sent out scripts ahead of time, and everyone was required to take a role. People made costumes out of old bathrobes and household items. They sat in a circle and when their turn came to read, they literally rose to the occasion. The performance was a hit.

People had such a good time that invitations went out again the next year. This time, Kamerer's mother asked her actors

to identify the parts they wanted.

"If two people asked for the same part, they picked a number," Kamerer recalled. She herself played several roles, starting

with a Cratchitt daughter. Her favorite role is Scrooge, who can be played by either a man or a woman, she said.

As the years progressed, children often took adult roles and vice versa.

"Some people laid claims to certain parts, if they wanted, and people got into memorizing, costuming and creating better lighting. It took on a life of its

own," Kamerer said.

A talent show became part of Mr. Fezziwig's party, a scene in the play.

"People sang, got instruments out of closets they hadn't played in years, and a

"People sang, got instruments out of closets they hadn't played in years, and a kid down the street did magic."

—Gail Kamerer

kid down the street did magic," Kamerer recalled.

Before long, someone brought his super-8 movie camera. Then the actors would have a potluck in January and watch their show. Kamerer's mother followed it with an awards ceremony, The Scroogies.

Flexibility and actor creativity are the keys to the success of this show, Kamerer said.

"The stage can be your living room. Move the furniture so that everyone is sitting in a circle. When it's time for a person to act, they get up and move onto the 'stage,'" Kamerer states in her script.

"Costumes can be things you have around the house. The Wayside Inn in Lafayette has wonderful costume rentals for adults if you want to get fancy. Boswells also has all kinds of things that can enhance costumes."

When Kamerer directed the show at

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Presenting the Past

BY BEVERLY LANE

Trees bedecked with lights open the Valley's holiday season

For more than 25 years, Valley residents have been lighting trees and enjoying special ceremonies to herald the holiday season. The Danville Oak, a special oak tree in Alamo, and a classic pine tree in San Ramon's Central Park have been sites for these annual celebrations.

The Danville Oak celebration began in 1976 after Diablo Road was widened to four lanes. Representatives of the Old Town Guild put lights on the tree and planned an Old Town Danville event for the Friday evening after Thanksgiving. Volunteer Ken Preston tackled the lighting and local merchant Carmine DeVivi presided over the ceremony as Father Christmas.

About 300 people came to the first lighting. For years the event began at the Danville Hotel, with opening ceremonies on Hartz Avenue. People lit candles, sang carols and walked to the tree. When crowds began to number in the thousands, the party took its current form. The event begins at the Danville Oak, streets are closed to traffic, and families stroll through Old Town afterward for music and refreshments.

DeVivi's original Father Christmas outfit is red velvet trimmed in mink with a wreath, keys and bells, and it is displayed every year at the Museum of the San Ramon Valley. Not long ago DeVivi wrote about the beginnings of the Danville Oak Tree Lighting:

"I recall my first impression of the old oak tree. It was obviously on its way to a slow death due to debris piled high over its crown during the re-paving of Diablo Road. My plan of action was to get some help to remove the debris, which was necessary so that the tree could breathe and live. I solicited Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts from Alamo to assist me in removing this debris, only to discover huge chunks of black top asphalt, stones, pieces of wood, etc., causing a slow suffocation of the root systems.

"To call attention to the old oak tree and its preservation, I proposed at an Old Town Guild meeting that we as merchants could light the tree with as many lights as we were able to afford. This procedure would not only give the town a new symbol for the holiday season but throughout the year as well, especially because the lighting would call attention to the tree and its preservation.

"The idea was unanimously approved by the membership. At the next meeting I also proposed that a ceremony with Father Christmas lighting the tree would inaugurate the holiday season for the community at large. My rea-



The old Danville Oak Tree was lit Friday night after Thanksgiving, in keeping with a tradition started in 1976.

son for having Father Christmas was because traditionally he was non-sectarian as a symbol and an image portrayed for everyone. It was suggested that I might portray Father Christmas at our first tree lighting. I agreed to do this for the first event ... and I continued to perform the tree lighting ceremony for the residents of Danville for 15 years. Each of those 15 years, one better than the other, were events to be cherished and memorable."

The year after San Ramon incorporated, 1984, the city sponsored a holiday oak tree lighting at the corner of Twin Creeks and Crow Canyon Road. As the crowds grew too large and the new San Ramon Central Park was developed, a lovely pine tree was chosen for the annual lighting and festivities. Since 2002, a large fir Christmas tree has been lit as part of an old-fashioned holiday street fair in a celebration that draws thousands to Bishop Ranch, all sponsored by Bishop Ranch Business Park.

In Alamo the holiday oak tree lighting began in 1986, using a heritage tree near the northwest corner of Danville Boulevard and Stone Valley Road; the tree once graced the Alamo Grammar School yard. Claudia Nemir and Ken Preston strung and placed the lights and promoted this event. Today, families come each year to the tree lighting at Andrew Young Park in an event coordinated by the Alamo Merchants and Professional Association.

Let the festivities begin!

Sources: Museum of the San Ramon Valley archives, letter from Carmine DeVivi.

Beverly Lane, a longtime Danville resident, is curator of the Museum of the San Ramon Valley and co-author of "San Ramon Valley: Alamo, Danville, and San Ramon."

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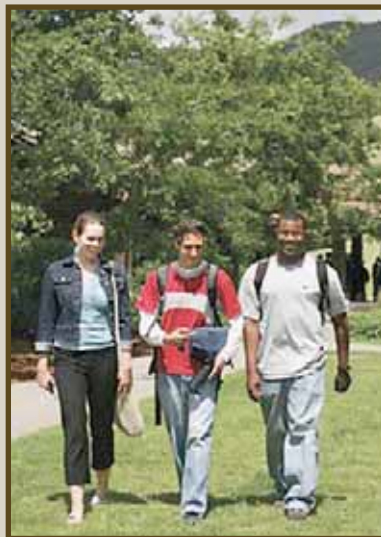
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Danville artists on display

The annual Holiday Art Sale featuring items by Walnut Creek Civic Arts Education and the Clay Arts Guild will be a chance to find hand-crafted, one-of-a-kind items including ceramic pottery, sculpture, paintings, jewelry, photography and more made by local artists.

Danville artists Mimi Wild, Martha Kean and Sonja Biberman are among the artists being featured. An art major in college and a musician who played viola and oboe, Wild worked as a freelance medical illustrator before finding clay as a creative outlet. She has been working with the Clay Arts Guild since wandering into the ceramics studio in 1980. A dedicated volunteer for the Lindsay Wildlife Museum, Wild often weaves her animal and bird imagery into her sculptures.



Martha Kean



Mimi Wild

ative clay work. Now, the retired AT&T employee can be found in her Danville studio devoting all her creative energies to firing new designs in her electric kiln.

Sonja Biberman, 96, a member of the Clay Arts Guild, moved to Danville in 1986 and has been an active local artist ever since. In the '20s and '30s, she was active in many progressive causes including the Women's Anti-Nazi League where she met her husband, artist Edward Biberman. She went on to become a lieutenant colonel in the Women's Ambulance and Defense Corps while the two lived in Hollywood. Her interest in film led to her enrollment in the California Art Institute and, before long, she began her life-long love affair with clay.



Sonja Biberman

An opening party for the sale will take place 5-9 p.m., Thursday, Dec. 7, in two sale locations. The sale will continue from 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Dec. 8; 10- a.m.-5 p.m. Dec. 9; and 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Dec. 10. Ceramics will be in Studios D&E, 1313 Civic Drive, Walnut Creek. All other media will be at Shadelands Auditorium, North Wiget Lane at Ygnacio Valley Road. Call 943-5846.

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Kiwanis turkey drive a success

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This all added up to 18,000 food collected by the San Ramon Valley Kiwanis at the NBC11 John Farley Turkey Drive on Nov. 18. The food was donated to the Food Bank of Contra Costa and Solano Counties located in Concord to make sure that everyone had

a Thanksgiving feast. "Working with Nob Hill Grocery Stores, the San Ramon Valley Kiwanis Club matched each turkey and bag of groceries donated by Nob Hill customers up to \$2,500," said Dave Romano, who organized the club's participation in the Turkey Drive. "This is our second year and we got even better results than last year."

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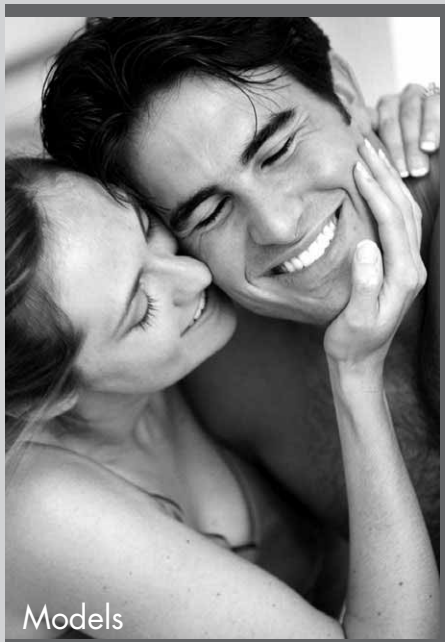
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BY JACQUI LOVE MARSHALL

My favorite things: Culinary and food gifts for the holidays

"Giving presents is a talent ... to know what a person wants, to know when and how to give it ... to give it lovingly and well." —Pamela Glenconner

The turkey carcass has barely become soup and we are still finishing off Thanksgiving leftovers but, like most of America, we are shifting into our holiday shopping mode. I always start the shopping season for my "foodie" friends first.

Selecting a holiday gift for a "foodie" can be a delightful challenge. On one hand, you get to discover new gadgets and specialty foods for yourself in the process. On the other hand, knowing what the person will actually use but doesn't already have is the challenging part.

I went on a search for the latest and greatest culinary items and wound up with the list below. Here's a thought: Share the list with your favorite "foodie" and see if they reveal what most piques his or her interest. Maybe you can sneak in a few hints for yourself at the same time.



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Gifts from \$10-\$35

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Cookbooks are a welcomed gift for the person who loves to cook. I recommend:

- "Boulevard: The Cookbook" by Nancy Oakes, Pamela Mazzola and Lisa Weiss, \$31.50
- "Morgan Freeman & Friends: Caribbean Cooking for a Cause" by Wendy Wilkerson & Donna Lee (a portion of proceeds goes to the Grenada Relief Fund), \$23
- "Happy in the Kitchen: The Craft of Cooking, the Art of Eating" by Michel Richard, \$29.70
- "Michael Mina: The Cookbook" by Michael Mina, JoAnn Cianciulli, Andre Agassi, Karl Petzke, \$31.50
- Anziano Balsamic Sampler: 10-12 years aged, comes with a card that tells the story of Dodi Balsamic Vinegars, \$15
- Reidel O Tumblers: trust me ... wine lovers will cherish these sets of two non-leaded crystal tumblers for Chardonnay/Chablis, Cabernet/Merlot, Pinot or Sauvignon Blanc, \$17.95 or \$21.95
- Handy Dandy Spoon & Ladle, a wooden spoon and ladle with notched handles to perch on a pot or bowl, \$28/set of two
- Indian Masala Dabba Spice Kit, seven individually-tinned spices (turmeric, tandoori, fennel seed, sambar blend, cumin seed, brown mustard seed, garam masala) in a larger tin, \$30



Gifts from \$35-\$75

- 12-inch Candy Stripe Bowl is hand-painted earthenware for mixing, serving or holding fruit, comes in white stripes alternating with black, lime or red, \$39.95 (also comes in 7-inch and 9-inch sizes). Fill it with your homemade cookies for an extra treat.
- Wine Master Deluxe, a PDA-like gadget featuring 10,000 wines and spirits with ratings, reviews and prices, \$49.95
- Godiva Chocolatier's Signature Truffle Assortment, \$65 for 36 pieces
- Finishing Salts Collection—Haleakala red and Kilauea black salts from Hawaii, pink-colored salt flakes from Australia and Cyprus white flakes from the Mediterranean—is a luxury a "foodie" would love but might not buy for him or herself, \$39.50
- Classic New York Cheesecake (serves 6-8), \$40



Gifts from \$80-\$150

- Any "foodie" would be delighted to receive three Months of Croissants—a dozen plain croissants by Dec. 25; a dozen chocolate croissants by Jan. 25; and 18 mini croissants by Feb. 25, \$89, williams-sonoma.com
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- My best kitchen purchase this year was Rachel Ray's Gusto Grip Santoku Set by Furi, hollow-edge blades with orange silicone handles, 5-inch and 7-inch, \$99.95
- Paella Gift Set, includes the paella pan and all the essentials for paella-making, \$85



Gifts with price options

Gift cards and certificates are wonderful treats for "foodies" so they can get what they truly want. There are many choices out there but I especially like these:

- If I were giving a gift to myself this would be it: A personal IOU for dinner and a concert at COPIA, The American Center for Food, Wine & the Arts in Napa. Check out the concert schedule and make dinner reservations online at www.copia.org or 1-888-51-COPIA
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Bobby ★★★

Rating: R for language, drug content and a scene of violence. 1 hour 51 minutes.

One of the iconic images of 1968 is U.S. Sen. Robert F. Kennedy, sprawled on the kitchen floor of the Ambassador Hotel after being gunned down by Sirhan Sirhan. The 42-year-old presidential hopeful had just delivered his victory speech for the California primary in the hotel's ballroom.



Revisiting the routine day leading up to the peace-and-justice politician's assassination, screenwriter-director Emilio Estevez doesn't shadow Bobby Kennedy, the heir apparent of his older brother's Camelot. Instead he focuses on the dozens of campaign supporters and hotel employees whose lives touched and exploded with a bang shortly after midnight on June 5 in Los Angeles.

A cross between a Robert Altman ensemble piece like Nashville and the classic Grand Hotel, the star-studded drama moves at a fast clip. The Ambassador serves as the sole setting, where its employees (Anthony Hopkins, William H. Macy, Christian Slater, Sharon Stone, Heather Graham, Laurence Fishburne, Freddy Rodriguez, Jacob Vargas) interact with such Sixties-era stereotypes as the boozy, over-the-hill singer (Demi Moore), hippie drug dealer (Ashton Kutcher) and young peacenik (Lindsay Lohan) about to marry a draftee (Elijah Wood) so he will be shipped to Germany instead of Vietnam.

But these characters and their lives really aren't very interesting. Campaign workers banter about the newly released "Bonnie and Clyde" or "The Graduate" (also shot on location at the Ambassador). The kitchen staff gathers around a transistor radio to follow Don Drysdale pitching against Pittsburgh. Put them in a towering inferno or on the sinking Titanic, and at least they'll try to survive. Here they have no dramatic purpose until Bobby finally enters the building.

Although period details ring false with so many well-known actors playing dress-up, editor Richard Chew expertly weaves historical footage into the narrative fiction. His opening montage condenses the turbulent times into a rich tapestry of real-life protests, television news broadcasts, songs and speeches. RFK eloquently pleads for brotherhood in a nation divided by an unpopular war and racial and class injustices. Chew's integration of archival footage with fictional reenactment brings the film to a powerful climax.

The reel rendition fails to capture the reality of the times but conveys an earnest message against violence, as timely today as almost 40 years ago.

—Susan Tavernetti



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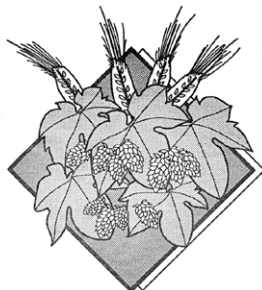
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Greenbrook, she would let her students take whatever part they wanted, after reminding them how much they would have to memorize for a large part or warning them how little another character would be onstage.

Once a boy who had not yet excelled in any subject asked for the role of Scrooge. At the performance, his parents were amazed.

"We didn't know he could do that," Kamerer remembered them saying.

She sometimes cast girls as Scrooge.

"There are women who are mean and stingy," she said. "Ghosts were also played by either gender. Ebenezer Scrooge could be Edith, and Marley could be Marlene. It was an equal opportunity script."

If the group was big, she added parts. If it was small, she double cast or triple cast.

Today, as a substitute teacher, she still includes drama in the curriculum whenever she can, knowing that it leaves memorable impressions. When she runs into her former students, they tell her they still remember the production of "A Christmas Carol."

"For some kids, that may be all they remember," she noted.

So it's no wonder Kamerer offered a class through the Town of Danville to teach others how to give productions of the holiday classic with their families and friends. Those who missed that opportunity can contact her for a copy of her specially adapted script at GailKamerer@aol.com.

Revive your class clown routine or your drama queen flamboyance. Show a new side of yourself to your children. It's a fun new tradition waiting to be started in your home or neighborhood. ■

12 hints for your family production of "A Christmas Carol"

1. Let people pick their parts.
2. Let ambitious people take more than one part.
3. Rehearse if possible. Trust your actors if they cannot rehearse.
4. If an actor asks for help making a line believable, ask what the character wants at that moment.
5. Then ask what he or she can do with voice or movement to get what he or she wants.
6. Encourage simple, believable movement.
7. Encourage actors to bring in costumes and props.
8. Praise whatever works.
9. Say yes to all constructive suggestions.
10. Keep it simple.
11. Celebrate talents wherever you find them.
12. Allow your ensemble of actors and technicians to surprise you.

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A LOOK AT THE LOCAL SPORTS SCENE



Inter—the champions

After winning the Harvest Cup 2006 in Sonoma, the Mustang U10 Boys Team Internazionale came back to Sonoma the weekend before Thanksgiving to fight for the NorCal Cup. The team easily came first in its flight and advanced to the quarterfinal. There they played Mustang buddies Rossoneri, and a firework of powered offense was rewarded with a 6-1 victory. In the very exciting semifinal against the tough squad Stanislaus United, Inter was down by 0-1 after the first minute. A great shot from Matt Labrie led to a 1-1 tie, which was saved by outstanding defense from Christian Fuca, Charles Zaloumis and exceptional play from keeper JT Marcinkowski.

With just a minute to go, Kalle Sjogrell finally found the net to make the final score 2-1.

Under pressure from the final opponent Juventus, Inter came back with JJ Koski scoring. After regulation time, the game was still tied and it went into "golden goal" overtime: The team that scored first would win. Inspired by their coaches Fred Wilson and John Cilenti, the Inter offense with Michael Maul, Florentin von Haugwitz, Adam Swete, Chris Scatterday, Andrew Thiermann and Garrett O'Neil powered to a thrilling 2-1 victory with a goal from Sjogrell. Inter wasn't just rewarded with the huge NorCal Cup trophy, the team also won the award for fair play and sportsmanship.

Wolves' mighty gridiron run ends at NCS semifinals

De La Salle beats SRV in NCS semifinals

by Rachel McMurdie

For the San Ramon Valley High Football team, last Friday night was the bittersweet conclusion to a season of dreams.

The team finished the season with a 10-2 record, earning two of those wins against local hometown rival Monte Vista, and three others against playoff contenders. Several players posted stats that rival many of the league's best. And coaches and players say this is a team that will live on in the school's collective memory.

But all that wasn't enough to stop No. 1 De La Salle from cutting the dream short. The Spartans beat the Wolves 41-25 on Friday night at the North Coast Section 4-A semifinal held in Concord.

De La Salle put the first points on the scoreboard with a 26-yard first quarter touchdown. The Wolves offense drove past the Spartans into the second pushing 55 yards on their second drive, but as quickly as they gained, things soured. Spartans linebacker Albert Rosette made the interception. In a blitz of scoring just 1:12 apart, Tim Maupin and Tillman Pugh brought the De La Salle lead to 21-0 with 5:27 to go in the first half.

The Wolves answered with a 31-yard touchdown pass when Corbin Louks found Geoff Michalczyk but the Spartans were there again, effectively putting a comeback out of reach with a halftime score 27-7. The Wolves scored 18 points in the final 5:14 of play.

Louks, who finished the season with 2,033 yards

passing, 23 touchdowns and just six interceptions, was 24-for-42 for 273 yards and two touchdowns during the semifinal game. Michalczyk, on the receiving end of Louks' touchdown passes, finished the season with 11 catches for 137 yards.

The Spartans (12-0), who since 1992 are 40-0 in playoff games and 163-0-2 against Northern California teams, will go on to play the Foothill Falcons in the NCS championships at 7:15 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 9, at Mc Afee Coliseum.

Runners compete at state championships

The San Ramon Valley cross country team made it a goal last December to make it to state. That goal was realized Saturday as the boys team dashed through the three-mile course at Woodward Park in Fresno, earning 22nd place against Division I teams.

Senior Alex DeLuna led the Wolf pack, finishing the three-mile course in 16:43, 89th overall. Filling out the rest of the squad were Mitch Lappin (17:03), Mike Grant (17:12), Keir Forster (17:16), and Brett Gunari (17:29).

"The boys did a great job all year long, I am very proud of them," Coach Tim Hunter said.

On the girl's squad, senior Alexis Nordine returned to state championships again to finish 76th overall in 19:41, a 6:20-mile pace. The result was a 40 second improvement over last year's state meet race, according to Hunter.

"She is still improving and getting stronger and stronger with each season. That's exciting to watch," he said. ■

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Tigers take the King

The Mustang Tigers, coached by Bob Knifsend and Manny Manela, took first place in the 2006 Dick King Tournament for the Boys U14 White Division. Tigers team members are (front, l-r) Kevin Richardson, Seth Gunari, Joshua Williams, Max Gigliotti, David Leftowitz, Dallas Morgan; (back) Coach Knifsend, Jason Budge, Andrew Wever, Nick Grime, Alex Manela, Kevin Knifsend, Cameron Bailey, Nate Hall, Ian Gardner, Ryan Cho. Not pictured: Ethan Silverman.



Goal-den Girls reach the top

Mustang Soccer's U-10 Goal-den Girls placed second out of eight soccer leagues in the East Bay at the recent 2006 Crossroads Invitational. Then the Goal-den Girls finished first in Mustang Soccer's Dick King Tournament, with (top to bottom, l-r) Coach Kathy Garrigan, Lauren Pearson, Hannah Deahl, Elana Ranhoff, Meg Carter, Coach Breck Lutz, Hannah Lutz, Kaylee Bain, Casey Garrigan, Sarah Coleman, Sofia Nadjji, Maddie Schwarz, Alyssa Coons and Paige Brause.

PREP SCHEDULE

**Thursday-Saturday,
Nov. 30-Dec. 2**

Boys Basketball

Montgomery Tournament

Girls Basketball

Alhambra Tournament

Ukiah Tournament

Saturday, Dec. 2

Boys Soccer

Monte Vista vs. Antioch, 11 a.m.

San Ramon Valley at De La Salle

Monday, Dec. 4

Girls Soccer

Monte Vista at Clayton Valley, 6 p.m.

Boys Soccer

Monte Vista vs. Washington, 6 p.m.

San Ramon Valley vs. Mission San Jose, 5:45 p.m.

Tuesday, Dec. 5

Boys Basketball

Monte Vista vs. Serra, 7:30 p.m.

Girls Basketball

San Ramon Valley at Mission San Jose, 7:30 p.m.

**Thursday-Saturday,
Dec. 7-9**

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Total sales reported: 20
Lowest sale reported: \$560,000
Highest sale reported: \$1,465,000
Average sales reported: \$1,036,425

Alamo

Total sales reported: 2
Lowest sale reported: \$1,407,000
Highest sale reported: \$1,805,000
Average sales reported: \$1,606,000

Walnut Creek

Total sales reported: 20
Lowest sale reported: \$256,500
Highest sale reported: \$1,060,000
Average sales reported: \$668,475

HOME SALES

Source: California REsource

Danville

316 Borica Drive M. & N. Warner to M. & S. Dalto for \$1,070,000
1644 Colchester Street Lennar Homes to E. Welch for \$1,229,000
1656 Colchester Street Lennar Homes to D. & J. Lee for \$1,196,500
3891 Cottonwood Drive J. Amond to J. Siligo for \$1,400,000
200 Fairview Street R. Stockwell to N. Blanch for \$1,099,000
2209 Genoa Street Lennar Homes to M. & L. Pennisi for \$998,500
2249 Genoa Street Lennar Homes to J. & R. Wood for \$934,000
147 Gerbera Street Denman Trust to J. & A. Darsey for \$860,000

119 Glen Court

C. & D. Stangel to R. Neach for \$1,465,000
731 Glen Eagle Court S. Lee to E. Saffo for \$659,000
28 Nerine Court K. & K. Neate to D. & L. Prewitt for \$900,000
3315 Quail Walk Lane Parini Trust to B. & S. Denman for \$1,327,000
346 Ramona Road G. & M. Power to E. & J. Vattuone for \$902,000
414 Rioja Court KB Homes to G. Phirippidis for \$1,274,500
420 Rioja Court KB Homes to K. Ho for \$1,048,000
906 Saddlehorn Court Shapell Homes to M. Lodder for \$1,110,000

109 Shadow Creek Court

D. & J. Heenan to R. & J. Adaya for \$1,060,000
1946 St. George Road J. & A. Gliozzi to R. Sessa for \$560,000
47 Verona Court J. Sours to M. Pavich for \$920,000
55 Woodvalley Drive T. Cardanini to D. West for \$716,000

Alamo

2148 Stone Valley Road Matthews Trust to M. Rose for \$1,805,000
140 Via Bonita Henderson Trust to M. & C. Gwynn for \$1,407,000

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1315 Alma Avenue #233 Alpine of Alma Development to L. Robinson for \$501,000

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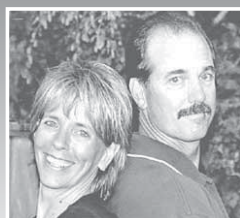
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Alamo

3 Bedrooms

150 Crest Ave. \$995,000
Sun 1-4 Keller Williams 855-3444

4 Bedrooms

46 Vista Ln. \$1,595,000
Sun 1:30-4 Intero 672-2499

5 Bedrooms

61 Vista Ln. \$1,698,000
Sun 1:30-4:30 Alain Pinel 323-6735

Blackhawk

3 Bedrooms

11 Deer Meadow Ct. \$1,199,000
Sun 1:30-4 Blackhawk RE 736-4155

4 Bedrooms

25 Chestnut Pl. \$2,299,000
Sun 1-4 Intero 855-4072

5 Bedrooms

5078 Blackhawk Dr. \$1,698,000
Sun 1:30-4:30 Alain Pinel 876-6935

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2 Bedrooms

4032 Skylark Ln. \$534,500
Sun 1-4 Alain Pinel 968-1452

2200 Oneida Cir. \$660,000
Sun 1-4 Keller Williams 577-5510

3 Bedrooms

154 Lawnview Cir. \$599,550
Sun 1-4 Better Homes 389-0618

167 Heritage Park Dr. \$649,900
Sun 1-4 Keller Williams 855-6410

42 Casablanca St. \$759,000
Sun 1-4 Intero 855-4072

4 Bedrooms

1024 Ocho Rios Dr. \$1,065,000
Sun 1-4 Prudential CA 314-2428

595 Zephyr Cir. \$1,069,000
Sun 1-4 Intero 855-4134

112 Quinterra Ln. \$1,199,000
Sun 2-5 Coldwell Banker 362-2058

705 Mistral Ct. \$1,199,000
Sun 1-4 Re/Max 943-3333

1001 Horizon Ct. \$1,262,000
Sun 1-4 Intero 736-1666

51 Willowview Ct. \$1,284,000
Sun 1-4 Intero 855-4030

250 Tim Ct. \$1,599,550
Sun 1-4 Better Homes 389-0618

11 Jillian Wy. \$1,748,900
Sat/Sun 1-4 Intero 818-4078

112 Lawnview Ct. \$619,000
Sun 1-4 Intero 855-4075

229 St. Christopher Dr. \$799,000
Sat/Sun 1-4 Keller Williams 389-7754

1157 River Rock Ln. \$849,000
Sun 1-4 Intero 855-4049

1193 River Rock Ln. \$849,900
Sat/Sun 1-4 Intero 855-4049

1102 River Rock Ln. \$859,000
Sun 1-4 Intero 855-4049

50 Normandy Ct. \$909,000
Sun 2-5 Empire 785-2900

389 Squirrel Ridge Wy. \$995,000
Sun 1-4 Intero 833-1822

71 Edgegate Ct. \$995,000
Sun 2:30-5 Empire Realty 217-5044

654 Adobe Dr. \$998,900
Sun 1:30-4 Blackhawk RE 736-6000

5 Bedrooms

40 Edinburgh Pl. \$1,675,000
Sun 1-4 Intero 855-4075

112 Laurelwood Dr. \$2,049,950
Sun 1-4 Intero 977-8965

124 Victoria Pl. \$2,279,000
Sat/Sun 1-4 Intero 785-1386

246 Stetson Dr. \$879,000
Sun 1-4 Prudential CA 876-5554

1390 Brookside Dr. \$989,900
Sat 1-4 Intero 736-1666

Diablo

6 Bedrooms

2315 Caballo Ranchero \$2,125,000
Sun 1-4 Empire 217-5048

San Ramon

2 Bedrooms

9085 Alcosta Blvd., #341 \$344,900
Sun 1-4 Prudential CA 353-0887

3 Bedrooms

9746 Broadmoor Dr. \$649,500
Sun 1-4 Alain Pinel 968-1452

775 Winterside Cir. \$699,000
Sun 1-4 Intero 855-4110

707 Winterside Cir. \$730,000
Sun 1-4 Pacific Union 216-8005

3111 Marble Canyon Pl. \$924,500
Sun 1-4 Alain Pinel 968-1452

4 Bedrooms

116 Pearlgrass Ct. \$1,068,000
Sun 1-4 Empire 217-5061

604 Vine Hill Ln. \$1,155,000
Sun 1-4 Intero 833-1822

11 Henry Ranch Dr. \$1,439,999
Sun 1-5 All CA Brokerage 699-7955

2794 Marsh Dr. \$650,000
Sun 2-5 Coldwell Banker 362-2019

601 S. Blackbrush Ln. \$675,000
Sun 1-4 Intero 855-4065

131 Shadowhill Cir. \$749,950
Sun 1-4 Intero 855-4065

116 Claremont Crest Ct. \$779,000
Sun 2-5 Re/Max 510-501-2439

3375 Camarones Pl. \$779,000
Sun 1:30-4 Intero 586-5456

2977 Morgan Dr. \$849,999
Sun 1-4 Empire 217-5072

3011 Wrangler Rd. \$868,000
Sun 1:30-4:30 Alain Pinel 323-6735

12 Tackwood Ct. \$910,000
Sat/Sun 1-4 Empire 217-5082

5 Bedrooms

301 Adelaide Hills Ct. \$1,099,000
Sun 1-4 Intero 785-1386

16 Pine Valley Pl. \$1,434,000
Sun 1:30-4 Intero 648-5342

4025 Tulip Wy. \$1,499,000
Sun 1-4 Keller Williams 855-6410

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Meticulously Maintained! **\$1,262,000**
Rare 4bd, 2.5ba single story on quiet court. New carpeting and light fixtures. Lovely brick accented pool and separate spa.
Carolyn Young **925.963.0093**



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Bettencourt Ranch Executive Home **\$1,099,950**
Like new inside and out! 4bd, one downstairs, 3ba, family room w/used brick fireplace, bar, morning sun breakfast area, huge master suite.
Chuck and Renee Lamb **925.899.9651**



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Fabulous Leander Hill Location **\$1,049,950**
Spacious family home w/4bd, 3ba, 4-car garage. Huge, flat yard with loads of grass, pool, spa, English garden. 4th garage bay is tandem w/drive thru.
Dennis Harvey & Ju Dee Bell **925.855.4059**



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Beautifully Updated in Danville Station **\$1,069,000**
4bd, 2.5ba, cherrywood floors, slab granite kitchen, French doors, remodeled bathrooms, custom windows, ceiling fans in bedrooms and more.
Paul Harris **925.855.4134**



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SIX Bedrooms w/Huge Loft **\$1,049,000**
Room to roam in this wonderful home close to Danville Station pool and greenbelts. Stunning cherry/granite/stainless kitchen. 3-full baths.
Loraine Ward **925.855.4123**

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