

Where's the Pear?

Moragans are Voracious for Fruits Pomaceous

By Cathy Dausman



Contestant Zohar is up to the pie-eating challenge! Photos Cathy Dausman



From left, pie-eating contestants Steve, Zohar, Eric and Donovan celebrate with the DJ/emcee.

Pears, glorious pears—and loads of scorching sunshine dominated the recent 14th annual Pear & Wine Festival held at Moraga Commons. Some 2,000 visitors browsed 70 booths, met police, fire and public safety representatives, kibitzed with political candidates, petted cats and dogs up for adoption, while enjoying music on stage from LittleDog2. Visitors sampled local wines or reveled in the grape stomp. Kiwanis volun-

teers sold 425 whole pies and more pie by the slice, all baked by Nation's and benefitting the Moraga Park Foundation. A baker's dozen contestants were judged on their pear pie recipes and a half dozen more scarfed up their just desserts during the pear pie eating contest (a two-pronged event, offering a competition for both young and old(er)). It was a sweet and succulent end to a pomaceously good day!

A Special Day of Song

By Sophie Braccini



Carol Alban with Alyssa Lewis-Smith and Eliza Rutzen singing with the Aegis Choir. Photo Sophie Braccini

In the large meeting room of the Aegis Living of Moraga community, a group of about 20 residents gathered Saturday, September 28 to sing. What was special about that day was that music professor Carol Alban invited two of her young students, Alyssa Lewis-Smith and Eliza Rutzen, to come to practice. The choir has been meeting every Saturday morning to prepare for their hol-

iday concert. On this special Saturday, the seniors rehearsed some old time favorites such as Tea for Two, Hello Dolly, When the Saints Come Marching In, All of Me, and Climb Every Mountain. The two girls enjoyed singing along and playing some piano. Voices were strong and in tune. "This is so beautiful, and I think we sound really good," said one Aegis singer.

Lamorinda Weekly Reaches New Heights



From left, Campo grads Zach Dashner, Jeremy Hauser, and Nick Talken hold a copy of the Lamorinda Weekly at the top of Mount Whitney after their 100-mile Trek for the Troops which began 10 days earlier with eight other UC Davis fraternity brothers to increase awareness and to raise money for U.S. veterans. Photo provided

McDonnell Nursery

October Sale! 25% off select sizes of Perennials, Trees and Shrubs

family owned since 1933

Trees • Shrubs • Vines • Annuals • Perennials
Vegetables • Containers • Statuary & Fountains
Indoor Plants • Decorative Items



www.mcdonnellnursery.com

196 Moraga Way • Orinda • (925) 254-3713 • Open Daily

WHEN WILL YOU RETIRE? OR CAN YOU RETIRE?

R. Hays Englehart, ChFC®

Financial Consultant, LPL Registered Principal
CA INSURANCE LIC. # 0643931



Securities offered through LPL Financial, Member FINRA/SIPC

OFFICE 925.254.0980

CELL 818.642.6260

EMAIL hays@lfgadvisors.org

WEB lfgadvisors.org

ADDRESS One Bates Blvd, Suite 202
Orinda, CA 94563

Care. Comfort. Compassion.

When you need it most.

Senior Helpers stands ready to serve your family's needs with personalized in-home care, and expertly trained, professional caregivers. Let us ease your mind with a complimentary in-home care initial appointment. Call today to learn more.

925-376-8000

www.seniorhelpers.com | www.homehealthcarecontracosta.com

Bonded and insured. Senior Helpers locations are independently owned and operated. ©2011 SH Franchising, LLC.



Care and comfort at a moment's notice.

RENT 2 MONTHS, GET YOUR 3RD MONTH FREE!*

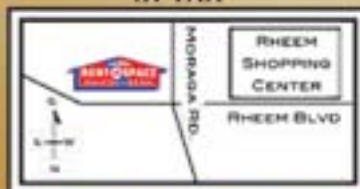


CHOOSE FROM SELECTED
SIZES AND PRICES

HURRY WHILE YOUR SIZE IS STILL
AVAILABLE!



FREE MOVE
IN VAN



TELL US HOW WE ARE DOING...
GO TO 5ASPACE.COM AND CLICK
ON OUR SOCIAL MEDIA LINKS



455 MORAGA RD., STE F
925-631-7000

RESERVE ON LINE AT 5ASPACE.COM

* Pay for 2 months when renting, get 3rd mo. free. Select units, limited to stock on hand, 1st come, 1st served. Offers expire 10/31/12