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Four Leap Year babies and one "oh, so close" gather in Orinda to celebrate. The cards they hold show their age in Leap Years. Back row, from left: Leanne Parsons, Jim Wiltshire, Bronwyn Hutchison; front row: Olivia Morris and Isabella Friedli. Photo Andy Scheck

## Leap Year Birthdays: Uncommonly Good!

By Cathy Dausman

Isabella Friedli has just two candles on her cake. Olivia Morris turns three today and is in 6th grade. Bronwyn Hutchison is four, but stands 5'11" and is learning to drive. Jim Wiltshire graduated college before he turned 6.

Each of these Lamorindans is unique, because they share a

February 29th Leap Year birthday. Leap Year babies are the result of corrections designed to sync the calendar with the Earth's revolution around the sun, which takes 365 1/4 days to complete. Every fourth year, the Gregorian calendar adds that special day.

Wiltshire points out there are also Leap Centuries, such as

the year 2000, which explains how Olivia Morris can correctly call herself three. Her mom, Kathryn Morris, says although the family usually tries "to make a bigger fuss on her 'actual' birthday once every four years," she (Kathryn) has discovered it's not all fun and games:

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### Quote of the Week:

*"Happiness is not achieved with possessions or wealth, but by what you do with what you are blessed with."*

Read "Enlightening Jan Term for SMC Students" on page B3.

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## The Fabric of Our Community

*"It is threads," said Simone Signoret, "hundreds of tiny threads which sew people together through the years."*

By Laurie Snyder

Ten years ago, the nation received a wake-up call with the release of, "A Quiet Crisis in America," a 2002 report to the U.S. Congress by the Commission on Affordable Housing and Health Facility Needs for Seniors in the 21st Century. The "aging of America" was underway. By 2030, it was estimated that 70 million Americans would be 65 or older – a jump of nearly 35 million new seniors (from 12.4 to 20 percent of the U.S. population).

The report stated, "In a Nation characterized by care and compassion for the least fortunate of its citizens, the stark reality is that many seniors, after years of contributing to their country's defense and prosperity, find themselves seriously at risk of being ignored, forgotten, or destined for a room in a skilled care facility."

What do a teacher of MSNBC political analyst Rachel Maddow, two polio researchers from China, and a former Del Rey Elementary assistant teacher have in common? They are four of the vibrant threads in our community tapestry who now call the Orinda Senior Village home.

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## Campo Hosts Miramonte in NCS Semifinal Tonight

By Conrad Bassett



Kiran Shastri, who scored 40 points against Analay, looks to lead Mats to win over Campo. Photo Kevin Nguyen

Lamorinda plays host to a key rivalry game tonight. Campolindo hosts Miramonte in the semifinals of the North Coast Section basketball tournament. Having split their first two meetings, the game promises to be an exciting match-up.

Acalanes also qualified for the NCS tournament. The Dons played in the first round against Piner (Santa Rosa). Campolindo and Miramonte received first round byes.

To start the Lamorinda postseason run, the #5 Dons defeated Piner, 44-29.

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### Life in Lamorinda B1-B12

#### Printmakers Exhibit at Town Hall Theatre

Andrea Firth meets a printmaking group connecting life, art, and the element of surprise. B5



### Sports C1-C6



#### Saint Mary's Wins WCC

SMC's off to Vegas; Senior Rob Jones: "We want to win it all!" Alex Kozela reports. C1

### Our Homes D1-D12



#### MCC Builds a New Clubhouse

Years in the planning, the Moraga Country Club recently opened the doors of its grand new clubhouse. Sophie Braccini has the details. D4