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Christmas Cheer Soars When Snow Falls in Orinda

By Laurie Snyder

In an exclusive interview with Santa Claus, the Lamorinda Weekly has learned the jolly old elf will fly his sleigh totally on reindeer power this year – no movie-inspired turbine engine needed – thanks to a sudden December surge of Christmas Spirit.

The energy surplus has been traced to kids from 1 to 92 who have been unable to stop smiling since Dec. 14, when four truck-

loads of a mysterious white crystalline substance transformed the normally temperate Orinda Theatre Square into a winter wonderland.

“It’s snow!” shouted one child with glee.

“My hands are cold,” puzzled another.

“Oh. It’s *real*,” said a parent in a hushed tone.

Human sugar plums pirouetted in purple and pink snowsuits

while playful pals pelted one another as the scene unfolded in front of Barbacoa restaurant. The official version is that the snow was provided free of charge by Special Ice in Walnut Creek. But those in the know had a different take. Deborah Lopez’s grandson, Chase, wisely assumed it came “from the mountains” while family friend, Blaine, theorized that someone brought it all the way from Oregon. ... continued on page A12

Quote of the Week:

"I believed so strongly in having a local government, in us being able to have a government in Orinda so that our constituents come locally and participate in creating our own destiny..."

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History of the Hen House

By Cathy Tyson



Sandwiched between the Round Up parking lot and the soon to be opened Cooperage restaurant sits the rustic historical Hen House building. The most recent proprietress

Photo courtesy Lafayette Historical Society of the Hen House, Elizabeth Kirkpatrick, has fond memories of the shop where she sold a wide variety of one-of-a-kind collectibles for a dozen years; ... continued on page A3

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