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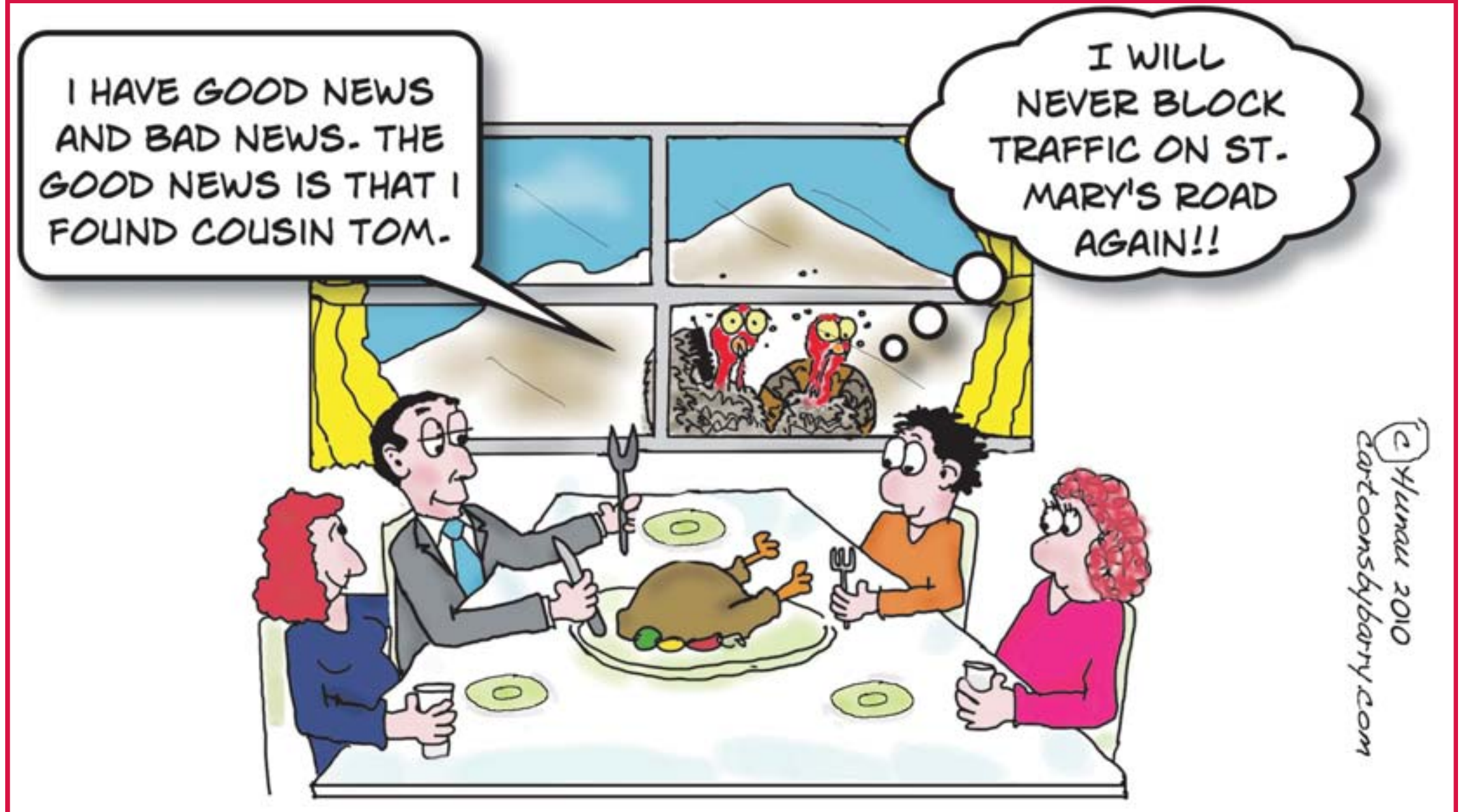
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Happy Thanksgiving

Quote of the Week:
 "I DO love my Town and it is worth more than a dollar."
 Read Letters to the Editor, page A8.

Happy Thanksgiving, Lamorinda! In celebration of the 2010 holiday season, we've added a special holiday section that will run through December. This time, read Lou Fancher's Twisted Turkey Traditions on page H1 and find all sorts of fun and festive events in our holiday calendar on page H2.

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Leaf Blower Ban Not Likely to Blow Over

By Andrea A. Firth

"This issue is not going away. The City Council has not heard the last of this," said Quiet Orinda organizer Jeff Segall a few days after the Council voted unanimously against banning leaf blower use in the City. "I was extremely disappointed by the outcome and process used by the Council," added Segall. Quiet Orinda founder Peter Kendall had a similar reaction. "A consummate disappointment, really a travesty. I sincerely hope the City isn't laboring under the misapprehension that we're 'going away,'" said Kendall.

At the November 16th City Council meeting, Quiet Orinda was given 15 minutes to present its rationale for a ban on leaf blower use in the city. Over 150 residents were on hand to listen as Segall and Kendall hurriedly flipped through dozens of slides outlining the noise nuisance and health risks they believe are posed by the widely used garden maintenance equipment.

Segall, whose wife and three-year old twins were also in the audience, explained that twice a week his family is forced to retreat indoors due to the noise and air pollution caused by the onslaught of mow and blow landscaping crews that move through his neighborhood. "We're here to restore calm and quiet in our neighborhoods," said Segall, citing Piedmont, Mill Valley, Carmel, Santa Monica, and Beverly Hill as cities that have already enacted leaf blower bans.

Kendall focused his comments on the health hazards associated with particulates—the microscopic particles of fecal matter, herbicides, and pesticides—made airborne by leaf blowers. "It used to be the noise that drove us to pursue leaf blower bans," said Kendall, "But it's the particulates that will kill us."

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Campolindo Ladies Win NCS Volleyball Championship

Campolindo reclaims the prize for the first time since 2005; both Acalanes and Miramonte fall short

By Abby Klinkenberg



Photo Doug Kohen

The Campolindo girls' volleyball team won the NCS championship on Saturday, November 20 against Sir Francis Drake, 25-12, 25-13, 25-28; the first time since 2005. Miramonte and Acalanes reached the quarterfinals but fell to Moreau Catholic and Sir Francis Drake, respectively.

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WomenSing in Lamorinda

By Lou Fancher



If there's magic in numbers, then 45 is the lucky draw for WomenSing, the 45 member Lafayette-based chorus celebrating its 45th anniversary season this year. In June, the choral ensemble received the 2010 national Chorus America/ASCAP Alice Parker Award for adventurous programming. The award is given to choruses that invigorate and...

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Miramonte Advances to Round Two



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