

Feature Columns News Columnists

Friday, February 11th, 2011 | Posted by [Bob Billingsley](#)

Heard over the back fence: Tie me kangaroo down, sport



MARITAL ADVICE: My pal John Chapman of Folsom sent the following T-shirt statement: “Never, ever, ever, ever test your wife’s memory.”

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MEXICAN STANDOFF: Mexican Train Dominoes is played on Wednesdays at 12:30 p.m. at the El Dorado Hills Senior Center, 990 Lassen Lane in El Dorado Hills. The leader of this group is Ray Martin. I walked by one day when they were playing, and they were having a great time! For more

information, please call 916-358-3575. If you don’t know how to play the game, the participants are very helpful and enthusiastic.

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DEBT TALK: On Tuesday, Feb. 15, Senior Legal Services will present a free senior legal seminar titled “Consumer Debt.” You will learn about your rights and responsibilities as a consumer. Also, options will be discussed when your bills are too high, and you will learn about homesteading your home. The seminars are from 1 to 2 p.m. at the Placerville Senior Center dining hall, 937 Spring St., Placerville.

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ASSEMBLY CANDIDATES: The TeaParty Patriots of El Dorado Hills, an area that is in the 10th Assembly District, will hear presentations and take questions to candidates for the 4th Assembly District seeking election March 8. The meeting is 7 p.m. Feb. 16 at the Holiday Inn Express in El Dorado Hills’ Town Center. Also up for discussion will be “the use of private public partnerships to balance the El Dorado County budget.” A second topic is cap and trade regulations by the California Air Resources Board.

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COMEDIAN FEATURED: A Chamber Business Exchange is scheduled for Wednesday, Feb. 16, from 7:30 to 9 a.m. at the Calif. Welcome Center, 2085 Vine St., Ste. 105 (Town Center), El Dorado Hills. This event is free for Chamber of Commerce members and \$10 for non-members. While you expand your network, you can also listen to comedian Jeetesh Kathawaroo. Share your

products and services and enjoy the hot coffee. RSVP by calling 916-933-1335.

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BEADY: Create your own necklace and earrings! A class titled “Bead-azzle It!” is scheduled for 9:30-11:30 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 16. The instructor is Nora Kolthoff and the class will be held at the El Dorado Hills Senior Center, 990 Lassen Lane, El Dorado Hills. Please bring a \$20 supply fee to the instructor at class. Reservations are a must! Call 916-358-3575 to reserve your spot.

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NEW SHERIFF IN TOWN: Would you like to meet the new sheriff? John D’Agostini will be appearing at the Four Seasons Ballroom, 3186 Four Seasons Drive, El Dorado Hills 7:30-9 a.m. Feb. 23. If you want breakfast at this session, a \$10 fee is requested. Prepayments are definitely preferred. RSVP to 916-933-1335 or cassidy@eldoradohillschamber.org.

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MIDNIGHT METAPHOR: Richard Lederer’s “Anguished English” calendar recorded the following: “Mixed up Metaphor: He’s been burning the midnight oil from both ends.”

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GREEN ACRES: Teachers from Amador, El Dorado and Placer counties have a unique opportunity to connect with local agriculture by attending the Teachers Ag Summer Institute, June 20-23. For more information regarding cost and location call 530-622-7116

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DO NOT PASS GO: The Placerville Board Game Group meets on the last Saturday of the month from noon to 5 p.m. New games are always welcome. Bringing your own snacks and drinks is encouraged. The entire family can enjoy these Saturdays at the El Dorado County Main Library in Placerville.

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NO COMPRENDE: Someone left the following “Did You Know” on my desk: “When the English settlers landed in Australia, they noted a strange animal that jumped extremely high. They asked the aboriginal people using body and signs trying to ask them about this animal. They responded ‘Kan Ghu Ru.’ The English then adopted the word Kangaroo. What the aboriginal people were trying to say was, ‘We don’t understand you.’”

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THE GREEK WAY: My Zen calendar provided the following thought: “How simple and frugal a thing is happiness: a glass of wine, a roasted chestnut, a wretched little brazier, the sound of the sea ... All that is required to feel that here and now is happiness is a simple, frugal heart. “ – Nikos Kazantzakis.

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OSTOMY GROUP: On the third Thursday of each month, the Placerville Ostomy Association meets from 1 to 3 p.m. at 681 Main Street, Suite 207 in Placerville. The Association provides a

safe environment, professional presentations, access to WOCN's products reps. and educational materials. Meetings are open to pre-surgery and post-surgery ostomates, caregivers, family and friends. For more information, call Sherron West at 530-823-9677 or Barbara Hoffman at 916-941-6942.

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MOM'S THE WORD: Moms and friends: A new moms' support group has been created. This free group meets every Thursday at 6:30 p.m. at 3080 Sacramento St. in Placerville. This group's focus is "sharing the practical and emotional concerns of navigating the overwhelming feelings of new motherhood." The group is designed for expectant mothers and mothers with babies, up to 12 months old. For more information, call Gail Healy, ACSW, at 530-919-7377 or e-mail i-pc@live.com or visit the Website infantparentcenter.com.

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A DALAI DILLY: A review of my "Insight from the Dalai Lama" calendar noted the following advice: "If you want a genuine friend, first you must create a positive atmosphere around you."

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