



Reka P. Danko '03, '08M.D.



Rachael M. Austin '04

**Robin M. (Snegg) Krueger '98** (human development and family studies) is the director of community development at Northern Nevada Medical Center. Robin brings experience in public speaking, fund development and community building to her new position. She serves on the board of The Chamber and is the 2012 chair of leadership Reno Sparks.

**Kirsten D. Mashinter '98** (English), '03M.A. (teaching English as a second language) has accepted a job with PH International working in the Republic of Georgia as a teacher-trainer for the English Language through Civic Education Program.

**Barry G. Collier '99** (general studies) is vice president and commercial loan officer at Heritage Bank of Nevada. His role is to identify, develop and maintain lending and banking relationships with businesses within the community, and manage the credits for companies who have suffered through this challenging economic cycle.

## '00s

**Sadie Jo Smokey '00** (English) joined Logan Simpson Design, an environmental planning and landscape design firm in Tempe, Ariz., following a 10-year career as a news reporter for *The Arizona Republic*. Sadie Jo resides in Phoenix with her husband and two daughters, Isabella, 6, and Sadie, 2.

**Deanna R. LeBlanc '01** (elementary education), a fourth-grade teacher at East Valley Elementary School in Fernley, Nev., was named Nevada's Teacher of the Year for 2011. Deanna has taught at East Valley for five years.

**Reka P. Danko '03** (speech pathology), '08M.D. is now board certified as a diplomate by the American Board of Internal Medicine. Reka is a hospitalist at Northern Nevada Medical Center.

**Rachael M. Austin '04** (accounting/information systems) has been promoted to senior manager at Muckel Anderson



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## Kickin' it with K-von | "The Ebook Blues"

Younger folks are supposed to adopt new technology.  
Yet, I ditched my eBook in a week with no apology ...

While reading on the plane, the stewardess began to cough.  
"We're about to land, sir. You need to turn it off."

Couldn't touch it with wet hands, but I like to read poolside.  
Didn't trust it near my nephew—he threw one in the water and it died.

Couldn't easily shop for a digital book.  
Even though the salesman promised, "It's easy on a Nook!"

On the computer, you have to buy from Amazon.  
But when I tried to download, they said I did it wrong.

My friend said, "It's easy, just upload and then transfer."  
but, I called customer support, and it just rang with no answer.

Isn't there something nice about seeing a book on a shelf?  
Just picking it up with your hands all by yourself?

Between my cell phone, laptop and MP3—what a hassle.  
Can I not look at a screen for even a little bit, Apple?

Is that cool with you guys at Sony and Samsung?  
If not, implant it in my eyeball and let's just be done.

Every time I shut the book down, I kept losing my place.  
I couldn't figure out how to put a bookmark in the space.

To the librarian I said, "This works here I think."  
She had no idea what I was talking about; just looked at me and blinked.

When I was about to finish a story on my Kindle,  
The screen went black as the battery did dwindle.

This could be one thing my grandparents got right.  
I'm sticking with old-fashioned books, so I can happily read them each night!

*K-von '03 (marketing) is a Nevada alum and professional comedian.  
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