

Authors to sign book about Dangberg ranching empire

Steve Achard and Conrad Buedel, authors of *Lost Legacy of Carson Valley, "The Rise and Fall of the H.F. Dangberg Ranching Empire"*, have two book signings scheduled this week.

They will be set up next to the Wine Walk registration table at the Carson Valley Museum and Cultural Center on Aug. 18 from 4:30 to 7:30pm. The museum is located at 1477 Highway 395 in the old high school. They will donate \$3 for each book sold that night to the Douglas County Historical Society.

Achard and Buedel will also be signing books at the Dangberg Home Ranch Historic Park on Aug. 20 from 11am to 2pm. The park is located at 1450 Highway 88, midway between the Carson Valley Swim Center and the Carson Valley Veterinary Hospital. They will donate \$3 for each book sold that day to Friends of the Dangberg Home Ranch.

Lost Legacy of Carson Valley is the first comprehensive book about the history of Henry Fred Dangberg and his family. It chronicles the exhilarating rise and the devastating fall of one of Nevada's most prominent pioneer families. The large 306-page book contains hundreds of personal family photographs along with rare documents and letters never seen before. It reveals the private lives of the legendary Dangberg family and the secrets that were kept quiet for generations. Steve "Dink" Achard is the only child of Ruth Dangberg Achard. He is the last male surviving from the family tree of H.F. Dangberg Jr. Buedel is a professional writer and photographer who conducted more than six years of diligent research on the Dangberg family.

Tahoe Fund doles out \$50,000 to 3 projects

The nonprofit Tahoe Fund is dividing \$50,000 between three entities – Van Sickle Bi-state Park, Lakeside Bicycle Trail, and publication of the State of the Lake Report.

This initial round of funding by the nonprofit that was created to infuse cash into the Lake Tahoe Basin for environmental improvement projects was announced Monday night at a dinner at the West Shore Cafe in Homewood.



Funding will go to:

- \$25,000 to support operations of the new Van Sickle Bi-State Park at the South Shore
- \$20,000 for a portion of the Class 1 Lakeside Bicycle Trail at Tahoe City
- \$5,000 to fund publication of the annual UC Davis State of the Lake Report.

The dinner also highlighted two major Founders Circle donations.

- Heavenly Mountain Resorts and Northstar-At Tahoe through Vail Resorts Echo, the Vail Resorts stewardship program, will provide approximately \$75,000 a year through a guest donation program.

- The Robert S. & Dorothy J. Keyser Foundation of Nevada will donate \$25,000 a year for four years to support Tahoe Fund operations.

The Tahoe Fund also announced that the Blum Family Foundation donated \$50,000 to jumpstart the fund. Dick Blum and his wife, Sen. Dianne Feinstein, D-Calif., expressed early support for the Tahoe Fund concept of a public-private partnership to implement projects.

Woodie boat show gives back to Tahoe nonprofits

This year's South Tahoe Wooden Boat Classic drew the largest crowd in its four year history. Nearly 3,000 people attended the July 29-30 event at Tahoe Keys Marina.



A record attendance boosted the cumulative donation to local charities to more than \$40,000 for the past four years. This year's recipients were the Tahoe Maritime Museum, Lake Tahoe Boys & Girls Club, Kiwanis Club of Lake Tahoe, Tahoe Heritage Foundation and the Thunderbird Preservation Society.

This year's headliner wooden boat was White Smoke which was originally delivered to South Lake Tahoe's Pope Estate and is currently part of the Tahoe Maritime Museums collection. White Smoke is a 30-foot Sea Lyon, model 45, triple cockpit runabout.

Several awards were handed out at the conclusion of the show. This year's recipient of the People's Choice Award went to

Curvaceous, a 1938, 24-foot Graevette Streamliner owned by Robert and Madeleine Mount of Santa Rosa.

For more information about ACBS and a complete list of award winners, go online.

Boys & Girls Club members part of drumming performance

Lake Tahoe Boys & Girls Club's Mini J Drummers will open the "DURGA and the Story of the Drum" multi-media "DRUMGANZA" show on Aug. 18.

Liz Broscoe, drummer, teacher and author, created this original production. Broscoe has been volunteering at the Boys & Girls Club for six years, teaching members rhythms on the African djembe drum.



Liz Broscoe
practices with
Boys & Girls
Club members.
Photo/Provided

The event is at Lake Tahoe Community College at 7:30pm, with doors opening at 6:30pm. Tickets are \$15. For information

about the show and ticket purchase, email
infodrumchik@aol.com.

Tahoe Tails – Adoptable Pets in South Lake Tahoe

Tess is a sweet 3-year old Labrador-poodle-spaniel mix, as best we can tell.



She had been at another animal shelter since June, and came up to Tahoe to change her luck. She is affectionate with people and likes other dogs, but she does not like to share your attention and so must be an only pet and cannot go to a home with children under 10 years old.

Tess is spayed, microchipped, and vaccinated. She is at the El Dorado County Animal Services shelter in Meyers, along with many other dogs and cats who are waiting for their new homes.

Call (530) 573.7925 for directions, hours, and other information on adopting a pet.

For spay-neuter assistance for South Tahoe residents, go online.

– Karen Kuentz

Keb Mo accentuates weekend get-away 4 miles from home

By Susan Wood

STATELINE – A relaxing weekend getaway featuring a Keb Mo concert, urban walk, jaunt to a new state park and pool time at the Forest Suites Resort proved there's more than one way to enjoy the home we call Lake Tahoe.

"More than One Way Home" is but one track off Mo's 1996 Grammy-award winning album "Just Like You" that the blues singer, guitarist and writer belted out Saturday night at Harrah's Lake Tahoe South Shore Room. The artist, who started his career in a calypso band and is now known for his eclectic arrangements of blues, Delta rhythms, country and soul first played Tahoe almost a decade ago for the Harveys Outdoor Concert Series blues show. It was his first time to the lake.

Since then, Mo (Kevin Moore) has grown personally and professionally – with his own record label Yobelle International, a move to Nashville, a family and a new album released this month titled "The Reflection."



Keb Mo
delights a
nearly sold-
out South
Shore Room at
Harrah's Lake

Tahoe on Aug.
13.
Photos/Kathryn
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With the opening number, an Eagles' hit "One of these Nights," the showroom's capacity crowd whooped, screamed, danced and swayed in delight. But many of the dedicated also quietly and intently listened to his easy swings from the sexy blues to the sentimental – including one track off his new album called "We Don't Need It." The acoustic number told the story of a man fraught with concern over losing his job amid the expressed desires of his family. From that, his little girl in the song informed him:

*"We don't need it, we can do without it; We're gonna make it,
no doubt about it;*

*We're gonna stick together, make it better; We don't need it,
all we need is you..."*

The words and Mo's stage presence seemed to catch his audience off-guard. They had been calling out songs for most of the two-hour show. But after this song, a hush came over the room. And at the last guitar strum, one man in the fourth row shook his head and said: "Awesome." Tears welled up for some in the audience, as the hit-you-between-the-eyes lyrics were appropriate for our contemporary hard times.

Few artists can pull off those hard-to-sit-still tunes, yet captivate an audience with lyrics that matter. And the crowd responded – including Tom Conely of South Lake Tahoe (Captain Tom of KTHO), who patiently waited to get his daughter Kristin's guitar signed by Mo. He obliged.

Dressed in his signature jeans, Fedora-like hat and Converse tennis shoes, Mo had come to please – especially the women in the audience. A few found it difficult to sit down, with one

who showed up in front to sway to every note.

"Watch it now, girl," Mo said, noticing the follower. "A party's going on tonight," he added, as he checked in with his audience.

He and his band consisting of drummer Les Falconer, bassist Vail Johnson, keyboardists, guitarists Michael Hicks and Jeff Paris along with the enthusiastic keyboardist, guitarist Kevin So cranked out the blues with energy and style. To appease one special request, Mo threw up some slack of his electric guitar cord and opened "Dangerous Mood" off his "Just Like You" album in front of the woman.

Mo has collaborated with many musicians including Bonnie Raitt and Jackson Brown on "Just Like You" and now "The Reflection" with jazz saxophonist Dave Koz, who has shown he can play with a variety of artists as seen during his "Friends" jazz show over Thanksgiving weekend at the Hyatt Regency in Incline Village.

Mo has also worked with television executives with "I See Love," a song he wrote for the opening of the CBS series "Mike and Molly."

"I'll play the whole thing," he promised, flashing his pearly whites.

It became obvious this band has fun – finding the perfect rhythm for "The Door," the title track off his 2000 album and the lively rhythm and blues tune "Gimme What You Got" off the same album and the angst filled "Perpetual Blues Machine" off the "Just Like You" CD and hopping "She Just Wants to Dance" from his 1994 album.

He rotated his albums like his handful of guitars, returning to the stage for three encore songs including the slide-guitar Delta blues track off "Just Like You" – "Standing at the Station." He ended with the soul-searching number off his so-

named 1994 album "City Boy," who is looking for a home where the buffalo roam.

Home is where the heart, mind, soul or appetite is

The Keb Mo show was the highlight of a weekend away from our South Lake Tahoe house on the Y side of town. I don't have buffalo roaming as Mo described in his quest for South Dakota, but the occasional wildlife is often joined by the interruptions of the day. The phone rings. The hot tub needs cleaning. The stove needs tending. You know the drill.

That's why the Forest Suites Resort nestled in the pine trees at the corner of Montreal Road and Heavenly Village Way near the state line summoned the perfect, quiet blend of scenery, amenities and comfort with location, location, location.

The place may often get overlooked in the search for rooms at Stateline, given Harrah's, Harveys, Embassy Suites and other notable properties along Highway 50. But what it lacks in recognition it makes up for in serenity and options of what to do from there.

For those who like to splurge, the Black Diamond suite – which starts at \$299 a night – is situated alongside Bellamy Court where the city parking garage sits. Traffic is next to nil, allowing light sleepers to snooze all through the night and even get up late as we proved we could do. Even in the heart of the day, it's quiet – including on the patio steps away at the swimming pool and hot tub with the Heavenly Gondola cars going by overhead. Another pool and hot tub are located on the opposite side of the 5.5-acre landscaped property. But we enjoyed the closeness of our set next to the suites.

The pool is small-to-moderate sized – but I had no intention of swimming laps. We spent hours reading. For a little action, the core of the Village Center is a three-minute walk. A longer jaunt for shopping or people watching may include a wide swing to the highway to the Heavenly Village, which has

been recently bustling with summer pedestrian traffic. In front, the Stateline Brewery sets up a day-and-evening bar and mini restaurant outside. We opted to continue to Embassy Suites' "Upper Deck" restaurant where the seating and service are better than the nachos and musical act.

Hunger pangs for Italian food can best be served with a short drive down Nevada's Loop Road to the highway east of Lakeside Inn and Casino to Lanza's. The menu is vast for meat eaters and better-than-usual for vegetarians on the South Shore. I had the baked penne. Kae ordered the Portobello mushroom ravioli, which I liked better. The restaurant offered a worthwhile wine special, a bottle of Chianti Classico from Straccali of Tuscany. This \$20 selection went well with the weekend's reading from that region of Italy.

And on foot from the Forest Suites, a gondola ticket opens up a whole different type of terrain for hiking beyond the Von Schmidt flats on the ridge around Heavenly's Tamarack chairlift. Climbing up to East Peak is a favorite for those wanting to stray from the urban life.

But besides going to a concert at Harveys or Harrah's on a one-way, 7-minute walk, the Forest Suites Resort's claim to fame should be its proximity to another best kept secret – the first bi-state park in the United States. Van Sickle Bi-state Park opened less than a month ago, just across Montreal Road – literally steps away – from the resort. This day-use urban park's bang-for-the-buck views will give it instant known value when it catches on. So says Brian Smalkoski of Minnesota. He was waiting for his wife to finish her spa treatment and stumbled across the sign driving by with his two youngsters, 2-year-old Alex and 4-year-old Chaz. They found much joy doing a little rock scrambling on the boulders Nevada State Parks had placed there.

"What better way to kill time than to bring them to a park?" Smalkoski asked.

Back at our forest, Forest Suites, down time was appreciated. Inside the room, the décor was spacious, stylish and comfortable, with a big chair and cozy sofa situated in front of a large flat screen television and gas fireplace. The same duo is on the other side in the master bedroom. I remember thinking this room would be grand during ski season – especially with a Jacuzzi tub to warm up in and a full dining room table and kitchen complete with microwave, stove, oven and refrigerator if going out seems out of the question.

Two notes of improvement – Internet service inside the suite is sketchy at best and the grassy greenbelts scream lawn chairs to lounge in.

Also on the grounds, amenities are rounded out with a small gym, massage unit and game room with Foosball and pool tables above the lobby. Off to the side of the lobby, a wedding chapel sits, which according to staff, sees a steady business for those who want to tie the knot. And for groups who want to unwind, Al's Saloon opens up for private parties. Forest Suites offers a Champagne and roses package with all the wedding touches.

The privately-owned 119-room resort hosted a family reunion last weekend, along with a stage crew from Another Planet, the production company that puts on the Harveys outdoor concerts.

Standard rooms start at \$129 during a summer special period.

If you go:

Forest Suites is located on Lake Parkway (Loop Road) behind Embassy Suites Resort. Reservations may be made by calling 800.822.5950 or (530) 541.6655. For more information, email info@forestsuites.com or go online.

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Staples working with Boys and Girls Club to make sure kids have school supplies

This summer, the stars of ABC Family's "Pretty Little Liars" – Lucy Hale, Troian Bellisario, Ashley Benson, and Shay Mitchell – are teaming up with Staples and DoSomething.org for the 4th Annual Staples for Students Supply Drive. The program encourages teens to collect and donate school supplies at their local Staples store to support kids in need within their community.



Through Staples' national partnership with Boys & Girls Clubs of America, Lake Tahoe Boys & Girls Club has been selected to participate in this program and receive donations.

The community can help by donating school supplies at the South Lake Tahoe Staples store. Donations can be dropped off through Sept. 17. Customers will also have the opportunity to participate by donating \$1 at Staples.

All donations remain in South Lake Tahoe for our local kids.

Hetherton Insurance Agency is expanding the campaign with a goal of filling 50 backpacks for club members.

To help reach the BACKpack to School goal, stop by Staples at 2601 Lake Tahoe Blvd. or go online.

Reno PBS station to initiate programming to address dropout crisis

By Reno Gazette-Journal

Reno PBS station KNPB Channel 5 recently received a \$10,000 grant from the Corporation for Public Broadcasting to fund development of a program that seeks to inform the public on the dropout crisis and link parents to local educational resources and alternative learning options.

The station's mission is to encourage awareness of the economic consequences of dropping out of school.

KNPB will host a meeting in October with Washoe County School District to discuss graduation barriers, such as homelessness and pregnancy. Participants include Children's Cabinet, Sierra Nevada Journeys and Big Brothers Big Sisters.

Read the whole story

Tips for coping with financial volatility

By Jane Honeck

The recent budget crisis catapulted us into this week's stock

market turmoil and reaffirms the consequences of ignoring Sir Francis Bacon's 400 year old words, "The only thing we have to fear is fear itself." Those sage words were echoed during FDR's inaugural speech and still ring true today.

We clearly see how the fear of future failures and potential losses drives down expectations so we operate from a place of weakness instead of strength. It's the proverbial bogeyman in the closet. The more we focus on him, the bigger, more ferocious he gets.

So how can we as individuals move beyond today's economic anxiety and fear and get on with our lives? How do we keep our own stability and help build this economy instead of tear it down?

Like it or not, we're all in this together and it's clear what happens when we tackle today's problems as a house divided. Frustration and mistrust grow and the solution seems out of reach and certainly nothing we can influence. But, our own grass-roots efforts can make a difference in moving us and the country out of fear back into possibility.

The following are simple steps anyone can take to step out of financial paralysis and into building new money muscles:

1. Talk it up: Ignoring your anxieties and keeping fear bottled up only makes them fester and grow. Share your feelings with someone and get their perspective. Without shared perspective, we magnify negative speculation, mix it with past failures, and the financial bogeyman grows. With sharing, things become more balanced and, at the very least, two of you will be shouldering the load instead of just you.

2. Stay in the moment: Affirm your own financial reality now. Did you make it through yesterday, last week, last month? Have things changed that much? Do you have enough today? None of us know what's really ahead—but we can be certain about today. Staying in the moment and not getting too far ahead of

ourselves puts a stable foundation back in place.

3. Choose your battle: Be honest about what's underneath your concern – is it mistrust, lack of control, powerlessness? Today's financial fears keep us worrying about things we can't change. But, we become empowered by transforming those we can. Can we stop the stock market slide? Probably not, but we can make changes in our own financial world.

4. Take the next step: Don't worry about all the steps from here to your own financial stability—you only need worry about the next step. Keep your eye on your financial goals and begin shifting from emotion to motion. Pay a bill; start a savings account; cut up a credit card—any next step will start the momentum. Ultimately, the culmination of those next steps will build trust in yourself and your ability to meet your future goals.

5. Do it again: When the next negative headline appears (and it will) go back to No. 1. Fear is a part of life, but it doesn't have to take over our life. It may feel like a lot of effort the first time you tackle these steps. But, use them often and eventually you'll slip right through fear and into empowered action with a blink of an eye.

There you have it, a simple plan responding to time-tested sage advice. Five easy steps that move us from emotion to motion, paralysis to possibility, fear to trust. And, when we trust, all things are possible.

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Joan Bamberger – 1943-2011

Joan Bamberger, who taught at South Tahoe High School from 1967-2003, died Aug. 12 in Desert Hot Springs after a lengthy illness.

She was 68.

She taught business and typing to thousands of students and took great interest in their future accomplishments. She coached the high school girls' volleyball team during the 1970s.



Joan Bamberger

Ms. Bamberger enjoyed golf, bridge and most important, cherished her many friendships.

Ms. Bamberger requested no service.