

**SUBMITTING CLASS NOTES INFO**

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**40s**

* Joel H. Gregowski (AERO ’49) has been retired for 15 years after working as engineering manager for Dalmo Victor Electronics Co. He lives in Elk Grove.

* Robert A. Brunner (EL ’50) retired in 1985 and lives in Atascadero. * John M. Cummings (OH ’50) teaches at Rutgers, Cook College of Agriculture, and also consults. He lives in Clinton, N.J.

* Gordon L. Ray (PE ’50) retired after 40 years in education. He received the highest award given to an educator by the Association of California School Administrators. Ray is a consultant and lives in Salinas. * James A. Young (ME ’50) is owner/manager of the Young Development Co. Inc. in Santa Cruz. He is “71 years old and happily still working — using the skills and knowledge acquired at Cal Poly.”

* Jasme James Baggao (EE ’51) is retired and lives in Henderson, Nev., with his wife. He was an electronics engineer for more than 30 years at Rockwell International, where he managed the Aviation Computer Electronics Department. For the past 15 years he has owned and managed motels in California, Texas, and Nevada. * Louis S. Comyos (EL ’51) retired from Aerospace Corp. after 28 years, where his work included general system engineering and trouble-shooting remote satellite tracking stations. * DeVere R. Horton (MATH ’51) and his brother, Everts L. “Bud” Horton (MATH ’51), both retired from Caltrans and live in Pismo Beach.

* Daniel R. Thompson (ME ’51) retired from Fluid Power Group of Parker Hannifin Corp. He is a consultant and lives in Rolling Hills Estates.

* Melvin L. Upton (ACRE ’51) is retired and celebrated his 50th wedding anniversary. He lives in Covina. * Cotton Rosser (ASCI ’52) was named 1997 Livestock Man of the Year by the California Chamber of Commerce at the 53rd Grand National Rodeo, Horse, and Stock Show. He was also recognized at the California Cattlemen’s Association’s December conference in Sparks, Nev. In 1951 Rosser was named All-Around Champion Cowboy at the Cow Palace Collegiate Finals and was later inducted into the Pro Rodeo Hall of Fame. He lives in Marysville.


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* Carrol R. Pruett (ASCI ’60) was selected as one of the first inductees into the Hall of Fame of the Pacific Coast Banking School at the University of Washington in Seattle. The honor was established to recognize PCB graduates “who have made significant contributions to the banking industry, to their bank, and to their communities.” * Gary L. Schlachl (AERO ’60) is a consultant in security systems design, industrial instrumentation and control, and contract compliance services. He lives in Sunnyvale. * Joe Favé (EL, MATH ’61) retired from SSE Technologies as a quality assurance director and now consults. He is married with two grown daughters who are Cal Poly graduates: Katherine J. Favé (’91) lives in San Jose.

* John P. Hartnett (CHEM ’61) attended graduate school at Cornell University and works for Rohm & Haas Co. Hartnett is married with two grown children and lives in Chalfont, Pa. * Howard A. Knost Jr. (MATH ’61) retired from teaching in the Taft City School District. He is married with three children and enjoys touring and mountain biking. * John M. McSwain (PSC ’62) is president and CEO of Physitrion Inc. in Huntsville, Ala. The company, which he co-founded in 1985, supports Army, Navy, and NASA programs. His wife Marjie (Gates) McSwain, who studied education in 1962, is a home-schooling consultant. They have four daughters and seven grandchildren. * Robert W. Norton (JOUR ’62) was honored
last summer by the USDA as the leader of the Agricultural Research Service information staff team that conceived and executed the campaign "Science in your shopping cart." He retired after 35 years of civilian federal service and lives in Punta Gorda, Fla., with his wife.

- John C. Wofford (BIO '62) received a Ph.D. from American University. He is a retired science resource teacher from Albert Einstein High School in Kensington, Md., and lives in Silver Spring. 

- Christine (Iverson) McParland and lives in Silver Spring. 

- Rolph H. Kees (EL '64) is retired and living in Goleta. He served as the lead electronics engineer for the Mars global surveyor thermal emission spectrometer. 

- Barbara J. Percy (HE '63, CRED '64) has been married for 25 years to a Vermont dairy farmer and maple syrup producer. She lives with her family in Stowe, Vt. 

- Michael A. Maguire (ME '65) is director of engineering at J.R. Schneider Co. Inc. He also has a PE license and a project management professional certificate. He lives in Mill Valley.

- Christine (Iverson) McParland (PE '68) teaches at Jessie Baker School in Elk Grove. She is co-founder, director, and instructor for Project RIDE, a therapeutic horseback riding program. 

- Robert Nigra (BUS '65) is semi-retired and is moving into his beach-front condominium on Monterey Bay, where he will "let the sound of the surf" put him to sleep at night and wake him up in the morning. 

- Roger F. Stuck (EL '66) is retired from IBM and lives in Mesa, Ariz.

- Richard C. Bosticoff (BUS '66) is chief operating officer of Nevada Bell, a subsidiary of SBC Communications. 

- Tom Brians (ASCI '66) is technical services manager for Innovative Molding in Sebastopol (a small company that makes screw-thread bottle caps and lids) and has patented a new closure for wine bottles. Brians lives in Petaluma. 

- Ronald M. Jackson (EL '66) retired to Palm Desert after 31 years with Unocal Corp. 

- Fred L. Menz (ME '66) retired from the Department of Defense after 30 years. The last 13 years he was director of conventional weapons science and technology in the Office of the Secretary of Defense at the Pentagon. Menz lives in Ellicott City, Md., where he and his wife are realtors. 

- Russell H. Jones (MET '67) was elected a fellow of ASM International in September 1997 for his outstanding contributions to the understanding of environmental effects and grain boundary chemistry on crack growth of metals, alloys, and ceramics. Jones is a senior staff scientist and senior technical group manager of structural materials research at Pacific Northwest National Laboratory in Richland, Wash. 

- Erick N. Larson (ARCE '67), a senior civil engineer with Pacific Gas & Electric, was elected a fellow of the American Concrete Institute in recognition of outstanding contributions to concrete technology. 

- W. John Mortensen (AGSC '67) teaches agriculture at Crater High School in Central Point, Ore. His son, Chris J. Mortensen (ASCI '70), is an agricultural examiner for Innovative Molding in Sebastopol (a small company that makes screw-thread bottle caps and lids) and has patented a new closure for wine bottles. Brians lives with his family in Lewiston, Idaho. 

- Howard A. Bain III (BUS '71) was promoted to vice president of worldwide operations and CFO for Symantec Corp., a microcomputer software company. He lives in Los Gatos. 

- Linda M. Bradford
John Guidotti (AGB '74) was promoted to vice president of Wells Fargo Bank. He also has a real estate appraiser’s license for farm appraisals. He lives in Salinas with his wife and two sons. "Michael H. Loudon (AGB '74) is senior vice president of sales and marketing for American Seafoods Co. in Seattle. "Tom G. McCabe (IT '74) and Linda (Kumets) McCabe (NSCI '77) celebrated 19 years of marriage. Tom is vice president of operations at Vitatech International Inc., a pharmaceutical company, and Linda stays busy with two teenage daughters. Their affiliations with Delta Upsilon, the Industrial Technology Department, Pacific Technology Exchange Group, and A.I.P.E keep them in touch with Cal Poly. They live in Yorba Linda. "Victor Paz (BUS '74) works for Snap-On Tools in Tijuana, B.C., Mexico. "James F. Voight Jr. (AGB '74) is vice president of operations and engineering of the Grill Division for Archer Daniels Midland Co. in Decatur, Ill. "Aaron J. Baggao (ET '75) is a project manager in INTEL's new Construction Division. Previously he was an environmental/clean-room project engineer and HVAC mechanical technician working on nuclear submarines. He lives with his wife and young son in Hillsboro, Ore. "Karen M. Gentilucci (BCHM '75) has her own consulting company, KM Gentilucci Inc., which specializes in food industry quality and safety. Her goal is to raise awareness to new threats posed by emerging pathogens. She lives in Sandpoint, Idaho. "Richard S. Kriwanek (EnVE '75) owns La Brea Heating and Air Conditioning Co. Inc., a mechanical contracting company that provides custom-designed portable water- and air-controlled systems. He and his wife, Linda (Vetter) Kriwanek (BUS '75), have two grown children, one of whom is ready to apply to college. "Can you guess where?" ask the Kriwaneks. "David W. McEuen (BUS '75) and his wife, Debbie (Marinello) McEuen (HE '76), live in Clayton. Their daughter, Jessica, entered Cal Poly in fall 1997 as a freshman in the College of Business. "Tim McFarlin (BIO '75) earned a master's in public administration in health services management in August 1997 from Golden Gate University. He is a senior clinical scientist and laboratory information service coordinator at Marin General Hospital. "Janet L. Murphy (ENGL '75) has been teaching for 21 years and is English Department chair at Kern Valley High School in Lake Isabella. "Gayle B. Smith (NSCI '75) is corporate chief clinical dietitian for Orlando Regional Healthcare System in Orlando, Fla. "Gaylaird Christopher (ARCH '76), a principal of the architectural firm of Perkins & Will, was selected by Harvard University to lead a summer professional development course, “Public School Planning and Design,” at its Graduate School of Design. Christopher has devoted his career to the improvement of educational facilities. "Robert Gautier, who studied business in 1976, was promoted to senior vice president of operations for Capstar Hotel in Denver, where he lives with his wife and two sons. "Mark Meek (BUS '76) resigned from Hitit Corp. as vice president of sales after a 20-year tenure and joined Quikwater Inc., a start-up manufacturing and sales organization marketing direct-contact water heaters for industrial applications. Meek lives with his wife in Tulsa. "Theodore O. Meyer (CHEM '76) is tech engineering manager for LSI Logic. He lives with his wife and three sons in Gresham, Ore. "Brian R. Morris (ME '76) is a senior project engineer for Foster Farms. He and his wife, Linda (Vetter) Morris (HE '74), are making Cal Poly a family tradition with their oldest son, Randy, enrolled in the Mechanical Engineering Department in fall 1997. "Lucy M. Sacco (MATH '76) earned her M.A. in mathematics education from Cal State Northridge. She lives in La
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William T. Luffee (BUS '77) joined Visalia Unified School District as assistant director of maintenance/facilities after nearly 15 years in private architecture practice. His wife of 20 years, Mary-Alice Avila (ARCH '76), co-manages the Visalia Community Redevelopment Agency. Kenneth C. Africa (AGRI '77) is coordinator/instructor at Sonoma Valley School's Hart Learning Center, where he helps students 16 to 80-plus with diplomas, GED programs, and independent study. He is also an instructor at Creekside High School. Donald R. Fipps (BCHM '77) is senior director for the National Testing and Reference Laboratories of the American Red Cross in Charlotte, N.C. A retired lieutenant colonel, Fipps lives in Matthews, N.C. Janet L. Laston (HE '77) married in March 1997 and lives in Walnut Creek.

William T. Luffee (BUS '77) is president of Promotion Plus and CFO of Venue Sports, both based in San Luis Obispo. Steven B. Merrick (POLI '77) was promoted to manager of export/import and transportation systems for 3M Co. He lives in St. Paul, Minn. Louis R. Valenzuela (CM '77) is technical service manager for the southwestern region of Southdown Inc. He lives in Buena Park. Diego Celis (CRSC '78) started TransAgro, an agricultural consulting, translation, and interpreting company that does business in California, Arizona, and Latin America. He lives in Salinas with his wife and two children. John S. Crews (ME '78) is senior operations engineer for Torch Operating Co. in Santa Maria, where he provides engineering support and project management for nine offshore oil production platforms and a gas plant in Santa Barbara County. His wife, Kathleen (Reynolds) Crews (AIRW '79), is a homeschool mother with 12 years of experience. Kevin Riggs (JOUR '78) was named political reporter for KCRA-TV, the NBC affiliate in Sacramento. Riggs was awarded the 1996 California Journalism Award by the Center for California Studies at Sacramento State for his special report on Prop. 209. He lives with his wife and two daughters in Carmichael.

John W. Willis (BUS '78) was promoted to partnerships and acquisitions manager for Southwestern Educational Publishing, Computer Education Division, Cincinnati. He was married in summer 1997 in San Luis Obispo.

Robert D. Bilbro (CE '79) was named president of FCC/Bilbro, a new San Diego-based construction company, after serving for seven years as a partner in Bilbro & Griffin, a San Diego-based construction management firm. Tom S. Caldwell (BIO '79, M.S. CSC '87) is lead program manager for Microsoft Internet Services business unit, where he designs new Internet software technology in virtual private networks and security. He lives with his wife in Lake Stevens, Wash.

Keith B. Ferrell (HIST '79) is a lieutenant colonel with the U.S. Marines. Last summer he participated in Exercise Cobra Gold, a multinational exercise with Thailand designed to strengthen the cooperation and abilities of both countries' military forces. Dana A. Freiburger (CSC '79) is leaving the country for a year to study for a master's in the history of science at Oxford University in England. "Should be fun," he says. Kevin A. Hud '79 (BUS '79) was promoted to the rank of major in the Air Force Reserve. He has been an Air Reserve technician at Selfridge ANGB since 1992. He lives with his wife and two young daughters in Harrison Township, Mich.

Laurie S. McKinley (BUS '79) is controller at Saddleback Valley Community Church. Mike Ostrowski (BUS '79) earned his M.S. in physical therapy from University of the Pacific in Stockton. He is married to Donna Jennings, who studied business in 1980. They live in San Leandro and have two sons. Mary Pfeiffer, who studied ornamental horticulture in 1979, is department head of the Shasta County Agriculture Department. She lives in Redding with her husband and two young children.

Kathleen (Reeder) Schlegel (BUS '79) owns and is president of Quality Ventures Inc., a management consulting company in St. Paul, Minn. She is married with one son. Paula C. Thoren (JOUR '79) is director of sales for the LAN Division at Global Village. She resides in Saratoga.

Scott Whitlock (BUS '79) is married and owns Zippy Prophylactics, an Orange County-based condom manufacturer. He also serves as co-chair of the National AIDS Awareness Board.

Steven D. Adams (EL '80) is director of engineering for PrimeCo Personal Communications, a new digital, wireless communications service provider based in Dallas, where Adams lives with his wife and young daughter.

Jeffrey P. Goodyear (PE '80) is usher coordinator at the Hult Center for the Performing Arts in Eugene, Ore., and is updating and redesigning the center's Web site. Martin J. Healy (AGB '80) is a senior appraiser with The Healy Co. in Beaverton, Ore.

Timothy J. Hicks (AGB '80) received an MBA from Cal State University Northridge in 1990 and works for Bank of America as vice president/commercial loan officer. He attends Southwestern School of Law in Los Angeles, and lives in Granada Hills with his wife and four children.

Richard C. Holzer (ACRE '80) is president of the Irvine office of Glumac International, a mechanical and electrical consulting engineering firm. He and his wife have two daughters. Cheryl A. Krueger (CSC '80) earned her MBA from the University of Massachusetts.
Cathy (McDaneld) Perring (ARCH '80) uses her architecture degree to help low-income families build their dream houses. Perring is executive director for the Riverside affiliate of Habitat for Humanity, an international organization since 1975 that recruits volunteers to raise money, donate materials, and help build homes around the world.

"It's a blessing to have a background in architecture because plans need to be reviewed for consistency and reuse," says Perring. "Nobody was able to provide this skill prior to my arrival — understanding architecture helps a lot."

In her day-to-day activities, Perring works with families who are prospective new homeowners by assisting them in obtaining mortgages, since the homes built by Habitat for Humanity are sold to them. As the only paid staff person in her office, she also makes frequent presentations to civic groups, balances the budget, coordinates with contractors, and works with a regular volunteer base of 40 to 50 people on boards and committees.

On average, the Riverside affiliate builds four to six homes a year. And on a given house, up to 5,000 volunteers create the structure from start to finish.

Perring says, "This job is a wonderful opportunity to put real people together with families who know they are a part of a community that cares."

(Photo courtesy The Press-Enterprise)
(CM ’82) is construction manager with Locus Technology, a Bay Area company specializing in innovative construction and technology development. He lives in San Jose.

**Stephano Brugger (ARCH ’83)** is an architect for Brugger & Neilsen Design Group, a firm in Denmark.

**Ellen T. (Douglas) Donahue (REC ’83)** is director at Altos Village Products. She is married with three children and lives in Los Altos.

**Thomas A. Fossom (CE ’83)** is director of public works/city engineer with the city of Auburn. He published a 1997 article in ENR magazine about an innovative sewer plant rehabilitation project there. He and his family live in Loomis.

**J. Michael Holliday (ARCH ’83)** is a principal at DesignARC Architects in Santa Barbara.

**Donald Kline (ME ’83)** is plant engineer for HMT Technology Inc., a Fremont-based maker of high-end rigid disk media for hard drives.

**David Larsen (ARCH ’83) and Heather (Hill) Larsen (ARCH ’85)** have formed HDL Design, a Roseville-based company that provides space planning and architecture services for local developers and major corporate clients. They have two sons.

**Byron Q. Lilly (BUS ’83)** is senior vice president of strategic planning for Technicolor Inc. in Burbank. **Raul Romo (ET ’83)** is a test engineer at Raytheon Texas Instruments in Lewisville, Texas.

**David D. Miller (GRC ’83) and John C. Swain (GRC ’82)** founded Source Packaging in 1995, a Walnut Creek company that supplies packaging materials to the beverage, beer, food, and wine markets. Miller and Swain also serve as manufacturers’ representatives for several national printing firms.

**Natalie K. Porter (CE ’83)** is a civil engineer with El Dorado County and was appointed to the El Dorado County Transportation Commission in March 1997.

**Kathleen (Wiley) Scott (CSC ’83)** earned an MBA, with honors, from Cal State Long Beach. She is married with two children and volunteers for the American Society for Training and Development.

**Barbara M. Sharp (IE ’82)** is the manager of commercial products for Raytheon Amber, a manufacturer of infrared cameras. She lives in Goleta.

Edward C. Thoma (IT ’83) served as vice president of the National Electrical Contractors Association in 1997. His business, Thoma Electric Inc., was recognized as a San Luis Obispo Morning Kiwanis Business of the Year for its contributions to the community.

**Susan G. Benjamin (CFD ’84)** is a stay-at-home mom who lives with her husband and two young sons in Palo Alto. **Staci (Lusky) Garrison (HE ’84)** works as a facilitator for quality improvement work teams developing clinical and service processes for Medalia HealthCare in Seattle, a primary-care provider network. She lives with her family in Bothwell, Wash.

**Joseph F. Grosshart (CE ’84)** is a senior estimator at Ninteman Construction Co. in San Diego, a private-sector general contractor whose parent company is the Arizona-based Sundt Corp.

**Mark B. Leach (ET ’84)** owns Cam Cruiser Video Productions in Ventura. **Kellie D. Morgantini (NRM ’84)** resigned after seven years as the city of Greenfield’s community services director. She attends Monterey College of Law.

**Robin L. Nelson-Selden (BIO ’84)** is general manager for Adaptec, a start-up business in the Silicon Valley, and was honored as an executive woman in technology by the TWCA of Santa Clara County. She resides in Cupertino.

**John R. Stauss (BUS ’84)** is president of Zircon Corp., a Silicon Valley company that manufactures electronic tools for the home improvement and construction industries.

**Michelle A. (Jensen) Thordarson (BUS ’84)** is vice president of development at a software company. She lives in Camarillo with her husband and three children.

**Greg Balen (ARCH ’85)** was promoted to manager of product design and development for Kaufman and Broad Home Corp.’s Northern California and Utah divisions. Balen is a licensed architect in California and Utah, is NCRB-certified, and is a member of the American Institute of Architects.

**Michael A. Bengford (REC ’85)** is the helicopter manager for the state of Montana’s Department of Natural Resources and Conservation. He works out of Missoula’s Fire and Aviation/Southwestern Land Office.

**Richard A. Bianchi** (CRP ’85) is a Valencia-based project manager for Taylor Woodrow Homes in Laguna Hills, where he is responsible for managing the planning, design, and entitlements for Los Angeles County projects.

**Salvatore “Tory” Bruno** (ME ’85) is program and technical manager of solid rocket propulsion for the Navy’s fleet ballistic missile program at Lockheed Martin. He and his wife, **Rebecca Grace (Isaacs) Bruno** (ME ’85), have two children and live in Newark, Calif.

**Kathleen Henderson Ewell (BUS ’85)** is a job developer with Kern County.

**Richard Galli (ARCH ’85)** moved his industrial engineering/architecture practice, Galli+ Associates, and his wife and two young children to Auckland, New Zealand. His firm is engaged in industrial facilities planning, design, system analysis, project administration, and evaluations.

**Clifford C. Federspiel (ME ’85)** received the Ralph G. Nevins Physiology and Human Environment Award from the American Society of Heating, Refrigerating, and Air Conditioning Engineers. The award is given annually to a researcher under age 40 for significant accomplishment in the study of bioenvironmental engineering and its effect on human comfort and health.

**Bret C. Gean (ARCH ’85)** has two young children. He and his family live in Northridge.

**Bradley J. Gong (BUS ’85)** is an independent computer consultant and founder of ThInc. Solutions in San Francisco.
• Paul C. Ingamells (ME ‘85) is project manager at Powell Electrical Manufacturing Co. in Houston, Texas. • Suhil Y. Kandah (CE ‘85) works for the County of Santa Clara Road and Airports Department as an associate traffic engineer. He is married, has three sons, and lives in San Jose. • Kirk Messick (AGB ‘85) was promoted to vice president of marketing for Farmers’ Rice Cooperative. • Sharol E. Nelson-Embry (NRM ‘85) works as a supervising naturalist for the East Bay Regional Park District at Crab Cove Visitor Center on San Francisco Bay. Her husband, Robert Embry (IT ‘85), works at Percolse Inc., managing its facilities and preventative maintenance programs. The couple lives in Alameda with their two young sons. • Kenneth W. Sadler (ARCE ‘85) is a partner with ESI/FME Inc., a structural engineering firm in Santa Ana. He and his wife have two young children. • Gary Tagatz (ET ‘85) earned an M.A. in economics from Western Illinois University. He works as an applications engineer for Genesis Systems Group in Davenport, Iowa. • Ron Tokunaga (EL ‘85) is a senior test engineer at ComStream Corp.’s Satellite Global Access Division in San Diego, where he and his wife live. • Douglas S. Wholton (CFD ‘85) is a customer service representative with Citicorp in Kansas City, Mo. • Christina P. Barton (SPC ‘86) and her husband celebrated the birth of a second daughter in June 1997. The family lives in Mountain View. • Jay F. Collins (IE ‘86) is a project manager at Santa Barbara Research Center. He lives with his wife and infant twins in Santa Barbara. • Denise L. Cotter (BUS ‘86) is CFO of Carnegie Agency Inc. of Thousand Oaks. She is married with two young children. • Steve Dunton (EL ‘86), a senior staff engineer at Hughes Space and Communications Co. with a master’s of electrical engineering from USC, was selected as spacecraft leader for the UHF F9 spacecraft, a communications satellite scheduled for launch from Cape Canaveral in August 1998. He is married to Michelle (McGarity) Dunton (IE ‘86), who works in information services at Hughes, and has earned a master’s in business administration and a master’s in industrial and systems engineering from USC. The couple lives in El Segundo with their young daughter. • James G. Garofalo (CER DSC2 ‘86) is a sales representative for AgSource DHI Services. He resides in Arcadia, Wis. • Mark A. Hanf (GRC ‘86) is CEO of Tumble Weed Press, a commercial printing company in Denver. Of its 70 employees, four are Cal Poly graduates. Hanf is married and has a daughter. • Leslie J. Hench (BUS ‘86) is a consultant for Murdock & Associates in Santa Clara. She lives with her husband, Jeremiah Hench (ECON ‘87), in San Jose. • Judy Heve (ENGL ‘86) is a homemaker who lives with her husband and two young daughters in Kearney, Neb. • Judy E. Johnson (ASCI ‘86) is a daytime computer operator and tape librarian for San Luis Obispo County. • Joseph L. Kolina (POLS ‘86) earned an MBA in finance at Fordham University in 1991 and is now the Asian client representative for IMG, the world’s largest sports marketing firm, where he is responsible for creating new endorsements and promotional opportunities for sports and entertainment clients and recruiting new Asian clients. For 11 years he has been married to Audrey (Beles) Kolina (POLs ‘84), who earned her master’s in public administration at the Monterey Institute of International Studies and after 10 years as a journalist with NBC News was named Hong Kong bureau chief. The couple has two children and the family lives in Hong Kong. • Christina F. Landkammer (ACSI ‘86) started her own food safety consulting business, Strategies Consulting, “the only one in the state” of Montana. She lives in Missoula. • Margaret Anne Moremen (LS ‘86) and Tom Lawrence (ET ‘87) were married in August 1997. Margaret Anne earned a master’s in education and a reading specialist credential from Cal State Fullerton and teaches first grade and reading recovery in the Torrance Unified School District. Tom is an engineer at TRW in Redondo Beach. • Scott S. Santala (NRM ‘86) is principal owner of Mesa Associates, an environmental services company. He resides in Nipomo. • Debra L. Stoffel (CRSC ‘86) earned her master’s in pest management at UC Riverside in 1988. She is the research and development manager at Chemtec in Chico. • Mary Beth (Petney) Weaver (BUS ‘86) and M. Cameron Weaver (ME ‘86) had their third child and live in San Diego. • Austin Hill (ENGL ‘87) works as an on-air personality for KZLA radio in Los Angeles and as a commercial actor with the Levin Talent Agency. He is studying for his master’s degree in ethics from Talbot Theological Seminary in La Mirada. He lives with his wife in Huntington Beach. • Gary Hubbard (ME ‘87) left the Silicon Valley for the mountains near Chico to work as a design engineer for a company that manufactures automated woodworking equipment. He lives with his wife and two young daughters in Magalia. • Frank W. Hutchinson (ME ‘87) works for San Luis Obispo County and is married to Dana Tryde (ESB ‘84). They have two young sons and live in Los Osos. • Mark W. Lange (ME ‘87) lives in Stockholm, Sweden, and works with Modular Management, a consulting company in structured product development and business management. He is a part-time project manager and a part-time Ph.D. student at the Royal Institute of Technology. • Denise E. McLean (ASCI ‘87) is a retail/hospitality manager at Meridian Vineyards. She lives in Paso Robles. • Kristen McPherson (ET ‘87) is a manufacturing development engineer at Hewlett-Packard in Corvallis, Ore. She has
Capt. Victor Sikora (AERO '89) is enjoying his morning coffee in the flight lounge of Hangar No. 3 at Panama’s Howard Air Force Base when a beeper breaks the silence.

The California Air National Guard officer sprints to the cloakroom, where he and another pilot in the Fresno-based 144th Fighter Wing grab their flight gear and race down to the parking lot, hop into a blue Air Force pickup, and are sped 150 yards to the flight line tarmac. They run to a waiting pair of F-16 “Fighting Falcon” jets, clamber up into the cockpits, strap on helmets, and fire up the supersonic fighters’ engines.

Directed by the ground crew, the pilots speed through preflight checks and rumble down the taxiway. Within minutes their planes scream down the runway and blast into the sky at a near-vertical climb.

A suspected drug smuggler’s plane has been spotted in the skies over Central America, and the pilots of Operation Coronet Nighthawk have scrambled into action.

Sikora says that the Air Force, with resources strapped by the U.S. military’s downsizing but still responsible for missions worldwide, depends heavily on the Air National Guard to staff Operation Coronet Nighthawk. “The fighter operation here is totally a Guard operation.”

The 144th Fighter Wing is among several Air National Guard units that carry out drug-interdiction missions for unidentified aircraft and seagoing vessels on a 24-hour basis. Each unit rotates in for a six-week period, with traditional Air Guard citizen/airmen like Sikora performing two-week tours of duty, usually during their annual training.

“They are the backbone of the Guard,” Sikora says. “I’m willing to bet that more than 70 percent of the enlisted folks here are traditional Guardsmen, and every single one of the pilots on this tour is an airline pilot.”

“We have approximately 65 people down here for deployment at any one time,” adds Sikora, who hails from Fresno and is a pilot for United Airlines.

When its tour is up, the 144th Fighter Wing will head back to California. But first another Air Guard unit from somewhere in the United States will have taken the hand-off to keep a 24-hour eye on the skies over Latin America.

--- Abridged from a story and photos by Staff Sgt. Dennis McCluster, 113th Mobile Public Affairs Detachment, Virgin Islands Army National Guard

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A young daughter. ■ Tyler A. Phillips (GRC '87) is a sous chef for Paula LeDuc Inc. He lives in Belvedere Tiburon. ■ Eric L. Schaer (ARCH '87) is partner and co-owner of The Cochran Associates Architects, a firm specializing in fire service facilities. He lives in Seattle.

■ Karen D. Shipley (ECON '87) works as a manufacturing planner at Seagate Technology and sells real estate part time. She and her husband live in Santa Cruz. ■ Bill Straw (IT '87) was promoted to manager of software engineering at Northrop Grumman Corp. in El Segundo. He earned an MBA in technology management from the University of Phoenix in 1997, and is working part time as a reserve police officer for the city of Anaheim. He is married with a young daughter. ■ Nicholas W. Young (OH '87) has owned and operated Sequoia Landscape for nine years, a Mill Valley business that does custom residential design.

■ Christopher J. Zimmer (ME '87) and Kimberly (Wiley) Zimmer (REC '89) are celebrating their ninth wedding anniversary. They live in Ventura. ■ Linda C. Black (ENGL '88) is an astrologer and syndicated columnist in more than 50 newspapers. She lives in Cambria and says her job “is one thing you can do with an English degree besides teach.” ■ Ruth L. Caldwell (POLS '88) is an associate governmental program analyst for the Payments Systems Division of the Department of Health Services, where she works with the Medi-Cal program. She resides in Sacramento. ■ Jeff Clark (GRC '88) is owner of Steven’s Printing, a commercial printing company in Pleasant Hill. ■ Anne M. Fowler (CSC '88) is a senior staff engineer at Javasoft working on design and development of the Java Developers Kit. She resides in Los Gatos. ■ Gina Goulding, a.k.a. Aristana Firethorne (ESB '88), owns a home-based herbal business, A.B. Firethorne & Co., which produces natural body-care products.
She is married with two children and lives in Clinton, Wash. • **Derrick M. Grissom** (CRSC '88) is a pest control advisor for Western Farm Service Inc. in Salinas, where he lives with his wife and two young children. • **Christi D. Hale** (JOUR '88) gave birth to a daughter in February 1997 and is now sales operations manager for AT&T Global Wireless Services. She lives in Seattle with her family. • **Linea Hall** (BIO '88) earned her Ph.D. in wildlife ecology from the University of Arizona in 1996 and is working as an assistant professor of wildlife biology at Cal State Sacramento. She and her husband live on a ranch outside Sacramento. • **Cheryl S. Pater** (BIO '88) received the Registered Veterinary Technician of the Year award, in a non-private practice, from the CVMA. She works at Genentech Inc. as a research associate and participates every year in recruiting Cal Poly students for jobs and internships. • **Linda M. (Yaste) Peel** (EL '88) works for the Naval Surface Warfare Center in Virginia Beach, Va., where she develops and maintains surveillance radars in the Detection and Tracking Systems Division. She is married with two children. • **Dana (Crisp) Roson** (LS '88) was married in August 1996 and resides in Pasadena. • **Tony T. Salehi** (STAT '89) is a contract programmer for various Bay Area biotech companies and a statistical programming consultant at Genentech. He lives with his wife and young child in San Mateo. • **Shawn Tibor** (ARCH '88) and **Diana (Mathews) Tibor** (ARCH '88) live in Sacramento, where they are both licensed architects, with their two sons. The Tibors will know they succeeded as parents “when we are driving a packed mini-van down Highway 101, heading for WOW Week!” • **Eric D. Tober** (PHYS '88) earned a Ph.D. in physics from UC Davis. He is pursuing postdoctoral studies at IBM Almaden Research Center in San Jose, where he lives. • **Nancy (Curry) Wein** (CE '88) works for Contra Costa County Public Works as an associate civil engineer. She is married with two children and lives in Novato. • **Anna Win** (ARCH '88) was named principal at Interni Design, an interior architectural design firm in Long Beach. • **Jason M. Walthorst** (BUS '88) is a state income/franchise tax manager for Sun Microsystems Inc. He lives in Campbell. • **James R. Wurscher** (ARCH '88) is married to Gisela Reimann Wurscher (ARCH '87). They have two children and live in West Linn, Ore. • **Cheryl Ades Anspach** (EE '89) relocated to Wisconsin with her husband. She works in the Marketing Department of Rockwell Automation/Allen-Bradley. • **Shannon (Timmons) Burnett** (BUS '89) is on a leave of absence from Oracle Corp., where she is a software consultant. She lives with her husband and young son in Burnsville, Minn., and “would love to hear from any other alums in the Minneapolis area.” • **Ellen C. Busch** (NSCI '89) is assistant director for the American Red Cross WIC program. She and her husband, Bruce Malarky (CE '89), live in La Mesa. • **Shirley A. Clay** (ESB '89) substitute teaches high school and middle school in Lakeview, Ore., where she lives with her husband and two young daughters. • **Rowena M. Dela Cruz** (REC '89) works as an intern architect at Freiheit and Ho Architects in Bellevue, Wash. • **John Ferguson** (BUS '89) is operations director with Charles Schwab in Denver. He is married with two young sons. • **Toby B. Goldman** (ASCI '89) is the veterinarian at the Las Vegas, Nev., zoo, and a busy practitioner at a small exotic-animal hospital. He still does the juggling and comedy he started “at the beginning of Farmers’ Market on Higuera Street.” He and his family live in Las Vegas. • **Lynne Hesselman** (JOUR '88) is a public relations writer for the Oregon Regional Primate Research Center, an NIH facility in Beaverton, Colo. She is studying for a master of public health degree at Portland State University, where she is also a grant writer. • **Glenn Jernigan** (CHEM '89) moved from Oakland to Alexandria, Va. • **John W. Kamb** (ARCE '89) works as an engineer for Parsons Brinkerhoff in Boston. He, his wife, and their young daughter live in Somerville, Mass. • **Diane Kathleen Kershaw** (HE '89) married John C. Kershaw (IT '91) in April 1997. The couple lives in Los Gatos. • **Jana Lettman** (ARCH '89) has been freelancing in art in the film industry for the past few years, with an eventual goal of production designer. In between movies, she has her own custom decorative painting business. She lives in Los Angeles. • **Karen Giovannini Lovell** (AM '89) was promoted to manager and assistant vice president at North American Mortgage. She and her husband live in Windsor. • **Ted P. Malley** (CSC '89) is director of technology at The Ultimate Software Group. He was married in June 1997 and lives in Los Alamitos. • **Brian K. McComas** (PHYS '89) works as an electro-optical engineer of technology operations for Ball Aerospace and Technologies Corp., Aerospace Systems Division, in Boulder. • **Michael J. Mitthen** (CM '89) works as a construction manager for the Facilities Project Management Department at Stanford University. • **Joan K. Ormonde** (PE '89) earned her master’s in physical therapy from University of the Pacific in 1991 and is now the director of physical therapy in a skilled nursing unit in Reno, Nev. She bought a home in Truckee and is “enjoying the great outdoors.” • **Lori Parker** (ED '89) and Christopher Parker (NSCI '89) live in Browns Valley with their young son. Lori is a writer for Peoplesoft Inc., and Christopher is a hospital administrator. • **David Price** (MATH '89) is married and teaching college prep math and coaching football at Cherry Creek High School in a Denver suburb. He was nominated for Colorado Teacher...
of the Year in 1996. • Linda Riley (BUS ’89) was promoted to production manager at Geffen Records in Los Angeles, where she has worked since graduating from Cal Poly. • Mark A. Sousa (AERO ’89) is a Navy lieutenant stationed at Pt. Mugu, where he is an operational test director of F-14 aircraft. He lives with his wife in Oxnard. • Ellen M. Voorhees (ENGL ’89) teaches English at Sutter Union High School. She lives with her husband and young son in Arbuckle.

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• Charles M. Bauer (SS ’90) is working on his master’s in geology at CSU Bakersfield, where he is also a geology teaching assistant. • Mike Chellsen (BUS ’90) manages eight Central Coast retail stores as general manager of Cellular Source. His wife, Denise (Tobias) Chellsen (MATH ’89, M.S. MATH ’92), teaches part time at Cuesta College. They live in San Luis Obispo with their two young children. • Joseph J. Gonzales (GRC ’90) was appointed mayor of South El Monte after serving on its city council in 1994. He also works as a sales associate for Techcolor Graphics, a commercial web printing company in Chino. • Michael Gorman (AERO ’90) is married and living in Camarillo. • Randal T. Karraker (JOUR ’90) made a career change in March 1997 from emergency medical service to negotiating employee representation contracts for the city of Burbank’s Employee Relations Management Services Department. • Michael J. Levy (JOUR ’90) is a litigation associate in the law firm of Wilson Sonsini Goodrich and Rosati. He lives in San Jose. • David M. Mason (ET ’90) is a marketing engineer at Applied Aerospace Structures Corporation of Stockton, where he represents the company worldwide to help aircraft manufacturing companies design and build structural aircraft components. He and his wife live in Elk Grove, and he “would love to hear from old Cal Poly friends.” • Susan Negrin (GRC ’90) works for Oracle Corp. as manager of their Creative Programs Web site. She is married with a young child and lives in Castro Valley. • Isabel A. Nunes (GRC ’90) is living and working in Hong Kong as a graphics team manager for one of the largest international infrastructure projects by Bechtel. • Debra G. O’Brien (GRC ’90) is attending the University of Alabama at Birmingham to earn her master’s in art education. • Anne (Patton) Oertli (BS ’90) and Thomas P. Oertli (CPA ’90) were married in March 1997. They live in Burlingame. • Tina Ramos-Ingold (JOUR ’90) is a city news reporter for the Inland Valley Daily Bulletin covering Ontario and Monclair. She was married in August 1997 and lives with her husband in Alta Loma. • Heber Saravia (AERO ’90) earned an M.S. in mechanical engineering from San Jose State and works at Stryker Endoscopy. He lives in San Francisco. • Todd D. Saunders (ARCE ’90) works as a portfolio manager/associate in the Global Asset Allocation Department of Mellon Capital Management in San Francisco. • Yumi Sera (JOUR ’90) is a senior account executive for Blattel/Associates Public Relations Inc. in San Francisco. • Allan A. Soriaño (EL ’90) is a senior field applications engineer with National Semiconductor Corp. He lives in Saratoga. • Brendan P. Walsh (HIST ’90) and Camilla J. Amoroso (ENGL ’90) married in August 1997. • Susan E. (Wardrip) Wannenwetsch (BUS ’90) is a merchandise planner for Consolidated Stores. She and her husband live in Columbus, Ohio. • Robert E. Wilson (REC ’90) is a postal mail carrier. He and his wife live in San Luis Obispo. • James A. Arthur (IE ’91) married in April 1997 and honeymooned in Belize, where he and his wife “swam with whale sharks and giant sea turtles.” They live in San Francisco. • Kimberly L. (Bowdish) Clacher (CSC ’91) works part time as a secretary at Ahwahnee Chapel and is also self-employed selling New Vision products. She and her husband live in Coarsegold. • Kurt W. Colvin (IE ’91) earned a master’s in industrial engineering from Oregon State University in June 1997 and is now enrolled in the OSU Ph.D. program. He lives with his wife and young daughter in Corvallis. • Ruth M. De Carteret (HD ’91) works as a research assistant for Matrix Institute in a cognitive/behavioral study that examines different types of treatments for cocaine abusers. She lives in Hidden Hills. • John C. D’Ornellas (BUS ’91) was promoted to operations manager in charge of property management, finance, and harbor patrol for the Port San Luis Harbor District. • Dale R. Fendorf (AGB ’91) is a real estate appraiser with the Santa Cruz County assessor. • Jonathan Andrew Haag (AERO ’91) and Kimberly Elste Haag (BIO ’91) have a young son and live in San Pedro. • Jan M. Heinemann (ME ’91) works for ELORET at Moffet Field doing testing on NASA’s X-33 program (the next-generation space shuttle). • Matthew Vik Hoang (ME ’91) earned an MBA in finance from Golden Gate University in May 1997. He is married and living in Oakland. • Stacey Hughes (BUS ’91) works in finance and marketing at Boston Market in Golden, Colo. • Kathryn R. Johnson (BUS ’91) is CEO at Mentor Training, a software training company in the Silicon Valley. She lives in Sunnyvale. • Kenneth R. Lee Jr. (ME ’91) works at Design Engineering Associates of Nevada designing HVAC and plumbing systems for single- and multiple-occupancy residences and commercial/industrial sites. The company owner and several employees are also Cal Poly alumni, which “makes for instant conversation and friendships.” Lee lives in Las Vegas. • Elizabeth M. (Prouty) Albiani (AGB ’92) married Dennis Albiani
(AGB ‘93), campaign manager for the Leukemia Society of America. They live in Lockeford. • Albert F. Antaran (AERO ‘92) is a Coast Guard helicopter pilot stationed at Air Station Humboldt Bay, McKinleyville. He is married to Carrie L. (Becknell) Antaran (POLS ‘92). • Jose F. Arau (ARCH ‘92) is project manager at Brand & Allen Architects in San Francisco.

• Todd G. Beguelin (AGB ‘92) opened and manages a new Dean Whitter branch in Ojai. • Brant Blower (ARCH ‘92) is “still goofing off” in San Francisco.

• Jeanine Marie Courtney (HD ‘92) is engaged to Chris Yonas, who studied computer science at Cal Poly. • Gina A. (Ferone) Foor (HD ‘92) is an instructional technology specialist at Amadahi Corp. She and her husband live in San Jose. • Heather (Mactavish) Freelin (HIST ‘92) was married in August 1997 after attending law school at UCLA. She is now a law clerk for a federal judge in Reno, Nev., where she lives. • Amy (Van Mouwerik) Glenn (MATH ‘92) works for Lockheed Martin. She and her husband have a young daughter and live in Lafayette, Colo. • Zayda E. (Krueger) Hennessy (AGB ‘92) is married to Brian M. Hennessy (ME ‘92). They live in Hawaii.

• Susan Jacobson (BUS ‘92) moved from Los Angeles to Washington, D.C., to work as manager of special projects for research and planning at Discovery Communications, which operates the Discovery Channel, Learning Channel, Nature Company, and Discovery Channel stores. She says her Cal Poly marketing education has “served her well in the real world.” • Melissa H. (Kawakami) Komadina (HD ‘92, M.A., JD ‘95) and Michael Komadina (CSC ‘94) were married in June 1997. Melissa works at Mills College as an international student advisor and residence director, and Michael is working for CSC Consulting in San Bruno. • Dometia A. Martin (SPC ‘92) has moved to Whidbey Island, Wash., where she plans to take a few years off to be a “professional mom.” • Heather A. Morrison (LS ‘92) is a second grade teacher in Ojai. She is married and has two young children. • Brook (Fellows) Oliver (LS ‘92) married Paul Oliver (PE ‘94) and earned a master’s in counseling, specializing in higher education and career counseling. The couple live in Walnut Creeks. • Lorie (Scheer) Phillips (GRC ‘92) is owner of Phillips Design Concepts in San Diego. Her husband, Bryan Phillips (FDSC ‘92), is a tablet manufacturing liaison for Nutrilite in Buena Park. They have a young son. • Heather Richmond (NSCI ‘92) is marketing director for the Woodland Hills-based NewMark Merrill Properties’ Southern California Management, Leasing, and Development Division. • Julie R. Scheifelle (HD ‘92) married in 1997 and lives in San Luis Obispo.

• Greg Seelhorst (CM ‘92) is a three-year volunteer for Habitat for Humanity International in Africa, where he helps build affordable houses. He is also pursuing a master’s degree by correspondence in cross-cultural studies through Fuller Theological Seminary in Pasadena. • Troy A. Soares (EL ‘92) is an analog/digital engineer with Kaisor Electronics in San Jose and is working to qualify for the 1998 Hawaii Ironman Triathlon. • Joseph M. St. Armand III (IT ‘92) works as a manufacturing engineer with Newport Corp. in San Luis Obispo. He and Mary Beth Aherne (BT ‘91) have been married four years. • Erin L. Cozz (BUS ‘92) and her husband celebrated the birth of a son in August 1997. • Andrew Schaffner (MATH ‘92) obtained his Ph.D. from the University of Washington and is now an assistant professor at Cal Poly. He lives in San Luis Obispo. • Steffan W. Tubbs (JOUR ‘92) is an investigative reporter for KOA radio in Denver, where he covered the Oklahoma City bombing trial from inside the courtroom. He is also an ABC radio correspondent handling stories out of the Denver area. He is married to Kristin (Kidd) Tubbs (JOUR ‘92), a Denver freelance television producer. • Stephen W. White (MATE ‘92) works for Candescent Technologies Corp., a start-up company that is developing a new type of flat panel display. He lives in La Selva Beach. • Ambre (McMillan) Ying (ME ‘92) is working at her “dream job” for the Powertrain Department at Toyota’s United States R&D facility, Toyota Technical Center. She and her husband have a young child and live in Huntington Beach. • Mike J. Albaugh (CRSC ‘93) is a cropping specialist for John Deere Co. in Minneapolis. He earned an M.S. in agronomy from the University of Wisconsin, Madison. Albaugh lives in Minneapolis with his fiancée, Megan Canty, who studied ecology and systematic biology. • Elizabeth Aloe (JOUR ‘93) is an account service coordinator for Cnet, The Computer Network, where she manages online advertising for the Gamecenter and Mediadome Web sites. She lives in San Francisco.

• Leslie M. Canales (BUS ‘93) married Lee Harrison (CM ‘93) in August 1997. • Kristin (Burnett) Conklin (POLS ‘93) lives in Alexandria, Va. • Kelsey Corcoran (AGB ‘93) earned her MBA with a concentration in marketing at Texas A&M University in May 1997. She lives in Huntington Beach.

• Martin A. Desrochers (REC ‘93) is operations supervisor on the rides and attractions management team at LuXor Hotel and Casino in Las Vegas, Nev. • Christine Diostdado (ARCH ‘93) works as a technical advisor at a San Francisco law firm and is enrolled in the geotechnical engineering master’s program at UC Berkeley. • Terence M. Flannigan (LS ‘93) is enrolled in the MFFC program at Cal State Fullerton and is employed as a counselor at the Mental Health Association. He lives in Huntington Beach. • Elisa C. Fowler
(FDSC ’93) works at Nestle Brands Foodservice as a quality assurance supervisor. She lives in Boise, Idaho, with her husband. • Debra D. Hamilton (HIST ’93) married Hunt Turner (BUS ’95). Debra works as a senior technical writer for Western Data Systems. They live in Mountain View. • Brian P. Hawkins (AGB ’93) is sales coordinator for Action Technology, a business software developer. He lives with his wife and young daughter in Oakland. • Anna K. Hoffmann (LS ’93) moved back to the Central Coast to teach junior high school math in Santa Maria. • Tracy L. Jewell (BUS ’93) started a home-based consulting and tax business so she could stay home with her young daughter. She and her husband live in San Diego. • Stephanie L. Keller (LS ’93, M.A. ED ’96) lives in Walnut Creek and teaches fifth grade. • Amy C. Kinsey (MCRO ’93) is a clinical assistant in the clinical affairs section of Amgen Foundation in Thousand Oaks. • Justine (Justad) Larsen (HE ’93) and her husband, Scott Larsen, who studied graphic communications in 1987, own and operate Parlor News Coffeehouse in Powell, Wyo., where they live. Both were members of the KCPR staff while at Cal Poly. • Lillian Louie (ENGL ’93) is an account manager at Purdon Public Relations, a high-tech PR agency, in South San Francisco. • Brent Matheny (STAT ’93) is a principal for American Management Systems. He lives in Belmont. • Judy Nagai (HE ’93) earned her master of education degree in higher education and student affairs administration from the University of Vermont. She works as coordinator of student life at the University of Richmond. • Anne Oberg (REC ’93) lives in Walnut Creek and teaches third grade in Lafayette. • Lara L. Paskins (GRC ’93) works as an account manager for a marketing company that handles luxury travel. She lives in Seattle. • Pamela Ryan-Hicks (BIO ’93) works as a dental hygienist for Fremont Dental Group. She and her husband, Adrian William Hicks (CS ’94), live in the Bay Area with their two young children. • Nels C. Rydberg (PE ’93) is an assistant women’s volleyball coach at the University of Oregon. He lives in Eugene. • Alyssa K. Arnold (LS ’94) is employed by American Re-Insurance and lives in San Francisco. • Jeffrey Chan (ME ’94) is a controls field engineer with General Electric, where his responsibilities include installation and start-up of control systems in countries like India, Saudi Arabia, the People’s Republic of China, and England. • Daniel Dasig (BIO ’94) is a biologist at Stanford University’s in vitro fertilization program in the Department of Gynecology and Obstetrics. • Steven W. Dinelli (AGB ’94) works as a transportation specialist for J.D. Heiskell & Co. in Tulare. • Casey A. Elwell (ME ’94) is a senior systems engineer with Esys, The Energy Control Company. He resides in Bakersfield. • Michael S. Engel (ARCH ’94) is an intern with Giattina Fisher Aycock Architects in Birmingham, Ala., while he prepares for architecture exams. Last summer he and his wife, Susan (Heiman) Engel (HD ’94), spent three and a half weeks in Zimbabwe and Crete. • Brenda Farley (LS ’94) earned her teaching credential from Chapman University and teaches first grade in the Lompoc Unified School District. • Joseph K. Fleischaker Jr. (CM ’94) works for Kiewit Pacific as a mechanical engineer and lives in Corona Del Mar. • Kerry Friend (CHEM ’91, CRD ED ’94) teaches seventh grade science at Atascadero Junior High. She is attending Montana State University at Bozeman to earn a M.S. in science education over the course of three summers in residence and two academic years of correspondence. • David Allen Green (POLS ’94) earned a master’s in public administration from the University of Montana in 1997. He is the information resources specialist for the Idaho Coalition Against Sexual and Domestic Violence, a nonprofit organization in Boise. • Christopher Hay (AGB ’94) is a second lieutenant in the Marine Corps. He is in primary flight training at Naval Air Station Whiting Field, Milton, Fla. • Suzanne M. (Larsen) Heckman (OH ’94) works for Cherry Lane Nursery in Arroyo Grande and lives with her husband in Morro Bay. • Amy Hooper (JOUR ’94) is an associate editor at Dog Fancy magazine. She lives in Aliso Viejo. • Sharon L. Hudspeth (IE ’94) is staff manufacturing engineer with Silicon Valley Group. She resides in Campbell. • Roland Kelly (BUS ’94) earned his juris doctorate, summa cum laude, from Pepperdine. He is employed by the Security Exchange Commission’s Corporate Finance Division in Washington, D.C. • Laurea Krause (BUS ’94) graduated from Toyota Motor Credit Corporation’s accelerated management trainee program and now works as a senior customer account representative in Sacramento. • Shermann R. Labrador (IE ’94) works for Intel in Arizona. He is married to Angel Abulencia (BUS ’94) and has a young son. They live in Chandler, Ariz. • Won Lee (ME ’94) earned his master’s in mechanical engineering at UC Irvine in 1995 and married in April 1997. He works for Kinetic Systems Inc. High Purity Processing. • Jennifer A. Long (ENGL ’94) works at the Cullinan Education Center in Vizàlia as a reading teacher, helping children affected by dyslexia. • David A. Marks (EE ’94) founded the engineering firm TEECOM Design Group in January 1997. The company specializes in information technology for commercial buildings and corporate networks. Marks lives with his wife and two young children in Alameda. • Ben Maxwell (ARCE ’94) received his professional engineer license in 1997 after earning his master’s
in structural engineering at UC Berkeley. He is an associate at Cabak Rooney Jordan Associates in Menlo Park. John M. Blades (BIO '81) has a degree in biology, but his passion is museums. His first experience with a museum was as a student at Cal Poly, when he held a part-time job at Hearst Castle.

Little did he know that this position would turn into a career of 20 years at the castle, ending with his role as chief spokesperson for the public affairs office. “I grew up on the Central Coast,” he says. “And as I held different positions throughout the estate, my interest grew.” Because he likes Gilded-Age estates like Hearst Castle — estates built between the Civil War and the stock market crash of 1929 — Blades eventually became attracted to a similar career opportunity that would take him to the East Coast.

In June 1995, Blades was appointed executive director of the Henry Morrison Flagler Museum in Palm Beach, Fla., a Gilded-Age historic house museum. Flagler was a founding partner of Standard Oil who developed the Florida East Coast railway linking Jacksonville with Key West. “This was the only unrealized museum of its kind,” says Blades. “It was preserved by a local historical society,” he says, “and I saw tremendous potential to build the program up with a professional staff.”

In two and a half years Blades has completely overhauled the museum’s operations. He now manages nearly 200 staff members and a $2.1 million budget. “Next year the museum will receive national landmark status,” he boasts.

(Photo courtesy Henry Morrison Flagler Museum/Lucien Capehart Photography)
achievement award for academic achievement and involvement in the department and community. He and his wife, Suzanne (Yonge) Knutson (BE '90), live in Columbia with their two young children. Jason P. Leach, who studied civil engineering in 1995, was promoted to Tensar specialist in the Pacific region of Contech Construction Products Inc. in Middletown, Ohio. Rich Manalang (MATH '95) is a professional services consultant with PeopleSoft Inc., where he works with clients in North America and the Asia/Pacific region. He lives in Glendora. Michael Matsuo (PE '94, MA Ed '95) earned a master's from USC and works as an academic counselor in the USC Athletic Department. Heather McLaughlin (JOUR '95) was promoted to associate at Copitthouse & Bellows, a public relations firm in San Jose. Michael B. Metcalf (BUS '95) and his wife, Karen Root (HE '93), live in Corona del Mar. Michael is attending USC's MBA program and works at AmeriPride Uniform Services in a general management training program. Leonard B. Montilla (EE '95) was designated a naval flight officer while serving with the 562nd Flying Training Squadron at Randolph Air Force Base in San Antonio. Darren R. Nash (CRP '95) is assistant planner with the city of Paso Robles. Cara R. Newman (HD '95) is a tour guide at Hearst Castle. Susan K. Pinza (ENGL '98) is an English teacher at Coalinga High School and a part-time writing instructor at West Hills College. Tejal Saraiya Patel (MATE '95) is married and living in Grand Prairie, Texas. Amy Rasbach (JOUR '95) is a sales/operations associate at Cardinal Productions, a music and entertainment company in San Francisco. Marita E. Sablan (PHYS '95) is an assistant scientist in the astrophysics branch at NASA Ames Research Center, Moffett Field. Julie M. Southworth (PE '95) was married in 1997 and teaches middle school physical education in Foster City. Jill Tobacco (NSCI '95) earned a master's of public health from UC Berkeley in 1997 and completed the dietetic internship program. She now works as a public health nutritionist at Dole Food Co.'s nutrition and health program in the Bay Area. Jason L. Towle (ARCE '95) works for Forell/Elsesser as a structural designer. He lives in San Francisco.

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