



Chuck Liddell (L), Cara Peck (Below)

ALUMNI IN THE NEWS

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CHUCK LIDDELL BOOT-SCOOTED FROM 'DANCING WITH THE STARS,' HEADING FOR HOLLYWOOD

CHUCK LIDDELL'S TWO-STEP to "Boot Scoot Boogie" on ABC's "Dancing with the Stars" on Oct. 13 was his last. The judges voted him off the show in its fourth week. The day after being eliminated, Liddell (B.S., Business Administration, 1995) told the San Luis Obispo Tribune he was glad he did the show. The former Ultimate Fighting Champion has a role in an upcoming Mickey Rourke film. – From the *San Luis Obispo Tribune* and *Dancing With the Stars*

TIME MAGAZINE ARTICLE DETAILS BIZ ALUMS' GUAYAKI COMPANY FOR SAVING RAINFOREST

TIME Magazine's Sept. 14 edition featured a story on Guayaki-Yerba Mate – the "Tree-Hugging Tea." Herbal-drink-maker Guayaki Yerba Mate imports directly from a small suppliers across Latin America with the goals of producing natural foods and preventing further rainforest deforestation. The company, with sales of more than \$10 million annually, is owned by two Cal Poly alumni: Alex Pryor (B.S., Food Science and Nutrition, 1998) and David Karr (B.S., Business, 1996). – From *TIME Magazine*

ALUMNA WILL LEAD FEDERAL HEAD START EARLY EDUCATION PROGRAM

The Office of Head Start will soon have an appointed director: Cal Poly alumna Yvette Sanchez Fuentes (B.S., Liberal Studies, 1992). Fuentes, 36, started her career as a kindergarten teacher

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GRAD'S DRONE UNMANNED AIRCRAFT STARTUP BOUGHT BY ALABAMA COMPANY

Chandler/May Inc. of Huntsville, Ala., has bought Aero-Mech Engineering of San Luis Obispo, a producer of small unmanned aircraft known as drones. Cal Poly grads Thomas Akers (B.S., Aero Engineering, 2001) and Norm Timbs (B.S., Mechanical Engineering, 1988, B.S., Engineering Technology, 1992) started San Luis Obispo-based AeroMech 10 years ago. – From the *San Luis Obispo Tribune*

AWARDS >

ALUMNA IS FINALIST FOR NATIONAL MEDAL FOR HER EPA WORK

Cara Peck (B.S., Animal Science, 2004) has been featured in the Washington Post as one of 30 finalists for the Service to America Medals (Sammies). The awards program pays tribute to dedicated employees in America's federal workforce. Honorees are chosen based on commitment, innovation and the impact of their work on addressing the needs of the nation. Peck, 28, is a life scientist at the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). She helped shepherd an EPA pilot project in the San Francisco Bay area to convert 73,000 tons of organic food waste from restaurants into electricity per year, keeping the material out of landfills and limiting greenhouse gas emissions. – From the *Washington Post*

