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### Central

**Cristine Berns, Detroit Audit**, joined the State of Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Law Enforcement Division (LED) as a division accountant.

**Michael Bernstein, Kansas City Consulting**, has done quite a bit of consulting work, most notably a project at a major U.S. bank deploying an openstack-based private cloud, for which he worked on an operational readiness and compliance system that examined individual VM's for compliance before provisioning as well as periodically.

Besides the consulting work, he is actively looking for a full time remote position that would make use of his extensive full-stack Python web development and/or design experience (UI/UX/Usability etc.).

**Marissa Bloomer, Minneapolis Consulting**, recently married on July 31, 2015.

**Lauren Bracken, Houston Tax**, bought into a retail franchise, Bella Bridesmaids which has over 50 locations throughout the country. She purchased the San Antonio, TX store and has been operating since. She feels that it is a huge change from her duties at the firm in corporate accounting.

**Stephen Brewer, Houston Advisory**, married Linden Boyd in January and they live in Houston. She is a nurse anesthetist working at the Methodist Hospital. Stephen works at Greene's Energy Group and was recently promoted to director of financial planning & analysis for the company. Greene's is a diversified oilfield services company serving the lower 48 and Gulf of Mexico and is a Denham Capital portfolio company.

**Nicholas Cirell, Pittsburgh Tax**, has successfully completed a five-year formation program to become a Permanent Deacon in the Roman Catholic Church and was ordained on May 29, 2015 at St. Peter's Cathedral in Erie, PA by Bishop Lawrence Persico.

**Bryant Davis, Detroit Advisory**, is currently working for Cognizant as a senior manager in Cyber Security & Identity and Access Management. He is studying for his CEH certification and resides in Woodland Hills, CA.

**Erik Gerard, Cleveland Consulting**, recently joined Nexus IS, a dimension data company. He is a healthcare strategist providing forward looking solutions to healthcare organizations in the Great Lakes region. With 20 years of experience, he has a deep background in high availability, large scale healthcare IT and is known for translating business needs into technology solutions that provide a competitive advantage by reducing risk and costs.

**Carla Golden, Chicago Services**, is an ordained minister serving along with her husband and co-minister, Bob Uhlar, at Unity Church of Indianapolis in Indianapolis, IN.

**Sarah Hauge, Minneapolis Audit**, has an interesting story on Deloitte alumni who reconnected at the Deloitte Minneapolis alumni event in November 2014 and teamed up for a big challenge and did some good along the way.

**Doug Anderson** and **Bob Thimjon**, former colleagues at **Deloitte Minneapolis (Audit)** were two of four bikers that completed the entire 2,148 mile bike ride up the Mississippi River from Venice, LA to Itasca Lake, MN and raised over \$100k for NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness) in the process. The successful bike ride concluded on

August 13. Additional information about the ride can be found on Tom's Big Ride on the blog at [www.TomsBigRide.org](http://www.TomsBigRide.org)

Sarah is Bob's daughter and both of them are Deloitte Minneapolis alumni and attended the alumni event together last fall.

**Craig Heinen, Minneapolis Tax**, has landed a full time job working for a university in St. Paul after a long career in financial consulting. He took a position as assistant to the department manager on their graphic design team. He has worked on everything from orientation banners to creating beer labels for the annual fundraiser in which the university brews its own beer (similar tasting to Four Loko). He has created [SmartFantasy.com](http://SmartFantasy.com), an intuitive site that focuses on customization, cheat sheets, and easy navigation to bring users an all-around quality experience. It has been a great year for him on the personal front as Craig is engaged to his girlfriend.

**Elizabeth Johnson, Denver Advisory**, married Dani Johnson on Jan 3, 2014. She graduated from LSU with a PhD in Accounting in May 2015. On the professional front, she has started a new position at Florida Gulf Coast University (FGCU) from August 2015.

**Keith Klein, Chicago Audit**, is the new president of Transport America. He served as the executive VP and chief operating officer prior to his promotion.

**Natasha Leger, Denver Services**, and author of *Travel Healthy: A Road Warrior's Guide to Eating Healthy*, spoke at the Employer Healthcare and Benefits Congress, September 25-27, 2015, in Orlando, FL. She spoke on business traveler wellness and eating healthy on the road - a topic often overlooked by corporate wellness programs and travel and expense management policies.

If you have been struggling with eating healthy on the road and are frustrated by the health impact of frequent business travel and seemingly hopeless options, and wondering how your employer can help, then check out her presentation at the [Employer Healthcare and Benefits Congress](#) and/or her book, which is available at [www.travelhealthybook.com](http://www.travelhealthybook.com) and on Amazon in both paperback and Kindle format.

**Jason Lundell, Fort Worth Audit**, was promoted to chief financial officer and vice president, administration and finance for BBVA Bancomer USA in Houston, TX, a subsidiary of BBVA which specializes in global remittances and foreign exchange. He has extensive experience in financial governance, reporting, analysis, and technical accounting issues. Jason oversees the company's financial statements, regulatory and tax reporting, budgeting, forecasting, operational business planning, treasury and cash management. He advocates implementing process efficiencies and strengthening the internal control environment. He is responsible for providing financial leadership for company transactions, reporting systems migration, and purchase accounting. Jason had served as the controller for three years before his promotion to CFO.

**Joe Meier, Chicago Consulting**, joined Google's San Francisco Office in July 2015 as an analytical lead.

**Reginaldo Montague, Chicago Consulting**, currently a director at NorthFind Partners, published *De-Risking Your Supply Chain* in the August 2015 issue of *Industrial Engineer*. [Click here](#) to read the article.

**Luke Redman, Detroit Consulting**, became the CEO of Hospital Internists of Austin (HIA). HIA provides physician and physician extender staffing to acute and sub-acute facilities in the Austin, TX area.

**Scott Roloff, Fort Worth Audit**, recently joined IntegerHealth Technologies as its president. IntegerHealth is a healthcare technology company that crosses healthcare with big data analytics. They work with employers to lower the costs of their self-funded health care plans. They do so by combining employee health assessments and care plans with predictive modeling. Their proprietary algorithms draw on multiple databases to identify the physicians and other healthcare options that provide the highest quality care in the most efficient and effective manner. When recommending a course of treatment, they consider not only the benefits and costs of the initial

treatment, but also those of likely follow-up treatments based on that initial selection, as well as the time that the employee will be absent from work, a hidden cost that no one else measures.

**Jasjit Singh, Chicago Advisory**, was appointed to be on President Obama's Advisory Council on Faith-Based and Neighborhood Partnerships.

**Ken Sipiora, Dallas Consulting**, has been involved in local community service in his home town of McKinney, TX since his retirement in 2013. He just completed a two year term on the board of directors of the McKinney National Airport Development Corporation. It is a general aviation airport offering a complete range of terminal, fueling, storage and amenity services to visiting aircraft and is home to several Fortune listed corporate fleets and other many other aviation businesses.

In August 2015 Ken was appointed by the McKinney City Council to a two year term on the board of the McKinney Economic Development Corporation (MEDC). The MEDC was created in 1993 to support the development, expansion and relocation of new and existing businesses in McKinney. Since then, McKinney's population has grown from 44,000 to 155,000. *Money* ranked McKinney as the 2014 #1 Best Place to Live in America. McKinney has been featured in the top five on *Money's* list since 2010.

**Vic Son, Cleveland Audit**, is the CFO for DBC Real Estate Management, owners and operators of thousands of multifamily apartments in western Pennsylvania, Ohio and South Carolina ([www.dbcrealestate.com](http://www.dbcrealestate.com)).

In addition to the private industry employment, he also has a public service life. He has been an elected official of Hampton Township council since 2004 and President of the council since 2006 (<http://www.hampton-pa.org/162/Council>) and is in the twentieth year of community service to the township.

He is currently a member of the AICPA and PICPA, Allegheny County North Region Tax Collection Committee, Western Pennsylvania and Northeast Ohio apartment associations and Institute of Real Estate Management. He has been nominated five times for the Distinguished Public Service Award for CPAs by the PICPA and has submitted testimony to the state legislature on numerous tax and audit issues.

His family includes his wife Joan, former math department chair at Hampton High School. His first wife, Jody, passed away from ovarian cancer. He has two sons and Joan has three daughters.

**Teri Sowder, Dallas Tax**, had her first child Byron Edward Bearden on August 29, 2014. She was promoted to tax director at Dixon Hughes Goodman in Jacksonville, FL.

**Angie Veldhuizen, Minneapolis Tax**, has accepted a new position as a Wealth Manager at Accredited Investors Inc. She joins another **Minneapolis alumna, Becky Krieger**, Senior Director for Wealth Management Teams at Accredited.

**Ken Watson, Chicago Consulting**, is the vulnerability management leader for Synchrony Financial (a General Electric subsidiary). This information security operations role requires identifying and remediating vulnerabilities such as malware, outdated digital certificates and suspect code that could actually be exploited on servers, applications, networks or other systems.

Ken is concurrently building out the InfoSec Center of Excellence (COE) with staff in Hyderabad and Manila to drive both cost reduction and continuous improvement to provide visibility for mission-critical growth goals.

**LeeAnn Webb, Detroit Advisory**, and her husband Nicholas Lang are both Deloitte alumni and recently got married on June 20. They worked out of the Detroit office and met at Deloitte in 2009.

**Jon Welzbacher, St. Louis Advisory**, moved to the San Francisco Bay Area as his fiancée, Liz, recently took a position at Facebook which required them to pick up and move from St. Louis, MO. It was a tough decision to leave

friends and family, however, they love the weather, the eats, hiking, and going in to the city. Jon has accepted a new position as an IT audit manager in Palo Alto and is excited to start a new chapter of their lives.

## East

**Carol Bean, Hermitage Services**, has been promoted to director of finance at Centerstone. She will oversee Centerstone's shared services leaders' financial reports and budgets.

**John Bermel, New York Audit**, retired from Aetna in September 2014 after 17 successful years. John is active on several non-profit boards and is interested in consulting projects and pursuing for profit board opportunities. John and his wife, Lisa, live in Simsbury, CT and spend their summers in Nantucket, MA. John remains an avid golfer.

**Amy Clementine, Rosslyn Consulting**, married Travis High, manager in Advisory Business Risk on June 20, 2015 in Asheville, NC. They met at Deloitte in 2013 working on different projects for the same Department of Defense client. Amy received the Graduate School Assistance Program (GSAP) scholarship and is at Emory University for her MBA. They will start their lives together in Atlanta this fall.

**Joseph Delgado, Washington Consulting**, and his wife, Ally (Ward) Delgado are both Deloitte alumni. Ally has joined start-up Merchology.com as VP of business development and merchandising. Prior to this, she worked as an associate marketing manager at General Mills before making the move to co-lead the new organization.

At Merchology, a corporate logo apparel and gifts ecommerce company, Ally is responsible for building out the product portfolio, owning relationships with key brand partners like Under Armour and Brooks Brothers, and managing large customers. They are expecting their first child in September.

**Kevin Doherty, Washington Audit**, is the VP of HR at Carlisle Brake & Friction. He adds, he was fortunate to be featured in the latest YouTube video about their core values. [Click here](#) to view the video.

**Louis Falco, New York Tax**, is overjoyed to announce the birth of his identical twin baby girls - Savanna and Vienna.

**Kevin Field, New York Consulting**, was recently published by *The Heller Report*. In the article, Kevin discussed how he, as a CIO, got a seat at the executive table – by building a new table. The interview was distributed through social media and has been read and reposted many times over. It can be viewed at: <http://blog.hellersearch.com/blog/want-a-seat-at-the-table-build-the-table> The Heller Report in Boston is a resource for CIOs and CTOs.

**Juan Galan, Wilton Consulting**, has been cruising over 40,000 nautical miles, traveling in over 100 countries and enjoying life while serving various non-profits as chairman - University of Florida Foundation, Cuban American National Council, etc. In addition, he also became the commodore of Moosehead Lake yacht club.

**Gillian Grant, Washington Tax**, is back in Santa Barbara, CA after 15 years on the east coast. For the last 18 months, she has been the director of operations for Merryll Brown Events, an international event planning company, working on corporate and non-profit events. Jill has now started her own venture, Gillian Valentine that will focus on event planning along with a blog, Gatherings, Inc, that has do-it-yourself entertaining tips and tricks for people who aren't the best cooks or decorators. The blog has already been featured on All Recipes, Tate's Cookies and Love Beets.

In addition to her company, Jill is a Court Appointed State Advocate (CASA) for foster children in California and co-chairs the Operating Committee for the Community Environmental Council, the founders of Earth Day and other critical environmental initiatives.

**Nick Greif, Boston Consulting**, has joined Los Angeles City Council member David Ryu as his director of policy and legislation after working as an economic adviser for Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti, under whom Nick worked to push through legislative reforms that cut taxes on business in L.A. and raised the city's minimum wage. In his new

role, he will craft a policy agenda for a new councilman covering parts of Los Angeles that include Sherman Oaks, Griffith Park, the Hollywood Sign, Hancock Park, and the Hollywood Hills.

**Thy Guintivano, Rosslyn Consulting**, is loving her new role as a product manager at Intuit, software developer of tax preparation and financial products. She works with the product infrastructure team, a group that is responsible for designing and maintaining systems and networks (combination of public and private clouds) that host SaaS products such as TurboTax and Quickbooks. In her current role, she is responsible for advancing automated infrastructure technology services and identifying new offering opportunities.

**John Harrison, Nashville Audit**, became head of revenue management for Iberia Airlines, the Spanish national carrier in 2014. The revenue management department consists of approximately 80 staff and is responsible for global pricing and inventory management for the airline, which is a unit of the International Airline Group (IAG) of the U.K. IAG also owns British Airways, Vueling, and soon, Aer Lingus, the national carrier of Ireland. As a result of the new position, he, his wife and their two children moved from Melbourne, Australia to Madrid last year and are enjoying it very much.

**Jerry Hicks, Atlanta Tax**, was elected the 2015-2016 President of the Rotary Club of Sandy Springs.

**Annie Karp, McLean Audit**, formed, AK HR Solutions, LLC, a human resource consulting company based in the DC metro area. AK HR Solutions offers tailored solutions for building internal capabilities and improving processes. Annie is an expert in helping small businesses define their HR strategy, recruit top talent and set up a functioning human resource department. With over 15 years of HR experience helping small companies, Annie takes a hands on approach to all generalist responsibilities. Her areas of strength include employee relations, recruiting and work/life balance programs.

**Sharon Lachow-Blumberg, New York Consulting**, realized that her purpose and passion is to empower individuals who are not done making a contribution in their own lives, the lives of their family, their workplace, and their community. She renamed and rebranded her HR and organizational change-consulting firm to include an intentional focus on individual change at [I'm Not Done Yet](#), which is a coaching, training and consulting firm that works with individuals and organizations in transition and change.

Sharon believes all individuals have the capacity and capability to be relevant and remarkable regardless of where they are in their professional and personal lives. Her clients typically hear the following 'Remember, you are not done until you say you are done!'

**Trudi McCanna, Pittsburgh Consulting**, is the global director of executive development at Google where she leads executive talent management and development for all functions and regions.

**Tiffany McCoy Brown, Philadelphia Audit**, is currently an Audit Manager at Wells Fargo. She's been at Wells Fargo for 10 years and married for almost three years.

**Nick Paranomos, New York Services**, founded *Apptourage* in 2015 to arm app designers with quantitative user analytics. UX design is a creative and qualitative process by nature. *Apptourage* makes design smarter by allowing designers to test user conversion through app screenshots before rolling out new features.

He acknowledges that Deloitte was integral to the inception of *Apptourage*. It was with the firm's innovation team that Nick uncovered many of the app design problems that *Apptourage* solves today.

**Lowell Pethley, Hermitage Consulting**, was included in *Who's Who in the World*, 32nd Edition, 2015.

**Gabriel Pincus, New York Advisory**, will be marrying his fiancée, Kristen Koenig, on October 24, 2015, whom he met while they were both completing their MBA at Vanderbilt University in 2014. He recently launched an

eponymous Hedge Fund, Pincus Funds ([www.pincusfunds.com](http://www.pincusfunds.com)), based on a proprietary strategy that he developed two years ago. He is happy to announce that this fund is now available for outside accredited investors.

**Brandon Pope, Richmond Audit**, was licensed as a CPA in July.

**Heather Powell, New York Advisory**, has been appointed by the global governing body, National Reining Horse Association (NRHA), to serve for two years as one of the two regional directors representing the Northeast USA. She has been involved with the sport for more than 25 years.

She is excited to serve in this capacity and believes that the time spent at the firm has helped her to bring skills and experience in this venture.

**Bob Quigley, Philadelphia AERS**, is pleased to share that his eldest of seven grandchildren, Lindsey, is shopping around for a college to attend next year. One of the schools, she has visited, Franklin & Marshall, has a fifth-year option where she can earn business and accounting credits at Wake Forest. She thinks she wants to be an actuary like her uncle, but is also drawn to her father and grandfather's profession.

Whether she becomes an actuary, CPA or anything else she sets her mind to, Bob hopes that she is drawn to a career in the insurance industry like her grandfather, father and uncle. He is still active, consulting on troubled companies and troubled reinsurance relationships, while his two sons have senior positions at Radian Group in Philadelphia and Munich Re in Princeton.

**Christopher Remus, Summit Consulting**, is currently working with colleagues in the U.K. <https://bikmoplus.com>. He plans to launch a similar cycling insurance product to cyclists, starting first at home in NYC and then expanding throughout the U.S.

**Catherine Samose, Wilton Services**, writes feature stories for *The Redding Pilot*, the weekly newspaper of the town she lived in for 36 years before moving to Wilton.

**Bradley Saull, Rosslyn Services**, joined the Professional Services Council (PSC) as the vice president for civilian agencies. Saull is PSC's staff lead for the association's Civilian Agencies Council, which is PSC's primary platform for engagement on policy and market issues facing the vast array of civilian agencies from Homeland Security, to Veterans Affairs, Health and Human Services, Energy and more. [Click here](#) to read the press release.

**Katie Spillenkothen, Rosslyn Consulting**, proudly announces her marriage to **Patrick Weide, Arlington Consulting**. The couple exchanged vows and commitments in a quiet Justice of the Peace ceremony in Alexandria, VA on January 16, 2015. Katie and Patrick met in Kabul, Afghanistan in July 2010, where they were both serving in advisory roles under a USAID economic reform program. Both quickly discovered their wide range of shared passions - international travel and cultural exploration, economic development work, outdoor activities of all kinds, and enthusiasm for cooking, to name a few and enjoyed a growing relationship as the months unfolded. They were engaged in 2013 in The Netherlands while on rest and relaxation from a Deloitte project in Juba, South Sudan.

Katie remains actively engaged as an independent consultant, serving on USAID and Department of State programs. The couple will be relocating to Yangon, Myanmar (Burma), where Patrick will be leading donor account development efforts for Deloitte Consulting South East Asia (DC SEA) as part of a collaborative business strategy between DC SEA and DC US. Katie will continue her consulting and advisory services in support of the broad reform effort under way in the country and neighboring states. The couple expect to be in the SEA region for the next 3-5 years, where they are hopeful to start a family.

**Sandra Susino, New York Consulting**, has joined innovative venture studio Colab in Los Angeles as the COO. Click [here](#) to read the press release. She's also the first recurring female business insider on the show [Business Rockstars](#).

**Rob Tamburri, New York Audit**, recently received his Florida CPA license and has added a third location to the firm in St. Augustine, FL. The firm is based in Jacksonville, FL and Atlanta, GA and specializes in part-time CFO consulting, tax and forensic accounting.

**Amin Torabkhani, New York Consulting**, joined a startup company in the field of mobile and advanced analytics for life sciences. They have grown dramatically and are being considered as one of the innovators in the field. Please check us out at [www.tikamobile.com](http://www.tikamobile.com).

**Niki Virani, Rosslyn Consulting**, married her fiancé of one and half years, Faisal Poonawala. They had a four-day Indian extravaganza in Houston, TX. Surrounded by friends, family and colleagues, these two love birds who met online said 'I do!'

**Tom Volpe, New York Audit**, retired in March 2001 from The Interpublic Group of Companies, Inc. He resides with his wife, Anita, in New York City and Norwood, NJ. They have three children, seven granddaughters and one grandson. They have travelled separately and with their families and, particularly with the grandchildren to a considerable number of countries.

Tom currently serves as a trustee of Englewood Hospital in New Jersey and as a director of Urban Glass. He is pleased to have established an important Lecture Series at St. Francis College. He enjoys playing squash and fencing and in recent years has been working at the Urban Glass studio creating a variety of glass art objects.

## West

**Kare Anderson, San Jose Services**, published her ebook *Mutuality Matters*. 50,000 copies have been sold and the book has attracted 95 reviews on Amazon. Her [TED talk](#) *The Web of Humanity: Becoming an Opportunity Maker* has been viewed by over 1.6 million people. She continues to support several folks at Deloitte by citing them in her keynotes and introducing them to possible allies.

**David Best, Los Angeles Audit**, chairs a vocational training and development organization in the Winelands region of South Africa, Pinotage Youth Development Academy, [www.pyda.co.za](http://www.pyda.co.za). The main objective of the academy is to help young, unemployed people from local townships to acquire the necessary skills and motivation to secure jobs in the all-important wine industry and related sectors such as tourism and hospitality. The academy is run to a highly customized model where 40 % of the curriculum focuses on personal development while the rest of the program addresses the practical and theoretical skills involved in the wine value chain. The program is 12 months long and follows the life of the vine starting in June each year with 25 students in the class.

They hope to add a second and third classroom once sufficient funding is achieved. The course is taught in English which in virtually all instances is the second language of the student body with either Xhosa or Afrikaans being the first. The Academy is run on workplace principles with strict time disciplines and normal employment holiday allowances – all to ease the transition into employment upon graduating.

**Meghana Bhatia, San Francisco Advisory**, recently joined Deloitte Singapore. She has spent the last four years raising two kids who are now five and three years old. They moved to the beautiful city/country of Singapore 20 months ago from the San Francisco Bay Area. Once she was settled and was ready to get back into the workforce, Deloitte was her first choice. She was able to get a job with Deloitte Singapore in ERS with the help of the alumni network.

**Cliff Calhoun, Las Vegas Audit**, and **Tim Notaro, Las Vegas Advisory**, recently launched a new consulting company – Aviano. Its focus includes internal audit, IT audit, anti-money laundering, project management, Sarbanes-Oxley, and corporate insurance optimization and it is a risk-focused professional services consulting firm. The owners are accomplished consultants who have served as senior management professionals at Deloitte and leaders of internal audit functions for high-profile, complex public companies. Aviano is based out of Las Vegas, NV.

**Amanda Daflos, Sacramento Consulting**, is working for the City of Los Angeles in the Mayor's Office as the director of the innovation delivery team. She recently visited Olympia, WA where she moderated the 'Deloitte Women in Government panel', an annual event hosted by the Washington State Public Sector Account.

**Arch Hoffman, San Jose Tax**, embarked on a career change which led him to become a vice president at Merrill Lynch in San Francisco, CA. The skills and the network that he acquired while at the firm helped him develop personally and professionally. The technical acumen he gained continues to serve him well in his current position, specifically the core tax knowledge and analytical thinking skills. On the people side, he keeps in touch with former colleagues who still work at the firm and elsewhere. He also maintains relationships with many of his former clients, some of whom still work with him, albeit in a different capacity. He adds, "I am happy to have this forum to connect with the Deloitte family!"

**Adam Karp, Los Angeles Tax**, will be published in an ABA article Volume 8 Issue 1, [http://www.americanbar.org/groups/intellectual\\_property\\_law.html](http://www.americanbar.org/groups/intellectual_property_law.html).

**Leandro Margulis, San Francisco Consulting**, published an article on LinkedIn about effective networking that is gaining a lot of traction. He would like to share it with the alumni community. The article can be read at <https://www.linkedin.com/pulse/whats-secret-great-networking-become-missing-link-leandro-margulis>.

**Kirsten Mecklenburg, Seattle Consulting**, married **Vincent Turner**, also an **alumnus of the Seattle office** on May 2, 2015. The wedding was held at the home of the bride's parents. They met many years ago on a consulting engagement in Eugene, OR and began dating four years ago. They currently reside in Seattle.

On the professional front, Kirsten leads the health care consultancy of the Virginia Mason Institute, a division of Virginia Mason Medical Center. Vincent serves as a leader at Revel Consulting, a boutique strategy firm based in the Pacific Northwest.

**Rachel Medrano, San Francisco Consulting**, received the Certified Scrum Master (CSM) in June and is leading the Enterprise Agile Transformation Program for North America at Tata Consultancy Services (TCS), where she currently works as an engagement partner in the global consulting practice.

**Yuli Miller, Los Angeles Advisory**, and his partner Barry Tu emptied their life savings to open Kaya Street Kitchen last December. The reception from the neighborhood was universally positive, and the great press started rolling in for the Southeast Asian build-a-bowl concept. Kaya even managed to dominate Yelp by rocketing to the top of the LA rankings in February.

A couple of months after the opening, some Japanese investors, perhaps driven by their love for kaya toast, dined at the fast casual shop and professed their love for the food. A week later, these repeat diners visited as a group of six and ordered everything on the menu. Among the group happened to be the CEO of Toridoll, who offered to acquire Kaya Street Kitchen on the spot.

**Michael Reale, Sacramento Audit**, and **Jennifer Hilbert Speak, Sacramento Consulting**, are bringing [RacePlanner.com](http://RacePlanner.com) to the market. This product will revolutionize event and after-school programming technology. Michael is the CEO of Exit Row Solutions (ERS) and Jennifer is the COO. Michael founded the company in 2012.

This is their second entrepreneurial venture after they built and sold Altivation Software in 2009, which included the product Hemisphere, now an industry standard software solution in the blood banking industry.

**Robert Roffey, San Francisco Consulting**, was interviewed by the DoD press regarding his current role. He is a part of the IT Exchange Program (ITEP). He is eight months into the 12-month assignment and was fortunate enough to be interviewed.

The program is increasing in visibility because the Secretary of Defense, Ashton Carter, and the DoD CIO, Terry Halvorsen, are promoting tighter relationships between the Defense Department and industry. Robert is humbled by the opportunity to serve the country. The article can be read at <http://www.defense.gov/News/Article/604790>.

**Elena Sanina, San Francisco Consulting**, was honored in the [Forbes 30 Under 30](#) list for Education. She is proud of this achievement and owes this success in education to her experience at the firm. She truly values the training, exposure, and relationships from her time at the firm.

**Dan Young, Los Angeles Audit**, and Agnes, his wife of 55 years are currently retired. They are active in their church where he served for seven years on the finance council.

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