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company that is publicly owned, as well as another security company in Pasadena (think Blackwater) with potential for travel across Latin America." (Dear God. Am I the only one imagining Jav dressed in black and overthrowing some small nation's regime in the dead of night?)

Finally, let's end this month's edition with a plaintive cry for sentient companionship. **MARY K.D. D'ROZARIO** writes: "Just started my first semester of my online master's program and still working from home in pharmaceutical research. My bunnies approve but I'm ready to see some people!" While I'm not sure about the connection between the bunnies and the research, let's just pass by that part. More importantly: Someone, please, call Mary and say hi! She needs some human interaction, for God's sake...preferably before she gets desperate enough to go trolling for companionship in biker bars, county jails, and/or Class of '99 get-togethers. So please, folks. Don't become like Mary. Until next time, keep interacting with each other, keep sending me class notes about it, and above all...don't forget to floss!

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This month's update seems to include several from those who have taken a little different path personally or professionally.

Take **JOHN DUKE**, for example.

After a fairly typical stint in investment banking with JP Morgan and others, he decided to go on a different path and now works in corporate development for a telecommunications firm in Boulder, Colo., called Level 3 Communications. That is a solid effort to break from working for the man, but it gets more interesting. John is an active blogger, operating two blogs in his spare time, one called two-and-a-half (www.2andahalf.com), primarily about life with his wife and two little girls. His other blog mixes insights about Buddhism, the difficulty of motivating for a workout in the dead of winter, finance topics like the decline of M&A activity since 2008, and a little sprinkling of politics: www.orangehornet.com. Oh, and John claims to play the gravikord, which is apparently an electric double harp. **Amazing.**

ANTON WINDER definitely also has more interesting stories to tell than most. After graduating from CMC, Anton went to the School of International Service at American University, and has settled into the metro D.C. area for at least the near future. Over the last decade he has done contract work for USAID in Kenya and Sudan. He relayed a story about getting lost in the bazaar in Omdurman, Sudan, north of Khartoum. It was apparently just a huge souk that went for dozens of blocks in every direction. At one point, he turned a corner into an open air barber shop, where couple of guys approached him and tried to force him into a barber's chair. Apparently, Anton's dreadlocks were down past his waist at the time, and the kids in the crowd where chanting the name Bob Marley. Anton fought off the would-be barbers and escaped unscathed. Oh, and Anton has been a pillar of the drum and bass scene in metro D.C. for years. He even got to play alongside the Crystal Method a few years ago.

EMILY LEVERITT may be the only Shakespeare scholar in the class of 1998. She graduated from The Ohio State University in 2006 with a Ph.D. in both medieval and renaissance English literature. She is now an assistant professor at Methodist University in Fayetteville, N.C., where she teaches Shakespeare, Chaucer, medieval English literature, and a couple of introductory courses.

JAMES BAYRER graduated from Case Western Reserve University with both his M.D. and his Ph.D. in 2007. That is a lot of education. Yet, he's basically still in school, in

his last year of pediatrics residency at U.C. San Francisco. No word yet what he'll do for his fellowship or where he eventually will settle, but Jim will certainly be a very smart doctor when he finishes up in a couple of years. Next year he and his wife will celebrate their ninth wedding anniversary. He also has an adorable son, Zack.

WILL ALLAN also broke from the norm by staying in Claremont. He is in his 11th year of teaching at his alma mater, the Webb School. He is teaching history and economics, coaching, student advising, and heading a dorm. This means he lives on campus, and is able to break away to the foothills when he has down time. He also advises the school's honor committee. Sounds like Will is basically doing everything for Webb.

One last note is that **VAL** and I found a great speakeasy-type bar in Chicago called the Violet Hour. Not only do they make an excellent Old Fashioned, they also have great bar food like chickpea popcorn, and according to another friend, the best hummus in Chicago. It is a quick cab ride from downtown and definitely worth checking out the next time you are in Chicago. Val is pleased to report that she is now consulting for International Strategy Advisors LLC (www.cornerstone-international.net), where she provides insights on legal and regulatory issues concerning cross-border transactions.

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As we usher in a new decade in which we all will have fewer stories on par with the movie *The Hangover* and more apropos of *Marley and Me*, we have an opportunity to elevate our Class Notes to a new place. We've learned some things in the past ten-plus years and perhaps it's time we shared them through the power of story with our fellow classmates and the broader CMC community. Class Notes will always be a place for celebrating the wonderful accomplishments in our lives (marriages, births, high scores in vintage arcade games, etc.). Now, we would just like to augment that

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