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For those of you who didn't get last year's New Year's letter (well....we never sent one), Jan has been working in New York City since August of 2004, serving as the first Ombudsman for Alliance Capital Management on 6th Avenue and 55th, and living in an apartment on West 72nd Street. We've been leading a bicoastal existence since then, getting together one place or another about every two weeks. Elizabeth has kindly provided this year's update:

Dear various friends and extended family,

Happy holidays! We hope this letter finds you well and in proper holiday cheer. It's been a busy and short year for us, but we've had a blast.

Jan has been the Ombudsman at Alliance Capital for over a year now, and she is flourishing. Finally getting the recognition and appreciation she deserves, she's getting along wonderfully with all the big mucky-mucks at the top and thoroughly enjoying living and working in New York City. The view from her 41st-floor office window isn't bad, either - Central Park, flanked by the Hudson and East rivers.

George is planning on retiring (sort of) at the end of this coming school year to move out to the city with Jan so they can act like a married couple again. It's a big change leaving UC Irvine, but he'll be back to teach a couple of classes and perform various other professorial functions.

Dan has just finished up his AA degree at Orange Coast, and is excited to begin working towards his Bachelor's in the spring. As for me - I graduated with honors from NYU in May, and I'm working and auditioning in New York City like a good starving actor. Hey, at least I'm not waiting tables.

That's all the news that's fit to print, for the time being. We hope you're all happy and healthy, and looking forward to the new year as much as we are.

Best Wishes,

Jan, George, Dan and Elizabeth

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