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I've contracted at Neutron for more than a year. The job has benefited me professionally, financially, and personally. For one thing, I'm debt-free for the first time in 10 years. I also finally developed an appreciation for Japanese food.¹

Meanwhile, I'm still salsa dancing. People tell me I've improved. The scene is like a replay of high school society, only with legal drinking and consistently better music. I ran this notion by an instructor with whom I have a good rapport; he didn't disagree.²

In March, Mom and Dad finally visited. I showed them around North Austin and downtown, and they got to witness me in a political setting – the TCLP district nominating convention, where I chaired the nomination of Michael Badnarik for Congress. They had a chance to meet some of my friends, for the first time in 20 years.³

Of course, I've been reading a lot, including such oddities as “The House in Antigua: A Restoration,” a full-length non-fiction book by Louis Adamic about a botanist named Popenoe, who was restoring a Spanish colonial house in Guatemala.⁴

Here's wishing all of you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year,

Dan



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¹ AD No. 88 (Dec. 23, 2005); AD No. 89 (Mar. 29, 2006); AD No. 94 (Nov. 25, 2006).

² AD No. 89, op. cit.

³ AD No. 91 (July 2, 2006).

⁴ Adamic, Louis. The House in Antigua: A Restoration. New York City: Harper & Bros. Publishers, 1937.