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Hi all! Time for the 'year in review' as we try to keep caught up on all our comings and goings...



One of the highlights of my year happened in January, when I was lucky enough to take a once in a lifetime trip to the XXXIII Super Bowl in Miami for the Denver Broncos vs. the Atlanta Falcons game. As a Bronco season ticket holder, I was selected to have the right to purchase two tickets to the game. What made it even more of a treat was it turned out to be John Elway's last game and he finished his career with a MVP performance. As a long time Bronco fan, the last two years have been fun with our back to back Super Bowl wins. A wonderful side benefit of my trip was I stayed with an old and dear high school friend I hadn't seen in 15 years. It was wonderful to renew our friendship

However, this spring probably brought one of the biggest changes in my life ... I BOUGHT A HOUSE! Yes, this old river bum has settled down to a mortgage and mowing the lawn. Combine this with a 'real' job with a salary and a 401K and I'm beginning to wonder if I'm having a reverse mid-life crisis. In May I started working for Charles Schwab in their Denver facility. I had been a client for years, so I already knew they were a good, ethical company. What I'm learning is they are also a great company to work for with some great people. I have started out in a customer service role helping folks with their accounts. I will be studying for my Series 7 (broker) license next year. I hear it is a rather difficult test, but it will be worth it. What hasn't changed is the uncertainty of where this new path will lead me.



Just to prove that a mortgage and a job haven't changed me too much, by the time you read this, I'll be in New Zealand, having returned there for the first time in 12 years. The main draw for my return is to participate in the Millennium Marathon on January 1st at 6 AM. New Zealand is one of the first countries that the sun will rise on the new millenium (the small island countries of Fiji and Roratunga are actually the first). For 3 weeks before the marathon, I'll be bike touring around the North Island, finishing up my training and relaxing in an area called 'The Bay of Islands'. After the marathon, I'll head to the South Island to backpack for another 3 weeks in the incredible Southern Alps and glacial valleys. I'm very excited to renew my friendship with this beautiful country.



Whoever thought that the year 2000 would be upon us so quickly. I remember, as a kid thinking it was a long, long time away. And now here it is now only a few days away. Have a wonderful holiday season and Happy New Millennium!

Paul

