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Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

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2002—The Year of Action

BY CHRISTINE S. MURPHY—EDITOR

Looking back on last year can only be described as busy, VERY busy. I have always dreamed of holding political office. In March, I decided it was time. I was endorsed by the DFL, and began the campaign. It meant a lot of learning and footwork. Ryan became a campaign manager. He handled the challenge perfectly. This was not my accomplishment, it was ours, together.

In July, I was accepted to Hamline Law School. Faced with the decision of

going or not going this year was difficult. Ryan encouraged me to go. So I started to balance Law School, a full time job and a campaign all at once. I apologize at this point for unreturned phone calls, e-mails, letters and the like, Mea Culpa!

Everything else is going great. We have two new kitties that are very adorable (Ace and Daphne). Our theory, after we took them from My Parents' barn was to give them to a shelter. No such luck. We said good-bye to Sadie (adopted by a friend) and

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Judy (left) and Ina (right) help Christine on Election Day

were so traumatized by the loss, that we decided to keep the other two. We want to wish everyone a merry and safe Christmas... stop by any time! Happy Holidays !!

2002—Highlighted by Campaigning

BY RYAN MURPHY — SENIOR WRITER

I never thought the campaign would come to an end... but finally it did. What stated out with so much enthusiasm and pledged support from volunteers dwindled to Christine and I. For the most part, it was Christine.

Christine really worked her tail off and went out and knocked on the doors of people who were unwilling to talk to her or give her the time of day because of her political affiliation. She ended up winning the primary (75% to 25%) by a land-

slide.

In the end, it was a well fought battle. Christine lost by 9% to a person who was well known in the community. Christine had no identity in this district prior to running for office and ended up receiving the most votes by any democrat in the district (which means people that voted for republican candidates in other races voted for Christine in this one). Enough politics....great job baby! I am very proud of you.

After one official year

on the "streets" (no longer a rookie), I must say things are going well. I go to work everyday and have fun. I think that is what it should be all about. The system (courts / incarceration) is not perfect, but I don't know of a better alternative.

After this last years events, the upcoming year looks pretty boring. Who knows, we will be seeking adventure and maybe un-expectantly dropping in to your house. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year !!