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We apologize for the length of last year's newsletter and promise that this year's will be much shorter. The big news of the family is the death of two old cars and the purchase of a new Mazda 626. The car is pictured in the collage.

On the subject of Dad, his big achievement was the publication of a new article in <u>Psychology Today</u>, "Solutions Not Winners," based on his research on community mediation. Everybody is most proud of this achievement. Dad also continues to travel to Buffalo many times a year by plane as pictured in the collage.

Mother, whose office abruptly closed on July 1, has started a new national consulting business called International Education Associates. The family now feels part of the in crowd in Washington having a member of the ranks of the beltway bandits. In her spare time she puts stamps in approval books for Dad's stamp business and is learning Spanish at George Mason University.

Andre and Kim really reached the ranks of adulthood this year with the purchase of a house in Cortland. The house is not as fancy as the one pictured in the collage, but it is quite comfortable and nicely designed even though it is at least 50 years old. Andre continues to design computer systems for ships not as fancy as the one pictured, but still able to float. Kim is still making progress toward her PhD in plant genetics (you can see a DNA molecule in the collage). She expects to get it in 1989 or 1990.

Charles' year involved a lot of traveling around. He spent two months in Puerto Rico and one month between Minneapolis and Chicago. He still works for the accounting firm Arthur Andersen in computer consulting. We expect him to be a partner by February.

Finally Paul the writer of this newsletter continues to work for a telephone interviewing organization, although he hasn't had his sex changed as pictured in the collage. On the side he's been writing Nobel Prize winning articles on the physiology of plant hormones. Look for him in the New York Times in 1997.

Seasons Greetings from the Pruitt Family

