

THE 1997 PRUITT NEWSLETTER

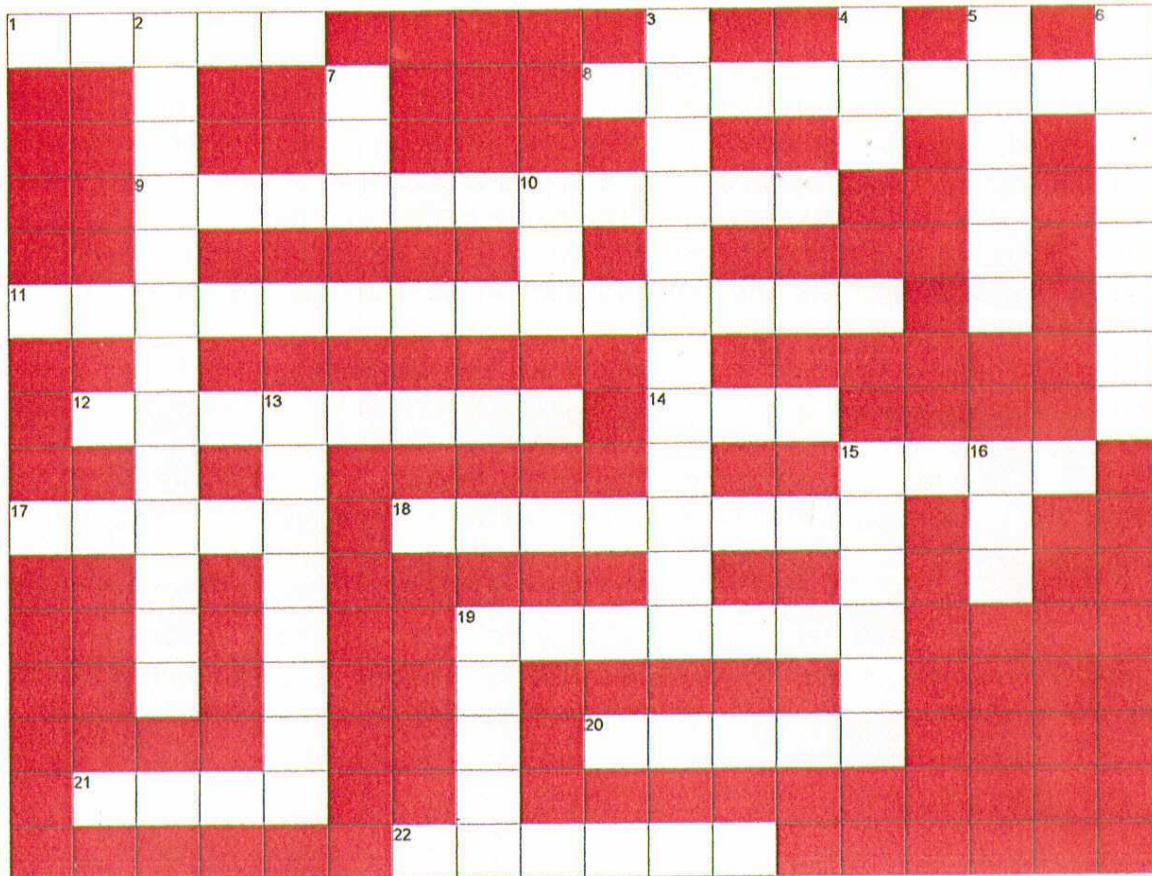
Losing an aunt, Andrée Juliard, (Tadée, **Mook**) who was like a mother and who was a very caring and much admired grandmother and great grandmother, was the sad news of 1997. On the other hand, Charles and Jane announced much happier news, that a new life in their family has begun. That great event is due at end of June, just in time to join the family at their yearly get-together at the seashore. The future mother and father are doing well, both being a little nauseated and gaining a little weight. The other very positive event of 1997 is that in March, André, Kim and their two children, Monica now 5 ½ and Erin now 3, moved to **Bethesda**.

In the wake of successfully hiring two **new** assistant **professors** for his program over the past two years, Dean is back to being the chair of the committee to search for a couple of senior professors who can take over when he and two of his colleagues will retire. Dean plans to take that plunge sometime in the early part of the next century. He and France went to **Bonn** in June to attend a conference of the International Association for Conflict Management, where Dean was given the **Lifetime** Achievement Award for his scholarship. On the way there they visited Paris (how could they miss that?), **Vienna**, where they met 38 years ago, and Prague, a beautiful city they had never visited. Dean's conference presentation, on the Oslo negotiations that led to establishment of the Palestinian Authority, has just been published in a special issue of International Negotiation, which he edited.

France retired from her Japanese project after working for seven years, helping them to grow into one of biggest exchange programs in the country. Soon after that she was hired by a Saudi Arabian organization to head their placement services. (But the Saudis won't give her a visa to work at a placement fair in their country unless she is accompanied by a **man**, either her husband or a male blood relative.) She is still busy with students from **Korea**, after traveling to that country in February. She is also becoming involved with an exchange program with Egyptian high schools and a training institute in China, which wants her to come and lecture. Bringing French interns to the US and Irish **mechanics** to Minnesota, reading 64 proposals for **AID**, and selecting US students for the Japanese government are some of the other projects that keep her going all day long. She is still enjoying her work with Rotary and her professional organization, NAFSA.

André, who has just become a certified computer architect, is continuing to work for Lockheed Martin. His project is funded by the Federal Aviation Administration (**FAA**). A salary increase helped with the high cost of living in the D.C. area. Kim, who had spent four years at home raising Monica and Erin, felt that it was time to reenter the working world. She was chosen for one of the few post-doc positions in the new field of **Bioinformatics** at the National Institute of Health (**NIH**) and was recently asked to take a permanent job there, heading one of the major projects. Monica is doing very well in her kindergarten class and her special class for children with mild hearing impairments. She is mastering a lot of skills and should be able to start reading very soon. She is an avid collector of **beanie** babies. Erin enjoys her day care center where she is the center of attraction with her caring and cute approach to everyone. She and Griffin, her partner in crime, are often sent to the **principal's** office, giggling all the way and making the principal do the same. She and Monica love their **ballet** classes. Bon Papa and Bonne Maman had become so idolized by

Pruitt 1997 X-mas Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

1. Jane and Charles' ultrasound Chinese baby bear.
8. France is bringing these Irish cylinder heads to Minnesota.
9. Erin and Griff's favorite office and their second home when at school.
11. Biology and computers merged.
12. Town where more than half of the Pruitt bunch now live.
14. Not a disease but a dependable cash cow gov/org, requiring just a little bit of reading.
15. German town where Dean and France went in June.
17. Brand managing to keep our bathrooms clean and Jane busy.
18. Achievement Award that Dean received from the International Association for Conflict Management.
19. Let's hope Chuck and Jane steered clear of kitch when finishing this room.
20. Named for a certain general Anthony, Jane works and Paul lives in towns called this.
21. Formally known as Andr e, known to the grandchildren by this name.
22. Monica and Erin at the bar already at such a young age.

DOWN

2. Dean is trying hard to lure these to his favorite snowy town.
3. Fill in the blank to get C & J on the Internet, http://members.____.net/~jsevern/default.htm
4. With computers Andr e will pack more planes in the sky for some of our favorite bureaucrats.
5. A city of romance for the parents 38 years ago and again this summer.
6. Fill in the blank to check out Paul's web site, http://www.op.net/____/index.htm
7. The Saudi Arabians won't let France go to their country unless accompanied by this kind of person.
10. Energy company that Paul works for, that lights up the East Coast.
13. What better way for a Pruitt to help, than to answer phone calls from people with computer problems.
15. Monica is not only full of these, she collects them.
16. Famous place where medicine and biology are studied.
19. France is still busy with students from this country.

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the girls that living close by has allowed for a much more normal relationship. It is a great joy to see their weekly progress in learning about all aspects of life.

Last spring, Paul started a new job at **PJM**, as a computer specialist for their **help desk**, sometimes working as much as much as 60 hours a week, and often making it an all-nighter on the weekend shifts. He is attempting to write more children's books for the growing population of nieces and nephews, thanks to what he learned at Brock in their computer graphics department. Keeping his apartment (in **Wayne, PA**) clean is a challenge, so please invite yourself to Paul's abode to give him that incentive. His web site is at <http://www.op.net/~socrtwo.index.htm>.

Jane and Charles are continuing to enjoy their freedom (soon to be lost) by working very hard during the week, playing volleyball, bicycling on weekends (they again biked more than 1,000 miles), and traveling to all sorts of exotic places for work and recreation. Fixing their antiquated **kitchen** was their masterpiece of the year. Their web site at <http://members.bellatlantic.net/~jsevern/default.htm> is a priceless feat of the technological age. It is even possible to see Baby Pruitt in its first sonogram picture. Chuck and Jane are convinced he/she looks like a **panda** bear. Charles describes himself as a high-priced consultant, supervising nine other consultants for Oracle, the world's second largest independent software company. He is implementing Oracle's on-line analytical marketing and finance application in the New York Metropolitan area. Jane, a Senior Product Manager at Reckitt & Colman in **Wayne, NJ**, was recently assigned the responsibility for managing **Lysol** Basin, Tub, and Tile Cleaner and overseeing three people.

Please note that Paul's contribution to this year's newsletter is a crossword puzzle that makes use of words and phrases from the newsletter above. The puzzle is dedicated to the late Andrée Juliard who loved solving the New York Times Crossword Puzzle. Good luck in solving it!

May 1998 bring you all much happiness and good health. We hope to hear from you by phone, FAX, e-mail, www, or of course a visit.

Dean and France Pruitt

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