

A Classic Christmas 1974

As we were cleaning out the basement this fall, we uncovered these copies of some slightly altered old masters. We suspect they are part of a conspiracy to put Pruitt portraits on the walls of museums around the world. But no one in the family is talking!

Our Little Princess

Everyone hovers over her, but she doesn't sit still as long as the little Spanish girl had to for this painting. *Monica* who will turn three in May, was happy when "Boomee" (France) came a few times this year to help Kim while Andre was away and when the new baby arrived. She just "yuvs" her new little sister.



The Pregnant Couple

Kim gave birth to *Erin Rebecca* (seen in the x-ray) on the 23rd of November. Erin was a healthy 9.5 on the well-baby scale. In her spare time, Kim has been doing pottery and working on computer programs for Compubrew, Kim and Andre's company.

Andre has been very busy trying to keep Martin Marietta competitive despite the declining defense budget and has brought in several important contracts. He became a world traveler this year, visiting Malaysia three times and Hong Kong and Singapore once in search of buyers for seaport management computer systems.



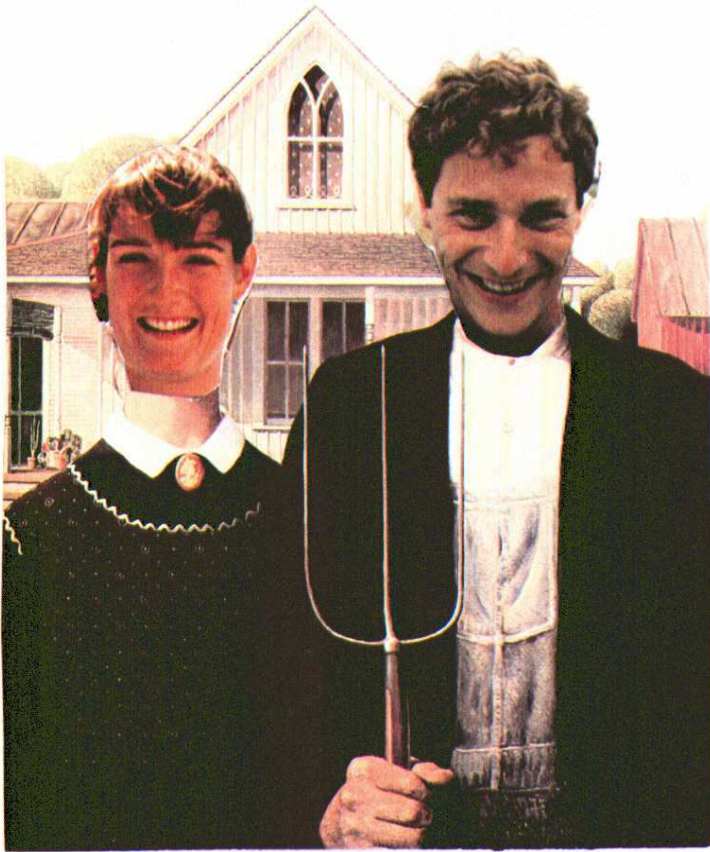
Retiring Mother?

France doesn't look like this, of course, and whoever gave her this dress should be reprimanded. (If you see her wearing it again, please call us immediately!) In addition to her regular consulting work, she gave a keynote address to a workshop for Americans returning from Japan and was interviewed on a major radio station. In the volunteer department, she became chair of the Rotary District Scholarship Committee and continues to enjoy her responsibilities as chair of the NAFSA Diplomats Committee.

Peaceful Pop

As you can see, the culprit who revised these paintings pictured Dean as a Seventeenth Century Jimmy Carter radiating peace on potential enemies. Unfortunately, he has turned in a totally different direction this year, and is now torturing his students by assigning weekly papers for a course on aggression and violence. He continues to seek bargains at garage sales where he recently bought a beautiful geisha doll. He and France defrosted in the Canary Islands last March and visited Oregon in June, where they were especially enchanted by Crater Lake.





Bloomfield, Gothic

Charles and Jane just bought their first house this year in Bloomfield, New Jersey, only a (giant's) stones throw from New York City. They refinished the floors and will soon knock down a kitchen wall. As you can see from the pitchfork, they were misinformed about the neighborhood they were moving into!

Charles is continuing to enjoy his work with Information Resources especially since he is no longer traveling to Connecticut all the time. Jane has been doing so well at L&F Products that she was promoted to Associate Product Manager. Hiking down Grand Canyon last summer was very challenging, but their regular activity in a volley ball team and a local bicycle club had put them into good physical shape for the trip.

Banjo Picker

True to this picture, *Paul* has been taking banjo lessons, though he is now too big to sit on his teacher's lap! He took another course on calligraphy and continues to be interested in linguistics. He may go back to school for the culinary sciences or even linguistics in the not so distant future. In August, he joined the rest of the family for a week at the shore, where he showed his culinary skills with an outstanding pesto.

Others of these paintings may have been smuggled onto museum walls. Please let us know if you see them so we can notify the proper authorities.



*Merry Xmas from
The Pruitts*