

Can you believe this is the 15<sup>th</sup> Waite family Christmas letter? We ran out of ideas back in 2003 and have been coasting like the Simpsons writers ever since. We have no ideas left at all this year, so we researched what goes into a letter and created a write-your-own-letter kit. This version is for a family with two kids, but you can adjust as needed. Get your own copy to fill in on Barry's web site at <http://www.barrywaite.org/christmas.htm>. Fill in the blanks with the type of word under each one and you'll have an instant account of your year. Let's give it a shot...

Merry Christmas from the Waite family! What a Fine year it's been. We took a family trip to Colonial Williamsburg.

holiday family name adjective historic spot

That old tavern we saw was great. Barry traveled to China, Alex traveled to San Francisco, David traveled

interesting spot parent interesting place kid interesting place kid

to Washington DC, and Margie traveled to the grocery store. So many fun adventures! Wish you could have joined us.

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The kids are in high school now. Their teachers, lots of names and lots more names are real standouts at San Pedro High

school level kid #1 teacher kid #2 teacher school name

School. The kids are very busy both playing trombone in the marching band. It's great that their hard work led to

activity

performing a halftime show in the LA Coliseum last week. David started a rock band last spring. It was so fun that

thing to brag about kid accomplishment

he got kicked out by his fellow members until the teacher made them let him back in. Isn't that just adorable? And everyone

fun experience

was excited to hear that Alex started driving lessons. That happy event has left the whole family terrified.

kid accomplishment emotion

On the work front, Margie was promoted to assistant controller at Bristol Farms and Barry

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kept doing whatever he does for the city of Carson. In additional happy news, Barry is in the final year of his city council term

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and Margie added band treasurer to her to do list. Why, there's no end to the happy, happenings!

parent other event

Our pets continue to amuse us. Monster continues to be Old. The cats are always uh... doing nothing.

pet adorable quality other pets amusing activity

Nicks shows how bright she is by drinking out of the dirty fish pond. They are all so cute!

yet another pet clever trick

We made some major improvements around the house. Yes, we installed rain gutters and cleaned out the garage. To make all

major home improvement major home improvement

the neighbors jealous, we mowed the lawn a few times. Since Barry & the boys are pigs & Margie was sick of cleaning up after them

fancy home upgrade activity lucky circumstance

we got a cleaning lady. It's like living in a home right out of House Beautiful.

conspicuous consumption favorite magazine

Okay, that's it for us. How about you? We want to hear what you've been up to. Drop us a line at [waite@earthlink.net](mailto:waite@earthlink.net).