

## THE 2012 WAITE FAMILY CHRISTMAS LETTER

Many of you have asked about how we write our annual letters. While there are many secret ingredients known only to our accountants, we thought we'd let you take a look behind the scenes and see how the team builds the product. And remember, please don't try this at home. We're professionals.

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Margie: What are we going to put in the letter this year? How about something fun like the new awning I sewed for the cabin swing? Or we could talk about how handsome the boys look in their band uniforms.

David: Yeah Mom, that sounds really exciting. We could talk about the fish too or maybe my Latin midterms.

Alex: I'd add how hard it was to move my desk and a funny story about one of my customers.

Margie: Are you guys being sarcastic?

Alex: I never fake sarcasm.

Barry: Well I have a theme for this year's letter. We could do it as a crossword puzzle. Wouldn't that be great?

[Sound of crickets chirping]

Barry: Fine, someone else think of something. You guys never like first concept I give you.

Margie: It has to be something about the boys going off to college. Alex, you put in a USC item and David will have a Colorado item. We will definitely have a picture of the two of you in band uniforms together. That is not open for discussion.

Alex: The biggest thing I've learned is that group projects are horrible wherever you go to school. I've also learned where I can safely park for free. Around USC that is a real coup.

David: I learned that the good food you get at orientation is the only good dorm food you'll get. It's edible though. Three meals a day is definitely not enough. They are trying to starve me. The Mexican food is a joke. On the other hand, they do have a buffalo as a mascot. Ralphie is one crazy animal.

Barry: I like having Alex come to my class to have lunch with me the Fridays I teach. I'm sure it's not just because I'm buying lunch, right Alex?

Alex: Of course not, but you probably shouldn't test it by making me pay.

Margie: Look at the time, I have to get to work. It's Sunday, so at least I don't have to be in until 9 am.

Alex: Was that sarcasm?

Margie: I never fake sarcasm. I did manage to finally hire an accounting manager this year. He was a nice guy but not quite up to what we needed. Okay, he was marginal. Alright, he was just awful.

Barry: I've got to work on my music. Since I joined the barbershop chorus, I have a lot of music to learn. Anyone want to hear Wild Irish Rose again? Or maybe something I've been learning on trumpet?

David: I think I'm glad I'm in Colorado.

Barry: Isn't it almost time for me to pay your tuition for next semester?

David: Let's hear some of that great trumpet music.

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So there you have it. Don't forget that you can reach us at [waite@earthlink.net](mailto:waite@earthlink.net) or on Facebook. Telephone is good too. Wishing you all a happy Chrismahanukwanzika!



Alex and David on the field together at the USC/University of Colorado game in October