

Herzmann Family Redacted Christmas Letter 2019

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Abstract

Attrition prevailed once again this year, so welcome back to another high production value installment of our annual letter. Last year's tome (Herzmann et al., 2018) was not properly vetted and may have publicly released classified sources and methods. Additionally, Daryl's mother's side of the family contains many Muellers and so we are likely related to *Special Counsel Robert S. Mueller, III*. As such, this year's letter has been properly redacted before release pending future court action.

1 Introduction

The size of our family was not modified this year and comprises Daryl "Daryl" (41), Elizabeth "Liz" ■, Margaret "Maggie Moo" (6), Robert "Ro-Ro" (5), Charlotte "Charly Burger" (2), and one cat with a dog's name of Snoopy (11). The family implementation plan calls for size stability going forward. All family members managed to stay out of jail this year, except ■ who ■ ■ ■ ■ ■. *The Price is Right*.

1.1 Housing

Our house, circa 1996 with an octagon window, remains located in the same swank Ankeny, IA location. The children have yet to destroy it. Our living room painting of ducks flying needed moved to make space for more monthly picture documentation of our children's development (Fig 1). It remains to be seen how far into the children's teenage years this will be permitted to continue.



Figure 1: Pedantic accounting of monthly development overseen by Snoopy the cat.

1.2 Employment

Daryl continues to trek each day to Ames to work at Iowa State University as he doesn't know any better. He mostly writes software bugs related to soil erosion modeling, agronomic databasing, and weather data collection. He also monitor's the government's ~~weather~~ modification program named ■■■■, which spreads ■■■■ ■■■■ from commercial airplanes.

Liz continues to indoctrinate 8th grade youth at Southview Middle School here in Ankeny. This is her second year at the school. She trained hard this year to run the Des Moines half marathon successfully in October. Her finishing time was ■■■■ hours. She is blessed being a Catholic Catechist for high school youth at the church and teaching our children about God.

The children all seek opportunistic and transient employment to collect whatever free change they suspect a nearby adult may have to offer. Once the transaction completes, they demand transportation to nearby store to spend it on items such as *Lunchables*, *LegosTM*, and/or toys. They all still believe that shiny pennies have meaningful value.

2 Miss Charlotte

Miss Charlotte's past year has lived up to the hype known as "Terrible Twos". She has shown some interest in potty training, but is not there yet. She insists that momma be present for every activity. She is a good child though and her language skills are really good. She is just a handful to deal with each day.

She enjoys fighting over toys and wrestling with her daddy. She wakes up extra early each morning

to ensure mommy and daddy are not subjected to the alarm clock. She still likes pancakes, bacon, and yogurt. For extra clarity and even after affirmation, she repeats all statements many times to ensure listener understanding and retention.

3 Mr Robert

Since he is a June baby, we had a choice of waiting a year to send Mr Robert to Kindergarten this fall. We decided to give it a shot and he greatly exceeded our expectations. He is very proud of the reading and writing progress he is making and likes to earn rewards for his good behaviour at school. His classroom is right next to Miss Maggie and they look out for each other. He even has the same teacher that Miss Maggie had.

Mr Robert loves his LegosTM and bouncing various balls around the house with increasing levels of force. He has not shown too much interest in sports yet, but enjoys the finer things of life (Fig 2). He does like watching football on TV and cheers for whichever team has an animal for a mascot.



Figure 2: Future embarrassing picture of Mr Robert enjoying getting his finger nails painted.

4 Miss Maggie

Miss Maggie is now a flourishing First Grader. In her spare time, she loves her tap and ballet dance class. She recently had a recital of the “Nutcracker” and is now preparing for a spring season recital. She also likes swimming, bossing the younger children around, and she [REDACTED] her daddy very much. Her current reading list includes: “Rainbow Magic”, “WellieWishersTM”, and Christmas Stories. Her

birthday is coming up in January and has told her friends to bring food donations, in lieu of gifts, for the food pantry (read: proud parents).

She does an excellent job looking out for Mr Robert at school and is very kind to others she meets. When asked what she would like you to know from her section of this letter, she said to have a Merry Chirstmas.

5 Summary

Progress continues to be made and we are generally cash flow [REDACTED] at this time, so we will continue to learn, love, and laugh together. Liz and Daryl continue to try to take things slowly and enjoy this precious time we have with the young children (Fig 3).



Figure 3: Children showing great faith that glass window will protect them from Milwaukee Zoo Tiger.

Acknowledgments Our family wishes to thank you for the generous support, prayers, cards, gifts, and visits you have provided us in the past year. With your continued support, this letter will be produced again next year. Please note that the format chosen for this correspondence was completely Daryl’s idea and execution. Liz had marginal editorial control. Full L^AT_EX source can be found on Daryl’s Github page.

6 References

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