

Trimble X-Mas Newsletter

December 2018



If you knew what we actually looked like, you'd know that that's not us! But I can't figure out how to change the image in Word!

Happy holidays from our family to your's!

I watched so much television this year! Talk about the Golden Era of TV! Everything from *The Walking Dead* to *American Crime Story*, from *American Horror Story* to *Fear the Walking Dead*! My 7 children are doing pretty well as well, thanks for asking!

As you well know, this annual newsletter is the sole point of contact I have with you all year. So, the stakes are high. It's a lot to handle for a mother of 7 from Peoria, Arizona, but it's sure not my first rodeo! In fact, I just spoke with a V.I. Person who wanted to know all my best tips about how to write a X-Mas newsletter!

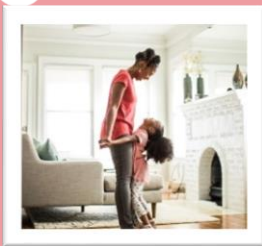
Since I don't see any of you at any point throughout the year or talk to you at any point throughout the year or receive phone calls or text messages or emails from you at any point throughout the year, I do indeed think about this newsletter at all times throughout the year!

Special events

- Jaff signed with the Washington Nationals minor league team, but was released 2 months later!
- Noah moved to Utah and played soccer for Real Salt Lake Academy—that's "Real!"
- After having served as the United States' 15th Secretary of Transportation, Mary lied low this year, though she and the kids did visit Terry in prison!
- Joshy finally published his book, *The Minimalist Home*!
- Bryce left Real Salt Lake for Barca Residency Academy—wow, two professional soccer players in one family!
- Kyle was selected by the Los Angeles Angels in the 2018 Major League Baseball draft—wow, two professional baseball players in one family!
- After 3 years in the NFL, Tim is now officially a nurse.
- All 7 of my kids are listed as "Notable people" on Peoria, AZ's Wikipedia page—not bad for Ms. Erin Trimble, huh???



2018 Events + What's Upcoming!



Again, not us!

- 2018 was chock-full of amazing happenings. First of all, I made the trek to Comic-Con in San Diego and met Gabriel Macht and Patrick J. Adams from Suits! And wouldn't you know, the girl from the show became a princess this year too!
- I was also lucky enough to attend Senator John McCain's funeral, where former Vice President Joe Biden gave the eulogy. Some say he may try to make a run for Prez. Well if John was too old in '08 imagine Joe in 2020—LOL!
- Ethiopia and Eritrea signed a peace deal—fingers crossed!
- Something Upcoming: I'm gonna be in the paper! Yes, V.I. Journalist Anna Goldfarb spoke to me about my newsletters and I'm expecting the article to be published on December 18, 2018. My guess is the url for that article will be: <https://www.nytimes.com/2018/12/18/smarter-living/holiday-cards-family-newsletter.html> I can't wait to read it!

Some More Thoughts On Life

Since this newsletter indeed provides the only insight you have into my interior life, allow me to let you in on a little secret: my kids are all grown up! And they're all almost inexplicably successful which means I'm so proud of them and also you know what? They're too busy to call Mama! But hey you know what? Good for them! I'm so lonely.

Peoria is a great place to live, but boy it is not exactly densely populated, and that fact—coupled with the seemingly boundless and everlasting suburban sprawl it represents, enclosed, perhaps even entrapped, perpetually and infinitely, by the vast and empty expanse of lifeless desert unfit in its natural state for human habitation—sure does make it hard to meet new friends!

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Anyhoo, my favorite show this year was Suits, but boy did I also like Supernatural, Outlander, The Flash, Maniac, Riverdale, Ozark, Arrow, This Is Us, Lucifer, Homeland, NCIS, Daredevil, Titans, Gotham, The Blacklist, Supergirl, The Crown, Big Mouth, Billions, Yellowstone, 9-1-1, Narcos, New Girl, Fargo, Killing Eve, GLOW, Sherlock, House of Cards, Modern Family, The Good Doctor, and The Expanse! Plus too many others to name!

I miss my children and I wish I had a husband. The years are short, the days long. Boy are the nights dark!

It shouldn't matter that I didn't “literally” give birth to any of them, right? I mean, they *feel* like my “real” children.

Creating this newsletter and sending it out to everyone I have ever met is one of the highlights of the year for me. This year I sorta got bored of Freecell and started playing Bingo online, which is really great. Hope I don't get “too” addicted! I really prefer a humid climate.

The X-mas season really is the most wonderful time of all. Based on what I've read on message boards, it is the time of year when children are most likely to call their parents to say ‘hi.’ I'm looking at you, Jaff! And Bryce! And Noah and also Kyle and Josh and Mary and little Timmy.

Anyways, thanks so much for listening to these soundless noises that comprise my interior life. I hope they help you recognize how rich and lucky a life you live. That, without family, we are indeed nothing. But that with family, boy are we lucky if we have some family!