

The 2006 **Josh Terry** Post-Christmas Letter



Dear (insert name of family member, friend, co-worker, casual acquaintance, bookie, ex-mission companion, significant other, insignificant other, The Reverend Jesse Jackson):

Congratulations, and welcome to the first ever genuine Josh Terry Post-Christmas Letter, presented in exciting "Resume Format"! If the effort it took to get this out is any indicator, this may also be the last Josh Terry Post-Christmas Letter, so enjoy!

OBJECTIVE:

I am currently a part-time adjunct writing instructor for Utah State University seeking an eternal companion, semi-eternal career, and a new source of fine beef jerky.

CURRENT POSITION:

Fall 2005 marked my return to Utah State University, this time as an English 2010 instructor for the USU Extension out at the West Jordan Fire Station. I also spent the holiday season as a baker at the Joseph Smith Memorial Building Bakery.

EDUCATION:

Someday I'll probably go get a Ph.D. so I can be a legitimate professor instead of just a wise guy that knows a lot of big words, but I have no current plans.

EXPERIENCE:

- * June 24th marked seven years of consecutive daily journal entries, none of which has featured the word "hammock" or the phrase "cheap live bait".
- * July saw the debut of The Tony Danza Experience, my first live band performance in over two years. We split afterwards citing creative differences.
- * July also saw my debut as a parade announcer for the Bountiful Days of 47 parade.
- * In September, on the way home from a real date, I was ticketed for failing to yield to an emergency vehicle. It was my first citation since driving my '64 Mustang into a cement barrier back in January 2000.
- * In November I traded in my Nissan Maxima ("Mad Max") after 85,000 miles worth of heartwarming road trips for a 2002 Honda Accord Coupe ("The Batmobile").
- * Also in November I moved into a house in Bountiful with new roommates Aaron Johnson, Nick Smith, Erik Glanville, and the mysterious Tibetan man in my closet.
- * As of December, I am still shaving my head.



SERVICE:

In December I was released as Sunday School President of the University 32nd Ward, ending an 18 month run that featured lesson segments like "Know Your General Authorities", The "Mormon Kosher" Menu of Word-of-Wisdom-Friendly Dining, and "How To Get Married in Six Easy Steps". I have been subsequently called as the Salt Lake University 2nd Stake Sunday School President. Pray for them all.

HOBBIES/INTERESTS:

Ever since finishing my MS at USU I have been keeping in practice with my writing, mostly by posting new humor columns on my web site, www.planetvenison.com, and writing 200+ page stories about magic beards and communist dictators. Viva!



REFERENCES:

In June I met actor Fred Willard while working as an extra on the set of "Church Ball".

SUMMARY:

2005 was a great year that saw a lot of blessings and a lot of tacos. Life is very much in transition, and there is a very good chance that I will be living under an assumed name by next December. Here's hoping 2006 will be equally good for both of us.

Toodles!

JaZ

