

Update and Responses

It's been so long and I have so much to catch up on that I don't know where to begin. A quick update on what's new in my life and then I will respond to everyone that has contacted me here. So please, if you have left a comment, read on and find your name.

Well the biggest new development for me has to do with the NEADS dog program. I was tired of waiting around and working as an alternate in the program. I had made the decision to leave the program then literally on the day that I was set to leave, they made a change and bumped me up to a primary handler. I moved into a single cell in a great location that has room for a dog kennel. Now I'm just waiting to receive my dog. Last word was that I would be getting a 1 year old Golden Retriever to finish up. That was 2 weeks ago and is subject to change so we'll see, but the point is that I will be getting a dog soon which is exciting and in the meantime, I've got as good a living situation as one can have in prison.

Plenty more to tell you about including my officially joining the Our Lady of Mercy Chapter of the Lay Fraternities of St. Dominic as an apostolate and the end of the running season, but I'll get to those. For right now, let me respond to comments:

Debra - Thanks for everything...Bday card (funny), gift, visit, letter and research, and all your comments on here. Did I miss anything? If I did, thanks for that too. Glad you enjoyed Fireworks. It is interesting when you think of what a different family dynamic we had back then. I used your Accutane research to get some tests done and all looks to be OK for now. I hope you did read and compare the Bible to my The Story of Creation. First, because that'll mean it got you in the Bible which is good and second, because it makes more sense.

I can't believe you watch Big Brother...next year we'll have to compare notes weekly. As you know, I got your message too late on the Summer Package, but the \$ will definitely help for next running season. The Christmas Packages will be up again soon if you guys are interested. As always, I'll be fine, but I'd be lying if I said I didn't thoroughly enjoy some of that stuff last year. OK, I've got more for you, but that's enough for on here. I'll write soon and I hope you'll be up here again soon.

loretta - You said you wouldn't wait 9 months again...well we're going

on 4 months right now. Just kidding...I know it's been hectic. I hope all is as well as can be for you. Keep me updated on Chip. Thanks for the BDay card and the constant comments on here. I'll write soon and I hope you'll get up here again soon. In the meantime, I like Curb Your Enthusiasm too, but I don't get to see it much. Mob Wives??? Are you kidding me? Don't you get enough of that show on your own?

jpynel14 - Wow!!! I was shocked to see you on here. First of all, I'd love to know how you came across it. As you said, yes, I am in a much better place. Glad to hear you are too. I wish you had contacted me sooner. I hope you will either on here or by letter or most preferable would be for you to take a ride up here. I'd love to just hang out and chat for a couple of hours. Let me know. So many questions that I don't even know where to begin so I won't til I hear from you. I can call too if you send me a phone number. Hope to hear from you soon.

Cathy - Everybody who remembers those days seems to have enjoyed the Fireworks story. Thanks for the response and the BDay card. Mom says you'll be up here with her soon so I'll keep it short here. If I don't see you soon, I'll write. Tell all the guys hi and Uncle will hear from me soon.

JUS - I did get your letter. Thanks for the PRE pic, it will be perfect. The NCAA thing won 500 pushups off somebody so that was cool. I liked your drawings. The chik's leg needs work, but the Capt. America is great. Running is done for now...yeah 1:29 half but another terrible marathon day. I don't get it. The results are up on here, you'll see. Did you catch NYC? I hope Matty P does get in touch. Any results on him? When you coming up again? If I don't see or hear from you soon, I'll write.

cristen - I'll keep this short because I'm sending you mail the same day that I am mailing this out so not much more to say. Just didn't want to leave you out. I had fun when you came up and I hope you do make it for Thanksgiving.

TeresaPJ - You still out there? Still waiting on the mail you talked about in August. Miss you.

HurricaneHolly - HaHa! When I saw your comment on here, I hurried to get a note to Teresa to let you know that it was fine for you to write me. For about 2 weeks I was excited waiting to hear from you. That was 4 months ago...still waiting. Guess I misunderstood what you meant by "I'll talk to you soon." Seriously though, I would love to catch up. Hope you see this and get in touch here or my address is on my profile.

bozzi3 - Figured I'd save the best for last :) No worries, your card actually got to me on time...on my BDay. Hope you enjoyed your Spa weekend. Still waiting for my "quality" letter. Vanessa Marcil will always be the girl from Las Vegas or General Hospital to me. Actually I haven't seen her since Vegas ended so maybe your assessment is correct, but until I see it, she'll be my #1.

Yes, I needed Brian to help me realize how special you are. What can I say, I am or at least was, an ass. You know this better than most (I'm done with you). The question is whether you love me in spite of this or because of it? And I'm always proud of the Red Sox...hey if you are going to implode, make it one to remember, huh? And no championship for the Sox, no championship for the Yankees...sounds equal to me.

OK, I'll try to call soon and in the meantime, I'll keep looking for my letter and waiting for you to get up here.

Well, that's all for right now. I seriously want to thank everyone who has commented, it means a lot. Please continue to do so. And please direct people to check out the site.

Until next time...