Tooll

On to the next round! Greetings from the Drehers. Hope everyone is continuing to do as well as the notes indicate. The Census Bureau has its work cut out for itself keeping track of all of us!

We're all fine ourselves. $\,\,$ Just BUSY with all the usual springtime activities - baseball for Ian and Matt; soccer for Kate and Matt. Matt is really running ragged keeping up with two teams he has the energy to do it. He's scored all 11 goals for his soccer He also celebrated First Holy Communion this month and endured getting dressed up ... for a little while! Kate is a defensive specialist on her soccer team. She's still playing the saxophone and did very well in her competition evaluation. Wonder what kind of a musical group we could get together amongst that generation of cousins? As Ian approaches age 16 (in Sept.) we're hearing a lot about learner's permits, etc. Our 14 year old Toyota died in NOv., so we've been getting along with the one car (interesting with our schedules, but not as bad as imagined since G and I can walk/run or bike to our jobs and do so often). Ian has all sorts of ideas on what the next "2nd car" should be. Actually he'll be most happy when the Regents exams are over. He seems to have none of his aunt's affinity for the French language! G is super busy, but can see the light at the end of the tunnel. His AP Chem students took the nat'l test last week, leaving only 2 Regents Chem and one Advanced Comp. Sci. that need major attention. I continue to work p/t at the reference desk at the library. Luckily, by fall my hours will change so that I can be home every afternoon after school. That should ease up everyone's scheduling quite a bit. I have only one more course to complete WMLS. Can't say I'll miss the classes, readings, papers, etc.

It's great to read about all the developments in the May clan.

Let's keep it rollin'!

all the best - the gorg

May 31st - 7 yrs. today Bill died

Greetings from Virginia!

It was so good to receive this letter yesterday on my birthday. It was like a visit from all of you!

We've been in our house 8 months and like it very much...everything on 1 floor and the garage attached so that if it's pouring outside, I press my remote control garage door opener and we're inside, under cover.

The year 1990 didn't start off too good for Monica and me. On Jan. 2nd, Monica fell and hurt her knee - first time she ever hurt herself whenever she fell. This time she hit her knee on the door frame and really hurt-couldn't move her leg. I called 911, they took her in the ambulance to the hospital. X-rays showed no broken bones, but a bad contusion. She had to keep her leg raised and apply cold compresses and was given antiinflammatory medication. She got around the house in a wheelchair, then a walker and then to her cane. When she got better, I developed a superficial phlebitis. I had to raise my leg, apply heat, take medication...was bedded down most of the time except for stores and church. The crazy thing about all this, is that the phlebitis kept travelling up my leg. Finally it stopped and now it is disappearing. I am also plagued with a heel spur which had me hopping around. I wore a plastic heel cup - but finally got an arch support with the heel sort of indented and that is great. Now I'm back walking......... Monica is now going to a physical therapist who has devoted her life to taking care of CPs, from childhood on...now she sees adults. We heard of her from a friend of a friend who was help greatly by her. He used to wear braces...nowhe does not, walks with only a slight limp. We went to see her, the woman, Charlotte, did some evaluation exercises

with Monica and said there is great potential for her. She'd like to get Monica out of the braces and heavy shoes. Around the house she is wearing sneakers (jogging shoes with flared heels) and she is doing pretty good with them. Just raising her feet to clear the floor (with the rubber soles) is exercise for her. So we go every Friday to Richmond (1½ hr. drive) to the therapist and every week another kind of exercise is added -- all to lengthen and stretch her muscles especially in the hips and also learn to improve her posture and balance which was never right with Monica. She never used her body (esp. the trunk, hips) as she should have. So, we are hoping for improvement in Monica!

We've had visitors: Alan, Deanne and (?) back in September--Kitch and Dick (friends) Walsh back in November--Claire and Ed in March and this past weekend - a surprise visit from Alan, Deanne and Billy. Alan had a few vacation days and decided to visit Granny for her birthday - and Monica, too. They drove down Wednesday, stayed at Eric's house Wed. night and drove to my house the next day and stayed until Sunday after Mass and drove home. It was a great surprise for me, a real happy 3½ day visit with us. Billy now smiles when you talk to him or play "Clap Hands" with him. He is sort of learning to roll over - is teething - but didn't wake Granny or Aunt Monica any of the nights he was here. If we go to the family reunion in August, we'll paobably see Billy with a few teeth (?) - he'll be sitting up - will roll over, maybe crawl, but always smile his ear to ear smile.

I forgot about Monica's eyes -- the cataracts are ripening. She has a visit to the eye dr. scheduled in August and she probably will have the operation this year yet.

To those of you who know my sister. Joan is in remission, is sure she is cured of the leukemia...and her hair has grown back in after the kemo treatments, only it grew in gray and she's not used to gray, so she colored it blond...she's used to being blond.

I'm still waiting for landscaping to be done around my property -- also for the part of the driveway that is not on my land to be cut off and then widen the other side of the driveway.

That's it for now -- everybody keep well, keep happy -- above all, keep in touch.

Love - Lorenay & Monica

Dear All, June 5, 1990

First-our little Christie Bruna is 8 months old! She is now crawling and roaming the kitchen in her walker. She has two teeth with the third upper right about to appear any day now. She is most certainly a blessing to our family, and she keeps us all on the go! Chad is eagerly awaiting school this September. His eye is progressing rapidly, and should have no problems with school or sports. Drew and Dana are "A" students (one less thing to worry about!) Dana plays the clarinet very well and made the school band. Drew loves basketball and baseball, and does extremely well in both of these sports.

Wayne's new job at MITRE is working out well. He still works just 5 minutes from home, with a nice one hour lunch break to come home and spend some time with Christie, Chad, and I. I am still busy busy busy being home for the family (a 24 hour a day job). But I love it! The house is coming along beautifully. The kitchen enlargement we just finished came out wonderful. Now it is time to finish the bathroom and redecorate!

Well-that's the latest from the ever-growing Schoonveld family...

Lathy Mayne, 4 for 6-12-90

Greetings! 6-12-90

I'm starting to feel stronge about being one of the last remaining bachelors in this ever-growing family, but freeden is kind of nice, ro I decided to put my home buying ideas back on the shelf as well. As decided to put my home buying ideas back on the shelf as well. As decided to put my home buying ideas back on the shelf as well. As decided to put my home buying ideas back on the shelf as well. As decided to put my home buying ideas back on the shelf as well. As definitely weekend. It been a year at this job and a vacation was definitely weekend. It been a year at this job and a vacation was definitely weekend. It been a year at this job and a vacation was definitely weekend. It because in January and held weekly a pilgrimage to Rome. We'd formed in January and held weekly rehearsals to prepare for one of the most memorable weeks of my life. We sang a complete High Mass at St. Peter's Basilica on Mother Day, at a concert advertised all over Rome, at a huge Papal Audience, and at the tonb of St. Francis in Assisi! There was even time for sight seeing. I'll bring pics and a video to the MAY FAMILY WEEKEND, Aug 25,26. Yes, I will be in NY the last week in August, so I hope to see you then -- is somebody in charge of nametags??

Ray

Dear Family,

What a wonderful adventure Raymond had -- and what a wonderful family we have -- so many moves and births and highlights, it's hard to keep up with them all. Passed my own little milestone in May. I now have an official medicare card and am officially a "senior." I intend to keep working here at St. Thomas Religious Ed. Center as long as I can (at least three more years) so I can claim 20 years of service. We're in the last week of our school year and then 6 weeks of vacation. Really enjoyed last night - the first Monday I didn't have choir rehearsal or a meeting to attend. Indulged in an orgy of Monday night TV (and no football). Just went through a long session of preparation for Masses and receptions: our pastor left St. Thomas to head a smaller parish; a priest who was in residence here left to become a pastor; and our liturgist (for whom I've done a lot of work over the years) is leaving to continue studies at St. John's U. and a music course at Nassau Community Col. I think I need this vacation! All the grandkids seem to be fine - Kristen is learning to walk and Brian is walking and talking. Can't believe Ian will be 16 in September, and Kate and Matthew are a delight (but I have to keep them supplied with M & Ms). A big THANK YOU to Eric for the updated address list - make sure you change your books, too. Auntie and I are looking forward to our week in Michigan. Keep the news coming.

God Love You All -- aunt Helen

Dear All,

7-13-90

Greetings from PA! There isn't much new with us here. Joe is very busy at work, due to a large increase in responsibility for him over the last few months. The good part of that is that he is supposed to be getting a promotion to match the new level of responsibility. He's been spending his "free" time lately scraping our porch roof so he can repaint it. We've had some work done for us around the house but still have trouble finding time for do-it-yourselfing.

I'm spending most of my time running after Brian, trying to get a little cooking or cleaning done when he takes a long nap--which is rare. Brian still has a lot of sleeping problems (like not napping and waking up at night). But days with him are more fun now that he is walking and talking and really playing with toys. It's amazing how well we can communicate with such a little guy--19 months today. He's done very well learning words and is even learning alphabet letters now. He sees a lot of other little kids and babies in the neighborhood so he's learning to socialize--but he is more clingy than the other toddlers.

This week we have been pretty seriously shopping for a new car. We already have two cars but the second one is Joe's original car, a 16 year old Mustang that is terminal. It will seem very extravagant to have two cars that actually run.

That's about all for now. Joe has some vacation time coming up, but we haven't planned any grand trips—we'll use the time for day trips with Brian and for completing household projects. I hope that everyone is enjoying their summer!

Love,

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Wear all,

I want to write before upending a few days on procation at mont Dad's new house in Jersey. Joans and of great server back from a workerful specience of building hermitages on Bust Clairer Unch Alle form in Naparch. For those of you who don't know what its all about, St. Thancis wrote a rule on those followers of his who wished to spind founds of time in continues and prayer they would dive in somethy experience gettinger and surryly systemd the me with Thin . We of the Renewal feels it is an independent part of our rayer life to do that, so we begged wood from various lumber york and ith the help of our brother and the greener haspitality of the Christines, e are able to build two small harmitages in the pine rection of the 'arm. Of cause, all of you will be remembered in our prayers during that Toxe with the Lord.

hothing else has happened which is worth writing about. Just keep up pur prayer for us here in this denostated are of the city. Our work array. se poor in difficult but remarking. Pray that we use the strength to returne our work and grow.

Not then you all!

Dear One and all -

It so so good to read so many good things happening all one the family tree. Everyone is so busy, but it is busy wess with family everyone is so aline and growing!

of course, we feel sadness right now as the me person who bas done so much all her life to keep the family together is now suffering so much. De In her honor, let the rest of us take up her life's work - as she frequently says - she has done her part, now it's up to us "young uns" to take over and make sure that we keep in contact. Nanna - we love you, we one you so mule, traditions!!!

Cos for the Gonkers Mays, we are very well. God contines 44A to bless us through Billy. In spite of his teething, he remains a way happy baly, smiling at everyone he meets (except for the few times when we really want him to smale!) He really person a good show for Granders, his and & well in Vinginia! As far, Deanne has been able to continue to work from home on Horida property & home sales. We haveit seen a great deal of money from it all, leut at least she can spend word of the day with Billy. When she has to leave aim, it's usually with her mon, soustays in the family Lofar, I still have my ple at Blan Steam. by more drops in the market or political upheavale, and I'm sure to join the legeons Who used to work on Wall Steel. But for now, all is OK. Deame's on the brink of finishing her last course for her Musters in Education and I'm still plugging along for my MBA. That's about it for now. Let's all keep in touch... Come, Clan, Deanner Billy 44 reverse

Wed., 8/15/90 145 Dear Family As Alan said this is a very sad time for our family Aunt Anna is now at Deepdale General Hospital, I my mother's last report this morning is that it will probably be all downhill from Gere. Thom I tunt Claire are meeting with Thoraxy Hospital or Mospice staff today, but no one really knows what the near future will hold when I last visited "Auntie" on Monday, she said she knows we all love her I are Draying for her, so that is the main thing. The also said loud & strong hat we must never let the Round Robin stop. I assured her we ouldn't, & am sending it off as fast as possible, for her. We Zirkels are not doing extremely well at the moment either Believe it or not, I am writing this in the lobby of Winthrop Univ Hospital, where I am waiting while Bill Bas major surgery. He has been having intestinal problems for years, with occasional Blareups of liverticulities. This past month he had such a bad infection (abscess)" fat he was hospitalized for 10 days of intravenous antibeotics. He was home for 3 who, but the one area of the intestines is so badly, Lamaged that they are operating to remove it (about 6 8") today. Hopeully he should be good as new in a few weeks, unless they have to do a imporary colostomy which would complicate things & necessitate a second operation. These have been difficult weeks trying to juggle visiting Bill, taking case of the baby, I still attempting to theep my Good above water at work. With a lot of help-from Bills family i the Drehers in babysetting Kristen, we've managing. Chandma Plines is devoting all her time to Aunt Anna of Course.)
In the happy side, Frusten will be one-year old in two
weeks Unbelievable! She is bright precoclous as her doctor says - I quote a handful She recognines an exornous number of words, says a few I should be walking unaided any day now. Because of Bill' surgery, we won't be able to get up to the reunion at the Christensens next week, but at least we did get to stop there one day in July. The farm looks great, I any of you who can make it should have averyed in nice visit. I course, at all the upcoming Pamely events we'll be thinking about Auntie" & having Acr with us in spect! Love to all "Bunny", Bill, & Kristen P.S. 8/16 - Bill's operation was a success-no colostony, just a lot of pain!

Dear Family We received this letter on the day of hurr brains funeral. Enoughness we are all problemed by this greet lass, the Kontinentian of the Round Ration will be the a leating tribule to her memory. In we all ate at Neiderstein a of Could not help her feel her pressure there. We all will miss her very much. It's Fields' will be in our new home a year this week, and already we are almost finished wind the options out our kitchen, which will give us access outs the deck. We decided to ger ony major construction projects done as soon as possible. All of us are well foler is I mo the now and almost weeking. He is getting quite spoiled with all the older bruthers + sisters allex is now working on a permanent 3-11 shift at the neverth G.P.O. and that allows me to work 3 morning as a Pediative office in Little Silver to help our with the Evergowing hill (Thomas for Flows!) bel in all we are all very hyppy in our new home and the kids are lashing found to the first day; school this week. Maring else new - Hope are of you are were pelarl this week. Marin, to

Near Family Sept 6 = 1990 Computer too, but after typing a book Competter 100, were apeer upping abook for my heighbor this pummer of decided the neighbor is expecting their nation of the child a here 5 are here naw as she's having a "home-deliniery" is in labor. Their is a unique family, she teacher them at home, they watch no To them at home, they watch no To the name Surger piched out for the name Guiger piched out for this baby if it is a girl is linea may. I won't mail this to you, being Claire, until I know. auntie is Constantly on my mind, bevt in a penceful way. Dalph har been in Miami (u/a medfly) from April to August off & on every weeks. On May 29th his dad died. He wasn't Cathalic lut ces A explained to our paster the hight before the he died he was more Catholic than he died he carryout alst of Catholic'! He have the confort of phowing he received the field That Rights & Paper Blissing, Relphis mone i donig oh hut doenget drive is planning to fine in her house a is planning beeper remarkably active

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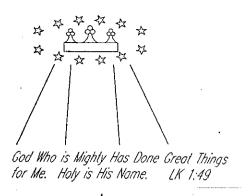
This will be very brief since we saw most of you recently. Wasn't Auntie Anna's funeral beautiful? Her continued presence is felt...most strongly for me during Mass on our porch. Oh, how she must be enjoying that and the hermitages "up there". This has been a busy summer for us. Aunt Anna's illness, death, and the closing of her apt. with Aunt Helen consumed much of the summer. Visitors, a new tractor, a new 4-wheel drive pick-up, many projects took up the rest. The 'family party' turned out to be our immediate family, plus the Bill May contingent, and was delightful. For the rest of you, xxx c'mon along. Just give a cail.

Seems like I've inherited the job of historian of the FAMILY LETTER - a sacred trust. So send me the outdated pages for the archives. And please, keep the letter moving at a brisk pace. We all look forward to receiving it more often. Love you all and look forward to seeing you either here

or in our travels.

Ment Claire

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Dearest all -

It was so very wonderful to see all of you on the birthday of aunt anna's eternal life. I am sure all of you felt as I did a profound feeling of peace and her fresume among us. She is and always will be near to us with her fragers.

There fragers. The Bronk is "the" place to keep lung. The just finished giving a mission, our hermitages are almost complete and it is back to school for our brother and pirter novices. Our weekends recently have been busy with young woman coming to see and experience our life. Lod will bless the little flant the has started.

you are well. Please remember us in your frayers. For only knows how much they are meded!

Love you all -

10/24/90

(peeting from Limittown ...

and hurdre to onercome Augie's Company has your bankrupt & closed their doors on 4/15. Augie is helpery to place up the honder so he is still there & collecting a pay check but it will end soon. In the presition me have a contestant flow of resumes going out. Other than that,

there are going pretty normal, mound for me in can always breaking down. Mond that Patte is chinen it only means more -problems parking (4 care - no dreversay) & more repaired. Patte just started at Formergdale & is taking an Cidartinenz Cut & Design course. She's injury it hut has to carry so much garaphendia 47A back + forth. If Frankie feels had turning 40, just think how I feel having a portwho is 20!!! A'm getting clase to the "grandparent" generation that Under Charlie mentioned. Hope all the little ghout and Johlin home a yord Andorsen - rept -week. D'Love, Lore, Change of family VOV. 2 - all Soul's day. How appropriate to continue this letter on this feartday. Tima's one request for us to continue what she started and meant so brunch to er I She was certainly remembered especially today, by all of us. I In rending ther last letter to us del, we could see it was a Typical one from her - her humon and concern for all - and that plea "don't liver let it ever stop! " Surely she has seen for more and better than the play of "Oberammargan" we is now anywows to help us to get a preferred seat with her at the heavenly Ober unergan." Little did she reolige that in 31 short months she would be in eternity, allough she passionately always avaited it. Now that I've been promoted "to the oldest, it tauly gara me added pause for thought. a full half year dheady in our new Clean residence, and we are re room. and we have had quite a bit of company all summer. Actually we've gamed around, and the fact that he are close to Kathy & Ria keeps us really active! althuise we are managing about the same. If & gave Betty my llungs and she re me her heart, & suppose there if be at least one whole one amongst her . But we the things one day at a time, thanking God for what we've god! It is a joy to read all the news from everywhe, and to see that each re of you, in turn, despite the problems, realize the bremendous blessings that have een green to lock one in farticular, and all of us collectuly. May God be rocked forever! All our love, Belly & Charles I were notace forever!!

jan. 20. 1991

greatings from milwaukee:

this letter has stayed with me for several weeks, unfortunately, but i was waiting until i learned whether my future was going to include a change of address. the milwaukee journal recently decided to add a spot in its Washington Bureau, and i was in the running for it. The kr folks in charge took their own sweet time deciding, and a couple of days ago i finally learned that i finished second in the race for the job. So I won't be going to D.C., which is a disappointment. to be sure. although i'm writing sports these days, i spent 18 years on the Journal's national x desk, and i sure would have loved to be covering congress and all the other honchos.

of course, nothing that happens to any of us is as big as what's happening to the country these days. this family has always known how to pray together, and i know that's what we're all doing now. والمستدير وسنته ويهجد سيحان المتلحودات المحادثة والمتابع والمارية as it happens, for a while during the early part of the war i've been returned to the national desk, ze and it very glad for that. I would hate to be writing about who won some silly game while so much more important events are happening.

god bless everyone.

February 19, 1991

Dear Everyone and Greetings from Connecticut, Page 48 (continued)

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a sa seu cerco de<u>n la colonia de la colonia</u> It's been another busy year for our family, filled with school meetings, after school activities, and social gatherings. As far as pets go, we did get our cat Pumpkin a companion and named her Mittens for her extra claws on each foot. The children really like having pets, although its hard to leave the house for any extended period of time.

Charles received the Sacrament of first Penance in a beautiful ceremony this month. We are looking forward to Charles' First Holy Communion. The children continue to do exceptionally well in school, making their parents very proud.

Jeff renewed his certificates and started flying again, and takes the kids up for local rides around Connecticut, New York, New Jersey, and Rhode Island. The best trip I guess was down the Hudson past NYC and the Statue of Liberty into New Jersey. Even lets the kids take over the controls for a bit.

Not much more to write about. Until next time, we extend our best wishes to all of you and look forward to seeing you again soon. God Bless You!

With All Our Love,

Jeff, Patty, Jeffrey, Christine, and Charles a de la compaña de como como como como como contrata de como contrata de la como como como como como como como Dear Family,

Gosh, it's been a year since this letter has passed through this house!

Last summer, we took a trip to New York (to see Danie's brother and sister-in-law in Middle Village, Queens), Connecticut (to see Mom's cousin, Ed Ebert, and his family), back to New York (to attend the family reunion at Aunt Claire's) and finally on to Hershey, PA (to see. .well, you know what!). We had just finished packing our car after visiting with Danie's brother for three days and were literally "out the door" when Alan called to inform us of Aunt Anna's death. Unfortunately, we were committed to be in Connecticut that afternoon and it was not practical for us to stay in or return to New York to attend the funeral. We had hoped to see everyone at Aunt Claire's for the family reunion, but we understand that the reluctance of most to travel to "the farm" after a rather emotional week. As Aunt Claire mentioned in her piece, Mom, Monica, Alan, Deanne and Billy joined us at the farm and we spent a very nice afternoon with the Christensens. I can't say for sure that we will be able to make another attempt to attend the next family reunion, wherever it will be held.

We were sorry to hear, Frank, that you didn't get the job in Washington, DC. If you had, we would have been almost neighbors and you could have come to visit us every once in a while. (Heck, what's a 2 1/2 hour drive? Some people in our neighborhood drive to Washington and back every day!)

Chris just completed his basketball season with his team winning first place in the league. Chris' performance this year was significantly improved over last year, although he still spent a good part of each game on the bench. In spite of his size (he is 6'-0.5", weighs 170 lbs and wears size 12 shoes) he is a gentle giant (like me?) and is therefore not very effective on the basketball court (like me!). I guess I should be happy with his demeanor. With his size, he could seriously hurt someone if he was aggressive.

We are in the midst of dispensing Girl Scout cookies to neighbors, family and friends. Although Claudine did not sell as many cookies as she did last year (155 boxes this year versus 180 last year), there are still plenty of boxes taking up room in the garage!

Danie continues to "push" her Mary Kay products, but has not yet earned a pink Cadillac. For that matter, she hasn't even earned pink roller skates! But she's having fun.

As for me, things have slowed down somewhat at work. Our nuclear units have run very well over the past year, so that makes my job a little easier.

That's it for now! Lets keep the letter moving!

Eric, Danie, Chris & Claudine

A reminder, please re-check the information about you on the Round Robin address list. If any information is incorrect or missing, please mark up the list. Include telephone numbers if possible! Thanx.

March 15, 1991 Curyone, PG. 49 Work here at the residence is browning. We now have eleven young ladies and a very long waiting list. This is a Challenging runistry. The young wonen who come through our doors at Legina Perilence are pregnent and most of the time alone. Many are homeless, poor, oppressed. All are Confused, embairased and agraid. They do not feel favored, they do not feel loved. Oh, the stories of could tell you! There assisted in four births and had two babies named after me, one whom I will have the honor of being Godmather to. God derected me here and I have planted His seeds - all for the glory of God! So all is doing well here in Merrick. Heep me in your prayer as I do for your.

Love, Jina

Apr. L12, 1991

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4/20/91

Dear Family,

Close to a year has passed since this letter has passed the Christensen family here in Floral Park. The past year has been quite a busy one. I (Steve) am still working for the NY Times althogh my hours haven't improved very much as I still work weekends and nights. Ken had an extended vacation which ended in early December and has since been working on an Oil tanker between Alaska and the West coast. Lorraine is finishing her final year at Queens college and is hoping to find a teaching job this fall, though things don't look promising at this time.

Ken and I have been working steadily on our house for about eight months now and have just about completely renovated it. We installed a new bathroom which we're quite proud of and made numerous other improvements, ranging from new windows, new electric throughout, and many other cosmetic changes.

Enough work!!! It's time to get my boat in the water (which I purchased last May) and start enjoying the upcoming warm weather. It should be a great summer.

Ken should be home from his 4 month tour within a week or two and we are looking foreward to spending a week upstate helping Dad with a few projects. That's all for now. Love to all and hope to see everyone soon.

Love,

Steve

P.S. To those of you who've been curious, I've been seeing my girlfriend Gina for a year now. You never know.