

# California Breezes

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## Keeping in Touch

**B**eing that we are in the 90's, the "enlightened age" of computers, and that oftentimes, the way we communicate can be more interesting than *what* we communicate about, I would like to present an example of what is possible. As we all know, the news we hear about each other usually arrives to us through that old-fashioned medium--the Parents. While I certainly am not knocking that medium, (after, it has worked quite well for over 20 years!) I know that there may be a way that is more creative and encompassing the whole family. You know the scenario: phone calls to Mom and Dad give us the news about each other, but usually filtered through their eyes, and in their own words. Again, I don't knock this, but wouldn't it be more interesting to hear the news *in our own words!* Whatever comments, opinions, feelings, etc., that are pertinent to the news can be shared with all, through a newsletter of this nature.

I am quite willing to be the editor of this newsletter, given that I have my own computer, and can produce this "ink-stained rag", make copies, and mail them to each and everyone of you on a regular basis (bi-monthly?) at no cost to you, the readers (and contributors). To make this venture a success, however, is obviously, *your* input. But it would be rather simple, I suspect, because all you would need to do is write me whatever you would like to see put into this newsletter, and I do the rest. I envision basic family or personal news, opinions, creative writing, and eventually photos. (I would need to use a scanner to include photographs.) Also, I would fill in with reminders of upcoming birthdays, anniversaries, and other important dates. We could print recipes, helpful hints, and just have fun with this! So, what do you all think? I would let know roughly what the printing deadline would be, although I wouldn't expect everyone to contribute something every time, as long as there were enough of us doing so, it would be worth my time to



SUMMER IS HERE!!

it would be worth my time to put this all together and send it out. I ask for feedback on this, and if there is enough interest, I will commence with the next edition for publication next month or August.



## Promotion: A Piece of Cake?

Anyday now, I will hear whether or not I will be chosen to take over the job of Bakery Manager at Costco. I have tentatively been offered the position, depending upon whether or not an experienced bakery manager can be found and persuaded to transfer to our warehouse. If not, the job is mine to learn and master. It's exciting to think about, and it certainly would be a challenge, considering I have no experience in the area of manufacturing from raw materials, food product and doing so in large quantities. It would mean a step higher on the

ladder of management, which means more money, of course. I keep my fingers crossed, and my hopes in check, so that if someone more qualified comes along at the "eleventh hour", I won't be too disappointed. Stay tuned--I may be in the big dough soon!!



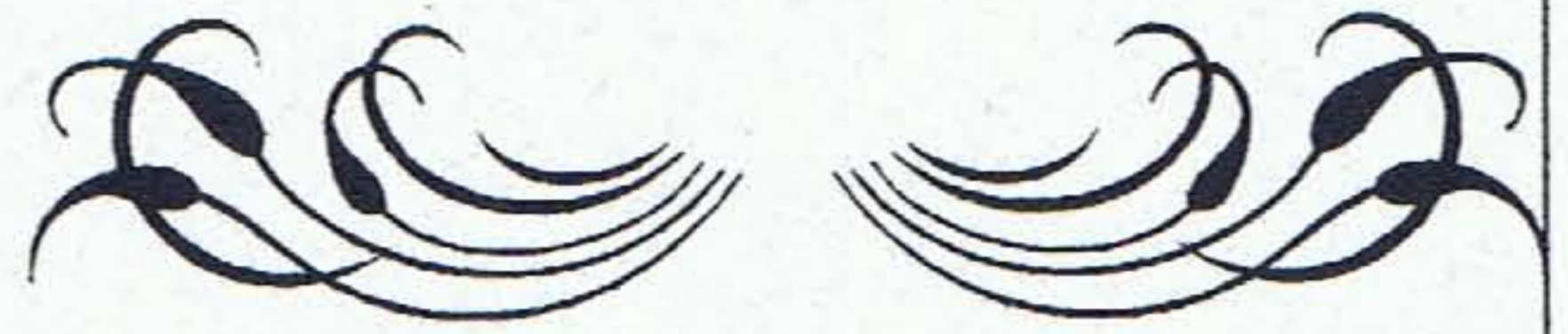
## Travel Plans??

What are some of your plans for the week of Lynn and Sherwood's wedding? I had hoped to do some sightseeing of New England for a few days, either before or after the wedding. I talked to a friend or mine about going with me, but I have this feeling he may not be able to go. I have not seen much of New England, and would like to see some its beauty, as that time of the year should be wonderful! Maybe I could meet someone there and travel a bit together?? Let me know.....

## Fallen Hero

If you happened to watch that incredible sequences of events involving O.J. Simpson as I did, was that wild or what?! I happened to turn the television on shortly before the pursuit of the O.J. by the local authorities began. I couldn't help but stayed glued to my set until the very end, when he was captured and taken into jail. My feelings are mixed about the whole murder affair. First of all, I am operating on the premise that he is guilty of murdering his ex-wife and that young friend of hers. The evidence and O.J.'s behavior afterwards points heavily to his being guilty. I am angry at yet another brutal display of violence, and sad that someone of the popular stature as O.J. could throw his charmed life away so quickly as he did. What drives people like this to lose total control and inflict the pain and

suffering on the many people involved? What effect can this have on the young people of today, who need heroes, who look up to people like O.J., who cannot understand why and how these things happen. We are a sick society, that's all I can say.



## Miscellany....

- I could use updated information on everyone's birthdays, anniversaries, including your kids' special days.
- If you like typical Robert Ludlum books, you might want to pick up Scorpio Illusion. I finished it recently and found it fast-paced excitement--a great spy/terrorist novel. Has anyone read Bob Woodward's latest book about the early events of the Clinton administration?
- The apartment here still shows signs from the earthquake damage. I have patched several spots with spackle, and am waiting for the repair crews to make it down here to finish the job and paint the walls. However, the manager says that things are moving slowly, as they are waiting for a FEMA loan to come through, and it may be a while before they get here. I am tempted to paint myself, although I would NOT use the typical Navajo White. Instead, I would probably choose a light gray, that would go well with the mauve carpeting. I painted one wall by the dining table a grape color, to continue the mauve and purple color scheme.

## HAPPY FOURTH OF JULY!

*Sorry you didn't get one earlier  
I didn't have your current  
address!*  
*Mike*