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## APRIL 2001 NEWSLETTER

Dear Cousins,

I=ve been on the go since I went back to work in October. The plan was to recover from the cancer treatments by starting out at a few hours a day; it didn=t work out that way - big surprise! March was really full - went to Biloxi, Mississippi to work on concrete inspection exams and then to Portland, Oregon for building code hearings. I enhanced my Oregon trip by traveling there on the train and spending a few days with some relocated friends. Got to see some beautiful scenery, including a slew of waterfalls, and went to a fascinating timber museum. It was good I had a few days= relaxation before the long days of hearings, sometimes from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. I=m going to try to reschedule the newsletter to come out in March and September instead of April and October, which are San Francisco earthquake anniversary months and always extra busy for me.

Very little progress with the website, though I=ve been checking it out further and have decided to make it as static as possible by just posting the newsletter and books (after I get them scanned) and giving links to other genealogical websites. In looking at the messages posted on some sites, it=s obvious that I would never be able to keep up with an interactive site. There are thousands of messages about the Hoopes family on the Internet, and managing the correspondence could be more than a full-time job.

The kids and grandkids keep busy. Damon continues with his window-washing business and website design work. He has recently won some speaking contests in the Toastmasters, in which he and Maryann have become active over the past few years. Their son Devin celebrated his 10<sup>th</sup> birthday at Disneyland and is still enjoying school and soccer. **Ange** remains a supervisor at a greeting card warehouse and teaches water aerobics classes at the Y. She recently **delivered the happy announcement that she=II be marrying David Carlson on July 21<sup>st</sup>** this summer; fortunately, they=II still be living nearby. Pam and Kirk remain busy with their construction firm and their 5 boys - now ages 5-17. Bryan and his girlfriend Claudia now share digs. Bry still works with Damon, has his own handyman enterprise, and enjoys singing, playing, and writing songs; Claudia does architectural accounting.

Mother/June doesn=t seem to have slowed down much and continues with her usual activities.

Rob and Wayne are doing fine. Wayne has been working on renovation of a concrete plant in central California. Rob still doesn=t let her part-time job interfere too much with her golfing and skiing. Their son Jason works for as art director for an ad agency and plays music. Daughter Jennifer works as a chiropractic assistant, personal trainer, and bartender. She plans to enter graduate school in the fall.

Wishing all of you good health and happiness!

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