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Who says Seattle isn't the hub of celebrity gossip? It is now that **SUSAN MULCAHY** is publisher and editor in chief of two online entertainment services that are based there. The former gossip maven of *The New York Post* and *Newsday* makes sure that Mr. Showbiz and Celebsite disperse into the electronic ether.

**LYN PERLMUTH** heads up a group that develops financial newsletters for the Institutional Investor. She has been married for ten years to novelist Chris Larson. Also sharing their Upper West Side home are Emma 8 and Harry 5.

I owe an apology to **LORETTA PRATT**, who sent me a gentle reminder of her previous letter. (Carbon dating suggests that the original letter was sent some time ago.) A graduate of Mt Sinai School of Medicine, Loretta has a dermatology practice just outside of Philadelphia, and is also mother of Allison 4 and Benjamin 3. She has somehow found time to co-author *The Life of the Skin: What It Hides, What It Reveals, and How It Communicates* (Bantam).

E-mail brought greetings and news from **LIONEL SHRIVER**, a novelist whose sixth published work, *Double Fault*, deals with professional competition in the two-career marriage (in this case, tennis). The