

THE DAY THAT CHANGED MY LIFE

CHANCE MEETING MADE MY PRETZEL DREAM COME TRUE!



By Kim Holstein, Chicago, Ill.
IT WAS a chance meeting at a bookstore on October 20, 1994, that changed my life beyond anything I could have imagined. I had gone to hear author Richard Bach talk about destiny. Amazingly, that was where I met Scott — my future husband and business partner. Talk about karma!

We hit it off immediately and just a few days after we met, I confided my dream — to open a gourmet pretzel company. Instead of saying it was impossible, Scott rolled up his sleeves and got busy baking in the kitchen with me!

At the time, I lived in a tiny studio apartment. We began making soft pretzels and stuffing them with unique flavors like grilled cheese and pizza. Our goal was to transform pret-



Kim and hubby Scott are "baking" in the big bucks

zels from a snack to a meal — to create a pretzel revolution.

Since I was working in advertising with a degree in marketing, I had some idea about how to get a product to market. But knowing is a far cry from the re-

ality of doing it. As fate would have it, Scott's expertise was in sales and his family owned a Ben & Jerry's franchise. So it was the perfect mix of our talents.

Kim & Scott's Gourmet Pretzels, Inc., launched in 1995 and our all-natural, stuffed soft pretzels are now sold in dozens of outlets, including Whole Foods, Kroger, Super Target, Walmart, Jewel, Wegman's and on our Web site www.kimandscotts.com.

Scott proposed a year after we met and we married on October 20, 1996 — exactly two years after

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varieties.



meeting. We now have three wonderful children ages 6 to 11.

Was it fate or karma that led us both to that bookstore that chilly October day? Whatever it was, it changed my life — and Scott's. Like our pretzels, it's definitely food for thought!

— as told to L.A. Justice

LIGHTNING DOES STRIKE TWICE!

WHILE stepping away from a family barbecue for a smoke, doomed Stephen Rooney joked to the clan: "Don't worry, guys, lightning never strikes twice."

Ironically, a lightning bolt killed the 54-year-old just seconds later — 48 years after a bolt had killed his dad. Stephen was 5 when his father got zapped during a fishing trip in Fortescue, N.J.

Father and son killed — 48 yrs apart

Nearly half a century later, Stephen and a cousin were smoking cigars in Hammonton, N.J., when a bolt hit the ground near them, sending a surge into both men. The cousin survived.



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