

# Read it in the Monday paper

*Arrrrrr so late...*

Message from my mom this morning, 7:03 am: "I hon, what do I see here in the paper? Oh-My-Gosh! It is this beautiful (it is my mom), talented young lady...We are so proud of you. I am sending this to all of my friends." And she will too.

The Orange County Register did a feature on The Mom Blog today in the Life Section. It had pictures of most of the bloggers and a little write up. To my mom and dad this was huge. I mean, it was for me too.

Here is Lisa Mertins reading the paper at Mustard's Cafe in the Circle in Orange today. She didn't want her picture taken because she wasn't properly dolled-up, though I thought she looked ravishing in a poncho...



(You might be able to see the Mom Blog illo on the front page...Also appearing on the front page, Keith Sharon's piece: Here.)

Lisa was the illustrator for "Alive in Wonderland" and she gave me this present today (complete with red bow)...



I will cherish it always. When I am hunched over in a convalescent home someday, I will look at it—placed next to my photo of Captain Gene—and remember her friendship (and how lucky I was to be able to write my own column—if only for a short while).

*I am sorry now you can't rush out and get the Monday paper because it is officially Tuesday. If you really want one, I am sure my mom has PLENTY to spare.*