

Mecham Family Oct, 1993 (From a telephone conversation)

We are sitting here carving a pumpkin. How do you do pumpkin seeds?

They tested DJ at the school for intelligence. I hate it when they do that because they use the same tests on disabled children as they do regular children. They ask him questions that would require sight and asked him to do visual related activities such as skipping. They asked him this one question. "DJ, if you were to find a wallet what would you do with it?" He said, "I'd steal the money and throw away the wallet!" He said it with a big grin on his face.

DJ went to school one day and he was just wheeling his chair around and the teacher said DJ what are you doing and he said, "I'm looking for chicks."

My preschool is going well. I'd like to have a few more kids and I know a few more are going to join in January. I've been teaching ceramics on Tuesdays and Thursday evenings and doing projects with Relief Society. I'm starting them on a Nativity set.

Doug has been working some really weird shifts at work. He has been working 8 at night until 5 in the morning occasionally. They are thinking about putting him on that shift permanently.

My little preschoolers are fun. If I don't have my make up when they come they will say, "You look ugly." And I'll say but I don't have my make up on. One little girl says my mom looks good without makeup. Then she'll go in my room and tell my to make my bed. So I have a makeup and bed patrol.

Carli speaking now:

I was babysitting at the neighbors in this huge house. I heard someone trying all the doors. I saw two men who looked like they had masks on. They were pointing at me and I pointed back. Then got scared and ran and got stuck between the bathroom and the garage. They were standing outside 4 glass doors. I stood there for 10 min and thought maybe I'll just run. I ran up to the third floor and called my dad. He came over and was hiding, he had his shirt of backwards and he had a big shotgun that he had loaded. He yelled at the guys and they just stood there. They said they just came to scare Carli. He said get the heck out of here or I'm going to shoot you. They ran to their car and just sat there for over one hour. (I found out the next day it was two of my good friends. I was going to go out with them that night but told them I couldn't because I was babysitting.) I sat up on the top floor for two hours scared to death until the parents came home. They are so scared of my dad now.

I got chased by a gang. It was up in SLC. I was at a football

game, we were playing Cyprus. I was with two of my friends and we were on our way home in my friends car and we stopped at a stop sign so we could get on the freeway. There was a truck with 5 guys in it in front of us at the stop sign. We went to turn and my friend went to put her blinker on and she hit her bright lights instead. They must have figured that we wanted them to pull over. They pulled off but we kept on going. After that we stopped at another stop light and we noticed that there were 6 cars surrounded us and each car had approximately 5 guys in it. No girls. We locked all the doors and rolled up the windows and decided we had to ditch them. We were going through neighborhoods about 80mph. We thought we could lose them in a church parking lot by going in one side and out the other but after we pulled in we realized there was only one way in and one way out. So we turned back around to go out and a truck pulled in front of us and I don't how we did it but we dodged them and started to go out but the entrance was blocked with one of their other cars. At one point they all stopped us and surrounded us and started screaming out us and said they were going to rape us and kill us. We took off really fast and went over a big curb and got out of the parking lot. We drove around and got onto a big street and we thought we would be safe on the big street. We knew that if we stopped something would happen so we went on the opposite side of the road to oncoming traffic and they still followed us even though cars were coming toward us, As we were driving on the wrong side of the road a big gap opened up. We turned and lost all but one car and then finally they stopped following us too. We found out they were a gang called "The Tribe" They are all white. Finally we got on the freeway but we were too scared to even cry. We felt like we had guardian angels with us or we would have wrecked the car and been in serious danger.

Chelsea's news:

She had to guess how many candies were in a big glass jug. She guessed to within one. She guessed 167 and there were 168. So she won the candy! She was so excited! She 's doing really well as a gymnast. She can do 7 back hand springs in a row. A round off, back flip and etc. She taught herself. She got her first letter from a boy and he wrote her a note and left it on her desk. It said Dear Chelsea, You're a babe, I think your cute. She says "I just hate boys." She came home saying it was the worst day of her life and that she had a bad stomachache.