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Dear Family,

Sorry we haven't written for so long. You haven't really missed anything exciting though. We've been busy spending money. First Doug bought a Blazer from one of his friends. It was only 6 months old, and really loaded with all the toys. You know, cruise control, tilt wheel, plush interior, A.C. etc. etc. ...and of course, it was lifted so high I could barely get in. anyway, it was having front end problems about a month later, and in order to correct the problem, doug would have to have lowered the body, and put standard sized tires back on it. He decided he wouldn't like it as much that way, and sold it to some guy in Salt lake for the same as we had paid for it to begin with. We turned around and bought ourselves a little Honda Accord SEI with all the goodies. You know, Cruise control, A.C. Leather interior, fuel injection, etc. etc. and we just love it! (and it cost us 5,000. less than the blazer!) So we put the money in savings and it has also slowly started to dissapear. Sprinkling systems, (automatic at that) New carpet, New furniture, including a cute white iron & brass trundle bed for Carli & Chelsey. And I've been busy making quilts & pillows for it. We also bought the kids a swing set. It sure feels good to have all the bills paid, and money in the bank at last! Carli and Doug will both be in the Osmonds Freedom festival Panorama on the 4th of july. (actually the 3rd of july). A friend of Dougs is Donny Osmonds Stage manager, and wants Doug to bring out some celebrity's in his Jeep. (Maybe even mini & micky mouse!) (or if Doug gets lucky, Brooke Shields.) Carli will be one of one-thousand 3rd graders singing two patriotic songs . She is pretty excited.

Well, baby #3 is well on it's way into this rotten ol' world of ours. At least it's lucky enough to be born into our family. I've been on all kinds of drugs to controll sinus, upper respiratory infections, and astham, allergies etc. I've been taking theodur, amoxicillin, ceclor, arithromiacin, prednisone, and about five others. the ones that concerned me the most were the theodur, and the prednisone. In my prescription book, it says that theodur should not be taken in the first three months of pregnancy due to significant defects in laboratory mice. I took theodur every day-twice a day even- from day one! I was naturally frightened also, because I've had 3 head x-rays during this pregnancy too. So I requested to have a sonogram done so that at least I would know whether or not the baby had arms & legs. The doctors sort of scoffed at me. One doctor told me he's seen women go through kidney transplants...pregnant, with no ill effects to the fetus. But just the same, it gave me a certain peace of mind to know that this baby has all the necessary parts and more. (they said that it was a boy.) Keep your fingers crossed. Doug & I have a \$100. bet on this one. He's sure it's another girl. He doesn't want a boy, he's afraid it'll grow up to be like some of the terrible teen-agers in our neighborhood that go around with spray paint cans painting stuff like "Motly Crue" on the sides of the school & peoples cars & houses. They got caught, thank heaven. Elsewhere in the mecham news...we've had chicken pox, flu, colds, cut feet with stitches, tonsilitis, sinusitis, and what the future holds I don't want to know.

Carli Anne was Baptised by Dad Hall on June first, and confirmed by him on June 2nd. It was a special experience. A couple of days later she came down with chicken pox. (a bad case) She hallucinates when she's fevered, and has night terrors. One night she stood on her bed and screamed the most blood curteling scream you've ever heard. Her eyes are wide open, and she was acting as if she were pushing something away. It's really spooky. She walks about the house with a funny expression on her face saying strange things to people who aren't there. So the next night in our family prayer, doug asked heavenly father if he would help Carli sleep better. That night, she slept like a log right through without stirring. I am really a firm believer in prayer. Carli's a real believer too, now. Well got to go....

Love Doug, Nancy, and the fam.