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Lois,

The campaign ended yesterday. I lost the primary. I got 10% of the Democratic vote. The incumbent got 90%. I spent about \$5500 on a campaign postcard that went out just days before the primary and that was about the extent of my campaigning. The problem was that I forgot about the 6000+ absentee voters, most of whom would have sent in their ballots before they got my postcard. The total number of votes cast - according to a preliminary count - was 7399, so that was a big mistake on my part. But I would have lost anyway. The incumbent is well known in the community, I am not, and I had some controversial ideas. Send me your address and I'll send you my postcard. I thought it was pretty cool.

I may be the nation's first anti-union Democrat.

Congratulations on your new granddaughter. You did know that Laura Barden's middle name is Grace, didn't you?

Steve