Dear Tom,

Happy birthday! Pretty soon you will be 40. Which to me is young.

How are you and your family doing? Are you planning a trip to Boulder? I might have to make the trip this year. Poor Amy is unemployed and having health problems.

Did you get the CD I sent with the Harry Family slides? I screwed up and forgot to include the installation files for Microsoft TV Photo Viewer, but you can download them from www.microsoft.com. If that doesn't work for you, let me know and I will mail them to you on a CD.

My father went into a nursing home 2 weeks ago. He got to be too much for his 87-year-old wife to handle. Carol and I were there the day after he went in, and he wasn't doing very well. But from what I hear, he is doing better. The week before he went in, doctors discovered that he had a badly deteriorated hip, and there isn't much they can do about it other than ease the pain. It got really bad the day after he mowed the lawn with his lawn tractor. He was getting around with a walker til then, but has had to use a wheelchair since.

We have not yet planned a vacation, but we will. We are talking about exploring the northeast Michigan coast for a change.

Megan is planning a wedding for next summer. She wants to get married in my folks' back yard, with a reception in the barn.

We've finished redecorating the living room, dining room and kitchen. New floors, fresh paint. We want to get enlargements of 3 of my photos and frame them for a couple of empty spots on the walls.

Tell Kelli and Witni hello for me.

Love, Dad