## 9/03/08

Tom,

How are you, and what is going on in your life? Haven't heard from you in a long time.

Nothing much exciting going on here. Carol and I and a couple of male friends of mine went on a trip up north 2 weeks ago. Did a little sight seeing and took a canoe ride on the Manistee River. Other than that, we haven't done much outdoor stuff. Carol's balance problem makes it difficult for her to walk without hanging on to me. She got a walker, but has only used it once to take a walk when I wasn't available to go with her. Now she is shopping for a cane.

I am training for a half marathon at the end of the month. I managed to run 12 miles today, with lots of rest stops.

I am working on a "Challenge to Liberals" that asks them to reconsider their support of unions. I'm getting all my arguments together, then I will put it on my campaign website. I think I will also approach the local left-leaning entertainment weekly newspaper - the Lansing City Pulse - to see if they will address the issue.

There is a good chance I will run for state representative again in 2 years. The incumbent is term-limited, so there will likely be several Democratic candidates, and all I have to do to win is get a plurality.

Dad