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Date: Friday, April 3, 2020, 04:54 AM CDT

Marion and I spent \$160.00 worth of groceries about a week ago. That dollar amount is a family record. The grocery store is called Pick & Save (Kroger). Then two days ago Marion sent me grocery shopping again, with a list of meats on it. I spent \$184.00, a new family record. Every bit I brought in got sanitized.

Guinea Pig was my name for lunch. Home made pizza. Really quite good. Half and half, too. My side had pineapple, green pepper and black olives. No green pepper for Marion, for sure, plus some of her own toppings.

A real low volume of birds at the (bottom portion only) of the bird feeder. I got laddr out. Still seeds in there. Perhaps too much sunshine today. We've had overcast since we got home March 26th, 8 PM.

Marion is creating a food tub, to be set out near the sidewalk. Same idea as free library--take if you need, bring if you can. Intended to be up in a week. This was prompted by a lady across the street, who has a list of all Belmont residences, phone numbers and e-mails. Her current idea is a kind of treasure hunt, spotting whatever is on each porch, with all in competition to see who can correctly identify locations. She's always had the list, with Belmont closed down last summer for a block party. But this hunt is because of the C-19.

Marion has the dining room table full of paper works--taxes mainly.

Marion has the family room table full of paper works, too.

Kitchen table paper pile is growing.....

We are already starting to accumulate items in an Arizona box here. In Arizona, we had a Wisconsin box. Works well.

Marion bought this small light machine at Quartzsite, Arizona. It now projects onto the front door at night. This after putting out very large, colorful catapiller onto the bench on the front porch. This after turning on the old style big bulb lamp in the front window.

Marion made a pot roast for supper, plus rice pilaf. She is always happy when cooking. But: I'm up to 146 pounds..... Oh, that's right--I forgot to empty my pockets..... I'm maybe 140.

All for now.

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from Ralph and Marion

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Date: Saturday, April 4, 2020, 07:39 PM CDT

Friday, April 3, 2020

first blooms in Marion's back yard here at Belmont: two little violets (where they came from: unknown)

Ralph didn't take his photo log to Arizona. Caught up here with disks 74, 75. Current disk is 76

list of birds seen at our bird feeder (bottom only)

- :black capped chickadees in and out faster than speeding bullets
- male cardinal
- male house wren
- male cowbird
- sparrows up to eight at a time occasionally
- two very fat robins
- one naughty squirrel trying to get to the bird feeder
- female cardinal
- female house wren
- a very fat mourning dove
- junkos on the ground
- junkos at the bird feeder
- chipmunk on the ground

picked up one Rx at Walgreens (24-hour store now only 9-9)
bought Norelco electric shaver at Walgreens (left mine in Arizona)

groceries at the new Meiers grocery store groceries through east entrance I went through west
only been there one this was an adventure

home made pizza for lunch
R pineapple green pepper black olives
M no green peppers pepperoni

attempted to make a Belmont Drive list on Marion's e-mail

called Golden Gate for pick up Chinese chicken chop suey x2 excellent

took pictures of front door with changing multi-color lights projected by a gizmo Marion bought at Quartzsite, Arizona
(where we match up with Marion's north California sister plus some friends each January) nice natural light effects due to slow shutter speed

R & M

Wisconsin primaries article Sunday, April 5, 2020

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Excellent. Really excellent.

As for one who lived through all the years mentioned (oh, that's right, I wasn't around in 1912) your article put perspective on events I wasn't remembering, or hadn't had perspective on originally. And I'm a lifelong resident of Wisconsin.

But allow me to share personal recollection of the 1964 primary. It involves George Wallace.

I was student at Whitewater State (now University of Whitewater) in 1964. The college held a mock political convention. I was a delegate George Wallace actually spoke. I remember him for being a tremendously dynamic and powerful speaker.

There is a cache of personal memorabilia in my basement, some going back to that time. I'll look, and see if I can come up with hard copy of the event for you. Perhaps the University can help you in that regard, also.

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April 4th

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Date: Sunday, April 5, 2020, 07:28 PM CDT

we began with another guinea pig breakfast: baked scrambled eggs with bacon done in a muffin tin

Marion sent all neighbors an e-mail outlining her Belmont Drive Exchange of non-perishable food items

Ralph and Marion immediately took out the tub, placing it in front of the front yard bush 15 feet from the sidewalk
Marion had put in about 12 items to "prime the pump"

Marion and her sister in California a joke of the day, to try and keep some humor in the current situation

Marion made homemade lemonade for Ralph

The idea here is 7 hugs a day

Marion got her sewing machine out. Making face masks intended

Marion got her first Exchange e-mail picture feedback. The lady took powdered donuts, brought ten items!

Ralph called our hait stylist, asking for September appointments...said he was trying on bowls for home haircuts

fd the birds--no real bird traffic today

early in the week Ralph sked for absentee ballots. Marion filled hrs out. Ralph witnessed.

Marion has seemingly broken her sewing machine

picture of Marion and Ralph taken prior to Brewers cactus league game in Mesa vs. Athletics



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Date: Sunday, April 5, 2020, 08:41 PM CDT

walked to the sidewalk/driveway to get the Sunday paper orange-topped tub completely full

Marion made 4 blueberry and two peach muffins as part of breakfast

this is day 10 of our airplane flight from Arizona 14-day quarantine--interacted with no one personal

Marion doing taxes on the dining room table

page 8A of the Journal-Sentinel: the National Bobblehead Hall of Fame and Museum in Milwaukee has decided the ultimate honor for Dr. Anthony Fauci--his own bobblehead. \$25.00 Expected shipmnet in July

Another article in the JS described previous Wisconsin primary novelties. 1964 was noted. George Wallace had visited Wisconsin. I wrote the writwr back. I was at Whitewater College that year, and was a delegate to a mock political convention the college held. George Wallace spoke there.

Ralph put out children's CD's into the Exchange tub which carried over from Emma time here.

Squirrel finally figured out how to access the (bottom) bird feeder


7:30 PM Marion brought Saturday mail in, which included 3 photo discs from Crivellos in Brookfield. Ralph was down to only 100 images to take.....


1. photo: 50 cent catapiller on front porch bench (Marion's first Belmont artistic effort since back)


2. 2nd celebration tree in living room decorated for Easter/summer

3. 3rd Living room lamp lighted (never saw it lit before)

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Date: Wednesday, April 8, 2020, 03:10 PM CDT

4/5 continued: CBS has 3 hours of country music. Marion watched the last hour.

4/6: very slow morning--up late. My sense is that will be a DOOLITTLE DAY.

Marion doing Word Search.

Marion got an e-mail from son Derick. Her note cards are ready at Thomas Press. Ralph picked them up, plus a separate box of envelopes. This will become a Marion project.

Saw 99 cent gasoline marquee on the way.

Picked up 2019 prescription summary at Walgreens. Wouldn't let me have Marion's.

Marion called Walgreens, and they will mail it.

Ralph took the (broken) sewing machine to the sewing machine place way on the west side.

Picked up lunch via drive-through at McDonalds.

Ralph filed his receipts.

Gave Marion accumulated memory folders. She had indicated she did not know where the memory journal, started just after we were married was. The folders could help her reconstruct current memories.

Mystery solved: lots of tiny violets in the Belmont back 40 west/south.

Marion ordered flowers to be delivered to Deana, Dave, Derrick and Nikki (the last three Thomas Press).

Bird seen not mentioned previously: nuthatch

pictures attached are Marion's projects:

1. plastic eggs with Marion having put names of family and friends on them
2. eggs hanging on southeast front yard bush
3. Belmont front door at night lit by projected multi-color, multi-shaped light. Slow shutter speed made an unreal image.



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Consternation here. Marion cannot find certain bread recipe. Final determination: it was left in Arizona. This is a constant: when in Arizona, if something household couldn't be located, it was in Wisconsin. The same in reverse: while in Wisconsin, it was in Arizona.

Deana called. Flowers delivered.

New lawn man now here. Fertilized all lawn.

Ralph picked up a large container of black dirt alley-side at Derricks--for Marion.

Ralph mailed his absentee election ballot at the post office window clerk, who post marked it.

Ralph picked up Marion's sewing machine enclosed in new case.

Marion's son Dave picked up his boat that had been stored in Belmont's garage all winter. No more struggle to get the recyclable container to the street for every-other-week pick-up.

Marion and Ralph watched Antiques Road Show for two hours. Another late night to sleep for Marion.

Attached pictures:

1. Marion in home made mask.
2. Even letter carrier Bob not safe from Ralph's camera (we are good friends with Bob)(taken from the car)
3. Projected butterflies taken from inside



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Date: Thursday, April 9, 2020, 09:22 PM CDT

4/7 continued: approached 70 degrees. Marion and I missed taking a walk

storms due in the afternoon. Missed us. One cell hit northern Milwaukee County. A bigger storm progressed along the Wisconsin/Illinois border.

Ralph to Wal-Mart in the afternoon shopping part 1
happiness for Marion: I found egg noodles

Rocks onto tubs tops for possible storms

Marion put the baffle up on the bird feeder pole, this to stop squirrels making it to the bird feeder

4/8 dense fog early morning

Ralph went to take early advantage of senior hour at Pick & Save: 6 to 8 AM Did shopping, part 2
All accomplished except water softner salt

Came home to a wife baking two loaves of bread, plus scrambled eggs plus bacon in a muffin tin (the latter for breakfast), plus cooking hamburgers for lunch

Excellent leftover Chinese for lunch

Marion and Ralph watched Part One of "The Roosevelts" on PBS late afternoon

Massive storm area bypassed us--we got only a trickle

For four days now, the question is: "What Day is It?" Newspapers supply the answer

\$5 Pick & Save daffodils already pooping out in the vase on kitchen table

Back yard flowers:
tulips (several bunches)
hyacinth
peonies (several)
iris (lots)
jonquil
daffodil
crocus are missing
nothing open yet

Marion watches TV shows Jeopardy and Wheel of Fortune almost every evening

11 PM Ralph couldn't sleep. Watched part 2 of "The Roosevelts"

Three pictures from Arizona:

1. Mike Miller and Barbara Barleen, stars of the Barleen Dinner Show in Apache Junction. Marion and I over the years have adopted the two of them.
2. Marion 83rd birthday (80 + 3) 3/9/37
3. Rainbow over W-15, our Arizona home



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Marion's Easter dinner went on the road. Ralph delivered ham sandwiches to Dave and Nikki at Thomas Press. Derrick's delivery was an corn squash to his home, plus money for seed packets picked up and taken home.

On the way to TP, at Carroll U. there wer slight snow! flurries. The same at TP. The same just after TP on Main Street. Then a mini-blizzard at Belmont, observed by the two of us at the kitchen table, ;lasting maybe 20 seconds, or 30. Really sorry to have to use the "S" word. Knowing the forcast for the day, I surmised it would be a five-layer day. It was (clothes on Ralph when he went out).

We still get the electronic version of our local newspaper "The Freeman." They began a daily "Happy Moment of the Day" picture and tiny bit of information about it. I submitted Marion's Belmont Exchange orange-topped tub, and it was on page 2, upper left this morning. We get the hard copy in the mail. When I showed it to Marion in the afternoon, there was real joy in snowville!

No birds for the third day in a row at the bird feeder. It is intended to clean it out, then use boiling wather on it.

I owe Marion my tax numbers. Need to do that tomorrow.

Marion is busy making "chuckwagon stew" all afternoon. Really good.

Above the kitchen sink, on the window ledge, is a packet of "bee happy" seeds, derived, I believe, from the hospoice place Ed Bladow spent his last days last year, dying on April 12th. It is one eternal reminder of our very special and dear friend.

On the upcoming 12th we will be going to the cemetery, and placing a bottle of Kiltlifter beer (Ed's favorite in Arizona, and only sold in Arizona) on Ed's gravestone. It will join a bottle of marbles already there. Maybe some sort of egg this day, too, for it is Easter.

I have a shirt tail relative who is eternal, too. Jenice turned 100 3/4/20. One intended project for Ralph is to mail her all of the birthday cards I received from Ed about last August 12th, with instructions to only look at one a day.

My son Scott will turn 40 on the 17th. I will double that on August 12th,

As to grocroy shopping, I was pleasd to find egg noodles. I'm zero for two on bringing home the right size and shape of coffee filters.....

Marion decried late today she has only taxes to do. Below is a list on intended projects Ralph has in mind to do:

- scan all birth, death and marriage certificates, and e-mail them to Colin, another shirttail relative in England, who lives in the same town my paternal grandparents came from. He found cousin Judy and I during out genealogy adventures.

- Letters to the general manager of Mesa Spirit resort, where we live in Arizona, pointing out lots of wrongs (at least one right), which includes pictures.

- Jenice, s mentioned.

- A log of all Elk national magazine articles for granddaughter Emma, to possibly use as spme basis in accomplishing homework.

- Ralph classical music CD's to Marion's Exchange tub

- Marion do the same thing with country music CD's.

There's a "Wisconsin" box in the guest bedroom, which was there for the winter we spent in Arizona. It needs to be gone through.

Identified stones purchased at Quartzsite, Arizona, to be presented in person at my son's school. He was excused from fourth grade teaching, and will next year be a second grade teacher. I intend to possibly do the stones to the other two fourth grade classes. I intend Arizona post cards to his second graders.

Distribute fossils to older Eagleville (where Marion went to grade school) students, these also purchased at Quartzsite.

And, more current, create a log of purchases made now in Wisconsin, to possibly track C-19 exposure.

And, of course, continue sharing this journaling (if possible). Secret: Marion does NOT know I've been doing this. Another secret: The Wisconsin Historical Society has requested copies of journals kept during this pandemic, and all accumulated so far will possibly be mailed to them Tomorrow, or Saturday (who can wait a month of two.....)

And finally, April 9th was our 14th day of self quarantine from our Southwest flight to MKE.

Pictures:

1. Cactus in blossom below the W-15 mail box. At one point, it had 21 blossoms open.
2. Marion's granddaughter Taylor, who is in her first year at U. of Arizona in Tucson, and Marion's daughter Deanne, upon storing Taylor's things at W-15, to be picked up in August when classes resume.....pictured showing the six foot distancing we all are aware of.
3. April 9th snow in the back yard at Belmont (knee deep to a grasshopper)

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FYI Ralph and I helping the neighborhood. I filled the tub with 12 items to start and now it has grown to two tubs. Neighbors love it. Ralph sent this photo to the Freeman and it was printed. The photo is by Ralph. This was our smile for the week.

Hugs to all, and Happy Easter

Marion and Ralph



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April 10, 2020

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4/9 continued: Ralph input addresses into a Marion compose e-mail, and she was able to send greetings and messages to all the ladies she plays cards with in Arizona, all at one time

4/10: HAPPY ANNIVERSARY to Marion and Ralph. This day is exactly 141 months and 4,292 days since we were married. We celebrate the 10th of every month this way.

\$5 daffodil flowers on kitchen table almost gone. Poor quality from Pick and Save

Marion searching for a peanut butter cookie recipe

Ralph scraped out the bird feeder two times, alternating with boiling water. Then he refilled with seed. He also taped the sponge in place holding up the baffle, this to prevent squirrels getting up to the feeder.

Marion next tempted fate. Outside Belmont retrieving some eggs from the tree, thus sucking in cold air. Then delivering Easter ham sandwiches. Then grocery shopping with Ralph at Pick and Save without gloves. Spent \$125.00, including two plants and two bags water softener salt (which Ralph didn't know they had in the store to sell).

Now some pop-up birds at Belmont--beak and eyes down, then up--constantly.

Marion made peanut butter cookies. Cupcake cookie jar now being put to good use.

Bird feeder now a success. Male cardinal there, right down in the well.

Tried to call for fish fries at Sunset Family Restaurant. Not successful. They must be closed for the pandemic. Marion ate chuckwagon stew again, Ralph made a pineapple chicken steamer.

Marion watched Diners, Dives and Drive-ins on TV. Most evening s it's Jeopardy and Wheel of Fortune, or in Arizona it's Wheel of Fortune and Jeopardy.

While grocery shopping, Marion began stocking up some based on a possible future food shortage.

A terrible weather week in now predicted beginning Easter Sunday, and lasting perhaps seven days.

Photos (all projected color lights through the front door screen window taken natural light, slow shutter speed)::

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2. stars

3. circles



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