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## **17-Oct-2008 7:23am 33°**

I got up a little later this morning. I see frost on the roof next door. I think it must be getting colder.

### **Garage Project**

Yesterday I got the gutter hanging up by the fascia. Don't walk under it yet because I only have 2 screws hold it. And I see it has leave in it already. Couldn't the gutters wait until I was finish installing them to start eating leaves?

I stopped working on it around 5:00pm when I noticed it was getting damp. And again I had to bring in my laundry damp. It was getting cold too! Weather permitting I will get back out there and work on that tomorrow. The clothes are going in the dryer.

### **Health**

I woke up this morning with a slight sore throat. I gargled with some hot salt water. Some times that will stop it for me if you do it soon enough. We'll see.

### **Something Irritate Me**

Some times it irritates me is when someone says; "That isn't my job!"

### **Case in Point**

A friend of was looking at some picture that someone had left in the restaurant she was trying to figure out who they belong to. They had been sitting there for 2 or 3 days and she thought I might be able to help because there were pictures from the Black Hills and she knew I had been there. And there were pictures of people that nobody else recognizes. There was some writing on the back of the pictures that didn't help either.

This went on for a few minutes when we both noticed that there were in the package from Walgreen's where there were developed. "Da!" we both said. I turned over the package and there was a name and phone number. My friend turned to the other waitress and said; "We found who these belong tot!" She said; "Well, I don't care. It isn't my job! My job it to wait on people, not that!"

This is what irritates me! I always thought when you work with people, especially as a waitress it is the little things that aren't your job that make people happy that keeps them coming back.

**On The Other Hand**

If you like some one, they almost can't do anything wrong.

If you don't like someone, they almost can't do anything right.

And I guess you have all those people in between that you kind of like or kind of don't like.

**Garage Project**

Today I worked on the rain gutters some more. I have the front bolted on and the down spout is stuck on because it started to rain and I needed to see if water would come out. I still have to fasten the yard side and install the down spout. If the weather permits it will happen tomorrow.

The gutter already has leaves in it. I will need to put some screens over it. I will check that out after I get it installed. For now I have a screen in the hole for the down spout.

The shutters are laying the back of the pickup. They have to be installed too. Will this project ever get done? ☺

Aunt Annie drove by with 3 of her friends to see how I was doing. I offered to let them help. But they had other things going on.

**Marty's Random Thoughts**

Issue # 41 is ready to view at <http://www.martysthoughts.info/randomthoughts/>

Enjoy!

**18-Oct-2008 9:39am 42°**

Again I had to remove frost from my windshield.

**Birthday**

Today is David's birthday. Happy Birthday

David!

**Pumpkin Trivia****The Crops**

Illinois harvested 542 million pounds of pumpkin last year making it the top pumpkin-producing state in the nation, according to the U.S Department of Agriculture. The pumpkin capital of the world is Morton, Illinois.

As one of the most popular crops in the United States, 1.5 billion pounds of pumpkins are produced each year.

Out of the seven continents, only Antarctica is unable to produce pumpkins; the biggest international producers of pumpkins include the United States, Mexico, India, and China.

**Oldest Seed**

The oldest evidence, pumpkin-related seeds dating between 7000 and 5500 B.C., were found in Mexico.

**The Biggest**

Weigh-off competitions for giant pumpkins are a popular festival activity. 460 pounds held the world record for the largest pumpkin until 1981 when Howard Dill (of Nova Scotia) broke the record with a pumpkin near 500 pounds. Dill patented the seeds used to grow this giant pumpkin, deeming them Dill's Atlantic Giant seeds, and drawing growers from around the world. Dill is accredited for all of the giant pumpkins today, most of which are borne from crossing and re-crossing his patented seed with other varieties. By 1994, the Giant Pumpkin crossed the 1,000-pound mark. In September 2007, Joe Jutras (of Rhode Island) obtained the title of world's largest pumpkin with a cream-colored, 1,689-pound fruit. He is currently said to be working on producing a giant orange pumpkin, as orange pumpkins tend to be smaller and have thinner shells but are more desirable in appearance.



Source: <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pumpkin>

**Happy Man**

*It's no surprise. The world record fell again. And, it did so in a very H-U-G-E way.*

*Joe Jutras from North Scituate, Rhode Island, brought a 1689 pound pumpkin to the Topsfield Fair GPC weigh-off in Topsfield, Ma. on September 29, 2007. His new world record beat the previous world record by 187 pounds. Last year's world record holder was Ron Wallace with a 1502 pound pumpkin at the Rhode Island Weighoff on October 7, 2006. (See the picture)*

Source: <http://www.pumpkinnook.com/giants/giantpumpkins.htm>



**Joe Jutras and his World Record Giant Pumpkin**  
*Picture compliments of Steve Connolly, SNGPG*

**Garage Project**

I finished installing the rain gutters today. I filed it with water from one end to see if it got all the down to the other end where the down spout was. That is about 45 feet it needed to travel. At the beginning I need to raise it a little. After that I checks for leaks.

**Minor Set Back**

Every joint leaked except for the ones where I sealed it different than the instructions. Yes, where I sealed it my way I got no leaks. I turned of the water and let it drain. I saw no water standing other where the joints were. Those were very minor and I know the water will not stay because of the leaks. Tomorrow after it dries I will reseal the joints my way. I think it will be just fine.

**Leaf Guards**

I will put leaf guards on the rain guard after I fix all the leaks. That could take a week. It will be caulked, check for leaks, wait for it to dry, caulk, check for leaks, wait for it to dry, caulk, Etc, etc, etc... Then leaf guards.

**Shutters**

I installed one set of shutters and started with the second one. It will have to wait for tomorrow. It was getting too late to finish.

**Metras – Paja Campaign**

Voviollca had approved the bumper sticker lay out. So it you want one for your bumper just ask one of us for one. I will print them on request.

**19-Oct-2008 10:56am 54°**

It is kind of breezy out there this morning. This is a good thing because the grass needs to be cut and it has been too wet and cold. With the grass short the leave can blow out of the yard and down the street so some one else can rack them. Yah right! That will not be the case with the chain link fence on three sides of me. It is like telling the wind to blow them in my yard they can't get out. I best get out there and start mowing.

**5:56pm**

I'm hungry. I wonder what I have around here to eat.

**Garage Project**

I installed the shutters and it makes it look better. I caulked all the seams on the rain gutter. Tomorrow I will give then another wet test.

Thing were going well so on the way out to lunch I stopped at Menards and had a quart of paint mixed to paint the door panels to match the siding. The weather was being nice to me today so after lunch I installed that paint. It looks better than that all white doors.

There is only one major project. I still have to put that change link fence back where it belongs. And there are a few minor things that need doing. I have to glaze and wash the windows. I want to a little paint tough up. And there the rain gutters to check for leaks. Just when I think I'm just about finished there is something else I haven't done yet.

One thing I haven't done is start any other new major projects while the garage project is still happening. I have been just working away at this. It is getting there.

**I Forgot**

I'm hungry! I wonder what I have around here to eat. I don't feel like going any where. I guess I will go out in the kitchen and see what old Mother Huber has in the cupboard.

**21-Oct-2008 4:20pm 51°**

**From it he INBOX**

If lawyers are disbarred and clergymen defrocked, then doesn't it follow that electricians can be delighted, musicians denoted, cowboys deranged, models deposed, tree surgeons debarked, and dry cleaners depressed?

As income tax time approaches, did you ever notice: When you put the two words 'The' and 'IRS' together, it spells 'THEIRS'?

Source: Email from Arlene

**Metras – Paja Campaign****Get to Know Us**

I thought because of Voviollca and I am running for Office, I figured I should have a reporter interview us. The only reporter I know is the one for Marty's Random Thoughts. So I thought I should do the interview. I asked Voviollca; "Why are you running?" She answered saying; "Cause... Wait, I have to think about it."

I am running because it is fun!

**Our Campaign Head Quarters**

I don't think I ever told anyone where our HD was located. I decided it should be at Vaughan's Family Restaurant. We have spent a lot of time there so it might as well be there. You can ask almost anyone there who we are.

**Competition**

Voviollca and I have a competition. I received this email. I think if we don't win maybe Bill will.

**Bill Cosby Campaign**

*I HAVE DECIDED TO BECOME A WRITE-IN CANDIDATE.  
HERE IS MY PLATFORM:*

*(1) 'Press 1 for English' is immediately banned. English is the official language; speak it or wait at the border until you can.*

*(2) We will immediately go into a two year isolationist posture to straighten out the country's attitude. NO imports, no exports.*

*We will use the Wal-Mart's policy. If we ain't got it, you don't need it*

*(3) When imports are allowed, there will be a 100% import tax on it.*

*(4) All retired military personnel will be required to man one of our many observation towers on the southern border. (six month tour) They will be under strict orders not to fire on SOUTHBOUND aliens.*

*(5) Social security will immediately return to its original state. If you didn't put nuttin in, you ain't getting nuttin out. The president nor any other politician will not be able to touch it.*

*(6) Welfare - Checks will be handed out on Fridays at the end of the 40 hour school week and the successful completion of urinalysis and a passing grade.*

*(7) Professional Athletes & Steroids: The FIRST time you check positive you're banned for life*

*(8) Crime - We will adopt the Turkish method, the first time you steal, you lose your right hand. There is no more life sentences. If convicted, you will be put to death by the same method you chose for your victim; gun, knife, strangulation, etc.*

*(9) One export will be allowed; Wheat, The world needs to eat. A bushel of wheat will be the exact price of a barrel of oil.*

*(10) All foreign aid using American taxpayer money will immediately cease, and the saved money will pay off the national debt and ultimately lower taxes. When disasters occur around the world, we'll ask the American people if they want to donate to a disaster fund, and each citizen can make the decision whether it's a worthy cause.*

*(11) The Pledge of Allegiance will be said every day at school and every day in Congress.*

*(12) The National Anthem will be played at all appropriate ceremonies, sporting events, outings, etc.*

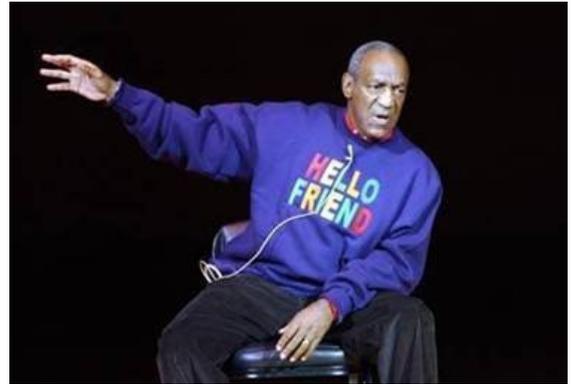
*Sorry if I stepped on anyone's toes but a vote for me will get you better than what you have, and better than what you're gonna get. Thanks for listening.*

*God Bless America*



*~Bill Cosby~*

Source: Email from Arlene



## **Stock Market**

It has been a rough month for the stock market. The DJII was about 10800 on the first of this month. Today it closed at 9033.

I am sure there are people thinking about jumping out windows like many did after the 1929 crash. Since I live on the first floor it wouldn't make any sense for me to jump. I would only smash some weeds. And they would grow back anyway. So I think I will stay inside where it is warm.

Twenty years ago the DJII was below 2000. Ten years ago it was about 7500. Five years ago it was 9500. In the last 20 years there were many swings in the DJII. When I started watching the stock market they thought the DJII would never hit 1000. Well it did and it will rise to over 10000 again too. Keep our windows closed and relax.

### **22-Oct-2008 3:29pm 50°**

It didn't get too warm today. Oh, I long for the 65° to 75° days!

#### **Garage Project**

This morning Cork and I with help from Bob got the fence bolted back to the post. Yesterday I got it stretched within a foot of the post. I couldn't move it any more by hand. We had to pull it with a big old hay rope tied to the truck to get it to fit. I think part of the problem was that tree on the other end that is grown into the fence and leaning on it pulling it in the wrong way. This fence is also very rusty and binds on all the links making it hard to stretch into place. After a while we figured out how to get it back to the post so the bolts could be installed.

*A Note from the Universe<sup>sm</sup>...*  
And sometimes, you wonder  
whether or not you've been realistic,  
whether or not it's within you,  
whether or not "it" really works.  
But in your wondering, you've given  
pause to an entire Universe that never once  
thought to doubt, and yet still, is poised, to deliver.  
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After Cork and Bob went home and I returned from my coffee break, I looked it over to see what I needed to wire it back to the other post and the top rail.

I figured I need 24 pieces of wire for the top rail. After 3 of 4 pieces I learned an easy way to do that so no wire were sticking out for someone to get hurt on.

You know it is a long way around that fence when you have to go to the bathroom!

To fasten the fence to the post really need some special formed fasteners. I had some 9-gauge wire that I used for the top rail. I found if I used that wire I could fabricate some special fasteners. After making 1 or 2 I got a pattern made and then I had a little production line setup making about 15 of those. My hand is sore from bending all of those wires. 9-gauge wire is hard to cut and bend with just a pair of pliers.

After the fence was hooked to the post, I close up the gap where the kids push through at the end between this fence and the fence on Bob side.

The fence is finished now. I think that was the last major task of the garage project. Well, there is the cleanup. Where do you recycle vinyl siding scraps? I wonder if I can put with the rest of the recycling. I'll have to find that out.

Cork, Thanks for your help. Bob too!

#### **Anniversary**

Today is Tristan and David's Anniversary. Happy Anniversary!

**23-Oct-2008 7:57am 34°**

**Birthdays**

We have 2 birthdays today. I wonder if Annette and Tom know each other. In any case Happy Birthday!

**Recycling in McHenry County**

I was checking to find out where I could take the vinyl siding scraps when I cleanup after my garage project. I found this document on the internet that shows all kinds of thing places to take your stuff to recycle.

Check it out the "**Green Guide '08**" at <http://www.mchenry.edu/recycling/greenguide.pdf> Also there is "**Recycle Directory of McHenry County**" at <http://www.mcdef.org/recy.pdf> There are both by Lou Marchi but different. You could also got to [www.mchenry.edu/recycling](http://www.mchenry.edu/recycling)

**24-Oct-2008 7:39am 46°**

Good morning! I just returned from having breakfast with Steve, Bill, Kim, and Sandi. Kim told me I need to take my camera with me when I go for breakfast on the 31<sup>st</sup>, Halloween. Hummm... I wonder what that is all about.

**Gasoline Prices**

As you may know I get good gas mileage with my car. I haven't filled up since September 29<sup>th</sup>. Even for me that is a long stretch. I paid \$3.83 at Clark. And I only filed up then because I need gas for the mower. My gas mileage is good but not that good because I don't drive enough to get the engine warm and that is bad for gas mileage.

Anyway I saw this morning that at CITGO you could get a gallon of gas for \$2.89. And that is without the car wash! That one dollar less than I paid on August 29<sup>th</sup>. In April 2007 I paid \$2.95.

So my prediction is that gas will stay lower priced until the first of the year. So enjoy it why you can.

**Birthdays**

Oct 3	Matt M	Nov 1	Tristan P
Oct 18	David P	Nov 2	Erik T
Oct 22	Tristan and David's Anniversary	Nov 12	Olivia
Oct 23	Annette C		
Oct 23	Tom P		

If you want to see birthday, Anniversary, or other special date listed make sure I have then let me know.

My master list is at <http://www.martysthoughts.com/randomthoughts/html/Birthdays.html>

## From the INBOX

Many of you know my brother Mike. He just finished the book he has been writing and it is published for your enjoyment. Here is his announcement.



*You have been hearing about my new book from me most of the year. Now finally it is here. **Germany to Rome in 64 days: Our Pilgrimage** now available on our web site and at [lulu.com](http://lulu.com). **Germany to Rome in 64 days: Our Pilgrimage** is a book about our pilgrimage walk from Kisslegg, Germany to Rome in summer 2006 and winter 2006-7. It's about how Petra and I interacted with the people we met and the places we walked through on this pilgrimage. It's also about the path itself and its many faces. And it's the story of our internal pilgrimages through our souls, minds, hearts, and spirits as we walked that external path through Germany, Austria, and Italy to Rome.*

*To put it in a broader perspective, this book is about how we lived and celebrated this ten weeks of our lives and some of the things we want to take from it to enrich our ongoing pilgrimage of life. And as we tell our story we drop a few hints on how you might use some of what we learned as you walk your pilgrimage of life or when you choose to walk a similar pilgrimage.*

*Go to our website at <http://www.WalkingWithAwareness.com/gtrpilgrimage.htm> and read about **Germany to Rome in 64 days: Our Pilgrimage**. The preview file is 28 actual pages from the book in **pdf** format, enjoy them; they show you some of what is in the book. While we have several color options for those who want color pictures, the basic book is black and white.*

*We have a **Special Introductory Offer** to sell you this black and white version: **\$20.00 with free shipping**. Click on the Special Introductory Offer button on the book site to go to the bottom of the page to see the details of this offer that is good until Christmas.*

*Peace and joy,*

*Mike Metras  
WalkingWithAwareness.com  
WorksAndWords.com  
Source: Email from Mike*

### Here is the Link

### **Germany to Rome in 64 days: Our Pilgrimage**

<http://www.walkingwithawareness.com/gtrpilgrimage.htm>

### **That's it for this issue**

Marty