

Monday March 5th 2018

We were up at 06:30 – Louise's right arm was still hurting.

Weather: Toronto 23F to 38F sun Louisville 37F to 52F part cloud

Did did the NYTX in two minutes and 57 seconds. Louise got it in one minute 32 seconds.

When David checked the Canadian Dollar he found that it was worth only 77 cents US. President Trump threat of a trade war is costing David money – David is not amused.

BBC: Kim Jong-un meeting South Korean ministers face to face for the first time is a pretty big deal. He has met with very few foreign officials since he became leader in 2011, and the last time envoys from the South visited Pyongyang was in 2007.

After a breakfast of boiled eggs and toast, we walked Maisie. There was a very chilly wind blowing and, it being totally overcast, it was a drab day.

Louise called the electrical contractor whose name was on the electrical circuit breaker. Presumably the firm should connect power to the lower level smoke detectors at no charge. The owner was not amused by that suggestion.

Then Louise spotted a lime green 2016 Jeep with only 819 miles on it for only \$30,000 – nobody would miss her in that vehicle.

David started reading a book titled “The Odds Against Us”, written by Group Captain Peter Wooldridge Townsend, CVO, DSO, DFC & Bar. In August 1940 he was in combat with Bf 110s over Tonbridge, Kent. Townsend was shot down and wounded in the left foot by a cannon shell. David grew up in Tonbridge, Kent. While Townsend wrote several books, this one focuses on the problems of night fighting against German bombers.

The book also tackles the very technical “Wizard War” wherein the more advanced German electronic navigation system were gradually neutralized. However, as with all weaponry, it became a game of measure followed by counter-measure. It all became known as “The Battle of the Beams”.

Louise came up with a special new recipe out the the New York Time. It was called Chicken Tetrazzini and was served with an equally special Lucali Salad. It was a great meal.

We watched a couple of episodes of “The Crown”. The British Royal Family took some knocks.

Tuesday March 6th 2018

Weather: Toronto 31F to 34F cloud/snow showers Louisville 39F to 57F sun

David did the NYTX in two minutes 36 seconds.

BBC: Flippy, a burger-flipping robot, has begun work at a restaurant in Pasadena, Los Angeles. It is

the first of dozens of locations for the system, which is destined to replace human fast-food workers.

BBC: Lego admitted it made too many bricks. The company said sales and profits had fallen for the first time in 13 years, blaming the weak performance on having to sell off excess stock cheaply.

CBC: There are signs Republicans are beginning to wake up to the danger of Trump's pronouncements, if only to prevent U.S. stock markets from crashing. Speaker of the House Paul Ryan called on Trump to drop plans for the new tariffs.

But in the longer term, it is the credibility of the United States as a country that keeps its word, knows the facts, plays fair and seeks trade for mutual benefit that may be damaged the most.

It used to be that the U.S. set a standard.

After an “eggs in a nest” breakfast we walked Maisie. While cool, we could feel the heat energy of the sun – but in the shade there was a decided difference.

About 09:30 Louise drove off to visit her “tooth scraper”. David finished the book written by Peter Townsend. It is an easy read about a very dangerous time in wartime Britain. The sheer scale of the German Blitz of the major British cities is hard to comprehend. Both David's parents went through this. Both served in the Royal Artillery. While David's father was at the Artillery School at Larkhill on Salisbury Plain, his mother was the height taker in a heavy anti-aircraft artillery battery, shooting at the German bombers.

BBC: Florida lawmakers have voted to enact new gun control measures, weeks after one of the worst school shootings in US history took place in the state. The Senate narrowly passed a bill that would raise the age to buy a firearm from 18 to 21 and require a three-day waiting period for most weapons.

National Post: As a rapidly ascending China challenges America’s accustomed predominance, these two nations risk falling into a deadly trap first identified by the ancient Greek historian Thucydides. Writing about a war that devastated the two leading city-states of classical Greece two and a half millennia ago, Graham Allison, professor of government at Harvard’s John F. Kennedy School explained: “It was the rise of Athens and the fear that this instilled in Sparta that made war inevitable.”

We had a simple lunch and then drove over to a Jeep dealership on the southwest side of town on Dixie Highway. This is the road that leads to Fort Knox, that David had visited in the spring of 1974 for a three week course.

Louise had spotted a lime green Jeep Wrangler on the website Craig and Landreth dealership. It was about 18 miles and when we arrived the Jeep was not there. We admired a low-slung slingshot Plymouth roadster while the Pit Boss got on the computer to find out the target's location. After some discussion it was decided that the Jeep would be driven over to another dealership in St Mathews and that it would be available at 14:30 hrs.

David drove us back to Costco where Louise picked up her new prescription sunglasses and David scoffed some baguettes and buns.

Louise drove us over to the Craig and Landreth dealership on Shelbyville Rd. There was the eye-popping lime green Jeep Wrangler with humongous 17 inch wheels and no running boards. You needed a ladder to mount the beast. David was struck by the 1949 Dodge saloon parked in front. Louise and the salesman went for a Jeep test drive – David was not going to get caught in a lime green anything. Afterwards they haggled over price and features but did not come to terms.

Louise drove us back to Kroger for some essential groceries, a pizza being one as that was supper.

Back home David got on the Web and soon found two used Jeep Wranglers with low mileage, one with running boards. Louise phoned the Cross dealership that we had visited a couple of months ago and found out the name of the salesman that she had dealt with.

We baked the pizza and made a salad whilst doing so. After supper, which was a bit late due to our peregrination, we settled down to videos.

“The Crown” on Netflix mostly dealt with Princess Margaret, her trials and tribulations and her meeting Anthony (Tony) Armstrong-Jones. Mostly, it showed how spoiled the British upper class was. Key was an altercation between Lord Altrincham and the establishment. The Lord basically asked “How do you keep a stodgy, centuries-old institution like the British monarchy relevant.

Wednesday March 7th 2018

Louise got us up way too early and rushed to the window to look for snow. There was none on the ground but a dusting on the roof lines. A rather upset Maisie refused to get out of her bed.

Weather: Toronto 34F to 38F snow showers Louisville 33F to 42F snow showers

David did the NYTX in a languid four minutes and 9 seconds. Louise finished hers in 54 seconds.

BBC: US President Donald Trump's top economic adviser Gary Cohn is resigning, the White House has said. There has been speculation that Mr Cohn, a supporter of free trade, was angered by Mr Trump's plans to impose tariffs on aluminium and steel imports.

CBC: Politicians, law enforcement experts, academics and community members have gathered in Ottawa for the Summit on Gun and Gang Violence to discuss a troubling increase in gun-related incidents and gang activity in Canada.

CBC: The Toronto Zoo's panda party is almost over, and now there are concerns about whether or not the Scarborough facility will be able to reverse sagging attendance numbers without its star attraction.

Da Mao and Er Shun, the two giant pandas on loan from China, and their cubs, Jia Panpan and Jia Yueyue, born at the zoo in late 2015, will be on display until March 18 before they're moved to Calgary. Since the pandas arrived in 2013, more than 5.8 million people have visited the zoo.

David started a new book, one of those that he had bought at Locust Grove. “Feet Wet” is the autobiography of Rear Admiral Paul Gillcrist, who remarkably was the first flag officer to land a Tomcat on a carrier.

Louise decided that Maisie was not going to get a walk due to the chance of there being ice on the ground. The day before Louise had found out that her Scion maintenance co-ordinator, John, at Toyota of Louisville on Dixie Highway was still not back to work. About two months ago, when we had a snowfall, John had been carrying his two small daughters out to the car. He slipped on the ice/snow and cushioned his daughters' fall. In the process he broke both major bones in one leg and dislocated his ankle.

After a Scottish breakfast of oatmeal we decided to drive across town to the Cross Jeep dealership to visit with salesman Wil and ask about a 2016 Jeep Wrangler. About two hours and several shekels later, Louise was the proud owner of a 2016 Jeep Wrangler with a ton of upgrades.

Louise drove her Scion home while David maneuvered the new chariot, after all he was qualified to drive a 54 ton Centurion tank.

Safely back home, we drove the Scion to the Blue Dog, Louise's favorite restaurant to have a celebratory lunch. We got there about 14:20 and they stopped serving at 14:00 – bitter disappointment. So, we ordered takeaway and came home. We drowned our sorrow in a beer and glass of red wine.

Then it was off for a freezing walk with Maisie. There was a fierce wind blowing and towards the end even Maisie had had enough. When David said he would go home, Maisie followed with alacrity, giving up her favorite last circle before hitting home base.

David downloaded photos and posted a new photo album on the website. Louise did a bit of laundry, called a friend to exult about the Jeep, send a few emails with some exultations, and got us a bite of supper together. Meanwhile David was trying to decipher the Jeep manual and to plumb its many secrets. It is, in a word - loaded. A safe with a combination lock in the center console. Really!

Announcements have not included Louise's neighbor whose recent Jeep acquisition is probably responsible for this madness. That will be, we hope, a happy surprise tomorrow night when he comes to dinner here.

Then it was off to 'cuckooland' - “The Crown” to watch how those who had it all still managed to screw up. The first episode was about the manner in which the unctuous Duke of Windsor tried to weasel his way back into British public service. At first, The Queen, swayed by the preaching of Bill Graham was inclined to forgive and forget. However, when she was told of the Duke's treachery dealing with the Nazis, she banished him from the Kingdom. The second episode dealt with the rather oily way in which only Armstrong-Jones got married to Princess Margaret. He seemed more swayed by a need to overcome a neglected childhood and impress his mother, Anne Parsons, Countess of Rosse.

Thursday March 8th 2018

Louise did not sleep well as she was suffering Jeep Jitters. We got up early, around 06:00 and relied on coffee to pry us fully awake. For the second morning in a row there was a dusting of snow on the roof lines.

David did an extraordinary one minute and 51 seconds solution to the NYTX. Louise took 51 seconds.

Weather: Toronto 30F to 35F cloud Louisville 32F to 30F cloud and snow showers.

BBC: Some countries may be exempt from US plans to impose tariffs on metal imports, the White House has announced. The exemptions - on national security grounds - included Canada, Mexico.

CBC: In a CNN report Wednesday, Mark Zandi, chief U.S. economist at Moody's Analytics, estimated that US job losses because of the tariffs could range from 100,000 to 150,000. Donald Trump's trade and manufacturing adviser says the U.S. president's planned tariffs for steel and aluminum imports would not immediately apply to Canada and Mexico.

After a cheese omelet breakfast, we walked Maisie with a bit of snow on the ground and a bitter wind. We met Louise's Jeep consultant en route - he had already surmised that Louise had bought a Jeep as the Scion had been parked outside overnight.

Maisie met a ginger cat on the walk. David got a good photo of the cat with a fully arched back ready to pounce.

BBC: Women workers in Spain are marking International Women's Day with an unprecedented strike

targeting gender inequality and sexual discrimination. Work has been halted as part of a 24-hour strike organised by the 8 March Commission and backed by 10 unions and some of Spain's top women politicians. Scores of marches under the slogan "if we stop, the world stops" are taking place across Spain.

CBC: A woman who stood up for the rights of black people in Nova Scotia, and went to jail for it, will be honoured today when the new \$10 bill featuring her image is unveiled. On Nov. 8, 1946, Desmond went to see a movie at the Roseland Theatre in New Glasgow while her car was getting fixed.

Desmond, 32, was dragged out of the theatre by police and jailed for defiantly sitting in the "whites only" section of a film house. Black people could only sit in the balcony of the theatre.

The civil rights activist was convicted of defrauding the province of a one-penny tax, the difference in tax between a downstairs and upstairs ticket, even though Desmond had asked to pay the difference.

She was released after paying a \$20 fine and \$6 in court costs. She appealed her conviction but lost.

Desmond is often described as Canada's Rosa Parks, even though Desmond's act of defiance happened nine years before Parks refused to give up her seat on an Alabama bus.

It would take 63 years for Nova Scotia to issue Desmond, who died in 1965, a posthumous apology and pardon.

After a light lunch of Costco Chicken soup and Blue Dog bread slices with Tupelo honey, we drove off at 13:00 to pick up mushrooms at Paul's for dinner tonight. Then we went on to the Sparkle Brite car wash in St Mathews to get all the Florida pollen dust off David's van and to get the sand vacuumed out of the interior.

After being spruced up we went to the main event at The Olmsted, on Frankfort Avenue. Louise's financial adviser and his compatriots were giving a seminar on a variety of topics, among them how the recent trump tax cuts would affect investors.

We were about an hour early so, in the immediate vicinity, we browsed an antique store and an upscale bric-a-brac shop. Louise dropped into the Lamp Maker only to be told her lamp was "almost" ready.

Back at the Olmsted we took photos of a bronze family setting with a tribute to the Masons for having provided lodging and education for 3,200 orphaned children of Masons.

Inside the Olmsted we chatted with Louise's bank lawyer and he told us of a tremendous US rail-based vacation that we should investigate.

We got home in plenty of time to prepare dinner for our guest, the Jeep Consultant. Louise chose to make a chicken casserole with green beans and salad. For dessert Louise baked a chocolate "Cadeau de Vache".

Afterwards we watched one episode of "The Crown" in which Queen Elizabeth flew to Ghana. Her action kept Ghana within the Commonwealth. In this episode the Kennedy's visited Buckingham Place in June 1961. The Jack Kennedy assassination of 1963 portrayed a shocked Royal couple.

Friday March 9th 2018

David got up about 05:45 bouncing with newfound energy – Louise slept in. David cracked the NYTX in only one minute 36 seconds.

Weather: Toronto 32F to 38F snow showers and cloud Louisville 27F to 47F sun and cloud

BBC: The US has expressed surprise at the "dramatic" shift in stance by North Korean leader Kim Jong-un that has seen President Donald Trump agree to talks. US Secretary of State Rex Tillerson said it would take "some weeks" to set up a meeting, due to take place by May.

Louise came up with a wonderful surprise for breakfast. She fried New Orleans Café du Monde beignets. As an added benefit, we sliced these open to create a pocket which we then filled with Florida Tupelo honey. Tupelo Honey is the gold standard by which all other honey varieties are measured. For two weeks every spring, White (Ogeche) Tupelo Trees in the Southeastern swamps bloom with fine sunburst-shaped flowers that glisten with nectar. What a fantastic start to our day. Louise is a very creative chef.

CBC: The Conference Board of Canada predicts a 0.5 per cent decline in the economy, and the loss of about 85,000 jobs within a year, if the North American Free Trade Agreement is terminated. That would be the best-case scenario in a post-NAFTA world, the think-tank says in a new report. Talks to renegotiate the trade deal enter an expected eighth round in the coming weeks.

We took Maisie for a morning walk that was quite cool. About half way around we ran into our friend, the ginger cat, who sometimes hides in the street sewer grate and look out like a subterranean monster ready to pounce on unsuspecting Maisie. Maisie started stalking Ginger not knowing that the cat had been watching from a long way back. When Maisie made her move the cat bolted liked greased lightning and got past Maisie and up onto a pillar. With the cat's claws out, and having the advantage of altitude, the hunted became the hunter. Louise dragged Maisie away before she became cat meat.

Then we decided that Louise should do some practice Jeep driving in the safe neighborhood before hitting the open road. After a short spin we parked and figured out to set up the radio frequency pre-sets. Next came the combination safe in the console between the two front seats. It is a cavernous box that is big enough to house the pistol that Louise does not own.

That having been accomplished Louise bundled Maisie into the back seat and drove us over to our sister complex on the opposite bank of Little Goose Creek. This is more a typical family environment compared to the empty nest situation chez Louise. We tried to take photos of two magnificent pink blossoming trees. But, David could not figure out how to lower the window on his side and Louise had no luck on her side either. It took several minutes to figure out that the window controls were not on the doors at all – they were in the center of the dashboard. It was obvious from her very quiet demeanor that Maisie had not quite gotten used to this new huge tank of a vehicle.

Back home Louise prepared a super lunch of warmed cubed chicken with rice and black-eyed peas. After a cup of tea, we had a slice of chocolate cake with chocolate chip ice cream.

Then it was on to vehicle maintenance. David had to put back all the Dodge floor mats and sundry tire inflators, bungee cords, maps etc that had been taken out for the car wash. In the outside window crevices the Florida pollen was still there.

Louise used 'Goo Gone' to remove the stickers on her Jeep rear window. Then we played with flattening the rear seat in the Jeep to improve rearward visibility. We finally gave up. From the Web David saw a video of what we had been trying to do – the trick was a bungee cord.

CBC: Brenda Lucki has been named the RCMP's new commissioner, the first woman to take on the top post permanently. At a ceremony in Regina, at the RCMP's training depot, Prime Minister Justin Trudeau and Public Safety Minister Ralph Goodale announced Lucki's new role, touting her as the leader the Mounties need as the national police force grapples with "internal challenges," including alleged abuses of power and racial bias.

Louise is now under pressure of preparing to be unavailable at home because of jury duty. She has been summoned with the caveat to be prepared to serve for one month from 9:30 to 17:00, five days of the week. This has pressured her into trying to prepare to be ready to leave here to go to Canada with very little time. So she is cleaning and packing things away. Also she has spent some thoughts on how to dress for this jury duty ordeal. Also she is thinking of lunches to take with her and dinners to quickly prepare when she gets home. The thought is that she may not be at home until 6pm.

For supper we had delightful Henry Bain Pendennis Club burgers. We took Costco ground beef and added chopped onion along with dollops of Henry Bain's sauce to form into patties. Louise took Costco buns and hollowed them out so that only the shell remained. We fried the slender meat patties and toasted the buns. Then we built our burgers using sliced tomato, chopped onion, lettuce leaf, Dijon mustard and sweet relish. Delicious, except next time we will use sliced garlic dill pickle instead of sweet relish, with a side of fresh coleslaw.

There is no doubt that this delicious entity should be honored as the “PhB burger”. That is, the Pendennis Henry Bain burger. Soon you will see a PhB franchise in your neighborhood.

“The Crown” was a bit tedious covering Prince Philip's youth and his time in Gordonstoun School in Scotland. Subsequently, Charles attended Gourdson which he described as “Colditz in kilts”.

Saturday March 10th 2018

Weather” Toronto 29F to 28F cloud Louisville 37F to 51F cloud

We both got stumped by the NYTX Saturday puzzle. It is the bigger and tougher one. What normal person knows what a “Scalene Triangle” might be?

Any time you think you understand the United States and gun control, you should simply give up. CBC: The National Rifle Association has filed a federal lawsuit over gun control legislation Florida Gov. Rick Scott has signed, saying it violates the Second Amendment by raising the age to buy guns from 18 to 21. The lawsuit came just hours after Scott, a Republican, signed the compromise bill Friday afternoon.

As a special treat, we had waffles for breakfast. Louise added a few blackberries for the sake of health.

At 09:40 we went out the door to examine the neighborhood with Maisie in tow. It was dull overcast, but not bitterly cold. Maisie was on the 'qui vive' for Ginger, but had no joy.

We had only been home a few minutes before Louise announced that she wanted to drive downtown to visit the Rellek furniture consignment store. What she really meant was that she wanted to take her new Jeep for a spin. Downtown on the east end of Market Street there was quite a crowd attending the Flea Market. As a result, parking spots were not plentiful and Louise grabbed the first available. Greg's shop was unusually busy and he attributed that to his proximity to the Flea Market.

We walked out with a pretty Louisville Pottery fruit bowl and two matching candle holders.

We drove home northeast via Brownsboro Road and just as we were coming up the hill beside Crescent Hill Golf Course David, who was riding shotgun, yelled “Deer”. Four silly beasts were charging straight at Louise's brand new toy. Louise was upset with David for having scared her.

Back home Louise warmed up Costco chicken soup and we sliced some cheese and tomato for an accompanying toasted sandwich. Tea went well with that combination.

At 13:15 Louise drove off in her tundra buggy to the face maintenance lady. David went back to his book on carrier aircraft operations. He took a break after almost crashing his fighter jet into the Sea of Japan just after the Korean War. He blogged and updated the photo album.

When Louise returned to home base, she took Maisie for a walk in the beautiful afternoon. This walk proved to be a thoroughly good one for cat sightings! Not one, but two ginger cats at the same house. One, the solid one, was inside the glass door. The other, one with a white chest and white front paws was crouched at the ready on the outside of the glass door. Louise mourned her lack of a camera, which, of course, David had strongly suggested. We hope that tomorrow will be another good sighting and that we will be properly equipped with camera.

We settled into a time of popcorn and afternoon libations, and of course, reading was part of this lovely afternoon tradition.

Louise had a medical concern about Maisie. She called Shively Animal Clinic and found that her concern can be resolved with a drive to the clinic tomorrow where the necessary medication will be at the front desk. It is not necessary to take Maisie for an office visit. It pays to be an established client of a number of years.

Louise had put steak in the marinade earlier in the afternoon. That was to be dinner along with fresh asparagus stalks with butter.

While Louise took Maisie for an afternoon walk, David was still trying to complete a carrier landing.

[In a case of arrested political development] CBC: Doug Ford is the new leader of Ontario's Progressive Conservatives, according to senior campaign sources who spoke to CBC's Mike Crawley, bringing to a close a turbulent six-week race just three months out from a provincial election.

For dinner we had steak with green beans, butternut squash and salad.

We dialed up “The Crown” and watched a rather insipid episode covering the Profumo Affair, a British political scandal that originated with a brief sexual relationship in 1961 between John Profumo, the Secretary of State for War in Harold Macmillan's Conservative government, and Christine Keeler, a 19-year-old would-be model. The repercussions of the affair severely damaged Macmillan's self-confidence, and he resigned as Prime Minister on health grounds in October 1963. Elizabeth and Philip spent a lot of time apart. It was a slow, boring scenario that just fizzled out to nothing. The season was finished – it went out with a whimper – no cliff hanger – nothing to make you want to come back for more.

In desperation we tried “Midsomer Murders”. We started an episode in season 19 wherein a man is found murdered during the reopening of a ghost village from WW2. It is hard to forget having seen an Abbott self-propelled 105 mm artillery armored fighting vehicle running over a man. So we gave up on it and went to bed.

Sunday March 11th 2018

Daylight Saving Time

Louise decided to get us up at 05:45 as a practice run for Monday morning's jury duty. It was a novel concept for David – he did not know you had to practice being tired. Louise started a laundry just to shock the dirt out of the sleeping clothes.

Since Daylight Savings Time had been invoked overnight, this was a double whammy because it was really only 04:45 hrs.

Weather: Toronto 26F to 36F sun Louisville 36F to 49F part cloud.

David limped on the NYTX and took three minutes and 2 seconds.

It was too early to even remember what we had for breakfast. We had Maisie out the door at dawn – we had debated whether to go to Shively first, but figured a wash of cold air would help wake us up. Besides, the other drivers would be asleep at the wheel making it more dangerous to go early.

After we got Maisie home we took the silver tank out of the barn and Louise headed us west and then south to the Shively Animal Clinic. Louise had diagnosed Maisie as having a tapeworm and had phoned Shively for medication the evening before. The lighting on downtown Louisville offered some good photos. Once at Shively, David stayed in the Jeep to adjust the time. NPR refused to tell him the new time, but the Garmin GPS finally coughed it up.

Shively Animal Clinic is a marvel of fine device! Sunday morning at 9:15, there was not an empty seat in reception, and only one or two parking spaces empty as well. Ten women were busy behind the counter, and probably 40-or-so charts were lined up waiting to be seen by the veterinarian, who by Louise's judgment are without a doubt the best in the universe, the most professional, smart, and generous of nature. Maisie's medicine was secured, as well as a stocking up of food and meds to take to Toronto in a couple weeks.

On the return route Louise tested an alternate way to get to her court room debut early Monday morning. We came back along River Road, which had been blocked for several days, and the signs of recent flooding were obvious.

We wound up at Prospect Kroger's where we did some essential grocery shopping. Like 'Armor All' to keep the Jeep's fenders spiffy. The grocery stock man said he had to get up at 04:30 due to DST.

At home Maisie got a special treat of peanut butter, with the tapeworm pill buried inside.

BBC: China has approved the removal of term limits for its leader, in a move that effectively allows Xi Jinping to remain as president for life. The constitutional changes were passed by China's annual sitting of the National People's Congress on Sunday. The vote was widely regarded as a rubber-stamping exercise. Two delegates voted against the change and three abstained, out of 2,964 votes.

CBC: Former Toronto city councillor Doug Ford was named the Ontario Progressive Conservative

leader after a turbulent party convention on March 10th, but runner-up Christine Elliott said she would not concede and that there were "serious irregularities" in the race. Despite the fact that Christine Elliott won both the popular vote and also the majority of ridings, the former MPP still lost to the PC's newly elected leader, Doug Ford, by a razor thin margin. Finally Elliott threw in the sponge.

After a light lunch we continued laundry and body maintenance, hair cut and nail clipping.

Then it was back to reading a bit. So far David's author has ejected twice.

About 16:00 we started making the quiche for dinner. First we had to chop up a ton of mushrooms, then we had to get the wood out of the florets of broccoli and then add finely chopped white onion. After that there was the Swiss cheese to grate. Louise made a pie shell from scratch while David cleaned up strawberries to add to the blackberry dessert bowl. That all took about an hour.

Louise had previously done some hard boiled eggs. These were chopped up and mayonnaise and Dijon mustard added to create a sandwich spread for tomorrow's jury duty downtown.

About 18:00 we had this wonderful browned Quiche Louise – it was perfection. With it we had a delicious Italian 2016 Pinot Grigio “Tesoro Della Regina” by Valdadige.

After a bit of strawberries and blackberries, sprinkled with cane sugar, we had some chocolate cake with a spoonful of Southern Pecan ice cream.

The Netflix video about a pizza delivery man getting assassinated was totally forgettable.