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4/1-and what follows is NOT April's fool: while she who has put up with the unbearable for about 36 years prepares a salad. I simply must pay ~~remark~~ tribute to the remarkable performance of those Sony batteries. You may remember it was just a year ago, in time for my birthday, which is but a week away, that you gave me the TC 40 with which it came. I then used them more than 1 1/2 hours before deciding that as a precaution I'd best replace them, the instructions saying a set is good for about 2 hours. But they showed okay so I did not throw them away. I don't know how long I have been using them in a larger-than-average size radio, but it has been some time. I have put that set under the pillow every night this week, and it has run all night. When I've been outside, it has been with me and working, and each night when I go for Lil I take that set, and earphone and walk up and down the several blocks long shopping center for exercise, news-listening. Today we spent more than four hours planting fruit trees, off she whose muscles helped build a road up a mountain. And all this time they still work. They are now pretty weak, but they'll pull tonight if I want to have something besides trouble grab my mind if I awaken. Lil kept me company while I did this work, supervised it, which is more than an excuse for later: why didn't you tell me but because she is so good at it and I'm not nearly as good on knowing how deep, etc. And besides this fun, we are having a beautiful day. Anyway, maybe the salad is prepared. But this endorsement is in case you every have to decide between brands of batteries. Best, HW