

Monday, March 21. In the morning Ernie went to Leroy Merlin, the great 4-level (mostly underground) hardware store, right across the street from the Pompidou Center, looking for various things. He looked for a shower valve similar to the one in the apartment to see if there is a simple way to repair the shower/tub switch but didn't find it. He also was looking for a screen or something to put in the office window so he could feel comfortable opening the blinds. There is an office opposite the courtyard and it feels very public. Unfortunately he didn't find anything. He also looked for test clips to ground his computer.

Olivia went in the other direction toward Place de la République to the bigger Monoprix for my shopping. I was looking for a scarf.

On the way I stopped at the Templar Garden, which I had read about. It has a small natural lake left over from the gardens in the original Temple built by the Templars. The line in the back is a small waterfall.



I liked the use of rocks. The daffodils and little blue flowers were up.



I also ran into a big renovation project. An old Marché is being rehabilitated by the Mairie and will be made into a Sports Center.



Across the street from this renovation project were a bunch of stores with men's shirts. I made a note to bring Ernie back here.

In the afternoon we went shopping again together. The stores I saw were only wholesale so we went the other direction toward Les Halles. On rue St. Denis, there are so many shops that surely we could find something for Ernie there. We did.

Ernie bought 3 nice sport shirts at "Flipside" and a nice leather jacket at "Bikers" both near Les Halles. Also bought stuff at Monoprix and picked up some wine at the local Nicolas on Rambuteau.

On our walk around the Marais we passed the BHV (a huge department store) again and I took a photo of one of the banners. It is the statue "David" only he is wearing jockey shorts and a T-shirt. It is very funny.



That evening we had a planche of cut deli meats and drinks at the Quiet Man. Ernie had beer this time. They have a great Irish beer, Murphy's on tap.