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the farewell

translation: Guillaume Apollinaire

I picked this airy sprig of heather
Autumn is dead you must remember
On earth we'll see each other no more
Odor of time sprig of heather
And remember it's you I'm waiting for

L'Adieu

J'ai cueilli ce brin de bruyère
L'automne est morte souviens-t'en
Nous ne nous verrons plus sur terre
Odeur du temps brin de bruyère
Et souviens toi que je t'attends

Joanne Seltzer

January 1-8, 1994

Saturday, January 1

emancipation proclamation - 1863

Sunday, January 2

Monday, January 3

Bank Holiay, UK
New Year Holiday, Armenia, Hong Kong, New
Zealand, S. Korea

Tuesday, January 4

Bank Holiday, Scotland
Tom Thumb's Birthday

Wednesday, January 5

Thursday, January 6

Epiphany
Twelfth Day, Sweden
Carl Sandburg born, 1878
Eastern Orthodox Christmas, Armenia, Ethopia

James Plimpton created
"guidable parlour skates"
with an India rubber ball.
Thus began the first roller
rink today in 1863.

Friday/Saturday, January 7 and 8

Elvis' Birthday, January

egg nogs

when she was 5
my sister needed
them, skinny
and blond to
keep up her
weight, lured
with chocolate
and coffee,
strawberry
flavors. Glass
straws with
clowns, a mug
of Howdy Doody,
Just one more
sip my mother
wooded while
I slunk into
the back ground,
my fat thighs
under a too
long for a
girl of 9's
dress, ate
m and m's
in the cove
of the brown
chair, lost
in a book
or a dream
where I'd be
popular, blonde
and skinny,
any unbeaten
egg string was
slime, horrid
as the centipedes
offensive as see-
ing
"Kike" on a black
board or hearing

"fattie" whispered
and my mother
would take new
eggs out,
start again. At
my sister's now,
my mother who has
gone from 120 to 114
to 90 pounds has
Carnation shakes
with Hagendaaz
ice cream mixed
in tho my sister's
husband says its
so expensive. I
shake in another
state the same
weight as my
mother tho 5
inches taller,
my dark mahogany
hair bleached to
sun in a house
with no crockpots,
mostly oranges,
coffee beans.
I think I picked
one without a
real kitchen.
I've never made
chicken soup,
the idea of
cooking is like
a dog paddling
across the Pacific
for the east coast
but becoming a
woman who looks

good in mini skirts
the second time
around
and this
week gets love
letters from
Hono lulu
Maui, Laguna
Beach and San
Diego making me
know I'm some
thing of a wizard
a witch as I make
a list: celery,
carrots, chicken
even gingerroot
for a charm,
wanting to do
yet knowing it
will never be
enough

lyn lifshin

January 9-15, 1994

Sunday, January 9

Man Watcher's Week
Anniversary of first Balloon Flight

Monday, January 10

Clean Off Your Desk Day

Tuesday, January 11

Alexander Hamilton's Birthday

Wednesday, January 12

first woman elected to the U.S. Senate - 1932

Thursday, January 13

Horatio Alger's Birthday

Friday, January 14

Saturday, January 15

Humanitarian Day
Gulf War began

Bald Eagle Appreciation Days
Martin Luther Kings, Jr.'s Birthday

i wanted pain

You screamed at me to pull over.
You wanted me to stop.
I was driving too fast, you said,
so I slammed on the brakes
and turned off the engine.
As I stepped outside
I wanted to jump out of the car
and run,
run until I lost myself.
And yet I wanted to fall.
I wanted to fall to the ground.
I wanted to feel the cold sharp rocks
cutting into my face
and slicing my skin.
I wanted pain to feel good again.
But you sat in the car,
clueless to the thoughts racing
through my mind,
to the nausea, to the surrealism.
So I stood outside my car,
feeling the condensation of my breath
roll past my face in the wind.
It was a constant, nagging reminder
that I still had to breathe.

Janet Kuypers

January 16-22, 1994

Sunday, January 16

National Nothing Day

Monday, January 17

Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Birthday
(observed)

Ben Franklin's Birthday

Tuesday, January 18

Winnie the Pooh Day

Wednesday, January 19

Edgar Allan Poe born 1809

Thursday, January 20

Inauguration Day
Aquarius, the water carrier, to 2/19

Friday, January 21

National Hugging Day

Saturday, January 22

Cerebral Palsy telethon today

no rhyme or reason

It was the moon light, I tell you
It was the fucking moonlight of my soul
Dark like evil with a persistent good
trying to sway my decision
Not quite bright enough
Like a halo in Hell
I couldn't see it
I couldn't hear it
I didn't hear her
but I know she was screaming
and crying about her baby
"Don't hurt my baby".
Christ, we were alone
Maybe she had some moonlight too
It didn't make no sense
Yeah, and I fucked her
Maybe she was screaming cuz I was so good
It was dark
I couldn't see if she was smiling
But she kept going on about that baby
I think she was crazy, you know
Nobody else around

Cheryl Townsend

January 23-29, 1994

Sunday, January 23

National Handwriting Day
First woman to receive a medical degree in
America
John Hancock's Birthday
National Pie Day

Monday, January 24

James Marshall, a carpenter,
was working in a mill in
California when he found a
piece of gold in the water. The
Gold Rush began today, 1848.

Tuesday, January 25

Wednesday, January 26

Australia Day, Australia
Republic Day, India
National School Nurse
Day

Thursday, January 27

Thomas Crapper Day

Friday, January 28

Chinese New Year celebrations, to 2/27
National Kazoo Day

Saturday, January 29

National Puzzle Day

ticket for Olga

you got a ticket
for going too fast
through a school zone

and i counseled you
to pay it
through the mail.

i knew it would cost you
less in the end
than going to court
and traffic school,

but you are a woman,
and wise in the way of savings

though new to this part
of the planet,

and you are not
my child

so i could say nothing further.

you sit on my knee tonight,
long wet hair down, bedraggled
and weebegone. you tell me
that they were severe. your head hurt.
you didn't understand the questions
after the film. you realize
what i was trying to spare you now,
strong woman.

oh, my child

you were chastized by forces
beyond my control.

C Ra McGuirt

January 30-31, 1994

Sunday, January 30

National Popcorn Day
Superbowl Sunday

Monday, January 31

January is...

National Fiber Month
National Oatmeal Month
National Prune Breakfast Month
National Soup Month
March of Dimes Month
Cosmetology Month
National Noodle Month
Eyecare Month
Hobby Month

notes

memory's vicarious squint

Dew-drop, the itch once again
(where the hair had been, where
the amputated little finger was)
since like the distant grief taste
reduced to one small picture frame
hailed and farewellled to enjambment
like encrusted gorst/frosttesqueries
and a cry rose in a scrimmage for
the price of a kiss of blood claret
because false promises have talons.
I have gone within for my oats, for
promises and a spear - a dream. I
had a dream of glass of glass and of
pins and I took one like I'd take a
tenner to pay for dinner: Oh my
God ... in heaven's name!" TURN THE
LIGHTS OFF, TURN THE LIGHTS OFF. My
gamut's run, my snarl gone limpid,
my obsessions and compulsions squinny
back at me in the broken mirror "behavior".
My memory of me is a madness of earwigs
running 25 errands in all directions.
Talk soon gets together under a mask
that has become as real as a built face.
So why would I look at my face for a clue.
My past is a dead mouth choked in hope.

Edward MyCue

February 1-5, 1994

Tuesday, February 1

National Freedom Day

Wednesday, February 2

Ayn Rand born 1905

Thursday, February 3

Ground Hog Day
Norman Rockwell's 100th Birthday

Friday, February 4

USO Day

Saturday, February 5

Constitution Day, Mexico
Weatherman's Day

tribute to JH

A flaming meteor struck the earth
everyone saw, everyone saw
it made a great sound
they were in awe, they were in awe

Larry Blazek

February 6-12, 1994

Sunday, February 6

Waitangi Day, New Zealand

Monday, February 7

National Crime Prevention Week
Boy Scouts Week
Charles Dicken's Birthday

Tuesday, February 8

Boy Scout's Day
James Dean's Birthday

Wednesday, February 9

Thursday, February 10

Lunar New Year, China, Hong Kong
(Year of the Dog)

Friday, February 11

National Women and Girls in Sports Day
Thomas Edison Born 1847

Saturday, February 12

NAACP Founded 1909
Georgia Day (in Georgia)
Lincoln's Birthday

high roller

I long to see you sitting again
cigarette in hand
walkman on the table

I want to be able to walk up behind you
rest my hands on your shoulders
lean my head next to your face

I long to have my cheek near yours
not touching
but so close
that I could still feel your warmth
your desire

our skin wouldn't touch
but I would still feel the rush
from your presence

Janet Kuypers

February 13-19, 1994

Sunday, February 13

Monday, February 14

Valentine's Day
Race Relations Day
Washington's Birthday (observed)

Jack Benny's 100th Birthday

Tuesday, February 15

Susan B. Anthony Day
Shrove Tuesday
Faschingsdienstag, Germany
Mardi Gras

Wednesday, February 16

Ladies Home Journal first published 1883
Ash Wednesday

Thursday, February 17

National PTA Day

Friday, February 18

Louis Comfort Tiffany's Birthday

Saturday, February 19

February 1-5, 1994

February 20-26, 1994

Sunday, February 20

Lt. Col. Glenn was
the first astronaut in
orbit - 1968

Pisces, the fish, to 3/20

Monday, February 21

Malcom X Assassinated 1965

President's Day
Shaheed Day,

The first telephone directory was
published this date in 1878 - and
fifty people were listed in it.

Tuesday, February 22

Washington's Birthday

Wednesday, February 23

Thursday, February 24

Banner's Day, Mexico
Independence Day, Estonia
Hadassah Day

Friday, February 25

Purim

Saturday, February 26

William "Buffalo Bill" Cody's Birthday

getting the goods

“In recent months, according to reports from Thailand published in the Far Eastern Economic Review, murdered infants have been used to transport heroin across the border from Thailand to Malasia”

A wind blowing through
dark elephant grass
a blood sun over the
rice fields a man

holds an infant underwater,
black hair snakes the
child gurgles then
doesn't a plastic rattle

bobs on the water like a
head before the water goes
from blood to wet bark
the child is slit

emptied out like a trout
or a hen stuffed taut
and plump with small
bags of heroin

And before the moon is
a pale grape in the
musky night a woman paid
as well as the dead

child's mother will wrap
the corpse in a shawl
hug it close seeming to
smoothe the damp
hair into place as if
snuggling a sleeping
baby getting the
goods over the border

Lyn Lifshin

February 27-28, 1994

Sunday, February 27

Henry Wadsworth Longfellow born 1807

Monday, February 28

February is...

Black History Month
Human Relations Month
Canned Food Month
Creative Romance Month
Great American Pies Month
Whale Awareness Month
National Snack Food Month
National Cherry Month
Heart Month
Return Shopping carts to the Supermarket Month

notes

the burning

I take the final swig of vodka
feel it burn its way down my throat
hiss at it scorching my tongue
and reach for the bottle to pour myself another.
I think of how my tonsils scream
every time I let the alcohol rape me.
Then I look down at my hands —
shaking — holding the glass of poison —
and think of how these were the hands
that should have pushed you away from me.
But didn't. And I keep wondering
why I took your hell, took your poison.
I remember how you burned your way
through me. You corrupted me
from the inside out, and I kept coming back.
I let you infect me, and now you've
burned a hole through me. I hated it.
Now I have to rid myself of you,
and my escape is flowing between the
ice cubes in the glass nestled in my palm.
But I have to drink more. The burning
doesn't last as long as you do.

Janet Kuypers

March 1-5, 1994

Tuesday, March 1

The Peace Corps Program initiated
by John F. Kennedy - 1961

Independence Movement Day, S. Korea

Wednesday, March 2

Thursday, March 3

Kasmir Pulaski Day, Illinois
First woman to practice before the Supreme Court
Alexander Graham Bell's Birthday
National Anthem Day

Friday, March 4

Saturday, March 5

Daylight Savings Time ends in Chile

a room at the beach

We laughed when we saw
the room, barely
larger than the bed.

Too little space to stand,
but enough to recline,
to touch, to whisper.

Weary from hours on the sand,
we drowsed beneath the
gently shimmering fan,

in no hurry for the
moment of reaching out,
giving, taking, sharing,

and exploding that elegant
tension, on the bed
that filled the room.

Jack Harrison

March 6-12, 1994

Sunday, March 6
Universal Women's Week begins

Brooklyn born Clarence
Byrdseye developed a
method of quickly freezing
foods and marketed them for
the first time today in 1930.

Independence Day,

Monday, March 7

Tuesday, March 8

International Working Women's Day, China

International Women's Day

Wednesday, March 9

Robert Mapplethorpe passed away 1989

Thursday, March 10

Friday, March 11

Saturday, March 12

Girl Scouts Day

we have to write mother's obit tonight

my sister says,
it will be easier
on a night like
this when pain
killers let her
eat. In the
chaos when it
happens we'll
be crazed, in
shock, tho we're
prepared. But
tonight after
the first meal
she's had seconds
of salmon, potatoes,
asparagus we can
do it calmly
as if we won't
need it for
a long time

lyn lifshin

March 13-19, 1994

Sunday, March 13

Mothering Sunday (UK)

Monday, March 14

Tuesday, March 15

Anniversary of the
Revolution of 1848,
Hungary

Wednesday, March 16

Black Press Day

Thursday, March 17

St. Patrick's Day

Friday, March 18

Saturday, March 19

St. Joseph's Day, Spain

payday

In a pawn shop window
on East Main at sixteenth
there is a class ring
embossed Trojans sixty-nine.
Under it in scroll leaf
a dueling pistol with wooden case
from seventeen hundred France.
I put my television on the counter
and hope fifty is a good number.
There is an empty whiskey bottle
by the door
from 1905 Lewisville
with a tag that says sixteen dollars
beside a help wanted sign.
A Twenty-two in my pocket;
small, heavy and shiny
but it's hard to go home
empty handed.

D. Phillip Caron

March 20-26, 1994

Sunday, March 20

Beginning of People for Lesbian,
Gay and Bisexual Concerns Days

Vernal Equinox

Monday, March 21

Birthday of Benito Juarez, Mexico

Tuesday, March 22

International Day for the Elimination of Racism

Academy Awards (Oscars) tonight
Aries, the ram, to 4-19

Wednesday, March 23

Thursday, March 24

Friday, March 25

Maryland Day (in Maryland)

Independence Day, Greece

Saturday, March 26

Kuhio Day (in Hawaii)
Robert Frost born 1874

Independence Day, Bangladesh

quantum mechanics

assures that the turning
of my head is intimately connected to
the lighting of your cigarette. Nothing happens
alone or isolated and the wildness in the wave
of my hair is the same
as the lake when the vault around my perception cracks
enough to make the connection.

The knowledge of each thing contained
in everything else so when I look
at this daffodil it might well be
a face in China same as the twisted branch
reaching like an old woman to the moon.
A wild old woman dancing crazy circles
on the beach, waves of her hair
pounding on her back.

Ellie Schoenfeld

March 27-31, 1994

Sunday, March 27

Palm Sunday
First Day of Passover
Daylight Savings Time begins, Denmark, France,

Monday, March 28

Tuesday, March 29

Wednesday, March 30

Thursday, March 31

Holy Thursday
Daylight Savings Time ends, Kenya

March is...
National Women's History Month
National Nutrition Month
National Peanut Month
National Red Cross Month
Poetry Month

notes

confident women

I met up with an old friend of mine for drinks last week. I knew her in high school, although we weren't close friends then. In those days she needed therapy, had problems with drugs, I think, or else it was just family problems. I was a bit insecure myself, shy, meek, scared of life. Since those days we matured, we're now more independent, self-confident, self-assured women. It was good to see her again. She just came back from camping in Australia; although physically I had gone nowhere, we both had our stories to tell over a bottle or two of wine. And we gossiped, she told me of the handsome Australian man she fell for, I told her of the roller-coaster I call my romantic life. And we laughed. And then the gossip changed, her voice lowered, and sounding stern but quiet, she told me of how a man broke into her apartment one night last summer and he tried to rape her, and after kicking and screaming in her underwear she managed to break free and her attacker escaped. She told me they found the man, and the trial is scheduled for later in the month. And she sat there, with her wine glass in her hand, looking so confident, as if she knew she won this battle. Trying not to sound corny, I told her I could give her a hug. And she leaned on my shoulder, and she cried, hiccuping as she tried to catch her breath. They would make her recount everything on the stand, she said, and the defense lawyers would try to make her sound promiscuous because she slept alone in her underwear. I told her I would go with her to the trial. I told her she is winning by speaking out. Self-assured women. Confident women. How confident are we supposed to be?

Janet Kuypers

April 1-2, 1994

April is...
National Frozen Food Month
Latino Month
National Barbecue Month
National Humor Month
National Duckling Month
Keep America Beautiful Month
National Garden Month

notes

Friday, April 1

April Fools Day

Saturday, April 2

Good Friday

second half

Now you've got perfect pitch:
"Bambi" is dead - that cute cute
wife - so you need some new
friends; someone who says you're

hot stuff, says let's talk, let's
strip to the waist, let's touch
and blurt out "sweetness!" How
you were hurt by giving out

giving up giving in. When hatred
became not just the passionate
split second but most of the time.
When you still want to hear about

a man's first shave, that winning
goal. What if you had no grown-ups
- just a child or two to love.
What if squirrels and pigeons and

mice started drifting into your
house to build nests thinking it
empty. So you've rewritten the
law of self-preservation:

you don't kill yourself to get
food clothing and shelter.
Perfect too your dismissal of an
exhausting witch - a poison. Sat

down at the keyboard, punched in
Help, then Delete and Cancel. You
at a point of arrival; so much for
the first forty years...

Mary Winters

April 3-9, 1994

Sunday, April 3

Women Business Owners Day
Last Day of Passover
Easter

Daylight Savings Time begins (for America)

Monday, April 4

First woman mayor elected in the U.S. - 1887
Martin Luther King, Jr. Assassinated - 1968

Easter Monday (Canada)

Tuesday, April 5

Arbor Day, S. Korea

Ch'ing Ming Festival, China, Hong

Wednesday, April 6

Chakri Memorial Day, Thailand
North Pole Discovery Day

Thursday, April 7

The first professional
Baseball Team - the
Cincinnati Red Stockings,
had their opening game
today in 1886

Friday, April 8

Holocaust Remembrance Day
Buddah's Birthday

Saturday, April 9

Bataan and Corrigidor Day, Phillipines

how it happened

There was this
hotch outside in
the trees. when we
came back the old
people were crying.
After that I'd shoot
up all the time the
little kids pulling
at my knees crying,
the old woman had
popsicle sticks,
they were scraping
pieces of a woman
off the wall. I
could tell that by
the breasts in a
corner. Even the
animals wouldn't
come near us

*

You see a guy get his
face blown away you
do things you don't
want to think of.
By the sixth day I was
mainlining all the
time not to feel
high I didn't want
to feel anything

*

First you're so
scared then it's
hard to live with
yourself But I
didn't get hooked
until the hospital
in Japan. You
understand they
nepamled us by
mistake. First I
couldn't feel
much. Water won't
put it out. Now
I go out in the
sun and I feel
fire. I wanted to
get off morphine
but they said why
not get unemployment

Lyn Lifshin

April 10-16, 1994

Sunday, April 10

Monday, April 11

Tuesday, April 12

Wednesday, April 13

Thomas Jefferson's birthday

Izahal Memorial Day, Israel

Thursday, April 14

First American Abolition Society (1775)
Lincoln Assassinated 1865

Independence Day, Israel
Bangla Naba Barsha (New Year),

Friday, April 15

Birthday of Mahavir, India

Saturday, April 16

Astronomy Day

all men have secrets

all men have secrets and here is mine.
Strength is my weakness
and now my shoulders don't stay in place.
You ask me to open my eyes
but they are. At least I think they are.
Why don't you take me in your arms?
Why don't you seduce me?
Tear me in half. Rip me apart.
Just don't cast me aside.
I don't want to be strong. Be strong
for me, so that I can adjust my chin
and not have to worry about
whether or not my eyes are open.

Janet Kuypers

April 17-23, 1994

Sunday, April 17

National YWCA week

Monday, April 18

Independence Day, Zimbabwe

Tuesday, April 19

Patriots Day (in ME and MA)

Wednesday, April 20

Taurus, the bull, to 5/20

Thursday, April 21

First Day of Summer, Ireland
Tiradentes Day, Brazil
Queen Elizabeth's Birthday

Friday, April 22

Earth Day

Saturday, April 23

April 1-2, 1994

April 24-30, 1994

Sunday, April 24

Armenian Genocide Memorial Day, Armenia
Orthodox Palm Sunday, Greece

Monday, April 25

Anzac Day, Australia, New Zealand
Liberation Day, Italy
Revolution Day, Portugal

Tuesday, April 26

Wednesday, April 27

Professional Secretary's Day
also: Professional Secretary's Week (24-30)

Thursday, April 28

Friday, April 29

General Prayer Day, Denmark
Orthodox Good Friday, Greece
Lag B'omer

Saturday, April 30

Arbor Day
Children's Day, Mexico
MayDay Eve, Finland
Queens Day, Netherlands

interior space

Just inside the door
there's a stuffed moose head
then six stairs up
to the Widow's Watch.
There's a piano, and a chair,
It's mine;
It's safe.
It's home for the historian,
the dreamer,
and the frightened child.
I slide down the banister
when I like.

Connie Meredith

May 1-7, 1994

Sunday, May 1

May Day
Mother Goose Day
Labor Day
Orthodox Easter, Greece

Monday, May 2

MayDay Holiday (UK)
Leonardo Da Vinci's 475th Birthday

Tuesday, May 3

Bank Holiay, UK
New Year Holiday, Armenia, Hong Kong, New
Zealand, S. Korea

Wednesday, May 4

Rhode Island Independence Day

Thursday, May 5

Chinese Youth Day, China
Cinco de Mayo, Mexico
Children's Day, S. Korea
Coronation Day, Thailand
Liberation Day, Netherlands
National Day of Prayer

Friday, May 6

National Nurses' Week

Saturday, May 7

Kentucky Derby today

oh by the way

he raped her
10 years old
it disgusted him
he hated the feeling
hated her crying
hated her fear
hated the power she gave him
hated it all so much
he killed her
cut her up
like shattered glass
like breaking a mirror
of his won reflection

Cheryl Townsend

May 8-14, 1994

Sunday, May 8

Mother's Day

National Hospital Week
Liberation Day, France, Norway

Monday, May 9

National Salvation Army Week

Tuesday, May 10

Mother's Day, Guatemala, Mexico

today is the 125th anniversary of
cross country rail transportation

Wednesday, May 11

D-Day

Thursday, May 12

Limerick Day
Ascension Day

Friday, May 13

Saturday, May 14

i can only advise

you must make your own decision
to report or not report
the incident

don't shower don't change
your clothes don't comb your hair
we must confirm the accusation
has your father done this
before did your mother try
to stop him

you shouldn't have left the tavern
with a stranger did you flirt
did he menace you with a knife
or just a penis did he hurt
your throat

should you tell your husband
your boyfriend
you must make your own decision
I don't know your husband
your boyfriend I can only advise

against gonorrhea

those cigarette burns on your vulva
will heal no one will notice
the scars

Joanne Seltzer

May 15-21, 1994

Sunday, May 15

National Transportation Week
National Police Week
World Trade Week

Monday, May 16

First woman to scale Mt. Everest - 1975

Tuesday, May 17

Constitution Day, Norway

Wednesday, May 18

International Museum Day
Pope John Paul II Birthday

Thursday, May 19

Malcom X's Birthday

Friday, May 20

International Pickle Week

Saturday, May 21

Armed Forces Day
Iquique's Naval Combat Day, Chile

young wives tales

anyone in
the western world
with any sense
knows

that going outside
barefoot

or next to bareassed
in the cold

does not give colds
to anyone;

colds are caused
by viruses,

and that you're better off
naked in the snow

than in a room
full of people.

my young wife
has never heard
of this
superstition:

her medical education
comes by way
of the old wives
of her country.

so I put my shoes on
and yes, my coat
before I go out:

a man can dispute
with his wife
of things unprovable
and unseen,

and sometimes come out
the winner,

but I know better
than to argue with

Holy Mother Russia.

C Ra McGuirt

May 22-28, 1994

Sunday, May 22

Pentecost Sunday
National Maritime Day
Whitsunday

Monday, May 23

Commemorative Day of the Revolution of
1810, Argentina

Pentecost Monday
Victoria Day, Canada

Tuesday, May 24

Wednesday, May 25

African Liberation Day

Africa Day, Zimbabwe
Independence Day, Jordan
Lunar Eclipse

Thursday, May 26

John Wayne's Birthday

Friday, May 27

Saturday, May 28

Restoration of Armenia's Statehood Day, Armenia

sweet dry touch of creamy pink sundown

Routine radiating prosperity bank red-lettered like the family Bible spilling out with photos, pressed flowers and the four-leaf and the one six-leaf clover Richard Steger found in Cotati. Those Steger kids had no eating disorders, and were keen, keen for bouillabaisse, creme brulee, devilled eggs, shit-on-a-shingle, anything “-capers” and those little potato dumplings called “gnocchi” served with pesto sauce and a nice crablegmeat-Louie. Their mother - Irene’s mom, Louise, was a meyer/Tron born in a summer màs in the last century (19th) on the ragged Swiss-French-Italian border, also Piedmontese. She married a Perrou, an Italian, also Piedmontese. A Waldensian, Louise was sent to Protestant Marseilles to a finishing school. Then she came to the United States. Irene was her only who lived to raise. John Perrou married again and again. Irene favors pink hues.

Edward MyCue

May 29-31, 1994

Sunday, May 29

La Fête des Meres, France
WWII Observance Week

Monday, May 30

Memorial Day (observed)

National Frozen Yogurt Week
Spring Bank Holiday, UK

Harvard was founded today
in 1636, originally to educate
Puritan ministers.

Tuesday, May 31

Walt Whitman born 1819

World No-Tobacco Day.

May is...

Theatre Month
Older Americans Month
National Asparagus Month
National Photo Month
National Egg Month
Social Science Books Month

notes

cold and damp
is the night
a drunken man
kills himself
maiming others
an idiotic game
of chicken
with a parked car
I smell blood
whiskey and vomit

Larry Blazek

June is...
National Black Music Month
Fresh Fruits and Vegetables Month
Cat Month
National Papaya Month
Zoo and Aquarium Month
Rivers Month
June Dairy Month
Safe Driver's Month
June is Turkey Lover's Month
National Rose Month

Wednesday, June 1

Marilyn Monroe's Birthday
International Children's Day, China
Madaraka Day, Kenya

Thursday, June 2

Corpus Christi
Career Nurse Assistants Day

Friday, June 3

Donut Day

Saturday, June 4

Revolution Day, Ghana

there i sit

there I sit

I sit alone
separated
isolated
away from my only love
my obsession

I pull out
a fountain pen

I look
at the lines
the contours
of his face

defining
the piercing
eyes
the pointed
nose
the tender
lips

I feverishly
draw
I sketch
I capture
his image

I stare
I gaze
I memorize his every detail
but he never looks back

so I will draw
until my
fountain pen
runs dry

Janet Kuypers

June 5-11, 1994

Sunday, June 5

Constitution Day, Denmark
Mother's Peace Day
National Yo-Yo Day
National Safe Boating Week
Teacher "Thank You" Week

Monday, June 6

Bank Holiday (Republic of Ireland)
Memorial Day, S. Korea
Queen's Birthday, New Zealand
National Bathroom Reading Week

Tuesday, June 7

Wednesday, June 8

Thursday, June 9

Donald Duck's Birthday

Friday, June 10

Arab Revolt and Army Day, Jordan
Portugal Day, Portugal
Judy Garland's Birthday
Muslim New Year

Saturday, June 11

children's art from the war zone

images of death
flight and
loss in lollipop
trees. Dark
lumpy clouds
rain down black
lightning bolts
and red tears.
Men cast into
skinny blue
streams, come
up with cheer
ful smiling
fish. Where
butterflies
flutter near a
drawing of
fires, bombs
in hair, Jasmin
draws doves, a
roof topped
with flames

Lyn Lifshin

June 12-18, 1994

Sunday, June 12

Interracial Marriage Day

Children's Day
Independence Day, Phillipines

Monday, June 13

Race Unity Day
National Little League Baseball Week
Dragon Boat Festival, China, Hong Kong
Reaffirmation of Argentine Rights over the Malvinas Islands,
Argentina

Tuesday, June 14

Flag Day

Wednesday, June 15

Magna Carta Day

Thursday, June 16

First woman in space - 1963

Friday, June 17

National Day, Ireland
Night of the Midnight Sun

Saturday, June 18

First American Woman in space (Sally Ride) - 1983

National Juggling Day

other horizons

When he had a choice
he'd choose rooms with no view.
Wanted walls
wished for no vistas or mtns.
valleys, sunsets in the west.
Oceans beyond that glass
made him sad. He'd see dreams
of officework bustle
computer terminals setting
everything in order
calling up forms
to add the new data.
Yes, nods congratulations
from the boss. But no ...
same old grind, pigeonholed
- nighttime entertainer.

Paul Weinman

June 19-25, 1994

Sunday, June 19

Father's Day

Monday, June 20

Flag Day, Argentina

Tuesday, June 21

Cat Stevens was born today in 1947.
Summer Solstice
Cancer, the crab, to 7/22

Wednesday, June 22

Summer begins today
Children's Day
Cindi Lauper,
George Clinton and Lindsay Wagner share this birthdate together.

Thursday, June 23

Midsummer Night's Eve, Latvia
National Holiday, Luxembourg
Victoria Day, Estonia

Friday, June 24

Midsummer, Estonia
Midsummer Eve, Finland

Saturday, June 25

Korean War starts in 1950

George Michael was born today in 1963
Midsummer Day, Finland, Sweden

negative perspiration

the man on the
tv commercial
declares:

“when a woman
sweats,

she’s just,

not,

YOU know,

SEXY...”

this man

(and i use
the term
loosely)

has obviously
never

MADE

a woman sweat.

C Ra McGuirt

June 26-30, 1994

Sunday, June 26

Mick Jagger was born today in 1943
Freedom Week

Monday, June 27

National Happy Birthday Day

Tuesday, June 28

Wednesday, June 29

St. Peter and St. Paul Day, Chile

Thursday, June 30

white knuckled

The hot air was sticking
to her skin almost pulling
tugging at her very
flesh as she walked
outside down the
stairs from the train
station. Just then a
breeze hot and
sticky hit her
in just the wrong
way, brushed against her
lower neck, and she
felt his breath again,
not his breath
when he raped
her, but his stench
hot rank
when he was
just close to her.
Her breath quickened,
like the catch of her
breath when she has
just stopped
crying. All the emotion
is still there not
going away. She
walks to the bottom
of the stairs, railing
white-knuckled by her
small tender hands,
the hands of a child,
and that ninety degree
breeze suddenly
gives her a
chill. They say when
you get a chill it means
a goose walked
over your grave.
She knows better. She knows
that it is him
walking, and that
he trapped that child in
that grave

Janet Kuypers

July 1-2, 1994

July is...

July Belongs to Blueberries Month
National Baked Bean Month
National Hot Dog Month
Anti-Boredom Month
National Ice Cream Month
National Picnic Month

notes

Friday, July 1

Canada Day (Canada)

Anniversary of the Founding of the Communist Party, China

Saturday, July 2

Civil Rights Act - 1964
President Garfield shot 1881

terror

you wake up
to a dream of
chomping into a
sandwich minutes
before going
on stage and
not a tooth
but a chunk of
your jowl comes
out with it
louder than
pipes that
clank and clang
a warning
that something
worse than
you want to
know is happen
ing a road
sign to what
could be ahead
like biopsies

Lyn Lifshin

July 3-9, 1994

Sunday, July 3

Monday, July 4

Independence Day

Phillipine/American Friendship Day, Phillipines
Louis Armstrong's Birthday

Tuesday, July 5

Clean up the fireworks from your backyard day

Wednesday, July 6

Thursday, July 7

Friday, July 8

Saturday, July 9

Independence Day, Argentina

equal time

Changing diapers,
Scouring pots,
Doing laundry,
Bathing tots.
Making lunches,
Going shopping,
Washing, ironing,
Scrubbing, mopping.
Carpooling, cooking,
Mending, sewing,
Straightening, cleaning,
Weeding, mowing.
Endless chores
From sun to sun, a
Househusband's work
Is never done.

Pearl Mary Wilshaw

July 10-16, 1994

Sunday, July 10

Monday, July 11

Tuesday, July 12

Battle of Boyne Bank Holiday (N. Ireland)

Wednesday, July 13

Irish Orangeman's Day

Thursday, July 14

Bastille Day
La Fête Nationale, France

Friday, July 15

Saturday, July 16

1945 - first A-bomb test

Man's First Moon Landing - Apollo II

love rider

Love is a bicycle, yeah,
love is a bicycle
it goes round and round
and if you don't go too fast
you get somewhere
and it can last and last
and never use no gas
Love is a bicycle, yeah

Love is a clean shirt, yeah
love is a clean shirt
it wraps itself around you
it makes you feel good and clean
if you're very careful
it will never lose its sheen
and if it does
just wash it again
Love is a clean shirt, yeah

Larry Blazek

July 17-23, 1994

Sunday, July 17

Constitution Day, S. Korea

Monday, July 18

Tuesday, July 19

Women's Convention anniversary - 1848

Wednesday, July 20

Moon Walk Day

Thursday, July 21

National Women's Hall of Fame dedicated - 1979

Friday, July 22

Independence Day, Belgium

Pied Piper of Hamelin Day

Saturday, July 23

Leo, the lion, to 8/22

writing your name

I sat there
in the shade
I took
a stick
I wrote
your name
in the ground
preacher says
the #1 sin
is lust
then I am
condemned
to Hell
for
I
want
you
and I
don't care
what
preacher says
for if
the elements
wash away
your name
tonight
I will
be back
tomorrow
to write it
again

Janet Kuypers

July 24-31, 1994

Sunday, July 24

Pioneer Day (in Utah)
America's first opinion poll
predicted the winner of the 1824
presidential election. Did they
predict Clay, Adams or Jackson?

Monday, July 25

Tuesday, July 26

Wednesday, July 27

Thursday, July 28

WWI began - 1914

Friday, July 29

Saturday/Sunday, July 30-31

dad's transition

At first - glad to see him
because she missed him:
why she opened up the coffin
to take a look at dad. Mom
looked too - made sure
he wore his wedding ring.

Funeral home helped raise the
lid - proud of its work:
eyelids sewed shut, neat;
hands symmetrically folded.

He looks so rested, so
relaxed, they said -
ten years younger.
Nice suit you picked, said
Aunt - wonder if he's got his
shoes on where we can't see.
Later - glad she didn't touch
his face; just poked his wig.
Dad's first night underground -

was it anything like the
first day home from the
hospital with a new baby:
sense of forever, a fate.

Mary Winters

August 1-6, 1994

Beauty Queen Week
International Clown Week

Monday, August 1

Summer Bank Holiday, Ireland, UK
Civic Holiday, Canada
National Day, Switzerland
Jerry Garcia born, 1942

Anniversary of the
Founding of the People's
Liberation Army, China

Tuesday, August 2

Wednesday, August 3

Thursday, August 4

Friday, August 5

National Mustard Day

Saturday, August 6

Lucille Ball's Birthday

invidia adducti

(from the Seven Deadly Sins Series: Envy)

Wet, wet, the season of the fish, when she
First netted his fresh jealousy, wore it
Out, flapping helplessly against her like a
New winter coat, 'til it became a tight fit,
Constricted every move, watched and weighed
Her - cock-eyed, so misjudging - but still sold
Back to her for much, much more than it was worth.

Linda Ann Loschiavo

August 7-13, 1994

Sunday, August 7

American Family Day
Summer is halfway today at 10:33 p.m.

Monday, August 8

Elvis Presley Tribute Week
Garfield the cat's friend Odie is 16 today

Tuesday, August 9

National Day, Singapore

Wednesday, August 10

Thursday, August 11

Watts riots anniversary - 1965
Armed Forces Day, Zimbabwe
King Hussein's Accession to the throne, Jordan

Friday, August 12

Heroe's Day, Zimbabwe

The Queen's Birthday, Thailand

Saturday, August 13

Middle Children's Day
Annie Oakley's Birthday

ouroboros

I have felt the slap of a hand
across my smile
the snap of a belt
wherever it landed at random
and my hair tight in fists
void the passion of lust
I have heard the words
that last a lifetime
who I am and what
I have given love in confusion
I have taken less in search
and taken vengence
on too many to justify

Cheryl Townsend

August 14-20, 1994

Sunday, August 14

Victory Day (in Rhode Island)

National Aviation Week
Family Day

Monday, August 15

Feast of the Assumption
General San Martin Day, Argentina
Independence Day, India
Liberation Day, S. Korea
25th anniversary of the Woodstock concert

Tuesday, August 16

Bukowski born today in 1920

Elvis passed away today in 1979
Madonna's and Michael Jackson's Birthdays

Wednesday, August 17

Thursday, August 18

Women's Voting Rights Day

Bad Poetry Day

Friday, August 19

National Aviation Day
Hawaii's 35th anniversary

Saturday, August 20

St. Stephen's Day, Hungary

black water lily

The flower of injustice
grows best
on the side of tyranny
that lapps the shore
of the isle
consisting of the defiled
and rotting remains of innocents
deceived, disarmed, shot in the back, and piled.
Americans, take no pride
What have you done to stem this tide?
The Nazi, dictator, and Communist
foul deeds turn our stomachs
in disgust
gaze upon
an Indian reservation
19th century massacre
present indignation
They came here
They learned from us

Larry Blazek

August 21-27, 1994

Sunday, August 21

Count Basie was born today in 1904

Monday, August 22

Tuesday, August 23

Hug your Girlfriend or Boyfriend Day
Virgo, the virgin, to 9-22

Wednesday, August 24

Amelia Earhart became the first woman to
make a non-stop flight across the U.S. today,
1932. She made the trip from Los Angeles to
Newark in 19 hours, 5 minutes.

Thursday, August 25

Elvis Costello was born today in 1954
Kiss-and-Make-Up Day

Friday, August 26

Women's Equality Day

Saturday, August 27

The Saturday Preceding Liberation Day, Hong Kong

in the backwater

the baseball diamond
slips, a few
feet each day
into dark water

like a secret,
mumbled, then
taped over, locked
away. What's

murky creeps
thru sand bags. The
Illinois bubbles
up from bathroom

pipes, finds a
way in like
depression

Lyn Lifshin

August 28-31, 1994

Sunday, August 28

Dream Day

National Heroes Day, Phillipines

Monday, August 29

Late Summer Holiday (UK not Scotland)
Liberation Day, Hong Kong
More Herbs Less Salt Day

Tuesday, August 30

Wednesday, August 31

Van Morrison was born today in 1945

August is...

National Water Quality Month
National Recruitment Month
National Catfish Month
National Canning Month
American Artists Appreciation Month
National Sandwich Month

notes

two years

to the day before
the night i really met you,
i went back
with my new good woman.

we ate and talked and laughed.
i drank
to giddy victory,
and gave a hell of a reading.

i believed it even
after the whiskey wore off.

on the way home, i wept for you.
i can afford to

C Ra McGuirt

September 1-3, 1994

September is...

All American Breakfast Month
Cat Health Month
National Cholesterol Awareness and Education Month
Piano Month
Chicken Month
Courtesy Month
National Rice Month
National Cable T.V. Month
National Honey Month
Library Card Month
Organic Harvest Month

notes

Thursday, September 1

Friday, September 2

Saturday, September 3

WWII began - 1939

National Frisbee Day

tall man

I can feel your presence across the room
a movement a stir

your long shadow stretches across the walls

an occasional glance
I'll take whatever I can take

a stranger
yet I feel I know you all too well

Janet Kuypers

September 4-10, 1994

Sunday, September 4

Father's Day, Australia, New Zealand
National Religious Reference Books Week

Monday, September 5

Labor Day

Tuesday, September 6

First co-ed college started today

First Day of Rosh Hashanah

Wednesday, September 7

Independence Day, Brazil
Grandma Moses' Birthday

Thursday, September 8

Patsy Cline's Birthday
Star Trek Day

Friday, September 9

Saturday, September 10

Teacher's Day, China

Snubs

Coldest shoulder between her and
red-hot myth of married love, tall
tale sung by prankster Beach Boys:
“wouldn’t it be nice...” so
nice if we were married nice

particularly since we would
“sleep together,” but

that’s where everyone’s wrong:
he needs “privacy” to sleep
which means he never ever touches
her in bed except when he itches

itches hoping she’s itching too

then he inches on over scratching
at her heart, her mouth, her...

Then she’s off to the couch:
she needs self-determination
vengeance - “silence” -
to sleep and what can he say

that’s her trump card because
he snores imitating major
appliances plumbing disasters
power tools army aircraft so loud
he wakes himself up laughing

while she hopes that too-short
couch won’t permanently gnarl her
knees in compensation for her
recompense; knees in the morning hot
stiff and aching as if she’d been

kidnapped, buried in a too-small
wooden box underground.

Mary Winters

September 11-17, 1994

Sunday, September 11

Grandparent's Day
National Fragrance Week
National Pet Memorial Day

Monday, September 12

Tuesday, September 13

Wednesday, September 14

Thursday, September 15

Yom Kippur
National Hispanic Heritage Month (9/1-15)

Friday, September 16

Independence Day, Mexico

Saturday, September 17

First black woman to be crowned
Miss America - 1983

Citizenship Day
Constitution Week

she let herself

in with a quiet key dropping all
testaments on his floor and kitchen
counter then made her way through the
darkness concealing loyalty up the stairs
to where he was sleeping in dreams of her
she slid into his sheets like a shroud he
rose to her needing hands she painted his
skin with lust her tongue tasting Eden he
turned aware of who and why grabbing his
when forgetting circumstances as the
intensity grew thicker between them he
lavished her patchouli scenting sex she
pulled him into her void whirlpooled in
sweat and moist wanting he pushed all other
from within her filling again with him alone
she took and took knowing the tomorrow her
cries giving impetus to his search for more
than temporary feeling the desperation wrapped
in her thighs she just wanted it all knowing
it was there for her spontaneity and nothing
more always so perfect to her insistence so
sating to his covet relinquishing knowledge
like sweat dripping into the sheets that
will wash the evidence out of the evening in
some day to come

Cheryl Townsend

September 18-24, 1994

Sunday, September 18

Independence Day, Chile
National Dog Week
National Singles Week
Religious Freedom Week

Monday, September 19

Army Day, Chile
Harvest Moon tonight

Tuesday, September 20

Equal Rights party founded 1884

First Day of Sukkot
Mid Autumn Festival, China, Hong Kong

Wednesday, September 21

First woman confirmed as a
Supreme Court Justice today
Independence Day, Armenia
Thanksgiving Day, Phillipines
American Business Women's Day

Thursday, September 22

Autumn Begins Today

Friday, September 23

Autumnal Equinox

Libra, the scales, through 10-22
National Day, Saudi Arabia

Saturday, September 24

Francis Scott Key Fitzgerald born 1896

Jim Henson's Birthday
National Bluebird of Happiness Day

I can't show mother my new book

my nine year
in the making
new baby when
I did Ariadne's
Thread my mother
read the manuscript
with me in the
only cool green and
fern covered room
downstairs where
I lay for hours
with apricot sours
for pain, my back
throbbing. When
it came out she was
as happy as if it
was a child, except
for the four letter
words she'd have
crossed out, sure
sometimes I'd meet
a man I wanted and
he'd be shocked
at what I did as
glazed trees were
wild and as glistening
these confidences of
others must have
been spread on the
bed in "her" room in
my house but I did
not count on her
approval as much as
not even sure what
she read. I can't
show her the book
with the first piece
about the mother dying
preparations for the
grave with my

mother, now, rarely
getting dressed or
moving a few yards
from her bed. Only a
few years ago she'd
ferret out poems
stuck in or under
boxes until she
could snarl at me,
was that what I
really felt?" Now
she doesn't come
upstairs, sleeps
between pain pills,
eats so little. Even
if this book was a
baby she might
ask its name,
never want to
hold it

lyn lifshin

September 25-30, 1994

Sunday, September 25

Daylight Savings Time ends for
France, Denmark & Germany
National Good Neighbor DAY

Henry Ford announced
in Michigan today in
1926 that the five day
work week would be the
new standard

Monday, September 26

Shamu's Birthday
George Gershwin's Birthday

Tuesday, September 27

Black College Day

Wednesday, September 28

Last Day of Sukkot
Simhat Torah
Confucius' Birthday

Thursday, September 29

Goose Day

Friday, September 30

avitar of despair

Have you ever stood at the edge of a roof
and wonder how it must feel to fall
did you ever stand upon a gallows
and never finish feeling it all
I am Despair
I bring you heartache
I feed you bitter wine
I feel sorrow
when I feel desire
your life is better without mine
I walk in darkness
I dare the lightning
I am terrible to behold
my eyes are empty
and my heart is cold
you'll never melt
my heart with teardrops
those that die young
will never grow old

Larry Blazek

October 1-8, 1994

Saturday/Sunday, October 1, 2

October 2: first black
Supreme Court Justice

10/1: National Day, China
Independence Day, Cyprus
10/2: Birthday of Mahatma Gandhi, India

sworn in - 1967
Minority enterpri:
development week (2

Monday, October 3

National Federation Day, S. Korea
Tag der Deutschen Einheit, Germany
Child Health Day
Francisco Morazan Holiday, Honduras
World Habitat Day

Tuesday, October 4

New Moon
Universal Children's Week
Get Organized Week
Newspaper Week

Wednesday, October 5

Republic Day, Portugal
Tecumseh Death, 1813

Natl. Convention of the American
Businesswomen's Association (5-9)

Thursday, October 6

Missouri Day, Missouri
Armed Forces Day, Egypt
German American Day
Ivy Day, Ireland
Alfred Lord Tennyson Death, 1892

Friday, October 7

Mental Illness Awareness Week
Natl. Spinning & Weaving Week
Natl. Healthcare Food Service Week

Saturday, October 8

Daylight Savings Time begins for Chile
James Earl Carter born 1924
Armed Forces Day, Korea

a stand-off

As the Serbs and Croats
shoot each other, Fat Free
mayonnaise is shipped to Somalia.
The message from the other side
of my Sat. morning bed ...
deals with chronic unemployment.
“Why?” she writes on new tissue.
“Why is it that you can be so hard?”
So difficult to get to discuss
that we didn’t last night?
I think of the Pennant Race
Stock Market’s slow decline.

Paul Weinman

October 9-15, 1994

Sunday, October 9

Fire Prevention Day
White Sunday, American Samoa
Cirio de Nazare, Brazil
Lief Erikson Day, Iceland
Alphabet Day, Korea

John Lennon born 1940

Monday, October 10

Columbus Day (observed)
Thanksgiving Day, Canada
Day of the Discovery of America, Argentina
Moi Day, Kenya

Tuesday, October 11

Daughters of the American
Revolution founded - 1890
this week: Newspaper Week, Metric Week,
Orthopedic Medicine Week,
School Lunch Week, Teen YWCA Week

Wednesday, October 12

Columbus Day, Chile, Mexico
National Holiday, Spain
Our Lady Aparecida's Day, Brazil

Thursday, October 13

Ch'ung Yeung Festival, China

Marie Osmond, Paul Simon (singer) and
Margaret Thatcher born today

Friday, October 14

Edward Estlin Cummings born 1894

Dictionary Day
Bald is Beautiful Day

Saturday, October 15

Sweetest Day
Greenwich Village Poet Laureate Contest Day
White Cane Safety Day

here

something as mysterious
as quarks a pull like
naked charm sets in
changes the air
mysterious as what
happens in houses
where women who live
together a long time
begin to get their
period on the same
day something un
spoken runs from
pillow to pillow may
be while we sleep
like mice in the wall
forms the field of
apples and elderberry
into a sea of glazed
green reflecting
more colors than an
ordinary prism then
the birds come you
drift all day in and
out of yourself
fly until a car churns
up thru the gravel
like lights going on
at the end of a
movie

Lyn Lifshin

October 16-22, 1994

Sunday, October 16

First birth control clinic founded - 1916

Boss' Day
Credit Union Week, Forest Products Week,
Peace with Justice Week, World Food Day

Monday, October 17

Black Poetry Day
National Heroes Day, Jamaica
National Shampoo Week
Getting the World to Beat a Path to Your Door
Week

Tuesday, October 18

Alaska Day (in Alaska)

Persons Day, Canada
St. Luke: Feast Day
Mike Ditka born 1939

Wednesday, October 19

Full Moon
Missouri Day, Missouri
Evaluate Your Life Day

Thursday, October 20

Kenyatta Day, Kenya
Revolution Day, Guatemala
Pioneer Day
Edgar Allen Poe Festival (20-23)

Friday, October 21

National Day, Somalia
Overseas Chinese Day, Taiwan

Saturday, October 22

National Holiday, Holy See
Annette Funicello born 1942

kaleidoscope

If people are hungry
Anywhere in America,
It is clearly their fault
According to right wing radicals;
No rational person
In the fifty states
Accepts such hogwash;
For it is morally obnoxious;
Conscious demands refutation
Of bias so blatant:
Most beneficiaries of food stamps
Are dependent children.

Ora Wilbert Eads

October 23-29, 1994

Sunday, October 23 Anniversary of the Revolution of 1956, Hungary
Chulaongkorn Day, Thailand
Daylight Savings Time ends, UK
Mother-in-Law Day

Monday, October 24 United Nations Day

Mother-in-Law Day
Labour Day, New Zealand

Tuesday, October 25 Geoffrey Chaucer died, 1400
First Female FBI Agent: 1972
Nationla Magic Week
Sourest Day
Retrocession Day, Taiwan

Wednesday, October 26 National Day, Austria
Mule Day
Horseless Carriage Day
Hillary Rodham Clinton, Pat Sajak and Jaclyn Smith born today

Thursday, October 27 Teddy Roosevelt's Birthday
Nationla Day, Grenadines
Last Quarter
Navy Day

Friday, October 28 National Holiday, Greece
the Erie Canal opened today, 1825

Saturday, October 29 NOW founded - 1966

Stock Market Crash, 1929
National Holiday, Turkey
Wild Foods Day

they called it trust

Do you remember when
it was 1:30 a.m. one rainy night
and you asked me what
I wanted to do?
I told you that I wanted
to take a bottle of champagne,
climb on to the roof of your house
and toast in the pouring rain.

You asked me why I said that.
I shrugged my shoulders flippantly
and said that it was something to do.
But I was testing you.
I was afraid to ask
if you would follow me
when I told you to trust me.

And that is why I trusted you
when you poured the champagne
and kissed my wet skin

Janet Kuypers

October 30-31, 1994

Sunday, October 30

Mischief Night
Daylight Savings Time Ends
National Infertility Awareness Week
Reformation Sunday

Monday, October 31

Halloween
Bank Holiday, Ireland
Daylight Savings Time ends in Kenya
Reformationstag, Germany
Reformation Day

UNICEF Day

October is...

Youth Against Tobacco Month	Gourmet Adventures Month
Breast Cancer Awareness Month	Lupus Awareness Month
Family History Month	National Clock Month
Energy Awareness Month	National Liver Awareness Month
International Microwave Month	National Pizza Month
Co-Op Awareness Month	National Car Care Month
Festival of Penha Month (Brazil)	National Pasta Month
National Dessert Month	Computer Learning Month
National Kitchen and Bath Month	Popcorn Month
Adopt-A-Shelter-Dog Month	Seafood Month
National Apple Jack Month	Consumer Information Month
National Book Fair Month	National SIDS Awareness Month
National Dental Hygiene Month	National AIDS Awareness Month
Domestic Violence Awareness Month	National Sarcastics Awareness Month
Depression and Education Awareness Month	Polish American Heritage Month
Disability Employment Awareness Month	Spinal Health Month
Campaign for Healthier Babies Month	Vegetarian Awareness Month
	International Association of Culinary Professionals' Cookbook Month

It's been six years
since i was in Tuscany
with Livia and Domitilla
and all the wild boars
we could trap and radio collar.
In that March eighth
the neighbor brought armfuls
of bright yellow flowers
for International Women's Day.
Livia and Domi went out
while i stayed behind,
divided my day between
chopping wood
and the basement full
of wild boar skulls soaking
in chemicals which soften
the remaining flesh
so it can be scraped away.
It was slow work
and I am still doing it,
scraping down to the bones,
assessing what's left,
trying to keep warm.

Ellie Schoenfeld

Tuesday, November 1

Black Solidarity Day

All Saints Day

Standard Time begins today

Day of the Dead, Mexico

President's State of the Nation Message, Mexico

Wednesday, November 2

All Souls Day

Day of the Dead, Mexico

Thursday, November 3

Sandwich Day

Friday, November 4

First Female Governor elected (1924)

Saturday, November 5

All Saints Day, Finland, Sweden

hotel

translation: Guillaume Apollinaire

My room has the form of a cage

The sun puts his arm through the window

But I who wish to smoke to make mirages

Light my cigarette with fire from the day

I don't wish to work I wish to smoke

*Ma Chambre a la forme d'une cage
Le soleil passe son bras par la fenetre
Mais moi qui veux fumer pour faire des mirages
J'allume au feu du jour ma cigarette
Je ne veux pas travailler je veux fumer*

Joanne Seltzer

November 6-12, 1994

Sunday, November 6

National Women Veterans
Recognition Week (6-12)

Hug-a-Bear Sunday
Saxophone Day

Monday, November 7

First woman elected to Congress - 1916

National Solidarity Day, Bangladesh

Tuesday, November 8

Election Day

Wednesday, November 9

Thursday, November 10

Birthday of Gurunanak, India
Marine Corps 219th Anniversary

Friday, November 11

Veteran's Day

Remembrance Day, Australia, Canada
Armistice Day, Belgium, France
God Bless America Day

Saturday, November 12

Lana's dream

I recorded this almost as if from an interview after I'd talked with Lana, age seven, a student in one of my reading groups. She was very anxious to tell me about her after-recurring dream. Her mother Cathy died just the year before in a fiery Pinto crash. Here is the exact substance of what she said:

Dream, oh persistent dream
will you return again tonight?
The darkness comes back longer and blacker still.
Mother, I see you drift like an aura
into my bedroom and ask
"Why are you crying, Lana?"

Yes, I thought I'd been awakened
by my own tears when you came again.
"What's wrong, Lana, what's wrong?"
Your voice seemed so harsh.
Then as it woke me up I saw my father
standing beside my bed, concerned, comforting.

Then I'm flying high above the earth
in a small, open airplane.
Suddenly it's being shot at repeatedly.
I can feel the hot bullets so close to my skin.
It explodes. The flames are
a bright yellow ball all around me.

Now I'm falling faster, faster.
The pressure of the air feels like dying itself.
I look down and I see my own funeral.
I'm fixed upon my open grave.

Flowers are everywhere, bright-colored
living blossoms surrounding the casket.
The mourners are standing there
everywhere around.

All of a sudden a hawk dives down at me
picks me up with a jerk
carries me higher and then drops me.
Now it has become a huge bat
that throws me hard, back into my bed.

In its mouth is a shiny fish.
The bat slaps it down onto my bed.
Its cold fin scrapes my skin.

I escape across my bedroom
to hid in a dark corner of the closet.
The fish has turned into a ghost
puffing up gray-white, almost filling the room
high up to the ceiling.
It forces me to come out of the closet
after suddenly popping inside it
with a booming "BOO!"

Then I drift back into my bed
and sliding underneath my bedsheets
begin to cry softly.
The night is even more completely black.
Oh Mother, I can hear you asking again
"Why are you crying Lana?
What's wrong, what's wrong?"

Jim DeWitt

November 13-19, 1994

Sunday, November 13

First black mayor of a
major U.S. city elected 1967

Monday, November 14

King Hussein's Birthday, Jordan
American Education Week

Tuesday, November 15

Proclamation of the Republic, Brazil

Wednesday, November 16

Louis Glass installed the first
jukebox this date in 1889. It
had four listening tubes
controlled by a separate
nickel in the slot device.

Buß-und Bettag, Germany

Thursday, November 17

Homemade Bread Day

Friday, November 18

Independence Day, Latvia
Mickey Mouse's Birthday

Saturday, November 19

patterns

Each time I looked in the mirror
I saw
your face
haunting me, your words
echoing
all around me

I tried to erase
your memory by
pounding on the glass
But only the mirror
changed
It cracked - creating
a giant web
like the one
of deceit you
built all around
me

Spent and bleeding
I walked away
knowing that
it will never
change

Sandra K.

November 20-26, 1994

Sunday, November 20 Anniversary of the Revolution of 1910, Mexico
National Bible Sunday
National Bible Week

Monday, November 21 World Hello Day

Tuesday, November 22 President Kennedy assassinated - 1963

Wednesday, November 2 Sagittarius, the Archer, to 12-21

Thursday, November 24 Thanksgiving Day

Friday, November 25 Black Friday

Saturday, November 26

mint leaves at yaddo

In frosty glasses of
tea. Here, iced
tea is what we
make waiting for

death with this
machine my mother
wanted. Not knowing
if she'd still be

here for her birth-
day we still shopped
madly, bought her
this present for.

For twenty days my
mother shows only
lukewarm interest
in tea, vomits even

water, but I unpack
the plastic, intent
on trying this
sleek device while

my mother, queen
of gadgets,
— even a gun to
demolish flies —

maybe the strangest
thing she got me
can still see the
tall glasses that

seem summery on what
is the longest day.
Soon the light
will go she says,

the days get shorter.
I can't bear, she
murmurs another
winter in Stowe and

I think how different
this isolation is,
this iced tea, this
time that stretches

where little grows
as it did, green
as that mint except
my mother, smaller,

more distant, gaunt

Lyn Lifshin

November 27-30, 1994

Sunday, November 27

Monday, November 28

First Day of Hanukkah

Tuesday, November 29

Wednesday, November 30

Mark Twain born 1835

Bonifacio Day, Philippines
St. Andrew's Day

November is...

Hunger Education Month
National Aviation History Month
Child Safety Month
Jewish Book Month
Good Nutrition Month
National Hospice Month

notes

motorcycle

you scared me. but i liked it.
i remember sitting behind you
on your motorcycle. i think
my fingers shook as i held your waist.
and i remember looking at my head
on your shoulder in the rear-view mirror.
and i smiled, because it was your shoulder.
as i felt more comfortable with you,
i moved my head closer
to your neck, smelled your cologne,
felt the warmth radiate from your skin.

you scared me. i clenched
your waist every time
i thought you should have used the brakes.
but i still sat behind you. besides,
it was a good excuse
to hold on to you.

Janet Kuypers

December 1-3, 1994

December is...
Holidays are Pickle Days
Universal Human Rights Month
Bingo Month

notes

Thursday, December 1

Rosa Parks Day

Independence Day, Portugal

First black woman
to edit a major
newspaper - 1992

Friday, December 2

Saturday, December 3

the brutal muse

i am a poet
sick of poetry

less words
more love

is what i
need

i moan

like some
recalcitrant
virgin:

you promised
to only
stick it
a little
ways...

C Ra McGuirt

December 4-10, 1994

Sunday, December 4

Civil Rights week (4-10)

Monday, December 5

Last Day of Hanukkah
The King's Birthday, Thailand

Tuesday, December 6

St. Nicholas' Day
Constitution Day, Spain
Independence Day, Finland

Wednesday, December 7

Pearl Harbor Day

Thursday, December 8 Immaculate Conception (Christian Holy Day)

Friday, December 9

Saturday, December 10

Toys For Tots 47th Anniversary
Constitution Day, Thailand
Human Rights Day
Emily Elizabeth Dickinson born, 1830
Nobel prize ceremonies today

exerpts from a fight for air

II. Buried World

The Great River
plains desert
Red Rock Red River
Gulf of Mexico
deltas bayous hill country
conscribe an end and a beginning, leading
from these years this journey back
to nineteen sixty-one
Dallas: blotch concrete spread out on the plains.

We'd come to Texas thirteen years before
in a slope-back forties Ford.
I was eleven then.

We'd pass through Erie, Kentucky, Delta States
to arid, fissured land and bottomland and floods
to dying apple trees.

Then summertimes
and othertimes
Dad took us with him one by one
to get to know us
on his travels through his Southwest territory,
him talking brakelinings for a Firestone subsidiary
company that let him go not long before he died
in a chaos of fear
and pain he said was not like pain
but was pulling him apart.

Edward Mycue

December 11-17, 1994

Sunday, December 11

Monday, December 12

Jamhuri Day, Kenya
Our Lady of Guadalupe Day, Mexico
Virgin Mary Day, Argentina
Poinsettia Day

First came roadside cabins
and tourist camps. But today
in 1924 the first motel - the
Motel Inn - was opened in
Obispo, California.

Tuesday, December 13

Susan B. Anthony dollar coined - 1978

St. Lucy's Day

Wednesday, December 14

Thursday, December 15

Bill of Rights Day

Friday, December 16

Victory Day, Bangladesh
Boston Tea Party Anniversary

Saturday, December 17

voyeur

the cigarette looked good
between her fingers like a
firm cock between two legs
she put it to her lips
taking in long deep drags
of its burning satiety
and he watched her as
she enjoyed her habit
across the alley way
window to window level
darkness surrounded him
like her perfume if she was
there his hand like her lips
enjoying each hot drag
taking it in
letting it out

Cheryl Townsend

December 18-24, 1994

Sunday, December 18

Monday, December 19

Tuesday, December 20

Wednesday, December 21

Forefather's Day
Humbug Day
National Flashlight Day
Longest night of the year

Thursday, December 22

Winter Solstice
Capricorn, the goat, to 1-19

Friday, December 23

Saturday, December 24

run frantically to the store day

dream of the harassers

They start off, after
I'd smiled or said,
"maybe," or wrote
"promising" on an essay

First the call, then
the gift, roses on the
stoop like some
abandoned baby. Some

times they even
slam against the door,
lulled by booze, are
there, like a Chevrolet

on a pillow camouflaged
by ivy. It takes time
to stumble past them.
I double lock every

car window but they
take that as a lure,
like one who sang 7
hours under a window

as tea steamed, fogged
the glass, howled,
"me thinks the lady
doth protest too much"

and for 12 years
send two to five
letters a day, never
with a return address,

porcelain dolls, mobiles
bad books. Then he squealed
for hours on my phone
mate. Police just

shrugged since he hadn't
actually shot me, except
on the canvas he kept
slashing with paint,

trailing globs thru the
Hilton lobby where I went
to speak on getting a
gallery. He hasn't

stabbed yet, we can't
the police sing, do anything
until. The more locks
I put up the quicker

he's there to try to
jump them unable, to
refuse a challenge,
I guess. Two men shove

the door in, leave
dead bolts dangling.
I hustle people at my
cocktail party out,

the evidence ragged as
a dead elm in the moon.
Isn't this enough, isn't
it what I can use,

can't I get him and
the obscene phone callers
who know my license, my
favorite color shoes

like mud off me?

Lyn Lifshin

December 25-31, 1994

Sunday, December 25

Christmas Day

Monday, December 26

Boxing Day, Canada
Return the gifts you don't like day, U. S.
St. Stephen's Day
Kwanzaa (African-American
Holiday), through December 31.

Tuesday, December 27

Wednesday, December 28

Thursday, December 29

Friday, December 30

Rizal Day, Phillipines

Saturday, December 31

December 31st Revolution, Ghana
Ayn Rand completed The Fountainhead, 1942
New Year's Eve

Have a wonderful new year

photograph, nineteenth century

that woman that picture
the images of beauty and softness
of something that shouldn't be touched
that couldn't work that can't work
the sepia toning oh how ancient
oh the dependency oh the degradation

my mind has been cluttered
society's a bastard

I can't see the women
I see the hat the feather
the adornments of beauty
the preposterous impractical way
she has been made to be seen
and not heard

she's only an image
she was forced with an image
is it a shame is it a sin
and now I've been tainted
with the knowledge of society
with the knowledge of it's motives
and not I can't even see the beauty
I can only see the oppression

"oh, it's not like that anymore" they say
as I wipe the make-up off my eyelids
and wonder who I'm trying to impress

Janet Kuypers

1994

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the serpents and the king of cats

I walk down the sun-bright hill into the field, but not all is as it was. There are poisonous serpents there and I am wearing only shorts and sandals, no defense against their fangs.

On this day there is not shy water moccasin or copperhead, as willing to avoid me as I am them, but countless, writhing multitudes of multi-hued serpents, fangs dripping venom.

I attempt to fight my way back home with a stick; cats come to my rescue, not just the two I keep, but waves of hissing, spitting, ferocious felines, destroying serpents, some with human faces, many perishing in the process. At last I return. I feed the cats some milk.

Larry Blazek

1995

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Monday's Child

Monday's Child is fair of face.
Tuesday's Child is full of grace.
Wednesday's Child is full of woe
Thursday's Child has far to go.
Friday's Child is loving and giving.
Saturday's Child has to work for its living.
But the child that is born on the Sabbath Day
is fair and wise and good and gay.

two story livingroom

is eight steps down from rest of
apartment. You pause at top chin
up back straight staring hard into
middle distance: deliver fallen
consort's funeral oration to sobbing
thousands at Roman Forum even the
bird-hawkers quiet for once or

swoop down fast on tiptoe hoops a-
swing like a fire bell Scarlet O'Hara
escaping naptime at the barbecue
to rendezvous with Ashley in the
library or you imagine last noisy

carom down the stairs you hard-
aging Hollywood star of the 1920's
you can't even pay those young men
any more that last quart of booze
did you in. About that middle

distance: how you love to tease
sweet hoaxable real-life spouse -
today the workers are coming to
put a giant platform in the middle
of the room; sorry if it interferes
with twelve-foot-high bookcases for
Dear's antique medical books ... you'll

have that room for your own even if
it's got to be a box in the air.

Mary Winters

1996

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miscellaneous information

Miscellaneous information:

To find the diameter of a circle multiply the circumference by .31831.

To find the circumference of a circle multiply the diameter by 3.1416.

To find the area of a circle multiply the square of the diameter by .7854.

To find the surface of a ball multiply the square of the diameter by 3.1416.

To find the side of an equal square multiply the diameter by .8862.

To find the cubic inches in a ball multiply the cube of the diameter by .5236.

A gallon of water contain 231 cubic inches and weighs about 8-1/3 pounds.

A cubic foot of water contains 7.5 gallons.

A horse power is equal to raising 33,000 pounds 1 foot per minute.

Steam rising from water at the boiling point (212 degrees F) has a pressure equal to the atmosphere (14.7 pounds to the square inch).

To evaporate 1 gallon of water requires about 1 pound of coal.

scars

Like when the Grossman's German shepherd bit the inside of my knee. I was babysitting two girls and a dog named "Rosco." I remember being pushed to the floor by the dog, I was on my back, kicking, as this dog was gnawing on my leg, and I remember thinking, "I can't believe a dog named Rosco is attacking me." And I was thinking that I had to be strong for those two little girls, who were watching it all. I couldn't cry.

Or when I stepped off Scott's motorcycle at 2:00 a.m. and burned my calf on the exhaust pipe. I was drunk when he was driving and I was careless when I swung my leg over the back. It didn't even hurt when I did it, but the next day it blistered and peeled; it looked inhuman. I had to bandage it for weeks. It hurt like hell.

When I was little, roller skating in my driveway, and I fell. My parents yelled at me, "Did you crack the sidewalk?"

When I was kissing someone, and I scraped my right knee against the wall. Or maybe it was the carpet. When someone asks me what that scar is from, I tell them I fell.

Or when I was riding my bicycle and I fell when my front wheel skidded in the gravel. I had to walk home. Blood was dripping from my elbow to my wrist; I remember thinking that the blood looked thick, but that nothing hurt. I sat on the toilet seat cover while my sister cleaned me up. It was a small bathroom. I felt like the walls could have fallen in on me at any time. Years later, and I can still see the dirt under my skin on my elbows.

Or when I was five years old and my dad called me an ass-hole because I made a mess in the living room. I didn't.

Like when I scratched my chin when I had the chicken pox.

Janet Kuypers

helpful information

Anniversary symbols

	<i>Traditional</i>	<i>Modern</i>	
1st	paper	clocks	1st
2nd	cotton	china	2nd
3rd	leather	crystal, glass	3rd
4th	books	electrical appliances	4th
5th	wood	silverware	5th
6th	sugar, candy	wood	6th
7th	wool, copper	desk sets	7th
8th	bronze, pottery	linens, laces	8th
9th	pottery, willow	leather	9th
10th	tin, aluminum	diamond jewelry	10th
11th	steel	fashion jewelry	11th
12th	silk, linen	pearls, colored gems	12th
13th	lace	textiles, furs	13th
14th	ivory	gold jewelry	14th
15th	crystal	watches	15th
20th	china	platinum	20th
25th	silver	silver	25th
30th	pearl	diamond	30th
35th	coral	jade	35th
40th	ruby	ruby	40th
45th	sapphire	sapphire	45th
50th	gold	gold	50th
55th	emerald	emerald	55th
60th	diamond	diamond	60th
75th	diamond	diamond	75th

Birthstones

<i>month</i>	<i>Ancient</i>	<i>Modern</i>
January	Garnet	Garnet
February	Amethyst	Amethyst
March	Jasper	Bloodstone or Aquamarine
April	Sapphire	Diamond
May	Agate	Emerald
June	Emerald	Pearl, Moonstone or Alexandrite
July	Onyx	Ruby
August	Carnelian	Sardonyx, Peridot or Ruby
September	Chrysolite	Sapphire
October	Aquamarine	Opal or Tourmaline
November	Topaz	Topaz
December	Ruby	Turquoise or Zircon

dogwood

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i wish you'd come to the country
with me yesterday

the ride was pink and white and
green

brother larry made bread with
daughter moon

there will never be another day
exactly like that

C Ra McGuirt

conversions

weights and measures and metric equivalents

AVOIRDUPOIS WEIGHT	
27 11/32 grains	1 dram
16 drams	1 ounce
25 pounds	1 quarter
4 quarters	1 cwt.
2,000 pounds	1 short ton
2,240 pounds	1 long ton
DRY MEASURE	
2 pints	1 quart
8 quarts	1 peck
4 pecks = 1 bushel = 1.2445 cu. ft.	
36 bushels	1 chaldron
1 heaped bush.	1-1/4 struck bush.
LIQUID MEASURE	
8 gills = 2 pints = 1 quart	
4 quarts	1 gallon
31 1/2 gallons	1 barrel
2 barrels	1 hogshead
LONG MEASURE	
36 inches = 3 feet = 1 yard	
5 1/2 yards	1 rod
40 rods	1 furlong
1 furlong	220 yards
8 furlongs = 80 chains = 1 sq. mile	
1 chain=4 rods = 22 yards=100 links	
1 link	7.92 inches
CUBIC MEASURE	
1.728 cu. in.	1 cubic foot
27 cu. feet	1 cubic yard
128 cu. feet	1 cord (wood)
40 cu. feet	1 ton (shipping)
231 cu. in.	1 U.S. gallon
1 cu. foot	about 4/5 bushel
MARINER'S MEASURE	
6 feet	1 fathom
120 fathoms	1 cable length
7 1/3 cable lengths	1 mile
5,280 feet	1 statute mile
6,080.2 feet	1 nautical mile
CIRCULAR & ANGULAR	
60 seconds	1 minute
60 minutes	1 degree
360 degrees	1 circumference

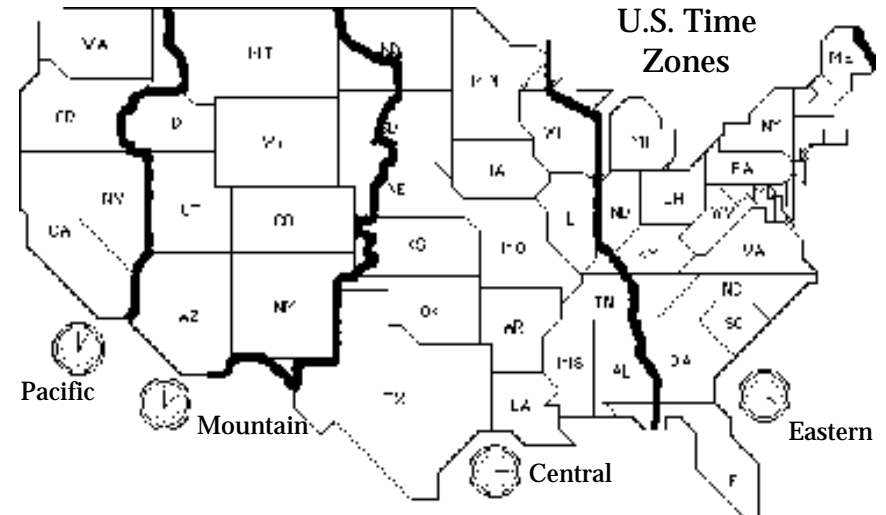
METRIC LENGTH	
1 centimeter	.394 inches
1 inch	2.54 centimeters
1 meter	3.281 feet
1 foot	.35 meters
1 meter	1.0936 yards
1 kilometer	.6214 mile
1 mile	1.6094 kilometers
METRIC SQUARES	
1 sq. cm	.155 sq. in.
1 sq. inch	6.452 sq. cm
1 sq. meter	10.764 sq. feet
1 sq. foot	.0929 sq. meters
1 sq. meter	1.196 sq. yards
1 sq. yard	.8362 sq. meters
1 sq. km	.386 sq. mile
1 sq. mile	2.59 sq. km
1 sq. mile	640 acres
100 acres	1 hectare
100 hectares	1 sq. kilometer
acre = square with a side of 208.7 ft.	
METRIC VOLUMES	
1 cu. cm	.061 cu. in.
1 cu. in.	16.39 cu. cm
1 cu. meter	35.314 cu. feet
1 cu. foot	.02832 cu. meters
1 cu. meter	1.308 cu. yards
1 cu. yard	.7646 cu. meters
1 liter (dry)	.908 quart
1 quart (dry)	1.101 liters
1 liter (liquid)	1.0567 quarts
1 quart (liquid)	.9463 liters
1 US gallon	3.785 liters
1 liter (liquid)	.264 US gallon
10 deciliters	1 liter
1 liter: the volume of 1 kilogram of pure water at 39.2 degrees F.	
METRIC WEIGHTS	
1 gram	.03527 ounce
1 ounce	28.35 grams
1 kilogram	2.2046 pounds
1 pound	.4536 kilograms
10 grams	1 decagram
10 decagrams	1 hectogram
10 hectograms	1 kilogram
1000 kilograms	1 metric ton

dream girl

I need a woman as fine
as a motorbike
a hard, fast woman
like a motorbike
Won't quit on me
if I treat her right
if I had a woman
as fine
as a motorbike
that would be alright

Larry Blazek

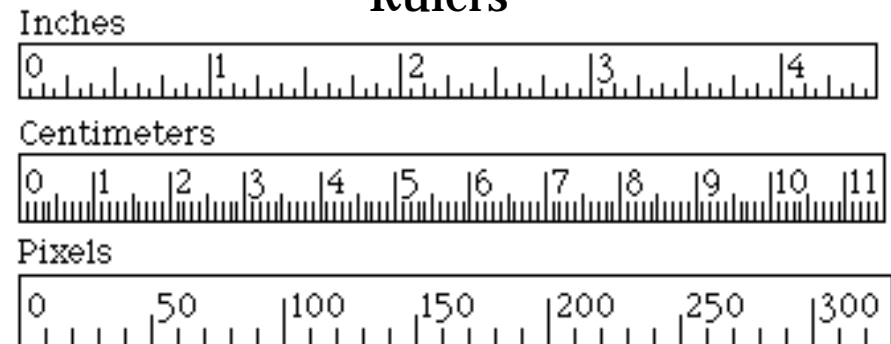
time zones, postal sizes, rulers



stationery guidelines for postcards and letterhead

FOR POSTCARDS		FOR LETTERHEAD	
First class rate	Postcard rate	Commercial	8-1/2 x 11
8-1/2 x 11	4-1/4 x 6, max. size	Monarch	7-1/4 x 10-1/2
8 x 10, photoprint	4 x 6, file	Note	6 x 9
6 x 9, file	3-1/2 x 5-1/2, standard		and 4 x 5-1/2
5 x 8, file	3-1/4 x 5-1/2, postal	Memo	5-1/2 x 8-1/2
5 x 7, photoprint	3 x 5, file	Billhead	8-1/2 x 7-3/4
5-1/2 x 7, photoprint	3 x 4-1/2, min. size	Professional	8-1/2 x 7-1/4
		Society	5-3/8 x 6-7/8
		Social	5 x 6-1/2

Rulers



"addict"

i was sitting in the front seat of lisa's car, i can't remember if it was a rental or her dad's car. my face and chest were sunburnt, i could feel the top layer of my skin burning. i was wearing a peach shirt with a mini-skirt; i remember that i always had to dress up when i was with her, men always thought she was prettier. i was sitting in the front seat, it was night, lisa was driving, she just finished putting on her burgundy lipstick with her rear-view mirror and she lit a virginia slims menthol with the car lighter. my father always hated her. we parked in front of some strip store, probably off davis boulevard, and david was getting out the back so he could buy a pack of cigarettes, too. marlboro lights. they were the closest thing to those french canadian things he smoked. the ones where the box held two rows of ten instead of two of seven and one of six. the ones that were shorter than marlboros. when he got out of the car, i asked lisa what was wrong with david. he usually loved any opportunity to get out of the mobile home park. but the whole car ride he barely spoke. so lisa said that david was going through withdrawal, that he had no cocaine this vacation and he's got the shakes or something. i don't know if it was the shakes; whatever you get when you stop taking coke, that was happening to him. and i was mad because he never told me, and i was mad because he was fucked up from the stuff in the first place. and i had to act like i knew nothing when he got back in the car.

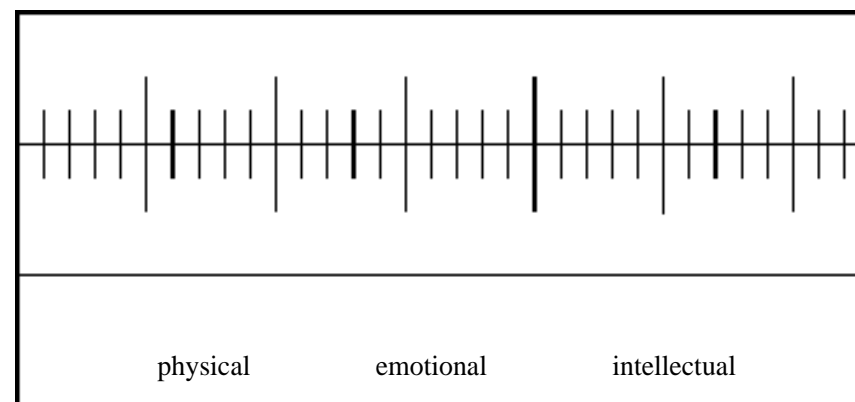
Janet Kuypers

horoscopes, biorhythms

horoscope dates	Aquarius	January 20	February 18
	Pisces	February 19	March 20
	Aries	March 21	April 19
	Taurus	April 20	May 20
	Gemini	May 21	June 21
	Cancer	June 22	July 22
	Leo	July 23	August 22
	Virgo	August 23	September 22
	Libra	September 23	October 23
	Scorpio	October 24	November 21
	Sagittarius	November 22	December 21
	Capricorn	December 22	January 19

To Calculate your Biorhythm:

1. Calculate the number of days you have lived today (remember leap years).
2. For the three cycles: physical 23(days)
emotional 28(days) intellectual 33(days)
divide the number of days you have been living by each of those numbers. The **remainder** will tell you the number of days into each cycle you are.
3. Draw a cycle line for each of the different cycles (preferably in different colors or line patterns, so more distinguishable), on a graph like this:



4. Mark the 3 numbers on the appropriate cycle lines on the appropriate days.
5. Critical points are the days the cycle lines cross the base line, high days are at the top of each curve, and low days are at the bottom of each curve.

that July

something under
skin crunched and
frizzled so it
seemed someone
else was inside.
People turned a
way as they do
those who've
survived some
explosion, lost
their face only
go out at night,
My mother and I
drank apricot
sours, all that
wld stop the pain
as ants bloomed
in the hot nights
and after lying
flat as long as
I could I brought
the manuscripts
that were howling
all the summer,
diaries we read
of the woman who
only wrote when
she left her body

as lightning bugs
grazed screens
and damp walnut
leaves huge as
palms shook
where squirrels
tore the pale
nuts from them,
like survivors
who, laughing,
wash their hair
in underground
streams

Lyn Lifshin

Chinese horoscope

Pig 1947 1959 1971 1983

You are a splendid companion, an intellectual with a strong need to set difficult goals and carry them out. You are sincere, tolerant, and honest but by expecting the same from others, you are very naive. Your quest for material good could be your downfall. You would be best as an entertainer, or possibly a lawyer.

Dog 1946 1958 1970 1982

The dog will never let you down. You are honest and faithful to those you love. You are plagued by constant worry, a sharp tongue, and a tendency to be a fault-finder. However, you would be a good businessperson, activist, teacher or secret agent.

Rooster 1957 1969 1981 1993

You are hard working; you are shrewd and definite in decision-making, speaking your mind. But this makes you seem boastful to others. You're a dreamer, flashy dresser, and extravagant to an extreme. You could be a restaurant owner, publicist, word traveler or soldier.

Monkey 1956 1968 1980 1992

You're a very intelligent and very clever wit. You are always well-liked, but you must guard against being an opportunist and distrustful of other people. Your sign promises success in any field you try.

Goat 1955 1967 1979 1991

Except of always getting off on the wrong foot with people, you can be charming company. You're elegant and artistic but the first to complain. Put aside your pessimism and try to worry less about material things. You would be best as an actor, gardener or beachcomber.

Horse 1954 1966 1978 1990

Your capacity for hard work is amazing. You're intelligent, independent and friendly, but you have a strong streak of selfishness and sharp cunning and should guard against being egotistical. Your sign suggests success as an adventurer, scientist, poet or politician.

run away

Tom Sawyer and Huck Finn
acted demise: hid on a
river island, snuck into
church for their wake -

saw Tom's aunt cry, the
Widow Douglas in tears -
before the lickings. To

pretend one's own death -
you want something
invisible to
do with your body:

trip to far South or
far North; head to toe a
new look if you want to

watch them drag the
river for your body or
hear your own eulogy
(the boy's final fillip).

Suicide goes too far.
What you'd like to
scream at a friend:

why didn't you
buy the gun,
write the note, then
run away.

Mary Winters

Chinese horoscope

Snake 1953 1965 1977 1989

Rich in wisdom and charm, you're romantic and deep thinking and your intuition guides you strongly. Avoid procrastination and your stingy attitude toward money. Keep your sense of humor about life. You're content as a teacher, philosopher, writer, psychiatrist, and fortune teller.

Dragon 1952 1964 1976 1988

Full of vitality and enthusiasm, you're a popular individual even though you can be foolhardy and a "big mouth." You're intelligent, gifted and a perfectionist, but these qualities make you demanding on others. You could be an artist, priest or politician.

Rabbit 1951 1963 1975 1987

You're the kind of person people like to be around - affectionate, obliging, always pleasant. You have a tendency, though, to get too sentimental and seem superficial. Cautious and conservative, you successful in the business world but would also make a good lawyer, diplomat or actor.

Tiger 1950 1962 1974 1986

You're sensitive, emotional, and capable of great love. However, you have a tendency to get carried away and be stubborn; often seen as a "hothead" or a rebel. You'd be excellent as a boss, explorer, race car driver, or matador.

Buffalo 1949 1961 1973 1985

A born leader, you inspire confidence from all. You're conservative, methodical and good with your hands. Guard against being chauvinistic and always demanding your own way. You'd be good as a skilled surgeon, general or hairdresser.

Rat 1948 1960 1972 1984

You're imaginative, charming and truly generous to the one you love. However, you have a tendency to be quick tempered and overly critical. You're also somewhat of an opportunist. You'd be happy in sales or as a writer, critic or publicist.

The Chinese horoscope is based on a twelve year cycle -- each year being represented by an animal. Find the year you were born to determine your sign.

signs of the times

Long-forgotten friars stumble
onto the Interstate, try to dodge
run between trucks and cars
ramming past. Some are hit
others kneel to pray at roadside.
Some cars stop, drivers/passengers
draggin bodies - some still kicking
to highway's shoulders. The Virgin
Mary is seen by some - Her face
just above the "Y" of cliff's sign
HOLLYWOOD. Abortion clinics
across the Country offer 2 for 1
coupons - redeemable within one
year. Masterbation seminars
become coffee-break chatter.

Paul Weinman

down queen street west

"you got to get in to get out" - genesis

Where the in are all out
with black and white and neon
the spare change seekers
are rolling up the sidewalks
oriental minis and french collage
conglomerate vegetable stew
art deco creativity into the macabre
ten speed travelers excel the tour
sing vagabond blues rat-a-tat-tat
street urchins color landscapes
just a block or two into the zone

Cheryl Townsend

afterward

it felt like
being a dishwasher
someone crams
what shouldn't
even be put in,
caked with what
ever had been
spread on them,
what was valuable
crammed and shoved
in along with
junk by some
one who couldn't
tell the difference
jammed and then
they slammed
the door and let
everything inside
crank and churn

Lyn Lifshin

picking black caps

buckets clanging on suede
around your waist
like the quiet when
people make up their
minds not to fight
but really want to

we walk up the travel
road in baggy pants nothing
seems possible the bags
are so big and the thorns,
the poison ivy we get

stoned on the berries tho
kneeling in the sun then
in shade reach over
barbed wire as if that
purple was something

good inside us

Lyn Lifshin

a cup of tea

a cup of tea sits on a clean white saucer,
blowing steam at the chill morning air
its newspaper companion, yet unread, lies at its side
crisp, and crackly and new

the sunbeam crawls slowly over the windowsill,
down the sink, over the counter,
up onto the cabinets

Milly the cat leaps down from a chair
she picks at the blue and yellow throw rug,
each claw grabbing a tuft of material; she lies down,
her fur a ball of orange fire

she pushes her velvety front paws forward and her back paws back
long and lazy and bathed in sunshine
like the day that stretches out deliciously before us

Carol Raftery

sweeper

he is a brilliant man
a brilliant man who sweeps for a living
chasing away the dustbunnies with the swoop, swoop
of his big fluffy broom,
“i got straight A’s in high school,” he draws
a cloudy film creeps over his fading brown eyes,
eyes once so dark people called them black,
so black the iris was not discernable from the pupil
“i didn’t have to take my final exams and i graduated with the
highest honors,” he said
“and i won the state championship for long-distance running,
set the school record i did,” he says, his voice rising, straining to
validate the point,
as if to reinforce this memory for storage in his own brain
he pokes his broom into the corner behind the soda machine,
stirring up a cloud of dust that drifts lazily
up, up, catching the sunlight that pours through the cafeteria
windows and stops to hover
around the old man’s nostrils
“Ack, ack, ack”
he coughs into the ratty gray hankerchief he has pulled from his
left front trouser pocket
he wipes his mouth and nose, and stuffs it back, all the while,
looking thoughtfully
into the dustpile at his feet
he turns his back, picks up his broom, and once more begins to sweep

Carol Raftery

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