

1985 1st day - 364 days follow

New Year's Day. I left the Saunders dinner-music skimming around 1.15, walked through Baker Square, where the New Year's ~~day~~ celebration was breaking up, then came on home & went to bed. Slept till past 9; ate cereal breakfast, 1st animals; back in work room, squared away my desk while playing Chopin & Ravel on the cassette machine. Unseasonably warm weather left us in the night, following rain; turned up the thermostat for the first time in a week.

Brisk two-mile walk; temperature in mid-30's. Played Schubert's Piano Trio I, which 35-minute spans exactly fit the time it took to make the circles; then played the Violin Sonata, Op. 162, when I got back at 4.45.

L'air Cuisiné, plus macaroni, followed by a slice of fruitcake. Cellist walks in Cowington; wishes him & Burt a happy New Year.

Watched some junky TV in early evening but had to give it up: sheer boredom. I wouldn't be much good at this kind of life as a regular thing.

Quyn & Hugs, in Paris, are considering a side trip, possibly to Venice, but are still undecided.

Hugs for a time had Monaco in mind, but was persuaded out of it. They've been eating in out-of-the-way restaurants & bistros, mostly exotic, including an Arab dinner ordered in advance.

1985 2nd day - 363 days follow

Cold; 30° at 7.30, with newspaper prediction of snow.
 Isaac Herz, preparing & stabilizing a section of
 Eszter that fell down over the New Year's holiday.
 Read Shakespeare's Tempest, a good choice for my
 first book of the year. Finished it by noon - a very
 miracle of language.

Thawed & cooked a half pound packet of
 chicken livers for Becker, along with sautéed
 onions. He was downright delighted.

Midday phone call from Gloom & Bugs - in Venice!
 They took a train from Paris last night, a sleeping
 car; reached Milan this morning, changed trains,
 & were in Venice by noon, propped up in a luxury
 hotel. Gloom says she's crazy about it already.

Began Tacitus' Agricola; will finish it
 tomorrow, then go on to Germania, written
 of which I've read before, despite my fondness
 for Tacitus all these past years.

Saw a ball, viduit modis, "seafarer" with
 Al Pachino. Much discussed the old 30's version
 with S. G. Robinson of George Raft.

Asleep by midnight.

1985 3rd day - 362 days follow

Cold still, with a light dusting of snow in the night; temperature in mid-20s. By 9 o'clock it was coming down fast; by 11 the flakes had become sizzles & were beginning to collect in the frozen grass, deepening by the minute; a couple of inches by noon.

Dressed warmly for trip to City Council chambers in early afternoon - the Land-Use Control Board hearing that will decide whether to permit the construction of condominiums behind the Targa house just across Parkway. I will be among those scheduled to speak for a couple of minutes in opposition.

Before leaving I finished Agriicola & read through Germania. There leaves only the Dialogue on Anatomy unread; I'll make up to it tomorrow, God willing.

Then - on the way out - I called the Land-Use office & was told the hearing has been cancelled; it will be rescheduled for some date later than next week, when I'll be in New York. So I settled back down, while the snow came down thicker, bigger-flaked, & harder by the minute. By nightfall it was nearly one foot deep; perhaps a record for this date.

Went through Bshelji-Ursini's Qoy a Thuro Dow!, a near-complete smush of the paintings. Ow!
Cereal for supper, for a change. Two bowls.

1985 4th day - 361 days follow

Snowbound. Close to a foot outside, still a soft, feathering down drift of flakes coming out of the sky, later about by a gentle wind. Temperature, low 20's. By noon it stopped; a quiet blanket, scarcely warmed by footprints; so few people are stirring, with their reluctance, all but empty of cars.... Please Mozart squawks, thru Boston ditto.

Read Barry Hovav's The Jewish Handshake, though only with occasional pleasure. I realize the old folks are showing serious signs of wear, but that doesn't make the new ones any good, at least so far as I've noticed to them - all, that is, but Marguss, who is not so much new as good.

Though the weather stayed in the low 20's all day, but warmer weather is forecast for tomorrow & Sunday. Thank God.

Watched a Bill Buckley "Friday Live" TV program on censorship & the so-called Moral Majority. Not much to it, on either side. Asks by 11:30.

1985 5th day - 360 days follow

Snow is very much still with us, though it stopped falling in the night. By this morning the temperature was a little above freezing & some thawing began.

Huger & Quinn called again from Venice; having a great time, they say - including Rosette, who came along with them. They're staying at the Danville, a luxury hotel, & have made the rounds of all the major parks & churches with the help of a good private guide. Sounds like a great trip.

In afternoon - first time out of house in three days - I drove out to the Tobacco Bowl & picked up the pipe tobacco I ordered on Thursday: was almost out & due to leave for NY on Monday. Streets are treacherous, but careful driving curbs that.

Back home, played Hayden guitar & read the Spotsylvania section of Vol. III, prompted by a letter from a Dartmouth official, Howard Lippin, who is considering a book on the battle & wants to know whether I think it's worthwhile. I do indeed, having practically written the myself in that section of the volume. What's your reply?

Elvis Presley "jam session" on TV in celebration of his would-have-been 50th birthday.

1985 6th day - 359 days follow

Melting snow - lush, froze in the night but began to melt again when the temperature rose above freezing by this morning. General breakfast; sorted books. Still no word from Mary, who's been gone since she left early on Thursday in the thickening snowfall. If she's not here by break-time tomorrow (8 a.m.) what will I do about the animals? Don't see.

Connolly's salesman called, inviting us to lunch at the Country Club with her & Richard, but I begged off, on the claim that I had to stay here a week for NY.

Tues & Thurs lunch; last for a while.

In afternoon, temperatures rose beyond 40°, helping to de-ice the streets & driveways. A steady slow dripping from melting snow on eaves & trees. Glad to see it raining; glad to see clear weather.

Began packing machine 2; by 3 had one side of the suitcases (linens, etc.) finished. Took a break for TV football (NFL) & then came back to it; packed suits & odd items - glasses, tobacco, raincoat, etc.

1985 7th day - 358 days follow

Got up at 6.30; was packing coffee when (Hank got) Mary arrived. Had breakfast; left for airport at 7.45. Checked bag with portrait of Republic ramp, then parked the needles in underground garage. Walked & escalated to Gate 27, only to find I didn't have my tobacco pouch. Against advice of clerk, made a fast trip back underground - & found the pouch lying in the pavement beside the car, where I had dropped it. Hurried back upstairs in time to board flight 522.

Late take off, but nonstop flight across Laguna only thirty minutes late. Shared cab into city with a woman from Columbus, Miss; reached Algeciras by 1.20. Washed up, had lunch in Rose Room - roast beef hash with fried egg.

Upstairs again, unpacked & hung up suits. Set out next for Patel's Music House on West 56th St. Got out scores of Berg's Violin Concerto at last; also Haydn's string quartets, Opp. 74, 76, 77; also Bach Cello Suites & Sonatas. On way back, stopped in Bob Ross's office, only to have Ann Ellen tell me he'd broken his ankle playing tennis. Talked with him on phone at home.

Back to hotel. Looked through scores; read paper; watched TV news. Ordered club sandwich & pot of coffee after I'd returned & Anton Rajonas. Watched a little more TV; then read Chapter 2 of Dostoevsky's Idiot. Asleep by 11.30.

1985 8th day - 357 days follow

New York - Albuquerque. Woke at 7:15; got dressed & went down to Rose Room for breakfast. Back up to room, then caught a cab to 20th Century Fund on East 70th. Got there on schedule at 9:30; meeting started at 10; paused for drinks & lunch at 12:30. Resumed at 2; broke up at 3:30. Best discussion so far: "The Military & the Media." I had more to say than at earlier sessions. Guest witnesses were Mike Borch, Asst. Sec. of Defense for Int. Affairs, & General Bruce Palmer, former vice chief of staff U.S. Army. Liked latter, disliked former.

Took a cab to Random House, visited with Bob Loomis. He agreed that to pursue the proposal that I accept a cut in royalties (to 12½%) in order to hold down the cost per volume of The Civil War. Good thing, too: I'd have withdrawn my \$150,000 in massive royalties. Price will be \$35 a volume. Outrageous; but I suggested Day offer the 3-vol. set for a flat \$100. He said he'd suggest it. I hope they do it.

Walked back to hotel. Stopped by Scribner's but did not see anything I wanted.

Dinner at Le Bistro with Charles Lindbergh & Peter Bassinip. I had beers vinegrets & impales marmite. Good meal, pleasant conversation.

Back at Albuquerque by 10 o'clock. Took shower, washed hair. Lights out at 11:30.

1985 9th day - 356 days follow

New York. Up at 7.30; breakfast again in the Rose Room. Cab to 20th Century. Guest with us is/was Bernard Diederich of TIME, David Middleton, war correspondent NY Times, & two women reporters from CBS, Marjorie Sanders & Jane Wallace. Interesting talk before lunch with Admiral Zumwalt & Col. Solumus about volunteer army. Good lunch; brief reassembly, then breakup. Walked down Madison from Wedding Center & B. Diederich; stopped at Sherry's, had no Filipinos. Walked over to Barnes & Noble Book Store on 5th; no Clarissa. Also to Gotham Book Mart on 46th; ditto. Stopped by Sam Goody's; no Bing Violin Concerto. Back to Algimium in kitchen cold; decided to stay in room again instead of going out in dinner or shop.

Called Rosen to ask how his broken ankle is doing. He's better; swelling going down.

Had a warming drink; ordered up a club sandwich (again) & a pot of coffee. Watched NBC news, then Reagan's press conference - which, as usual, got into shape. Woke up after about an hour; watched a rather good program on Dashiell Hammett.

Clicked off the TV below news to read The Idiot. Lights out when I got sleepy again at 11.30.

1985 10th day - 355 days follow

Slept till 8; Rose Room for breakfast. Weather report says colder still; chill factor puts 18° down around zero. Lasker's reading of NYT; deal that 20th Century business is over, I have nothing required to do before Queen's arrival on Air France arriving 3 o'clock at Kennedy Airport.

Wakes out on a hunt for BSO's Violin Concerto - Sub. Czech Phil. Found & bought it at Record Hunter on Fifth between 43rd & 42nd. Came back & left it in room; took a cab from Times Square to Street Park Station in lower Broadway. No luck on Clarissa. But went on (by cab again) to Brian & DeLuca on Prince St.; got the "Pepper mats" mill that I wanted. Came back uptown on subway. God!

Lunch in Rose Room; chicken pancake, with a glass of White wine, coffee afterward. Back up to room to wait for Queen.

She called at 4:45 from down in the lobby: "you want some company?" Went down & brought her up; was delighted to see her & have her home again. Dinner in Rose Room; lived any fine words for Queen, success. Inside for me. Got lag not bad except for loss of sleep. Queen dozed off at 9.30, I at 11.30.

1985 11th day - 354 days follow

Breakfast in room at 9; glad not to be eating it alone for the first time in three weeks. Both took baths & prepared for lunch, though we didn't know where. Called Quismilla; no luck. Finally got a reservation at the Four Seasons for 12.30. Snow coming down thick & heavy during cab ride.

All-out lunch: penitentes & crisp shrimp for Gwyn; fettuccini with smoked salmon, trout with a rainbow trout garnish for us; plus a bottle of La Drouestz Pouilly Fumé, or maybe brought back for dessert. \$198 with tip! Most expensive lunch we ever ate.

Walked back to Algonquin - round about route to get jackboots for Gwyn at the Footwear on Park, then to look some more for Clarissa at the Anxiety on 54th; no luck. Back at hotel, decided to have dinner in the room - club sandwich for me (anything this trip), spaghetti Caruso & a salad for Gwyn, plus glasses of red & white wine. Watched Shakespeare's King John on public TV; asleep after midnight.

~~CALL TO REMIND
WOLF RANGERS~~

JANUARY

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SATURDAY

1985 12th day - 353 days follow

New York: leaving day. Get up at 7.30; breakfast in Res Room shortly after 8. Carry back upstairs & packse for flight hours. Checked out shortly after 11 & caught cab to LaGuardia, leaving time for unexpected delays before flight time, 1.10 P.M.

Plane took off half an hour late; lost another quarter hour to head winds; landed at 3.20. Quinn got bags while I stood there for hours before it, & tried to be here.

Celebration of home-coming, & also to wind up a week of arse-riding. I fixed corn cake for dinner - can't stand for me, I am for Quinn, delicious. Bed; asleep before midnight.

1985 13th day - 352 days follow

Cassey breakfast, as usual on Sunday, followed at noon by a bowl of beef chili soup & crackers.

At 1 o'clock left for Thompson's Symphony concert: Alan Belta director, Rafael Drucan violinist. Program was two Dvorak Legatos, Berg's Violin concerto, & Brahms' Second Symphony, preceded by a lecture demonstration of the Berg concerto, Belta talking, Drucan demonstrating. Enjoyed the concert, especially the Berg, though the Brahms was like slogging through whiffed cream after the stark beauty of the Dvorak concerto. Talked briefly with Jay Wiener (concertmaster) & Drucan, at intermission, about Schubert, Webern, & Berg. Jay promised to teach the Ravel Sonata, which seems I last had fifteen years ago.

In evening, watched "The Jewel in the Crown," episode 5. Well-performed soap opera. Weighted 159, a gain of four pounds in two weeks.

1985 14th day - 351 days follow

Necessary housewarming errands. Bank;
cash #157⁰⁰ check Ross sent for reprint
of "Pillars of Time" in a Civil War collection.
Aston Silver; picked up repaired Paris napkin
ring that Becker had mangled.

Reviewed in cassette the record I brought
back from NY - Berg's Violin + Chamber concertos.
Curious coincidence that I heard the format,
like, just yesterday; a nice treat.

Woke 2 1/2 miles; just time in a week, though
I certainly did a lot of walking in NY.

1985 15th day - 350 days follow

Martin Luther King's birthday; scantily celebrated hereabouts since he met his death, though the papers did pay decent attention to his loss.

Weather bad - cold & rainy. But I had decided not to walk anyway; had to get ready for tonight's Wolf River dinner. Got there with wine & brandy but had to make a North Thompson detour to pick up the beer in a cheap bar well up the street. Book was Bostonian's Idiot; well liked small involved-free beans, Robert Gooch, Mike the Dougal & Billy Rose; Bill Pearson was down with fly, & Bob Johnson was out of town. Maffie's pizza served us steak & potatoes, butter beans & salad, ice cream with chocolate sauce. Tptel Bill, \$73.

Home by 10; quym asleep in her glasses.

1985 16th day - 349 days follow

Dopus 2; got assorted cassettes. Walgreen's; exchange now working kitchen as servant. Move A to 2 or 3 minutes to get five gallons of coal oil for woodstove heater.

Back home, reentered the 60-min. Robert Johnson cassette & received Tommy Black (372-0558) when I heard him playing square-dancers in a three-man combo at Turk's New Year's Eve party. Called & told him it was really; said he'd pick it up tomorrow.

Rainy, cold: no walk. Reading Samus Harsanyi's Poems 1965-1975. In some ways he is my favorite living poet: not that there's much competition.

1985 17th day - 348 days follow

Still cold; lit workshop in library. Continued reading
Hearsh papers. Recorded (120-min.) Schumann's Piano
trios 1-3 & the Piano Quintet.

Took again to Rsd hall for the summer for lunch,
using \$25 gift certificate from Mississippi Women
where Civil War I taught plus last month.

Not quite as cold, but my 40 usars were eaten.
Recorded (90-min.) Neopent's Clusure de Tite,
a version with the relative speed included; made
only one bike but to make it fit.
Walked two miles in cooperatively fair weather.

1985 19th day - 346 days follow

Hand freeze predictor over windshield, kept wet so far; temperature steady in mid-40's in afternoon.

Drove out to Tobacco Corn; got three new fibres (micro felt tip) for this Mont Blanc pen. In route, stopped by Radio Shack; got two cassette tapes (a 90 & a 60) to record the geology. Doze di figura, which will complete my Opus collection - total, five by the way.

Temperature, as predicted, fell about twenty degrees in two hours. I walked while it fell: 24°C outside, with the wind alternately at my front & back, cutting & sharp. Q asks how the wind factor brought it down to.... House chilly, too, as is always the case when the wind is out of the north & the thermometer falls below zero. By 5 o'clock it was down to 26.

Gwyn built a luncheon fire - most welcome. We sat by it, listening to Kappara & Chick Wadell on the radio.

Small-fleck snow began falling at sundown, while the thermometer continued its tumble.

Two to three inches of powdery snow, which melted in the night. Temperature at 8 a.m. 8 below zero. We dressed warmly & settled into a cold Sunday. I began reading Buryan's Pilgrim's Progress for the first time since childhood.
 Late movie, Woody Allen's "Broadway Danny Rose."

CASSETTES WITH HUGS W PARK

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| | 1. Mozart, Dts 14 & 15. | 60 |
| | 2. " Symphonies 39, 40, 41. | 90 |
| | 3. Beethoven, Dts 14 & 15. | 90 |
| | 4. Schubert, Vln Con & Sym 3. | 60 |
| | 5. (Shostakovich, Dts 3. | 60 |
| | [Stradivsky, Sym 3, 5, 6, 7. | |
| | 6. Debussy, Three Sonatas. | com. |
| | 7. Ravel, Dts & Piano Trio. | 60 |
| | 8. Schubert, String Quart. | com. |
| (SENT) | 9, 10. Mozart, Don Giovanni. | 90 (2) |
| | 11. Kay Starr / Chick Webb. | 60 |
| | 12. Ravel, Songs. | 90 |
| | 13. Robert Johnson, Blues. | 60 |
| 206084 < | 14. Chopin, Piano. | 60 |
| | 15. Berg, Webern, Chamber Works. | 60 |
| 220885 | 16. Mozart, Quintets 3, 4, 5. | 90 |
| 300885 | 17. Mozart, Vln Cons. 3, 4; Sing. Con. | 90 |
| 4426. | 18. Mozart, Piano Cons. 24, 25, 27. | 90 |
| 8750. | 19. Songs - Berlioz, Fauré, Debussy. | 60 |
| 26 Feb. | 20. Ransom, 26 Poems. | 60 |
| 5 Apr. | 21. Browning, Poems. | 90 |

1985 21st day - 344 days follow

Zeno at 7.30, but up to his eyes by 9 o'clock & to his eyes
by noon - which, by contrast, seems almost moderate.

Re-recorded Mozart string quartets 3-5 on a
90-min. Decca cassette; will send the old TK tape
to Hugo, whom I somehow managed to let get away
without harm, though (along with Beethoven's 13-15
quartets) they are my favorite chamber music &
the boss I most want him to know & enjoy.

Watched Reagan's replay of Inauguration; held
in tears because of cold weather. My reaction
was the opposite of his uplift intention; I was
saddened - for my country & the world; yet I also
somewhat felt it didn't much matter, either because
it would soon pass or it wouldn't.

Post office; mailed Hugh his Mozart cassette. Then to coat of arms for workshop haircut. Stopped by Sears on way back; got makings for chicken crisps, which I'll fix for dinner, using Lean Cuisine filling.

Back home, re-used Pigman's Progress & finished it after lunch. Pull going for no next part, with occasional flashes. The exception is what's great.

Walked two miles in sun-washing snow; wore my Danner Goretex shoes for first time this year.

Bathed, washed hair, washed up. After washing, made crisps better, boiled Lean Cuisine package of chicken & vegetables, griddled a dozen crepes in sight-weak skillet, filled & served them - two - along with another filling with preserves for dessert. Made a good meal.

Movie, Woody Allen's "Solo," till bedtime.

1985 23rd day - 342 days follow

Woke early, 5:30; read a Friday old NY Times till
Mary arrived. Then had Waco - 9-egg for the first
time since she was last here, on Friday. Back
in room, played back video solitaire & parities.
Decided to read Pindar, but then dropped him &
moved forward 2500 years to Robinson Jeffers:
Thurso's Landing, which alas is not among his best.

Note from half-aunt Miriam Weizer. She'll be
here Thursday, the 24th, to spend the night: arriv-
ing at 2:45 in Republic Ht. 549.

Fixed chips again for dinner, this time with a
filling of chicken & oranges (lean cuisine) & bits of
Eastern country ham; bottles of Waco villages.

Health Department, 814 Jefferson; the flu shot, which I should have gotten at least two months ago - I will in the future. The year, there's an epidemic threatening.

Weather clear & somewhat warmer, thank God.

Early afternoon: back - exercise & food check.

Isaac's knee, kept with little to do except shovel such snow as has set in.

Walked two miles in balmy weather - or anyway how what's called balmy after the past few days.

For dinner, quiche baked second joints & made stop version of Potatoes Anna. I stuffed the last two crepes with Haggen-Daz vanilla ice cream, dispensed with hot chocolate sauce.

Watched two movies on TV - 12:30 lights out.

In afternoon, read Gogol's "Overcoat," + began "The Nose."

1985 25th day - 340 days follow

Up at 6.30; cereal, coffee. Finish Gogol's "Nose."
 Received from 20th Century Fund an express check
 for \$832.04, just what I filed for, including the
 \$200 honorarium. Drove to bank & deposited \$800
 of it. After lunch I drove to opus 2; got blank cassettes,
 then to library & got early Mozart quartets. On way,
 stopped in supermarket & filled my five-gal. coal-oil can;
 preparing for another cold-weather forecast.

Back home, finish the Mozart quartets (5-7,
 9-13) for taping tomorrow.

Dinner - bird's-eye gathering at Mary Ann &
 Bryan Seagle's; sixty odd guests, with acres of food
 & lots of whiskey & wine. Gwyn fell in the bath, turned
 abusive as usual. Managed to get us home by 11.

Received from Hugs, by airmail, a 90-min. cassette
 with Barish Quartet 2 & 5, plus songs by Arlitty, a
 cabaret singer from the 30's. Also a letter saying
 how much he enjoyed Venice; also that he's going
 great guns on Proxust, about to jump into the final
 third - The Captive, The Fugitive, & The Past Recaptured;
 Also, that he picked up 2500€ on a photo job.

1985 26th day - 339 days follow

Slept past 8. Quyn went to baby-sit Wendy's children, & I spent the morning recording a 10-min. cassette of eight early Mozart quartets I found yesterday from library records. This is something I've been wanting to do for years, & it's just about complete my Mozart collection.

Baloney sandwich for lunch, with a glass of buttermilk. Old times; it took me back.

2 1/2 miles walk. Suppressing temperatures, but the breeze was light & the sun shining brightly; a pleasant interlude, besides being good for me. Played Britten Cello Suites.

1985 27th day - 338 days follow

Sunday morning; sleety rain, followed by snow; temperatures just on freezing, ice on trees. I played the two hours of early Mozart quartets recorded yesterday: lovely examples of a great artist learning his craft. Then, in late afternoon, recorded for things Mozart's Violin Concertos 3 & 4, the Sinfonia Concertante for Violin + Viola, + the Violin-Viola Duo #1; a splendid 90-min. cassette.

Sleety rain continued all day, into the night, interrupted occasionally by large flakes of snow, though the temperatures didn't get below freezing until nightfall. Looks like we'll be doing more slipping & sliding this week.

Called Morris in Westbury; told her I'd miss her flight here on Tuesday; also agreed to make a roundtrip reservation for Grassville, & did.

1985 28th day - 337 days follow

Couple of inches of snow, slowly melting with the sun tracks it; temperature just above freezing by 9 o'clock; no wind.

Made another Mozart cassette for Hugo; these are piano concertos, 24, 25, 27 - K. 491, 503, 595. I'll send it later, a week or so after the video concertos.

Merry came late, held up by icy roads; got here around 10 o'clock till 2, getting quiet room ready for Monday. Twisted at ski school hurt her leg - which probably means she won't be here tomorrow.

Rate Chopin story on TV as play.

1985 29th day - 336 days follow

No Mary, but snow is continuing to melt in SLC, even though the thermometer is still in the 20's at 9 o'clock. Began recording Chopin Nocturns, all but complete; went to library & got two 2-record sets - one by Vasary, the other by Ivan Monader. The former turned out to be too scratchy for use, but I managed to clean up the latter (with soap & warm water) enough to make it usable. Even so I had to record them twice to get them right.

Picked up Morris at the airport at 3.15, after a half hour wait. Drinks before dinner, which Guy prepared mostly in advance: butil soup, salad, french bread. Morris brought us some delicious cheese & pâté, which we had along with the rest, plus a bottle of Beaujolais. Stayed up till 11 o'clock; had some indigestion in the night - first time in months.

1985 30th day - 335 days follow

Took Mamma to airport at 8.30; icy streets, but melting slowly in 40° weather. Back home completed the re-issuing of Chapin's Nocturnes, 17 of the 20.

In afternoon, drove to bank for meeting with Hawley Ingram. Renewed my \$25,000 certificate, but only for three months this time, in hope that interest rates will go back up by May. I put the earned interest - just over \$1000 - into my checking account.

Wrote to Hugs, advising him to fracture one of those \$100 bills I sent him for Christmas & take Rosette for an all-out spread at Benoit or some such place. Told him of the cassette I've sent & my opinion; also congratulated him on seeing La Misericordia, with La Fugitiva just ahead. Said I sent him this first reading of Proust, which I do indeed.

1985 31st day - 334 days follow

On a cold weather prediction, sleet, ice, snow, with temperatures dropping into the low 20's & upper teens over the weekend. Prepared house - food, fuel, etc. - as for a siege.

Alerted by a last-minute phone call at 9 o'clock, I made it down to the City Council chambers in time for a zoning Commission hearing on a project to build condominiums behind the Fagg house on Parkway just across from 4522. I was one of several speakers in opposition; we won on a final vote, which was 6 to 2 in favor of refusing the petition.

Snow sleet began coming down while I was on my way home. I stopped for gas & beer at Lipsy's where I got 1 1/2 pounds of fresh fish to cook for dinner tonight.

Read an O'Hara novel, "Nasty Things Away." Since I'd never read it before on 4522 I'd forgotten it in the twenty years since it appeared.

In a snow-shortened meeting the Land Use Control Board yesterday rejected a proposal to build town houses behind a large home at 567 East Parkway South.

Neighbors who spoke against the plan included novelist and historian Shelby Foote.

"Only people from the outside" try to change the neighborhood, Foote said. "I ask you to oppose it for the sake of us who live there and for the sake of Memphis."

COMMERCIAL
APPEAL - 1 FEB

1985 32nd day - 333 days follow

February. It's snowed in, iced in; house about as cold as can be - woodstove temperature 56 at 9.30 with the thermostat on 75 & the coal-oil heater going full blast. The only answer is warm clothes & a positive attitude. Played Brethorn's quartets 15, 13, 14, & between meals read O'Hara stories. Lamb chops for dinner, with bread, kutu soup reduced to paste, & a bottle of Pou Paviloy.

1985 33rd day - 332 days follow

odd as ever, with more snow in the night. Total now, about five inches. Played Schubert quartets 12-15.

Received my annual \$10,000 Random Nogetics; CivWar sold about 300 copies of each volume in past six months (Apr-Sep); balance now is \$138,009.²⁷

Also received a 4-mo. 11.125% 90-day certificate for \$25,000 @ 7.65% interest. The old six-month certificate (@ 10.8%) yielded \$1343.²⁵, which went into my checking account.

Ventured out for first time in these days: quiz & I walked through snow (but in brilliant sunlight) to Stop & Shop for aspirin. Needs the house seem a lot warmer when we get back.

financial summary:

Checking account	\$5,189.33
Portfolio ONE	15,462.93
Certificate, 90-day	25,000.00
[ON HAND:]	\$45,652.26
Random Reserve	138,009.27
[OVERALL TOTAL:]	\$ 183,661.53

Cold weather continues; 16° at 10.30 a.m.; snow
mmistral, still powdery, about four inches,
with much greater depth in drifts, though
there has been little wind since that first night,
& the sun is shining brightly.

Read the opening hundred pages of Dickens'
Great Expectations. It holds up well.

1985 35th day - 330 days follow

Bank; deposited the Random check in my Portfolio
my account. Post Office; mailed the Mozart Piano
Concertos cassette to Hugs. Streets icy but quite
navigable on this first outing in four days.

Quinn spent much of afternoon preparing a
long-frozen rack of lamb for cooking this evening;
I took it out of the freezer yesterday to thaw
in the ice box, which it did, after nearly two
years of suspended existence.

Played Schubert, Brahms, Hindemith - start
of straight-through playing of all cassettes.

Had the lamb for dinner. It came out well,
wondering its long time in deep freeze.

1985 36th day - 329 days follow

Somewhat warmer; snow still with us, but it has barely turned to slush. We had $1\frac{1}{2}$ inches, first in about a week because of weather.

Margaret came by. I gave her \$200 to take over a beach stretch. Tried to talk with her about getting out of her drab world's way of life, but she had us "injection of giving it up for what we consider "work," which she'd stress as something that deprives you of your individuality.

Wrote to hoodus, thanking him for the Dixie Colored Stripes & telling him we'll be up there on the 20th & will stay till 24th.

Seeds: got to $1\frac{1}{2}$ -inch thick strips in ovens for dinner. Gwyn made creamed spinach & baked a potato. I added one of the three Christmas bottles of G. V. V. Chabert's "No-Offen" (was is it!) dropping & breaking one of them in the basement hallway. Good meal, & the taste of the wine made me regret all the more the bottle I dropped & broke.

Played Schumann, the four symphonies.

1985 37th day - 328 days follow

Fallen snow melts in the night, but by midmorning, with the temperature just above freezing & the sun shining bright, the thaw resumed.

Continued reading Great Expectations.

Also continued Schumann, Violin & Piano Concertos, Piano Trio 1, & the Piano Quartet. It's good to be back with him after so many excursions elsewhere.

Finish the first of Pip's three "stages of expectation."

Carved the left-hand rack of lamb for Goya to make into an Irish stew with potato & onions.

Ragan's State of the Union television performance; a Fant 2, like all his presentations thus & elsewhere.

1985 38th day - 327 days follow

Many hrs for the first time in 20 days because of the ice & snow & a drilling sq. Most welcome.

Continue Schumann, Quartet 3, Piano Trios; also the two violin sonatas & Chopin's "Pocuz".

Went into Pip's Stage Tno. It holds up well; read Dickens (Mr. & Mrs. Pocket in Jamaica) & the new.

Heavy work consideration of returning to (or, really, acquiring or re-acquiring) work on the gates - duty to admit that I am by no means ready for it. A lack of will or willingness.

1985 39th day - 326 days follow

Post Office; mailed bugs the Israeli songs cassette -
 Berlin, Fauré, Debussy, Strauss. Sepor D; got my
 Dupuyroule prescription renewed. Also took my
 blood-pressure on machine: systolic, 130; diastolic,
 85; pulse, 68. All well below normal. Stepped
 by Sessis's; got fresh doves, two heads of
 lettuce, low-cal salad dressing, lemons.

Shed royalties from Russia. I get half of
 \$64.61, less commission: \$29.07.

Liquor was delivered. \$702⁹³ out!

Fidustria Schumann, with the 2nd concerto - my
 favorite orchestral work of his - & prepared to
 major on to Brahms by playing 14 violin concertos
 of Mendelssohn & Vietaub.

Wrote to Bugs telling him I sent the songs cassette
 & advising him to get in close touch with his therapist
 saints through repeated hearings; also to be on the
 lookout for the Mozart piano ensembles en route.

Finished Pip's Stage Two by 5 o'clock.

1985 40th day - 325 days follow

Began the Brahms session with his Violin concerto; then resumed great expectations, Pip's third & final stage. Then lunch for Brahms' first & bath.

Took my grocery shopping at Sprossel's, then to the steak & egg for cheeseburgers. Mashed like to Hugs, also a request to Dover for a catalog of their late-1980s models. Back home; Brahms' third, & finally the fourth.

Ate toasted cheese & crackers while watching an old Rialto film with Girard Philippe & Michèle Monaghan, Les Grand Meaulencres; date out amusing.

1985 41st day - 324 days follow

Absolutely a usual second. Usual breakfast; then
revisited Brahms with the second piano concerto -
one of his few orchestral things of his I usually like.
After breakfast show - up to 1 - played the Double
Concerto, which I also like; last orchestral Brahms,
now on to the chamber music - five more cassettes.
TV evening, including a "dramatization" of the
Atlanta child murders & a splendid French film,
"La Trinité". Didn't get to sleep till after midnight.

1985 42nd day - 323 days follow

Snow again, alas, just as the ussrlong other snow
& ice had finally melted. Hope this spell about last
anything like as long as that one.

Finished Great Expectations by noon. I still don't
like it nearly as well as the other little works - Little
Dorrit & Our Mutual Friend - but it's still among
his better works.

Began the Brahms chamber works. Followed on
score the two string sextets; then played Beethoven
Sonata 1, & recorded the piano quintet. I still
can't say I really enjoy him, but at least I am
beginning to know him better. A victim of his times;
a romantic who avoided romanticism - who in
fact avoided everything that was in the air around
him (Wagner & Co.) except what was left of the
past; mainly Beethoven & Bach, with some Haydn
& Schubert.

1985 43rd day - 322 days follow

Back to Brahms. Last night snow stopped, though only after about three inches covered everything. Temperature at breakfast time was 17° but by midday it had risen just above freezing.

Played all three string quartets; recorded Piano Trio 2 in place of duplicated string quintet 1. No improvement in my attitude toward Brahms; but it is, no more pleasure than on previous hearings. But I'll stay with him to the end, since what the knowing few clarinet pieces occur at the very end. Also recorded Cello Sonata 2 & Violin Sonata 2; played Piano Trio 3 & Violin Sonata 3; then picked up the string quintet 2 - which clears the way for the final four clarinet pieces tomorrow. Then goodbye Brahms; perhaps forever, though I did find I like the last piece (Violin & cello sonatas) much better than before, along with the piano trios.

Walker called, saying he had to put Mardi (his sensible ferret) down. Sad business; I advised him to get a new dog at once. He agreed.

Watched second half of the TV "docudrama" the Atlanta Child Murders. Bad, but not too bad. Westminster Dog Show, later, was better.

1985 44th day - 321 days follow

Overnight freezing but above 40 by noon; ice & snow should be all but gone by mid-afternoon.

Moved to Rustie's Liquors; got a case of Beehive gin, six pints of V. mouth, two quarts of bloody - one fundado, an Angus D. total, \$186⁰⁰.
On way back, stopped at Book Shelf; got Vol. I of Henry James's Essays & Reviews in the Library of America series.

Played out the Brahms - the Horn Trio & the Tom Clavin piece; a good ending, but I'm not likely to go back to them often. Now on to Borodin & Tchaikovsky.

Read James on Browning, these papers; all variously interesting. One great write on another. Also on Parkman; ditto.

TV special on T.E. Lawrence, part documentary, part dramatization. Unsatisfactory combination.

Walked two miles - first outing in ten days. Some stiffness in legs but no cramps.

1985 45th day - 320 days follow

Voluntarily

Paid Galt, Litch, Ma Bell; played Borodin Symphonies 1-3, now their knees are behind us; gorgeous. Walking tired, with bright sunlight melting snow & ice; God grant us some recent weather. Jon a change.

Isaiah has thought there's precious little for him to do except shovel a little melting snow & sweep the basement well. Deducted \$5 from his \$35 pay, which leaves him owing us \$45.

Went on to Tchaikovsky: Symphonies 4, 5, 6, marches slow - latter two while walking another two miles. Wound up with the Pathétique, which brings back memories of early listening.

Hot cakes for dinner, with bacon & white wine. Quarrl.

Hazy, mid morning, interrupted playing of Saint-Saëns & Chausson symphonies. Just as well. Cold weather returned with a vengeance, but we hope the remaining travel will continue as predicted.

Finished Lance Morrow's The Client, an account of his lifelong relationship with his father. I remember he reviewed my Way to "Ficus" when Volume III came out & praised it highly. I should write & thank him for the book & his review.

After lunch, continued Saint-Saëns - Piano Concerto 4 & Violin Concerto 3. An interlude, but I do like the opening of the third movement of the former; an American Folk Song. Began Cesar Franck with the symphony, before getting into the chamber music, which I always enjoy.

Walked 1 1/2 miles. Queen was at the dentist's; played Franck's Piano Quintet.

Pushing for dinner - fragrant pork, wonderful shrimp, preceded by first dumplings & accompanied by Lotsa Beer. Good meal, as usual.

1985 47th day - 318 days follow

Slept past 8. French: Violin Sonata, string quartet.
Then the Bruchers quintet. Now on to Dvořák.
Hot dog sandwich for lunch. Frost-Whitmore
repairman came by; fixed alarm clock.
Dvořák's "American" quartet; then the New World
Symphony while I watched two reels in 36 mins.
Wrote to Lerner then how thankful I am for his
new book on his time, review of Civil War Vol. III.
Also to Morris sending photograph for Hange.
Played Dvořák's Cello Concerto while I bathed.
Lach Cuisine - linguine with clam sauce.
Reading Carolyn Chute's The Beans of Egypt,
Maine, but not with much satisfaction; I
prefer Caldwell in the original.

1985 48th day - 317 days follow

Slept till 8. Continued (& concluded) Dvořák with the quartets, Op. 105, 106. After lunch, moved on to Janáček, beginning with the Elegies for Cello & orch., then Violin Sonata 1, Piano Quartet 1, Ballads for Piano & orchestra, Andante & Breves for Violin & piano; finally Piano Quartet 2, long my favorite. I drove to Montclair & visited Turk's Saunders for the first time in nearly a month. He seems still more impressed, less reticent.

1985 49th day - 316 days follow

~~Finished today by re-recording him; converted three
60-min cassettes to two 90's. Much better; avoided breaks
between elements; also improved the quality of the
recordings themselves, the old ones being among
the first I made.~~

Tried to phone bugs at 11.15 - 6.15 his time -
but only reached his answering machine. Left
word that we're well, & off for New York.

Warmer weather brought rain. Isiah lists,
but the rain drove him home two hours early.
Kept us from walking, too. I miss it.

TV Movie, Pechinpanat's "Kilky & Litz."

WOLF RIVER
(GOOD CH)

FEBRUARY

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TUESDAY

1985 50th day - 315 days follow

Replay of two Tauri cassettes recorded yesterday. #1: Piano Quartets 1, 2; Ballade, Berceuse, Andante. #2: Elgar, Piano Quintet 2, Piano Trio, String Quartet. All lovely, & a first class job of taping.

Called Republic, made seat reservations for NY trip: 10A+B going up tomorrow, 8A+B evening back Sundays, not smoking, since I can't smoke my pipe anyhow. Bank; cash \$400 check for trip. Post office; got 24 stamps used for postal increase.

Bob Loomis called; dinner with him tomorrow night.

I paid last month's Algonquin bill. \$810³⁰.

Played Elgar, Violin Concerto + string quartet; will pick up the cello concerto when I get back.

Finished The Bears. Liked it much better as it moved along. Wolf River monthly dinner, host Robert Good. Packed before leaving, all neat suits. Home by 9.30

1985 51st day - 314 days follow

~~Finished~~ packing after early breakfast; left for airport at 8 to make supposed 8:45 departure. Fog delayed takeoff until 12:15. Arrived La Guardia three hours late; Algonquin by 4 o'clock. Checked into 1109; unpacked, had drink, short nap. Locus called for us to meet him at his apartment on James St at 7:30. Did. Drink there, while admiring baby Miles, then on with him & Hilary for dinner at Roxanne's, a small but elegant 42nd Restaurant nearby on 4th Ave. Good meal, with good wines. Back to Algonquin by 10:30. Had a drink in the lobby, then called it a night. I did, that is: Gaby used Pontiac McCarthy's BLOOD MEDICINE.

20th Century

FEBRUARY

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THURSDAY

1985 52nd day - 313 days follow

New York. Breakfast in Rose Room; back up to room; then set out for 20th Century on 10th St just east of Madison. Interesting meeting, including witness testimony by Frances Fitzgerald, who wrote the Vietnam book Fire in the Lake. Excellent lunch as always. Then the afternoon meeting - a review of 30 odd "propositions," passionately argued at by discussion. Adjourned at 3.30.

I walked back on Madison, north to 4th, stopping in nolets to buy a pair of "boxer" shorts of Paul Stuart. Returned to hotel at 4.30, where Guy was having a dress and I had a pot of tea after a brief stopping expedition at Saks. Rested, bathed. At 6.30 went down & finally got a cab to El Mozello, Italian restaurant on 2nd Ave near 18th, where we met Bob & Ann Edson Rosen for dinner. I had a polenta dish for appetizer, then chicken with sausage & Alach olives. Guy had smoked salmon or Italian calf's liver. I paid for the dinner - first time out of many meals for the four of us. Back at hotel by 9.15.

Rested & read Tacitus till midnight; went to sleep leaving Guy to finish the history.

1985 53rd day - 312 days follow

New York's Birders were at 7.35 thinking it was 8.45; found out better with better light, but stayed up an hour. Went down to Ross Room for breakfast & a leisurely reading of the NY Times and a quick nap. Back up to room at 9; set out for 20th Century after walk to Gladstone for a cab to Milk-Ed's & short walk from there.

Good meeting - more relaxed all round; we've gotten to know each other & can afford a free expression of opinion. Broke for lunch at 12.45; no afternoon session. Got back to Algonquin by 3 o'clock.

Set out on late afternoon shopping expedition with Gwyn: first to Tripki's for those pairs of long-staple cotton drawers for me, then to Burgess on 52nd St, where Gwyn got Blue Lady a tie for his birthday. Walked back on 5th, where a stop at Seribius; I passed up Seamus Heaney poems but Gwyn bought a new novel, Love Medicine, by an American Indian woman, Louise Erdrich.

Back at hotel, made an 8 o'clock P.M. reservation at Capsouto Frères, a downtown bistrot recommended by M. Rossant, on Washington St near the Holland Tunnel exit. Gwyn had snails, then duck, the chocolate cake with whipped cream. I had mussels navigots, then calves liver with potatoes & green beans. Wins - St Estèphe.

Long cab ride back to Algonquin; there by 10.

NEW YORK. Slept till 9; ordered breakfast in room. At 11 AM, we took a cab to 7th St; walked back down Madison in perfect balmy weather, sidewalks crowded with strollers & shoppers; cafes had set up tables out-of-doors. We had lunch at 2:30 at a restaurant annex (Le Boudoir) of the Berkshire Hotel on 52nd. Back to hotel by 4.
- Settled in instead of going out to dinner - sandwiches & coffee in room. I read all but the last 25 pages of McClarty's Blood Meridian, a spread-eagle performance; stayed with it till 1:30, then lights out.

1985 55th day - 310 days follow

New York: leaving day. Woke at 8:30; finished Blood Medication while Guyu slept. Then breakfast in room & packed for departure at noon.

Cab got to LaGuardia in plenty of time for 1 o'clock flight. Took off my watch, minutes behind schedule; got to the airport only twenty minutes late. I got car from storage while Guyu & a red-pat claimed our bags. Woke by 3:30, & glad to be home.

Resumed chronological tape-playing with Elgar's Cello Concerto. Submitted expenses to Zoth Cent: #545⁹⁶.

Began Mahler with "Songs of a Craftsman," continued with Symphony 1, "Kindertotenlieder," & Symphony 5. Agreed to do a blurb for Walker's "Conversations" which Mrs. C. Paces is bringing out in July.

Bob Hansen came by, measured questionnaire balcony for repairs. He'll give us estimate soon.

After lunch, continued Mahler: "Song of the Earth" & Symphony 9 - last half of lady on my two-mile walk; did it in 33 minutes, which is record time.

Now onto Janáček, Debussy, Ravel, & Ravel - all favorites, especially Ravel. Played Janáček's two, & Ravel's only, sweetest(s).

Called Dehner in New Orleans & got straightened out on bill, which is covered by military & private insurance. Summary: Ignore all bills.

Lean Luisins for dinner - now & for weeks to come. Weighted in, alas, at 160; must lose four or five pounds in coming four weeks, in preparation for gaining it back on next trip to NY in March & the April expedition to Paris.

Began critical reading of Peter Brasstrup's 20th Century "Military & Media" piece.

CITY COUNCIL
CHAMBERS - 4:30 P.M.

TUESDAY

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FEBRUARY

1985 57th day - 308 days follow

Woke at 6; usual; read Gary's Vogue till they arrived
with Commercial Terminal's junk.

Bill Thomas called; wants to do an interview that will
introduce a new literary department in Commercial.
I agree - some time later this week perhaps.

Sent Hugh his \$900. Exchange rate: 10.25 FF to \$100.
Also wrote to him in answer to a postcard asking that
I send him cassettes of Vinteuil's music, explaining
that Bergott, Elstir, & Vinteuil are all "invented"
artists & I will give the various "models" for each of them.
David, too, to send him the cassette I traded two years
ago of 26 poems by John Crowe Ransom.

Wrote Mark M. my way objection to testing in
opposition to the proposed equal sidewalks across the
street; appeared as lead-off witness before the City
Council at 5 o'clock. We won, ten to zero.

Woke at 6. Watched 1940 Gary Cooper movie,
"The Westerner."

Began Debussy - L'Après-Midi, Danses Sacées
& Profans, La Mer.

HEART PROGRAM (LEHRER) -
WKND, 9 p.m.

FEBRUARY

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WEDNESDAY

1985 58th day - 307 days follow

Woke at 5.15 - third morning in a row. Took a
valium & went back to bed; slept till 7.30.

Continued Debussy: Nocturnes, Suite Bergamasque,
string quartet, piano music, & the three sonatas. Now
on to Rouseff & Ravel. Outlined a usual 120-min. cassette
for the best's chamber music for piano & winds with
strings; makes a worthy addition to track tapes.

Then went ahead & recorded S-I: Horn Quintet,
Piano-Winds Quintet, & the Clarinet Trio.

Called Ross about Bohlen's statement that
Rousselle must renegotiate the contract for
two days. Will check the contract & then get back
to me; at which time I'll know how I stand legally.

Also called Mid-South Travel; made reservation
for New York on Delta, leaving 7 March, returning
21 March; non-stop both ways. #608.

Played Rousselle's Symphony 3 & Sinfonietta on
tape-walks, Symphony 4 while bathing,
after I get back. Still don't much care for
them as much as the quartet. Now for Ravel.

Good TV program (Lehrer) for heart medicine.

1985 59th day - 306 days follow

Up at 6, which is becoming a habit. Completed Mozart tape with Piano Quartet in E flat & Trio, K. 502, 542.

Yawn may be coming down with a cold or, God forbid, the flu, & I'm doing a lot of suspicious sneezing. We must take decent care of ourselves through this sub-arctic winter period. I'm glad I got that flu shot in January.

Bob Ross called; says Rouben has every night, not only to re-negotiate the two goats contract, but also to demand return of the advances.

Read Henry James's full-blown highly discursive "introduction" to Shakespeare's Tempest.

Began Ravel with orchestral works - mainly transcriptions of piano works: Al Brillant. Continued with Martinis Pops (orchestrated) & Napkins & Cloth.

Note from Mary King (Novelz Aguez, Paris) says paperback copies of LDS & SSS are in the way by air; best by surface mail to Ross.

Note from Soc. Sec. says monthly payments, due to previous underpayment, will rise to \$556, after I'm recompensed \$850 for previous shortages.

March: another month. Set out on birthday shopping expedition for Quinn (bellemore) with no notion of what I do get. Settled for a case of wine at Buster's, it's ~~the best~~ ^{the best} white burgundy. Then went by Mid-South Travel; delivered check for New York tickets, also inquired about Air France flights to & from Paris. Price - including NY roundtrip, \$158 - is \$870 each; no worse than I expected. Stopped by Round Table, bought two books - Collected Stories of Chekhov & a nearly complete Horace translated by B. Ruffel. It's busy, meaning to read further in the book for years. Paperback, best expensive: \$9.95 \$13.50.

continued Ravel: Piano Trio, Intro + Allegro, Solo Piano ("Miroirs" "Gaspard", "Le Tombeau de Couperin"). During 2 1/2-mile walk, played Duo Piano ("Ma Mère l'Oye", "Valses Nobles et sentimentales"), Tzigane, & (after I got back) Bolero.

1985 61st day - 304 days follow

Slst till nearly 8. Quyn's fifty-fifth birthday; gave her
the case of wine I got yesterday - seven red Burgundies,
five whites: Maucilly, Bessive & Macon Lugny.

Continued Ravel with "L'heure et les Sortilèges" & the
Songs 1902-32, "Scheherazade," Mallarmé's poems, "Clair de lune
(Mademoiselle)," & "Don Quixote." Then wound him up with the
Violin Sonata, his last chamber work.... Beethoven: Strauss:
"Tod und Verklärung," "Die Ruhestätte," "Also sprach
Zarathustra" & "Salomé's Dance" (latter two are 2 1/2-
mils work) & "Don Quixote" when got back home at
4.50. Only "Heldenleben" remains.... Weather
warm & genial; 70° in mid-afternoon; no rain,
though it threatens.

Jim & Lawrence came by for Quyn's birthday.
Aldine movie, "St Benny the Dip," on TV; a 1951
antique, it's got a copy of hits from the '30s; a technical
farce.

MARCH

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SUNDAY

1985 62nd day - 303 days follow

"Heldentaten" wound up Strauss in plenty of time for David Brinkley at noon. Now comes Sibelius & the almost 12-hour Visconti trio, Sekosberg, Wehner, Berg. Brian vibulius with "En Saga" & "The Swan of Tuonela"; continued with Symphonies I & 2.

In afternoon, went to Ridgeview Quarters, saw movie "The Killing Fields" - Cambodian horrors. Dinner at Parkway afterwards; then hour for Sunday night TV.

1985 63rd day - 302 days follow

Continued subsidies: Violin concerto, Philip's daughter, string quartet in morning, Symphonies 3-7 in afternoon; only Tapiola left for tomorrow.

Received from Riedel, copies of latest printings of all three Civil War volumes: I, 15th; II, 12th; III, 8th. Remarkable; roughly 100,000-plus copies, including sets & individual volumes; enough for a man to live on if U.S. consuel.

Watched dramatization of Philip Roth's "The Ghost Writer" on TV. Well done.

Bill Thomas called; will come for interview at 2 o'clock tomorrow. New book page for Commercial, which badly needs it.

1985 64th day - 301 days follow

Tajoviola finished Sibeliuss. Onto Schosberg: five Pieces for Orchestra, *Verklärte Nacht* (sixth & seventh versions). Read Honner, *Ass*, in modern translation, referring to some old versions as I went along, & in many cases I preferred the early ones.

Continued Schosberg: Quartets 3 & 4, Concerto for Quartet. Still don't think any real education - much as with Brahms, all done the year.

Received by airmail 4 such paperback editions of *Das Schloss* & *Symphonie*. Publisher, Christian Bourgois. 2.10 pp. paintings on covers; an altogether first-class job.

Talked with Hugo in Paris to tell him of my plans for a tad- or two-week visit in April & May. He said he's seen the paperbacks in bookshops & in subway. Getting on with Proust, he says, & enjoying every page of it.

1985 65th day - 300 days follow

Alone Schlesberg - Violin & Piano concertos, Oct to Napoleon, finally, The String Trio - best with least much more pleasure than in previous marriages. On how to Weber & Berg; a much improved prospect, for us.

Called Bob Loomis; made much suggestion for Wednesday 20 March. Will talk contract.

Bill Thomson came for interview, to appear in Sunday Commercial Book review. This was the last. Photo copies due tomorrow.

Decision whether to eat out tonight or Friday, due to chamber music concert tomorrow night. Decided to wait till Friday. Last cuisines: meatball stew. Not bad.

Walked 2½ miles in 40 minutes flat.

Walker called; they had a no-goal time in Vail, Colorado - place crowded with yuppies, he said, & both he & Beat came down with bronchitis.

Tokyo Q²
8 p.m. Harris Anderson

MARCH

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THURSDAY

1985 66th day - 299 days follow

HARRIS: presumptuous letter from Social Security headquarters. They signal a finalized go-around, though I hope not.

Photographer came at 4 to take picture of us, first of class, then walking. Intended to work with Bill Thomas interview. Walked two miles.

Finished reading page proofs of Conversations with Walter Pree, sent us by Distress Press for a special eagle club - which I'll be glad to give them.

In evening, went to Carnegie State concert by Tokyo Quartet. Three performers: Bogart's Hoffmann, Bruchner's Scherzo, & Ravel's Concerto in F. All well played, especially the Ravel, which was perhaps (probably) the best live performance I've ever heard. Why you wouldn't go, & thus miss a great experience.

Earlier, worked up income tax material to take out to Chris Ward, our consultant.

Mary not here. Legating: doctor put her to bed; next appointment Tuesday - with call then. Too bad.

Must make Paris reservations soon.

1985 67th day - 298 days follow

Wrote to Mary King thanking her for paperback copies of LDs & SS in French, successful follow-up sales of FMA & TC, & telling her I'll be in Paris in late April & early May. Also to D. Abbott saying I want be able to attend publication party for this anthology on 27 April in Aachen.

Worked out total of Social Security Funds I receive in 1984: \$6253²⁰. Uncle Ragan, I'll have to pay income tax on this amount. Best wish, that is.

Ragan Webern: "Im Samsonwald," Three Pieces for Orchestra, & Cantata 1. The score by Elanberg works, which complements him. Out to Berg: Altsberg Lieder + Three Orchestral Pieces. Then played the Chamber Concerto twice, in different performances. Did same with Lynn Smitz, his first true masterpiece, though with perhaps greater things to come - the operas & the violin concerto.

Replied to Douglas Paschall at Syracuse, suggesting excerpt from Symphony (his choice) or Chamber extract, with choice between Fornist's Thompson or Betts as Franklin for inclusion in Tennessee writer's anthology.

Down to Beak Street for fittings since reconstruction was completed. A sad, ineffective proposition. Had Chinese dinner at Kub's Kaffee - touristy, but good. Home soon after 9.

Eng'finals: the Violin Concerto. Now for Bartok; played Violin Concerto 1, Violin Sonata 2, & Quartets 1 & 2. Wound up the day with Quartet 3 - to me, the strangest & perhaps the best of all his compositions. Then worked; played Piano Concerto 2, plus Honnegger.

Wrapped the three volumes of my War narratives as a wedding gift for Jimbo (JWR IV) & his bride. They are getting married this week from today.

After walking, played the two Violin Rhapsodies, then Quartets 4 & 5.

Old time movie, "Rain," with Jean Crawford & Walter Huston, plus William Gargan, Guy Kibbee, & Busby Berré. Took us back; pretty miserable stuff, but with a certain quality of nostalgia as well, & better than most stuff nowadays.

1985 69th day - 296 days follow

Bangkok ^{at Prinsant} Percussion sonata; wild. Then the Violin Concerto.
Broke for Brinkley Sunday news program. Pravit ^{with}
& Margarita sandwich, better than the ^{one} for lunch.

In afternoon walked over to the ^{park} ^{side} to see
Tunika. Carol Leathersman was there, & while he was
out of the room told me he is taking (orally) cobalt
treatment; had news, & that is ^{clearly} shows it in
his reaction: subdued, as before, & with some discomfort.
Cancer is indeed the hell of an ailment - as hard on
the spirit as it is on the body. Played Hayden quartets,
Op. 76/1, 2, going & returning.

Very good late music, "The Dresser," with Tom
Courtney & Albert Finney. Best I've seen in long time

1985 70th day - 295 days follow

Busy day with Bartók's Quartet 6. Then drove downtown for tobacco, but I run out before we leave for New York on Sunday. Can't reach or play concert for D. N. H. H. H., followed by the Viola concerto, his unfinished (theory sketch) last piece. Then winds up Bartók: now for IVSS, other m to Blok, Hindemith, & Stravinsky

Play IVSS Quartet 1 before lunch, & still don't much like him or his sonata. It's all right.

Margaret came in early afternoon; brought me a copy of Franck's Cronaca. Bought a new portion of her work-in-progress. Got rid of her by playing IVSS' Piano Sonata 1. Then walked 1/2 miles, playing Violin Sonatas 1 & 2. Back home, found power out. When it came back in at 4:30 I played Symphony 3. Read Margaret's revision of her book. Did not help; she likes it, & I guess I'll have to kill her so.

1985 71st day - 294 days follow

Continued (or concluded) ISS: Violin Sonatas 3 & 4, string quartet 2, Symphony 4. Then moved on to Ernst Bloch: "Schlossens" & Quartet 2.

Drove out east to confer with Chris Ward, my annual tax return, plus advice on how to deal with the sec. 501(c)(3) status about my claim. He seemed not to worry; "just bureaucratic gobbledegook." So I came back & wrote him an appropriate letter.

Returned to Bloch: quartets 3 & 5. That leaves only the Violin Concerto.

Peking for dinner: Trish dumplings, fragrant pork, fragrant duck, lit's beer. Good Trish, as usual.
Home by 9.15. Wright today, 157.

MARCH

13

WEDNESDAY

1985 72nd day - 293 days follow

Wound up Block with Violin Concerto. Little boy
arrived to spend the day; Mary still not here, & no
word as to when it ever she'll be returning.

Banks deposited \$5.00 at 2nd Century Express
check, acct (#24596) in cash for newspaper trip.

Began Hindemith: Quartets 2 & 3 before lunch;
also Unaccompanied Viola Sonata. After lunch,
played the String Trio I & "Nobilissima Visione,"
which wound him up.

Played the first of my Stravinsky pieces - "Fire-
bird" - while walking the 2 1/2. By coincidence,
batteries gave out just as he pieces ended & I
got home to feed the goldfish.

1985 73rd day - 292 days follow

Stravinsky, ecclesiastical & concluded: Petrushevka, Sacre,
Chamber Music 1914-20, Nightingale, Pulcinella, Symphonies
For Wind, Octet, Piano Concerto, Symphony of Psalms, Violin
Concerto, Dumbarton Oaks, Ebony Concerto, & finally
the Symphony in Three Movements. Lots of Stravinsky,
all of it good, each in its separate way.

Called Mid-South Travel; requested Delta & Air
France reservations, leaving Memphis Saturday, 20
April; New York Sunday 21 April. Arrive Paris next
day; stay till 9 May (eighteen days), then spend
two days in New York & return to Memphis on Sat-
urday 11 May. Total time gone: three weeks.

Begin vacation with the three concertos: the Violin
white walking, the Violin & the Cello after I get back,
later while taking my bath.

Sandra Saunders called; Turkiz will be operated
on at 7.30 tomorrow morning. She'll call about it's
over, & let me know how it comes out.

1985 74th day - 291 days follow

Finished Walton: Symphony 2 & string quartet. Beethoven
Scherzino with Piano Concerto 1 & Cello Sonata,
the two earliest compositions I have.

At midday I called hospital, talked with Samere,
who said Turkie was in recovery & refused to leave
come through in better shape. Declined my offer
to go down there, but soon afterward called & asked
if I could spend the hour while she was
gone in news. I got there shortly before 2; stayed
along with him till 4.15, answering phone &
reading magazines - Turkie under sedation,
minus gall bladder & suffering (doctor said),
from a "distended" colon on rather from what's
left of it. Home by 4.30.

Black-tie evening - The Arsenal Dinner at Country
Club for Jimbo Raines & Missy, whose wedding is
tomorrow night. I was one of many toasters,
home before midnight.

1985 75th day - 290 days follow

Slept till 9; latest yet. Skostakovich, Symphonies 5 & 6.
Wrote a blurb for U. Miss. Press publication of Walker's
twenty-sixish "Conversations"; sent it to Seattle Univ.
press, to "use all or any part of it" to promote book.
Rode down to post office to mail it & some bills I
paid; came home & started packing for New York,
playing The Piano Quintet, Piano Trio, & Quartet 2,
plus Quartet 3. Will resume next week (after New
York) with Quartet 5 & Symphony 10, his two greatest
works, followed by the late quartets & concertos.

Leaving day; finished parking, had breakfast
 soon after. ^{St. Patrick's Day} ^{Fourth Sunday of Lent} arrived at 7. Left home in the car
 at 8.10; airport by 8.25; parked car with gun &
 checked bags. Takeoff (Delta) on schedule, 8.50,
 + landed at LaGuardia 11 minutes early, 11.45
 EST. Aligned in by 12.30; Room 309, as before.
 Lunch in Post Room - covered by Wash for gun,
 Finnan Haddock for us (with a much good) plus
 wine & coffee.

Afterwards we walked over to Madison & up to
 69th St. window shopping all the way; cab back
 on Fifth. Rested in room.

Dinner in hotel, then back to room for final
 episode, "The Jewel in the Crown." Asleep by
 midnight

20th century

MONDAY

18

MARCH

1985 77th day - 288 days follow

New York. Woke at 6.30; down in lobby for breakfast at 7.15, but had to wait till 7.30 for Peter Rode to open. Read NY Times while I ate. Back up to room; woke Guy & got ready for walk up the disinfected 2nd Century office on 70th.

Productive meeting, reviewing first draft of Peter Braestrup's committee report. Good meeting.

Back to hotel by 3.30; called Guid South Travel in Memphis. Airlines (Delta + Air France) reservations confirmed, but not Post Royal. They said they'd get right on it; I hope so.

Good 8 o'clock dinner at La Petite Merveille (Wagon at first); hot clams & veal for me, snails & duck jambonettes for Guy, plus a \$40 Gervy-Chamberlain's mocha cake & desert for Guy, coffee for me.

Back to Algonquin by 10.30. TV till midnight.

New York. Rose Room breakfast; cab ride to 20th Century for final meeting. We broke up after lunch + said our goodbyes - at any rate, most of press conference in late May when the report on each of the papers published.

Took a cab to Paterson Music House on West 5th, but couldn't settle on any score I wanted enough to pay the inflated price. Back to the Algonquin by 2.30.

Dinner at Le Bistro, somewhat tired, one of my favorite NY restaurants. Asparagus + mushrooms for me, mussels + lamb chops for Guy; a bottle of Bordeaux. Very much about Guy's drinking - continued in a still harsher way at the hotel; Guy will pack for departure. Bed by midnight. A bad time.

Mon. Petite marmite #155³⁰
Tues. Le Bistro

1985 79th day - 286 days follow

Slept till 9, after restless night; breakfast in Rose Room, then coffee again with Gwen in room.

Called Ross about meeting with leaders at noon, then walked up to Sotheby's street & his Randome office. I took him the Two Gates ledger with its background notes; left it for him to read over the weekend. Lunch at Le Bistro, preceded by the usual three drinks; had a brief talk with Gloria Jones, who is somewhat upset over advance copy of the Shaw's biography of Jim. Then Bob & I talked business - the Two Gates contract & the drawn-out delay. It turned out all he wanted was a revised date; so I set mid-1989, & he declared himself well satisfied. So am I, & so was Ross when I called & told him what came of the meeting.

Stopped by Triple's on walk back to hotel; got a book as a linen shirt. A long swim by 3 o'clock; read & rested till Gwen returned from lunch with Liz Rohatyn.

Dinner in Rose Room. Asleep by midnight.

1985 80th day - 285 days follow

New York: leaving day. Large breakfast in Rose Room. Back upstairs, packed for departure.

Left Arlington by cab at 10.30 - in flurry of fuss for what I thought was an 11.55 flight.

Got there at 11.10, found our flight (11.05) had just taken off. Ugh. Changed to a 12.20

flight, with a one-hour layover in Atlanta; got there at 2.50 C.S.T. glad to be here, as always.

Unpacked after getting Books & eats.

Dinner, took out two of the small frozen fish & a bottle of quince's kindred burgundy.

Asleep soon after 11, glad to have a successful trip behind us.

1985 81st day - 284 days follow

Submitted my tax account to 20th Century: \$886⁶⁰.
Then drove to Mid South Travel to check with agent
about Port Royal reservations; he says there are
but definite - not used my Gold Card number.

Went next to the oldest hospital to check on Tucker.
Found him sitting up, ready to go home today or
tomorrow. Gall-bladder operation was a success,
but nothing said about the distended colon or
the presumed cancer.

Returned home + resumed Shostakovich: quartet
5, Violin Concerto, Symphony 10, Quartet 6. I like
him but don't really latch on to what he's got to say;
not enough, anyhow, to get really inside the music. So
far, I really like the early things best - in early songs
& piano quintet, for example. Walked 1 1/2; telegraph
Cello Concerto I.

Plumber (Walt) came to repair In-Sink-Erator.
Got nothing done; referred us to another firm.
Wight in morning, just under 160 - a nearly
four-pound gain on New York trip.

1985 82nd day - 283 days follow

Worning weight, 158 - a near two-pound loss; half of what I gained in the past week, in one day.

Wound up Shostakovich: Piano Concerto 2, Quartets 7, 8, 9, & finally Csillo Concerto 2. Only Tippett + Britten remain; so I moved on - played Tippett's Quartet 1, then Prokofiev's (which I had typed), then Tippett again: Quartets 2 & 3.

Drove back to King's Station & used a copy of last Sunday's Bill Thomas interview in the Conductor to Bob Lippin - a sort of supplement to the book For Two Gals, which I left with him on Wednesday.

Walked 2½; played Prokofiev's Csillo Concerto 2, which improves with re-hearing.

Wrote to Walker, kidding him about the blurbs I wrote & insisting that they aren't going to Paris with us in April.

1985 83rd day - 282 days follow

Pastor's Sunday

Down another pound: 157 - within a pound of what I weigh before the four-day New York trip.

Began Britten, last of the moderns; Violin Concerto, Quartets 1 & 2; later, Cello Sonata + Cello Symphony.

Wrote to Mugs enclosing the Bill Thomas interview & giving him the Paris time schedule, 22 April - 9 May. Also urged him to give La fugitive a steady, careful reading, as perhaps the finest novel of the series.

Rode close to post office, mailed yesterday's letters to Walker. Stopped by Turkise on the way back, but he was asleep; so I came on home.

Post office; mailed clipping & letter to Hugs. Filled gas can at service station for Isaac, who showed love for first time this year. In morning, played Britten's two cello suites, which I like better than every other one. Am reading Collette stories & mixed tapes; I like them.

After lunch, played Britten's Quaker 3, which winds him up, & in fact winds up all my post-Bethoven cassettes. Now I'll go back to Bach, Chopin, & Mozart; then Beethoven will complete the whole series - 196 in the regular collection, plus 22 travel tapes, plus seven "spoken" cassettes, three Blues tapes, & 14 duplicates, commercial + home made. Total: 242.

Watched Academy Awards Show on TV. A bunch of foolishness.

Walked two miles; played Bach Billionaire Mass, Kyrie & Gloria.

1985 85th day - 280 days follow

Finished Britten Mass; played unaccompanied violin sonatas & partitas. Then rode ~~with~~ with Guy & got measured for two pairs of grey slacks at Jervis Davis; can pick them up, altered & with wallet pocket, in one week. Dropped Guy off at home; drove downtown & got my six-week supply of pepsi tobacco, plus a new pipe in sets at \$18.50.

Back home, played unaccompanied cello suites, which winds up Bach. On two-mile walk, began Haydn with his Cello Concerto, then played string trio op. 53 & the Sinfonia Concertante.

Guy finally got his bad oil leak fixed on her Mercedes. Twelve or thirteen years old - & better than a new one.

Got up 6.30; cereal & coffee. ^{15:30} Mary arrived. Back to Raydon; Quakers, which total 18 on my cassette: op. 71, 74. Walked two miles, played op. 76/1, 2; 3 & 4, rest on return. Rain in early morning, then stopped, though it continued to threaten.

Called Peter Royal in Paris; confirmed reservation, now I can notify my Parisian friends.

Haircut. Tried to time it so that I can go back just before setting out on April 20. Got a tube of a new (to me) kind of gel that keeps you-washed hair from flying wild.

~~Walked two~~

1985 87th day - 278 days follow

Up at 6.30 again; casual, coffee; then breakfast.

Haydn's symphonies 103, 104; Mozart Op. 77/1, 2.

Now I'm ready for Mozart: forty-seven cassates, including operas & church music.

Night holding at 157.

Brain Mozart with early quartets (5-7, 10-13) & symphonies 23, 25, 26. Wonderful to re-learn what he could do in his 40s, & to see what's to come.

Splendid lunch at La Touraille: mustard soup, liver with mustard sauce for me, Oudin soup & moules marinières plus strawberries dessert for Guy, along with a bottle of Les Bénédictins burgundy. One of the best lunches we've worked in Memphis.

Hour by 9.45.

Hot weather (comparatively speaking); walked 2½, wearing shorts & tee shirt for first time this year.

Continued Mozart: Symphonies 27-30, Violin Concertos 1-5. By now he's crowding twenty & mounting by leaps & bounds. Wound up with the "Nathan" sketches (K. 239); tried Piano Con. 8 but found the commercial tape defective. Must re-record it (along with Con. 22) from my records.

Went out to the swimming pool to see Turkis, but I once more found him asleep & didn't disturb him.

Marciano San Luis left the program.

Watched TV tape of on Rock Band special:
"Spinal Tap" funny.

1985 89th day - 276 days follow

Drove out east, got ballpoint refill for my Pentel pen. Patisserie; got tarte tatin for Guy & me. Chris 2; got two bleach 90-min. cassettes for keeping Mozart piano concertos after yesterday's discovery of defective commercial cassette. Home again; wash the apple tents & drain yaffles.

Reopened Mozart - Piano Concertos 5-8; 11-12, 22. Watched TV finals of national basketball championship. Michigan State lost to Villanova.

Drove down to see Tucker again, & again found him asleep. Sandra said he used to be a full-blown stichess out today; he should feel better soon.

Palm Sunday; Turing cooks, moving toward the usual chilly Easter. Continued the report, serily works of late 19th & early 20's, including Piano Concerto 9, Mr. Paris Symphony, Mr. Haffner Symphonies. Walked 2 1/2; played Posthorn Symphonies - splendid walking music; splendid any kind of music. Also played Piano Sonatas 2-9

Returned Italian (Rumori) to form to Rosa, subject along with request from New York (Ja.) magazine with an offer of \$200 for a full-of-Richmond section from Vol. III.

So-so music: "Gokey Park."

1985 91st day — 274 days follow

April Fool; surprised Gwyn at breakfast by telling her the Paris trip was off. Then hastened to say, "April Fool!"
 To establish heart attack. Mozart Piano Sonatas 10-13, plus piano variations.

Supper; got prescriptions filled, got travel kit articles.
 20th Century check arrived: \$1086⁰⁰. Deposited it in bank; also cashed \$45 USD insurance check.

Continued Mozart — Divertimentos, Serenades, 2-Piano Concerto, Violin-Viola Symphonic Concertante, Duo quartet. Walked 2½.

Gwyn April-fooled me by saying the Internal Revenue Special Security Authority called while I was out walking. Turnabout's fair play. ♣

Back of SLACKS
AT JAMES DAVIS

APRIL

2

TUESDAY

1985 92nd day - 273 days follow

Wake & noon at S. 4's; great karakaput while
reading paper. Mary didn't get here.

Continued Mozart: Haffner Symphony, Quartet 14,
15, Quintet 2, Wind Serenade 11 & 12, Little Symphony.
All great, out of his early primes.

Late morning, picked up hood pants of slacks at
James Davis. Got them to Paris.

Walked 2 1/2; played Quartet 15, Swiss Kisses Nodt-
musik, which is just as good as people think it is,
though they should know greater things as well.

Slept through TV thriller.

Continuing study of Michelin map of Paris; I
intend to know park of it thoroughly by next time
we get there.

1985 93rd day - 272 days follow

Slept till 7; Mary here; breakfast. No report continued - Quant 16, Horn Concerto 3, Picard Cou. 14. Poak; saw Henry Ingram. Transferred \$1500 from Fort to his checking account; arranged for review of DJ ED on 2 May - this time for six months. Also arranged for \$200 in francs & \$1500 in travel checks, to be picked up in the 1st of May. Squares me away for three weeks Paris trip.

Wrote to Ron Chroun saying I have no criticism of the revised reports "tone & substance," though I hope the vagueness & bumps will be polished away.

Took cottonweave slacks to Ellis River for adding an inch to the waist - also for Paris.

Walked 2 1/2; played Eminon Mass, to kidnap through cards; the rest when I got back.

1985 94th day - 271 days follow

Mons. Mozart: ^{but} Piano concertos 15-20, Quarks 17-18, Piano fantasia & Sonata 14. We had the Browning cassette for smoking to Vlogs, along with a note asking him that we'd out want to be a ~~bird~~ on him, "was you on us, old son?" Will mail it tomorrow.

Found commercial tapes on Cons. 19 & 20 defective; so I reconded them from my ~~same~~ records, using an old 60-min. Tami tape.

Dinner at Le Tourville; duck for Quyn, flowers for Mrs - presented by Marshall & Marshall shop.

1985 95th day - 270 days follow

Post office; suit Hugs the Browning tape. Paperback copies of French edition of LDS + September covers in mail from Ross. Continued Mozart: Piano Concertos 21-23, Piano Quintet 1, Violin Sonata 14, Piano Pt. 2, Horn Concerto 4, Bassoon Concerto - last two during walk to & from Woodlins idz, where I spent some time with Turkie. Found him better off than I suspected, I'm glad to say.

Quinn met Abby, who seems to have found a new Orleans. She'll stay here Tuesday. After dinner, while Quin & Quinn watched TV, I played four-hand sonatas 607. Practically everything left to play - post-K. 497 - is pure gold: Mozart's quartets, the last six symphonies, the last three piano concertos, the last two quartets, & soon & soon.

So ends good Friday.

1985 96th day - 269 days follow

Shiloh anniversary, 123d. Paid bills while playing
 Clarinet Trio & Piano Trio 4. Began writing to French
 friends & business associates: Michel Gassart, Paul
 Carmaquain, Mary Kling. After lunch, played
 Piano Concerto 25, the Prague Symphony, & Quatuor
 3 & 4, two of my favorite pieces in this world.

Began re-reading LeClair's Black Mountain.
 Sessal's; got strawberries, onion, carrots to make
 a stew for supper. Also got ensercourt for breakfast
 Easter morning.

After dinner, while gurgling & AOC, watched
 TV, I played Violin Sonata 15 - the last & best.

1985 97th day - 268 days follow

Easter. Croissants for early breakfast; then played Piano Trio 5, Sonata 15, & the Adagio & Fugue for strings. Returned to the Parthy, working out itinerary; about one-third through. Second breakfast, bacon & egg on toast. Brinkley's Washington on TV. Back to the Parthy; then Mozart's last three symphonies, 39, 40, 41. Walked two miles; played string Trio K. 563.

Quyn took Avery to find its flight with her cousin. I played Quarts 21 & 22, latter while bathing. By day's end was about two-thirds through Verdi's.

Widow's Requiem on TV; good individual performances of a dull exposition; curiously reduced in effect by over-production. Saw first 40 mins. of Telmi film, "The Ship Sails On."

1985 98th day - 267 days follow

Up before six; cereal, coffee; then breakfast
 while they get hrs. Hard body in need of pre-
 departure attention, but Isaiah is missing.
 Nearing end of Mozart; Clarinet Quintet first
 off, then others - the last two quartets. Mainly,
 though, I continued the carting, using it most
 of the time.

Isaiah called; has a job, hrs, but will come
 on Saturday. I don't like it, he's said ok.

Waited all day for promised delivery of K&T
 receiver. It didn't get hrs, though it was promised
 for hrs. Called Bruce Lak in day & was told it
 would surely be delivered tomorrow. Yay.

1985 99th day - 266 days follow

Slept till 7; played Quintet 5 - 12 D Major, K. 593 - which forces me to concentrate all that's best in late Mozart chamber music & already outdoes the Romantics who followed the paths it opened to them. Magic & skill = beauty. A new beauty out of the old components; skill.

Finished Blood Meridian; liked it even better this time around. Mozart: last piano concerto, last quintet (#27, #6 - K. 595, 614), Clarinet Concerto. Ends Mozart, all but the Requiem & the Operas. Quite an experience.

Opus 2 finally delivered my K&H tissues. Total bill, \$83⁰⁰ - only \$2⁰⁰ of which was for parts; rest was for labor, \$40, pick up & return, \$35, plus tax, \$6. Brutal exploitation.

At 4 o'clock went for dental appointment; both crown & one jaw tooth (upper left rear) pulled. That settles things off: I now have lost the top last two on both sides.

Took Lynn & Avery to Pancho's for drinks; margaritas & micheladas, following nachos. Home by 9; TV movie, "Moscow on the Hudson." Mary met him - X-ray tests at hospital.

1985 100th day - 265 days follow

Up before 6; Quin took Andy to bus station for return to New Orleans. Mary went to library.

Library; Xeroxed a map of northern Mexico, Chihuahua & Sonora, for following Blood Heredity routes. Xeroxed it & taped it into the back of the novel for future reference.

Played Is Nossé di Tigro in the morning, Lachunga di Tiro in the afternoon. Walked 2½; played first half of Act I, Don Giovanni, which out; other half when I returned. Good walking music; good anything music.

TV adventure series, "Romancing the Stone."
Read first half of Ellen Gilchrist short story volume, Be the Hawk of Dorothy Dosans, this month's Wolf River selection. Fair.

1985 101st day - 264 days follow

Rose at 5.30; usual, Commercial; regulars at least
with many came. Played Act II, Don Giovanni.

Continued with Gilchrist stories. After lunch,
drove to Lipsy's, got CD films for dinner; put
a bottle of Mason Village in icebox.

Played Così fan Tutte; last half of Act II
while watching Fox films.

Wrote to Lollis Rubin declining to contribute
to collection of "Treasures." Also to Miss Hawkins.
Cooked the fish; Quinn added fresh asparagus;
also had a request from La Patiscuir.

1985 102nd day - 263 days follow

Library; got two books in Chartres Cathedral for study preparation to going there around May Day.
Mozart's Logic Flute - excellent tape, with
Hartigan, Maria Stader, Fischer-Ditkau, Rita
Strich, Walter Franck, + Lisa Otto. After lunch,
played the Requiem: which winds up Mozart
- 47 cassettes, including 144 compositions, plus
five operas. A great experience.

In late afternoon, walked down to Moosmatten
to see Turkis. Found him improved. Played
Scott Apple, going & evening.

1985 103rd day - 262 days follow

Began a slow re-reading of The Swiss Cheese,
aspiratory to Paris, where Hugo is reading it now.
Encountered Elvira Quilki on my walk; last
year back here, & she talks old time with Guy.
In late morning, drove to post office & trail
our 1984 stock + Federal tax forms & discs.
For dinner: fillets, baked potato, & asparagus.

Hand again all morning. At noon, cross out
by Lucy Fisher's for a Harbours lunch on porch.
See newspaper about all from before.
Continued Proust; 100+ pages into it.

~~call Augustine (Pelle)~~
~~at 10:30 AM (EST)~~

MONDAY

15

APRIL

1985 105th day - 260 days follow

Received Mary's earnings during our trip: \$966⁴⁸ -
my share (half) is \$483²⁴.

Travel agency; considered staying at JFK Hilton or
Sheraton, but looked at forums & decided against it.
Called Pull at Alamy; got tentative reservation
for Saturday night - will phone if it's impossible.

Agreed to serve for fifth time as a judge in
the Annual Barbecue Contest on May 18.

Walked two miles; played Beethoven's Op. 20 septet.

Cut courtyard grass. Contracted for yard-trucks
to cut the rest on Wednesday morning, three
days before we leave.

Finished first half of Swiss chut, the chapter
on "Grief & Oblivion" - a truly brave performance,
one of my favorite stretches of Proust. I plan to
save the rest for the right-hour nighting planz-
ride on Air France.

WOLF RIVER

PICK UP FRANCES & TRAV. CHECKS
FROM HAWLEY INGRAM.

APRIL

16

TUESDAY

1985 106th day - 259 days follow

Bank call: checks & Frances unarrived. Read
fascinating account of the building of Chartres by
John Jones: Planners, the Masons who built a Legend.

Received from U. Miss. Press: Mississippi Winters,
Reflections of Childhood & Youth. Contains sketches
from Shelby & Anderson County.

Walked two miles; played Schubert's Symphony 2.

Work to Hagan Sullivan's Thinking Time for material
from a 1981 Vietnam colleague on his experience with
the Press. They now into working on some problems
we did at the 20th Century meetings.

Wolf River: Mike McDonald host, New Orleans
short story writer, Gilchrist: In the Land of Dreams
Dreams. Not much to it.

1985 107th day - 258 days follow

Lawn people came at 8:30 & began cutting front, back, & side yards. I also got them to use the "weed eater" to clear the brick terrace in the courtyard. They did a good job all around - much better than Isaiah. Chrapski, too: total cost, \$30.

Letter from Michel Gnessot sitting up 'social' appointments: May 3 at U.S. Embassy, May 4 at Musée d'Art Moderne, Also, lunch May 7 & supper May 8 at his home in Versailles. (Dinner at Botanique follows on evening of May 4, a Saturday.) Unfortunately, too, that BRF turned down Carmignani's translation of "Good Friday" suggested he try La Revue des deux mondes or Historia.

Went by to see Tucker for last time before leaving for Paris. Weak in body, low in mind; bad reaction to chemotherapy injections. Saddens me; in part because he's not taking it well. But who knows how he will take such things?

Got Lancia washed & filled with gas.

~~REDAIACD CLANTS~~
~~AT CLASSIC EXHIBIT~~

APRIL

18

THURSDAY

1985 108th day - 257 days follow

Last-minute incidents before departure; trying to get as much as possible taken care of before the final day tomorrow. Called Chris Tolleside; got go-alsee on paper back deal with Mary King. Sent Ifug's his monthly \$9.00. Called Alarm Company. Missed & bagged my special tobacco, foil packing. Buster's; got pass of Johnny Walker Black. Pick-up in It's a Wonderful Night at North, with River selection for May, at Bush Street. Returned Charles books to library. Left \$25 with Mary to pay for grass-cutting. Cleared silver-dollar ink wash.

Walked 1½; played Shostakovich, Piano Quintet & Cello Sonata.

1985 109th day - 256 days follow

Bank; got \$1500 in AmEx travelers checks, \$200 in
francs, \$700 in cash (\$483²⁵ for Henry). Checked
with classic optical for glasses; no luck. Went down
& got Ms. Laura inspected for City sticks. Back
home, began first phase of packing for tomorrow.
Finished suitcase I on 2 o'clock - shirts, underwear,
socks, sweaters, etc. Held off on suitcase II; will be
suits & slacks, plus accessories not needed in flight
or in NY - Ties. Things will go in carry-on bag.
Picked up replacement for Mannheim glasses;
highly satisfactory. Thank God. Finished packing.
Rashed & laid out traveling clothes. Bed early.

APRIL

20

SATURDAY

1985 110th day - 255 days follow

Many lats: broken fan belt - no house breakfast, only cereal & coffee. Suz arrived at 7.30, & taxi picked us up at 8. Plane (Delta 717 64) took off on schedule, 9 o'clock; got to LaGuardia by noon, EST. Fast cab ride to Algonquin & was busy in Book Room for lunch by 1.30. Walked over to Madison & W 117; Quyn bought a hair brush & a book, waiting by Vincent Crapanzano on White South Africans; I bought nothing.

Back in room (807) by 4.30, we rested & tried to decide whether to go out for the evening. Decided on dinner in room; club sandwich & coffee for me, watermelon salad & beer cheese for quyn.

1985 111th day - 254 days follow

New York; sister till 8.40 - fitfully after 6 o'clock. Bathed, washed hair while waiting for breakfast order of toast & coffee. Watched Brimsley Report, 11.30-12.30; then down to Ross Room for lunch - lamb chops for me, Omelette + beef for Queen. Took short six-block walk up 6th Ave to 4th St & back; rested in room while waiting to catch a taxi for JFK. Made good time; checked for suitcases, strolled around for a while, then went to gate 33 & waited till boarding time (6.45) for Air France Flt 70, seats H & J. 45. Got settled; took off at 7.30, half an hour blind's schedule, all seats on 747 filled, in air to back.

No sleep all night except fitful cat naps.
Continued Sweet threat gone.

1985 112th day - 253 days follow

Paris; arrived on schedule, 10 o'clock. Hotel
 Pont-Royal, 7 Rue de Buci, by 11.30 after smooth
 passage through customs; Room 80, Fifth floor
 - same as my previous trip in 1983. Good to be
 back, with familiar view from balcony - straight
 up Rue de Buci to the Seine. Bright sunlight
 Took must walk around Faubourg St Germain;
 ate apple tart, then came back to room for
 a jet-lag nap. Barbed & called Roger, who
 showed up (just in from work) & came over by
 Metro. Arrived around 7.30 looking fine.
 We gave him the various things we brought,
 then went to dinner at Le Galant Vert, nearby
 on Rue de Valenciennes; splendid meal, especially
 the duck paté & the St Estéphe wine. Guy or
 Hugs had made a lamb; I had no quous de veau,
 all rather nouvelle cuisine. For dessert,
 apple crisp. Cost, 1784 FF.: steep, but less than
 first-class NY restaurant, or wine festives.
 Hugs came back to hotel with us to pick up
 his things, then went home by Rue de la Vierge.
 Asleep by midnight, still fighting jet lag.

1985 113th day - 252 days follow

Slept till around 9.30 but found that quyn had been up since 7, unable to sleep past 4.30, still in the throes of jetlag. Breakfast in room (croissants, hard rolls, mussels & café au lait; it comes with the room), then went for another walk around the region. Saw a Paul Klee exhibit at 25 R. de Tourton in the Grand Annodissement; went by car, returned on foot, stopping by Blvd St. Germain for a croque mousieur at the Café de Flore. Home by 3 o'clock; telephone message from Michel about a Baltimore invitation to lunch tomorrow - we'll call back. Called him instead; we'll meet for lunch at 1 o'clock, Le Voltaire, just off the famous restaurants.

Mary King (French agent) called; I'll see her Monday the 29th to discuss complications of paper been sent to Christian Bourgois in 10/18 series. Regarding the instructions, I am to be firm with Michel on granting rights. Quyn took short nap while I continued writing; wearing out.

At 6.30 made dinner reservations at Gerard, an old-style bistro, R. du Maine, 2nd Arrondissement. Taxi there; Hugo arrived half an hour late. All these are same thing - shrimp, vinegrette & a huge plate of baked beef with marrow bones, carrots, peas, potatoes; trout, lavash & good, & what's more, chrah: 400 FF with preliminary kiss & a bottle of Charles Heidsieck & another of B. de Villiers 1980 Burgundy. Caught cab at Place des Victoires, ready, back to hotel by midnight.

1985 114th day - 251 days follow

Poor night's sleep; waks at 4:30 with indigestion from overeating; took Titalac but couldn't get back to sleep. Get up at 9 when Paul Canuignani calls from Toulouse, announcing to us it was on Monday, 6 May. Breakfast; wrote postcards to Walter & Constance McCarthy, signing them "Tydon D." whose photo was on front; & congratulating latter on 135th anniversary of his human crossing Massachus (Dickens photo).

Lunch 1 p.m. with Michel Moutet at Le Voltairis; took him earbuds of chestnuts. Had cold sausage & hot rabbit, bœuf à l'œuf. Pleasant encounter, as before; talked from 1.15 till nearly 4, then walked together to R. S. de Fran. S. de Fran. market. He said he'd rather bring me the two novels in Gallimard's folio skins than sell them to Bourgeois.

Back at hotel, read Proust, then took nap. For dinner, Quire's returned to Le Voltairis. Small soup appetizer for me, white asparagus for Quire; then main course, lamb chops & beef bourguignon; dessert profiteroles with chocolate sauce & (for me) crisps with Confit de maison. Arrive home as wind-up. Good, & worth every F of it.

Returned to Port-Royal at straight-up midnight. Message that Hugo called, but he'd go to bed tomorrow.

1985 115th day - 250 days follow

Paris: fourth day. Slept till 9.30; bathed, washed hair; arranged by phone to meet Hug at his place at 2 o'clock. En route, went to Shakespeare & Co. in search of Clarissa; no luck either with Richardson or Browning. Walked direct, & through, Notre Dame cathedral - sunlight fell on big round stained glass window. Then into Hug's on Rue de la Verrier; small but liveable, with letter box & a well-stocked bookcase, comfortable small couch & table. From there we set out on a walk through the Marais to the Place des Vosges, stopping on way for an Algerian Jewish sandwich each & a shared half-bottle of red wine. Place was lively but crowded with tourists & children. On way back (by different route) stopped for pastries & coffee at St Germain near Quai des Bateaux de Ville. Past 6 when we got back to Hug's.

Ann & I walked all the way to the hotel, mostly along sidewalks & Seine, before getting across the Pont Neuf. Bought a Pléiade Céline for Hug at book stall, & paid a visit to both the Tour St Jacques & the park Vert Gallant. Back at Pont-Royal, decided to eat dinner in dining room, Les Antiquaires: asparagus & duck for Ann, coquille, St Jacques & calf's leg stuffed for me. Short walk up Blvd St-Germain & back; bed by midnight.

Got Hug a good edition of Maupassant's 'Parisian' stories at Librairie Gallimard; ordered a companion volume of 'Norman' stories. Also got B21 Ami.

1985 116th day - 249 days follow

Slept past 9; Tolls- & coffee breakfast in room as always. Decided to walk to & through the Tuileries gardens, then to Place de l'Opera & other right-bank sites w/ seldom visit. Set out at 12.30; walked up Rue du Bac to Seine, crossed Pont Royal, & strolled the length of the Tuileries. Crossed Rue Rivoli, went up the Rue Cambon to Blev. de la Madeleine & along the Rue des Capucines to the Cognac-Jay museum - which I'd have enjoyed a great deal more if I'd remembered to bring along my glasses; Fragonard & Bouclier paintings were wonderful! Anyhow. Returned by Ave de l'Opera; stopped by Bismarck's in search of Clarissa & a World's Classics showing; no luck with either. Cab back to hotel, where I retrieved my glasses, & we set out again to a brasserie; Guy had a croque Madame, I a ham omelette. Cashied two Bloo Wazek's checks.

Back at hotel, rested; then dressed for dinner at Benoit with Hugo & his girl Gabriela, a model here, originally from Mexico. Splendid meal at one of my very favorite bistros: snails & boeuf mode in the, plus tart & tatin with crème fraiche; fish piled in strips still attached to its bone, thin-sliced duck; Hugo, Gabriela had dishes similar to Gwyn's. Mr. Bott's Poulet Fumé, two of red Bonilly; atmosphere all normal. Bill, 1590 FF. Home soon after midnight.

1985 117th day - 248 days follow

Slept late, till 10.20, after last night's oversized meal at Berciat - five such meals in as many evenings; must slow down before serious indigestion disturbs me, if not something worse from heavy cholesterol. Breakfast, then sat around noon reading paper till well past 2.

Left hotel around 3; walked over to Basilica St. Etienne, where Léon Franck was organist; then roamed the neighborhood. Got pastries at a small shop, only to find them stale - first time this has happened on such a trip. Returning, stopped by Librairie Gallimard + got Hugo's 12 vol. Pléiade edition of Rabelais; Maupassant's "Contes normands" still on order.

Back in room for rest till 7. Hugo came silently after 8; mad, hurried on search for unassured dinner; tried chez Martine-Paul + Poline, both on Rue M. le Prince, with no success. Hugo led us to chez Henri, Montparnasse, for Oyster's + saucissonnet with them. Back to Port-Royal by midnight; asleep by 1.

1985 118th day - 247 days follow

Rose at 9; ^{hit Sandwiches, Eggs} breakfast, 9:30; but didn't have room for noon.
 Caught taxi just outside hotel, rode all the way east, &
 north to the Trocadero with its long view across the Seine,
 through the feet of the Eiffel Tower & across the Champs
 de Mars to the Ecole Militaire. We walked it; had a
 light lunch - sandwich mixes for Quyn, Croque Monsieur
 for me - then caught another cab to the Place Vendôme.
 Strolled through the Ritz, then back along the Rue Saint
 Honoré, windows shopping in financial safety because
 all the super-expensive shops were closed for Sunday.
 Followed the Rue de Rivoli past the Louvre to the Port Neuf;
 went down stairs into the garden & sat in the park (Vest
 Gallant) at the foot of the Isle de la Cité, then back
 along the left-bank Quai to the Rue du Bac, stop-
 ping at one of the same-size stalls to get Hugs a Narquin
 Pléaire, 100 FF for many catalog pieces of 250 FF.
 Back to Pont-Royal to 5:00 o'clock.

Hugs arrived at 8, took a deep hot bath, borrowed
 clean shirt & underwear; we went by cab to Chez
 Albert, a rather chic ^{at} Armand. bistro with excellent
 food: asparagus & creamed chicken for me, calf's head
 & rack of lamb for Quyn, foie gras & lamb for Hugs;
 three wines, a white Burgundy, a red Anbois, &
 champagne. A 150 FF total, all just rats. Home
 by midnight. Hugs collected his three new books,
Maupassant, Rothlis, Élie; finished the Swiss
Chronique by bedtime.

1985 119th day - 246 days follow

Paris: eighth day. Rain. Stayed in room till 12, then went to bank & ordered a check for \$200 in Traveler checks. Librarian Gallimard; Champassant's Norman tales still unarrived. Came back to room; rested before leaving again for appointment with my French agent, Mary King of La Nouvelle Aquitaine, in the Rue Condorcet near the Odéon Theatre.

In our talk in her office she produced to press Michel Melot (Gallimard) to commit himself to bringing out Toukellou & L'Infernal in their "Folio" edition, or else release (that is, sell) them to Christian Bourgoise for publication along with the other two (Saison sèche & Septembre) in his "10/18" series. She impressed me again as a confident, easy, hard-working agent, & I left much reassured by the consultation.

On walk back, I bought a 399 FF blacked denim jacket that will come in handy back home. Made a dinner reservation for two at La Ferme St-Simon on nearby street. 8.30; had a good meal - mostly nouvelle cuisine: assorted seafood appetizer for Guy, woulds en gelée for me; main course, lamb with a baked kidney (!) for Guy, steak with marrow for me; dessert, profiteroles with raspberries for Guy, omelette à la neige for me.

Home by 11.20; Earliest yet.

Slept well, both of us, best since we arrived just over a week ago. Phone call from Henry King changed Wednesday's appointment with Christian Bourgoise to 6 p.m. today.

Guyn & I took a taxi to the Place de l'Église, then walked through the Luxembourg Gardens; heavy construction work in progress on an underground garage, but the gardens were lovely, all trees & shrubs in early leaf, & beautifully tended. Dined for lunch in a nearby café, with a glass of white wine. On walk back, Rue de la Harpe, Guyn bought several bibelots in the same shop where I bought my Christmas bracelet six years months ago. Returned to hotel by 5.

Met Christian Bourgoise in lobby at 6 & went with him to his grand, third-floor apartment; had a drink of Scotch with him & his wife, met his 18-year-old son, a future publishing business - including possibility of bringing out the other two novels in his 10/18 series - then returned to the Port-Royal.

Dinner at Le Dauphin, across the Rue du Bac: snails & duck confit for us, salmon natural for Guyn & veal chop with spinach; white wine starter, then a bottle of Noh Bullery. Total, 522 ff. Afterwards, a Scotch in the Port-Royal bar. And so to bed, after watching French news on TV.

1985 121st day - 244 days follow

A great French (indeed, European) holiday; shops & restaurants mostly closed. Called Hugs, who came over for another deep-sea fishing bath & change of shirt & underwear. Around 1.30 we went out for lunch at a nearby brasserie, Lutetia; soups & lots for us, duck salad, sole meunière for Guy & Hugs, a bottle of Sillery for all three; they had dessert, not us. Coffee all round.

After lunch we walked over to the dead-end Rue Racine, which has a park as well as a pleasant highly priced restaurant on the street itself. Lunching, with laid-out playground for children, with benches around for grownups. Back to hotel by 5; Hugs returned to his digs to organize his photos into a portfolio for submission to possible employers.

Guy & I had dinner at La Coupole; ate lightly - clams & oysters for Guy, onion soup for us; main courses, roast chicken & sole meunière; dessert, crêpes flambées gilles. Home by midnight.

1985 122nd day - 243 days follow

Walked directly up the Rue du Bac & over the Pont Royal to the Louvre. Alas, the Dutch-Flemish section (Vermeer!) was closed, but we saw many great paintings, including ones by Goya, Velasquez, Delacroix, & many Italians; Mona Lisa too crowded - about for viewing.

Lunch in brasserie St Germain. Rested in room till time to leave for reception for Tom Morrison given by an American Embassy official, Tennessee Catherine, at his apartment on Ave Henri-Martin, Paris 75016. Stayed till 8, then left for dinner at the Pre Catalan in the Bois de Boulogne.

Stupendous repast in elegant surroundings; cost 319^{FF} for the four of us, including bugs & his girl Gabriella. Meal too lengthy & complicated to string; this was our only two-star Michelin excursion.

Afterwards bugs took us to some kind of bar-musette near the Boulogne, mainly frequented by African & West Indian blacks who danced as if their sex lives depended on it. Home by 2 a.m. Oof!

1985 123rd day - 242 days follow

Paris: twelfth day. Wakened at 8.50 by phone call from a French journalist, Bernard Genies of Le Monde; I agreed to meet him at 3.30 in the lobby for an interview.

Napped for much of the morning, then had lunch in the hotel dining room, Les Artisans. Walked up to Credit Lyonnais; cashed a check for \$200. Came back for interview.

Genies, interested & interesting young man, apparently much respected in literary circles here; spoke English quite fluently, but with curious accent I could not place as either English or American or by class. We talked for just over an hour, & he promised to send me a copy of the paper it comes out in on May 9, the afternoon of the day we leave.

Embassy reception, 6.30-8 o'clock. Saw a number of friends, including Michel Mohr (again), Michel Gresset, Claude Richard, Philip Janowski - the best of these long term students of my work & sponsors of it here in France. I made an appointment for an interview at 11 a.m. on Sunday with Mathieu Lindon of Liberation; Janowski will serve as interpreter, his wife as photographer.

Afterwards, Gunn & I went to the Hemingway bar at the Ritz; drank Johnny Walker Blacks while the bartender told Hemingway stories out of his personal experience as a young assassin - mainly to do with guns & shooting, most of them apparently true, including an account of how he gave him a fine Old & Under shot gun when he was barely 17.

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1985 125th day - 240 days follow

Got up at 9:30, in time to bathe & dress for interview in lobby with Mathieu Lindon of Liberation. Last about two hours, went about 12:30; Sunday & I think, interesting.

Phillips Jaronsky acted as interpreter & his wife was tech as photo grapher. He'll bring a copy of the paper next Tuesday.

Called Hugs to see whether he wanted us borrowing his car (we'd be by taxi; no bus fare, but I left a message on his machine.

He called back within ten minutes, which was (as usual) what to do. I made a reservation for the three of us at

Chez les Anges, 54 Blvd Latour-Maubourg (just off Rue de Grenelle on far side of Les Invalides) for 2 o'clock. Left message for Hugs to join us if he can & want to. We arrived at restaurant on schedule, Hugs & Gabriella not until 2:40. But we then had one of the best meals of our trip so far: oysters menu, liver for me, goat-chicken salad & veal aiguittes for Gwyn; dessert for Gwyn & me, & a bottle of Chateau Margaux afterward.

Walked in drizzling rain to Les Invalides; walked in & saw Napoleon's tomb from both levels. Impressive.

Back at Hotel by 5:30 for rest. Took nap; watched part of Chiraco's film, "The Wings of Fear"; then went out & got a croque-madame special at St-Francois which was great. Back to Hotel; asleep by 1.

1985 126th day - 239 days follow

Paris; two weeks today since arrival on 22 April.

Photographer sent by publisher Christian Bourgois came & shot four or five rolls of film in various rooms & areas of the Pont-Royal lobby, from 1 to 2 o'clock, with several hundred different moods & poses. Rather harrowing, though I didn't get really tired till it was over.

Back in room, joined by Hugo, who advised interns to watch the shooting of a few of the final scenes. He & Quora went shopping while I stayed for the pre-arranged 2:30 appointment with Paul Cadougnac, up from Toulouse.

Paul was in lobby in schedule. We came back up to his room & talked (Susan & answer) for about an hour & a half, mostly about ~~the book~~, which he is working now in his extensive essays of my work. Quora & Hugo returned from their shopping & Paul left, he returns at 8:30 dinner at Le Relais, a few blocks away down the Rue Raspail. Elegant meal, enjoyed by all three of us all the way through. We walked back to the hotel together; he & his wife will visit us in July when they come over for a first hand look at the scene of his studies.

Bed by midnight. Lights out 1 a.m.

1985 127th day - 238 days follow

Sunday's interview with Mathieu Lindon appears in today's edition of Libération, 1st in the book for the day Philippe Jaworski, along with a photo by Théo Jaworski; a note says his grand father picture is to illustrate book. Seemed to go well enough, so far as I could follow it in French.

Took a cab to l'Institut Français, 107 Rue de Boétie, & finally found a "profite" kind's 2 map of Paris to take home. Afterwards we walked on to cheap classes, a crowded, vulgar thoroughfare; had lunch in a wine bar-restaurant, & walked back across Pont Alexandre III. Racked hotel after stop at Le Nôtre for pastries.

Took an hour-long nap; got up for scheduled meeting with Hugs, who finally called at 8 with a complicated plan for taking two girls to dinner with us at a 7th Arrondissement bistro, Josephine - complicated by violent objections from third girl, his steady, Gabriela. Highly satisfactory meal. We were delighted to see Rosette, though the recent breakup caused some strain at dinner. I had clam oysters & ris-de-vau; bottle of white wine, a magnum of red burgundy, champagne afterward for the girls & a glass of calvados for us. Unfortunately, Quyn got sick just as we left at midnight. Full on as sleep around 2 a.m.

1985 128th day - 237 days follow

Last full day in Paris; tomorrow schedule visit to Michel Gresset & his wife in Versailles. At 11 o'clock received a phone call from Michel Davand expressing his admiration for Follow the Money & wanting film & TV rights. I gave him Resnais's address, forgetting Mary King might live in Paris; must write her a note when I get home, in case she wants to call him.

Quite feeling much better after last night's nausea but still a bit shaky &, of course, empty. Gas finished parking her big Vauxhall by midday, & I got things done by 2 - clearing desks for tomorrow's departure.

Lunch at L'Essentiel, corner Raspail & St Germaine, drinks & ash with Fran, toast & bid for Guy. Came back to hotel to wait for bags, done at 3.30. Arrived at 4.30, with photo equipment; took about a zillion pictures of us - some in bathroom, some in bed, some on balcony. Wore me out.

Last dinner, Chez Mathis-Paul, a down-to-earth small bistro in hotel style. Very good food, marks a splendid farewell to the food of France.

Hugs came back to look with us to pick up his final shirt. I gave him 500FF to lay in a modest supply of wine now that we're leaving.

Afraid I'm developing a fairly serious head cold.

1985 129th day - 236 days follow

Leaving Day - the seventeenth of our visit. Paid hotel bill at risk: 19,284 FF = \$2075. Left in cab for Charles-DeGaulle Airport at 8.20; checked in with Air France by 9 o'clock; flight 17B. Bought silk as off duty-free while waiting. Took off on schedule, 10.30. Plane half-empty, thank god; plenty of room to stretch out for sleep, though I didn't get much of it. Bought a Dior's care for Margaret 24 months. Landed in schedule at Kennedy, 12.25/4. No trouble with Customs; took cab to La Guardia. Republic flight 635, left 4.30; this plus 6.15; cab home. Glad to be home; animals glad to see us, especially Booker, who thought he'd been deserted after those long lonely weeks.

Cold still developing, alas, but jet lag not bad.

1985 130th day - 235 days follow

Cold worse, condition aggravated by jet-lag; started loose cell day in Tobe. Weight, 161 - a gain of about five pounds; not too bad, considering the extended caloric abuse of sixteen days in Paris, with at least one great meal a day. Paid bills; answered urgent letters, otherwise, just set around. For Queen, Carol Cruise for the first time in three weeks.

Wrote to Mary King reporting word that FMD is out-of-print at Gallimard - & then set up for grants. Also told her of movie rights going for Michael Davaud in Paris. Also answered a letter from (Mrs) Brenda V. Caldwell of Forsyth, Georgia, who is doing her Ph.D. dissertation on my work, asking her I will help her if I can, including a meeting in late fall or early winter.

1985 131st day - 234 days follow

Good eight-hour sleep, helps weariness & my cold.
Continued writing checks for Wells, and writing mail.
Calculated Paris expenses, including \$1820 for
plane fare, \$2370 for hotels, \$1415 for food, &
\$350 for incidentals; total (deductible) \$5950.
Actual cost near a good break higher, & was
worth every penny of it.

Lunch with Nancy & Penny Lepp, out at their
apartment town house. Trucks were as busy
as ever; looked well & as bright as ever.
Good lunch, pleasant afternoon.

1985 132nd day - 233 days follow

Mother's day, but none handy. Cold better, though still with me. Began bringing his journal up to date by transcribing daily Paris entries in notebook of events, including meals & business meetings, etc.

Walked two miles in late afternoon: first sustained exercise I've taken in three weeks. Though in fact I walked more in Paris than I do in the States, including my therapeutic exercise. Good to be back at it, working up a sweat in 90-degree weather. Played Beethoven on Walkman, 1st Symphony, 3rd Piano Co. Robert Wilton - Donald Kerr lyrics.

1985 133rd day - 232 days follow

Up at 6:30; several boys have arrived to fix regular breakfast. Cold water; yesterday's sweaty work in the heat must have helped.

Drove to post office, got our luggage & stamps; also went to Electric Eye to get my old eye glasses back to wear as per Misses vacatid; had to drive away out Poplar to get them after lunch.

Call from 20th Century. Press conference will be held in NY on Tuesday, 28 May, from 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. I'll have to fly up on Monday & stay over till Wednesday. They have already made reservations for me at the Westbury for both nights. I wish it were later; I'm weary of all this traveling, & what's more Gwyn will be able to go along - she'll be out in Los Angeles, 29-31 May. Next get airline ticket & make arrangements with Mary to stay here while I'm gone.

Trimmed hand's eye view of Paris map to about 3x5 for mounting on Gypsum board & hanging in Hugh's room.

1985 134th day - 231 days follow

Air-conditioning refurbishers & set going; most welcome after yesterday's 90-plus windfall, though it's a good deal cooler today.

Travel reading tonight's Wolf River selection, Italo Calvino's If on a Winter's Night a Traveller, but found I couldn't get it. Violates every principle I apply to literature - especially the novel. Continue transcribing Paris notebook.

Wolf River in evening. Discussion of Calvino book full rather flat. Mostly we talked of other things, most of them inconsequential. Home by 10 - in time to see the final round of "All That Jazz" on TV.

1985 135th day - 230 days follow

Woke early 5.30, but didn't get up till Mary arrived at 7. Finish transcribing Paris journal entries. Renewed steadily interest, aroused by grove book; played middle period chamber compositions. After lunch, took the trimmed map of Paris to a news shop in Replax, to get it glued to a 3'x5' plastic board; I'll pick it up tomorrow & hang it on the wall above the couch in Hugo's room. Good TV documentary on Melville.

PICKUP PARIS MAP
10 AFTERNOON

MAY

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THURSDAY

1985 136th day - 229 days follow

Drove to Bush's Lessons, got a pass of Bessie's gin & four bottles of Vermouth. Also visited Poplar-Hollywood Seoundhand bookstore, but found nothing I really wanted. Packed some, read Plutarch's "Alcibiades," an interesting study of a shifty leader, the deadliness of "pharm."

After lunch, went over to Jones Map & picked up (for \$26.94) the board-mountable profile map of Paris.

Made airline reservations on Delta for New York: 14. Mon. 27th, 8.50 a.m., ar. NY 11.55. Return Wed. 29th, 5.35 a.m., ar. Mon. 7.11. Cost \$450+, but no matter, 20th Century pays for it.

As Jones sundown, we drove down to Tom Lee Park, where the warblers are setting up their cookers. The birds cooked by the Park-I team, including Lila Samuels & Polly Reed. I walked around for a look at all the stripes; I'll be judging the contest Saturday - my fifth year at it, weather blustering & much cooler.

1985 137th day - 228 days follow

Haircut. Also went by Stewart's & picked up some
sensors & washers for fastening the mounted Parisian ab
nippers. Did the couch in Hugo's sitting room. Came
home & did it, though with difficulty because the
drill wouldn't make small holes for the inch-long screws.
Finally got it, though, & it looks just fine.
Weather still cool.

1985 138th day - 227 days follow

Barbours' contest, my 14th or 15th year as a judge. Enjoyed it, as I always do. Got there by 9:30; hours by 4 - filled to the gills with delicious smoked pork. My "category," as always, was "whole hog" but this time I was an inside judge, meaning I sat in the back seat but I had the partners brought to us instead of going out to sample the cooking at the various booths.

My cold hangs on - not serious but bothersome. It got worse as the day progresses. I start not thinking I'm over it; then after a while my head starts feeling sluggish & heavy. Aaaa.

1985 139th day - 226 days follow

out to Lucy Fisher's for poolside hamburgers; took
Tanker and Mrs. Mary Ann Bone and her two daughters
were here, she is suffering from a cold (another)
similar to mine. Home by 4, feeling average.
TV in evening. Tennis movie, "Tank"

1985 140th day - 225 days follow

Library; browsed various saguaro magazines, but found little of interest. I got a couple of papers in George Bonner, his two historical novels & the short biography of Frank Jones.

Walker called with news that he + Runt had a new breed of hard dog, a Welsh corgi. I looked it up in the dictionary & sent him the following message on a postcard. "I found the definition rather startling. It's derived from two Welsh words: COR, meaning "dwarf," & GI, meaning "dog." So it turns out you've got yourself a dwarf dog. Good luck. At best, anyhow - Shit!" He told me, too, there's an all-out dog article in my Cub Way in the current Southern Review; he'll mail me a copy.

Washed top dishes; played early Bostrom string trio, Pt. 3. Struck for dinner - a rarity.

1985 141st day - 224 days follow

Hand crew came & cut the grass, which used to be badly -
as does the ivy & climbing. I keep wanting to find a
dependable yard man, that vanishing breed.

Note from Conna MacCarthy thanking us for
the Dec 25 - 1984 postcard I sent her from Paris.
Says he didn't realize the Yuma Mass case occurred
on Shakespeare's birthday; "Do you suppose Judge
Hollister had anything to do with this?"

Leon Levin in dinner. TV play in Atlantic City;
hardening, I think, for roughly over 25; he's likely to
have symptoms.

Hard rain most of afternoon, into the night

1985 142nd day - 223 days follow

Wrote to Mags, enclosing a 200FF bill I brought back from Paris. Told him about the bird's-eye map I screwed to his sitting-room wall. Urged him to get on with STEPHEN STANLEY, with breaks for Norman Stans of the bank.

Bank: cashed \$250 check. Post office: mailed Mags's letter. Super D: renewed diploid vaccine prescription. Library: used Coors long range wheels in my Civil War in the Southern Review.

Rain continues, but not as hard as yesterday.

Letter from Paul Carnignac in Toulouse says he & his wife will arrive by bus from New Orleans on Tuesday, July 9, & leave on Thursday the 11th.

Installed new bulb in hallway picture light.

Poppy & Mick & Cole slant for dinner. Aww, package is ready to take off for California tomorrow despite United Airlines pilots' strike, which leaves her on stand-by for a WestJet Republic flight to Los Angeles.

1985 143rd day - 222 days follow

Up at 6 to be ready to drive Gwyn to airport at 7; left here in schedule, reached airport by 7.30 & Gwyn was assured a seat in the 8.30 flight, 400 stop to L.A. Back home by 8; called Johnny to inform him size of expanding on Republic flight 555. Settled day to clearing much of its clutter from workshop.

Post office at midday; got the diagrams for wiring to France. Price has gone up to 36¢. Also got four air mail postcards for same use - 33¢.

Wrote to Carmignani saying us & his wife likely will be visitors in July, plus cables on food in New Orleans - mainly Gallatin's.

Walked 2 1/2; played the great string quartets - K. 515, half of 546 in walk; other half of Swedish I got back. First long walk in nearly a week; it's back off because of my cold.

Gwyn called from L.A. at 6. Says it's beautiful mt. view; a good living place. Called again shortly after 11 - Johnny was showing her how to work some kind of hot-line telephone.

A sleep at 11.30.

CALL
Bob Rosen
541-8641

MAY

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FRIDAY

1985 144th day - 221 days follow

Slept, year miraculously, till 7.30; Cool weather made for sleeping.

Called Bob Rosen; will see him in NY on Wednesday, though he's tied up for lunch. Thursday turned out to be the windiest day, but in any case it's observation day. Practically nothing with Kopro, it turns out.

Wrote to Michael Gresset, thanking him for Paris & talking him about the Southern Review, which arrived from Walker today, & its articles in the 1100s, as well as two on Faulkner, mentioning a long interview with Bill Sogardis.

Called Bowen & Henry Amy got to come for tea & drink. Then went west to the Palm Court for dinner. Home by 11.

1985 145th day - 220 days follow

Start with 8; cereal breakfast, then Ted Proctor & cats.
Clear, cool weather - a little warmer than yesterday
but still delightful.

Called Quinn in California. Miss enjoying herself
out there in all that golden weather.

Played 120-min. Mozart cassette, Piano & Wind quartets &
quintets. Superior music, all six of them.

Walked 1 1/2; played Schubert's 4th Symphony. Back
home, took books for a walk around the yard.

For supper, drew a steampunk while a pot of
baked in the countertop oven & Lemon Chicken ~~to~~ boiled
on stove top - pasta with plain sauce.

Bad latz movie, "Police Academy." Lights out, 11:30.

MAY

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SUNDAY

[MIS ENTERE ON MAY 28] which sat, Apr 1851 14 days 219 days follow

Pick up as follows:
Whitsunday - Pentecost (Christian)

Subscription to Forthright Review as a result of reading the current issue with John Cox's piece on the war narrative, along with other articles.

Finally got around to packing for tomorrow's trip to New York.

1985 147th day - 218 days follow

Monday (Monday observation): plane left on time
 + leave on time, too, at Lagnardice - high noon.
 Fast cab ride to Westbury; unpacked went down
 to lobby, ran into Gladie Emerson, with Dean I set
 + talked a while, embarrassed at not remembering
 her name until she told me. Walked down Madison
 to South; stores usually all close for holiday, weather
 hot & muggy. Had an omelette & coffee at Manigole
 & was shocked at prices, \$13⁵⁰ with tip. Back up to
 noon; read Times & Transit till 7 o'clock news.
 Bought a club sandwich in the park & watched
 the 9 o'clock movie, "The Pope at Kielbaso Park," with
 Richard Gere. Not bad, in its way. Asleep by midnight.

1985 148th day - 217 days follow

MAY 28: Weather warming but skies are clear; real feeling of summer, outdoors & in; air conditions, always pleasant.
 Formal breakfast; later, Fried eggs on stove - First 3 or 4 fixed in the sky. Cold in real implying, but slowly.
 Started light packing for this-day New York trip.
 In afternoon Margaret called with word that some man had thrown her down the stairs & broken her arm; ambulance was on the way; she'd call me again from wherever they were taking her. About 6 she called & said for me to come get an old DeSoto (possibly the same car?) & following which there was a frantic & angry-making search for a drug store open on Sunday.
 Madhouse carrying on, & more to come.

[TRUE ENTRY:] Went to dozed till 8, and ate Continental breakfast in room. News program, then Donaldson. Left for 24th Century (one block away) at 10.30. Press conference began soon after 11; lunch followed at 12.30. Back in hotel by 2.15. Weather ugly, with occasional showers; still time to go to work in though I managed not to get rained by what I would do to get street & subway books, still in search of Clarissa & still with no luck. Back in room by 3.45, just before showers turned into a thunderstorm that held up a few men of rain in the next two hours - watched them go, from hotel window, so high up (from floor) that I could see the street, just the rain. Dinner at 12 Bistro: Mussels mariniere, as ever.

1985 149th day - 216 days follow

True breakfast - eggs, toast, sausage, pot of coffee - in bedroom room - in Felix. Don't work, just by walking, back to visit with Bob Loomis at Random; stayed about 45 minutes, by 11; then walked over to film & address it in Slot Street, for a similar party/visit with Bob Ross. Then returned to Westbury; left eight copies of Betty Lues (our report, printed along with other letters in a #10 paper, which) with the envelope to give to a messenger, hoodlum sent over from Random.

Lunch in Polo at 2 p.m. - checked report with associate vegetarians, looked ultra-moulted cuisine. Back to room; finished packing & left for La Guardia at 3:40; arrived 7:00 - with a thirty two-hour wait till plane time. Real tickets & worked the better corridors. Took off last night; arrived through in schedule at 7:11 C.D.T. As always glad to be home.

In package, tried to call Quinn in California; no answer. Tried again; got Kim; arranged to call again, an hour later. Did call, & reached her. Still for leaving Friday morning in Republic; status, stand-by in flight 7.08, departing at 8.50 a.m. Learn cousins in dinner. Watch TV - Briton on reasons new tax-revision bill.

1985 150th day - 215 days follow

Filled for NY Express with 20th Century: Airfare, \$410; car storage, \$15; taxis (La Guardia) \$30. Total: \$455.

Back; cashed \$200 check for Paying Mary. Called Chris Tommasino at RR to discuss French aspect situation; not sure - I left word for her to call me tomorrow.

Continued reading Tacitus' Historiae, supplemented by study of Ronald Martin's critical essays. Fascinates me more, the more I get into him.

1985 151st day - 214 days follow

Many unarrived. Continued reading letters till
home for "work turns"; then called airport to
check in flight log; found it arrives at 2.15
- in minutes ahead of schedule. Left house at
1.40; parked at 1.50; second time in drive.
Guest arrival at 2.15, as promised. Announced
she's just shopping, with half of the other - also
checked in.

Positive direction, my way of saying re-entry into
home life & no shock of withdrawal from shopping,
not to mention jet lag.

1985 152nd day - 213 days follow

Slept till nearly 8. Plumber came at 9 but could do little to lock up outside pipes for hot & wash stand; pl. had until he was Monday morning, presumably with replacement parts.

John read for articles in South West Review.
 John & Katherine took it to post office for mailing to both houses, who will get a parcel & return it to me - only copy. Mail cost £2.40 first-class. (Before going to AS I sent a check to LSU for my subscription to my review, beginning with the current issue.)

Record high for the day: 96°.

1985 153rd day - 212 days follow

still hot & getting hotter.

After lunch I drove down to Mooningside & spent the better part of an hour with Turbie. Hard to tell whether he's worse or better; but there's no doubt he's gravely ailing. No good way to go.

Walked two miles, slivattiss to get some suit; came back, showered, & met on my way home.

Let's show a foreign film "War in the Gutter," with Nabacha Kinski. Overboard art film; poor.

1985 154th day - 211 days follow

Plumber re-took sink drain, fixed hot-water tap in bathroom. Air conditioning repairman re-started large heat pump unit.

Phone call at 8:30 informed us that Margaret was in jail & had been here since Saturday, arrested on assault & battery charges; tried at 9 a.m. At 9:30 she called us to find out to call pay her \$100 bond & get her out. I did so after an hour's wait on the "lower level" & had to listen to constant paranoid obscenities all the way to my house, where I got her out. Each hour I had another call from her asking help; which I refused.

RECEIVED XEROX of Sandra Rivin article from a fellow professor of Cox's at Dartmouth, Hubert Coffin. I cut it through mostly to size & mailed it to Ross; requested him to return it when he's through with it.

Book shelf; Kennedy's Legs & Karlow's Vietnam.

1985 155th day - 210 days follow

Mary still not here, though her last will's theory is
was based on my 25th since Friday.

Opus 2; drove out to get my Walkman lubricated
or repaired; left it in shop, but the mechanic that
I needed a spare. Bought a \$120 (for \$100 plus tax)
Aiaa HS-P07. Sounds good. This way - if I get the
Sony back, repaired - it'll never be without a machine.

Read some 70 pages of logs; all disappointed, so far,
on what seems to be a tough talk gangster story. My
hope is that it will gather steam as it moves ahead.

Also, on my two-mile walk & found the easiest
place to do it; walking jogged it off on. Least
take it back tomorrow.

Later on: Drove Austin Hoffman in "Lucky".

1985 156th day - 209 days follow

At 8 o'clock, took group to walk on road in Park-
 on nature. After tea up after lunch but it is repair.
 took again, road legs till 10 o'clock of evening time
 at 10:25, then drove out & exchanged the Avia
 walkman in another in case the first was defective.
 I'm sure it's a try, then turn it in by its faculty.

Road Ketchikan's legs at a factory; finished it
 around 4. It improved as it went along, but
 us, we got nearly as good as I hoped it would be.
 Received from James the Cox, English report
 at Bartuputh, a small, small of his southern British
 articles, along with a letter saying that he had not
 written earlier because it wanted his piece itself
 to be his first letter to me.

Took group to park near restaurant over on
 central. They had a rack of ribs, I had a breakfast
 jumbo sandwich. Finished legs.

1985 157th day - 208 days follow

Took guys to pick up his repaired Mercedes in Park
Back here, began & finished two-thirds of packs on
written by T.S. Matthews, this month's Wolf 21st
collection by Bill Pearson.

Wrote my thanks to Annex III. Cox for his Southern
Review article & the Xenox of it he sent me along
with an outgoing note saying that he probably was
a letter & this last a follow-up note. It also sup-
plied me with the list that was dropped at the
bottom of page 346.

Walked 2 1/2 miles in exactly forty minutes; a
new record. Played Tenkrovsky's Sixth, which
helped me to stop me smartly.

Watched a three-hour ABC telecast on the
welter predicament, "The First Uzbekist"!!
Airs by 11.30

1985 158th day - 207 days follow

Wrote thanking Howard Coffin for the xerox of his
part with Polk's and his articles. Finished Jeeks on Butter,
without much satisfaction.

Walked to twice; played Prokofiev's Cello Concerto.
Heat somewhat abated - high in low 90's.

Began reading Stanley Karnow's Vietnam a History;
may or may not go on with it.

Paid bills: American Express, Cabela's, Light Gas
& water. Also wrote to Frank Jay from Nice, a post-
card; disadvantage of not being able to read his letter.

1985 159th day - 206 days follow

W/sight 160; haven't been able to get much below that since we got back from Paris - partly, no doubt, because of all those heavy-eating New York trips to 20th Century. Like from Craig Wilfong, NY Times associate editor, wanting me to write for special sports issues of the Times Magazine. I'll tell him no.

Expense check, \$455, arrived from 20th Century; also \$516⁶⁷ royalties from Italian Daily Star - not yet enough for Silvio; must use mine.

Woke a few birds, from cat courtyard grass in preparation for Liz Roshay's arrival tomorrow. Continued Vietnam.

1985 160th day - 205 days follow

Sunday; up at 7; cereal & coffee; read Conan novel.
 Read most of morning, moving ahead in Virtuoso.
 At 9, as per arrangement, called Sandra Saunders at
 hospital where Turkic remains in a state of semi-stroke
 that has puzzled his doctors; intended to go there &
 sit with him while she attended to outside affairs, but
 she told us he's too bad-off for her to have him even
 briefly. She'd sleep in truck & let us know when I
 can be of help.... My fear is that no one can.

Skunking game came to see us around 10.30; talked
 with Guy & while I returned to my book.

Liz Rohatyn arrived at 8. Chicken salad & French
 onion, plus a bottle of Macon blanc.

Let Guy & Liz babble in living room while
 turned on & watched a 1937 comedy film
 (Tex Ritter) with Rita Hayworth in it! Strange
 to see her the way she was before they re-did her.

1985 161st day - 204 days follow

Bank: deposited 204 Centbury \$455; cashed \$52
 check from Ruseoni / Amy (4.45 on), hardware;
 got monster nails for repairing back porch step,
 then came home & fixed it. Air conditioning
 not working properly: called Shelton.

Paid auto insurance, both cars: \$775.00.

Continue Vietnam; about 2/3s through by midday.

Stopped reading to play Bing's Lyric Suite - for
 the first time, got less out of it than I had gotten
 the time before. I must either go back to studying
 it again or else let it alone.... But then played the
 Bach two-violin concertos, which sounded better
 than ever before.

Terrific cloudburst in late afternoon - about
 an inch in one hour.

Miami Reporter
at 3 p.m.

JUNE

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TUESDAY

1985 162nd day - 203 days follow

Sandra Saunders called to say that Turk's is much better. "It's back with us," was how she put it.

Continued interview, into final unusual parts.

At 3 o'clock, as agreed, Bill Robertson, a Miami Herald reporter, was here for an interview in connection with interviewing that Turk's steps in life on the Mississippi. He had wanted to bring along a photo of a photo but I refused. At 4:15, the photo of Turk's feet with a unusual mark. So I said o.k. He came at 5:40; stayed till 6:30; told about a unusual picture in various posers, inside and outside. I missed the news.

Had rain from about 5:30 to 7:30

Found that spanner was used again

1985 163rd day - 202 days follow

New yard man, Fletcher Walton, showed up for first day's work. Grass cut from yesterday's rain. I put lawn to clipping ivy, which badly needs it.

Hospital (Methodist, Tower Room 801); stopped in to see Turkiz, who looks bad indeed, but is much better than he was during his three-day "stroke".

Tobacco bowl; got six 12-ounce cans of Edward G. & six 8-ounce packs of Swann - at least a two-month supply. Also bought an on-sale pipe, a black, sleek Conway-style (reds), 35% off.

A newel string broken switch replaced.

Finished Karlow's Victoria - a nightmare from which we're still trying to recover.

Yard man did a good job, cutting ivy. Returns tomorrow to cut grass.

Walked two miles; urgent piano sonatas.

1985 164th day - 201 days follow

Wardman back, mowing grass, trimming shrubbery, repaving driveway. Good worker, but unexpensive.
Cut all grass, front & back, & finished the ivy clipping.

Late morning; drove to the doctor & was glad to find things much improved, though the doctors still don't know what caused his seizure.

Opus 2; not too very sunny walkway, very painful.
Delightfully cool weather! Even slept under a light blanket last night.

Margaret came by for therapy. Exasperating attitude combined with ingratitude. I gave her \$20 & told her that would be my last contribution to her present life style.

1985 165th day - 200 days follow

Medical order to Southwestern Regional for current issues
to be sent to Michael Gresser.

Hospital; visited Tutkie & found him improved.
Hitcher worked up his three-day yard work -
mainly removing dead shrubbery, Gresser's job
to get the yard squared away at least, not to
mention the weed-bordered driveway & the
overgrown terrace up by the fish pool. Best of all,
the TV no longer threatens to lift the roof off.

Quyn paid the quarterly estimated tax -
just over \$4000. My share, in this slack year,
comes to \$603.25.

Bank; cashed \$200 check to pay my shares
of Mary's & Hitcher's salary.

1985 166th day - 199 days follow

Hot weather returning, but not yet in full force.
Lipsky's fish market; got four fillets of sole & three
soft-shell clams. Clams were frozen & all but tasteless
when given sautéed butter for lunch.

Began Zola's Pot-Bouillis (Restless House in my
translation) but didn't like its superficiality;
so I drove out to the beach surfed around 4 o'clock
& got the Penguin edition of La Tente, figuring
that if I was going to read stev another Zola
novel it might as well be one of his greatest ones;
this one (The Search) is reported to have won L'Assom-
oir, Quinquet, & Le Dehors. We'll see.

1985 167th day - 198 days follow

Considerable international excitement over Shi-ite hijacking of a TVA airplane loaded mainly with Americans en route from Atlanta to Rocke on the way home from a tour of the Holy Land. Women & children released but some felt to rightly usurping Israel's pending the release of about 700 Shi-ites by Israel.

Lucy Fisher's for bookends harbored; then came home to watch TV developments on skyjacking.

Wz was supposed to go to discuss a movie with Bryan & Mary Ann, but stayed home.

1985 168th day - 197 days follow

Heat up into 90's; making two-mile hikes a sweat. Began Zola's La Terra, the only one of his 'big' novels I haven't read. The machinery works mightily, but it also has power used & misused by the passage of nearly a hundred years.

Shi-it's aircraft-hostage problem continues.

Thunderstorm, with heavy rain & wind, struck about sundown.

Huger arrived N.Y. Will be here on Sunday.

1985 169th day - 196 days follow

Rain cooled things off. Many unannounced, + Hatcher called to see us & took to know because of wetness. Continued La Terns; finished first of five parts. Paid Queen the share of quarterly estimated tax payments: \$603⁷⁵. Also called bank & transferred \$3000 from Portfolio to checking. Wolf River dinner. Bill Pearson host; beer, packs or Bats. Home by 10. Sent Bill Quinn's two-volume paperback Black Hawk & Green Falcon. Hatcher came to work anyhow - a half day. Trimmed weeds along Andy's fence line, cut dead branches from driveway cherry laurel, clipped ivy on three trunks. Restored Thursday.

1985 170th day - 195 days follow

Hugs' arrival postponed till Monday evening;
will stay here following Saturday morning.

Best deal to Who's Who; paid \$1000 bill
for a/c repairs; resubscribed to Commercial,
six months beginning July 1.

Cool weather continuing; most welcome.
Late morning, I finished Part Two of Le Terre.

Bob Lewis returned to Southern Review Issue
line. Present that paper was "entirely convincing"
he made two copies for the files" with belief that
it will be useful sometime.... I still have heard
from Ross about the Xerox Issue line.

Two hour-long TV programs: one on issues of the
problem of saving it from sinking, & the other
(with Walter Cronkite) on Terrorism. We also
watched "Greyhairs" I to about midway,
only to the end at about 1 a.m.

1985 171st day - 194 days follow

Wakened at 6 by a phone call from Steve asking to know if it would be all right if he comes to work early.
Pee a drink - wakened after 154 the first hour's sleep.
I had him to come in, he did, after I went down & opened the basement for him. Drove coffee & read the commercial while waiting for them to get here.
Finished part two of Le Tenu after breakfast.
Haircut. Bank; cashed \$200 check.
Took dinner, went out & got Pepsi, chicken & cold slaw; was at home with 455 - a telephone box.
Benin hostage - hijack crisis continues.

1985 172nd day - 193 days follow

for divisions, read Pickett's change section of my
War Narrative. I must say, I enjoyed it.

Finished Part Four of Leisure; only five left. And
I wound it up by the end of the day.

Walked 2 1/2; played Real House Quibit 15.

TV movie: Robert Redford in "The Natural"; a disappoint-
ment after hopeful anticipation.

1985 173rd day - 192 days follow

Slept past 7:30 after watching late-night hostage "news," which of course wastes nearly 45 mins at all, usually with interviews with victim-captives & so-called experts on such matters, men who failed before in similar circumstances.

Read Henry James's late-life novel, "Julia Bride!" Mid-afternoon, rode to Lionising Ice & saw Tumbler, who greets cooperatively in much better spirits.

Read The New York articles on Stravinsky.

Handed rain at 5:15 banned walk. Quit by 4:30 - too late to start.

For dinner, cooked filets with Madeira & mushroom sauce; gurn heads garlic-butter potatoes, & we had a bottle of Red Court's Pavillon. All good.

1985 174th day - 191 days follow

Slept till nearly 8; lazy Sunday; cereal breakfast. Read North Anna / Boll Harbor issues in Civil War III; also parts of the Epilogue to Black Hawk & Gray Falcon, which Quinn is rereading with great pleasure.

Woke early at 1.45, in plenty of time to get back home for a TV showing of the 1929 silent film, "Napoleon," at 3 o'clock. It ran for four hours: many interesting techniques, including split screen, wide screen, various colors & exposures. Sound track added by Coppola, was mainly imitation Mozart, but served its purpose well!

Problems: music caused ruckus - another instance of Quinn's destructive impulses. I can't blame her for it - only myself for putting up with it.

1985 175th day - 190 days follow

Warmer weather back with us, though nothing like as hot as a couple of weeks ago but fact only about normal for late Aug.

Read Cervantes' "Rincón de Cortadillo," the first of his three Exemplary Novels. Rather pointless except as a demonstration of this vis' arget, most of it untranslatable.

Huger arrived looking fine when I met him NY flight at 9 - two hours late because of thunder storms around New York & Boston. He drove us home, amazed at how little things have changed in the nearly two years he's been gone. When I showed him the Paris map on the wall of his sitting room, he said it made him sad because it made him think of his girl MARIE. Then he went out on the town (taking Proyer's newspaper; my fiancée will be his Ray Fitz car) & didn't come home till 2.30 a.m.

1985 176th day - 189 days follow

Hatcher here, slicing front sidewalk & clipping dead limbs from the back yard apple tree. Huger slept late -
 time to all his old habits: out all night, in all day. Left
 in my car around 2:30, got back in time for dinner -
 a long-bone sirloin I cooked on the outdoor grill,
 along with corn-on-the-cob cooked indoors by Gionny.

Had thunderstorm between 6:30 & 8:30 which
 kept us from the grill. Cooked things off, though.

Walked two miles, but rode the last two blocks
 with Chris Cavale, who will cut down & cart off the
 dead elm in front & the dead wild cherry in the
 back yard; a task we've missed years of years.
 He'll call when he gets around to it.

1985 177th day - 188 days follow

Up at 6.30; half an hour or so after I heard Hugs
restless from an all-night outing.

Received in mail rough drafts of chapters 1 & 2
(of the structural version) of a book - *Smoothing the
rough work* - being written by Borisla V. Caldron
of Forsyth, Georgia, a teacher-koussoffs with
three small children. Poorly written (academic)
it still has some interesting points.

Washed two muddy kites following another
afternoon thunderstorm.

Had a dinner with friends; Guy & I fell
back on Leon Cuisine.

Mary met us, yesterday or today.

1985 178th day - 187 days follow

Hatcher (yardman) did not show; nor did Mary for the third straight day. After cereal breakfast, got lawnmower gas in east hs, ready tomorrow. Grass is growing fast; thimbleflowers died it.

Re-read B.V. Caldwell's two chapters of key thesis in progress; found it better than my first reading by being able to cut through the academic oratorical of Hatcher's language.

Walked two miles; made it home just before snow starts. Played Reethoven sonata 2 & 3.

Hugs off on photo shoot in afternoon; got home for 8 o'clock dinner - cold steak & salad. Dutch chocolate reserved for dessert.

1985 179th day - 186 days follow

Highly busy; cut grass, charred deadwood, get dead leaves off roof that had been causing a bad sitting-room leak in rainstorms.

Sent Hugo's \$900 by telex to Paris Bank. American Express bill arrived: \$2166⁹²; had to transfer another \$2500 from portfolio.

Notes from Social Security office continuing inquiry; must take my 1984 schedule C down to Cliff Davis Building.

Skipped walk. Took Hugo & Gwyn to Grisanti's for chicken. For me in appetizer, veal marsala all around, bottle of Bolio white; \$85.

Mary left her usual house since Thursday, leaving Gwyn to look after all household chores including Hugo's laundry. He was making his departure for Saturday to Monday.

Driver heating system breaks down; seek for
mechanic. Found bugs unshowered from last
night's outing; finally got home in early after-
noon, then left in my Lancia to go swimming with
Santo & Goss. Driver repairs man get here about 3;
works full 4, replacing heating unit - \$78.

Made stew for dinner, using left over sirloin,
carrots, garlic, pork ribs; good, with a
bottle of St. Estephe, Hugo's favorite wine, we say.

Hostess return, scheduled for today in front,
struck a hitch & didn't go through.

1985 181st day - 184 days follow

Another lazy Sunday; cereal breakfast. The stages were put on the road to Damascus at last, then on to Frankfurt for release.

Got up at 3.45, wakened by Hugo returning from another night in the town. Back to bed, & slept till 8.30 - the latest I've stayed asleep in years.

Soc. Sec. office:
"Schedules C"

JULY

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MONDAY

1985 182nd day - 183 days follow

Manly henz, first time since last Monday. Set out for
social security office downtown, attempting again to
straighten out confusion with flacks, ~~the~~ ~~our~~ ~~secrets~~.

Answered Caldwell's letter & dissertation.

Called Chris Tomasco of RLR; asked about three
things: the lack of gallimard royalty statements since
1979, the publication by Brasuberg (Uppsala) of Lds,
& the annual of the Xerox suit last month of the
Cox articles. She'll look into all those, she said.

In afternoon, rode down to Court Square with bags
to get photo suppliers for printing pictures taken lately.
Kate Morris, "Purple Rain" Wind.

1985 183rd day - 182 days follow

Hitchhiking, clipping dead limbs in back yard; also
 flattened top of driveway mulberry, changed oil
 in lawnmower. I was wakened at 5 by Hugs's
 return; got up, had cereal & coffee, read paper
 & Tacitus fell many minutes to fix breakfast.

Took Hugs to airport at 2:45 to catch his 3:30
 Republic flight to NY. He leaves for Paris on Saturday.
 I knit him the xerox of the Cox article with orders
 to return it, & revisited the various French artists
 he was to read in the past year. Also, he has read
 fewer than half of them: Laclau, Constant, Strindberg,
 Malraux, & all but the last volumes of Proust. Still
 to go: Balzac, Zola (though he did read Nana),
 Flaubert, Baudelaire, & Camus (or Camus).
 Walked two miles; played Sibyllus' 1st.

1985 184th day - 181 days follow

Hot weather returning, though not intensely. Five or
locks on basement door & on traps upstairs sitting nearby;
later a long time problem finally solved.

In afternoon, we used down to see Turkie for the first
time in about ten days. Found him in better spirits,
though still fairly obviously depressed. Plan now is to
make one last try at kung fu therapy (which hasn't been
working at all up to now) & then move on to experimental
stork at Sloan-Kettering - a whole prospect of best.
Lean cuisine, beerless.

1985 185th day - 180 days follow

Independence Day - unobserved in the Mississippi
backyard because it was also the anniversary of the fall
of Vicksburg in 1863. No fireworks, no celebrations;
not even conscious mourning.

Fixed the hose; cut grass, removed rampant grape
vine from area of backyard fence. I re-sprayed the
driveway grass sprouts with weed-killer.

Poolside lunch with Lucy Fisher, bacon & tomato
sandwiches, Muscadet wine & Mills's Lite. Bayou
& Mary Ann follow guests. Home by 4:30. Mary given
holiday as usual.

1985 186th day - 179 days follow

Slept till 7, when they came. Weather still cooler than usual for July; high in low 90s.

Read the Carthage chapters of Polybius. Good work despite inaccuracies pointed out in footnotes & the disadvantage of comparison with his model Thucydides.

Wanted two things; played Sibyl's 2nd.

Buffet dinner at V&M Grill's for Leslie & her fiancé; about fifty people, lavish spread. How lovely!

Group undertook & accomplished the laborious job of taking up the upstairs hall carpet, which stinks of cat & dog droppings & urine. Dab floor under which had suffered very little damage. A great improvement.

Began the Greek translation of Apuleius' Golden Ass. + funny; but I have trouble with all Latin books if I read more than a very few pages at a time.

1985 187th day - 178 days follow

Many here, to make up for missed work. After a cereal breakfast, continued The Golden Age, but with some reservations getting stronger. Midmorning: books for a playing of Sibelius' 3rd - one of my favorite pieces of modern music.

Worked 2½; played Sibelius - Finlandia & the 4th symphony. While I bathed I played the 5th & Pajala's daughter.

Isaac Curious, plus Mark came on record.

1985 188th day - 177 days follow

Up at 7.30; coarse Sweden breakfast. Back to work; finished the Golden Age, which improved as it progressed.

Played Sibelius 6th, & in afternoon drove over to Woodmingside to spend some time with Tinkie, whose comparatively good attitude continues. Pleased to say. Back home. Found Johnny & Kelly & his like in girlfriend Kim had arrived after their three day drive from Los Angeles. While they went out east to look at their newly rented house, I played Sibelius 7th & the Swan of Tuonela.

Five at dinner - veal spiced, baked chicken, corn. good late movie: French - "Entre nous."

1985 189th day - 176 days follow

Full house still; hard on Mary, who can barely make it up or down the stairs.

Read Csilini's "Costing of the Persius." What a howland.
Played Sibelius' Tapiola - which winds him up.

Insurance agent Mike Russo here after lunch;
paid him \$149 for next year's hospitalization policy.

Filled Lancia, at \$1.65 a gallon. Brutal. Quiet?
Walked two miles; Beth's violin concerto -

Isaac Stern, with Leonard Bernstein & the NY Philharmonic.
Played the 2nd symphony (Pastoral) while I bathed.

Paul Carmignani & his wife Mary are due to arrive
from France (by way of New Orleans) tomorrow for a
two night stay, but I haven't heard from them by
5 o'clock... called at 7; called at 5 tomorrow.

6:40: electric meter caught fire in rear wall
of house - smoke, flames, great excitement. Fire
department came promptly; cut main line cable.
Legal people arrived later; advised us to call
commercial electrician. I did - Central Electric
Co. 2489 Broad; worker arrived around 8 -
restored power by 10:30. Will return tomorrow
& do a finished restoration. Madhouse.

PAUL CARMIGNANI
& WIFE MARY, 9-11.

JULY

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TUESDAY

1985 190th day - 175 days follow

Fletcher was clipping ivy, pulling weeds. Mary got her waxing & vacuuming done before electrician arrived to cut the power while doing repair work.

Called electrician & asked him to hold off till Thursday or Friday on replacing entry casts.

La Baguette - got sixteen croissants & a loaf of bread for the visiting Frenchmen.

Ordered from Scholar's Bookstore - Ian Watt's Rise of the Novel & The two-volume Handelbaum 'California' Dante. With postage, \$87.50.

Met Mary & Paul Carmignani at Greyhound Bus Station at 5 o'clock; brought them home for drinks & dinner. Power fails for an hour, 6:30-7:30, but came back on in plenty of time for us to cook steaks. Had a magnum of Polman (Turner's '02, which alas wasn't very good) & a bottle of Margaux '75, which was marvelous.

1985 191st day - 174 days follow

Domestic burglar alarm went off at 5 a.m. across the street; woke us all up, & continued till well past noon. We took Paula & Mary out to Sessels East for a real inside look at a supermarket. Also to Buster's for seeing American wine selections. Back to house, where Paul did some research, verbal & documentary, on my novels & early high school & college writings. We took Hal lunch at his pharosist, adjoining the Palm Court in Ventura Square. Back home again for more study (Paul) & rest (me).

Four of us went to the Rendezvous for ribs & beer. I was pleased to see Frenchman satiated, & liking, ribs. Early to bed for an early rise tomorrow.

BATTERIES

JULY

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THURSDAY

1985 192nd day - 173 days follow

Up at 5:15 in time to get Paul + Mary to the Grand Central Terminal, bound for Atlanta, Richmond, & New York. Croissant breakfast, as before.

Hatched Waz; eat a last, clipped shewlskey.

In afternoon, played Royal Starzpool Company preparing of Trivial Pursuit Cassette reading NONE-such text along with it.

Walked 1 1/2 - short because batteries gave out.

Bad sleep, after early rising two days in a row. Slept from 10:15 till 7:10 am - longest sleep I've had in a very long time. Much appreciated, too, as John cannot wait to say.

Mary unarrived. She's breaking down badly & probably won't be with us much longer, I'm sorry to say.

1985 193rd day - 172 days follow

Rejoiced by long sleep. Many hot hours again. Fixed coffee & cereal breakfast. Hot weather is back with a vengeance. Drove out to Tokreod Canyon; get "micro" pills for this pest. Then to Super D; get septin tape, AAA batteries for Walkman, prescription for Dipynidolol. Back home, then to fish store for wash down solz for dinosaur.

Skipped walk, after all this scurrying around.

Sentzed solz for dinosaur; Gwen cooked spinach & a baked stuffed potato; both of them on Village plane.

Letter from John Steinbeck telling me that he is making a film about a time when a retardation of anti-semitism, in the form of a interview, struck in Mississippi. I was pleased to read from him that he had seen it.

Invitation from West Point to join a symposium there in July of 1986 on "Faulstich's Military." I probably won't go, but I'll take some time to think about it before replying.

1985 194th day - 171 days follow

Slept full 8. Central breakfast.

Reagan operated on at 11:00 AM for possibly cancerous growth in large intestine. By 3 o'clock the doctors were pronounced the operation a success, following removal of about two feet of the large intestine. Microscopic examination, some thirty odd hours from now, will determine whether the growth was malignant or benign.

Played Mozart piano concertos 9, 14, 18. Marvellous.

Called Turkie to ask what her kid likes to ride over to lunch with me for lunch tomorrow. He said he'd see. Curious parallel between his case & Reagan's; I only hope the latter's tumors out better.

Two-mile walk; played Mozart's Clarinet Trio & the Piano-Wind Quintet.

Read Livy's account of Cannae; found it fuller than but not as good as Polybius.

1985 195th day - 170 days follow

Sunday; picked Turkiz up at the corner in Hanning's id's at noon, drove out to Lucy Fisher's for pool id's match; played Strauss going + coming, "Tod + Verklärung" + "Till Eulenspiegel." Swam, drank white wine, ate sag sandwiches, chicken salad, sliced tomatoes + onion. Hour 4. Turkiz sich-looking + all Kurt's hat, yet not really in bad spirits - at least in comparison to his attitude some weeks back. In any case, he's reading the Tacitus Annals I had him.

1985 196th day - 169 days follow

Heat continues; Mary still unmarried. Purchase my new Geographical Atlas. Called etic company; got promise they'd come tomorrow to replace book. Also called dermatologist C. J. Selby, whose name Mr. A. Sage gave me yesterday, for 3.15 appointment tomorrow; will get chest X-rays rechecked, plus whatever else he may discover. Played two more Mozart piano concertos, 17 & 21; still wonderful. Then 23 & 24, two of the very best.

Letter from Chris Thomason at RRP, returning the boxes of SR articles; Mary King will investigate well-arrival of Gallinule novelties; Scandinavian agent will inquire about Brankov's Way translation. California woman wants information on publication of Totomant; she's doing a monograph on the book as it "relates to fiction of the South".

Reagan's biopsy came up cancer.

Wrote to publisher, man, Oxford U. Press, on an anthology called Military Anecdotes, giving it hell for its highly British slant; said that if I could do for him like a publisher that to review it.

Began Milan Kundera's Unbearable Lightness of Being. Its type offends me; "ununderstanding"; I call this kind of writing, which seems to me to offend the very notion of what a novel is all about. I'll keep on with it though, since it's this month's Wolf River selection.

TUESDAY

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JULY

3:15 appointment,
Dr Saffky.

1985 197th day - 168 days follow

Hitchhiked; Mary not. Played Mozart's last piano concerto, still one of my favorites. Hitchhik clipped the ivy halfway around the house & level-topped the backside hedge; finished his half-day at 10.30.

At 2.45 I rode out Poplar to Red Rock Cove & an appointment with Dr Charles Saffky, a dermatologist. He reviewed three moles, one on the chest, one on my left shoulder, & one on the back. They'll be sent to the lab for a cancer check, & I'm to call him a week from today for the results. His fee: \$60.

Took Gwen, Avery, & Johnny to Pancho's Tex Mexican dinner (\$50⁰⁰ with tip) for which I paid orally at 2.15 a.m. with backslap gastric acid. Got up, took Titralac; managed to stay awake till 5.30.

TOBACCO

JULY

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WEDNESDAY

1985 198th day - 167 days follow

Up at 5.30; cereal, coffee; read paper till 7. Mary
didn't make it, again. Electrician didn't show.

Haircut; then drugstore for rubbing alcohol to
pat on mole-scrappings after band-aids come off.
Walked 2 1/2; Mozart's Divertimento K. 334.

In evening, at Ann's urging, 8-10, we watched
a wretched 3-D horror movie, "Masks." Not
only was it dreadful; we also missed "My Dinner
with Andre," a film I've been wanting to see for
years since it came out. Oh well!

Continued Kuehler; just short of wind point.
It improves as it progresses.

Weighted (to my dismay) 114 - the most in
more than two years since the diet that followed
my angioplasty in April 1983. I must cut back on
food & walk harder + faster + farther; & will.

1985 199th day - 166 days follow

Fletcher here (but still no money - or electricity);
 He cut the grass & edged the courtyard; good work.
 Gave Avery a book I long ago gave Margaret - a
 juvenile's life of Mozart. She'll take it with the New
 Orleans & read it whenever she takes the notion.
 Hope it doesn't show how I did it.

Ordered from Dover three music-score volumes:
 Chopin's Nocturnes & Polonaises, also his Preludes &
 Studies, & Mozart's six string quintets plus the horn
 & clarinet parts. Best, with 1st postage, \$24.90.

Walked two miles in growing heat. Encouraged
 by reduction of weight to 162. Most of it was that
 dreadful thing I can't get two weeks ago.

Quyn & Avery went to a movie & then to Johnny's
 for dinner. I stayed home; ate Fran Luis' w. &
 a barrel potato, determined to get my weight
 back down into the middle 150's.

Took Lancia to Union Gap for gas & a battery check; all was O.K., including Oil & water.

Finished Milan Kundera's Unbearable Lightness of Being. Loved & enjoyed it much better than I thought I would while reading the first half. A good experimental novel.

Call from electrical repair shop. Electrician will be here Monday morning (so they said) along with an estimate for a Hartford Insurance agent to approve or disapprove the claim.

Good news: got my weight down to 160 at least - a four-pound loss in just four days. The next four pounds won't be so easy.

Skipped walk to do repairs - loose hinge at entrance to courtyard, sagging bottom on garage door: used Super's glue on both.

Many hot uses all week; no wind whatsoever.

Got 1/2 lb. sole & giant shrimp, both fresh, at Madison fish market. Gave cooked shrimp, 1 sole; both of Macon Blue.

1985 201st day - 164 days follow

Hot weather truly back. Yesterday's glue work on
brick & garage door seems to have worked just fine.
Read with Margaret Norris's Desert Journal of
Timothy's Wife; about one-third through today
or may not go into the book itself.

In afternoon, walked down to see Tombs; spent
half an hour with him, & then walked back. Played
Mozart & Lindo Samaras 2-5; a great early work.
Avery flew back to New Orleans.

1985 202nd day - 163 days follow

Continued the Norris study of Arctic Wrecks; about
two-thirds through this re-reading.

In afternoon, Quin & I drove out to the Ridgecrest
Quadrat & saw the lewis "Pizz's black" with Arch
Nielson among others. Disappointed, mainly be-
cause of distant Latre reviews.

Brickly II.

1985 203rd day - 162 days follow

Finished The Desecrated Universe of Finnegans Wake.
 Enjoyed it more on second reading, mainly by contrast
 with other studies; a balance, since it consists of "a
 structuralist analysis" stressing that the "plot" or even "the drama" can be described by old
 analytical methods of deciphering subtle or internal
 complexities - quite as if it had these.

Weight holding just below 160 despite minor weight
 excesses such as popcorn. I'll stay with diet through the
 end of the month, God willing.

Electrician did not come; said he'd definitely be here
 tomorrow morning. Same as before; de capo.

Walked 2½ miles in 41 minutes; played Block-
 Violin Concerto & Quartet 3.

Dipped into various Joyce books, including The
 McHugh Annotations of the Bengel-Stein Compendium;
 also The Wake itself.

Call Dr Saffery
for results of
Mohs surgery

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TUESDAY

1985 204th day - 161 days follow

Electrician finally came, along with helper;
replaced aluminum cables.

Hitler uses; raised magnolia kevis in
courtyard, clipped dogwood limbs out front.

Cable replacement & hookup took eight hours;
hard work for two men - hot weather, too. Great
relief when air conditioning came back on.

Dr Saffery called to report Mohs surgery came
up regarding pathology report.

Went River in evening. Billy Red host, Kundra
author. Lively discussion, good food. I'll be
host next time (sponsored with Fred Deans, who'll
be out of the country); distributed hard-cover
copies of Tacitus' Annals - lively reading,
but they all six said they were looking forward
to it.

1985 205th day - 160 days follow

Electricians came back, installed additional brackets to support outdoor cable in its galvanized pipe.

Finished Ling's Art of Jaus Jones in morning.

In afternoon, read Flank's Aspects of Art; other two of the Three Tales tomorrow.

Worked two miles; played Frank, Piano Quint. & Violin Sonata. They hold up well, I think, if you don't play them too often.

Lain's chop, braise like Ferdinand.

DR GREER RICHARDSON
809 MADISON: 1040 10th

JULY

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THURSDAY

1985 206th day - 159 days follow

Slept late (8:30) after Booker works hrs, from 5 to 6:30, scratching & shaking the bed.

Worked hrs; cut grass, cleared electrical junk from kitchen yard, before hard rain drove him indoors at 9:45. Walk him & let him go early.

Read "St Julian the Hospitaller," second of Harbors; Three Tails, in late morning. First re-reading in about twenty years. Still good, but cracks a bit.

In early afternoon, went to Campbell Clinic, where, after a long wait, I had my hand x-rayed & saw Dr Greer Richardson, who told me the trouble - pain & swelling in the second joint of the right little finger - would heal in time & there was nothing I could do but wait.

Each hour, I read "Hrothas," third of Three Tails.

Conced best wash with baked eggs for dinner at home instead of usual Thursday out.

1985 207th day - 158 days follow

Vacuumed Donhansa & made progress in clearing desk of old letters & such. Played Bette's ventrios for back-ground music. Big news of the day was that General Hopton will build a new auto plant at Spring Hill - the greatest excitement there since Dr. Petrus lost Ruck Van Doren in 1864. Bad news too: family conference scheduled to hear particulars of Jim's financial reverses over the past three years.

In late afternoon a distant cousin came by with her husband (Bill's & John) to get information about the Fools in the Zoo: he brought his old Hessian Williams' Confederate Veterans certificate signed by John B. Gordon in 1894 & proclaiming him a "captain commander" of the James Long Trust Camp 180 of the Mississippi Division. I hung it, handsomely framed, over the bedroom hallway door.

Had dinner at Lucy Fishel's - about a dozen of us, including a New York couple she knows from Mustang. Heavy rain storm throughout evening. Home by 11.30.

1985 208th day - 157 days follow

Abed till nearly 8; cereal breakfast; read paper.
Back to room, continued cleanup; played Mozart
piano concertos 23 & 24, two of the greatest.

In afternoon, walked down to the Turkis; found
him unchanged.

1985 209th day - 156 days follow

Been re-reading closing third of Simonds' Pages, post-Olyses. In many ways a sad life indeed, except for his family & his work - both of which were shadowed by doubt in the final years, or in any case by disappointment.

Washed top decks; a fine fine breeze that even really turned to rain.

1985 210th day - 155 days follow

Robert Phillips, a Mississippi State College professor of English, who is doing a book-length study of my work, came at 2 & stayed past 4. I answered various questions (mainly biographical) he needed to fill in various gaps in his work-in-progress. Missed my walk.

TV show's about the Castro beaches in Cuba & the migrations of the Batista régime.

1985 211th day - 154 days follow

Hotchen hrs, clipping & trimming. I finished the Emma page; great sadness. Book; cashed \$51 insurance refund check. Considered getting frozen crayfish tails for stoufée, but decided to wait till later in the week.

At 11, called Hugo; got only his machine, & left a "message" telling him to write to me about his progress (or lack of it) on the list of novels he is supposed to be reading. I said I'd reply when I hear from him.

In afternoon, decided & drove to fish market for a pound of crayfish tails, then to grocery for other ingredients. After TV news, made stoufée - a complicated but basically easy recipe. It turned out well, served on a bed of rice & washed down with Hiramshams.

Bobson had the first bath of his life - & glory is, stopped his round-the-clock scratching.

1985 212th day - 153 days follow

Began reading Don's applications in preparation for the arrival by mail of the 3-yr. Marxist-Leninist translation of *Red Book* M. July 9, three weeks ago.

Break, midmorning: read Shelby's "Gipsy Nation," & found it better than ever, despite the usual (though more occasional) falling upon the thorns of life.

Afternoon: financial meeting, with Rainie's office. Given course that her net worth has dropped from about a million dollars to about one-third that, then income will drop accordingly to about \$25,000 a year. Quite a comedown: we went from being almost really rich to being almost really poor; but only by whatever we are anything less truly crumpled. Things could be infinitely worse, & in fact they may not be if we don't salvage ourselves from the rubble of the crash. Rightly feel the worst off, facing bankruptcy as we do.

Dinner at Peking.

1985 213th day - 152 days follow

Continued pro-Dante reading. Hince all day; drowsy from frank phorcea at 12.40 by testicles or wakefulness at 5.30 which got us up.

Skipped walk; instead received weds from sidewalk cracks by way of exercise.

In evening - 6 to 10.30 - watched a really good production of Don Giovanni on the Arts Channel; Glynnisbourne. Very done - not simply a filming of the stage performance; a true TV show, will want to spring in cassette if I only had one.

1985 214th day - 151 days follow

Checked book shelf for new books of Glasgow
& played in American University; used in v.c.

Continued Bergin's Date.

Walked 2 1/3; weather somewhat cooler, but
by no means cool.

Good night's sleep, after the unscheduled m. the
night before.

Called Herb about conference on financial
situation resulting from loss of Arkansas land.
He'll talk with Nell & get back to me.

Also called West Point, Ed. Jack says about
further symposium this year from now.
He's on vacation; will call on his return, Aug. 7.

1985 215th day - 150 days follow

Slept till 7.30. Still no real word from Mary, who has not been at work for better than two weeks. Continued Bentz till this morning, when the mailman brought my Debora order (Mozart sonatas, Chopin Preludes & Studies) minus the Chopin Nocturns & Polonaises, which are back ordered. Note (in voice) from Scholten's Bookstore says that is the way but the 3-vol. Bentz will be shipped by U. Cal. Press. Spent rest of the day entering repeat marks in the Mozart, transcribing from old pocket scores, & playing the first & second sonatas for repeat indications.

Morningside: visited with Turkis, who told me for the first time, "There's nothing the doctors can do for me." He is simply sitting there waiting until the cancer takes its course. A horrible story, the face of Mary all around the world.

1985 216th day - 149 days follow

Lucy takes us for poolside lunch with Mary Ann & Megan. Home by 3:30 (Gwyn had declined); went to planned conference with Herb & Nell for preliminary discussion of current financial crisis. Conclusion is that we can only audit developments, both to find out what was lost & what was saved. There were also abundant tax problems. Herb is going to take his business consultants (C.P.A.'s) next with Julia (Rosa & Ivy) to come up with some kind of financial statement as it applies to the two sisters, separately & collectively.

We all took drunk home. Judy we should have done in the course of the four-hour meeting - with the result that Gwyn, refusing to be helped by me, fell on her face in the courtyard just at the foot of her steps. I helped her into the house & she went promptly to bed & to sleep.

1985 217th day - 148 days follow

Quyn woke at 7.30 with a bad black eye + scratches on
 her nose + upper lip from last night's fall in the court-
 yard; looks as if she'd been a round about with the
 Louis of the Wahki Ai. Ice pack may help some,
 but meantime she's housebound.

I drove to Plaza Cuitry for dog food + an oil-salt
Bugonia Polylinus. Back home, looked it over. To my
 disappointment, I found it exhibits the Selamabio
 episode of the Wahki Puallasi war with Carahaga.

Walked my 2 1/2 miles in exactly 40 minutes - some-
 thing I've been wanting to do for a long time.

Quyn spent most of the day using vasoline + witch
 hazel on her eye, trying to reduce the swelling +
 discoloration. Not much luck.

1985 218th day - 147 days follow

Many returned for just five in about three weeks; will try for a four-hour day; pay \$85 a week, less \$575 social security. Good to have her back, if for nothing but polishing the dining room table.

Paquito's housebound, missing her black eye, which has turned an angry reddish purple.

Chopin's Nocturns scores arrived. I played them through on my workroom machine; lovely as ever, more so in fact with my eye assisting my ear in getting all the way into the music.

Watched Roger Hurd's American Almanac, his 45th program on NBC - a fairly good imitation of PBS's 60 Minutes.

Walked 2½.

1985 219th day - 146 days follow

Breakfast school - first time in weeks. Room cleaned thoroughly - ditto.

Read Kith on home, mainly the Iliad.

Walked two miles; hot again, after cool spell.

1985 220th day - 145 days follow

Hester has cutting grass. Left at 10.30, after three hours' work; paid him \$15.

Letter from Wale. Letter in Birmingham; back from Paris, where he made little progress researching the work - Mary King, for instance, was too busy to see him, & he couldn't reach Gassot, Richard, & Co. He's doing a pair of pieces in my work (one "popular," the other scholarly) & will come here to talk about them, some time before November.

Listened to Chopin polonaises, with score. After lunch, read Aeschylus' Setsu Against Thebes - a strange work with many strange practices.

Walked two miles; played Bastarda sonatas 7 & 8 in A major; 14 when I got back.

Got fresh Dover sole from Liberty's & a bottle of praline oil for skillet cooking. Turned out well, with mushroom peas & a bottle of Fumé blanc.

1985 221st day - 144 days follow

Quinn took her mother to hospital for laser surgery on cataracts at 8.30; called at 2 to say it had gone well - Mrs Reyer in recovery room still anesthetized.

Read W. G. Thalmann's critical study of The Seven Against Thebes. Interesting but academic.

Quinn called again, late afternoon; mother staying overnight for observation. Mother called later, saying trouble was reaction to Tranquulizer. Quinn stayed on at hospital.

Watched crazy movie, "Beckham's Rouge"; then went till lights out at 11.30.

Skipped walk. Was out of pajamas till bath time; then back. Fattened up with clam sauce, plus baked potato for dinner.

1985 222nd day - 143 days follow

Slept till 7.30; no word from Quin at hospital by late morning. Finished study of Aeschylus' Seven. Quin came home by 11, after taking her weekly walk to her own house. While she got some sleep I did some grocery shopping. Among the purchases - bacon, eggs, milk, carrots - I got a two-pound "English" roast along with onions & potatoes, for a boiled dinner tonight. Put it in the oven at 2 o'clock. Then walked down to see Mumie from 4 to 5; by which time it was done; I cut it off, strained the stock, & returned the beef to the pot for reheating.

1985 223rd day - 142 days follow

Woke up at 7.30 by Quinn sitting off burg on a lawn by getting Sister in at the dressing-room window. Casual breakfast; then came back to work on a mad churning fifty pages of Product of the Art of Love. Watched just part, think of Breakfast program, then left for lunch at Lucy's. Back home by 4 - windy, as usual on both lunch Sundays. In sink, stopped by + saw Mrs. Rain, recovering from laser eye surgery. Slept from about 6 to 7, wake somewhat by Sue + was.

Woke just before 7 to take Gary + go to my mother's, taking her stuff to put a spec in her eyes as required. I fixed her Cairns for early supper - Penguin with clam sauce. Listened to Bess Thomas' est. minor snark, my favours, until about 9; then went to watch the Nashville restaurant movie, "Gabrielle."

1985 224th day - 141 days follow

Up at 7 when many got here. After breakfast, went to Scholar's Park shelf about nonarrival of Ian Watt's Rise of the Novel. The book is trading The Princess of Cleves, which I last read about twenty years ago. Gwyn returned from her overnight visit with her mother's around noon. Walked 2½, played Chicago over top of my talk on Gault's Vicksburg failure.

1985 225th day - 140 days follow

Atn 7 o'clock breakfast, finished the business of Caves;
enjoyed it as much as I did all those long years ago.

Breakfast with Ledyl about current bill & install-
ation of new electric meter. Energetic tangle
of jungle - exasperating, as always.

In late afternoon, got to the house. Dick Reynolds
was still doing his work, just an assistant as always before.
Shipper took me on a lot of about appointment.

1985 226th day - 139 days follow

Woke + get up at 5.30; coffee + cereal before leaving
 gotten at 7. Then back to workroom; began new
 study of Tacitus, with emphasis on the Annals - my
 choice for this work at the Wolf River Institute on
 the 27th.

Walked two miles; play of Schubert - 7th Symphony,
 Symphony of Tchaikovsky, & string quartet.

Chaperoned intruder (Jedi) with George,
 who is getting more snotty day by day.

County inspection came at 10:30, examined used
 cable preparation to make sure that the
 installation.

Insomnia: Turned out lights at 11, but at 12 turned
 on TV again to watch "Crossfire." Still not asleep at 12.30,
 got up & read till 1 a.m. Bed again, & finally asleep.

1985 227th day - 138 days follow

Wakened at 7 AM by alarm - less than six hours of sleep. About the same as the night before, groggy & unhappy; a new experience for us.

Hit the lawn, clipping ivy because it needs it more than the grass does. Made it on the way home & will be back Tuesday to cut the grass.

For dinner, broiled beefsteak & made corned beef; cause salad for us, jam for Gwen. Drove home with them for lack of anything else.

I cut the courtyard grass, fortunately just in advance of the predicted rainstorm.

AUGUST

16

FRIDAY

Bob Phillips
in afternoon.

1985 228th day - 137 days follow

Bank: cashed check for money to pay them - including two-week vacation last month. Then got haircut. Finally, went to post office & got postcards for mailing Wolf River business for August 27 meeting.

Bob Phillips (of Miss. State) came by again for additional information, mainly biographical, for a book he is doing on my life & work.

Rehearsal dinner at Probokly for Leslie Rainer + Anna Dillon. I sat with his mother, Barbara, a lovely woman. Still the badsm way the fu of ex-memoirs for the "host" that followed.

Began reading Ronald Martin's Letters, post-dating to the Wolf River dinner featuring the Annals, Aug. 27.

Hard rain, spax off from Hurricane Tracy, which hit the Louisiana coast around daybreak.

1985 229th day - 136 days follow

Spent most of day on Martin's Tacitus. Then in late afternoon went to Leslie's wedding at St John's Church. Crowded reception afterwards at Hunt & Volp Club; about 300/400 people, many of whom I hadn't seen in years. On way home we stopped by Mrs Rainer's for Queen to get chops in US exp. - a follow up to a laser operation for ectoparasites. Home by 9.

1985 230th day - 135 days follow

Finished Ronald Martin's Tacitus; enjoyed it
still more this time. Now onto Tacitus himself.
Cook breakfast, then later back & eggs.
Got back to walking - 2 1/2 hrs in jogs.
Read Sallust's Conspiracy of Catilina. Notes
good as Jugurthine War I like it: especially
for the detail Tacitus owes it.

1985 231st day - 134 days follow

Quiet day. Began a close rereading of Tacitus' Annals, my Wolf River subscription for the year. Wonderful how it inspires on slow reading & reads its under study.

They missed work because of injured horses' plate. Can't say she's & he's better now.

Walked 2 1/2; played Chopin - also isn't really good walking-music, though he's wonderful otherwise: as if a world turning from the use of seeds to follow the recording.

1985 232nd day - 133 days follow

Went back; also fishing, who eat all the grass, back
to front, with the bag in the tower.

John Watt's Rise of the Novel finally arrived. How
widespread the California values?

Walked two miles; played Mozart symphonies.

Finished Books 1-3 of Annals. Great.

Daunting threat of rain, but it never came.

Decided not to accept invitation to teach
symposium at West Point, despite my urge for the
\$100 honorarium. Must write to Col. Lepps.

1985 233rd day - 132 days follow

Took my clippers to Madison Repair shop for sharpening; they were on search for a power saw & cutter. Miss Stewart Bros. had saws where I got a K-10 inch cutter in #1067. Power house assembled it (cursing all the time), he went to filling station to get a can of oil. Filled his little tank, & got a miscible saw oil. Now trying to get his chainsaw thing started. No go; but I got at least as much exercise as I'll have gotten on my walk (which I forewent) - & a great deal more exertion.
* Slepped walk - straight exertion.

1985 234th day - 131 days follow

Seeds: get instruction on starting Wednesday -
short jinks sit pops right off. Came back + taught
Hester what I'd just learned. He was delighted
with it: a new toy.

Continued Tacitus, all but the last few pages of
Books I-VI (Tiberius). Gets history of provinces.

1985 235th day - 130 days follow

Buster's Liquor: get a case of Johnny Walker Black, a case of Buchanan's gin, two bottles of Juddon, three of Kirkcouth. Total: \$456⁸⁵; murder.

Then went back & got two magnums of Alexis Lachling rosé for the Wolf dinner Tuesday night.

Finish se in Annals, began Claudius, in Annals.

In afternoon a young Englishman - David Betty - came by to discuss the Civil War in preparation for a TV 10-part documentary for British & American television, perhaps next year. Likable fellow; stayed just over an hour, then set out for Shilton.

Rain began at noon; continued, though never really heavy, until about 4 o'clock.

Skipped walk. Read Annals, Books XI-XII: Claudius.

California Dante finally arrived; a handsome muss-volume set.

Went out for Kentucky Fried chicken.

1985 236th day - 129 days follow

Slept late; wakened by Englishman returning for forgotten notebook.

Looked through new Dante. Maundy House more large but less effective as narrative than Bergin; I like it but not as much. Same goes for illustrations - Baskin vs Morse, former superior.

Midyear Civil War novel by Stephens came from Random. Total resale was \$144,512³⁸.

Annals, Books XI-XIII: mostly new.

Quinn's bonnet Mercedes bent its wheel cover & had to be left at an Exxon station out Poplar; I drove back & picked her up.

1 1/2 mile walk - but short by thunder shower - very bad TV movie.

1985 237th day - 128 days follow

Intermittent rain. Amelia, Book XIV.

In afternoon, walked to the morning side of son's lake,
who's side the same; much better outlook than before,
though the cause no doubt is progressing in exorbitance.

1985 238th day - 127 days follow

Took Anna to pick up her new Mercedes out in Park;
 her mother's which she borrowed is still at Exxon station.
 Met her afterwards at 8:30 (where I was getting
 Hunkin beer. In tomorrow's dinner at the Wolf)
 & took her to the little house for a late breakfast.

Back home, finished Annals - Books IV & V.
 Watched two weeks; played Sibelius' Zap. Cool
 clear weather for a change.

Johnny here for dinner with us. (Spiced meat):
 lamb chops, lady peas, okra.

Huge callid from Paris. Annika's kidneys,
 infection is apparently cured & he is in high
 spirits. Back to Indust - I hope.

1985 239th day - 126 days follow

Again took Quynh to pick up auto, this time her mother's at the Exxon station. Back home, wrote to Col. Capp, head of Virginia Department at West Point, requesting non-participation in further "conferences" with family. Received Jan Watt's Rise of the Novel, which I first read in '83 while hospitalized at Bethesda for my angioplasty. I may or may not re-read it; or the Mendelssohn Divina Comedia.

Sent Hugs his \$900, plus another \$900 owed back from last December - total, \$1825; which necessitated a hurried transfer of \$2500 from Portfolio to checking account to ease this & the two health insurance policies which come due this week. They total \$1195; a heavy lick all round.

Letter from Michel Thohat saying Gallimard will bring out L'impact de la fin de siècle in its "L'imaginaire" collection. No word on "Tourbillon." I'll write to him & also to Mary King asking what this amounts to, both in money & prestige.

Wolf River dinner: John & us. Much pleasure with Tobias. "Country" food - pork chops, lima beans, Ohia, sweet potatoes; lobster dessert, two magnums of Lachini rosé. Home by 10.

1985 240th day - 125 days follow

Woke at 4; took Titmalae to counteract heavy mist
at Wolf River last night. Back to sleep by 5.30;
slept till 7.15, & would have stayed a bit longer
if I'd known Mary was late - car has a knock.

What's a 50th birthday commemoration for Bob
Rosen, which his brother Paul will have bought in
a book for presentation to him in October.

Walked two miles; played Shostakovich,
Eslo Concerto 2 & Symphony 10.

Back to SanCrisite for dinner.

1985 241st day - 124 days follow

Wrote to Michel Houellebecq telling him I'm glad they're republishing *L'Écart de la fin* in their Imaginaire series, & suggesting (presumptuously) that he had an Académie des lettres award to rename the Rue de Monsieur, or part of it, for Houellebecq. Postcard also, in delayed response to fan mail.

Skipped walk because of Lady wedding party at the fountain house in early evening; Bobby Lady & Pam were married by Judge Lucas in the presence of the restored Victorian mansion. Buffet layout followed ceremony. Home by 9.

Late movie "Focus." Not had.

1985 242nd day - 123 days follow

Bank; cashed \$200 check. Mary cleaned & waxed
workroom. Terminated three cars along right side
and sprayed, abolishing the clear wax smell, alas.

Played Bob's & Mark's 42 wild waiting for list &
hints to finish the respective ministrations. 33 letters.

Walked 2 1/2 in forty minutes; played Bob's 3rd
(ugh!) & the Magic Skaters.

Johnny brought & gave us a VCR tape player,
along with a cassette of Kubrick's "The Shining" - a
cut version taped off LA TV. We watched it till
past midnight, following a supper of Church's
fried chicken.

I went at 4:15 with stomach cramps & violent
diarrhea. Again at 5:45. Took two big doses
of Pepto Bismol, which I hope will help.

1985 243rd day - 122 days follow

Sick with overnight diarrhea, which eventually
could eat nothing; drank three cokes in course of
the day, plus a can of chicken bouillon. Weight
& found I'd dropped to 156½ - about a 3-lb. loss.

Stayed abed; slept in & off all day.
Gwen got two tape cassettes: "Birdy" & "Paris,
Texas." Played tapes on VCR in evening; Johnny
has to watch it with us.

1985 244th day - 121 days follow

Diarrhea apparently cured though I still feel somewhat woozy. Don't know whether the effect came from food poisoning or some form of ZEL. Don't know. At least I seem to be recovering whatever it was. Watched Bankley at noon; then the version of "Open Eyes".

Later afternoon, feeling better, I walked down to Manning's side to see Winkie. Told him at least that I have valued his friendship & that I want him to know I'll be glad to be of any use I can to his mess children, especially in matters of art & reading; a rather awkward attempt, to say I know he was dying & was saying goodbye ahead of time.

Had unsouped tea lunch. Andrew packed eggs in forest - first sold food in two days. Began reading bound volumes of the Shaw's biography of James Shaw. The number of him kept coming back as I read.

1985 245th day - 120 days follow

Labore Day: no Mary. Finished mechanics of Apoc. Found it interesting, mainly because of its careful laying-out of the facts & that I doubt if I can give her a blurb; with any honesty, that is.

Got out the two drafts early draft for the first time in many months, but found myself unable to do anything with it at all. My domestic situation asks worse all the time & my self-contempt (for putting up with it) is too great for us to feel that I can write anything of the slightest validity or wide applicability. Hello a note.

Humiliant Elena finally leaves Astoria this morning at Quilport & Biloxi, after wandering all along the Salt Coast for six or seven days, alternately threatening Louisiana & Florida before it made up its mind to stick between them. Damage not great; few injuries because of early warnings & evaluations.

Reconcile "The Executioner's Song" Watched first forty minutes; rest ran on automatic while I slept.

1985 246th day - 119 days follow

Many hands, also I believe cutting grass front & rear.
got out the Two Gases stuff again. Alas, it looks
more compromising than ski. No cone, no instant motion
to drive it; no motivating conceal. This is going to
take some heavy consideration.

Quinn took Robert to the vet (Rausby) in another
attempt to get something done about the itch, which
is driving him (& us) to distraction. He sheds about
two pscks of hair a day. Wonder is, he isn't bald.
Walked 2 1/2, played one of my Civil War tapes.
Played TV cassette, "The Executioner's Song."

1985 247th day - 118 days follow

Books much better; we too.

Began this tooth-counting Diego Skwert's
Plasti for use in backflashes in two gets.

Woke 2 1/2; more Civil War.

Saw music; rewatched "Duck in the Volcano,"
which Guy hadnt seen.

1985 248th day - 117 days follow

Continued Ploesti, gathering much good material; my third reading, as a bonus with many thoughts of Louis Nicholson, who died coming back from the raid. Skipped work - in celebration of 29th wedding anniversary. Gloria & I decided to give each other a tree as a birthday present; we'll wait till a good planting time.

Asking for dinner - Irish dumplings, fragrant pork, wonderful shrimp; Lite beer
Home by 9; watched cassette of commercial (badly censored & mangled) recording of "The Missouri Breaks."

1985 249th day - 116 days follow

Finishe Proestz, stands up well.

Quinn went to Methodist for physical exam; just routine, but long visit. Got good response.

In afternoon, drove to Lipsy's; got four fresh sole filets to cook for dinner, & also put a bottle of Fumé blanc in ice box. Came out well.

1985 250th day - 115 days follow

Rethinking Ploesti material; undecided how to use it. Straight exposition, anecdotal, impressionistic? In any case, I now have it less at hand.

Weather continues unseasonably hot - in 90's. Shipped walk beams. I felt peculiar: a shakiness that means, mainly, a sort of light-headedness. Watched commercial-clubbed "Amiz Hall."

1985 251st day - 114 days follow

Rainy Sunday - cloudy & mist in afternoon, which continued until about 7 p.m.: just in time for me to head out for the surprise party I had arranged for Tucker at Dean's home. Large black-tie gathering, well over 200 people, many of whom I hadn't seen for years; mostly a 65th birthday celebration, but in fact a sort of gala for the early work of research. Tucker conducted himself well, even though he could see the shock on faces of the faces of people who hadn't seen his deterioration over the past few months. Two bands, a DJ set up for dancing; buffet with oysters & hamburgers; tap bars with a steady flow of booze. High spirits all round, despite sudden quiet everyone felt before hand. Home by 10.30.

1985 252nd day - 113 days follow

Submitted (at last) the divorce claim for \$600 for
the anthropologist's removal of moles two months ago.

Worked two units; played last case of Civil War
cassettes. After bath, drove down to see Frankie &
Samara & Frank Han for last night's party. Stayed
briefly; came home in time for 5:30 news, despite
clouds that put much of the skyline under
water within half an hour.

Lean Cuisine; TV. As always, or nearly always.
Woke at 4:45; got up at 5; read NY Times
til Mary came at 7.

1985 253rd day - 112 days follow

Read various versions - Hawthorne, Singleton, Bingham - of Dante's Purgatory Cantos 26-30; a knotty business, wonderful when unravelled.

Must write blurb for Frank MacSkane's biography of James Adams, but can't get to it.

Walked two miles; played Mozart piano concertos K. 503, 545 - the latter aspirated on my workroom machine while I bathed; it has always been one of my favorites of all the twenty seven.

In evening, after trip to video library, played "The Falcon & the Snowman" on cassette. TV out of order: snow & soundbars. Stared with it for about two hours but fell asleep about fifteen minutes before it was over. Woke up & clicked it off. Woke again around 4 a.m.; took a valium & went back to sleep.

1985 254th day - 111 days follow

Replayed "Takeout Snowman", which sure I missed last night. Spoke for lunch about at the point where I'll ask for instructions before; they played the end. Good movie, for a change, even though the picture was murky & disjunctive. Calibration people promised to fix it tomorrow.

Fixed lens; cut grass.

Walked 1 1/2; Walkman batteries ran out.

Johnny came by in late afternoon; took the faulty VCR back to shop for repair or replacement. He came back in the evening with a new Panasonic; looked it up for cassette-playing. He'll install & calibrate it soon. Picture looks good so far.

1985 255th day - 110 days follow

Re-read "Pilot" (Levine) sections of Faulkner's Fables;
same puzzlement as always. Why, really, did we do it?
Walked 2½ in 42 minutes; please Bethesda Qt. 15.
Thursday night dinner at Grisanti's; 2 HD special
for me, lasagna fu quorn; Broccoli chianti.
Home by 9.30.

1985 256th day - 109 days follow

Bank; got \$7 charge reversed. Made \$2000
loan to cover expenses till CD matures on Oct. 29.
Letter from Michel Mout; says he'll work on getting
Paris street name for Proust.

Check to Guy for \$603.15, w/ 15% of third est-
imate income tax & quarterly payment.

Walked 2 1/2; played Elgar violin concerto
Began Hermann Hesse's Siddhartha, this month's
Wolf River selection.

Third payment,
estimated tax,
Chris Lossip

SATURDAY

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SEPTEMBER

1985 257th day - 108 days follow

Slept past 8. Cereal breakfast; then continued Demian.
Slow-moving, but I like it so far.

Drove out to Opus 2; got a 60-min. DeLeon cassette,
came home & recorded Mozart's Piano Concertos 25 &
27, which I already had on an inferior commercial
tape. First recording in months; maybe the best, too.

Walked down to see Turkis. Back home, mailed
note to William Carter at Birmingham, agreeing to
see him on Friday, 27 Sep. at 2 o'clock, along with
a photograph. Went to video store to get "The
Dinner with Andre." No luck, but stopped at Libby's
& got snapper fillets for dinner. Had it along with
spinach & baked potato plus a bottle of Juvet's blanc.

Reran "L'Assommoir Volcano" figure, kept it
off when she fell asleep, but an hour before the end.

1985 258th day - 107 days follow

Awake from 3 to 4, but slept past 8 when I finally got back to sleep. Big breakfast. Weight, 158. Ran last half hour of "bleans" for gym. For lunch, bread & peanut butter sandwich on rye bread. David Brinkley news show at noon. Resumed Journal; finished all but the last forty pages, kept for tomorrow. May or may not fill it with Stephens.

Walked 2 1/2; played Bethoven piano sonatas 17 & 18.

Johnny came for dinner - boiled beef. Tuned recording channels of the television VHS.

1985 259th day - 106 days follow

Finished Hesse's Demian, found in it (aside from various obvious similarities between all such "apparently" works) much of the groundwork for Klaus's Magic Mountain - a much easier work.

Finally wrote to Nantassa thanking her for sending me the galley of MacSteuve's Jim Foss biography. Gwyn brought home a VHS cassette, "Carnal, the Way of Risking" - an Australian film, involved, intense, puzzling, & not really very good.

1985 260th day - 105 days follow

Ragan Steppmool, first 7th pages, keep about
much like it so far. In afternoon, read & studied
Ziet's four quarters.

Cool weather continues; unseasonal but welcome.
Gwyn got "My Dinner with André" at video shop;
watched it. (Following Ragan press conference &
Lan Cusins dinner) from 8.50 to 10.45.

Woke at 4 a.m. back to sleep by 5.

1985 261st day - 104 days follow

Monthly haircut at Coats of Arms (George Pandy); also get a liter of Apple Pectin shampoo.

Went with Guy to Sessal's in search of a salmon marinade pie; no luck. Got a big longbone sirloin, the first in months, but put off cooking it till later in the week so as to add the pleasure of anticipation.

Ate salmon cuskus early, wanting to be at TV by 7 o'clock for a three-hour ABC documentary "4/5/85," a fast-paced survey of the forty years since the end of WWII. Not bad, but less than highly episodic.

1985 262nd day - 103 days follow

Letter from Bob Lewis: Random is contemplating a three-volume paper back edition of my Civil War, to sell for about \$15 a volume. Duquenois contract, he says, calls for 7 1/2% royalty, but he asks me to reduce this to 6% in order to have the price be \$15. I called Rossy for advice & asked him to take over as agent for this edition; he said he'd be glad to. I'll send him Lewis's letter & he'll look over it & the Duquenois contract & get back to me. One thing I want to get it done under a separate contract so that the \$10,000 annual limit won't apply; another is to string some kind of compromise of the royalty rate. At \$15 a volume, 6% would give 9¢; 7.5% would give \$1.125. My notion is a percentage (about 6.85%) that would bring me approximately \$1 a copy.

Shortense walk to a single mile because I popped a waistband button.

Received 2 cassettes from Charles Bell in Santa Fe, one on Duke, one on "Charles". Played the former; liked it.

Cooked longbone sirloin on grill; also French fries; both at St Esteph's.

1985 263rd day - 102 days follow

Bank; cashed \$200 check. Post office; mailed
 Louis letters to Rossa, along with a note outlining
 my own notions on his proposal. I also spoke of
 some plans I think might get Sule, who he knew
 "faking books" department - along with the long
 press-volume recording - for the Alfred S. S. Club
 by the government, of the Civil War Narrative.

After lunch, drove to Sessa's & got at least a
 lemon meringue pie - something I haven't had
 for years. Got also a small pie, 1 two large ones.

Read John Gardner on Plaque, prompted by
 the Bell cassette.

Walked two miles; Beethoven's 12th quartet.

Made a stew from leftover sirloin - onions
 & carrots, garlic, bay & thyme. Bottle of Bonbrax
 Reserve. All good.

1985 264th day - 101 days follow

Slept in nearly 8.30; most refreshing. Played second half of Charles Bull's Chaucer tape. Then played recording of the Canterbury Tales prologue.

Skipped work. In late afternoon drove down to Vasco Magia & picked up "Amadeus" cassette. On the way back, dropped off home-recording of "The Executioner's Song" by Joan Baez & Mary Ann Esch.

Lunch - tuna fish sandwich, plus two pieces of Ischia pie, which I finished.

Played VHS "Amadeus" after dinner. Guy enjoyed it a lot, as I know he would.

1985 265th day - 100 days follow

Quiet Sunday. In afternoon, returned "Amodeus" to Video Magic, then went to see Turkis. His physical condition gets perceptibly worse every week, but his mental state seems to improve at about the same rate. Curious inverse ratio. Sandra lent me a porno cassette, "Rockin' with Soca," part of which I saw before. Walked two miles.

Made a four-hour recording of "Once Upon a Time in America" (Gingio Leone, Robert De Niro) for displaying later in the week.

1985 266th day - 99 days follow

Transcribed my notes from the two-volume "Florentine" edition of Browning's The Ring & the Book to the Heritage copy I got in New York 4 yrs ago.

2½ miles; played Mozart - Nocturne Concerto & Concerto for Piano & Cello x. 2970.

Quyn's Mercedes broke down in parking lot at Baptist East, where she had gone to a with Neil Dickerson his-
 for she went under the knife for colon cancer. I drove out, picked her up, & took her to get her mother's car to use while her car is being fixed.

In evening (after all this, including definite word that Neil's cancer was removed) I took her to the Bombay for dinner, & we stayed on drinking wine & enjoying the music.

Weight down to 156½.

1985 267th day - 98 days follow

Chilly weather, first of the fall; 56° at 10 o'clock. Put on condensation socks & short-sleeve flannel shirt.

Wolf River dinner: host, Fred Braus: beer, Hess's Demian. Nobody likes it much, but the meal was good, along with the conversation; all seven of us were there. HOME by 9.30.

Postcard from Hugs: just back from a concert - Mozart's Clarinet Piano Concerto 24, Bartók's Concerto for Orchestra, & (for success) selections from Gershwin's "Porgy & Bess". His girl, Gabriela, cried at this last, he said - little knowing she'd soon be dying in earnest when the earth quakes hit Mexico City on Thursday morning & she could get no word of her family for a solid week afterwards.

1985 268th day - 97 days follow

Chill continues. Ayni went out to Baptist rest to meet with her, picking up her car for repairs. Star Motors will be keeping it for several days.

Re-explored on egghead hypercritical work, interpreting inter fasting, or possibly an application of Dickens' Domby metaphorically, a questioning of the critical process. I'm not too sure what the author's getting at, & but really such care.

1985 269th day - 96 days follow

Library; got VHS cassette of "Bang the Drum Slowly," a movie we greatly enjoyed about eight years ago. New discovery: cassettes are only \$1.00 & can be kept these days. Lots of cheap video magic.

Turkic was been in the hospital for the past three days; some kind of sudden relapse or crisis. I walked down to see him in the late afternoon & was terribly shocked at his sudden turn for the worse - bloated stomach, skull-thin face, haggard look. I'm afraid he's at the verge of death, although cancer can apparently take stranger turns; not to mention reactions to medication, including morphine.

Earlier, Hampton Sides - an MDS classmate & friend of Bugs' - came by for a two-hour interview for Nesmythis Magazine; a piece on Wisconsin fur writers.

After Ivan Luisini (no Thursday night but) we watched "Bang the Drum," & liked it almost as much as ever.

Bill Carter & photographer Sylvia Martin, 2 pm.

SEPTEMBER

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FRIDAY

1985 270th day - 95 days follow

Comparatively cold weather continues. Humidity is having the east coast from that was to Long Island - a truly fierce storm, dry sea.

Play Raven (great) & Brakins (alas) at start of day. Curious how some likes & dislikes hang on.

Received \$200 from source for Civil War excerpt (Battle of Franklin) in anthology to be published by U.T. Press next year. Also contract from a Czechoslovakian agency (#305) for rights to broadcast a dramatization of "Reds Out", which I'll forward to Bob Ross for acceptance.

Bill Carter & photographer Sylvia Martin arrived from Birmingham at 2.30. Photo taking lasted an hour, indoors & out; then Bill & I got down to a three-hour interview, complete with recorder.

Drinks at 6.30; Grisanti's at 7.45 for drink; back here for brandy at 10.30; bed by 11.30.

1985 271st day - 94 days follow

Bill Carter returned to wind up interview, 9-11.30, then left for the drive back to Birmingham.

Sandra called & asked me to sit for an hour with Tinkie while she shopped. I did. Found him not only works but also talking out of his head; discomfort & downright pain clearly got through the Memphis fog. I stayed from 1 o'clock till 3.15, when Marie Copp arrived late to take over.

Went by the library; returned "Bang the Drum"; took out "Wild Strawberries" & Gillian's "8 1/2".

Walked two miles; played Mozart Quartets 1 & 2.

Hard-working man & wife & 11-year-old son (hard-working too) delivered, unloaded & stacked a cord of oak firewood under the front-yard magnolia; left a deep rut in yard where truck got stuck.

Watched "Wild Strawberries" till near midnight. Every bit as good as I remember.

1985 272nd day - 93 days follow

Slept till nearly 9, after waking at 4 & 6. Cereal
breakfast; read Sunday Morning Commercial Appeal.

Noon breakfast, bacon, egg, toast, coffee.

Finally wrote to Charles Bell thanking him for the
Dante & Meville tapes.

Fellini's "8½"; held up with, a slight work, though
not in the class with Bergman.

Walked two miles.

1985 273rd day - 92 days follow

Mary unharmed; car trouble. Star Motorship has not found what's wrong with Greg's Mercedes; will get back to us, this sat.

Daylong rain; no work.

Boiled bag for dinner; Johnny's loss. First fire of the year in Livorno area fire place.

Called Loomis about paperback Civil War; will look for decision on Scharatz contract price of \$10,000 annual limit, along with possible royalty adjustment. Talked earlier with Ross, who will be handling negotiations; he said 6% is not unreasonable in light of current publisher conditions.

1985 274th day - 91 days follow

Drove to Health Department; got annual flu shot.
 Began background reading on Browning's Parkings,
 which I'll undertake (re-undertake) next. It's crabbid
 & obtuse, but certainly one of his most important
 works. Inevitably properly comprehensible.

Walked to work; played Elgar & Rouse's quartets.
 Back home, went up to railroad tracks & gathered a
 knob of crushed stones to help fill the hole
 left by the firewood truck in the front yard. I'll
 walk to get there tomorrow.

Found out that you could linguini with clams
 in a wine sauce. Both of them's blame.

Considering prob. cause of lighted furnace;
 never used a wood stove before next winter -
 probably cost, \$5500. Alas.

Libraries; got VHS cassette of Werner Herzog's
 "Every Man for Himself & God Against All."

1985 275th day - 90 days follow

Cold weather continues, but the house is far more comfortable now that the radiators are back.

Spent morning reading 2 volumes of Browning's Paraphrases: Ryals, King, Harold, DeVane. Read first three of them by mid-afternoon, along with the prologue. Then found a stopping-place.

Instead of walking, took the wheelbarrow up to the railroad tracks & brought back two more buckets of crushed stone for the front-yard hole. They all three barely half-filled it.

Seen Louise. Watched VHF, Herzog's "Sissy Man for Himself."

1985 276th day - 89 days follow

Returned wife to library. Bank; cashed \$200
Swansea check. Get gallon lawn mower gas.

Read the last three Parkyn's + its epilogue. I
enjoyed them (despite the crabness) more than ever.

Get fruit + nutcase for quip's depart lightly a
sight oness of tobacco for myself. Searching for
my old 'greeny' glasses, I came upon the last
Tiffany lighty quip gave me ten years ago. Never
did find the glasses, though.

Dinner at LaTourville; fancy but not nearly
good. And expensive: \$175.00.

Home by 9.30. Saw a rare good TV performance
by Itzhak Perlman of Beethoven's Violin Concerto.

1985 277th day - 88 days follow

Anna took her mother to see Doctor Tol supposedly her last treatment before he lasers the other eye. Went at 10.30; didn't get back till 3.30. And found that it wasn't her last visit by any means.

I received parts of Browning's Parkings, glad to have she compassed it at last.

In afternoon, took my waders & gump's touch boots to Galletti's for use - repairs; Brady Wednesday. Went by to the Tankie, who's no better.

1985 278th day - 87 days follow

To Sessal's with Quym, grocery-shopping. On way back, stopped at Lifford's; got two monkfish fillets to cook for dinner.

Continued reading Browning + hiscritics. With monkfish, had french pros or a bottle of Jume blanc.

On walk, turned aside to let myself fall to keep from tripping or spraining it! Landed hard, face down, on asphalt; serious hand, right knee & elbow. I was more angry than hurt; finished the two meals with barely a limp.

1985 279th day - 86 days follow

Up by 7:30; cereal breakfast, Sunday paper. French roll for lunch, filled with margarine, peanut butter, & honey. Excellent with ketchup.

In afternoon, walk down to see Turkey; found him badly distressed & hurting. I'm still a little stiff from yesterday's tumble.

Watched first two hours of a four-hour TV remake of the movie "The Longest Summer," one of the half-dozen worst we've read - perhaps because of the pervasion of one of the greatest of all American novels, Faulkner's Requiem. Cyril Shepherd was in it; I can only hope it makes enough money for her to buy 50¢ all the way.

1985 280th day - 85 days follow

New week: still chilly, but brightly sunny. Read parts of Ross's The Classical Style, which does such a good job of discussing Mozart's & major string quartet that I felt an irresistible urge to play it, & then the E-flat quartet as well.

Worked 2½, had a fast; played the Schubert quartet; so delicious it was almost like drinking rich cream - too much sugar for a dinner.

Called Ochsner's - Cassie Hui's nurse Edna - for appointment for annual checkup. She promised to call back, but didn't.

Watched second half of "Long Hot Summer" & found it (as expected) even worse than the first.

1985 281st day - 84 days follow

Trina Matthew Arnold's Supper on Stone but I can't find a copy of the score.

Played students of Major Quartet, which I know think (having written somewhat of the lyric members of the string quartet) the best thing he ever wrote.

Called Delbert again; was told I can safely count on being through pleckup by Tuesday, 7 Nov.

Quyn saw Jim about financial state, & found, as I predicted, she's by no means necessarily as bad-off as she feared - though much depends on the tax situation: including the possibility of a write-off that would let her withdraw by Ransom back-payments.

County tax bill in house arrived: \$1305⁰⁵, up about \$325 from last year.

Walked two miles; played Janáček quartets.

VHF cassette, "All of this?" Amusing.

Mary did show.

PICK UP SHEET
AT GAKIELLI'S.

OCTOBER

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WEDNESDAY

1985 282nd day - 83 days follow

Library; three Camus books, plus one on Proust. Also
a video cassette of an Italian film, "The Incident."

Still no Mary; no word from her, either.

In afternoon, walked up to Monmouth to
45 Traders. Found him somewhat better as result
of introductions. Feeding.

Lunch with dining, followed by VAF cassette.
Movie was heavy drama, turn-of-the-century Italian
nightlife, & not very good, alas. Asleep by 11:30.

1985 283rd day - 82 days follow

Dehnen called. Appointment set up: technical examinations in Nov. 6, doctor conferences (Slizardi & Hines) on 7th. We'll drive down on 5th, check into Bishop House; then leave for Covington on 7th or 8th, to begin short vacation (perhaps along Mississippi coast) with Walker & Burt.

Gaetzl's; picked up tie-needle loafers. Gump's Paris sneakers - top boots not ready.

Mary (not home since Monday) called to say she was in a traffic accident; going to hospital for a checkup tomorrow, & we'll let us know how it comes out.

Wednesday night; played Mozart, Violin-Viola duo I, Piccini Quartet I.

Dinner at Peking.

1985 284th day - 81 days follow

Called Walker, gave him books on schedules, which puts us in Livingston on Nov. 7th. Notion is, we'll take off for Mississippi Coast next day; by gas, say, three or four days.

Library; returned "The Innocent," got two more: "Sven Hedin" & "The Wild Bunch," two favorites of mine ever since they first appeared. Picked up Owen's boots at gate to my wayback; good workmanship. Then stopped at Lipsch's & got three flats of fresh socks & a small bag of four-ounce bread.

Ran a washline of towels, towels, drawers, & socks. Put them away in respective drawers.

Walked two miles; Walker's Cello Lamento.

Watched (after solo dinner with Fumi's blame) cassette of "The Wild Bunch," which I liked a much as when - but was greatly disappointed at omission of its "disparatus" scene against a backdrop of eucalyptus trees, one of the high points of all my movie experiences. (Wild-sensory problems were the reason for omitting it, I guess.)

1985 285th day - 80 days follow

Up at 7:30 fried egg on rye toast. Broke breakfast
 Alexander's Nutcracker, an "inside" account of a Utah
 family murder.

In afternoon, walked up to Monks' side, taking over
 Paris to find Turner, but found house empty. Took
 note, called hospital (last doctor); talked briefly with
 him - told him again to call me for any thing at any
 time. I never know, from day today, whether or not
 he is suffering his final week or month.

WTF cassette: first pass of "Seven Samurai"
 Johnny Lee got cook-out of cysts shaved in
 shorts & saucers of sutured heads; with beer.

1985 286th day - 79 days follow

Continued Niterack; visitors well written and well organized, but a fascinating cruise report because of the highly colorful character.

Walked trap piles.

Evening TV: last two of "Seven Samurai." It held up well as a sort of "shoot-em-up, bang."

1985 287th day - 78 days follow

Columbus Day; no mail, no banking.

Library; returned cassettes. 10 tapes done; got
portals of Seward G. & Tom 8-03. packs of "Swingin'
Back Issues: finished Nutcracker. Disatisfied
with it, looking back, felt that it's read right;
or perhaps not nearly as much.

Washed 2 1/2; bought Pianos boxes 17, A.

Call from Lynn Shepherd's secretary, Thru from
Cybil Hyslop, wanting to call us about in California,
Walter Teller, about transwelder option on September.

I called (213-278-8622) but got no answer.

Glad to know, however, that she wants a transwelder.

1985 288th day - 77 days follow

Called Rosen about Cyril's agent's inability to track him & where to reach his agent. Rosen said he's been in Florida, where Amy Elka's father is dying; but it's been arranged that he'll see Felber in NY next Monday about resumption of negotiations. Also said he's pursuing the paperback civil war matter with Random; writing now for Loeb as to confer with the legal department about a new contract without the \$10,000 annual royalty limit. Received in mail, \$94⁰⁰ in additional royalties on the Italian translation of Shilo.

Johnny had for dinner: steaks on round, with fresh broccoli, baked potatoes, & a bottle of Bondoux.

1985 289th day - 76 days follow

Took Ann out highland to pick up her Mercedes;
a whopping \$1250 repair bill. Cash loans; got bank
check; got a case of Bassett gin at Bick's, plus
a couple of bottles of Vermont.

Received a #43 return from Alabama (Baldwin
County) electric co. Op.

Wrote again re Paleo remains of "Scarface."

1985 290th day - 75 days follow

Bank; cashed the two checks.

Wrote to Michal Gresser answering some questions he asked, including Hani's address.

Finished Chinus' The Fall. A Jambouart job, but nothing approaching his work, "Notes from Underground."

Israeli visit, after six-month absence & the loss of Hebrew, who returned to full-time work.

Worked 1½; played Mozart piano to 25.

Wrote to Mary King respecting questions.

Dinner at new restaurant, former Carriage House; Mary Ann & Blum join. Drinks were first, then to restaurant - mussels, shrimp; swordfish, Estuicias, two bottles of Jumi blanc. Home by 11.

1985 291st day - 74 days follow

Various books turned over, but couldn't decide on next. Not feeling at all good; weariness of arms & shoulders - relieved by exercise, however, as if stepping up my heart to get good inside blood to muscles. Am highly suspect as psychosomatic symptoms. Glad B.M. at Ochsner Clinic in early November.

Super D; got Dipyridamole & Simvastatin prescriptions renewed. Found aspirin, which is out.

Drove to Methodist Hospital to see Turkie, who was seen in Tower Room 901 for a week now. Sandra, Lila, & Mrs Saunders were all there also, along with Peggy & Louis McKes, Episcopal Ministry. Louis conferred in private with Turkie, then called us all in for a prayer involving the late Philip of Jesus. I must say Turkie didn't seem to take much consolation from this or indeed from anything else; a skeleton with a hugely bloated midriff, a black, washed gray face, tight-shut eyes, fam-gri, mazed mouth. They say he may come home this weekend, but he doesn't look much as if he'll make it by then or anyhow much past it. Hard times; not a good way to go.

1985 292nd day - 73 days follow

Super D; got forgotten aspirin. Round Table; no sign of either Hawthorn or Loderon volumes due out in Library of America series. Stopped by La Baguette on way back; got us two strawberry tarts.

In afternoon, played the game. Lasted 1 hour of Thornt's Chances di Tito. Lovely last music.

In evening, World Series - St Louis vs K.C. Cardinals won 3-2; game took Royals. But: a superb breakfast.

Skipped walk because of weary feeling.

1985 293rd day - 72 days follow

Slept till 8; cereal breakfast, Sunday Commercials. Bacon & egg at 11. Watched Brinkley Report at 11:30; sandwiches - on rye sandwich for lunch, with red onion & ketchup. Hard midday rain.

Walked two miles; played Bloch Violin Concerto. Then his Quartet 3 when I got back home. Both are among the best things Bloch wrote.

Cards were second game, 3-1; now on to Iron Horse grounds in St. Louis, + doubtless to victory.

1985 294th day - 71 days follow

Home all day except for a walk in afternoon to
Woodsridge to see Tinkie & have "Above Paris"
for him to look at when he's ok. He's in far worse
shape than Iki - too weak to feed himself.

I began Parkman's Aspects in North America.
Called by TV producer in NY, Duffet that did
a program on the Brooklyn Bridge & lately,
another in Hurry Long, distinct interest but
already highly praised. It wants me to sign
as a "technical advisor" of a five-part series
on the Civil War.

1985 295th day - 70 days follow

Up at 7; egg & toast, with a strip of bacon for a change.
Library; got these books - Hayden White's Metahistory,
Ohio Press's Parkman's History, & Richard Vitzthum's
The American Compromise - in connection with reading
my the Assaults in North America.

Walked 2 1/2 miles in a record 37 1/2 minutes;
played Beethoven's Quartet 7, my old time favorite.
World Series, third game; Royals won, 4-1, in
St. Louis.

1985 296th day - 69 days follow

Read Pease's monograph on Parkinson.

Late morning; called Rossy - first attempt. In TV Civil War thing. TV man got no touch. Why him & is sending a prospectus, which Rossy will send on to the first decision, based (1) on not getting my narrative tied up to persuade another sale, & (2) not taking up much of my time at low pay; which it appears, I want to since Rossy says it would involve about a week's work & payment of about \$5000. The other matter was Carol Sutherland's option in September; Rossy suggested a two-year extension for \$20,000, but I'd like to go a further year of that, closing. He will talk with him (the agent) in Los Angeles next week.

Walked round about noon to Morningale's to see Turkie; found him worse - unconscious, with tracheus breathing like a death-rattle. Took home, still playing Schumann (Violin concerto, Introduction & Adagio). After dinner - Leon Cukier - watched fourth game of World Series; Cardinals, 4-1. At 11:30 phone call informed the Turkie had just died. Got dressed, went down there; helped all I could. Home again by 12:30.

1985 297th day - 68 days follow

Isiah woke me at 7 - still sleepy from last night's attendance at Turbis's funeral arrangements - to ask if it was raining. I told him no; he then decided not to come to work.

Resumed Parkman's affairs. In morning & again in afternoon, went to Monroeside to collect Kanara & help in any way I could with preparations for Thompson's funeral. Saw Jack & Perry, both of them flown back from school in Colorado & N.C.

Wrote to Paul Caruquiani re: working great from Franco-American Exchange contribution to future airport trip to study the work first hand.

Fifth game, World Series: Royals, 6-1. They now return to K.C. in sixth game & possibly seventh.

Bank: cashed \$50 check for Burch, \$32 had-care patterns of my Owl.

Asleep by 11.30; woken at 1.30 - night users. Then back to sound sleep.

Walker called in early evening; arrangements for meeting in Virginia on Nov. 7 after Belisuel physical; then on - god willing, - to Mississippi coast for indefinite drive eastward.

1985 298th day - 67 days follow

Up at 7; cereal + coffee. Then back to Parkman until time to dress for funeral at 11.30. Called Janice Smith to see if she would like a ride with me, but found she'll be going with Marie Copp. Gynn at beauty parlor; I wish she'd go to funeral despite budget friend.

The service was in St John's Cemetery, over on Central across from the Country Club golf course, a simple & impressive affair. No grave had been dug & there was no coffin. No artificial grass or coffin-lowering devices; simply the coffin on a low cart & also in front of a low stone crypt, where it would be kept for burial tomorrow. The Episcopal burial service was kept to a minimum & how the Rev pronounced the lengthy eulogy. Afterwards we gathered at Tom's house in North Weymouth, knipped the food, & told me another amusing account of Tom's various outrageous actions. All in all, a good observation of his passing & a credit to Sandra's judgment.

Resumed The Jesuits in North America; nearly midway, & liking it very much. Walked 2 1/2; played Mozart, Quarks 20, 21.

Four Monty's, Lion Quikins; usually argument, none of which made any sense at all.

1985 299th day - 66 days follow

Continued Parkman's Assaults, up to final
unread pages.

In afternoon went to the 1st at Parade -
"Kiss of the Spiky Woman" the kind of interesting,
experimental reading you wish had been
better than it was. Good performance all
round.

Back home, argument resumed, only worse;
a sort of nonsensical showdown that serves
nothing except for the subtraction of spirit in
every sense. One stops caring - with, in itself,
is a sort of solution, at least a partial violation of
the first.

World Series, in Kansas City; Royals won in
winning. Games now 3 to 3. Tomorrow
night's game will decide it up. In the Cardinals,
who've played miserably they lost these games
& may well lose the series.

1985 300th day - 65 days follow

Sunday; usual, then eggs & bacon breakfast. Read the first-to-last fifty pages of *Assault*; then lot of respect to Lee's father's face bookies bar menu lunch. Home by 3:30; went down to see Sandra, met young neighbor - back hour.

Set all the clocks back one hour, ending Daylight Savings time.

Kansas City Royals won the Series - a rout.

Went by to see Sandra as noted above; will go back at first opportunity, keeping in mind my debt to her for looking after Turk's so well these past two years. I'm in a library, I will do so for a long time, I know.

Wrote to Lewis Burch, following our book exchange at the funeral three days ago, recommending his "Writers of America" two-volume edition of *Parman*.

1985 301st day - 64 days follow

Woke at 5.30; got up, made coffee; finished Parkman's results in North America. Fixed toast - 2-egg breakfast at 7, only to have Mary arrive (late) fifteen minutes later; first time she's been here since her car crash, two weeks ago.

In afternoon, mailed Charles Bell's Dante & Chaucer cassettes back to him; crossed Union to Magic Video, checked out Artman's Back to the Five & Dials.

Put it in at 7, after early dinner; liked it. Then saw a good long document on the statue of Liberty, produced by the people who want me to work with them on a six-part Civil War series.

SEE WLS Harris at KJ Term:
 Note due, CD materials.

1985 302nd day - 63 days follow

Haircut. To bank; paid \$200 note, cashed \$25,000 CD & received \$17,500 of it; banked the remaining \$5500. Back home by 11.

In afternoon walked to the lake; Dorek, also came to. Throat sore again by 11.

Read two campus stories, "The Artist at Work" & "The Sikeat Ussu". Didn't much like either of them, & in fact don't much like any of his work except The Plague.

Wolfe River; Robert Gooch host, Peter Taylor's "The Old Forest". Dolly Bob Johnson mother - his place taken by Gooch's wife Kate. Brief meeting; I was home by 8:30. Johnny had dinner here with Gooch, but had just left when I got back.

1985 303rd day - 62 days follow

Woke early; heavy rain storm. Made coffee; read
NY Times till Mary arrived a 7 to fix breakfast.
Walked two miles; Elgar's Cello Concerto.
Dinner at Country Club with Lucius Burch; fellow
guests Mary & Jim Hammond. Home by 9.45.

1985 304th day - 61 days follow

Halloween. ^{Halloween Information Day} ^{Social Security and Withholding Tax Return Due} returned books on Parkman & Carnes. Cold rain falling, accompanied with no direct to Hurricane Juan down on the Louisiana coast.

Rosal Proust "On Reading," the preface to his translation of Ruskin's *Essays & Lectures*.

Went up to Horningside tonight with Sandra, for the first time since Jimmie's death, a week ago yesterday. Suzzy being fine.

Received from Ric Carter the German film "Elsbeth," a retelling of the Elsie Alkowitz story of her eight-year association with Proust. I like it very much, though the subtitles are very hard to read & my one-semester German went up to much into Hegel's translation.

Rosal forwarded a letter from Ric Burns wanting me to participate in his known as the project (Horningside films) for a five-part series of the Civil War: "\$350 a day plus expenses," but they'll go to "twice that figure." I'd want my narrative acceptance to tomorrow.

1985 305th day - 60 days follow

Post office; returned, unsigned, two books & N.C. Jan sent without request or warning. Quit in Union; got Lorraine passed & also for Thursday's trip to Jackson & New Orleans, then (after the two-day Delsher run-through) OK to Covington to see Burt & Wally. -

Called Bob Ross to let him know I'll be out of touch all next week & part of the week following. Also note to Ken Burns, of Horowitz Films, regarding to Warner's Civil War film; part documentary.

- Walked brisk half-mile; no music.

Country Club again; cocktail party given by Dr. John Sumast in Ashbury, a sort of welcome to Shea Clinic, of which he (Sumast) has been a member for many years. Home around 10.

1985 306th day - 59 days follow

All Souls Day
Crisol breakfast. In morning played (replayed)
first half of video cassette "Césaire," second half in
afternoon. List it every week second time around.
Walked 2½ in forty minutes; played César Franck
Quartet, which was on sound track of "Césaire."
Got into it further than before, despite previous
analysis & much study of the score.

Avery arrived for weekend visit; also Johnny's
Francis & Philip Longans.

Mary called (thank god) to say she'll definitely
be here all next week when we are gone.

Halloween party at Wendy & Alan's - an annual
event. Lots of children & their parents, all in costume.
Hours by 9, with Avery.

1985 307th day - 58 days follow

Up at 7:30; usual, then croissant. Fly based + present
briefing for lunch preceding Brinkley Report.

Selected maps + tapes for trip; put them in dash
pocket of Lancia, ready for tomorrow's drive to
Jackson, then next day to New Orleans + Decatur.

Walked 2½; Brahms' Piano Concerto 2.

Avery left at 4.30, New Orleans bound.

Early to bed; asleep just past 11.

1985 308th day - 57 days follow

Up at 6.30: raving-day. Made coffee; etc
breakfast with Mary, thank God, arrived at 11.
Back; wired \$600 to bugs - additional money
for three-week Tokyo trip. All ready to leave for
New Orleans by 9 o'clock.

Left at 10; arrived Jackson, checked into Holiday
Inn at 3 pm. Large barbecue-ribs dinner.

MARGARET'S
TRIAL

TUESDAY

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NOVEMBER

1985 309th day - 56 days follow

Left Jackson at 10 a.m.; ~~arrived~~ Dehster, Biscuit House, 2 p.m. Late lunch at Pesce's ~~lunch~~; early to bed in preparation for tomorrow's arrival checkup, gastro-intestinal as well as cardiac.

1985 310th day - 55 days follow

Dekmen, New Orleans.

8 o'clock. Lab tests, blood, etc.

9:00. Chest X-rays.

10:00. Examination by Chesley Hines with Sigmoidflex. Found suspicious polyps & "mass" in colon; also a "nodule" on prostate.

2:30 pm. EKG & Treadmill stress test.

4:00. At Hines' suggestion, colon test repeated by Byron Gathright (another fellow Mississippian) in his office. He shared Hines' suspicions; recommended colonoscopy on Friday, which will include biopsy, probably to be followed by major surgery on Monday, whatever the results of the biopsy.

Finish Dr. Dorn's stories for Ibarra.

No food after light lunch; make attempt to clear throat, coffee or tea.

1985 311th day - 54 days follow

Dchsuen.

9 a.m. Prostate exam by Dr Fussler; "fine needle" biopsy in his clinic office, Jack-down on tilted table. He promised results by 4 o'clock.

3 p.m. Conference with Dr Sligerdi, cardiologist; pronounced print-out satisfactory on better, but suspected slight irregularity in stress test.

In evening, prep for colonoscopy tomorrow, drank four liters of Golegaly to clear stomach & intestines, all in about two hours. Horrendous taste - cold, but like drinking seawater.

1985 312th day - 53 days follow

Densson. Colonoscopy done by Dr. Gathright under sedation, confirmed original suspicions, but indicated a minimum of trouble - minor depth to polyps (Dukes' "A") + convenient location for surgery, left colon; no colostomy. He was at least assured me of "100% recovery," whatever his biopsy shows, after the operation on Monday & a seven- to ten-day hospital stay. Gave me permission to eat a good dinner, & we took it again at Manna's; bought red fish & a bottle of Pouilly Fuisse.

We stopped by Uptown Square bookstore on way back; got books for Quyn & myself - Chivers's Talcomet, Tholpe's Franchise Passage.

Back at Brent house, called Fusilier's office; get delayed report on prostate biopsy - "negative" thank god - but he plans to make a further, "small sized," exploration what? I am in the table Monday.

1985 313th day - 52 days follow

Ochsen.

~~George and at 9:00~~

8 a.m. Kibuz X rays; breakfast afterward (substantial) & then bath & address to churching with hospital. Bacon + tomato sandwich in cafeteria; checked into room #946 at 12:40. Clear liquid diet; go slightly water torture repeated in evening - horrible as before.

NOVEMBER

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SUNDAY

1985 314th day - 51 days follow

Delmar, hospital room 944.
No food, even water. Empty, awaiting tomorrow's
knife. Reading Forever, not a pleasant book.

1985 315th day - 90 day follow

9 a.m.;
Some scan report showed nothing wrong
w/ liver or kidneys.

Midmorning, anesthetic connection installed
in left forearm. Preliminary shot injected,
then down to D.R.; rolled in at 1:45; asleep as
soon as anesthetic was applied.

Woke some five or seven hours later in recovery
room. Given admittance to cubicle at 9 o'clock, &
when she told me what time it was I replied,
"I don't care." And patient. I was shivering
from shock & cold; warm blankets helped, &
I soon went back to sleep.

1985 316th day - 49 days follow

Ochsner Hospital. Returned to room at 9.30 a.m.,
looked up to stomach & bladder catheters, also on
glucose IV. Discomfort but no great pain,
mainly due to the Optims-spray devices installed
to deaden spinal cord.

Walks & Bunt came by room in late afternoon;
glad to see them.

1985 317th day - 48 days follow

Delson hospital. Same as before, except both
Hines & I got night nurse special trip to Menden
we met the biopsy showed no cancer in either
the "mass" or polyps. "Small glands" biopsy showed
cancer cells in prostate but none in lymph nodes.
~~not seen in nodes~~

Finished Meever; began Franky Parsonage,
much better reading.

Flowers from Lucy Fisher, Mary Ann & Breyer,
Johnny's fiancée ~~W~~ Debbie, Eldrige, Nell & Jimmy.

Phone call from Eldrige Wright, Lucy Fisher, Bill
Parson, Billy Reed.

Letters from Sandra Saunders, Mike MacDonell.

NOVEMBER

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THURSDAY

1985 318th day - 47 days follow

Ochsner Hospital. Stomach tube removed from
nose - a gaset relief. Still no food, not even
water. Put glucose IV. gives me cell I used on
IV in want.

~~Still no food~~

1985 319th day - 46 days follow

Ochsner Hospital. Bladder catheter removed, allowing walks to bathroom with walker IV.

1985 320th day - 45 days follow

DeLester Hospital. Allowed to walk halls with I.V. on three-wheel trolley. Enjoyed cross-river views from various picture windows. Weight, 152, an eight-pound loss since arrival.

Russian grain ship, with would-be defector sailor aboard, passed down stream escorted by coast guard.

1985 321st day - 44 days follow

Ochsner Hospital. I.V. removed; shifted to clear liquids; pre to walk disoriented - a sort of gift for my sixty-ninth birthday. It occurred to me that my best birthday present this year is my birthday visit: survival.

1985 322nd day - 43 days follow

Chilton Hospital, seventh recovery day. Full liquid diet, then regular food beginning (incredibly) with rice, beans & rice for lunch.

Fusler's resident informed me that ~~the team~~ ~~seems to be~~ ~~but that~~ I face a proctectomy that will remove all cancer. You know the impact; an outrage I don't much fancy.

Overnight's resident (Dr. Imphrahme) informed me I'll be released tomorrow, after incision staples are removed, to return to Saint Anne for the balance of my stay.

1985 323rd day - 42 days follow

[See below]

Ochrun Hospital: discharge day, staples removed, a ticklish business, not nothing like as horrendous as I'd feared. Returned to Brent House at 10.30; appointments set for Friday with Gatin night & Fusilier for summation of my case with regard to colon & prostate.

Lunch in cafeteria. Dinner in room, bread & tomato sandwiches with Walker & Bunt, who came over from coming to see the skinning.

↑ Curious experience: bone scan. I lay on my back, motionless while a machine moved slowly along my body from head to foot, then was ~~turned~~ repositioned again with machine lowered to within a fraction of an inch of my head for a closer view. Claustrophobic reaction when operator stopped it for a discussion with colleague.... All turned out worthwhile. Report was "normal," meaning no investigation for prostate.

This follows a repeat blood test, which also came out well.

WOLF RIVER:
BILL PEARSON

NOVEMBER

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WEDNESDAY

1985 324th day - 41 days follow

Briest House. Recuperation continued in much pleasant surroundings. Bowel movement all but normal; incision discomfort passing away gradually. Lunch in Tivoli, hrs in Briest House; saw photos with David Elzardi.

TV mainly coverage Reagan-Goncharov summit meeting in Geneva.

1985 325th day - 40 days follow

Brown House. Spent half hour in sun, out by swimming pool. Shortly after Jerry Memphis's to pick up Lancia & drive it back home; but there was no sign of him when we turned in at 11 o'clock. Continued to hope; 2/3rd through.

1985 326th day - 39 days follow

Great house. Pitzer sang 6.10 a.m.: Shorty has to
pick up Louisa. I walked to garage with him;
showed him gear shift, etc, & saw him off.

In early afternoon returned to market's
for our third full meal - broiled redfish &
crabmeat; large oster - Tak and I help of it.

Morning spent on two conferences; first
with Dupre & others, who pronounced us fit to
travel & to eat hard as long as I please. The
second was with Fusilise (pronounced Fusilise),
whom I don't much like. He urged early attention
to prostate, with three possible procedures:
1.) Surgery for removal Saturday; 2.) Slighter
surgery for implantation of seeds of radium
in affected area; 3.) External radium treatment.
Danger in delay is that prostate cancer may
metastasize directly to the bone.

I'll confer on all this when I get home,
with Bob's specialist available there.

Bad news on phone: Bill's sister Willie
Ruth died suddenly last night of cerebral
hemorrhage.

1985 327th day - 38 days follow

Brent House: leaving day. Spent morning packing, resting, sunbathing withy time to have for airport. Delta flight 1166; takeoff 7.50; landed Memphis at 3. Home by 3.30 & glad to be here. Many had the house & spotters.
 began unpacking. good to be back in our own bed where we belong.

Five
 T. Summation, ~~for~~ cancer tests of proctate:
 1. Fine needle, Fusilier's office. Negative.
 2. Small needle, operating room. Positive.
 3. Lymph nodes, etc. " " Negative.
 4. Blood test, repeated. Negative.
 5. Bone scan. Negative.

One out of five is encouraging in the sense (extent) but a long way from good. Danger from here to completion of treatment is that the infection will spread. Whatever is to be done should be done with least delay.]

1985 328th day - 37 days follow

First full day back home. Johnny Shea came
by to say he's beginning a search for the best
phosphate from all of the screens, preferably
none but if not, any where at all.

1985 329th day — 36 days follow

Continued taking it easy, but life is primarily
back to normal. Paid all bills, got Azum in the mail
in hope of then clearing the bank schedule.

Finished Framley Parsonage. Enjoyed it, as
I do most Tolstoy — aware always, though,
that he compares to Dickens in much the same way
D'Herou compares to Faulkner. Not that I don't
like him; I do, & D'Herou too.

Resumed taking fish, lettuce, & fruit for lunch,
my three-year custom — omitting sliced raw carrot.
Dip at 4, but took a 1½-hour nap in afternoon.
Many unannived.

1985 330th day - 35 days follow

First decent night's sleep. Autographed a copy of These Novels for Byron with right & got Quinn to mail it to him along with a note of thanks for his skill as a surgeon. Also wrote to Chesley Hines of my appreciation of his care & concern. Walker called; urged no delay in a transition to prostate treatment. I agree.

Up at 7; another 1 1/2-hour nap in afternoon. Read O'Hara's "The Skullstone," a late w/hg story + one of my favorites.

Delivered some Tomatoes, asparagus, & butter beans, with a burgundy Reserve. He gave me a rundown on the local wineologist, Mark S. Soloway, 1750 Madison; I'll call tomorrow for an appointment as soon as possible after Thanksgiving. Mary called in sick - effects of month-ago ear crash, she said. Will return next week, God willing.

1985 331st day - 34 days follow

Johnny called; had talked with Gethright & Ochsen, asking him for sending my medical record for study by Dr Soloway, whom I called at 12:45 made an appointment for Wednesday, a week from today, at 2:30. I wrote to Gethright, formally requesting that my lab work be forwarded to Soloway in time for him to study it before our appointment on Wednesday.

Fred Deans called, wishing us well, & social life; flowers arrived from Cannon & Richard Leatherman.

Photographer Paul Dugys came at 3 & spent an hour taking pictures for an upcoming article by Hampton Sides for Esquire magazine.

In evening watched VCR of Die Reiner Film, "Pain at the Bradi" with Hase's Reas in a supporting role. Pleased with lightweight movie.

1985 332nd day - 33 days follow

Thursday. Up at 7; had cereal, then bacon & egg on toast with strawberry jam & coffee. Cold weather, 44° at 9 a.m., in contrast to warmth of past few weeks. Weight, 150 - lowest in twenty-one years. Don't understand continuing weight-loss after getting back on solid food.

Thursday dinner at Jim & Lenore's. Back home by 5:30. First outing since return from N.O. VCR, French movie: "The Return of Martin Guerre."

1985 333rd day - 32 days follow

Ross at 6.50; "instant" breakfast, then toast & egg.
Finished Fielding's Journal of a Voyage to Lisbon, which
I began yesterday; a strange & rather a composition,
yet it shows his unfeeling like ability as much as any-
thing he wrote.

Brisk walk, up Army & back, then in Parkway,
past Stadium & back - mainly to see what I
could do it. I could indeed.

In evening saw a wondrous & hilarious performance of
Oscar Wilde's "Importance of Being Earnest."
First class performance all round.

1985 334th day - 31 days follow

Up at same time, 7; sweet milk, toast, egg, tobacco.
Began Paul Austri's Persuasion, which I have never
read before. It lacks the sparkle of the earlier
works that I like it.

At noon rode with queen to visit the "Pilsens"
cassette back to Bill Carter along with a note of thanks.
At 3, took a one mile walk. Legs get tired, but
nothing else.

Wight up to 15! $\frac{3}{4}$; queen welcome, for once.
Finished Persuasion by 5:30.

Stuffed Chickentime Fadiner, followed
by a VHF cassette of "Bobby's Hell's cop."

1985 335th day - 30 days follow

Slept till 8; good way to bring in December.
 Hearty breakfast, continued effort to rig gear last
 few pounds + got back in shape for my next
 medical venture. TV: Brinkley Report 4:00;
 short nap afterward.

Walked $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles without tiring, except for a
 little weakness of my legs when it was over.
 Mary Ann + Rollan Eagle came by for drinks
 from 3:45 to 5:30. Leah Cousins (Doris + Ross)
 for dinner, followed by ice cream + hockey, etc.
 First episode of Bleek House on 5TV;
 seven more to come.

Mary back. My convalescence continues apace:
Issued complaint to Wrens, eight days ago.

Left in boat for dinner, followed by an
ETV program of "The Brain - Madness."

Began Boswell's Johnson, which I have read
from start to finish.

1985 337th day - 28 days follow

Haircut, after five-week gap. Continued Boswell, which I'll read while waiting for Bueckhardt's Civilization of the Renaissance in Italy, ordered this morning (in the Modern Library edition) from the Book Shop & due early next week.

Cold: up to 32° by midday.

Johnny here for dinner: steak for him, lamb chops for guest & us. Spiced eggs '81 cows Pavilion. Alas, not nearly as good as the '78.

DR SOLOWAY

2.30 p.m.

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WEDNESDAY

1985 338th day - 27 days follow

2.30 appointment with Dr Mark Soloway, 176 Madison, recommendation by following after advising with Texas authorities. Soloway: for nothing, he said I used to work until after 12 years. Then a choice can be made between surgery & radiation. He also suggests better odds than anyone has done before. I'm much relieved.

Apart 1/2nd through Boston. Book arrived in mail from Bill Kravich: "Soul of the Morning Star" on account of Luster & Little's Big Horn. Don't start it tomorrow.

Cold viruses: suppressing at night, mid-pain in afternoon.

1985 339th day - 26 days follow

Began the Custer book, & likes it - scattered ap-
proach, but purposeful so. Good subject.
Bundled up good (in ops. fix jacket) for 1 1/2-
mils walk in early afternoon.

1985 340th day - 25 days follow

Continued Easter all morning.

Liz Roberts arrived soon after 1.30; I'll spend a couple of days with her & seeing her father.

At 3.15 we went back to the N. Pacific Medical Building for sound scan of prostate. Technician gave an encouraging report while probing my rear with instrument & looked up to a photo-sensor, explaining what we saw as it continued. Dr Soloway arrived when it was over; looked at photos & pronounced himself well satisfied with what he saw. Told us to call him in two weeks, by which time he should have the slides from Ochsner for study & comparison.

Weather comfortable, cold but less so.

Lamb chops for dinner, with baked beans.

Wrote to Bob Loomis giving report on medical progress & expressing enthusiasm for soft work edition of my WAR. Said I'd be sending final typo corrections & skeletal outlines for each volume, to be printed as aid for readers.

1985 341st day - 24 days follow

Liz still has; croissants for breakfast, following
(in my case) cereal & bacon & egg & toast.

Walked 1 1/2; played Rantok's 5th quartet.

In evening, after dinner, finished Some of the
Morning Star, which Beth Pearson sent to Chelsea
& was forwarded to me by USA.

1985 342nd day - 23 days follow

1st day of the truck
First day of the truck
Feeling much better all round, though I'm still
sort of waiting for my ears to settle down, each
in its assigned place.
Late TV movie, "Gulfstream Impact." Violent trash.
Asks up by mid night

1985 343rd day - 22 days follow

Up at 7; breakfast. Read Howard's Hope of Heaven, the weakest, least interesting of all his books.

Call David DeLuca in NY; ordered "Peppermats" paper with a Johnny Shea for Xmas.

Evon & John called at 2; Burchard's Civilization of the Renaissance in Italy arrived.

I write a get it - the first time in weeks then a month since I drive a car. Strangely.

Spunky has for dinner: Fettuccini with fresh tomatoes which he brought from New York.

1985 344th day - 21 days follow

Wright up to 154½. My days of purposeful overeating
are near an end. A month ago I weighed 161; Rebus
brought me down to 150; now I'm about midway
between those two - just about what I ought to weigh.

Can wash Lancia. Super D; got prescriptions
filled, discolored batteries.

got teeth checked at 4 p.m. On way home, stopped
by Dick Reynolds' & picked up frozen kidneys, sweet-
breads, & lamb shanks.

1985 345th day - 20 days follow

Well into Buckhamlet. Like it, though I find Book I a somewhat scattered recitation of wisdoms by a host of unknown secondarys. Good writing, though; I trust him to pull it all together in what follows.

Weighed exactly 153; probably more accurate than yesterday's upswing. I'll continue eating imprudently for a while.

Hugs called - first we've heard of him in more than a month, not since I left Memphis for Ochsner the last Paris for Japan. Quyn will call him back tomorrow.

Wet had 1 1/2; played Berthorn's 2nd.

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1985 346th day - 19 days follow

Ann called Hugs in Paris; told him of my operation. Apparently he enjoyed Japan; got back books. I sent him \$900 by telex. Soon I'll be writing to inform him of the stopping of the allowance in April, which will be the second anniversary of his college graduation. Not only are two years up (time for getting a Master) but we cannot afford it now. Not Guy's income has been so greatly reduced.

Two notes from Dr. Setoway: 1.) "transrectal ultrasound indicates that the prostatic tumor is confined to the prostate itself.... Options are external beam radiation or a total prostatectomy." 2.) "Blood test... is perfectly normal." Even "once again ~~the~~ suggests that the prostate tumor is well localized to the prostate gland." These are both very good news - up to a point.

Broke my left sugar bowl; fixed it with magic glue, though a lip-chip remains.

Gwyn down with perhaps flu. I picked up Stanger Wright; Nancy & Barry Coppako here - very good dinner. Home before midnight.

1985 347th day - 18 days follow

9:45 much better after a good night's sleep.
Continued Buchardt; Reached midpoint - end
of Book IV - by midday.

Wrote to Hugs.

Played through Johnny's taping (VHS) of my
ETV interview of 1978. Good technical job.

1985 348th day - 17 days follow

Finished Burckhardt Book IV in morning. O.Ked
Who's Who bios by; resubscribed to New Yorker for
two years, starting 20 for 86. Not entirely pleased with
the Burckhardt: it as if he intended that, then
discovered the Italian Renaissance - some of his claims
are highly exaggerated, & some of his insights (Chinese)
are inexact.

Spaghetti with meat sauce; First in years.
Finished Burckhardt V in late afternoon

1985 349th day - 16 days follow

Regular Sunday morning: cereal, toast + coffee,
then later a hard egg in toast. Brooklyn TV show
walked 1 1/2; played Beethoven's 4th.
Began Burckhardt's Chapter VI, the last.
Quinn began trimming Christmas tree - our
first in these years because of Paris trips.

1985 350th day - 15 days follow

finished by midday Burckhardt's Civilization of the Renaissance in Italy. Enjoyed it, but with reservations about its central thesis.

1985 351st day - 14 days follow

Received & returned to Random-Vintage four signed copies of the contract for the soft cover edition of Civil War.
 Terms: publication \$10,000; #10,000 on signing, \$5,000 on publication, both as advance on royalties; 6 1/4% royalty, 5% on export copies or direct sales from radio or TV advertising, 50% of book club royalties; semiannual accounts payable in July & January; ten percent on publication.

Success; got both sides' commitments, but had to order breakfast for Mum & Ken working.

Dinner at Justice's, guests of hers & her's: Oysters, steak, spiced fruits, preceded by Mum's & accompanied by Pooleard. Best used in months.

CIVIL WAR - VINTAGE SOFTBACK:

#10,000 on signing. (Received 31 Dec.)

\$5,000 on publication. (Sept?)

6 1/4% royalty.

50% of book club royalties.

1985 352nd day - 13 days follow

Cold weather returned with vengeance; then
got for coil-oil heater in work room.

Put on long-johns for first time in years - worn
under new cotton night shirt.

Didn't go out all day.

Quinn says decorating house for Christmas;
Dorothy for family gathering.

1985 353rd day - 12 days follow

Success! got rest of ingredients for tonight's
boiled beef dinner, except apple sauce, which
I got at La Riquette, & an additional two
bottles of Brandy at Buster's.

Went to the storage yard to get the
supplies for all round. Got a 10,

CALL SOLOWAY

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FRIDAY

1985 354th day - 11 days follow

Cold weather continues, only worse; a serious
interference with my parents' work.

Called Soloway; set up appointment for 2:30
on Jan. 13. Also called Cathright at Behring,
who promised to send prostate biopsy slides
promptly to Soloway.

Note from Soc. Sec. says Jan. payment will
miss to \$574 - 59.10 minus I.D. insurance.

1985 355th day - 10 days follow

Library; got a VHS of "Blow-Up" which I haven't seen since it came out in '66. Also William Kennedy's Billy Pilgrim's Graceland Game, The World's Volume of His Albany Trio & the only one I haven't read.

Played Blow-Up at night. Program Kennedy. Cannon Leatherman + Richard ^{came by} for drinks at 5.30. Started by 7.30.

1985 356th day - 9 days follow

Warren: ⁱⁿ high in mid-50's. Walked to morning
side of track, hoping to see several scoundrels, but
for want of holes.

Continued Kenney's Billy. In late afternoon
displayed "Slow-ly for Guy" - interrupted by
visit from Jim Reiter, who brought present.

1985 357th day - 8 days follow

Woke at 1 a.m. - had dream about my father's death as a soldier (something he used to do); got up, took vitamin tablet, took Dutch cocoa, read all but the final two dozen pages of Billy Pilgrimage. Back to bed at 4; slept till 8.

Finished the Kennedy book at mid-morning.

Weather continues warmer, though colder than yesterday.

Surprise! Huber knocked on the dining room window while we were finishing our 8 o'clock dinner - just off the plane from Paris & New York; Gagnon was with him, as we are traveling cat. We had brandy champagne; Tom kept fixing them beer & eggs. Bed at midnight.

1985 358th day - 7 days follow

Finished recording a two-hour cassette of Schumann piano music: Papillons, Carnaval, Kinderszenen, Symphonische Etuden, etc. Fantasy in C, plus two short pieces - Toccata & Nocturne 21/1.

Haircut; get hair conditioned for Hugs. Bank; cashed \$200 check; gave Hugs another \$40 to bring his at-home spending money up to \$100.

In afternoon (while Hugs took Gabriel's to his first Southern restaurant meal) I played Act I of Les Contes by Tull. Gets better all the time.

Christmas preparations all but complete on Pin Christmas etc.

1985 359th day — 6 days follow

Christmas — a family celebration, held
by 2 for the first time in four years: 4000 two
dozen people including children.

1985 360th day - 5 days follow

Recovering from yesterday's overeating.
Re-read W. J. Turner's "Utopia" - a good book
I first read nearly forty years ago.
Linnah. re-read "Blow-Up" took out
"Criss & Whispers" & "The Damned."
New mail, Sarah, love as replacement for ailing
Mary, who may not return.
Play re "Criss & Whispers" in evening.

1985 361st day - 4 days follow

Woke at 4:30; up at 5; finished business for
the sun, which I began yesterday afternoon.
Breakfast at 7 when Sarah got here.

In afternoon walked my full route,
2 1/2 miles. For first time since I left for
Dulles in early November. Not fitting
at all, though I'm still not in the good
shape. A week of such exercise - for
weather permitting - should do it.

1985 362nd day - 3 days follow

Hugs & I rode to library; returned Billy Pilson,
 also two VCRs, Chris Kullus & The Wizard;
 took home Witchhead's Fantasy & its two-volume
Samson & de Pite. (Played Vol. I in afternoon,
 first 2/3 of Vol. II in evening.) On way home,
 we stopped at Lipson's & got 2 1/4 pounds of
 shrimp (#47.50) which Hugs cooked (Louisiana-
 style stuffers) for dinner with rice, salad,
 & white wine. He did a good job, after
 two burnt-but-not false starts.

He & Gannisa set out for a party at 10:30;
 I played The Morrow to the city hall after mid-
 night. Woke at 4 a.m.; Hugs was returned.
 I went back to sleep.

1985 363rd day - 2 days follow

cb of 8.15. After breakfast a Sunday paper, I finished playing "The Shadow & The Pity."

Weight 158 - close to what I would like to be. In early Nov I was 160. Now it's back to 158. I'm eating & exercising.

Walked 2 1/2; played Mozart Piano Cons. 25, 27; temperature 40 degrees, but calm, sunny.

In evening watched Hitchcock's "Frenzy" Nix.

Hugs & Opalis got home at 12.30 - early for them - but, alas, set off the alarm by opening the guest-room balcony. Moreover, it turned out next morning that there had been an eight-minute power failure at 4.45 in the night.

1985 364th day - 1 day follows

Carefully balanced scale: weight 157.

J. Edge; got Quyn a 1986 wall calendar; ordered
a '86 Journal for Wispit. Tobacco corner; got two
"micro" files for this pen. Round Table; sought new
Edith Wharton volumes but found the publication date.
Back Home before 11:30.

Hugs & Gabriela took Dr. Louie for a picnic in
Shelby Forest - got from Quyn, Rayjolas from me.
Walked two miles; Bestman's; 9:20 Sept.

Dinner party for Johnny & Gabris; six of us, in-
cluding Hugs & Gabriela. Lamb chops, rattatouille,
giantic loaf of bread, stuffed potatoes; jelly cake
for dessert, followed by Spanish brandy. Johnny
took about a hour-long series of TV shots.

1985 365th day - The last day

New Year's Eve. Sarah arrived, found kitchen door unlocked, & of course set off the alarm. Hester, and Jon hard work, cancelled because of the rain. Federal Express made delivery, at 8.30, of \$9,000 check from Ross - first advance from Random for South American Civil War, due out in September, when the second payment (\$4500) is due. Drove to bank, deposited check.

In afternoon, picked up 1986 journals; also went by video store, got two VCRs - "The Color & the Bliss" (one of my favorite films) & "The Stofel," which I've never seen.

Talked with Hugs about Guy's changed financial situation - along with his own. His \$900 monthly allowance will stop in April, ending two years of such support which he had the French Govt in Paris. It is plan to get a job in New York, starting with a try for me at Random House in my month-mandation to Bob Loomis. He also said he's been intending to do this in his own independent of the new necessity based out of money reverses.

Four of us had dinner here - Milton Crosswell. Then Hugs & Gabriel left, & Guy & I saw La New Year in with a bottle of champagne given us by Paul & Mary Carmichael back in July.