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3037, Time Capsule: Franklin

You will discover it shining in the red dust
of Mars [Earth a twinkle
in your mama's eye] inside: a black
& white photograph of an old yellow woman
in a lawn chair her left bra strap slipping
down the side of her arm, a collapsed smile;
an unopened pack of American
Spirits; an embossed note saying: *Folks don't believe
fat meat is greasy;* a folded-up article
from *Art in America* spilling stardust & sassy
blk clipped phrases; withered petals of what used
to be honeysuckle; an x-acto knife; a thank you
note; a plastic mask embellished with blue
feathers; a church fan, *John 3:16* blind
embossed on its front; an empty bottle
of Cabernet corked, a rolled sheet of abaca
in its innards, on it written: *find the nearest body
of water & set me adrift*