Food Best Gift

BY Moby Dick

December rushes in with a masterful piece of political sleight-of-hand that's going to have everybody fooled into thinking that happy days are here again. Public optimism expands suddenly, on totally false promises. That's not going to be the only sleight-of-hand around.

Look very carefully at your large denomination bills; there will be counterfeits floating around and you might be the one to get stuck. Look even more carefully at any great opportunities to buy the Washington Monument and starting charging admission. The con men are going to be out in great force.

You remember, I told you that around the end of November there would be a big splash about revolutions against conventions regarding death. Right about now there are going to be headlines about the right to die, the right to live, death with dignity, etc.

Fortunately, after all that excitement on the first of December there's a rather dull week in which to recover. Then on Dec. 8th there is a burst of news, again very optimistic, and again don't be gullible. You can't believe everything you read, or even everything that politicians say.

(This is a particularly difficult time for *Geminis*, whose marriages may be threatened by false rumors and outright lies about their spouses. Don't believe everything you hear.)

There is an eclipse on the 13th. You probably won't be able to see it but you might very well feel it because it's going to bring finally and fully to a head some political trends that started six months ago, back during the impeachment hearings. On the 14th there is a sudden change in our national money situation and in the way we invest it and manage it. That could be anything from controls to another devaluation. Be kind of braced for a surprise on the 14th.

On Dec. 19th the Supreme Court will make the news with something related to presidential privilege and responsibility. This is also the day when all the hoorah over Christmas will begin to turn religious.

It's going to be a very religious Christmas, in a tendency that's been going on for three or four years now, which will increase for the next ten years or so. So if you invest in a manger scene or any kind of religious Christmas decorations for your house, you'll get a lot of mileage out of it. It won't be wasted money.

On Dec. 20th there is a rather violent interference with business on the part of the government, and don't be surprised if business refuses to hold still for it and interferes violently with government in turn. But I don't expect that to last for very long, because the spirit of Christmas settles down over the entire country from the 21st to the 24th, with peace and love and lots of good talk, a tremendous generosity that will ease the sufferings of the many needy.

Brace yourself for a change in national financial status

Even the government might do surprisingly nice things to ease the plight of the unemployed in the three or four days before Christmas. I suspect that you may be kind of proud to be an American, and particularly proud of the business community as Christmas hurries on.

The day itself, Dec. 25th, is a national day of prayer. By Christmas we will have picked up the pieces and be able to count our blessings; a very solemn day. You've heard that there are no atheists in foxholes; there are very damn few in depressions either.

At the end of the year, try to hang on to the optimism of the 30th. The good news on the last Monday of the year really is good enough to sustain you.

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"If a man wants to make the sugar, he's got to be worth his salt."

"A lot of voters judge the government by what's in their bellies, a full belly means a good government and an empty belly means a bad one."

"The day that dogs learn to talk back, will be the day that a lot of dog owners will stop calling their dog man's best friend."

"When you interrupt a fool's train of thought, the only harm done is the derailing of an empty freight."

"Judging it by the sexual aspect of our social mores, the more the merrier seems to be the order of the day."

"To address some men as Sir, is like using a fair word to describe a foul deed."

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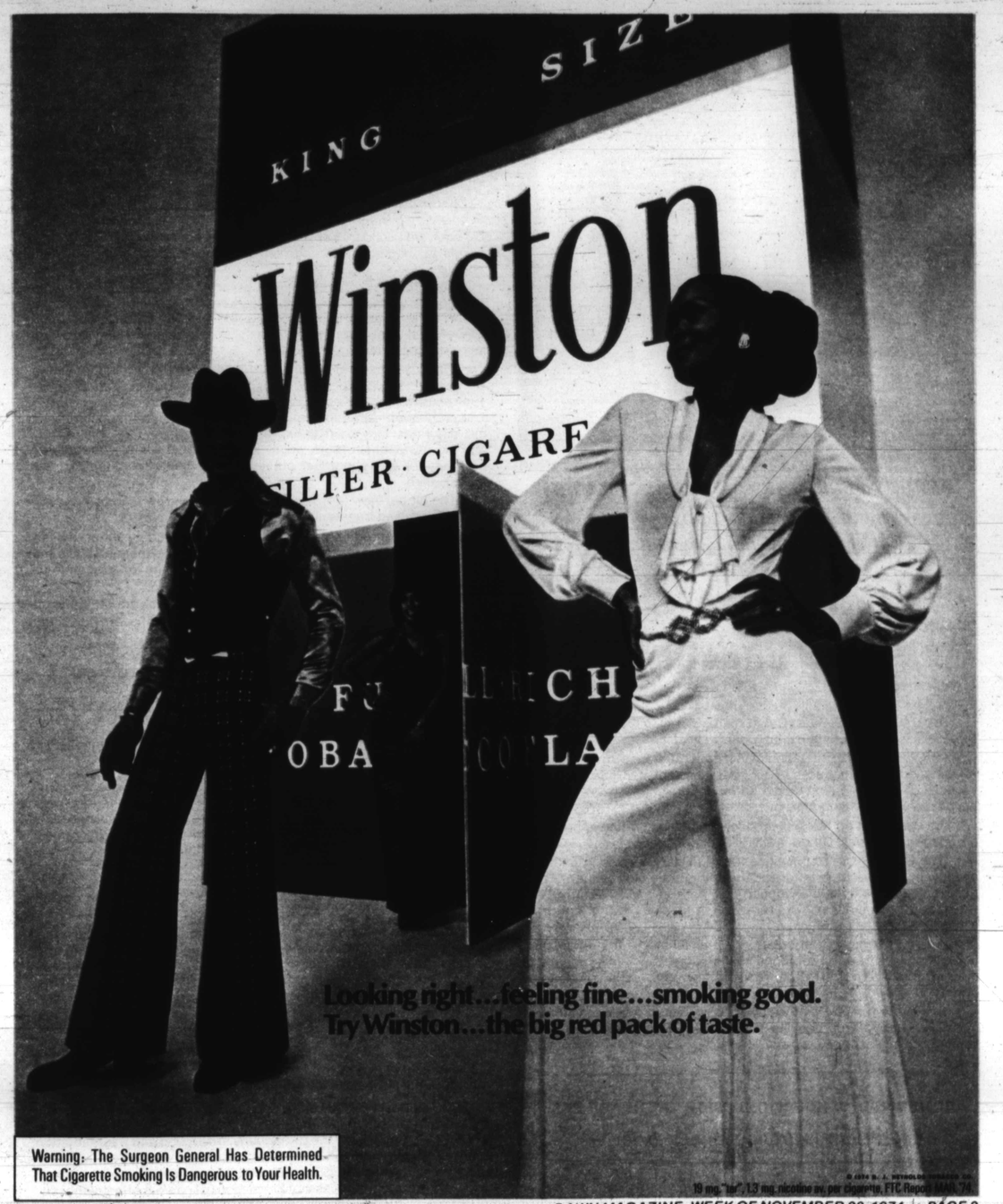
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