Moby Dick

By Moby Dick

The most important event of July, 1977 is invisible, like the motion of the hour hand on a clock. Too slowly to perceive at present, the nature of labor and work and jobs in America takes a final turn toward a historic change this month.

There are going to be jobs, because President Jimmy Carter has seen the need and created opportunities to work. The President makes a great, inspiring, surprising Fourth of July speech and a generous gesture midmonth.

Toward the end of the month, a series of sadnesses afflict both the President and the country. The only reason I don't feel it is a physical attack on the President is that he really is providentially protected, and almost assassination proof; at least for the next few years.

So it is probably the country facing the reality of energy conservation and welfare reform on the twenty-sixth; then verbally attacking Mr. Carter in the papers and the polls for the next week.

Food poisoning and drunken driving, start the holiday casualties. Be careful about overripe picnic foods, and drive on the assumption that everyone on the road is irresponsibly devilish.

Everyone feels great about being American; and there are close calls enough to go around, so fewer deaths.

July 4th means Happy Birthday America. Without the artificial hype of '76, it was a glorious Fourth. Too much oratory and way too much traffic.

JULY 12th: A day full of surprises, especially romantic upsets and "no-nos."

JULY 13th: Those who kissed yesterday, tell today.

JULY 14th: Wonderful news about the economy cheers everybody up, except the ones who have to make the sacrifices.

JULY 15th: Vicious reaction and distortion of yesterday's good news.

JULY 16th: High hopes and good changes.

JULY 18th: Vicious lies and deliberate attempts to mislead the people, (you) about the amount of secrecy and manipulation in government.

JULY 21st: Bad economic reactions, especially the market. Hurry on, there is good news coming.

JULY 23rd: Happy tidings as the market finally responds to the good situation rather than to propaganda.

JULY 27th: A violent day of assassinations, hostages, and natural disasters. Aggressive challenges to the United States.

JULY 30, 31: One of those explosive bad luck weekends when dreadful things could happen. Don't camp below any dams.

Quick Quotes

"People who watch TV and then complain about the annoying commercials, are like the woman who went swimming and then complained about getting wet."

"The best defense against the day of adversity is to always be prepared for the coming of the worst."

"When they talk about the good old days, most men are simply talking about the time of their youth."

"If a man could have his rathers, when disaster strikes he would rather for it to be you instead of it being him."

"Beware whenever you are told to speak freely, for it might be just a clever way of giving you enough rope."

"Although all married couples gladly say I do, the rising number of divorce cases proves that an awful lot of them don't."

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Teen Tips

Twist multi-colored telephone wires, 6 or 8 strands or so, into a "Busy Circuit" bracelet, for yourself, to give away or for sale. By wearing one you make a telling comment on one scourge of our mechanized age — the overloaded busy phone circuits.

Unless you need a new bicycle right away, keep in mind that bikes are usually on sale during these months: January, February, September, October, November. So don't miss out on a chance to save $$$.

If your guy gives you Fuchsias, as a bouquet or potted, he's trying to tell you that he considers you fickle.

And if a gal gives you Heather, she signals: "I Am Lonely."

One of those popular happy or sad-faced felt hand puppets makes a smashing and decorative home for your rings, bracelets and other jewelry.

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