

# Virginia Forms Group To Back Lloyd Bentsen

RICHMOND (UPI) — Virginia is the first state with an announced committee backing the presidential candidacy of Sen. Lloyd Bentsen, D-Tex.

Bentsen made his 14th visit to Virginia in recent months Tuesday to announce the formation of "Virginians for Bentsen," a group that includes Rep. Thomas Downing, Attorney General Andrew Miller, State Democratic Chairman Joseph Fitzpatrick and 20 members of the Virginia General Assembly.

At a news conference, Bentsen went on the offensive against President Ford, calling him a "do-nothing" chief executive.

"For President Ford to compare himself to Harry Truman is ridiculous," Bentsen said.

He said Truman was an innovative president who faced a do-nothing Congress.

But the current Congress, Bentsen said, has shown concern for the nine million Americans out of work, the nation's farmers and the depressed housing industry — problems he said Ford answered with vetoes.

Fitzpatrick said the committee was formed after Virginia Democrats took a look at all the Democratic candidates for the presidential nomination.

Fitzpatrick said Bentsen would have an "excellent showing" if he captured between 30 and 40 of Virginia's 54 delegates to next year's Democratic National Convention.

The delegates will be chosen in city and county mass meetings.

Congressman Downing, giving his "enthusiastic endorsement" to Bentsen, described the Texas as a "progressive moderate who moves forward on the middle road rather than in the ditches on the left and right."

Bentsen said his first priority "is to turn the economy around."

"I am not satisfied and do not believe the people of Virginia and the nation are satisfied with the kind of leadership they are getting out of a Republican administration in Washington," the Texas senator said.

However, not all Virginia's leading Democrats are on the Bentsen bandwagon.

## Million Pieces of Mail Pass Through This Door

By ANNA BURCHELL  
Pampa News Staff

The U. S. Post Office in Pampa handled more than a million pieces of mail during fiscal 1975 — a 2.1 per cent increase over the previous year and possibly a record high.

Post Office revenue totaled \$639,170, 2.3 per cent more than the same period last year.

J. D. Williams, postmaster, forecast more increases for fiscal 1976.

He added that the number of mail deliveries relatively unchanged over the past few years, stands at 9,800. Of that

total 1,033 are business establishments, Williams said.

"We've had a real good year. We've tried to have an efficient operation," said the postmaster who assumed duties a year ago.

Among recent improvements is the bicentennial theme of red, white and blue depicted in the flowers in front of the 42-year old building.

He credited the Pampa Garden Club and the three postal custodial employees with the work. The employees are R. L. Jenkins, Clude Jones and Tom Cantrell.

Inside the building, light

fixtures were improved and air conditioning updated since construction in the 1930s.

In 1971 when some Panhandle cities lost their city postmark temporarily as area mail processing was initiated Pampa has kept its postmark.

While postal rate increases appears inevitable, according to authorities in Washington, Williams says he knows only what he reads. "But when and if it is still a question," he emphasized.

Rates, he explained are set by a board of governors. The rate increase from 8 to 10 cents has

never been approved permanently.

Revenue from stamps totaled \$612,973 here last year. An additional \$26,197 was received from postage related products including box rent and other sales.

The Pampa Post Office has 45 employees with a total payroll, including fringe benefits, in excess of \$700,249, 2.1 per cent below the projected cost and a 5.6 per cent above 1974.

The employees averaged processing 974 pieces of mail per hour in 1975 as compared with 915 pieces hourly the year before.

Williams, a Pampa High School graduate in 1944, assumed the postmaster post in July 1974, and was officially appointed to the position on Aug. 27, 1974.

## Do-it-yourself Dumping

SHREVEPORT, La. (UPI) —

The city has suspended all garbage and trash pickups and improvised a do-it-yourself dump system to counteract a strike by sanitation workers demanding union recognition.

Public Works Commissioner Don Hathaway stopped all regular garbage routes Tuesday and stationed the few workmen not on strike at 20 collection centers where residents were told to empty their refuse. A

number of elementary schools, the state fair grounds and a park were among the collection points.

"With this new system I'm devising it's going to give me some additional time," Hathaway said. "If this system works effectively, then we will continue it for a period of time. How long right now I don't want to say because the minute I state a time I'm establishing a deadline

for myself and I'm trying to remain flexible."

Most of the city's garbage-men went on strike Monday to pressure city officials to negotiate with their newly formed union. Other city workers joined the walkout Tuesday and union officials estimated 300 were taking part in the strike.

But Hathaway said Shreveport officials refused to bargain with other labor groups and will not recognize the sanitation workers union.

Before announcing the collection center operation, Hathaway said there were more garbage trucks on the streets Tuesday than Monday. But a union official disputed the claim.

"If you look over there (at the storage lot), there's a lot of trucks missing," union organizer Billy Freeman said. "But they're on the other side. They have them hidden where you can't see them."

He also said the public may not understand the cause of the strike.

"The public thinks all we want is more money," he said.

"We're not asking for a whole lot of more money. All we want is job protection, the same thing the rest of the city employees are getting."

## Police Report Theft

Theft, harassing telephone calls and an obscene note were among the complaints received Tuesday night by the Pampa Police Department.

Police Chief Richard Mills said this is the high crime period and advises that vehicles and residences be locked at all times.

Bob Tinney reported that someone took a tool box, tools and an attaché case from his pickup.

Another resident said someone was passing by her residence at 1210 E. Francis shooting a B.B. gun.

Another reported harassing

phone calls where the subject calls, says nothing and breathes heavily.

A \$60 air conditioner was reported stolen from a window.

Another complaint stated that someone threw bricks through a front door at 220 N. Houston.

"A car full of girls threw a bottle and broke a window," one complaint reads.

Another caller reported a broken windshield, a headlight removed and shattered on his front porch. Back car windows were also broken.

Prowlers were reported at 730 Brunson.

A husband reported that his wife found an obscene note in her car.

## West Promoter Dies in Snyder

SNYDER, Tex. (UPI) — C. T. McLaughlin was a native of Pennsylvania but he took to promoting the Old West in a big way.

McLaughlin, who died Tuesday, was chairman of the board of directors of the National Cowboy Hall of Fame and chairman of the board of the National Academy of Western Art.

"The West has lost a true champion today," said Dean Kraker, managing director of the Cowboy Hall of Fame in Oklahoma City.

"Mr. Mac always said and stood up for what he believed. I know the Cowboy Hall will miss his excellent guidance and the wonderful sense of humor he brought to all the board meetings."

McLaughlin, 78, came to Texas after World War I to work in the oil business.

He bought the Diamond M Ranch near Snyder in 1936 and built a business that encompassed more than 10,000 acres, leased more than 3,500 acres in Texas and Colorado and ran 1,000 head of cattle.



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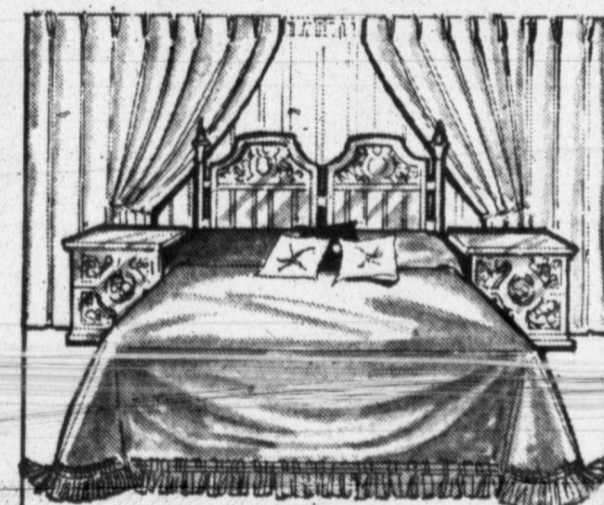


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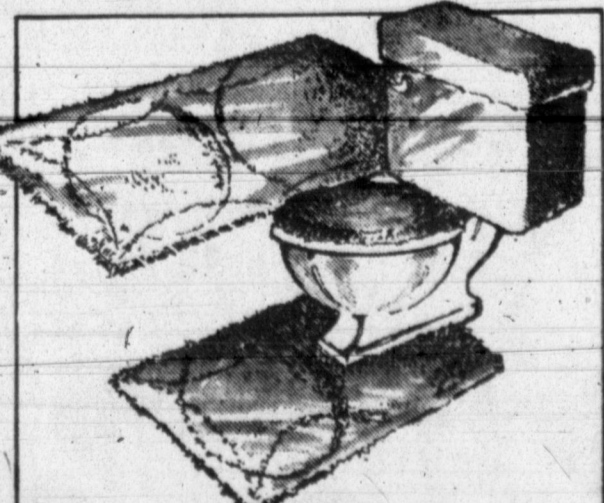
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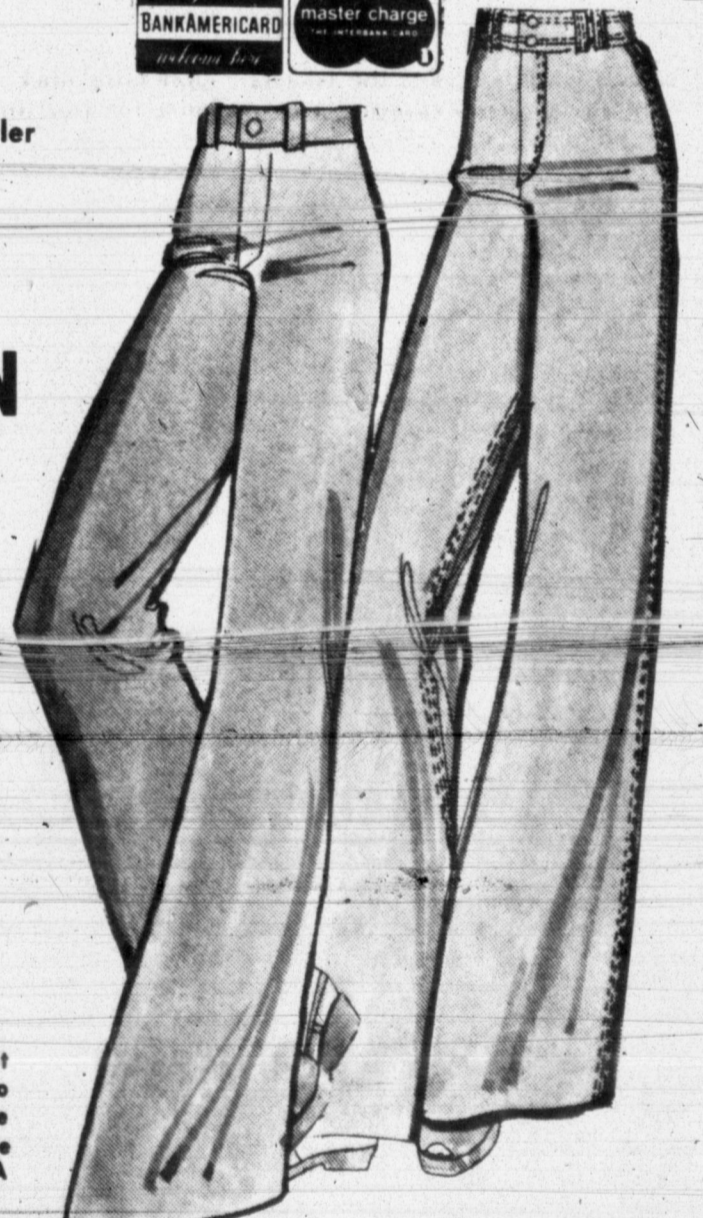


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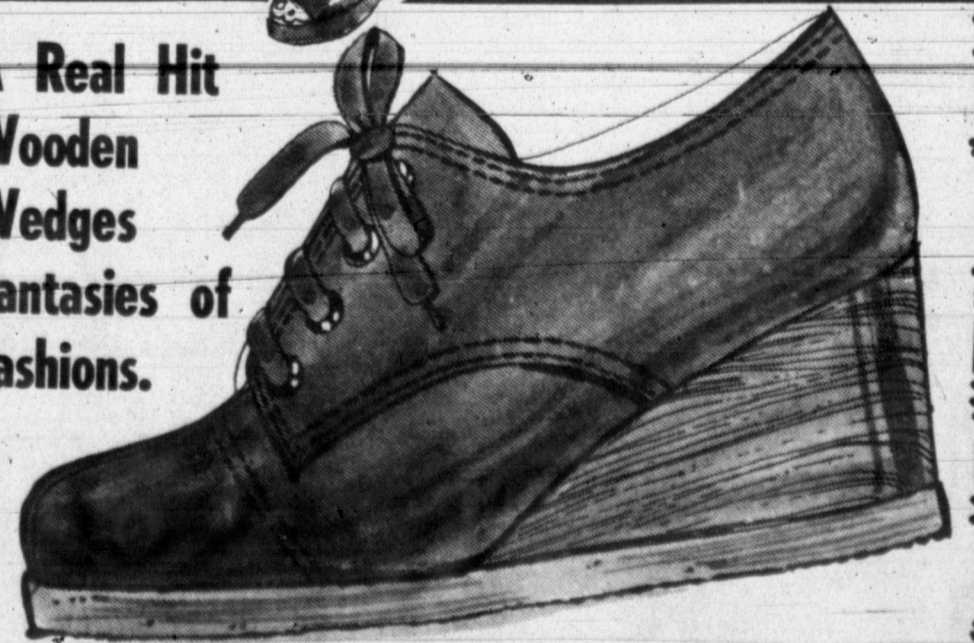
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# House Overrides Health Veto

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The House today handed President Ford his first veto defeat of the year, voting to override his rejection of a \$2 billion health services authorization bill. The House vote came on the heels of the Senate's 67-15 override of the veto on Saturday. Today's action automatically made the measure law. The vote was 384-43, a total of 99 more than the needed two-thirds of those voting to override a veto.

## State Supreme Court Won't Reinstate Parr

AUSTIN, Tex. (UPI) — The Texas Supreme Court has refused to consider a motion to reinstate Archer Parr as Duval County judge. Parr contended the law allowing his removal from office is unconstitutional, and said even if the law is valid Carrillo did not follow proper procedures in issuing his decision.

The suit to remove Parr was filed March 24, 1975, by Jose Nichols, ranch foreman for Clinton Manges. Manges and Carrillo are leaders of a political faction attempting to wrest control of Duval County politics from the Parr regime which controlled the county for years.

Carrillo issued a directed verdict permanently ousting Parr from office during a jury trial over Parr's status. Parr's attorney, Marvin Foster of San Diego, filed the petition seeking Parr's reinstatement, and asking the high court to require all traces of the removal suit to be removed from Duval County records.

The nine-member court considered the request in a closed door session and within three hours announced it would not consider the issue. Carrillo issued a directed verdict permanently ousting Parr from office during a jury trial over Parr's status.

Parr was arrested and jailed Thursday after the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals upheld the conviction.

The bill is \$1 billion more than administration budget requests and includes programs such as nurses training and aid to community mental health centers and migrant health. Ford said they were too costly and should either be terminated or cut back.

The veto was the ninth of the year by Ford and the first overridden by the heavily Democratic Congress. The House failed in four earlier attempts, and Saturday's vote was the first for the Senate on a 1975 veto.

He (Ford) has vetoed all the stimulus bills — jobs, education and now health services," said Rep. Brock Adams, D-Wash., in attacking the veto during House debate today.

Adams, chairman of the House Budget Committee, said congressional action to date is still \$3.9 billion below the \$68.3 billion deficit level the House voted earlier this year not to exceed.

Rep. Delbert Latta, R-Ohio, defended Ford's veto. "This is just another case of Congress wanting to pass out goodies to everybody and not being willing to face up to the bill to pay for them," said Latta.

Old-time miners named western Colorado's burro the Rocky Mountain canary because of its unmelodious mating calls.



**Young Swimmers**

Richelle Hill, 4, and Chris Hampton, 5, display trophies and ribbons recently won at the annual Rotary Club and Red Cross sponsored swim meet for local youngsters. Richelle was the youngest swimmer present. Chris was the youngest diver.

(Pampa News photo by Mike Higgins)

## Congress Votes To Add To Island Naval Base

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Despite warnings it might draw the United States into new conflict in Asia, the House and Senate have voted separately to continue expansion of a U.S. naval facility on the Indian Ocean island of Diego Garcia. Senate Democratic Leader Mike Mansfield told the Senate during a five-hour debate Monday: "I'm sick and tired of sending American men and women to fight, or be placed in a position where they have to fight, unless it is for the security of the United States. Vietnam was not. Diego Garcia is not. We are considering a new and dramatic adventure in South Asia."

But the Senate voted 53 to 43 against Mansfield's resolution which would have blocked \$18.1 million in fiscal 1975 funds, and an anticipated \$13.8 million for 1976, to enlarge the installation. The House Monday rejected by voice vote an attempt to knock the \$13.8 million for 1976 out of a military procurement bill.

In other arms developments: — President Ford told the House in a message: "It is difficult to overstate the importance of the major installations we will lose in Turkey" unless Congress reconsiders its embargo on military aid to that country. As a result of the embargo, Turkey has begun taking over bases used by the United States there. — There is a breathing spell in

the debate over administration plans to sell Jordan \$350 million in arms. The administration withdrew its proposal from Congress but plans to resubmit it. Congressional consideration may not come until September. Critical legislators hope that by then, the administration and Jordan will have worked out a smaller deal.

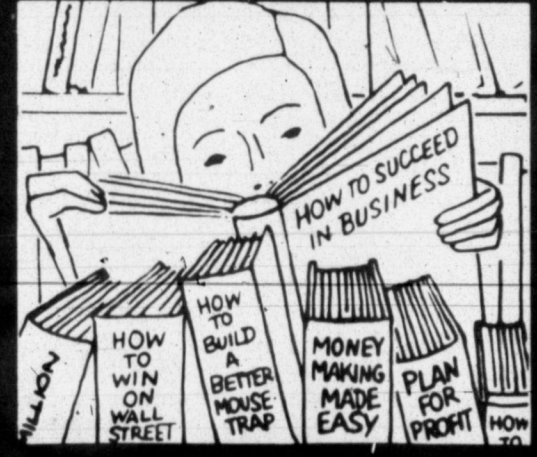
Sen. John Culver, D-Iowa, called the planned expansion of Diego Garcia "the first act of a scenario identical to that which took us into the quagmire of Vietnam."

Sen. John Stennis, chairman of the Senate Armed Services

Committee, said the strategically located "supply dump and filling station" would be crucial in supporting U.S. fleet operations and protecting the flow of Persian Gulf oil to the non-Communist world.

The Pentagon wants the expanded base to counter what it says is a growing Soviet military presence in the area.

Sen. Henry Jackson, D-Wash., said he will introduce a resolution calling on Ford to seek negotiations with the Soviet Union on limiting naval deployment in the Indian Ocean and Persian Gulf.



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# Mobile Homes More Attractive Due to Design Improvements



Mobile Homes Financially Attractive

Soaring costs of conventional one-family homes are making mobile homes more financially attractive than ever before. These mobile homes are located on West Kentucky and are located in one of Pampa's numerous mobile home parks. (Pampa News photo by Mike Higgins)

By DOROTHEA BROOKS  
**United Press International**

The soaring cost of new conventional single-family homes is making the mobile home more attractive financially than ever before at the same time design and engineering improvements are making it more livable.

While in some areas of the country restrictions still make it difficult to locate a mobile home in a desirable area, the new models are gaining acceptance, either in parks with facilities designed especially for them or in permanent installations on single family lots.

With increasing numbers of families turning from traditional, site-built single-family housing to mobile homes, the design emphasis today is less on mobility, more on livability, says Robert G. Breniff, manager of Owens-Corning's Mobile Home Products Division.

A recent survey of the attitudes and buying preferences of 1,400 mobile-home owners conducted for Owens-Corning by an independent research organization, found 53 per cent had moved to their mobile homes from conventional single-family homes. This

compared with 43 per cent in 1969. Two-thirds were first-time owners.

The average age of the head-of-household in the study was 39; average family size, three people, and average income around \$11,000.

Breniff said the average price of new site-built housing today is around \$37,000, while the selling price of new mobile homes in the study averaged only \$10,420, up from \$6,050 in the 1969 study.

The significance of the mobile home price increase, he said, "is not that today's mobile homes are more expensive but that they have risen only 23 per cent per square foot since 1969, compared with conventional homes, which have risen over 40 per cent per square foot during that same period."

Further underscoring the mobile home's economic appeal, he noted, the average down payment reported in the study was \$1,694.

"When compared with the 20 to 25 per cent down payment typically required for conventional homes, it's not hard to understand why more and more home buyers are beginning to recognize the mobile home as an economically viable alternative," he said.

Breniff said overall quality of mobile homes has improved noticeably over the past five years, resulting in increased owner satisfaction. "Nearly 80 per cent of the owners surveyed said they would buy another mobile home, and 72 per cent said they were very or extremely satisfied with mobile-home living."

He noted the trend toward producing mobile homes that more closely resemble and perform like conventionally built housing can be seen in a size comparison between mobile homes in the new study and those surveyed five years earlier.

Homes in the most recent study averaged close to 1,000 square feet, compared with a 684-square-foot average in the earlier study.

"The white, rectangular bread-box on wheels is fast disappearing," Breniff said.

Taking its place is a whole new exterior design concept, characterized by shaped roof lines, attractive wood sidings and more stylish and functional window treatments.

**KARPIN ON BRIDGE**  
By FRED KARPIN

In retrospect, today's deal is not a difficult one to play correctly. But when the hand came up in real life, our declarer missed the key play at trick one — and after that there could be no recovery. The deal was played in a rubber-bridge game. Both sides vulnerable.

**WEST**  
♠ 7  
♥ A K J 8 5 4  
♦ 5 3  
♣ A J 7 6

**EAST**  
♠ 9  
♥ Q 10 7 6  
♦ Q 8 7  
♣ Q 10 5 3 2

**SOUTH**  
♠ A J 10 8 5 4 3 2  
♥ —  
♦ 6 4 2  
♣ K 9

The bidding:  
West North East South  
1♥ 2♦ 2♥ 4♦  
5♥ 5♠ Pass Pass

Opening lead: King of ♥.

The bidding was quite good, with West's five heart bid being made as a sacrifice against a four-spade contract that West felt would be fulfilled at five hearts. West would have gone down only one trick, losing two diamonds and one spade.

After West's opening lead of the heart king had been ruffed by South, a low trump was led to dummy's king, gathering in the two adversely held trumps. Next came the ace and king of diamonds, with the hope that the queen would be caught. When this card failed to drop, the jack of diamonds was led. East captured this trick with the queen, and led a club. The defenders then cashed two club tricks, and declarer was down one.

From the very beginning it should have been apparent to declarer that the danger to his contract lay in East's procurement of the lead, for a club lead by East would result in the entrapment of South's king (West, for his opening bid, figured to have the ace of clubs). Therefore South's play should have been directed towards keeping East out of the lead.

What declarer would have done at trick one was to have allowed West's king of hearts to have won the trick, discarding thereon his deuce of diamonds. Assuming that West would then have continued with the heart

The most elegant apron around has to be a pink pinafore, new from Saga of Scandinavia.

**If the Shoe Fits...**  
By John Gattis

**How can I check the fit of my children's shoes?**

There are two simple ways of detecting outgrown shoes. They are not as reliable as having the feet remeasured, but are infinitely surer than the old toe-hunt method which only ruins the toebox of the shoe.

One is to hold the shoe under a lamp so you can see the foot print on the insole. If the shoe is too long, there will be a light area ahead of the mark made by the great toe.

At the risk of being considered a wise guy, the writer suggests counting the toe marks. Five is par for the foot, but many shoes show only four. Lacking proper shoe width the little toe is forced up over the fourth toe and into the upper part of the shoe. Five-toed feet that make four-toed footprints are known as "straight-foot" shoes.

The second check is simply to put your hand in the shoe, palm upward, to see if the great toe is digging a hole in the top of the toe box. The above mentioned footprint may show a light area ahead of the great toe only because the toe of the shoe is too shallow to allow the foot to advance any further. The force required to dig such a hole is sufficient to bunionate the great toe.

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## Hints from Heloise

Dear Heloise: My helpful hint may not be called proper etiquette. But in this day and age with everyone "doing his own thing," I guess I can do mine.

When my daughter got married, some cards got separated from the gifts, so naturally the wrong person got thanked for the wrong gift.

Since then, every gift I give, large or small, I write on the card what I gave and write my address.

If more names go on in the gift or gifts, I write all information on the back of the card.

I have been thanked many times for doing this, as it is so much easier to send out thank-you notes.

Mildred Saur

YOU are the epitome... Heloise

**UNWRITTEN LAWS**

Dear Heloise: We are a family consisting of Mom, Dad, five children and a cat, so have an abundance of unwritten laws. Are you ready? Don't put the milk back in the refrigerator. (Warm, sour milk is so-o-o good!)

Everyone leaves his shoes at the front door—easier to find... Don't ever close a dresser drawer. (Easier to see what you want—saves time too.)

Don't ever change the cat's milk till it's one solid chunk! Load the dishwasher, but don't turn it on! Saves on water!

Of course, I'm really only kidding about all this—but one might as well laugh about it all.

J.O.

Yeah, doll. And you'll have our entire office laughing too. Thanks, pal.

Heloise

Dear Heloise: I've streamlined my grocery list in this way:

On note paper, I list items needed as they come to mind or from recipe cards.

With a bright-colored marker, I underline the items using one color per category, such as

## Jerusalem People Cook By Heritage

By JEANNE LESEM  
**UPI Food Editor**

"I could close my eyes and walk around Jerusalem, and tell by the food smells what area I was in," says Joan Nathan.

People in the sacred city tend to live in enclaves and cook according to their national heritages, she added. Miss Nathan is an American who served for a time as foreign press attache to Jerusalem's Mayor Teddy Kollak.

In an interview, she said she could identify Moroccan neighborhoods by the scent of cumin, Rumanian, by the smell of onions, and Egyptian enclaves, by the pungent aroma of garlic. She said the sweet smells of baklava, kourambiedes and other confections permeated Greek homes, especially at Easter.

Miss Nathan, now married and living in Cambridge, Mass., was in New York City to promote "The Flavor of Jerusalem" (Little, Brown), a cookbook that she wrote with Judy Stacey Goldman.

The flavor in the title refers to both the food and the atmosphere of the city that is sacred to both Arabs and Jews, Jewish, Christian, Moslem and Armenian quarters are close together in the heart of the city. There are German and Greek neighborhoods, a Russian compound and an Italian synagogue, as well as Anglican and Assyrian churches and El Aksa Mosque.

Miss Nathan said the international population includes many Oriental Jews whose traditional foods resemble Arab dishes of the countries where they have lived. For example, medias (stuffed vegetables) are popular among Sephardic Jews of Middle Eastern heritage.

"There are certain recipes they don't want to change," she said, adding that the only difference between some Jewish and Arab cooking is the Jewish adherence to dietary laws that forbids mixing of meat and milk products. Middle Eastern Jews do not serve laban, or yogurt, with certain meat dishes in the Arab manner. Second generation Israelis eat more Middle Eastern foods than first generation residents, she said.

Miss Nathan recalled a Fourth of July party to which she invited both Arab and Jewish friends.

## At Wits End

By ERMA BOMBECK

My old alumnae association wrote last week and asked me to tape about ten minutes to open up a Career Planning Workshop for women returning to the job market.

They pointed out I was representative of thousands of women who based their careers in the home and still served the needs of their families.

I knew what I wanted to say to the group. "In order to successfully combine the best of two worlds, there must be a warm, personal atmosphere, one of love and trust..." (I found my husband's tape recorder hidden under a stack of underwear with a large note. "DON'T TOUCH! YOU ARE BEING WATCHED BY HIDDEN CAMERAS. STEALING IS AGAINST THE LAW. VIOLATORS WILL BE PRESECUTED!" The batteries were dead.)

Then I would tell them that "a career involved the sharing of the entire family and all the needs have to compete for priorities."

("Go to the drugstore and get your mother some batteries to fit the tape recorder." Answers: "I'm on the phone." "I'm watching Gilligan's Island." "I went the last time." "I went myself.")

"Learn to deal with the little frustrations that crop up in the daily routine." (Telephone rings and tape is ruined and I must start at the beginning.)

"Learn to deal with the little frustrations that crop up in the daily routine." (Having put phone off the hook, the phone company responds with a piercing beep that again ruins the tape.)

"Learn to deal with the little frustrations that crop up in the daily routine." (Dog is whining on the other side of the closet door where I have gone to tape in privacy.)

"A new kind of awe will develop in your children for a mother who develops a new dimension to her life and speaks yet another language." ("How do you erase something from a tape?" "I asked my son. He listens. "Mom! You said THAT!" "Shut up and erase.")

"Time is a precious commodity. Learn how to plan it, budget it, and make every minute productive." ("I am going out to mail this tape. Anyone need anything?" "Answers: "There's nothing in the house to eat." "I have no clean clothes." "The car is out of gas." "The post office closed at noon today.")

"In closing, it is important to remember that you are an individual. Know who you are, where you are, and where you are going." ("Where are you going, Mom?" Answer: "I'm running away from home.")

## Women Doing Well In Aerospace Jobs

Since the United Nations has designated 1975 as International Women's Year, let's hear it for the ladies in aerospace.

They don't get much attention these days. The headlines and the television time go mostly to the more vocal National Organization of Women (NOW).

Women in the aerospace fields are too busy with their careers to worry about whether they want to be liberated any more than they are already.

Today women are pushing the throttles of airplanes, monitoring oil spills in the Gulf of Mexico from high-flying planes; helping to launch satellites into earth orbit, dusting crops, hunting hurricanes, teaching aerospace subjects in schools, controlling air traffic, copilotting commercial airliners and flying rescue missions, among other tasks.

There's nothing startlingly new about women in aerospace roles. Back in 1910 Blanche Scott Stair became the first woman to solo, after an unscheduled takeoff in a strong wind. She went on to become an exhibition pilot.

Harriet Quimby, later a drama-critic of Vogue magazine, was the first American woman licensed pilot and the first to fly the English Channel in 1912.

In the 1930s Helen Richey was the first gal to wear an airline pilot's uniform and fly from the right (copilot's) seat.

And in the '60s the fabled Jacqueline Cochran launched a record-smashing career and became the first distaff member to break the sound barrier. She still holds speed records in the P-51.

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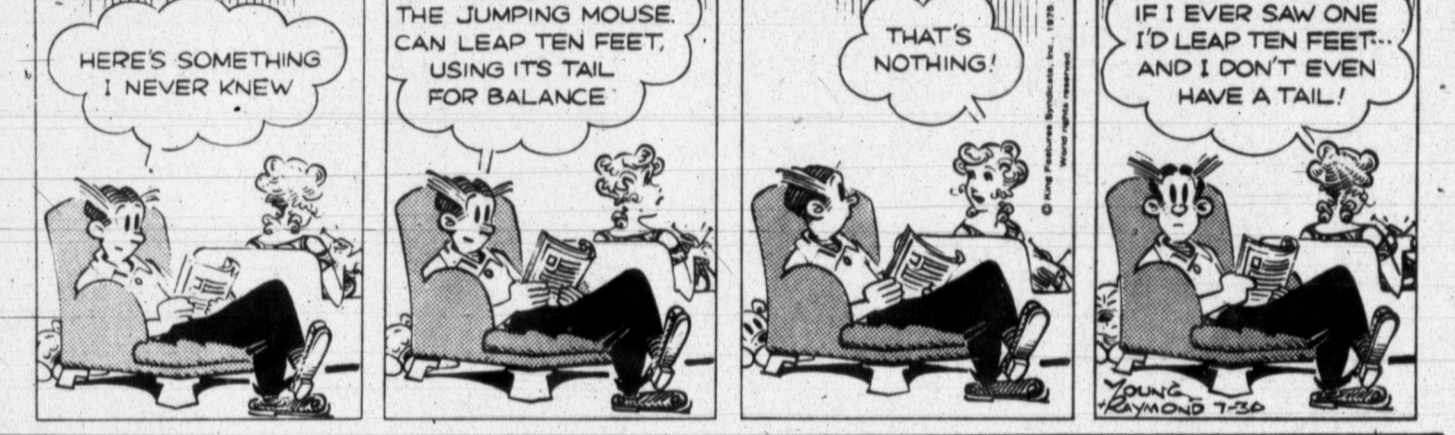
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# Stop Worrying—Go Fishing

By JOHN SINOR  
Copley News Service

It takes a worried man to sing a worried song. Here is the word from Dr. Charles H. Mayo: "Worry af-

fects the circulation, the heart, the glands, the whole nervous system. I have never known a man who died from overwork, but many who died from worry." Hard to beat the worry rap.

in the big city. An eastern scientist looked into this. He said man is going to pot because of his greenhouse existence.

"It is the wearisome monotony of existing within the confines of residence and the place of employment." Metropolitan Man needs to go smell the ocean breeze, go sniff a few pine trees, maybe climb a mountain or two. At least, that's the implication I get.

Probably very sound advice. However, I am not going to climb any mountains. The old house has three stories, and if I am not walking up-

stairs, I am probably walking down.

Whew! I will be working on the upstairs bathroom. "Where's the screwdriver?" I yell down the stairs.

From somewhere comes a reply: "I saw one in the basement."

I am installing a hangar bar in the basement laundry room. "Anybody see my tape measure?"

"I think I saw it on your dresser upstairs."

This is poor planning or something. Every time I want something, it is two floors away. I think I am going stair crazy.

But I'm not worried about it.

The only time I really worry is when there isn't anything to worry about. When the checkbook balances, no-

body has the flu, and I've got more money than bills — those are the things that bug me.

When that happens, I know my life is out of kilter. And somewhere there is a landmine planted, just waiting for me to step on it.

Fishing season is coming up. I mean, the season when I go fishing. (I don't care for drowning worms in cold weather.)

I told the boys to gather up all the fishing gear we have and put it in one place. I may suddenly get the urge and have to go fishing on a moment's notice.

Nothing irons my life's wrinkles like fishing. I don't care if I catch anything. (In fact, sometimes that's a bother.)

## Old Railroad Lines Make Good Bike Paths

Recognizing the recreational potential of abandoned railroad rights - of - way, the National Wildlife Federation has voiced support for a Senate bill that would provide money for the conversion of old rail lines into bicycling and hiking trails.

"Railroad rights - of - way offer a fine potential as bicycle trails as well as for access to hunting and fishing locations, camping sites and for hiking purposes," said Louis S. Clapper, NWF conservation director, responding to an

invitation by the Senate Surface Transportation Subcommittee to comment on a bill (S. 1879) introduced by Senators Vance Hartke (D-Ind.) and Warren Magnuson (D-Wash.).

The Conversion of Abandoned Railroad Rights of Way Act, as S. 1879 is known, would help identify abandoned railroad rights of way suitable for recreational use and channel \$75 million into existing programs over a three - year period to assist in land acquisition.

## Outdoor Page

—IN SEASON—

## Rabbit Shooting Could Save Shoppers Money

By PAUL SIMS

High costs, particularly in the supermarket, will likely force more and more people to take up hunting in the near future. Which is bad news for Peter Cottontail, who will become one of the main targets for the hungry hunter.

Rabbits have always been killed for food but it seems like, in these days, less people appreciate eating ol' longears than they did several years ago.

In this part of the country, hunters can almost always find plenty of cottontails or jackrabbits outside the city. The latter has slightly tougher meat but that doesn't mean the jackrabbit won't make a good meal. And the cottontail is excellent eating.

Jesse Mayes, local restaurateur, relates one way to cook rabbit.

"Fry it like you do a chicken. Cut him up and soak him in brine, in salt water, overnight. Fry him slow in the pan," Mayes said. "The older they are, the slower you got to cook them."

Mayes also said baked rabbit is fine eating. Actually, there are numerous ways to cook a rabbit. Here's one:

Dredge pieces of the rabbit, cut for serving, in flour, dip in milk, then in 1/2 cup flour and 1/2 cup bread crumbs mixed with salt and pepper.

Fry in shortening until golden brown. Add 2 1/2 cups milk, a pinch of baking soda, three stalks of minced celery, a minced green pepper and minced parsley and a bay leaf.

Bake in a slow oven at 275 degrees until tender.

Another was it to place a young rabbit, cut into serving pieces in a mixing bowl.

Add equal parts vinegar and water to cover the rabbit. Add a slice of onion, sugar, spices, salt

and pepper, cover and let it stand for three or four days in a cool place. (It's worth waiting for!)

To cook: remove the rabbit and dry well (save the liquid). Dredge pieces of meat in flour and brown in hot fat, then add one cup of the strained liquid, cover and simmer until tender, about an hour.

Thicken the remaining liquid for gravy. There are others but that should be enough to get even the hard shell nature lover aroused enough to start pricing guns.

Finding rabbits is only a minor chore usually. There's a secret to rabbit hunting and that's this — where there is food, there are rabbits. So, wheatfields are normally productive.

There are laws governing the hunting of rabbits, or any creature, for that matter.

Hunting in a county outside the county of residence requires a license. Also, hunting must be done off the road.

Finally, permission must be obtained from the landowner before hunting on private property.

That's about it as far as the law goes. Rabbits, like coyotes and squirrels, may be hunted year round, there is no limit to the number a hunter may kill and, usually, landowners don't mind it when hunters are after those particular animals, especially when there's an overabundance on the property.

Two things keep many people, even hunters, from shooting rabbits — the animal is small, cuddly and generally harmless and it is a rodent. After all, a rodent is not supposed to be tasteful.

However, as food prices soar, those people may be won over to hunting rabbits. And they probably won't be disappointed.



### Where's The Rabbit?

Look closely and you'll see him. Rabbits, particularly cottontails, make excellent eating and can be found wherever a food source is. Although rabbits are abundant in the Texas Panhandle, their coloring, speed and ability to burrow make them a challenge to hunt.

(Pampa News Photo)

### VIEW FROM THE PLAINS

## Sunflowers Boost Wildlife, Provide Good Hunting Spots

By J.D. PEER

I & E Field Officer  
LUBBOCK — Unfavorable cotton prices, heavy rains and large fields of commercial

sunflowers could produce a bumper dove harvest in the South plains and Panhandle of Texas.

This ready cash crop for farmers could give the Texas bird shooters a boost as the dove, quail and pheasant move into the sunflower fields following the normal harvest in late August.

"The 5,000 acres of sunflowers harvested in 1974 did very well with a rate of 1500 to 2500 pounds of seed per acre," Dr. Raymond Brigham, soybean and oilseed expert, Texas A & M Extension & Research Center near Lubbock, said.

"There is from 250,000 to 300,000 acres of sunflowers planted this year," said Brigham. "Game birds prefer the rich high oil seeds such as sunflowers and hunters would be wise to hunt these harvester fields in September."

Some of the late planted sunflower fields will not be harvested until late November or early December furnishing the resident quail and pheasant

food. Brigham said that most landowners will be reluctant to allow dove hunters in the unharvested sunflower fields due to the ease of shattering the seed from the sunflower head.

Even with the modern harvesting techniques and machinery used to cut the sunflowers, an estimated five to ten percent of the seed will fall to the ground ready for the game birds to find and eat.

During the harvest of the sunflower seed, most of the leaves and stock are chopped off leaving sparse cover in the field. Although this might not allow enough cover for the hunter, it will increase the bag limit by allowing hunters to find their downed birds.

Brigham said that once the birds find the sunflower fields only cold rains or winds will move them south.

Northwest Texas hunters are reminded to contact the landowner now for permission to hunt the harvested sunflower fields in September.

## Mayflies— Good Eating For Trout, Other Fish

Mention olive dun, dark cahill and gray fox to a dedicated trout angler and he'll immediately recognize these as artificial flies patterned after natural mayflies.

Mayflies are one of the most universal fish foods in America, being found from early Spring until late Fall, hatching in almost every stream and lake no matter how large or small. Contrary to popular belief, trout aren't the only fish which feed on mayflies. Their abundance makes them an important part of almost every fish's diet.

Although they aren't commonly used as bait in this country, research by Mercury outboards' fishing department shows that mayfly fishing is a

traditional method in Ireland. Equipment used there consists of a long (12 to 15 foot) rod, very light line, and a small hook on which several mayflies may be impaled. The angler casts his line with the wind, then allows his boat to drift as the mayfly lure drifts, all the while trying to hold the line off the water.

Mayflies like to hover above the water, and in the second winged stage will concentrate where there is brush along the shore. For this reason, a mayfly hatch is often called a "brush" hatch.

Mayfly wing and body colors vary from pale blue to olive, to light yellow. The wings are transparent in the third and final stage of life.



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Sherwin-Williams began as a paint store. "But now call the store a decorating center," Gross said. The store now carries a complete line of decorating materials.

The Pampa store has expanded and remodeled twice since Gross has been working there. "We have plans to make our warehouse smaller to increase our store floor space sometime within the next year," he added.

The Pampa store also employs a decorating consultant, Dennise Frazier. Miss Frazier moved here from Lubbock in February. She explained that her job was to help with decorating problems at no charge to the customer. She does much of her work in the home.

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# Nixon Asks \$1 Million for TV Talk

NEW YORK (UPI) — Former President Richard M. Nixon is asking \$1 million to appear on television to discuss his life. CBS has rejected the offer and NBC is still considering the proposal for the "memoir."

"Yes, we are asking \$1 million," said Irving "Swifty" Lazar, Nixon's literary agent, "but I don't think I'll get it." Lazar said CBS News President Richard Salant rejected the offer last week. NBC News President Richard Wald is

considering the proposal. Lazar said he would not contact ABC News because he did not "want to complicate the matter." He added that he has offers from three independent TV companies to produce a video "memoir."

"Whether or not anybody likes Nixon is not the point," said Lazar, in an interview from his Los Angeles office, "it's whether or not he has something to say to the American public." Lazar said if an agreement

was reached for the TV appearance the broadcast would be aired sometime after the 1976 presidential election. He said there would be no restraints placed on the type of questions asked by the interviewers. There has been some speculation that Nixon would refuse to discuss the Watergate affair.

CBS correspondent Mike Wallace said the initial contact for the Nixon interview was made through him by Lazar about two weeks ago.

"Lazar said he was coming to me because he was my friend and that Nixon needs money," Wallace said. The correspondent said he contacted Salant who responded to the offer by saying, "no."

At NBC, Wald said he would be "willing to pay Nixon" a fee, but only for a memoir. "We are not willing to pay for an interview," he added. He said he believed any Nixon interview would be at least a year from now.

Wald said that at this time any Nixon appearance on television would be considered news, but at a later date, a conversation with the former president could constitute a memoir because "Nixon was sufficiently removed from the events." Wald added Nixon would have no right to edit the interview or place prohibitions on the subjects covered in the interview.

## Companies Explain Insurance Request

AUSTIN, Tex. (UPI) — Insurance companies are seeking their second increase this year in property insurance rates.

A spokesman for the Texas Insurance Advisory Association, which includes insurance companies that sell 90 per cent of the property insurance written in Texas regulated by the Texas Insurance Board, asked the board Monday to call a hearing for next Monday to consider a 13.8 per cent increase in homeowners policies and a 4.6 per cent increase for fire and extended coverage.

Homeowners rates were increased an average of 5.8 per cent Jan. 20.

"While there was a rate increase granted in January, it was based on statistics only through September, 1973, including periods when prices were either frozen or restrained," Tom B. Lee, the advisory association's general manager, said Monday.

The last increase was inadequate at the time because it didn't take into account the double-digit inflationary pressures — as well as severe hail and tornado losses — in the period of September 1973-September 1974, Lee said.

Lee also said the association wants the board to eliminate the discounts awarded to homeowners who buy three-year policies. Because policyholders who buy their insurance for three years at a time are guaranteed the same rate for the life of the policy, the persons who buy their insurance annually are forced to pay for more of the losses insurance

companies try to recover during these periods.

"This has turned out less than fair under presently spiraling economic conditions," Lee said. "Since costs can't be predicted for even a shorter period of time, much less guaranteed to hold for three years, this system has become outmoded."

The association asked the board to permit it to adjust three-year policies each year.

Lee said although the industry would like to postpone the rate increase request, the rising cost of home repairs, construction and other items covered by property insurance makes such a delay impossible.

"In our view, there simply can't be further delay," Lee said.

"Property insurance is behind the trend — what cost a dollar in 1967 has come to \$1.30 in 1975, a percentage change far below other costs for things insurance must pay for," he said. "Insurance rates must be adequate, and an adjustment seems clearly indicated."

Lee said if property insurance rates are not raised, insurance companies may have to sell to only the best risk customers and many persons will not be able to purchase homeowners insurance.

DUTCH DAIRY THE HAGUE (UPI) — The Dutch Dairy Produce Marketing Board has announced exports of the Dutch dairy industry rose from a value of 2,117 million guilders (\$882 million) in 1973 to 2,752 million guilders (\$1.147 billion) in 1974.

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