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May 27, 1975

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**Mr. Bob Hope
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**Betty and I would like to add our own best wishes to
those from your family and many friends as you
celebrate your birthday.**

**We know this will be a grand occasion for all and
our thoughts will be with you. May the years ahead
bring you continued blessings of success and
happiness.**

With our heartiest congratulations.

Gerald R. Ford

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GERALD R. FORD.

What in the World!



TINY TURK AND JO ANN HOSS
Who ate more shrimp?

Size was not a factor in this contest: Jo Ann Hoss weighs in at a mere 118 pounds and yet she holds the title of Shrimp Eating Champion, which she earned in July, 1971, by shucking and downing 5 lbs. 10 ozs. of shrimp. At 6-8, 480 lbs., Tiny Turk was simply no match for her. What is her secret? "My size is certainly not an advantage, but my husband and I run a wholesale shrimp business in Freeport, Texas, and perhaps from that I've learned how to shuck faster than most. Also, I do like to eat—I came from a family of eight children, and if you didn't eat quickly you just might go hungry," Jo Ann said laughingly. "The hardest part of the contest comes at the end because it takes supreme concentration not to get sick." Even though Jo Ann hasn't competed since she earned the title, she still holds the record and is listed in "The Guinness Book of World Records." Soon after the competition she developed an allergy to shrimp. Shucks!

to take her there. Paul Rigby recalled that first lesson as the opening of a door to a new universe for his daughter. 'On the very first night,' he said, 'she was doing backflips!' . . . Cathy was close to her eleventh birthday when she met the noted gymnastics coach, Bud Marquette, the man who was to change her life. 'When Cathy came to me in 1963,' Marquette said years later, 'she came in shorts and bare feet. She looked just like a ragamuffin. All she could do was cartwheels. But in about two months she was better than girls who had been training for two years. She never fooled around. She would have excelled no matter what.'" From "Women Who Win," by Francene Sabin (Random House, \$3.95).

BIRTHDAYS (all Gemini): **Sunday**—Leslie Uggams 32; Gene Tunney 77; Beverly Sills 46. **Monday**—James Arness 52; Peggy Lee 55; John Wayne 68. **Tuesday**—Henry Kissinger 52; Sen. Hubert Humphrey 64; Vincent Price 64; Cilla Black 32. **Wednesday**—Carroll Baker 44. **Thursday**—Bob Hope 72. **Friday**—Benny Goodman 66. **Saturday**—Norman Vincent Peale 77; Joe Namath 32; Clint Eastwood 45; Prince Rainier 52; Don Ameche 67; Peter Yarrow (of Peter, Paul and Mary) 37.



BIRTHDAY PEOPLE:
Peggy Lee and Vincent Price

By Frank Baginski

LITTLE EMILY



"Of course she's nasty. She's what they call the 'opposition' sex."



CATHY RIGBY
Ballet was too tame

The little girl with the big will to win: "At the age of eight, Cathy began taking ballet lessons. She found the disciplined movements enjoyable but not acrobatic enough. When she heard that a local youth center was offering classes in trampoline, Cathy begged her father

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Here is the clipping from the
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You will note he wants greetings
sent to Senator Humphrey and also
to Bob Hope.

Thanks

Dorothy Downton