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# First Lady Honors Senior

By JACKIE DASHIELL  
Herald-Examiner Lifestyle Editor

1869. Her mother sent her out to work at the age of nine because she knew how to cook. She earned \$1 a week. Just before her 13th birthday, she was married for the first time, but her husband only lived two years. Later, she married a John Williams and in the early 1900s they came to Los Angeles in a covered wagon.

According to Ms. Gilbert, Mrs. Williams is in excellent health. "She has a sister, 90, whom she raised but her brother, whom she also raised, died two years ago at 85. And, she'll tell you that she had an aunt who lived to be 115 and she expects to outdo her."

The Foster Grandparent program has 105 volunteers in the Los Angeles area. Beside helping with the children at Pepperdine's Head Start, they work at Martin Luther King Hospital, Foundation for the Junior Blind, Morningside Hospital, Convent of Good Shepherd (with troubled teenage girls), and Inter-Community Exceptional Children's Foundation.

All "grandparents" are 60 years of age or older and receive a token salary to go with their Social Security checks for their work. The program is federally funded by ACTION as a sister project to such programs as the Peace Corps, Vista, RSVP, and others.

"My own grandparents died before I was born," says Ms. Gilbert. "That's why the foster grandparents mean so much to me. They adopt me along with the children. This is a hugs and kisses program. I like to say, the grandparents put the love into ACTION."

If things are on schedule, today is both a giving and receiving day for the nation's First Lady.

Mrs. Gerald Ford receives the top annual award from the National Art Association at a \$11-a-plate dinner tonight at the Beverly Wilshire.

But earlier today, at 2 p.m., her itinerary called for her to be on the giving end of an award, this one to the nation's eldest foster grandparent, Mrs. Pearl Williams, who will be 106 on May 22. Mrs. Williams is a five-day-a-week, four-hours-a-day volunteer "grandmother" on the Los Angeles Pepperdine campus in the Head Start program.

Alison Gilbert, director of the Foster Grandparent Program, gives a verbal picture of Mrs. Williams. "She is a tiny lady, frail looking, but full of spirit. Her particular work is with children age three to five in arts and crafts, fingerpaints, puzzles. How they love her.

"Usually she wears long, granny-type dresses and high black boots and she has a lot of aprons and caps made to match. But, two years ago when Mrs. Reagan came to see her she fooled us all and appeared in a shorter-length dress.

"She attributes her long life to hard work, and living according to the Bible. She is active in the Church of Christ and lives with the one surviving child of her three children, Betty Stafford, in Los Angeles."

Mrs. Williams, who became a foster grandparent in September 1972, was born in Jefferson County, Alabama in

Mrs. Pearl Williams, who will be 106 on May 22, is pictured in one of her long granny-type dresses. She was on the itinerary of Mrs. Ford today to receive an award as the nation's eldest foster grandparent.



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PART IV

WEDNESDAY, MAY 21, 1975

**JACK SMITH**

## Standing On His Dignity

It's been a year or two, as I remember, since we first heard from the people who publish the National Social Directory, inviting us to submit our names. We demurred on that occasion. I just didn't feel our family was ready. Now they're after us again.

They have sent us an application blank, along with a printed statement under what evidently is the seal or coat of arms of the National Social Directory. It consists of a shield emblazoned with the initials N.S.D., a scroll with the name spelled out, and, roosting on the shield, a large bird with wings spread. I would say it was an eagle, but the neck is too long for an eagle. More likely it's a goose with an eagle's head.

"The National Social Directory takes pleasure in inviting you to submit your name for listing in the next edition of America's only recognized nationwide social reference, the National Social Directory.

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It goes on to say that the next edition of the directory will be published in November at \$35. "Please do not send your check with the enclosed form. Upon the acceptance of your name by the Advisory Committee for inclusion in the Directory, your name will be included upon payment of our \$35 listing fee, which entitles you to a copy of the next edition of the prestigious National Social Directory."

If I understand it right, there is no charge for the directory if you are one of the persons or families listed in it. On the other hand, once you've been accepted by the advisory committee, you have to pay a fee of \$35 to get your name in the directory. By sheer coincidence, evidently, the listing fee is the same as the price of the book.

Even so, I'm tempted! On my father's side I go back to the Welsh coal mines and my maternal grandmother was a Kentucky frontierswoman who said can't and hain't for can't and hasn't, and drove to Colorado in a covered wa-

# Betty Ford

BY BETTY LIDDICK

Times Staff Writer

It was as though everybody had agreed in advance on a part to play.

First Lady Betty Ford smiled a lot and gave an all-purpose speech in the "thrilled-and-delighted-to-be-here" mold, showing little of the fire that has endeared her to feminists for her support of the Equal Rights Amendment.

Guest of honor Pearl Williams dispensed wit and wisdom appropriate to the celebration of her 106th birthday.

A departing Secret Service man did a near half gainer into a rolling car to the accompaniment of applause.

Photographers crowded around for the obligatory picture of Mrs. Ford hugging two children. And reporters dogged her every step, alert to some telling signs of her health.

In short, Mrs. Ford's participation Monday in Pepperdine University's annual Foster Grandparents' Day had every ritual known to public ceremony. There were speeches, poems, proclamations, kisses, corsages, pin presentations, birthday cakes, more kisses, congratulations, songs, everything except the invocation of motherhood.

### Oldest Foster Grandparent

The 109 retired men and women in the federal Foster Grandparents program whom Betty Ford had come to honor loved every minute of it. Especially Mrs. Williams, who was recognized as the nation's oldest foster grandparent. She works four hours a day, five days a week at a Head Start Center at Pepperdine.

"I didn't party when I was young," she said. "Now that I'm old I can enjoy the fuss."

It was still dark when Mrs. Williams woke up Monday morning at 4. Usually she lolls around till 5 or 5:30 and steadies herself with the belief that "people are people." Today she surrendered to nervousness about the First Lady's visit.

Mrs. Williams, who was one of the models actress Cicely Tyson used in creating her TV portrayal of ex-slave Miss Jane Pittman, traded her everyday granny apron and starched cap for a long pink dress and white shawl. A few minutes before 1 p.m., her son-in-law, Raymond Stafford, drove her from the home she shares with his family in Compton to Pepperdine's South-Central campus.

### Cameras at the Ready

There, behind the gates on the provost office lawn, the foster grandparents plus another hundred guests drank pink punch and ate sandwiches and salads. They sat at tables ringed by tall pines and gawking spectators, students hoping for a "closeup look" of Betty Ford, friends with Instamatics at the ready and, a hundred yards away on the roof of a two-story building, Los Angeles police dressed for combat.

Mrs. Ford was to arrive at 2:15 and was only 10 minutes late. But with the preliminary program beginning at 1:30 and running out before she arrived, the afternoon stretched out longer than a Jerry Lewis telethon.

Provost James R. Wilburn made the introductions and recognition certificates were presented. The names of all the foster grandparents were called. Mrs. William French Smith, a member of the advisory council of ACTION, the agency that sponsors the grandparents program, told a joke about a boy who wouldn't eat his spinach. "He gave his mother a steely look and said, 'Motivate me.'"

The grandparents, all of whom work with retarded and handicapped children, laughed politely. Finally, Wisdom

## The Selling



# at Pepperdine Ritual



**CANDLES, CONGRATULATIONS**—First Lady Betty Ford helps Pearl Williams celebrate 106th birthday. Times photo by Larry Bessel

a Pepperdine choral group, entertained. One song, two, three.

A couple of students watching Mrs. Williams concluded she looked remarkably fit for 106. "Let's shout out, 'She's only 80, when Mrs. Ford arrives,'" one said.

A jet, pale and silver, slid by overhead. Dr. Wilburn returned to the podium to introduce more people. And Wisdom sang again: "I believe in muu-sic."

Sophomore Loventrice Farrow, who was there to present Mrs. Williams with a plant from the black students' association, kept one finger in the Langston Hughes' section of her book on "The Black Poets." She would read from it later but wondered now, "When is Mrs. Ford coming?"

Suddenly, announced by the purr of a motorcade, Betty Ford arrived. The top of her head, the waves of her gold-brown hair, could be seen first, then the woman, standing as straight as a marine guard and moving purposefully, slowly, through the crush. If, as Mort Sahl says, Gerald Ford looks like the guy who OKs your check at Safeway, it would follow Mrs. Ford would look like the guy's wife. But she seems less Middle America—more the tea cr airman of your town's best woman's club. Polished, well groomed, with handshakes all around.

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## National Art Assn. Honors First Lady

BY JODY JACOBS  
Times Society Editor

With the kind of security usually reserved for a head of state, it's no wonder that up to party time Monday night at the Beverly Wilshire Hotel some of the guests were still saying the President might show up to watch his wife receive the National Art Assn.'s "Distinguished Woman of the Year" award.

He didn't. He was in Washington as the First Lady, already a pro at knowing how to please an audience, moved efficiently and graciously through the evening's activities.

After a long wait (there were rumors she'd gone to Elizabeth Arden's for a comb-out of the hairstyling she'd had done earlier in the day), and some doubt whether she'd show up at all, she breezed into the VIP reception in the hotel's Champagne Room. Photographers were at her

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# of L.A., Hollywood Style

When Mrs. Ford and started out as a sheepherder in the Le-  
hachapi mountains. He

# PEPPERDINE

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"She's tiny!" someone shouted. But Mrs Ford seemed strong and said her health was "excellent." (Her four-day trip to Southern California follows White House denials of rumors that her health might interfere with President Ford's seeking a full term in 1976.)

Though she has spoken out in the past in support of such controversies as abortion and the Equal Rights Amendment, Mrs. Ford took a bland tack on this occasion.

"I just can't tell you what a real thrill this is for me and a very special treat to be here on this occasion," she said at the podium. "You have no idea how delighted I am to be part of this ceremony."

She spoke slowly, as if reading, with a pause between words. "I have great respect for your birthday celebrant. At 106 her energy, ability and concern truly distinguish her. Pearl will be a great example.

"Isn't this a beautiful woman?" she said with Mrs. Williams at her side. She gave Mrs. Williams a bouquet of red roses and two certificates.

"Thank you so much," Mrs. Williams said and kissed the First Lady twice.

"I want to see you in another five years. Don't let us down," Mrs. Ford said.

"Don't worry," Mrs. Williams said. And she had a suggestion for Mrs. Ford who said it also was her son Stephen's 19th birthday: "Give him a kiss!"

The program continued with more speeches and presentations. Mrs. Ford made a quick sweep through the crowd to talk with some of the grandparents.

"Next to (county supervisor) Kenny Hahn, she is the highest ranking official Pepperdine has had," joked Dr. William S. Banowsky, Pepperdine president.

Mrs. Williams walked the First Lady to her car and gave her a goodbye kiss. Mrs. Ford waved goodbye from the window and was gone.

## Check Out That School Personally

From the Chicago Sun-Times

The formative years are so important to a child's development that parents are advised to visit prospective nursery schools instead of attempting to get information by phone.

A personal inspection of the school's facilities and a chance to meet and talk with the director and teachers is the only way to determine whether your child is likely to be comfortable and happy there, Arlene Hauser said. She is executive co-ordinator for the Chicago Assn. for the Education of Young Children.

"If the school refuses to allow you to visit, forget it," Mrs. Hauser said. "The staff is hiding something."

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Mrs. Hauser said it is essential for parents to visit a licensed nursery school. A licensed school must meet minimum standards set by the state.

Parents who intend to visit a nursery school should plan on spending several hours to get a thorough view of the school, Mrs. Hauser said.

Here are some factors to check:

—Does the teacher seem to care about her class?

—Does she talk to the child as though he or she is important?

—Does she listen and respond to each child?

—Does she give a child the feeling that he or she is important?

—Does she give help and guidance in stopping undesirable behavior in the class?

Above all, a warm, healthy teacher-child relationship of prime importance, she said.

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Mrs. Williams is a member of the Church of Christ, 9512 Compton Ave., where Brother Arthur Perkins is minister. She attends services there three times a week, in addition to Bible classes, for the Bible is very important to Mrs. Williams.

"It's the guide for livin'," was the way she put it. "It's the bestest book."

The Foster Grandparents Program was established in 1965 and two years ago was made a part of VISTA, itself part of ACTION, the umbrella collection of people-service-to-people agencies.

It provides part-time opportunities with stipends for low-income persons, aged 60 or over, to give person-to-person service to children with exceptional needs, "the unwanted and forgotten young who desperately need human relationships."

Currently about 8,800 such children are being helped by 4,400 foster grandparents in 67 projects in 40 states and Puerto Rico.

Mrs. Williams was born May 22, 1869 near Birmingham, Ala. One half sister lived to 90; a half brother died at 80, and Mrs. Williams raised them both because her own mother had died when she was 9 and she was married to her first husband at 12.

**Jesse James Visit**

Shortly before that, when she was pro-tem mother to her father's children, Pearl said that a white man stopped by their house one evening,

stayed for dinner and the night, and was gone by daylight.

"He told my father he was Jesse James," she recalled. "I think he lived in Illinois, but I'm not sure." It was Missouri. "He used to rob trains en route from Chicago to California." Jesse James did that, all right, with some regularity.

Such an incident, as she recalls, is at least theoretically possible. James committed no recorded depredations from 1879 until March of 1881 when he

held up a stagecoach near Muscle Shoals, Ala. Muscle Shoals is in the northwest corner of Alabama, 100 miles from Birmingham, and in March of that year Pearl would have been 11.

**Very Little Schooling**

Pearl learned how to drive a mule. She went to school when she could, which wasn't very much.

"School was supposed to run six months of the year, but I never got to go more than about three days a month, because I had to work," she recalled.

"Times were hard for us. At Christmas we would get very little—a penny, usually. In the stockings we would hang up on Christmas Eve there might be an orange and one or two pieces of candy."

"I tell kids today they got a silver spoon in their mouths, an' don't know it. I tell them, 'Stick with school and get your education.'"

She received her first real Christmas present—a dress—after she was married.

**To California in 1893**

Her first husband was killed in a coal mine accident when her oldest daughter was 9 and Mrs. Williams determined to come to California. That was in 1893. She made the journey by railroad.

Even her second husband has been dead, now, for 24 years.

"That's when I guess it was," she said. "I didn't hardly keep up with the years."

She lives with her granddaughter's family in Compton. But she is no free-loader.

"I can see good enough to cook, sew, iron," she said, simply. "I'm a chef cook, the best kind. I cooked at the big fair at Birmingham, and I was a lot younger then! More experience now. I cook everything — chicken, biscuits . . ."

Her philosophy, born of the hardest of knocks, tempered by a longer lifetime than most people will enjoy, sounds deceptively simple, but it is the simpli-

city the Gospel employs to clothe the most profound truths:

"You brought nothin' here, an' you'll take nothin' away," she said, softly.

"If you learn to love one another, that's the only

thing. That is what's important. If you love your neighbor, you will treat him as well as you do yourself."

"Don't ever let the sun go down on wrath in your heart against another human. Mother taught me the Golden Rule. That carried me up to this age, now. If it comes from the Bible, it won't fail."

**Life Not Any Easier**

"Times have changed, but life is no easier now than when she was a youngster back in Birmingham, she believed.

"The attitudes of people are different, that's all," she explained.

"It used to be if you were sick the neighbors would wait on you; if you were hungry, they'd feed you, just like a big family. It's not that way now. Why, you scarce know your next-door neighbor!"

Mrs. Williams never smoked, never drank, never wore glasses, never "had any sickness," and "about all I'm lacking is my teeth." She reads newspapers and the Bible — mainly the Bible, Old and New Testaments alike.

**WHAT PEARL WILLIAMS MEANS TO ME**

**BY: EULA MAE YOUNG**

**When I first arrived here in Los Angeles from Dallas, Texas, in 1943, I attended The 9512 Compton Ave. Church of Christ where Bro A. L. Cassius was then Minister.**

**I became acquainted with Sister Williams and her family and learned to love her as a Sister in Christ and also as a friend.**

**To me she is an example. She is a real Christain woman and I am so happy that God has seen fit to keep her here so many years. So to you Sister Williams; I wish you many more healthy and happy years.**

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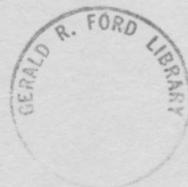
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Guest Speaker . . . . . Don Brown,  
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*Donald, dear Donald*

*It was the autumn of my life when he stole  
into my heart. Loneliness was my constant  
companion; self pity my indulgence. Sadness  
came with the dawn; increased with the sunset.  
Tears were ever near; happiness a feeling  
forgotten.*

*Donald, dear Donald*

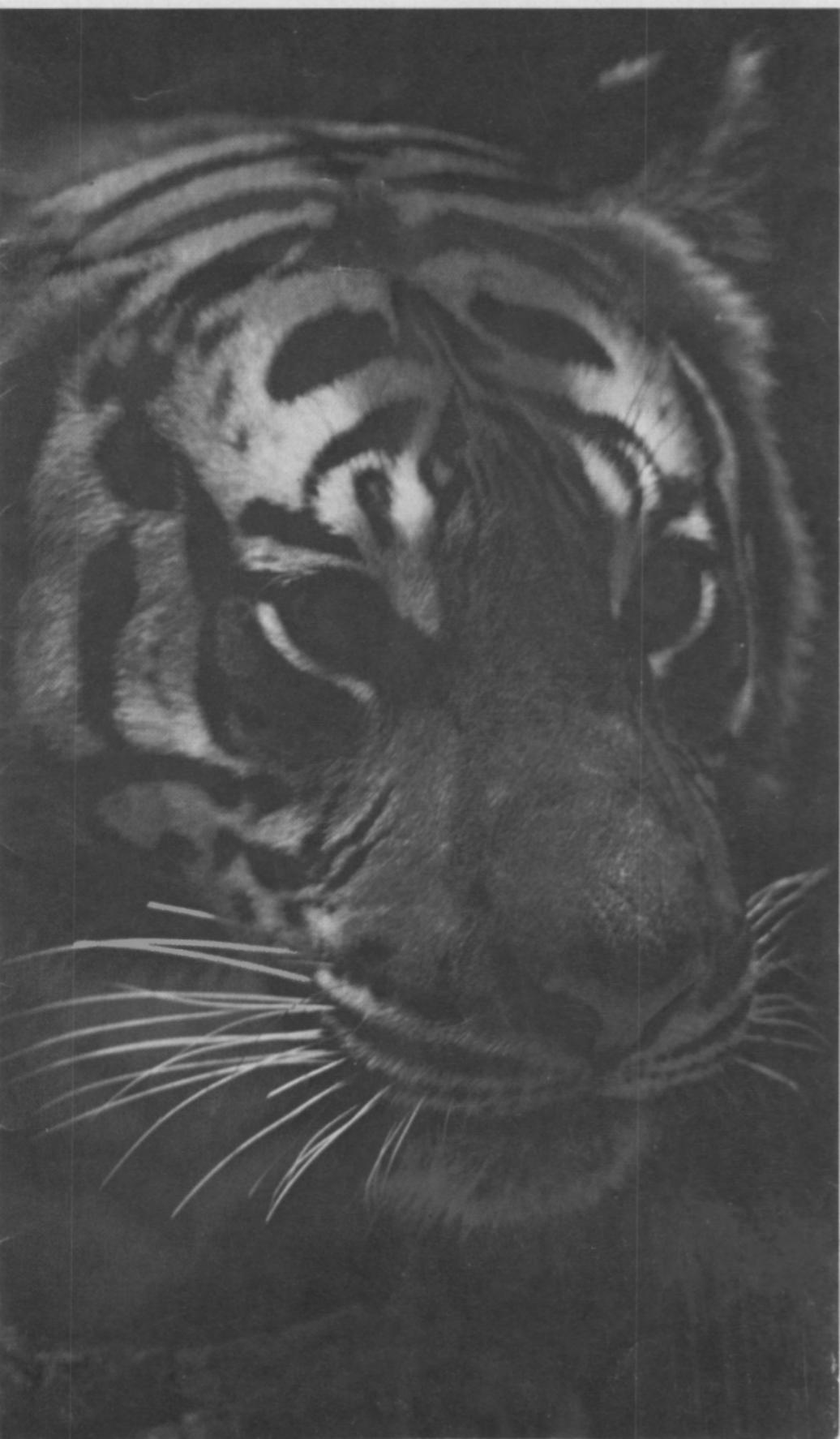
*Quickly and loudly he chased away all my  
miseries. He took me by the hand and led me  
into a beautiful new life.  
Away with self pity!  
Begone the loneliness!  
Tears were exchanged for laughters;  
Sadness for "Happy Faces." I welcome the  
dawn, a new day for new happiness. Quietly I  
watch the sun set knowing tomorrow will bring  
pleasures and love.*

Written by: Mrs. Irma Huffman  
Foster Grandparent,  
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*Dedicated to  
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**PHOTO LOCATIONS** Several vantage viewpoints are marked for spectacular pictures of the Zoo.

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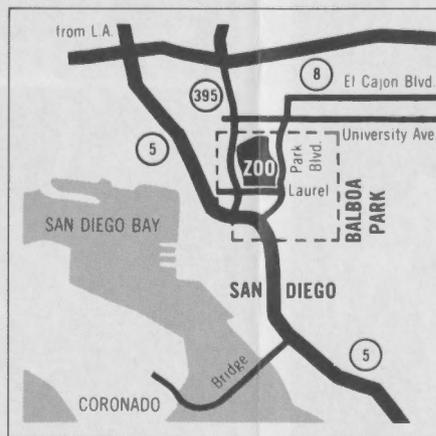
San Diego Wild Animal Park as often as you wish...plus passes for your friends, and the colorful monthly magazine **ZOONOOZ**. Dual membership, \$16 yearly; single membership, \$14. For information, inquire at the Zoo or call (714) 234-5151.

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**LOCATION** Within San Diego city limits, 30 miles north of downtown via U.S. 163 (395). From Interstate 5, take 78 east to Escondido; then take 163 (395) south to Via Rancho Pkwy. Daily bus service between the San Diego Zoo and the San Diego Wild Animal Park.

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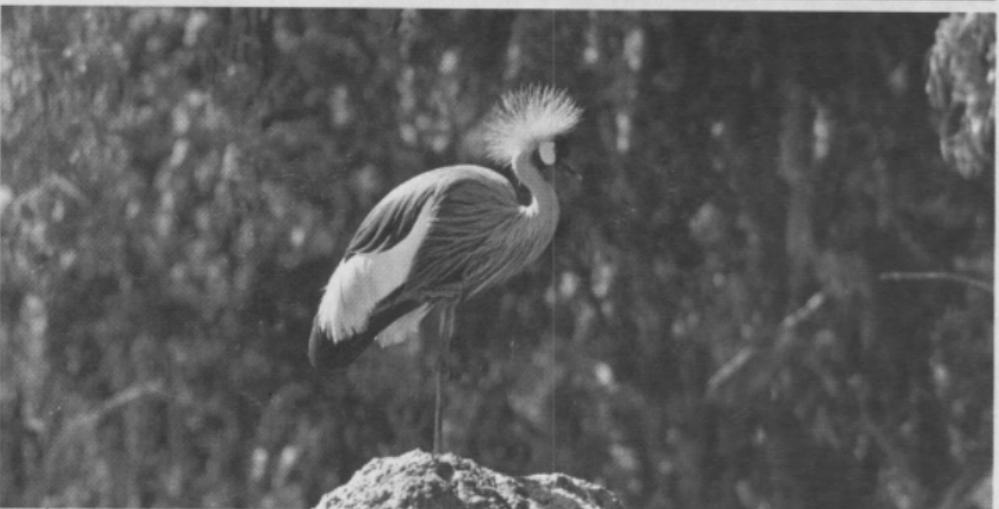
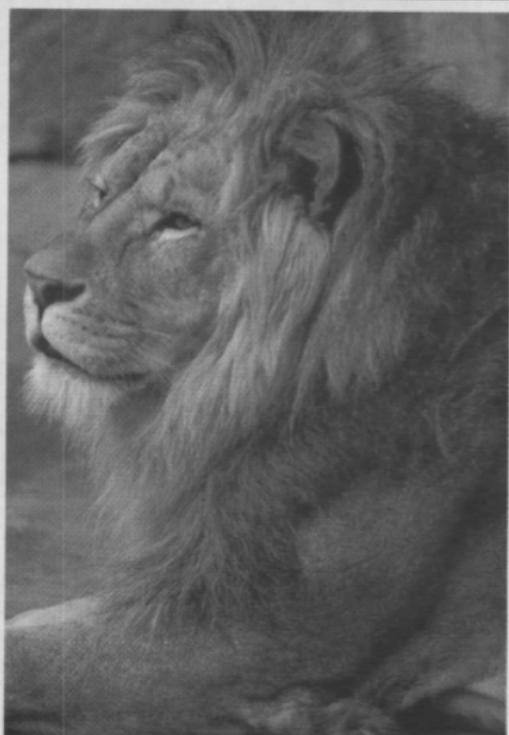
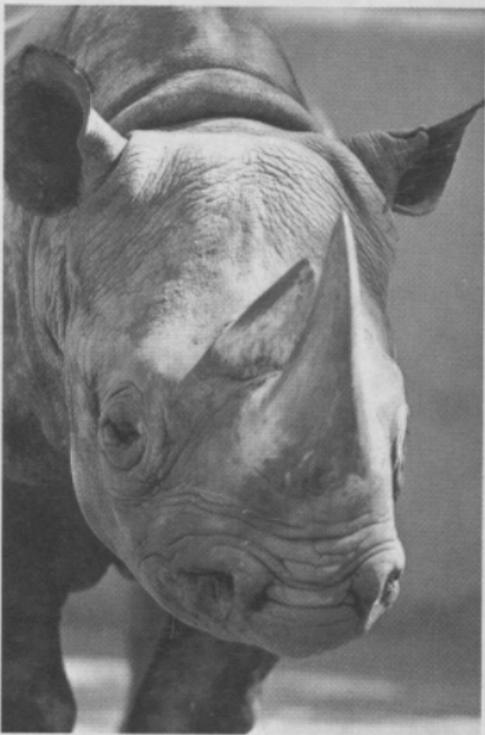
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EVACUATION AND RESETTLEMENT  
OF INDOCHINESE REFUGEES

Evacuation

- 55,000 U. S. citizens and South Vietnamese have been evacuated by air and sea by U. S. military.
- All American citizens who wanted to leave South Vietnam did get out.
- An estimated 65,000 more South Vietnamese have fled their country on boats.
- Only \$98 million was initially available under existing authority for the evacuation program. An additional \$507 million was requested from Congress.

Restaging Sites

- All refugees are being processed through Guam and Wake Islands where they are receiving housing, food, Immigration and Naturalization Service screening, and rigorous health care.
- An appeal internationally by the U. S. for resettlement opportunities in third countries, has resulted in the active participation of the UNHCR and ICEM on Guam. Representatives are on site assisting in such resettlement. The Australians and the Canadians have immigration officials on Guam or at Camp Pendleton.



- The health condition is very good, and no unusual health problems exist.
- As of May 10 less than 100 people out of 30,000 on Guam have been hospitalized, most of which were for maternity care, pneumonia, mild diarrhea- but no serious disease.
- INS is processing through those refugees whose documents are in order and are eligible for entry into U. S.
- Public Health Service Center for Disease Control has established a surveillance system to identify and treat illness.

Reception Centers Stateside

- The three centers are Camp Pendleton, Calif.; Fort Chaffee, Ark.; Eglin Air Force Base.
- American voluntary agencies which have enabled the resettlement of millions of displaced persons who have been war victims are working closely with USG to resettle those 130,000 refugees whom we estimate may enter the U. S.
- The major agencies are:

(see next page)



Migration and refugee Services  
1312 Massachusetts Avenue, N.W.  
Washington, D.C.  
659-6631

American Fund for Czechoslovak Refugees  
1709 Broadway, Room 1316  
New York, N.Y. 10019

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20 West 40th Street  
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212/279-2715

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New York, N.Y.  
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- In addition, the Red Cross, Travelers Aid International have provided extraordinary assistance.

- The private sector has come forward with major expressions of assistance, including United Airlines which is providing transportation from reception centers to final destinations throughout the country.

- By the time each refugee leaves a reception site he will have a local sponsor identified by a voluntary resettlement agency, a rigorous health screening, and all children 1-5 will receive immunizations for measles, rubella, polio, diphtheria, pertussis, and tetanus.

- The voluntary agencies will assume responsibility for finding housing, enrolling children in schools, assisting in employment opportunities for heads of households, assistance in language skills, etc.



### Resettlement

- Every effort will be made to ensure the resettlement to the extent possible will not be concentrated in a few enclaves in the country and will not result in economic or social service hardship.

- The Department of HEW, subject to Congressional action on the Administration's bill, will provide full reimbursement to State and local social service and health agencies for costs they may incur in providing income assistance, health maintenance, social services and educational services to refugees who are in need of such assistance.

PROFILE OF THE REFUGEE POPULATION

On May 5, 1975 the Department of Labor reviewed a sample of 223 families at Camp Pendleton. The sample indicated the following occupations:

29	percent were professionals or businessmen, including ministers
13.9	percent were skilled workers
15.2	percent were clerical workers
2	percent were journalists
10	percent were housewives
14	percent were students
3	percent were military
.9	percent (less than one) were previously engaged in agriculture
12	percent were not specified

## CAMP PENDLETON REFUGEE RECEPTION CENTER

Camp Pendleton is a sprawling Marine Corps training base located 45 miles north of San Diego, California. The camp area is set in hilly scrubland. Lost in the hills and separated by 17 miles from the main base are eight refugee camps housing a total of 19,000 refugees. The first refugees reached Pendleton on April 29 but refugees have not left in important numbers due to delays in security verification. One of the camps is made up of neatly rowed if somewhat dilapidated quonset huts. The other seven camps are temporary tent villages. Tents and quonset hut rows are separated by dirt streets named after Vietnamese cities - "Dalat" street for example.

In addition to the camps, where the refugees eat and sleep, there is a processing center housed in a temporary trailer camp where the refugees receive a medical inspection and prepare applications and the forms necessary for obtaining social security cards, Immigration Naturalization Service clearances and the papers required to identify sponsors who will assist in resettlement.

The administration of the camp is the responsibility of Brigadier General Paul C. Graham. The refugee resettlement program is under the direction of Nicholas Thorne, a career Foreign Service Officer. Mr. Thorne is assisted by representatives of the Immigration and Naturalization Service, HEW, Department of State, the Agency of International Development and the United States Information Service. The principal voluntary agencies are represented as is the Red Cross.

As in refugee camps the world over life at Pendleton is gray. To reduce the tedium and anxiety we have begun to organize sports activities and English classes. But the pre-occupation of the refugees for the moment is not with the present but with the shock of the past and the uncertainty of the future.



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REMARKS

My husband, our children and I have followed with great sadness the tragic ~~events~~ events in Indochina. We share your grief, ~~and have prayed for your safe arrival.~~ ~~and have prayed for your safe arrival.~~ ~~and have prayed for your safe arrival.~~

I know many of you are troubled, and that you wonder what ~~will~~ ~~happen to you here in the United States.~~ ~~lies ahead for you.~~

~~am here today~~ ~~I want to assure you that America offers you the same ~~promise~~ opportunity~~

that it has offered countless generations of immigrants. ~~America's~~

~~welcome is genuine.~~ ~~Those who came before -- peoples from all over~~ ~~our~~ ~~and our intentions are sincere~~

the world, of all religious faiths and political convictions -- have ~~found~~ ~~in America~~

~~a~~ home. Even as they preserved their memories and many cultural

traditions of their former homes, they joined wholeheartedly in the

experience of American life.

~~America offers opportunity; it comes to those who take advantage of it. I know you have the industry and strength to seize that opportunity.~~

~~You bring to our nation a rich cultural heritage that, added to the variety of the American experience, can only make our nation stronger.~~

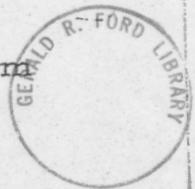
~~You will find with us love and understanding and a desire to share in your culture and experience. You will also learn we are anxious to help.~~

~~We can be proud that you have chosen America as your haven and your home.~~

~~I know you have experienced great hardship~~ ~~and that your situation here is not ideal~~ ~~But~~ ~~this is only a temporary situation which~~ ~~when resolved~~ ~~I will allow you to realize a new~~ ~~life for yourself~~ ~~your families~~ ~~and a promising~~ ~~future for your children and your children's children~~

We will draw new strength from you, our most recent generation of immigrants. You may need our help and understanding now, but I know you will soon achieve success on your own.

I want to extend to you, on behalf of all Americans, the same warm welcome that we have extended throughout our history to those who have sought refuge here. You come to us in your moment of deep tragedy, and we reach out our hands.



③ There is a lovely Vietnamese proverb from which we can all draw inspiration:

"The road is hard but it is not hard because of the width of the rivers or height of the mountains. It is hard only because of the fear we have of the mountains and the rivers."

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America offers opportunity in fear. It comes to those who take advantage of it. I know you have the industry, the strength and the courage to seize that opportunity. I want to extend to you on behalf of all Americans a warm heartfelt welcome.

Status of Refugee Resettlement Program as of May 16

To date a total of 126,989 refugees from Indochina have entered U.S. control.

Of this total, 65,553 are at Pacific safehavens and restaging areas or on vessels.

Approximately 61,436 have arrived in the United States. Of those, 44,635 are at reception centers and 16,801 have been processed and have left government control.



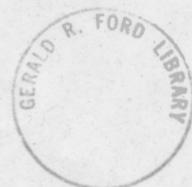
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REMARKS

MY HUSBAND, OUR CHILDREN AND I HAVE FOLLOWED WITH GREAT SADNESS THE TRAGIC EVENTS IN INDOCHINA. WE SHARE YOUR GRIEF, AND HAVE PRAYED FOR YOUR SAFE ARRIVAL.

I KNOW MANY OF YOU ARE TROUBLED, AND THAT YOU WONDER WHAT LIES AHEAD FOR YOU. I AM HERE TODAY TO ASSURE YOU THAT AMERICA OFFERS YOU THE SAME OPPORTUNITY THAT IT HAS OFFERED COUNTLESS GENERATIONS OF IMMIGRANTS -- OUR WELCOME IS GENUINE, AND OUR INTENTIONS ARE SINCERE.

I KNOW YOU HAVE EXPERIENCED GREAT HARDSHIP, AND THAT YOUR SITUATION HERE IS NOT IDEAL. BUT THIS IS ONLY A TEMPORARY SITUATION WHICH, WHEN RESOLVED, WILL ALLOW YOU TO REALIZE A NEW LIFE FOR YOURSELF, YOUR FAMILIES, AND A PROMISING FUTURE FOR YOUR CHILDREN AND YOUR CHILDRENS' CHILDREN.



THOSE WHO CAME BEFORE -- PEOPLES FROM ALL OVER  
THE WORLD, OF ALL RELIGIOUS FAITHS AND POLITICAL  
CONVICTIONS -- HAVE IN AMERICA FOUND A NEW HOME.  
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## Straws in the Wind

By Eileen Jackson

First Lady Betty Ford, who arrives today to be a special guest at the Fine Arts Society's 50th anniversary celebration at the Fine Arts Gallery tonight, has been in San Diego on several hurried trips with President Ford but she never has seen the gallery or the San Diego Zoo, which is on her morning itinerary.

Weather disrupted a party planned for Mrs. Ford yesterday in Los Angeles, but the local weatherman predicts 60-degree cloudy weather for tonight, but no rain or fog. If this prediction holds, the predinner reception will be alfresco, as planned, in the gallery Sculpture Court.

President Ford, as well as Mrs. Ford, is excited about the prospect of the First Lady's special visit here today. They both expressed their enthusiasm to Mrs. James S. Copley at the White House May 8 when she was a guest at the reception given by President and Mrs. Ford in honor of Prime Minister Lee Kuan Yew of Singapore. Mrs. Copley returned from the East yesterday and will be seated with Mrs. Ford at the head table at the dinner in the James S. Copley Auditorium at the gallery tonight.

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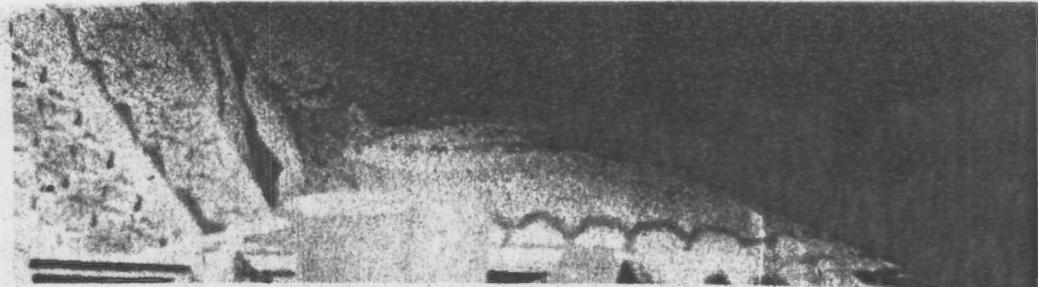
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Yesterday, members of San Diego chapter of Ikehana International began setting up distinctive decor. Seven Japanese screens (byobu) will form the backdrop for the stage where a large arrangement by the modern Sogetsu school will be featured.

The Fine Arts Society will host another dinner tonight in the heart of Balboa Park at Cafe del Rey Moro. It will be for the delegates of the Museum Store Association now in a convention here. Mrs. Michael Naiman, manager of the Fine Arts Society store, is in charge of arrangements for the dinner. Mrs. Harold J. Cokely, who has assisted her with party arrangements, will attend the anniversary dinner tonight.

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"Women have never ridden bicycles there and the Venezuelan woman's team had just recently been formed," said Mrs. Bond. She discovered when she arrived that she was somewhat of a celebrity in the local media.

Mrs. Bond, 32, said the team members were all girls, most around the age of 16, including the one who came in first.

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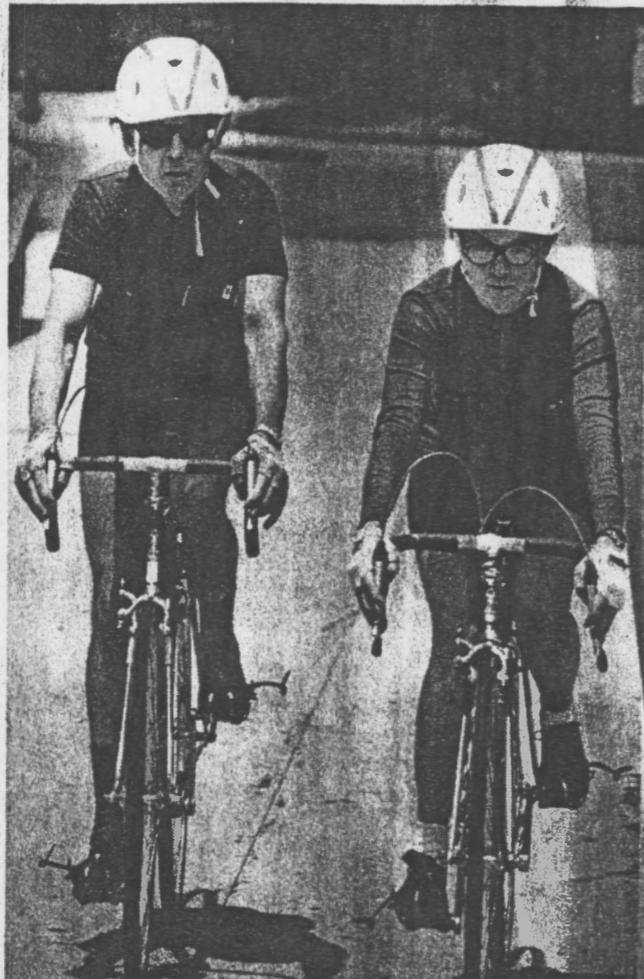
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### GALLERY CEREMONY TONIGHT

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In fact, she wrote to Zoo officials that she expressly wanted to visit the Zoo during her one-day stay here.

Not only was she already aware of its famed animal collection, but her interest was heightened by a firsthand report by her son Jack, after he visited the Zoo recently.

Zoo officials plan to take her on the regular bus tour. If her schedule permits, she will also take in the sea lion show.

The First Lady will fly in from Los Angeles, where she has been since Sunday.

She plans to go directly to the Zoo, then lunch with friends. Following lunch, her schedule calls for her to rest before she leaves for the Fine Arts Gallery in Balboa Park shortly before 7 p.m.

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The section, Gardiner said, will house "the cream of the gallery's Asian art."

Among them are two porcelain camels and a horse from the T'ang period of China, Japanese prints, a rare Korean folding screen and a large Persian panel.

Mrs. Ford plans to fly back to Washington tomorrow morning.

### WOMAN OF THE YEAR

# National Art Panel Honors First Lady

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Ms. Thoma is business manager of the publications department of the Museum of Modern Art, New York City. She began her 15-year career with the museum as a clerk in one of its shops.

An estimated 200 men and women, generally managers of museum stores in the United States, Canada and England, are participating in the convention.

"Many shop managers are usually paid," Ms. Thoma said, "but there generally is a great deal of volunteer help within the shop. In the past few years, we are finding more and more of the shop personnel are paid staff."

Profits from items purchased in the nonprofit shops are turned over to the museums, she said, and the museum staff uses the funds to help with the general operation of the museum.

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"shop" was generally a counter where items could be purchased. Ms. Thoma said she has seen, within the past 10-15 years, the trend moving away from the counters to shops themselves.

Also, museum shops gear their merchandise to what the museum itself represents, whether it's a collection of contemporary art or a natural history museum.

Mrs. Thoma serves as a consultant to museums across the country that are either setting up their first shop or are seeking help in improving the one they have.

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## Janet Harris Urges Fuller Life After 40

Women's News Service

NEW YORK — "When a female passes 40, her first duty must be to refuse to be the disposable woman," said Janet Harris, author of the Putnam book, "The Prime of Ms. America."

"Our original concepts were that we're here to serve or be decorative, and once finished with that we have no other value," continued the 45-ish writer. "However, these years can be a woman's prime if she takes grasp of her life; outlines her goals and unpacks her mental suitcase."

"Let's not trivialize about facelifts. She needs causes and goals. She can dive into education."

"She can opt for a career, not a job. One such lady I know began designing jewelry. Another became a police matron," Ms. Harris said.