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THE WHITE HOUSE

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

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Mrs. Robert Foster

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Letters

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

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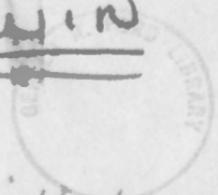
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THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

Mrs. Thomas (Janet) Ford

Villa F-3, Seabrook Isle

Johns Island, South Carolina 29445

Dick Ford

President of Ford family business

Ford Paint & Varnish Company - G.R.

Jim Ford - G.R. - optometrist

Tom Ford - lawyer - G.R. -

farmer member of Mich. legislative

Committee

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2 Hall - sister mod. Bullock  
Patricia & Mary Ann  
53 -  
altogether  
Cumberland Md.

Leah Bud King

Jennette Cookhill



# We have a former King in the White House now

By Jerry Cohen

L.A. Times/Wash. Post Service

Forty-five years ago in Grand Rapids, Mich., a 16-year-old boy was walking on his high school campus during a noon recess when a stranger approached him.

"You're my son," the stranger told the high school football team's star.

Although the boy had no recollection of the man, he knew what the stranger said was true.

He had been told years earlier that his mother's husband, a man whose name he bore and to whom he was devoted, actually was his adoptive father.

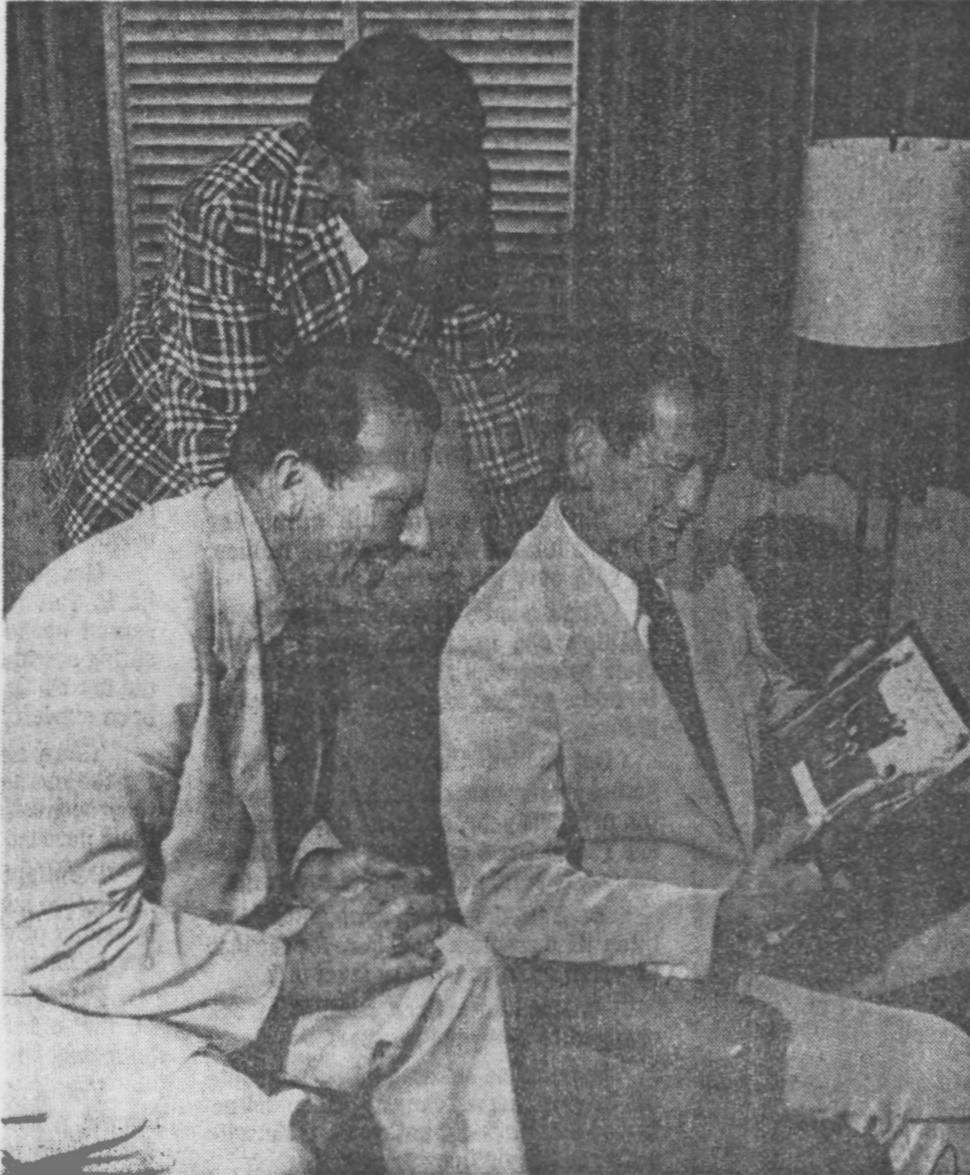
The stranger asked the husky young football player to join him and his wife in Wyoming, where they then lived and were widely known as a family of wealth and influence.

The boy declined.

He told his real father he was happy where he was, and wanted to change nothing. The man said he respected the boy's wishes, and left.

A year later, however, when the man offered to use his influence to get him a job as a ranger in Yellowstone National Park, the youth eagerly accepted.

When the boy grew to manhood and became the 38th President of the Unit-



The President's three Ford half-brothers, Tom, left foreground, Dr. James, standing, and Dick, seated, holding picture, sons of the mother and adoptive father of Gerald Rudolph Ford Jr.

Associated Press

None of the relatives can recall hearing of the stresses that led to the couple's divorce.

But the President's mother took custody of their son, and his father joined his father's business ventures in Wyoming.

In time, C.H. King acquired a handsome home in Los Angeles. He commuted, if that was the word for such long distance travel in those days, between his Wyoming business interests and Los Angeles.

His son Leslie gradually assumed greater and greater control of his father's enterprises, but he, too, spent a considerable period of time in Los Angeles. And it was in Los Angeles that he met his second wife, the member of a pioneer California family.

"I've been told that mother and dad met at a cocktail party," said Leslie Henry King, who, although stockier, resembles his famous half-brother — right down to the receding hairline.

Leslie King Sr. took his second bride back to Wyoming and they lived several years at Riverton.

The two daughters born to them, the President's half-sisters, are Mrs. Marjorie Werner of Cumberland, Md., and Miss Patricia King of Balboa Island,

"They had the same coloring, same smile, same build, same everything."

Mrs. Kness described her uncle as "very charming, real nice, sweet like an uncle should be."

Leslie King Sr., whose business transactions occasionally took him to Detroit, used those trips to arrange visits with his son after their first schoolyard encounter, said Leslie Henry King. He said he could not estimate how frequently father and son saw one another, but estimated it might have amounted to about once every two years.

"They also kept up a correspondence," he said.

The half-brother said he recalls his first meeting with the President-to-be was when Ford was "an assistant football coach at Yale. I drove up with mother and father to see him."

During the years that followed, the half-brothers exchanged letters and met when Ford's political trips took him into Tennessee.

The President has never visited Cookeville, a town in the Upper Cumberland foothills about 80 miles east of Nashville.

"We get together when he comes into places like Nashville or Knoxville or Memphis," Leslie Henry King said.

The half-brothers have

King has been a considerable force in Tennessee Republican circles as a county chairman and member of the state executive committee. He is a friend of Sen. Howard Baker.

He said if the present Democratic congressman

in Tennessee's Fourth district retires, as he has cated he might, he may for his seat.

"This is real Democratic territory. But I think chances would be good. don't get too old," said.

## Dancer enjoys a starry night

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP)—Mrs. Lawrence Moore, who likes to dance, had quite a starlit night at a nightclub here recently.

When Mrs. Moore and her husband sat down after several dances, a stranger asked her for a dance. After the tune was over, he escorted her back to her table and planted a kiss on Mrs.

Moore's forehead. Another stranger came and asked for a dance.

It wasn't until later the Richmond, Va., co discovered that Moore's first partner movie actor Keenan V while the second was m actor Burt Reynolds, taking a break from r ing a film on location.

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Politics by Perry

# Shed a Tear for President 'Bruz'

By James M. Perry  
FROM GRAND RAPIDS, MICH.

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Rapids. Dr. Winn might bankroll a headquarters for a few days too.

Sally Fare went to East Grand Rapids High School with some of the President's nephews and nieces. She remains unimpressed. "Ford's not getting anything done," she says. "I don't like Kissinger and I like Reagan for saying he'd get rid of him. If we give up too much, like the Panama Canal, the world will become Communist, and I don't want my kids to grow up in a world like that."

### Jerry's Angels

The Ford headquarters in Grand Rapids is in the same building as the Republican headquarters. Legally, they are separate; actually, it's the same thing.

Out back, volunteers called Jerry's Angels are running a phone bank, and they're calling everyone who voted for Republican Gov. William G. Milliken two years ago. Milliken defeated Democrat Sander Levin by four percentage points.

In their spiel, the Angels say they hope whoever it is they're calling plans to vote for the President. They mark down the favorable responses. They hang up quickly on the unfavorables, which, they insist, are few and far between. Undecideds, running at less than 10 per cent, get a follow-up form letter from Governor Milliken.

"President Ford has moved with increasing confidence and skill in his conduct of our foreign policy in a dangerous, hungry, and untidy world. . . . Join with me in supporting President

Ford in his efforts to bring common sense back to our Government," Milliken says.

Everybody's for Ford. George Romney has joined the Ford team.

And still there's an air of desperation in the Ford camp.

"Have you ever met Ronald Reagan?" I asked Tom Ford.

"Sure," he said, eyes lighting up. "Reagan was our speaker at a fund raiser in Lansing a couple years ago. What a crowd! Why, the ladies were knocking the doors down to come to that one."

Suddenly he thought about what he was saying, and he looked crestfallen.

### Shades of Chester Arthur

That's part of it. Tom gets excited about Ronnie, dozes off at the mention of Jerry.

More than that, though, our two parties have fallen on such hard times they can't always control their own affairs. Let a few outsiders come to the Republican polis and Reagan wins.

The Republicans haven't turned on one of their own since they ditched Chester A. Arthur for the corrupt James G. Blaine. Arthur's problem was that he'd been a pretty good President; he even dared to introduce a measure of reform.

As Republicans go, Ford's been a pretty good President too. He deserves better now. Shed a tear, then, for poor Bruz, because even if he wins here it's still agony all the way to the convention floor.

## Analysis and Opinion



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## Gold! Gold!

## Local Banks Taking Orders For Yellow Metal Today

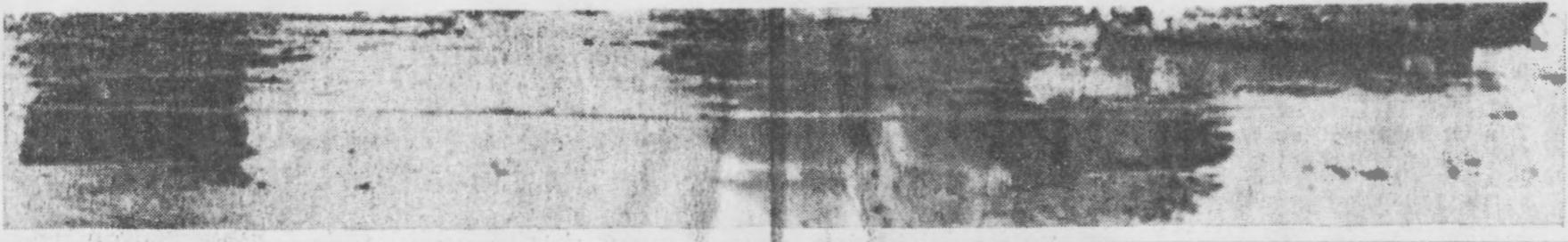
By R.L.SCHREADLEY

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Through midnight Sunday, 854 persons had been killed on Palmetto State highways, 107 fewer than in the same period of 1973.

If the pre-New Year's toll is high and the count goes over 868, it would be the lowest in the state since 1965.

A total of 967 were killed on state roads last year and 1,099 the year before.

# Terrorist Band Releases Hostages

## President Vetoes 2 Bills

VAIL, Colo. (UPI) — President Ford, sitting away at a large stack of legislation sent him before Congress adjourned, signed a \$2.6 billion foreign aid bill Monday and vetoed measures to regulate strip mining and to boost the U.S. maritime industry.

And in a busy day that included another session on the ski slopes, the president also conferred for over two hours with his chief of staff, Donald Regan, talked by telephone with Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger and CIA Director William E. Colby, and signed several minor bills.

The two new vetoes bring to 20 the number of bills Ford has vetoed since he became President, three of which have been overridden by Congress. Ford now has vetoed 43 bills since Congress returned before Christmas and has 115 more pending.

In a statement he said he was signing foreign aid legislation "with some reservations" but praised the "spirit of constructive compromise which motivated the Congress" to extend to Feb. 5 the period during which military assistance is available.

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Fords Relax At Seabrook

## Ford's Brother, Wife Living At Seabrook

By BARBARA S. WILLIAMS  
Staff Reporter

President Gerald Ford's younger brother, Thomas R. Ford, and his wife, Janet, have become the first permanent condominium residents of Charleston's Seabrook Island.

A spokesman for the Seabrook Island Co., confirmed Monday that the Fords have purchased a home in the High Hammock Villa development on the island. The only other permanent residents own a single-family home.

Ford is the legislative audit coordinator for the State of Michigan.

The Fords were introduced to Charleston through Ninth Circuit Judge Clarence E. Singletary and his wife, Polly. Mrs. Singletary noted that her husband attended law school at the University of Michigan and they have a number of friends in the state. Through mutual friends, the Singletarys heard the Fords were interested in moving south to a more agreeable climate. Mrs. Ford "suffers from Michigan winters" as a result of a respiratory problem, according to Mrs. Singletary.

The Singletarys showed the Fords around the area. In addition to the

climate, Mrs. Singletary said Charleston met the criteria of easy air access back to Michigan.

Ford, who is a few years from retirement, is maintaining his job with the legislature and commuting to Charleston when possible.

The Seabrook Island spokesman also described Ford as "a history buff" and said that was another attraction of the area.

While the Fords purchased their home here in late October, Mrs. Singletary said they are just getting moved in. She said Mrs. Janet Ford has spent most of her time in Washington recently in the White House as a result of the illness of the President's wife, Betty.

The Fords spent Christmas on Seabrook Island with their daughter and her husband and their son and his family.

The Seabrook Island spokesman said the Fords, "intend to get involved in the local community," and will be available to the press after the rush of the holiday season.

MANAGUA, Nicaragua (AP) — A terrorist band released Nicaragua's foreign minister and other hostages Monday after a 60-hour siege in a luxurious Managua home and were flown to Cuba with sympathizers the government freed from jails. The Cuban news agency said they arrived in Havana at 2:15 p.m.

"They treated us very well. They were nice and kind," said Foreign Minister Alejandro Montiel Arguello after his release.

The terrorists had threatened to shoot one hostage every 12 hours if the government of Gen. Anastasio Somoza did not meet their demands, including a \$5 million ransom. It was not immediately known whether the money was paid.

"The only bother is that I haven't bathed in three days," said Montiel Arguello. "I haven't shaved in three days, I haven't changed clothes in three days and I stink. My back hurts because I had to sleep on the floor. I just want to go to sleep in my own bed."

The terrorists arrived at Managua airport aboard a red and white tourist bus. They boarded a four-engine jet already carrying their sympathizers and took off at 12:20 p.m. EST.

Also aboard, to insure the safe passage of the members of the Sandista National Liberation Front were three diplomats and the Roman Catholic archbishop of Managua, a National Guard officer at the

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Against all that there are three people running as Reagan delegates and eight running "uncommitted."

If the Reagan delegates win (which is doubtful), they'd be outnumbered 100-to-1 at the county convention.

On paper, at least, you can see how Reagan might even carry Kent County. Surely he will get some Republican votes. Beyond that, there are the 31,305 people who voted for George Wallace in the Democratic primary here four years ago; George McGovern ran second, with 22,907 votes. In the Republican primary, where there was no contest, Nixon totaled 22,875 votes.

"Who are those

## Analysis and Opinion





Photo by John A. Gibson Jr.

President Ford's brother, Thomas, addresses a group of Bergen County Republicans as Ninth Congressional District candidate Harold Hollenbeck, left, listens

# Ford brother carries the ball in Jersey

By LAWRENCE H. HALL

Thomas Ford stumped for the election of his eldest brother, the President, in Lyndhurst yesterday morning and told 200 applauding Bergen County Republicans that Democratic presidential contender Jimmy Carter "represents the

brother's election has spread across the nation, including Georgia where residents told him Carter "couldn't be elected governor again under any circumstances."

He maintained Gerald R. Ford "never sought the office of the presidency," but once in office "he

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## TESTIFY ON ATTICA, NEWSMAN IS TOLD

TV Reporter Loses Battle  
to Avoid Subpoena

By MARY BREASTED  
Special to The New York Times

BUFFALO, Jan. 23—A State Supreme Court justice ruled here today that a local television newsman must testify in court about events he witnessed during the Attica

## Notes on People

# Douglas-Home Returns to Lords

"Nice to be back," said the former Sir Alec Douglas-Home—who, before he was the 14th Earl of Home—as he returned to the British House of Lords yesterday for the first time since Queen Elizabeth II made him a peer again. In 1963, when he renounced the earldom he had inherited so that he could continue to sit in Commons

Army draftee of World War II has come home to the problems of postwar life—including whether to rejoin his wife, who remarried after eight years of his absence. Lee Huang-huei, a Tiawanese whose army name was Teruo Nakamura, was discovered last month as a holdout for 31 years on the Indonesian island of Morotai.

Ziegler on Feb. 26 has already caused some turbulence on campus. The student government of the School of Public Communication, sponsor of the event, is paying \$3,000 to the former Nixon White House press secretary. But in a telegram to the student officers, the dean of the school, John Wicklein, has

quash a Wyoming County grand jury's subpoena for his testimony, Mr. Dan testified before the jury, which handed up indictments of the five defendants.

application but had let the Jan. 1 deadline pass.

Three decades after most of his generation, a Japanese

editorial associate at the Fordham University Press, will go to the University of Scranton this weekend to become acting president until a successor is found for the

gress.

Thomas R. Ford, one of the President's three younger half-brothers, has bought a condominium on Seabrook

Janet Ford

Filing Janet Ford

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(BETTY)

WASHINGTON (UPI) -- BETTY FORD, THE PRESIDENT'S WIFE, IS RECOVERING FROM HER BREAST CANCER SURGERY WITH FAITH AND DETERMINATION "TO CARRY ON FOR HER HUSBAND, HER CHILDREN AND THE COUNTRY," HER SISTER-IN-LAW SAID TODAY.

JANET FORD, THE WIFE OF PRESIDENT FORD'S BROTHER TOM, FLEW TO WASHINGTON FROM GRAND RAPIDS LAST WEEKEND TO HELP THE FAMILY WITH ITS ORDEAL.

"I ADMIRE BETTY," SHE SAID IN AN INTERVIEW. "IT'S A COMBINATION OF FAITH, DETERMINATION, A NECESSITY TO CARRY ON FOR JERRY, THE CHILDREN AND THE COUNTRY. SHE HAS A GREAT DEDICATION TO THE COUNTRY."

THE FIRST LADY WAS REPORTED TO BE RECOVERING RAPIDLY AT THE NATIONAL NAVAL MEDICAL CENTER IN NEARBY BETHESDA, MD. JANET FORD SAID THERE IS NO SIGN THAT HER SISTER-IN-LAW WAS DEPRESSED ABOUT HER SURGERY.

THE PRESIDENT, JANET SAID, BROUGHT HIS WIFE A RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE SENATE EXPRESSING WISHES FOR HER SPEEDY RECOVERY. EACH MEMBER HAD SIGNED IT PERSONALLY, AND THERE WERE THREE X-MARKS BESIDE THE NAME OF SEN. BARRY GOLDWATER, R-ARIZ. BETTY FORD WAS AMUSED.

MRS. FORD WILL BE RELEASED FROM THE HOSPITAL NEXT WEEK -- PERHAPS WEDNESDAY OR THURSDAY -- AND WILL CONTINUE HER RECOVERY AT THE WHITE HOUSE. SHE ALSO WILL UNDERGO ANTI-CANCER THERAPY AS AN OUTPATIENT.

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HOUSTON (UPI) -- FIRST LADY BETTY FORD'S SURGERY FOR BREAST CANCER HAS APPARENTLY IMPRESSED UPON THE WOMEN OF HOUSTON THE DANGERS OF BREAST CANCER, AND A NUMBER OF THEM ARE ALREADY DOING SOMETHING ABOUT IT.

THE LOCAL AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY OFFICE REPORTED THURSDAY THAT SINCE THE OPERATION IT HAS RECEIVED FOUR TIMES THE NUMBER OF REQUESTS FOR BREAST CANCER EXAMINATION IT USUALLY RECEIVES.

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