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# Local ski patrolman attends Susan Ford's party

by Jane Riese

Love in Vail is more than a rumor on the slopes, and there may have been a special charm which kindled the affection of Susan Ford.

Little did Brian McCartney know that an everyday ski patrol assignment would lead to a romance with the President's daughter.

"It's was one of those things that just kind of happen," he said.

During the Ford visit last December, each member of

Recently returned from his second trip to the White House after attending Susan's 18th birthday, Brian described the affair as "a fantastic time."

Accompanying him were Bruce Mielke, and Arvin Caspasraitis, mutual friends of the couple, and the Reubin-Hutson country rock band, which Susan invited to play for the party.

The band, though now in engagement in Los Angeles is a local group which as played at various clubs in Vail as well as the Hide-away in Eagle.

beer and munched hot dogs in celebration of the occasion.

The party ran late when the President, his wife and Henry Kissinger stopped upon their arrival from Camp David to chat with the guests.

Susan was described by the national press as wearing a sun dress of green and white rustic print and thick-soled red leather shoes. Brian was said to wear "a pair of rather ruffled yellow trousers and a blue button-down shirt."

entire year with Vail Associates and plans to stay with the ski patrol.

According to Brian, dating the President's daughter is "the same as dating anyone else."

"In Washington, we usually go sightseeing and party - at night. When Susan's here we do alot of skiing or jeeping. Here we don't party publicly at night."

The age difference is of little concern to Brian. "In terms of personalities, there is no problem", he stated, "but at 18 she is expected to do and not to do certain things. She has a lot of responsibility to her family especially helping her mother out. She could split from home but she has no desire to. They have an excellent family life. When they get together it's very

warm."

Susan is planning to her family in Vail during their summer visit August. She began on Tuesday as photographer for a newspaper in Topeka, Kansas.

Brian works four days a week in Vail for Vail Associates. Because of financial reasons he does not intend to take time off during the Ford visit.

*Hello, White House?  
This is David  
Wampler calling.*

With a little luck (maybe a lot of luck) one Wayne Countian may be having a great time during the 1975 Iowa State Fair.

"I first called the operator at the White House," David said, "and she wasn't there so I called the newspaper where she

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## **Amazing Astrologer's Newest Predictions**

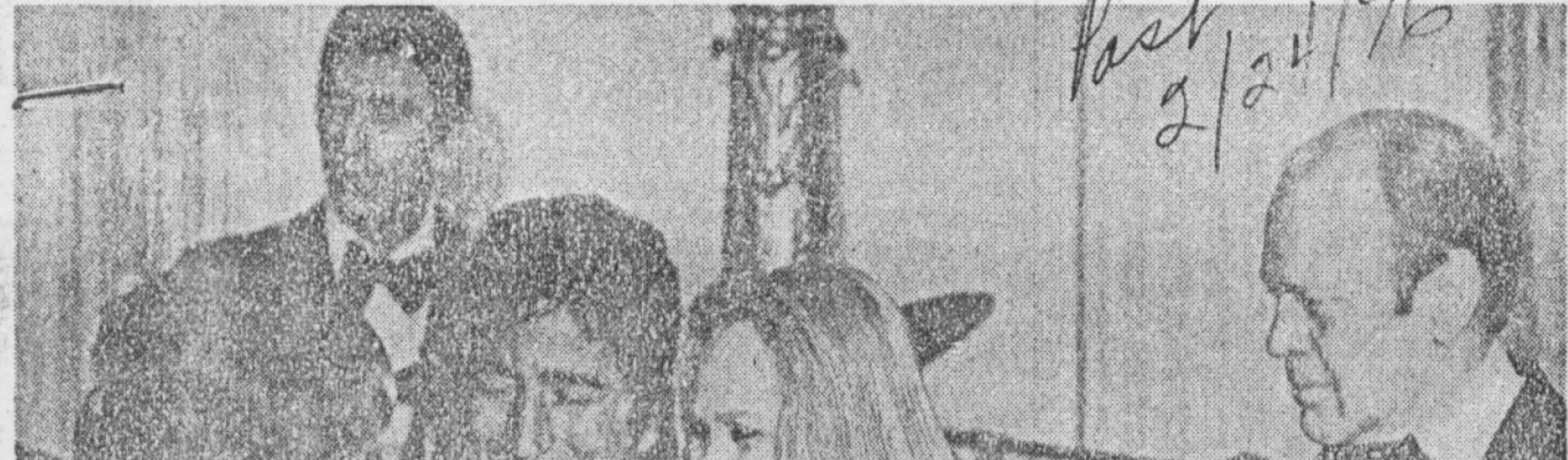


a frequent guest on radio and TV.

Last year — a month before the disaster occurred — Gillen foresaw the March crash of a Turkish jumbo jet which killed



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# *The Primary Topic, Candidates' Concern*

*By William Gildea  
and Donnie Radcliffe*

On the eve of the New Hampshire primary and his first venture into national politics, President Ford cast himself as the hard-working chief ex-

he'd stuck around long enough to hear the earliest possible returns. But he left the dinner shortly after midnight and went upstairs to the family's private quarters.

Twenty-six Democrats, 12 Republicans and two Independents attending



# President Will Remember The Day After This Party

**By Boris Weintraub**  
Washington Star Staff Writer

Everybody knows you shouldn't give a party when you're going to have a rough day at the office the next day, so it was

after the President and Mrs. Ford, missing the Marine Band's rendition of "Hail to the Chief."

Among those most willing to talk about New Hampshire was the state's very conservative governor, Meldrim Thom

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**TRYING HARD** to be just another date, but finding herself the center of considerable attention at W&L's Fancy Dress Ball Friday night was Susan Ford. The president's daughter was escorted by Gilbert S. Meem, a 1972 W&L graduate, and spent the weekend in Lexington. (Story on page 12.) photo by Sally Mann

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**Susan Ford and Gilbert Meem, Jr.:** A newsome twosome.



**Susan and Rep. Barry Goldwater, Jr.** enjoy the piper and drummer at **Shirley and Rep. Bob Wilson's** annual St. Patrick's Day Party.



**Buffy Cafritz** makes a dramatic entrance in Pauline Trigere's evening jumpsuit in ribboned silk organza.

PHOTOS BY JOHN WHITMAN

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# Jackie Smooches With British MP

*By Steve Tinney*

Superstar Steve McQueen and wife Ali MacGraw exploded in a verbal brawl at L.A.'s Music Center. In the

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# For the Burtons, It's

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# Susan Is Given Grade-A Rating

Quotes and notes  
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Dixon.

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After dinner, Ford, M escorted by Bicentennia Pisces, which was fill

SAYS SHE AGREES

# *Susan Ford's Beau Against Women's Lib*



(AP Wirephoto)

**SUSAN FORD HOLDS HER CAT, SHAN  
Struggling To Maintain C Average**

New York (AP) — Gardner Britt, steady boyfriend of President Ford's 17-year-old daughter Susan, says he believes a woman's place is in the home. And he says Susan agrees with him.

always doing a lot for the neighborhood kids.

"She's not like some of those Teen-age Americas who always have some fancy career in mind like nursing. A job is all right if they

## WHITE HOUSE ROMANCE



## Susan Ford & New Beau—It Looks Like Love

It's romance for Susan Ford and handsome young stockbroker Gilbert "Bert" Meem Jr. — shown together at a party in Lexington, Va. "We are very much more

than just good friends," admits 25-year-old Meem. And mutual friend Marcy Mott, who introduced them, reveals: "They were made for each other." (Page 33.)

# Susan Ford & Young Stockbroker

## — It Looks Like Love

President Ford's daughter Susan has been swept off her feet by a dashing, 25-year-old stockbroker — and it looks like love, marvels the

confided Bert's 21-year-old brother Lang. days later. We went out with a group of mutual friends. The

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**TWOSOME:** Susan Ford and Gilbert "Bert" Meem Jr. at a recent formal ball. "She's a wonderful girl," he raves.

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and told him she was furious," "I called her a couple of Susan and I went to a fancy

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— MICHAEL J. HOY

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# The Ear

**SCOOP' DU JOUR . . .** Time-Life Books' big move to the new Atrium Build-

Texans talk airily about taking off in their LBJs. Darlings, it's *nothing* like

Newsmakers ---

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working for Time, Ear hears, and presently snapping a story for Money Magazine, which Time owns. Ear's out of breath.

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(SUSAN)

WASHINGTON (UPI) -- SUSAN FORD AND WHITE HOUSE PHOTOGRAPHER DAVID KENNERLY ARE "JUST FRIENDS," A SPOKESWOMAN FOR THE FIRST LADY SAID MONDAY.

SHEILA RABB WEIDENFELD, MRS. FORD'S PRESS AIDE, DENIED A PUBLISHED REPORT THAT THE PRESIDENT'S 18-YEAR-OLD DAUGHTER HAS A ROMANTIC INTEREST IN THE DAPPER, 28-YEAR-OLD KENNERLY. THEIR RELATIONSHIP, SHE SAID, IS "PURELY PLATONIC."

THE WASHINGTON STAR RECENTLY CARRIED AN ITEM IN ITS "EAR" COLUMN SAYING KENNERLY "IS OUT OF FAVOR AT THE WHITE HOUSE FOR GIVING LONG-HOPED FOR CHASE TO YOUNG SUSAN."

BUT MRS. WEIDENFELD COMMENTED, "I DON'T UNDERSTAND HOW HE'S BEEN CHASING HER BECAUSE SHE HASN'T BEEN HERE ALL SUMMER."

SUSAN WORKED AS AN INTERN PHOTOGRAPHER AT THE TOPEKA CAPITAL JOURNAL IN TOPEKA, KAN., FOR SIX WEEKS THIS SUMMER. SHE ALSO HAS BEEN INSTRUCTED IN PHOTOGRAPHY BY KENNERLY.

PRESIDENTIAL SPOKESMAN RON NESSEN HAD NO COMMENT ON THE REPORT, BUT SOME WHITE HOUSE SOURCES SAID THEY THINK SUSAN HAD A "TEEN-AGE CRUSH" ON KENNERLY.

THEY DID NOT DENY KENNERLY IS "OUT OF FAVOR" AT THE WHITE HOUSE, BUT INDICATED IF THAT IS TRUE THE REASONS ARE UNRELATED TO HIS FRIENDSHIP WITH SUSAN.

OTHER WHITE HOUSE AIDES, HOWEVER, SAID KENNERLY, WHO HAS BEEN TREATED LIKE A SON BY FORD, IS STILL CLOSE TO THE FIRST FAMILY. HE WENT WITH SECRETARY OF STATE HENRY KISSINGER ON HIS RECENT SUCCESSFUL MIDDLE EAST MISSION.

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ROBIN ADAMS SLOAN

# GOSSIP

## COLUMN

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### ***'UNCLE' Is Coming to Visit***

**Q.** I was glad to read in your column about the revival of that great old-time TV hit, "The Avengers." Would you have good news about any other old favorites? —L. Q., Atlanta, Ga.

**A:** Only the best. After nine years on the scrap heap, the men from "UNCLE" are coming back in a TV series. Still heading the cast that used to top the ratings will be Robert Vaughn as agent Napoleon Solo and David McCallum playing his blond sidekick, Ilya Kuriakin. Good thinking, MGM.

**Q:** Is there any serious man in Susan Ford's life?  
—D. S., Lexington, S. C.

**A:** She had several



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# SMITH

## ***Time Out: Terrorist Thrillers***

**O**RIGINALITY IS NOTHING BUT JUDICIOUS IMITATION said that wily old fox Voltaire. So let's take the case of "Black Sunday," being produced by Paramount, and "Two Minute Warning," being produced by Universal.

These two terrorist thrillers both occur, coincidentally, in football stadiums. Naturally, they've been

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# Susan Ford in a Spin Over DeeJay

*By Steve Tinney*

Elizabeth Montgomery and actor-sweetheart Robert Foxworth bickered loudly over pasta at an Italian eatery in Tinsel Town — and diners snickered softly when Foxworth shoved a plate of spaghetti in her lap . . . It's very hush-hussh, but two NBC-TV shows — “Grady” and “The Cop and the Kid” — will be axed shortly.

## WEEKEND AT THE WHITE HOUSE

# Dating Under 'Different' Circumstances

By LIZ KERN  
Star Staff Writer

Dancing at the prom is not hard unless you blinded by flashing lightbulbs and can't find your date.

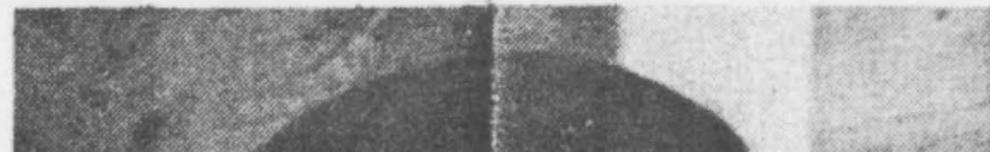
couple attended a private party in Winchester.

"It wasn't the hustle and bustle of the Queen's Ball, and we had the choice of a hand or talking in the other

Billy admits, "It was a change for me to always be concerned with the formality she's used to, but they are so friendly and not imposing."

Billy, has certain responsibilities which come along

with her position as the President's daughter.

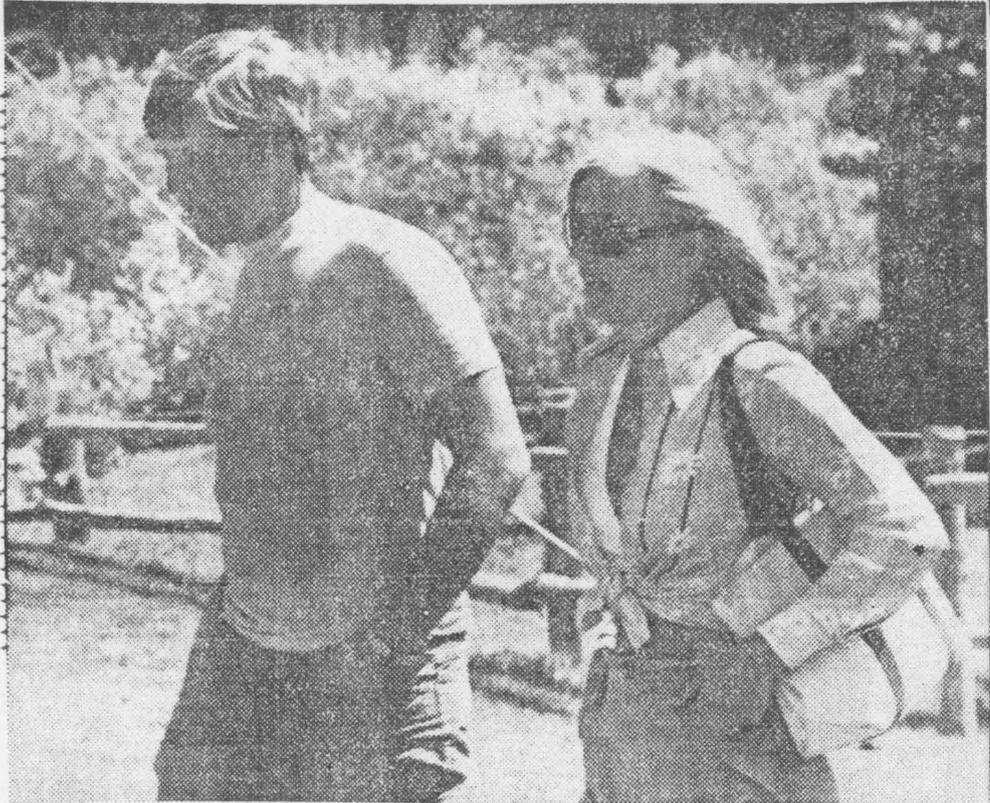


It is White House policy that all her letters be answered, although time does not permit Susan to write a personal response to each one. Billy explained. In-

ASKED IF THIS IS due to the Ford family's preoccupation and success with sports, Billy replied, "I tried to get Susan to play tennis, but she didn't want to. She

the son of Dr. and Mrs. William H. Pifer.

Young Pifer is a pre-med student at Washington and Lee University.



—Associated Press wirephoto

## *Luncheon stroll*

Susan Ford and her boyfriend Brian McCartney, a member of the Vail Ski Patrol, walk from the Ford residence into the Vail village for lunch at a sidewalk restaurant Monday afternoon. Susan, and First Lady Betty Ford, plan on several more days of rest and relaxation before rejoining the President in Washington.