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FACT SHEET
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 Group American Cancer Society
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 Contact Mr. Irv Rimer Phone (212) 371-2900
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 Entertainment _____
 Decorations/flowers Yes; normal for Diplomatic Reception Room
 Music _____
 Social Aides _____
 Dress _____ Coat check Yes
 Other _____

Press: Reporters Yes
 Photographers Yes
 TV Crews Hand held only
 White House Photographers Yes Color _____ Mono. _____
 Other Tour officer on stand-by

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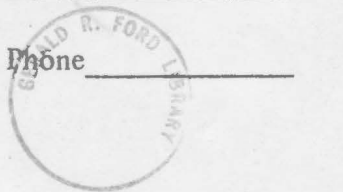
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 Mr. Byrd Pres. ACS

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Thomas Ulmer
 (Jackson Fla.) & Mrs. Ulmer

→ Mrs. Litter

2 Children

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→ Suzanne 18

→ 1. Lane Adams

Ex. V. Pres. ACS

→ Mrs. E. Morgan Montgomery
 V. P. of ACS

For Immediate Release
Monday, March 22, 1976

THE WHITE HOUSE
OFFICE OF THE PRESS SECRETARY TO MRS. FORD

Mrs. Ford's Upcoming Schedule:

Wednesday, March 24
12 NOON

Mrs. Ford will participate in launching the new Congressional Club Cookbook at the Congressional Club, 2001 New Hampshire Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C.

Thursday, March 25
6:30 PM

Mrs. Ford will attend a private dinner at the Washington Hilton Hotel.

Friday, March 26
3:00 PM

Mrs. Ford will present the American Cancer Society's Courage Award to Gene Littler, among the top ten golfers in the 1975 PGA. The presentation will be in the Diplomatic Reception Room at the White House.

Saturday, March 27
10:30 PM

Mrs. Ford will attend singer Helen Reddy's concert at Constitution Hall. The concert will benefit ERAmerica, the national bi-partisan organization to promote ratification of the ERA.

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March 19, 1976

MEMORANDUM TO: ✓ SHEILA, PATTI, MARIA, LIZ, CAROLYN/NANCY

FROM: SUSAN

SUBJECT: Mrs. Ford's Schedule, March 22-28, 1976

Monday, March 22. Mrs. Ford will attend/host a luncheon for the members of the Committee for the Preservation of the White House. The luncheon will be held in the Red and Blue Rooms. Sherry will be served at 12:30, the luncheon follows at 1:00. Please note: There should be no press announcement or mention either before or afterwards. Maria is handling the luncheon. Clem Conger will handle their ensuing meeting.

Tuesday, March 23. North Carolina primary and the hope/prospect of a sixth consecutive win.

Wednesday, March 24. At 12:00 Mrs. Ford will participate in launching the new Congressional Club Cookbook at the Congressional Club on New Hampshire Avenue. She does not plan to stay long, but she has long been a member of the Club and has witnessed the launching of many cookbooks. ✓ Pete has the advance on this. That evening the Ford's will have private dinner guests.

Thursday, March 25. Mrs. Ford will join Fay Wells, as she has for many years, as Fay's personal guests for the Radio and TV Correspondents Dinner at the Washington Hilton. ✓ The President will also attend, but will dine in the Main Ballroom. This is a cross between a private and official event for Mrs. Ford. Pete has the advance.



Friday, March 26. At 3:00 Mrs. Ford will present the American Cancer Society's Courage Award to Gene Littler, the famous golfer. The President had originally been scheduled to do this in the Oval Office but will now be traveling to California for the L.A. and San Francisco fundraisers. The presentation will be a photo with refreshments in the Diplomatic Reception Room. I have the arrangements on this one.

Saturday, March 27. Mrs. Ford will attend the Helen Reddy concert at Constitution Hall at 10:30 p.m. for the benefit of ERAmerica. Susan and Jack had thought they might also attend, but both now think they will be out of town. There will be a reception following which Mrs. Ford will not attend. The President will be returning that night from his California/Wisconsin trip. Peter has the advance.

The following week, March 29-April 4:

- March 29: BF to NYC: Costume Exhibit at the Metropolitan Museum; Accept the Parsons Award, NY Hilton; Return to D.C.
- March 30: Unannounced: State visit of King Hussein of Jordan: Arrival (&GF) and State Dinner (&GF)
- March 31: In the evening join the President to drop-by: Reciprocal Reception and House-Senate Dinner.
- April 1: BF attendance at Advertising Council which the President is hosting to be determined.
- April 3: Attend Gridiron Dinner, D.C. (&GF)
- April 4: Susan will attend a blacktie dinner for the young King of Sweden at the Swedish Embassy.

SUGGESTED REMARKS FOR GENE LITTLER PRESENTATION
Friday, March 26, 1976

I know how much the President would like to be here today,
I know how much the President would like to be
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watching Gene's famous golf swing, and we've been
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- 3:05 p.m. You will present the framed certificate to Gene Littler. You may wish to read the certificate.
- 3:10 p.m. At the conclusion of the presentation and photographs, at your invitation refreshments will be served.
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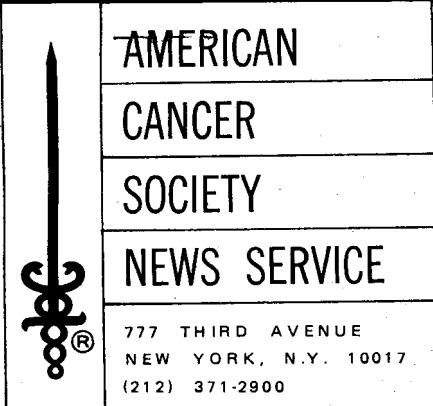
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Press pick up in West Wing Lobby at 2:45 PM





FOR RELEASE TO PM'S, FRIDAY, MARCH 26TH, 1976

Washington, D. C. -- Mrs. Betty Ford today presented the American Cancer Society's Courage Award to golfing ace Gene Littler who conducted a personal battle against cancer.

In a White House ceremony launching the Society's 1976 Educational and Fund Raising Crusade, the First Lady gave Littler a special plaque, honoring him for "his personal courage and the hope he has given to all Americans."

During his regular checkup in the Spring of 1972, Littler's doctor found a tiny tumor under his left arm. The tumor was removed and a biopsy revealed it was malignant melanoma. After the doctor informed Littler that extensive surgery was needed, the golfing champ told him to "get on with it as it was his family that was the only consideration and not his golf career."

A major operation left Littler with much muscle weakness, but as his doctor put it, "his determination to recover was incredible." Littler began outpatient therapy, swimming and weight training and he also began swinging his golf club. In a few months, he played in the Armstrong Cork Co. 18-hole Invitational Tournament. Last year, he won three major PGA tournaments.

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When he won the \$50,000 Westchester Classic last August, he said, "Three years ago I didn't know if I'd ever play again...I don't mind talking about it. I figure if I'm out there playing pretty good, and people who have had the same trouble see me, it may help them just a little. It's a nice thought. I'd like to help a little if I can."

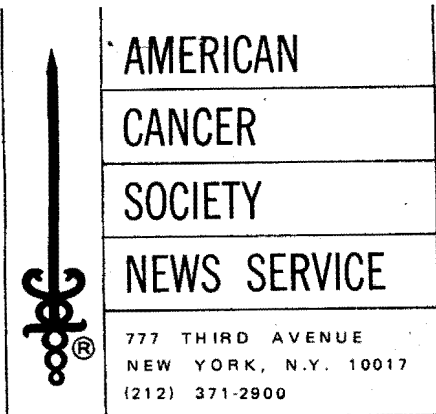
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Mrs. Ford underwent breast cancer surgery in the fall of 1974 and was honored by the ACS for alerting millions of women to the importance of early detection and prompt treatment. She is National Honorary Chairman of the 1976 Cancer Crusade.

The American Cancer Society is seeking to top last year's \$109 million raised in Crusade and legacies, according to ACS Chairman of the Board, Thomas P. Ulmer, and about 2,000,000 volunteers are expected to visit more than 40 million homes with life saving leaflets about cancer this April.

The full text of the plaque awarded to Littler said: "The American Cancer Society salutes Gene Littler for his personal courage in his battle against cancer; for the hope and inspiration he has given all Americans in the fight for life and health." It was signed by President Ford, ACS President, Benjamin F. Byrd, Jr., M.D.; and ACS Board Chairman, Mr. Ulmer.

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A BACKGROUNDER ON GENE LITTLER

When Gene Littler won the \$50,000 Westchester Classic golf tournament in Harrison, N.Y. last August, he also received an extra \$8,000 for a hole-in-one at the 14th hole.

He promptly gave the \$8,000 to the American Cancer Society in the name of Gary Sanders, a 25 year-old on the PGA tour who had died the following Friday, and had been scheduled for cancer surgery the next day after Gene's spectacular win.

Littler, whose dramatic comeback from cancer surgery in 1972 said, "Three years ago I didn't know if I'd ever play again...I don't mind talking about it. I figure if I'm out there playing pretty good, and people who have had the same trouble see me, it may help them just a little. It's a nice thought. I'd like to help a little if I can."

During his regular check-up in the Spring of 1972, Littler's doctor found a tiny tumor under his left arm - so small he hadn't noticed it. The tumor was removed March 15th and a biopsy proved it to be a malignant melanoma. This is a particularly fast spreading cancer and the earlier it is discovered, the better the patient's chances of recovery.

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When Dr. Harvey P. Groesbeck of the San Diego Tumor Institute "laid it on the line with Gene" telling him that extensive surgery was needed "in order to have a chance of getting everything", Littler said without hesitation to "get on with it as it was his family that was the only consideration and not his golf career."

The operation was done on April 4. A large area of Gene's left axilla (the cavity beneath the shoulder joint involving the armpit, shoulder and chest muscles, nerves, etc.) was removed.

The post-operative prognosis 48 hours later showed no spreading malignancy.

Although Gene experienced much muscle weakness and could not even raise his left arm without holding it with his right hand, "his determination to recover was incredible", Dr. Groesbeck said later.

Gene began outpatient therapy immediately, swimming and weight training and unknown to his doctors, he began swinging his golf club the day he came home to La Jolla, California.

One day six weeks later when he was told he could then try and swing a club, he told the doctors he had played 10 holes of golf that day.

A month later, he played in the Armstrong Cork Company 18 Hole Invitational Tournament. Since then his great will to return to his championship playing which earned him the nickname "Gene the Machine" has brought him to new heights of achievement.

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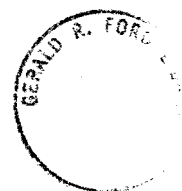


In 1975, the Amazing Gene won three of the major PGA tournaments. They were: 1) the 34th Bing Crosby National Pro-Am at Pebble Beach; 2) the Danny Thomas Memphis Classic; and 3) the Westchester Classic where he made a hole-in-one during the final round to tie Julius Boros before beating him in sudden death. This was the 28th tour victory of his amazing career, and the hole-in-one he said in typical Littler understatement "was a pretty good shot."

He finished among the top 10 players in eight tournaments of the PGA tour, earning \$182,883 in 1975 bringing his career earnings to \$1,203,541. So far, in 1976 he has won \$17,346. In 1973, he won the St. Louis Children's Hospital Golf Classic (the St. Louis Open) earning \$95,308 that year. Although he didn't win in 1974, he earned \$102,308 that year with a form observers said approached his playing when he won the U.S. Open in 1961. He was also a member of the 1975 Ryder Cup Team.

In a recent magazine article in Golf Digest "Why Littler Had His Best Year" by Nick Seitz. he is quoted as saying "I used to say give me five more years and I'll be off this tour so fast. I started saying that about 15 years ago. I don't say that anymore. Maybe I'm on a mission, trying to give some of the people who face the illness I did a little lift. I'm going to play as long as I can play well."

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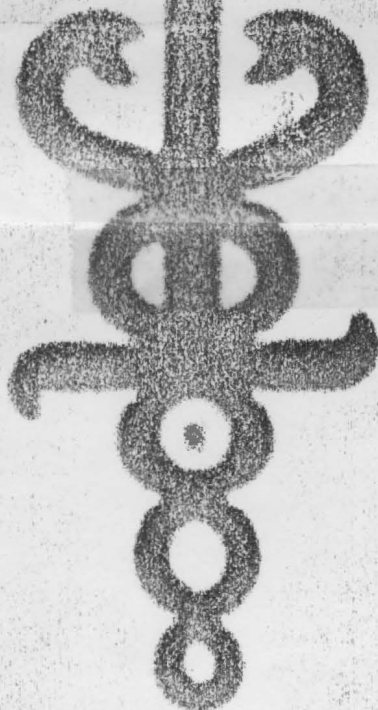
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Walter R. Ford

President of the Council on Cancer Research

P. Allen Ford

Honorary Secretary, Council Chairman

Raymond S. Hill, Jr.
President
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Thomas P. Wilson
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American Cancer Society

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MRS. FORD-CANCER AWARD

WASHINGTON (AP) -- BETTY FORD JOINED IN PRESENTING THE AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY'S COURAGE AWARD TODAY TO GOLFER GENE LITTLER, PRAISING HIM FOR HIS COMEBACK IN TOURNAMENT GOLFING AFTER UNDERGOING A CANCER OPERATION.

THE FIRST LADY, WHO UNDERWENT THE EXPERIENCE HERSELF, IS SERVING AS NATIONAL HONORARY CHAIRMAN FOR THE CANCER SOCIETY'S 1976 CAMPAIGN TO RAISE MORE THAN \$109 MILLION IN ITS FUND-RAISING DRIVE. LITTLER, 45, OF LA JOLLA, CALIF., SAID HE HAD ONE PIECE OF ADVICE AS A RESULT OF HIS EXPERIENCE IN DISCOVERING A TINY TUMOR UNDER HIS LEFT ARM THAT TURNED OUT TO BE MALIGNANT.

"HAVE PERIODIC CHECKUPS," HE SUGGESTED.

MRS. FORD GATHERED WITH CANCER SOCIETY OFFICIALS IN THE WHITE HOUSE ROSE GARDEN IN SPRING-LIKE SUNNY WEATHER FOR THE CEREMONY. LITTLER GAVE HER A ZEBRA PUTTER MADE IN CARMEL, CALIF., WITH WHICH HE SAID HE HAD HAD SUCCESS LAST YEAR. IT WAS A GIFT FOR THE PRESIDENT. MRS. FORD, WHO SAID SHE HAD TO GIVE UP GOLF, TOOK SOME PRACTICE SWINGS WITH THE PUTTER.

LITTLER, WHO DISCOVERED HIS CANCER IN THE SPRING OF 1972, CAME BACK TO WIN THREE MAJOR PROFESSIONAL GOLF ASSOCIATION CHAMPIONSHIPS LAST YEAR. MRS. FORD UNDERWENT BREAST CANCER SURGERY IN SEPTEMBER 1974.

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Sacramento, Calif. — A woman has entered the life of EDMUND G. BROWN JR., California's bachelor governor, but it's all in the interests of security. The woman is PENELOPE CRAVENS, 27, the first female member of the California state police and the newest addition to the governor's team of body-

Making News

guards. She is an expert shot with a revolver.

Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia — VICE PRESIDENT ROCKEFELLER and his wife, HAPPY, arrived in this Asian capital last night on their around-the-world goodwill tour. They were welcomed at the airport by Prime Minister Datuk Hussein Onn.

London — LORD SNOWDON says that the breakup of his marriage to PRINCESS MARGARET will not force him to leave Great Britain. "Let me make it clear that no one is going to make me go into exile," the Daily Express quoted Snowdon as saying in a telephone interview from Australia, where he is on a photography assignment. "My home is in Britain." There have been reports that Snow-



Susan Ford
On vacation

don might stay in Australia to avoid embarrassing the royal family.

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nation to recover was incredible." He won three major tournaments last year.

Montego Bay, Jamaica — President Ford's 18-year-old daughter, SUSAN, is vacationing at the Caribbean resort at which JACQUELINE KENNEDY ONASSIS and her son, JOHN KENNEDY JR., have been guests for the past few days. Miss Ford has checked into the exclusive Roundhill Hotel, where Mrs. Onassis is staying at the private cottage of Mr. and Mrs. George Zauderer.

Sydney, Australia — Prime Minister MALCOLM FRASER opened Australia's celebration of America's bicentennial yesterday with a pledge that his country would remain an unwavering ally of the United States. "Let me state unequivocally that Australia is an aligned nation — we are an ally of the United States and will remain so," Fraser said. He spoke at a luncheon launching a month-long Australian-American festival.

Los Angeles — Singer GLENN CAMPBELL and his wife, BILLY JEAN, have been granted a divorce after 16 years of marriage. No decision was announced on custody of the couple's three children.

Daily News 3/27/76





EXCHANGE—Golfer Gene Littler, who had just received the American Cancer Society's Courage Award from First Lady Betty Ford, prepares to present her a putter for President Ford. Ceremony was in Washington. Littler staged a comeback after cancer surgery on his left arm. Mrs. Ford underwent surgery for breast cancer in 1974.

AP Wirephoto



Personalities

Golfing pro Gene Littler left a Zebra putter at the White House yesterday for President Ford, who was away campaigning in California. And Betty Ford, who was at home, gave it a modest workout after she presented the American Cancer Society's Courage Award to Littler.

Littler, 45, has successfully recovered from an arm cancer operation in 1972, and last year won three major PGA tournaments. Mrs. Ford, who underwent successful breast cancer surgery in 1974, is national chairman of the 1976 Cancer Crusade.

During the outdoor ceremony, Mrs. Ford joked with Littler and his family, who had flown in from La Jolla, Calif., that the President "needs a little practice on the green." She said she would probably campaign alone in Wisconsin before the April 6 primary there. "Campaigning alone seems to fit my pace," Mrs. Ford said. "I'm a little slower than the President."

Last year's recipient of the Courage Award, Army Lt. Robert Johnson, helped the District chapter of the American Cancer Society kickoff its fund-raising drive yesterday. Actress Theresa Merritt, of the cancelled television series "That's My Momma" and who has just joined the Broadway cast of "The Wiz," helped Johnson out with renditions of Langston Hughes' poem "Mother to Son" and the show tune "Climb Every Mountain." Both spoke movingly of their own experiences with cancer.

Johnson, 23, had two operations and 36 cobalt treatments after he discovered a malignant tumor in his right elbow during his senior year at West Point, where he was captain of the football team. Gertrude Thomas, the aunt who raised Merritt, died from cancer.



George Stevens Jr., at left, and Marlon Brando.

WMAL-TV's anchorman, David Schoumacher, was a last minute substitute as master of ceremonies for comedian Flip Wilson and he valiantly tried out some jokes about Bill Moyers, Henry Cabot Lodge and Teddy Roosevelt. "I have spent my life getting ready to replace Walter Cronkite," he told the audience of 1,000 at the Washington Hilton. "Flip is more scary."

"There's always something in the newspaper bad about kids," said William B. Davis, the deputy assistant director of the United States Information Agency as he alerted everyone that he was throwing an 18th birthday bash last night for his son, Daryl. "Daryl has avoided alcohol, drugs and most trouble," said his father. At the

party, Carlton W. Spencer, 73, gave his grandson a hand-engraved citation "for exemplary development." Daryl, an aspiring guitarist, also received a card from rock and roller Chuck Berry.

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—Jacqueline Trescott



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