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### Saying Hello

First Lady Betty Ford greets a group of school children as she arrives at Patrick Air

-Associated Press

band's narrow victory in the New Hampshire primary as "marvelous." She made several campaign stops Wednesday, but plans a quiet

### Principal Praised for Program

By AMY CLARK

As the First Lady's motorcade pulled away from Dr. W.J. Creel Elementary School in Melbourne and the crowd began to disperse Wednesday, Principal Kathryn Eward accepted the accolades of her coworkers, her teachers, the



'Mrs. Ford was enthusiastic about everything. She said she was thrilled by the spirit and dignity of

Ford was impressed with what seemed to be very good race

relations at Creel.

"She said she had a better feeling in this school than any other school she's been in."

the principal said.
"She also like our emphasis on the three Rs in the ul-



TODAY Staff Photo by Red Morgan

IT'S BACK TO SCHOOL FOR MRS. FORD AT CREEL ELEMENTARY
... called experience 'one of the most exciting days of my life'

### First Lady Charms Children

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and promised to answer all of the letters.

"I talked to my husband last night," Mrs. Ford said. "He already had gone to bed. I woke him, but he didn't mind." The First Lady prebefore departing from Patrick how she prepares for visits to various places, Mrs. Ford replied succinctly: "I just try to be myself."

### Brevard's Betty J Meets Namesake

By RITA RUBIN

Mrs. Betty Ford met Mrs.
Betty Ford at the Dr. W. J.
Creel Elementary School in
Melbourne on Wednesday.

And the First Lady wasn't looking at her reflection in a mirror, because the "Second Lady" was Mrs. Betty Ford of Titusville, a first-grade teacher at Whispering Hills Elementary School.

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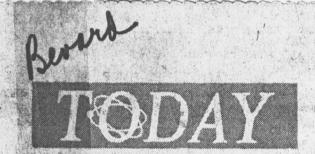
# Red Tape Sidetracks Letter

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# Creel's Founder Would Love Betty

By JOHN BARTOSEK

r. W. J. Creel would have ed all the fuss Wednes-

e would have taken it

There was more: the salty humor, the even-handed decisions with "what is best for the student" uppermost. The care and concern for patients to ride in a train baggage car on a cot to the nearest hospital



**Betty Ford** 

Visits Brevard

his remains. Henegar was closed last year by the school

board.

Before Creel Elementary
was on Palmwood, it was on
Pineapple Avenue. Those old
stucco, buildings, still, stand

was renamed to honor Dr.

He would have been proud, too, of the determination of his students and their principal, fellow Georgian Mrs. Kather-

#### MRS. FORD AT DEDICATION

### Fondness, Curiosity Draw Crowd

#### By BONNIE ANDERSON

Mrs. Edwin Hicks fought the Brevard School Board for two months to get a fence put up between her home at 1522 Palm Wood Way and Creel Elementary School in Melbourne.



#### **Betty Ford**

Visits Brevard

But for students from cationer from Toledo, Ohio, "I

said Teresa Karnes, from Ascension. "And it's not every day that you get to see the First Lady anywhere, much

less Melbourne."
. "I'm the first one in my family to see Mrs. Ford," said Palm Bay Elementary School student Frank Vaccarelli."

### Youth Meets The Fords

By JOHN BARTOSEK

A 9-year-old Melbourne boy met, shook hands and chatted with both the President and the First Lady-all

within two weeks.

### She Saw Chiefs Of Past

By BONNIE ANDERSON

Sitting in her lawn chair calmly observing the Creel Elementry School dedication ceremony, 89-year-old Elvie Reuthebuck smiled as she reminisced over past presidents, first ladies and administra-

#### One 'Jackpot'

#### Coral Gables GOP Eludes Betty Ford

By Isabelle Shelton Washington Star Staff Writer

CORAL GABLES, Fla. —
Betty Ford got mixed results when she went doorbell ringing in this suburban Miami community yesterday, seeking votes for her husband in Florida's March 9 Republican primary.

Although those who set up the First Lady's doorbell ringing excursion thought they were sending her only Mrs. Ford did all her doorbell ringing on two adjoining streets in a quiet section of \$150,000 houses here. There was no one at home at two of the eight houses she visited.

SUMMING UP her halfhour of doorbell ringing, Mrs. Ford told reporters she thought she "came out very well."

It was the only overt campaigning Mrs. Ford

### Security for First Lady Relaxed But Alert

**By DAVE HEATH** 

**TODAY Staff Writer** Security seemed relaxed yet alert Wednesday when Mrs. Betty Ford came to dedicate Melbourne's Creel Ele-

mentary School. Secret Service agents

**Betty Ford** 

**Visits Brevard** 

wouldn't comment on the pre- when the President was the ant superintendent for instruc-



# Betty And Gerald C



Betty Ford Smiles Warmly During Door-To-Door Campaigning In Coral Gables

# First Lady Knocks On Doors

MIAMI (AP) -Betty Ford took to the streets Saturday. canvassing door-to-door and would vote for the President, but was glad she didn't have to invite the First Lady to

Anne Smith looked at her eight houses skipped by the old, blue sneakers and shook First Lady, said she wished her head, but said the she could be "a Republican



President Waves To Crowd At Sarasota-Bradenton Airport

# 3,000 Sarasotans Greet President At Airport

(Continued From Page 1A)
Greta, is co-chairman of the
Ford campaign headquarters
and was one of those who
greeted Mrs. Ford earlier in

the day.
"I love Sarasota. I've heard about it for a good many years and it's a pleasure to

and says a change is needed.

Ford had this response:
"The Washington establishment has achieved peace.
The Washington establishment under my leadership has accomplished the recovery from the worst recession. We're licking the problem of infla-

some one dozen vehicles strong motorcade wheeled out of the airport at about 9:30 p.m.

Stuart Williams of Detroit, Mich., pronounced his wait at the airport well worthwhile. When Ford was talking to the

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Grammy awards brought one to Paul Simon on his own; without, as in the past, sharing with partner Art Garfunkel. Story, Page 2A.

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President Gerald Ford stepped onto the runway of the Sarasota-Bradenton Air- dards."

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### tomentum to Win, ord Says in Florida

By Fred Barnes Washington Star Staff Writer

TAMPA, Fla. — The word from President Ford as he campaigned in Florida over the weekend was that

'momentum" is going his way. In West Palm Beach: "We've got the momentum going. I see it every-where." In Boca Raton: "We have the momentum going by any standard that you use." And in this city, where the President wound up his campaign yesterday: "When you've got the momentum going, you're awfully tough to beat."

Wherever he stopped in two days on the stump, Ford was in an exuberant, optimistic mood, buoyed by his narrow victory over challenger Ron-ald Reagan in the New Hampshire presidential primary last Tuesday.

AND EVEN IF his claims about

"momentum" might have been a bit inflated, it was clear that he sees himself as the front-runner in the race to win the crucial Florida primary on March 9. "I am absolutely certain that we are going to win," he

declared.

There was some reason, besides the result in New Hampshire, for the burst of optimism. The President attracted sizable crowds at nearly all his appearances (some 20 of them). In several Atlantic Coast resort towns on Saturday, hundreds of people showed up in a driving rainstorm to see Ford.

Moreover, the impressive turnouts indicated that his campaign operation in Florida, which was disorganized only a few weeks ago, is now on the track. At the very least, the local

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how well we are doing. The momentum is going, and we are going to do ex-tremely well."

FOR HIS PART, Reagan

THE CLOSEST that Ford came last weekend to openly jabbing Reagan was to assert that his experience in Washington was an asset. Reagan has charged and played tennis yester-day, losing both sets of dou-bles by 6-4.

Ford also attended church in Sarasota, hearing an Episcopal minister com-

percent of the vote. Last week, he reduced his projected margin to 55 per-

The President inter-preted this as a gain "of 12 percentage points in the last three or four days. I

### Weight's in Ford's Vest, Not Pockets

TAMPA, Fla., - President Ford doesn't carry much spare change on the campaign trail, but he wears a bulletproof vest for

the money to buy ice cream cones.

But upon checking his wallet, the President found that he had no cash, and he

White House officials were a bit wary of confirming that Ford utilized chest protector. Ronald Nessen, the White House

# Betty Speaks Here as Protesters Picket



#### By CAROLINE HECK Herald Staff Writer

First Lady Betty Ford carried white gloves and big smiles into a Fontainebleau dinner Friday evening, while Right-to-Life demonstrated against her outside.

Mrs. Ford spoke briefly to a dinner honoring major donors to the University of Miami. Her non-political remarks centered on the importance of education, with reference to her own four children's paths through school.

"In many ways, we cannot prepare our children for the future, Inside, where many guests had entered through a doorway away from the pickets, diners proceded peacefully through a menu of vichyssoise, chateaubriand, and Bicentennial mints.

Earlier, University of Miami President Henry King Stanford had escorted Mrs. Ford to a reception area where she met some of the Society of University Founders, which was honored at the dinner.

FORTY-TWO new members bring the society to 432, each of whom has given a minimum of \$50,000 to the university.



Miami News Staff Photo by KATHY WILLENS

Campaign sign at Patrick Air Force Base delights Mrs. Ford

# Now you see Betty. and now you don

By MARY JANE FINE

Mjami News Reporter

IACKSONVILLE, MELBOURNE, NTA GORDA, PORT CHARTTE—Betty Ford was here . . . i here . . . and here . . . and re . . . and gone, but the wds that clustered to greet her each stop seemed more delighted the fact of her visit than disved by its brevity. yed by its brevity.

I saw the back of her head," exed one elderly woman at the Port zens, where the First Lady was ulfed by the largest crowd — mated at 8,000 — encountered her criss-cross trip through Flor-

he trip began with Mrs. Ford's val in Jacksonville Tuesday aftoon. It was being touted as "patic rather than political," but e was little doubt that the red, te and blue were primary colors. he Florida primary is March 9; sident Ford is scheduled to join wife in Mami tomorrow morn-to begin a round of campaign earances, and Betty Ford's popularity could hardly be held against Gerald Ford at the polls.

The crowds might not have been tremendous everywhere she went, but everywhere she went the First Lady was tremendously well-liked.

It was like that in Melbourne where it rained.

Helen Glenn of Titusville peered out from underneath her yellow umbrella to say that she thought Mrs. Ford "represents our country very well as a First Lady. She's very poised and dignified."

Glenn said she did not admire Mrs. Ford's well-publicized state-ment about her daughter — "especially the part about the live-in boyfriend" friend" — when she said she wouldn't be surprised if Susan Ford admitted having an affair. And Glenn does not support Mrs. Ford's pro-abortion stand.

Still, Glenn waited over two hours in the on-again, off-again drizzle to see Mrs. Ford dedicate the Dr. W. J. Creel Elementary School, which was painted mostly red, white and blue and which had delayed its dedication form years. delayed its dedication four years

until a president or first lady agreed to do the honors. until

At the Jacksonville 2387 people (by turns) Coliseum, 2387 people (by turnstile count) failed to make a dent in the huge amphitheater, leaving the entire

upper deck nearly empty.
"If it hadn't been for the Sertoma Club, the Girl Scouts and the choir," said Becky Wooten, a 19-year-old student at Flagler College, "there wouldn't be anyone here."

Lt. W. J. Palmer, a 13-year vet-eran of the Jacksonville Fire Division and one of two emergency medical technicians assigned to Mrs. Ford, staunchly refused to re-veal his presidential preference, but he had an explanation for the ral-

ly's small attendance.
"Let's just say," he said, "that if
George Wallace was here, this
place would be filled. They like country-and-western music around here."

There was a small and quiet dem-onstration of anti-abortionists in front of the C liseum, but Mrs. Ford arrived ar departed by mo-

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Betty Ford Campaigns For Her Husband Door To Door In Coral Gables
. . . stands in doorway of the Louis Steddard home while on two-day Florida visit—(UPI)

### Betty Visits For Votes

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hand "Mrs. Ford told Norine Comin.

"Well, then, we cancel each other out." Mrs. Ford said, but she still spent the usual five minutes at the Slepow's home and couldn't resist adding, "You never can tell, you might change your mind."

Later. Mrs. Ford told a news confer-

# First Lady's Visit Ends

By FRANK PETTENGILL Staff Writer See editorial, Page 6A

First Lady Betty Ford ends a nearly two-day vacation on Marco Island today at 3:15 p.m. when she is scheduled to board her aircraft from the

paign workers and to give them encouragement.

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Ingram said many of the workers have young children and do their phone calling from their homes rather than the campaign office. He said he would relay her words and told her that the campaign poll his

# Arrives In Area In Campaign Trip

Betty Knocks On Doors ......Pg. 8-A

By JANE SHEETS
Herald-Tribune Reporter
t was exactly 3:18 p.m. Satlay when the First Lady's
ne touched down at Saraa-Bradenton airport. Mins later, preceded by mems of the ever present set service and two press
retaries, a smiling radiant
ty Ford emerged.

he First Lady, who is aller and thinner than she bears in photographs, was aring a blue and white nt dress in a soft, silky terial. It had a rather full t and was tied in a long v at the neck. A trim white ket topped the dress. She wearing navy and white es, and carrying a small y blue shoulder bag.

n hand to greet Mrs. Ford e County Commissioner verly Clay, Mrs. Ruth kel, wife of Mayor Elmer kel and Mrs. Greta Lee 12hof, wife of Parker 12hof, president of the asota Chamber of Com-

rs. Berkel handed the

discovered that I was the first woman ever elected to the board of county commissioners here, she said she was thrilled and proud. She also said that she thought everyone knew how she felt on women's issues and that she wanted to encourage women to run for elective office."

As Greta Lee Banzhof pinned a corsage of white orchids on her shoulder, Mrs. Ford noticed the big red and white button Mrs. Banzhof was wearing that stated "Fighter For Ford." She said, "I've never seen a button like that before," said Greta Lee, "so I explained that the button had been given to my husband by a member of a chamber of commerce someplace in Alabama or Kentucky.

"My husband and I were on the speaker's platform with the President a couple of weeks ago in Fort Myers," said Mrs. Banzhof, 'a n d Parker suggested that the President visit Sarasota. The





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# First Lady slept here....

By MARY JANE FINE

On the 10th and top floor of the 294-room Jacksonville Hilton is the

Florida Room.

It is the hotel's largest, most lux-

every Thursday night.

Athletes have charged across the floor and dancers have glided across it in formal dress.

Freezing coils beneath the surface can turn it into an ice-skating rink; there are wooden planks

# First Lady Greeted

By ELAINE KENT Times-Union Staff Writer

Whether her critics would agree, First Lady Betty Ford proved Tuesday she is a conservative Republican. She arrived in Jacksonville wearing the same dress she wore for her first visit here last Nov. 2.

STACY AND STEPHANIE Hester, age 5, thought perhaps they were going to greet the wife of the second





Foto del Miami News por KATHY WILLENS

### La gran bienvenida a Betty Ford

el Centro Cultural de Port Charlotte. Betty Ford Miami este fin de semana.

No, no es que le estén tocando la trompetilla está recorriendo la Florida esta semana como a Betty Ford; es que una de las admiradoras de parte de la campaña de reeleción de su esposo, la primera dama le está dando la bienvenida en el presidente Gerald Ford, quien estará en

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# Betty Ford Going on the Trail

By Isabelle Shelton Washington Star Staff Writer

Betty Ford is being rushed to the front lines in Florida to help beef up her husband's effort to hold off presidential challenger Ronald Reagan.

he stays behind in Washington carrying out another Ford campaign objective, by "being presidential."

Daughter Susan also has been in Florida, posing for a magazine layout, but no doubt generating a lot of local press interest and photo coverage.

If the President returns to the Sunshine State next

#### Superskapped Security 1700er April 1000 file ANLASIS . The Antidor Section 1 to the Anti-

next Tuesday's Florida primary, Rea-

### Rowland Evans and Robert Novak A Florida Problem for 'Gentleman Ron'

\*TAMPA, Fla. - Although the informal consensus of the Republican State Executive Committee at a meeting in Orlando last week gave Ronald Reagan a Apoint edge over President Ford in

problem": How to prod Reagan onto the offensive in an effort to undermine Gerald R. Ford's proclaimed right to continue as leader of the Republican Party and hence as its presidential

nominee.

Ford on his final campaign swing later this week, the result might confound the hawks, One top Reagan operative here fears that outright attacks on the President would boomerang. "They

think Ford is a bungler," this aide told

thousand had waited an hour and

half. , so Show test liens a stalk Not even Ronald Reagan, the most charismatic presidential candidate in the field, could hold thousands of vot-

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# President and Mrs. Ford



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### Nation's First Lady Has The Common Touch

Mrs. Betty Ford, wife of the President of the United States, is a very busy woman. She's a full-time

unusual woman and a worthy partner to a man who must carry the presidential burden

### Primary Night in Florida

## Betty Ford Flashes Partisan Silence

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By Isabelle Shelton

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. — Betty Ford, who often speaks out when others are silent, was uncharacteristically mute last night while monitoring returns from the close New Hampshire primary contest between her husband and his Republican challenger, Ronald Rea-

"Everywhere you go in America, you can see the greatness of this land and the people," she said. "We see Americans who care about each other. They reach out to those who are hungry, sick or in need. Over and over we've seen the compassion of Americans for their neighbors and for people around the world. . . . This is the year to celebrate the goodness of America and



# People

Section D

Thursday, February 26, 1976



### Betty's Visit Truly Special

With the eyes and ears plus the TV cameras, tape recorders and pens and notebooks of 56 members of the national and lo-

Mrs. Eward, in keeping with the Bicentennial flavor within the school, wore a bright red suit with a red, white and blue top.

Both wore their hemlines below the knee. And both wore corsages of daisies and pink carnations.

Mrs. Ford is slender and stands about 5 feet 6 inches tall. Her beautifully coiffed hair brought many comments. While everyone else's hair blew wildly in the steady winds of Wednesday, Mrs. Ford's was never

ruffled.

One of the brightest moments of the visit

was at the conclusion of the highly entertaining program presented by the children of Creel, when Mrs. Ford was presented the Creel School flag, a pin and a sterling silver eagle pendant on a sterling silver chain. She put the eagle on immedi-



BETTY FORD

ately and told the children, "I am very very proud to be here today. This is one of the

most exciting days of my life."

Later, during the dedication ceremony, artist Cecil Herring of Titusville was overwhelmed to see Mrs. Ford wearing her creation of the eagle. "I'm so thrilled. I didn't know if she would wear it or not. This is just wonderful," said Mrs. Herring. As Mrs. Ford started to leave the dedict tion site for the limosine which would whisk her

## Happy Reunion Here For Fords

By CHARLIE HUISKING Herald-Tribune Reporter

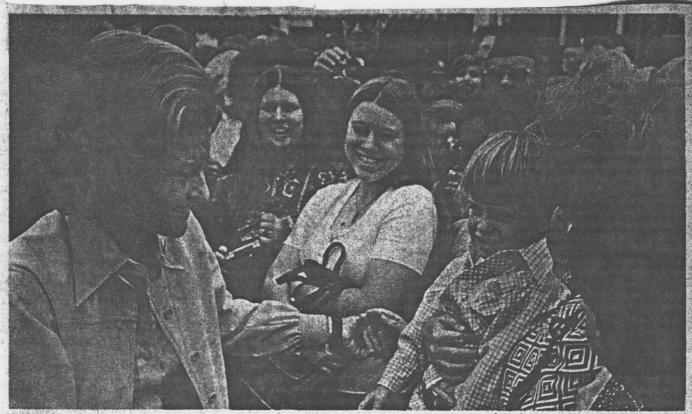
President Gerald Ford seemed jovial and in high spirits Saturday night as he waved to airport onlookers and shook hands with campaign workers, but he saved his biggest smile for wife Betty on the porch of the William Getzen residence.

Arriving at the south Sarasota home at 10:05, Ford greeted the Getzens and then hugged and kissed his wife, who arrived in Sarasota tracting Ford's attention.

Few onlookers got a chance to get close to the President, however, separated as they were by a 10-foot fence.

After a welcoming ceremony and brief meeting with reporters, Ford was ushered into an airline building for a reception with campaign workers from Sarasota and Manatee counties.

The 75 people inside broke into loud applause when the President entered. He circled the room, shaking hands, posing for pictures and



# Betty Ford Is Charmed With Youngaters WBoy Dances With First Lady After 3-Day Waltz Lesson

**By JOHN BARTOSEK** 

Pat Mondor learned the waltz in three days and practiced at night during the tele-



# t Lady Visiting Marco

A charming, vivacious Betty Ford arrived on Marco Island Wednesday afternoon and instantly captivated some 300 guests and employees of the Marco Beach Hotel.

Emerging from a sienna-colored Lincoln Continental, the First Lady smiled and shook hands with half a dozen of some 75 persons who crowded the front entrance to the 523-room resort and applauded her 5:30 p.m. arrival.

The President's wife, accompanied by a small entourage that made up a five-car motorcade from Naples, then entered the lobby of the \$24 million complex which was jampacked with ogling guests and employees.

Proceeding past the front desk the auburn haired Mrs. Ford slowly worked her way down the corridor toward the elevators, pausing to shake hands, posing for pictures and exchanging pleasantries.

The First Lady's partitle of Gulf-front pent house which had been completely redecorated for her two-day visit.

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Apparently Mrs. Ford will remain in virtual seclusion during her brief visit which follows earlier public appearances Wednesday in Naples and Port Charlotte.

A hotel spokesman said

A hotel spokesman said Mrs. Ford's visit would be "private."

During her Marco visit, the First Lady reportedly will return to Naples to see an unidentified sick friend.

She is expected to leave Marco for Miami Friday morning where she will join the President for reelection campaigning.

paigning.

Mrs. Ford's pending arrival at the hotel was kept a secret until late Tuesday.

There never was any official announcement from the hotel that it would be host to the nation's First Lady.

On the contrary, hotel

On the contrary, hotel employees were instructed to give out no information whatsoever to new media concerning her visit or any preparations or plans which might have been made for her stay.

her stay.

Newsmen were advised that they would not be

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Pat Amari and Egon von Furstenberg; Lois Chiles

OBJECTIVITY LESSON: Six Miami News reporters were so smitten with Betty Ford's campaigning style they had 150 "Betty Ford for President" buttons made. Trouble is, af-

#### Carol Lynley and Earl Mack

400 BEAUTIES: "It was a happy mistake to show such a bad film - it makes us realize the importance of live theater." said Aaron Donner. one of the 400 guests who attended a preview of "Robin and Marian" at Warren Robertson's fund-raising gala in New York's Festival Theatre Sunday night. The poorly received movie did create an enthusiastic welcome for the Actors Repertory Theatre, which Robertson is now organizing. It was Shirley Stoler who stole the fanfare. She reminisced about the early '60s, her stint in Cafe Cino and her role in "Seven Beauties," for which she was paid \$2,000. "In addition I asked the Italian distributors for a \$1,000 bonus, since I filmed twice as much as originally planned. They gave me a flat 'no.' But Wertmuller is the best director I've ever worked with and that makes anything forgivable," said Stoler. Currently, she's "reading a script for a horror film ... about a woman in her late 30s who dresses, acts and thinks like a 12-year-old."

-BOBBI QUEEN

FASHION, IN—SAUCER, OUT: The elegant couple toasting their nuptials in Saks' Fifth Avenue's corner window in New York may be avant garde in their winsome whites, but they're disappointingly passe in their choice of a champagne glass. Even Great Western

# Travels With Betty



Traveling with First Lady Betty Ford is not the easiest job in the world. As she bounces from one stop to the next, the entourage following her must be ready to scurry along, from the Secret Service men down to the

press corps.

During her four-day whirlwind preprimary tour of Texas last week. Mrs. Ford managed

from pushy cameramen, prod her along when she is behind schedule and demonstrate

protective affection for her.

Overnight accommodations for the Firs Lady are made at the same hotel with the press and staff. In Texas she stayed at the Stanthony Hotel in San Antonio, the Hilton In in Corpus Christi and the Red Carpet Inn is

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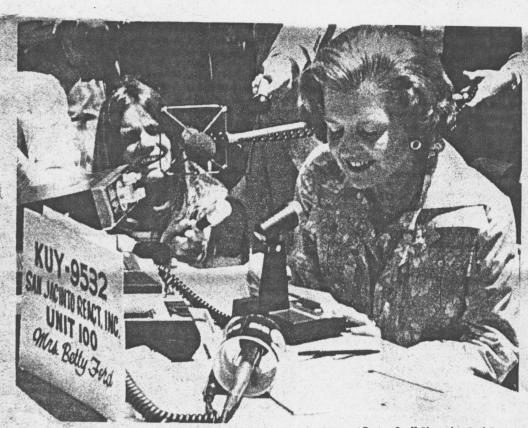
—Texan Staff Photo by Marlon Taylor

Sunglassed and supposedly inconspicuous, Secret Service men constantly



Although she hadn't square-danced in 30 years, Mrs. Ford do-si-doed with professionals in Beaumont during a Gladys City bicentennial celebration.

## Story by Gail Burris



"First Mama" Betty Ford tests her newly learned CB radio skills at the San Jacinto REACT station near Houston.



Lady Bird Johnson of her trip in Austi

'age 28 Thursday, April 29, 1976 THE DAILY TEXAN



by Gail Burris ed with tion.



Bergstrom Air Force Base preschoolers were on hand for Mrs. Ford's Austin arrival. "What's your name?" one wanted to know. "Where did you went?" asked another.



Lady Bird Johnson had a warm embrace and greeting for Betty Ford on the conclusion of her trip in Austin. "I sure was happy to see Betty Ford," Mrs. Johnson glowed.

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Mrs. Rusty Michaux Mrs. Ford's Press Office The White House 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue Washington, D. C. 00500

Dear Mrs. Michaux:

While you asked only about the press coverage related to Mrs. Ford's neighborhood canvassing, I am enclosing other major clips covering her talk before the Society of University Founders.

If you would prefer to have full tearsheets, please do let me know; we can easily pick up additional copies of all papers. I am sending these we had on hand simply in the interest of getting them to you as soon as possible.

If I can be of any further assistance, don't hesitate to call on me.

Sincerely,

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- RICHARD JOHNSON / Miami H

# First Lady to Sub for Ford at UN

Latest development in University of Miami Society of Founders 10th annual dinner Friday at the Fontainebleau is that First Lady Betty Ford will speak. Originally, the President was expected but had to

cancel.

Mrs. Ford, with an entourage of a dozen or more, is expected to stay at the Fontainebleau and be joined

by the President next day.

UM Trustees are hosts to the dinner which this year honors 42 new



land have a villa. Tom's new children's book is about to appear... Ann Jackson reporting that Ronnie Herlofson, her sometime steady, is in Miami Heart Institute...neighbors Madeline and Dr. Richard Clay

she arose grower like Alfred.

Mike and Jan Cowles, she in eggshell tailored silk dress with apricot jacket . . . Tom Keating

without wife Ida who's ail late arrivals Connie and Dinkler Jr... New Yorke lyn and Col. Serge Ol who'll be here through the go Ball and Stakes this wee

go Ball and Stakes this wee Not in their places: Luc Adm. Gene Markey, among oldest friends. Lucille has he winter and they haven't be where.

# Betty Speaks Here as Protesters Picket



-ALBERT COYA / Miami Herald Staff

First Lady Betty Ford Mingles With Crowd ... before brief speech about education

By CAROLINE HECK Herald Staff Writer

First Lady Betty Ford carried white gloves and big smiles into a Fontainebleau dinner Friday evening, while Right-to-Life demonstrated against her outside.

Mrs. Ford spoke briefly to a dinner honoring major donors to the

Inside, where many guests had entered through a doorway away from the pickets, diners proceded peacefully through a menu of vichyssoise, chateaubriand, and Bicentennial mints.

Earlier, University of Miami President Henry King Stanford had escorted Mrs. Ford to a reception

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# Will real Betty please stand up?





Miami News Staff Photos by BOB MACK
Betty Ford and 'lookalike,' Ruth Schaffzin

#### By RICK ABRAMS Miami News Reporter

The spotlight shone upon a cluster of tuxedos adn long gowns outside the Fontainebleau lobby. Secret Servicemen were everywhere, and suddenly Ruth Schaffzin was being pulled every which way.

"Betty. Talk to us, Betty," someone in the crowd said to Ruth Schaffzin. "Oh, Mrs. Ford, we're so glad you're here."

The crowd clustered about the congenial and gracious Ruth Schaffzin, as her son, Jerry Goodman, attempted with little success to convince it that his mother, who lives on Miami Beach, is not Betty Ford.

The real Mrs. Ford had made her way to the other end of the room,

special traditions like theology, which our son, Mike, is now studying. Some offer a smaller, more personal experience which our daughter, Susan, enjoys at her college.

"But whether private or public, our institutions of higher education are more than books and buildings . . . they are people working and learning together."

There was little friction politically last night, with the exception of 12 "Right to Life" crusaders picketing on the sidewalk in front of the Fontainebleau.

"We're picketing because of Betty Ford's stand on abortions," crusade leader, Xavier Suarez, said. "To the best of my knowledge, she (Betty Ford) feels there is nothing, wrong with abortion."

In her speech to the U-M found-

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Campaign sign at Patrick Air Force Base delights Mrs. Ford

# Now you see Betty. and now you don'

2/21 By MARY JANE FINE Mami - News Reporter

JACKSONVILLE, MELBOURNE, PUNTA GORDA, PORT CHARLOTTE — Betty Ford was here and here and here and gone, but the crowds that clustered to greet her at each stop seemed more delighted by the fact of her visit than dismayed by its brevity.

"I saw the back of her head," exulted one elderly woman at the Port Charlotte Cultural Center for senior citizens, where the First Lady was engulfed by the largest crowd—estimated at 8,000—encountered on her criss-cross trip through Flor-

on her criss-cross trip through Flor-

The trip began with Mrs. Ford's arrival in Jacksonville Tuesday aftriotic rather than political," but there was little doubt that the red, white and blue were primary colors.

The Florida primary is March 9; President Ford is scheduled to join his wife in Miami tomorrow morning to begin a round of campaign appearances, and Betty Ford's popularity could hardly be held against Gerald Ford at the polls.

The crowds might not have been tremendous everywhere she went, but everywhere she went the First

Lady was tremendously well-liked. where it rained.

Helen Glenn of Titusville peered Helen Glenn of Titusville peered out from underneath her yellow umbrella to say that she thought Mrs. Ford "represents our country very well as a First Lady. She's very poised and dignified."

Glenn said she did not admire Mrs. Ford's well-publicized statement about her daughter — "especially the part about the live in boy.

cially the part about the live-in boy friend" — when she said sh friend" — when she said she wouldn't be surprised if Susan Ford admitted having an affair. And Glenn does not support Mrs. Ford's

still, Glenn waited over two hours in the on-again, off-again drizzle to see Mrs. Ford dedicate the Dr. W. J. Creel Elementary School, which was painted mostly red, white and blue and which had delayed its dedication four years delayed its dedication four years

until a president or first lady agreed to do the honors.

agreed to do the honors.

At the Jacksonville Coliseum, 2387 people (by turnstile count) failed to make a dent in the huge amphitheater, leaving the entire upper deck nearly empty.

"If it hadn't been for the Sertoma Club, the Girl Scouts and the choir," said Becky Wooten, a 19-year-old student at Flagler College, "there wouldn't be anyone here."

Lt. W. J. Palmer, a 13-year veteran of the Jacksonville Fire Division and one of two emergency medical technicians assigned to Mrs. Ford, staunchly refused to reveal his presidential preference, but he had an explanation for the rally's small attendance.

ly's small attendance.
"Let's just say," he said, "that if
George Wallace was here, this
place would be filled. They like country-and-western music around

There was a small and quiet demonstration of anti-abortionists in front of the Coliseum, but Mrs. Ford arrived and departed by mo-

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-ALBERT COYA / Miami Herald Staff

Peter Sorum Holds Umbrella for Betty Ford during her door to door campaigning in Coral Gables

# First Lady Taps Doors In Gables, Asking Votes

By CAROLINE HECK

Fourth grader Cindy Smith was on the telephone with a young friend Saturday when "I told her that that Mrs. Ford was walking

"I'm out campaigning for my husband. I'm Betty Ford," she said to Don Slepow at his doorway. After Slepow told her he is a Democrat, Mrs. Ford said, "Well then, we cancel each other out ... You never can tell, you might change

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) - A psychiatrist who concluded that Patricia Hearst's account of fear in the terrorist underground was a truthful one says he can't definitely rule out specific instances of lying without lie detector tests.

Dr. Martin Orne, a University of Pennsylvania expert in detecting fabricated stories, said Thursday "it would take a polygraph examination" to uncover falsehoods Miss Hearst may want kept hidden within herself.

#### Reduce Waves

WASHINGTON (AP) -American and Soviet officials are working on an agreement to reduce the microwave emissions that have caused a health scare at the U.S. embassy in Moscow, according to informed sources.

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#### Limit Tool

WASHINGTON While President Ford wants to expand the government's authority to open mail. legislation is being drafted in Congress to limit use of a companion tool, the surveillance of the outside of an envelope.

Rep. Charles H. Wilson, D-Calif., chairman of the House postal facilities subcommittee. has ordered the panel's staff to draw up a bill tightening legal restrictions on such surveillance, known as a mail cover. Such a procedure involves noting information on the outside of an envelope without opening

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#### Resist

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Most requests formation so far ha resisted by the regulate claim in some cases th bound by law not to relea material and in other case it would be damaging banks if the data were public.

#### Handing Over

LISBON, Portugal (A The military officers who tried to rule Portugal sinc overthrew the Salazar tano dictatorship nearly years ago have agreed to handing over most of power to the civilians elections April 25.

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# **Charlotte Today**



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#### Charlie Sez:

Woman went to the auto inspection station Wednesday and found it closed because of the eight people

Reagan's campaign, I'd shuttle his wife on a "nonpolitical" tour of Charlotte County. Has some ground to regain after Betty Ford appeared here.

Excuses. Excuses. Get a kick out of all the reaching that politicians do to explain their good or bad showing with the voters. Will come up with almost any explanation.

Parker won't sanity detense. Page 2. North Port plans talent



News-Press Photo By NEIL GRAHAME

Mrs. Ford Accepts A Stuffed Republican Elephant From Mrs. Helen Jackson At Cultural Center

# First Lady's Visit A Big Event

From Page 1B

been asked a few days ago if she

smile and she's got such a gorgeous smile."

Mrs. Ford took her freshly-made pekoe tea with lemon and artificial

I really was."

There was a good measure of mild pushing and shoving among spectators craning to get a look at the First "You guys are in the way," he shouted. "We've been waiting here for over a half hour...move out."

The cameramen chuckled and



Reports From Staff Writers, Bureaus And Wire Services



# First Lady's Visit Stirs Excitement

By JIM PRATT News-Press Bureau

PUNTA GORDA — Joe Huckeby stood by the chain-link fence around Charlotte County Airport Wednesday, cleaning his fingernails with a file.

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News-Press Photo By NEIL GRAHAME

Betty Ford Greets Brownies Outside Senior Lounge At Charlotte Cultural Center

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Every so often, someone would drive up, get out of a car and ask a question of Huckeby, who is a Charlotte County Sheriff's deputy.

"Say," one man wearing glasses and clutching a small camera said, "what time's the plane gonna land?"

"I don't know," Huckeby said, smiling politely.

"You wouldn't tell me if you did know, would you?" the man replied, grinning.

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"I'll probably get the tail-end of her car," she joked.

Out of approximately 200 people lining the fence and standing around waiting for Mrs. Ford, at least one stood out.

He was wearing a golfer's hat and carrying a putter.

Stan Krulicki of Connecticut had not interrupeted his golf game or putting practice to come see the First Lady.

"I just brought it along to have

### To Land At Airport

DAILY-HERALD NEWS

First Lady's Agenda Given

By LANIE FRAME

First Lady Betty Ford is scheduled to arrive at 2:25 Wednesday afternoon at the Charlotte County Airport where she will be met by Craig Smith, county chairman of the President Ford Committee.

Smith said they will go directly to the Port Charlotte Cultural Center, arriving at approximately 3 p.m.

The first lady will be greeted at the front entrance of the complex by a group of county dignitaries and Center ofincluding Floyd ficials. Pfeiffer, president of the Adult Education Association, and Warren G. Payne, chairman of the board.

Pfeiffer said the proposed schedule calls for a 10-minute briefing with the First Lady in

the Green Room. At 3:20, she is expected to enter the theater by the side stairway and speak to the audience attending the forum on concer

playing for a crowd there and we hope the first lady will join in the festivities," Pfeiffer said.

Mrs. Ford will stop at the Senior Lounge for tea with Myrtle Burnett, vice president of the Adult Education Association, Marion Gould, Dorothy and treasurer, Pfeiffer, director of the theater.

The blood pressure testing service, sponsored by the Port Charlotte and Punta Gorda Kiwanis Clubs, will extend Wednesday hours to 4 o'clock to allow the First Lady to inspect

the operation, Pfeiffer said.

local free blood pressure testing service is Number One in the state, with more than 30,000 checks made," Pfeiffer pointed out. "It will be in operation just in case Mrs. Ford would like to have her blood pressure checked."

The First Lady will visit with the Happy Helpers in the Gift Shop before leaving the lounge by the back entrance at 4 p.m.; Pfeiffer said.

# Resort

CONCORD, N.H. (AP) New Hampshire voters choc today between Ronald Reag and Dusnidont Foud on the 1

11 Former GOP Chairmen Endorse

Sentinel Star

By Sentinel Star Services

President Ford was endorsed by 11 former Republican national chairmen Friday in Washington, as he prepared for a weekend of campaigning against Ronald Reagan in Florida.

The President will fly to Miami early today and spend most of the day seeking votes in populous southeast Florida for the March 9 primary.

current national committeeman. and New Jersey's Guy Gabrielson, as well as Thurston Morton and George Bush. Mary Louise Smith, the current chairman. attended the session but remained impartial because of Ford's campaign against Ronald Reagan.

LATER, MRS. SMITH said the Democratic leadership in Congress is responsible for most of

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shrugged off criticism by fellow Democratic candidates and confidently wrapped up his Mas- whose March 9 primary is in sachusetts campaign in Faneuil portant for both parties. Hall, the building where Ameri-

forbidding compulsory unio membership and does not fee repeal of right to work law "makes any particular differ ence" to a state.

BUT THE CENTER of activit was quickly shifting to Florida

Hall, the building where Ameri- First Lady Betty Ford has bee can firebrands planned revolution in the state since Tuesday, and the

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## Ford: Nixon Trip 'Probably' Hurt

WASHINGTON (UPI) — President Ford said Thursday he thinks former President Richard M. Nixon's trip to China "probably was harmful" to his campaign in the New Hampshire primary.

Ford added he still wanted to see "more specific information" before saying definitely that Nixon's journey reduced his margin of victory over Ronald Reagan in

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The state of the second

campaign strategists.

The President will fly to Florida this weekend for extended campaigning for that state's primary March 9.

all the evidence yet — is that it probably was harmful. But I wouldn't want to make that categorical comment at this

Asked about his prospects for another victory over Reagan in the Florida primary, Ford said "I'm optimistic." But he stopped short of predicting a win, saying, "I'den't think we proceed to the stopped short of predicting a win, saying, and the stopped short of predicting a win, saying, and the stopped short of predicting a win, saying, and the stopped short of predicting a win, saying, and the stopped short of predicting a win, saying, and the stopped short of predicting a win saying short of saying short of saying short of saying short

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#### Which Way To Go...Friend Or Foe?

Into every friendship some rain must fall, but in the case of Robyn Mumby, left, and Cherrie Mackiernan it took a presidential campaign to do it. They have been friends in the Orlando area since their classroom days at Trinity Preparatory School, but now they have chosen different campuses and candidates; Robyn, President Ford and Florida Technological University; Cherrie, Ronald Reagan and Rollins College. Who's going to win in Florida's March 9 primary? Ford, of course, says Robyn, "because of the fantastic job he has done." Reagan, of course, says Cherrie, "because he stands for a government of the people, by the people and for the people."

# Ford Winds Up Florida Swing On an Up Note

By JOHN McLAUGHLIN
Staff Correspondent of the News

Tampa, Fla., Feb. 29 — President Ford wound up his two-day campaign swing in Florida today, elated by enthusiastic crowds and proclaiming, "We're on the road to a new prosperity in America. We're not going to be sidetracked by the phony fixes some people want."

At a rally here, he predicted victory in the Florida primary on March 9, declaring, "We'll win because we



Mrs. Ford, already campaigning in Florida greets President Ford with a kiss as he arrives at Miami yesterday to start a two day campaign push.



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Wanda Harrell, a pupil at the Dr. W. J. Creel Elementary School in Melbourne, Fla., hangs from the neck of First Lady Betty Ford while giving her a big hug during a school program. Mrs. Ford took part in dedication ceremonies at the school.

Just to 'Get a Little Sunshine'

# Betty Ford Sees Young, Old

By Isabelle Shelton Washington Star Staff Writer

PUNTA GORDA, Fla. —
If the junior citizens of Melbourne, Fla., could vote,

sponded with a warm hug, and everybody cheered.

The stop at the Air Force school, en route to Creel, was unscheduled. There, 500 scrubbed smiling little

Reporters were astonished when Mrs. Ford, in an interview, said she had no plan "to accomplish" things in Florida but saw her visit as an attempt to



FORD GREETS BICENTENNIAL DRUMMERS OUTSIDE ABRAHAM LINCOLN HOME

... President also met with farmers in Springfield, Ill.

### Ford Cuts Kissinger Farm Role

By Sentinel Star Services

SPRINGFIELD, Ill. — President Ford came to the corn belt Friday with a sweeping plan to reorganize farm policy, including an indicated cut in the power of Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger to make foreign agriculture policy.

The President also laid out a proposal to help family firms stay in business with a major

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"Others are legends, Lincoln is real," Ford said during the unveiling of a cornerstone at the Visitor's Center at the home.

He said he gained much encouragement from Lincoln's

of Agriculture Earl Butz, the committee would consolidate agricultural and food policy decisons and would replace the International Food Review Group, now chaired by Secretary of State Henry Kissinger.

Kissinger will serve on the new committee, along with the secretaries of treasury and commerce and key White House

officials.

# Betty Has News for Nancy Westerry's Got Know-How

By HANK DRANE
Times-Union Political Editor

Mrs. Betty Ford, the nation's First Lady, begs to disagree with Mrs. Nancy Reagan on at least one

point.

Mrs. Ford's response occurred after she was briefed on Mrs. Reagan's opinion and asked to comment on why she felt her husband

It was one of the few opportunities for Mrs. Ford to answer politiof her possibly muddying the waters two weeks before Florida's

THE FIRST LADY declined to venture any predictions on the equally critical New Hampshire primary held Tuesday.

race for, the GOP contenders. "The

Although the press was kept at a distance from Mrs. Ford, she mingled freely with a crowd of about 200 which greeted her at the airport and another group of about 200 vol-



#### Sonrie la Primera Dama

La señora Betty Ford sonrie ampliamente, mientras la puerta de Louis Stodard, se abre ante sus toques en el curso le su gira personal por la ciudad de Coral Gables en busca de lpoyo para las aspiraciones de su esposo en las elecciones del nueve de marzo. El Presidente y su esposa se encuentran haciendo una campaña de dos días en la Florida en espera de las elecciones primarias del estado. (Telefoto UPI).

### Realiza Campaña Política Betty Ford a Favor de su Esposo en Coral Gables

HAMI, Florida (UPI) — La señora Betty Ford que se encuntra en la ciudad de Miami, realizó una gestión electoral en fapr de su esposo y aunque no encontró un amplio apoyo para éste, por lo menos nadie dijo que iba a votar por Ronald Reagan.

La señora Ford realizó ocho visitas a otras tantas casas en la ciudad de Coral Gables con el resultado de que en cuatro de las



para los nervios de Mike. 23-Sube Pelayo. Programa de entretenimientos filmado en México con la participación de concursantes.

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2\$8Calle Sésamo. Programa infantil educacional.

4-Mery Griffin. Variedades. 6-La Isla de Gilligan. Aventuras. Hay un león que ruge libremente por la isla.

función de beneficio en favor de una vecina que ha quedado sin medios económicos.

6-Película. "Splendor in the Grass". La lucha entre un joven y su padre en cuanto a relaciones.

7-Movin 'On. Un buscador de talento musical, convence a Sonny que el puede ser el cantante de moda en el condado.

10-Días Felices. El dueño de aun area steeperatere

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BOGOTA, Marzo 1 (Por fiscalizar el Jorge E. Giraldo Acevedo, de puestos de la EFE)— Colombia comenzó a experimentar un Colombia congelamiento dol stema tributaria

El sistema





Cortesia

El presidente de la Universidad de Miami, doctor Henry King Stanford, ayuda a la señora Betty Ford a subir al estrado donde se encuentran reunidos los fundadores de la Universidad en Coral Gables. La señora Ford se reuniría poco después en Miami con su esposo el Presidente de la Nación. (Telefoto UPI).



BETTY FORD OBSERVES STUDENTS WORK AT W.J. CREEL SCHOOL ... This is the finest school and you are all very important to me,' she said



MRS. FORD CLAPS HER HANDS TO LIVELY BICENTENNIAL SHOW ... at one point participated herself by joining student in short waltz onstage

### The Florida Times-Union JACKSONVILLE, WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 1976

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# Hear Song Of America, Says Betty

By BILL MIDDLETON, Times-Union Staff Writer

The past 200 years prove a government of free people can prevail over conflicts, and this is the year to celebrate the goodness of America and her people, says the nation's First Lady, Mrs. Betty

"Over a century ago Walt Whitman wrote a

# atient Watchers Wait At White House'

H-T's 92,300 Circulation

Reflects Peak In Tourism

Economic and tourist statistics indicate that Presiden-

tial campaign activity and the "winter season" are

One of the most reliable barometers of the level of

the tourists and winter visitors, Herald-Tribune circula-

tion, hit an all-time high today, with a total press

This will be an increase of about 1500 over last Sunday.

Circulation is expected to hold at or near that level

peaking at just about the same time.

Herald-Tribune Reporter

It was a long wait for the political enthusiasts who live in the neighborhood around the William Getzen house where President Ford spent last night in Sarasota.

Many of the 200 people who lined Camino Real in southwest Sarasota waiting for a wave from Ford had stood around earlier Saturday awaiting his wife. By 9 p.m. they were tired, but still cheerful and friendly spectators.

Sheriff's deputies and a few dark-suited Secret Service men kept the crowd away from the entrance to Westbrook Drive. Information concerning the time of the President's arrival was sparse and generally conflicting as various deputies

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and Secret Serviced agents either said they didn't know or gave different stories about unmarked cars which would appear at specific intervals to warn of the President's impending arrival.

Through it all the crowd maintained a friendly spiriti. Most of the people waiting at the intersection were from the neighborhood.

The foresighted a mong them had brought along lawn chairs and were comfortably set for however long it would take for the President to reach their neighborhood.

Others jostled and shuffled, trying to find a position that would keep their feet comfortable, or moved along the line looking for a spot where a 10-year-old held the position

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along the rope but still left plenty of clear sight-line over his head for an adult to watch comfortably.

To keep the crowd back off the roadway the deputies placed a few barricades along the edge of the road and then strung a rope from one barricade to another.

The rope proved to be too much temptation for spectators; they quickly moved up to get a close to the rope as possible. Here and there a youngster would reach across the rope for something or push against it to get a better view, Slowly but inexorably the rope moved further

and further into the roadway. pushed by an eager crowd. The deputies would return, swinging the beam from long black flashlights, and tell the people to back up. The rope proved to be a rather ineffective symbol.

Neighbors took the occasion to talk and exchange stories. Occasionally along the length of the crowd one could hear pieces of improvised political speeches as local political sages took advantage of the unwary crowd around them, and using the impending Presidential arrival as a jumping off point, explained their own particular views on the American political scene.

Not everyone was impressed by the President's visit. One man approached the rope

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complaining to his forbearing wife about the crowd which had already gathered, effectively blocking his view.

"Now why are all these men out?" he asked rhetorically.

"To see the President," his wife answered, only somewhat delaying his comments.

"Look, I met Johnson," the man said. "I shook his hand. Politicians are not different." He continued talking about the foolish crowds as he walked on toward the rope barrier where he stood and waited for the President.

People seemed to be out to see the President as a famous man rather than to cheer an admired political figure. (Continued On Page 3A, Col. 4)

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for the next few weeks.

# Betty's penthouse booking is a bit unconventional

#### By ANN WOOD

Washington (News Bureau)

— Last week, we left two
questions unanswered about
First Lady Betty Ford's lastminute campaign trip through
Florida.

The answer to the first—would her able advance person,
Patti Matson, stay ahead of
Mrs. Ford on the five-day
swing to drum up votes for
next Tuesday's primary—is no.

Ms. Matson was overtaken at Jacksonville, the first stop,

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pletely hidden behind a rooftop wall of the Marcos Island Club, a luxurious Gulf Coast hotel, usually goes free of charge to conventions meeting there. Mrs. Moore, the outgoing chairman of the board of the National Peanut Council, had already arrived at Marcos Island when former Illinois Congressman Leslie Arends contacted the hotel on behalf of Mrs. Ford,

The Peanut Council had 400 in the hotel for its convention there last week. Mrs. Ford

# Will real Betty Will please stand up?





Miami News Staff Photos by BOB MACK
Betty Ford and 'lookalike,' Ruth Schaffzin

By RICK ABRAMS Miami News Reporter

The spotlight shone upon a cluster of tuxedos adn long gowns outside the Fontainebleau lobby. Secret Servicemen were everywhere, and suddenly Ruth Schaffzin was

special traditions like theology, which our son, Mike, is now studying. Some offer a smaller, more personal experience which our daughter, Susan, enjoys at her college.

"But whether private or public, our institutions of higher education

### Betty Saves Skit, Waltzes With 'First President'

By JEFF KUNERTH

Sentinet Star Staff MELBOURNE - Betty Ford, in primary Tuesday "marvelous." the second stop on a solo campaign swing through Florida, jumped off the bandwagon and onto the stage of an elementary school Wednesday to dance a

waltz with a sixth-grade student. Arriving at 11 a.m. for a tour

woke him but he didn't mind." MRS. FORD predicted that the

President would fare well in

Florida's primary. and dedication of the W. T. Const.

she considered her husband's victory in the New Hampshire teachers. Embarrassed, Twanda delegation. "I talked to my husband last reached for Mrs. Ford and the two night. He already had gone to bed.

hugged each other. The school children also presented Mrs. Ford with a school banner, after which she returned to her small chair among the "You get vibrations from the students and watched the

MRS. FORD bent over and read bourne city councilmen, Brevard the word, "distinguished," which County school board members won cheers from the students and and the Brevard legislative

"There is no way I can express what you have given to me today by allowing me to come here and visit your classrooms and see this beautiful new school," Mrs. Ford



(Sentinel Star Photos by Andrew J. Hickman)

MRS. FORD WALTZES
... With Patrick Mondor

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Thursday, February 26, 1976



# Saying Hello

First Lady Betty Ford greets a group of school children as she arrives at Patrick Air school children as she arrives at Patrick Air

band's narrow victory in the New Hampshire primary as "marvelous." She made several campaign stops Wednesday, but plans a quiet day with friends today before resuming her

# Hear Song Of America, Says Betty

By BILL MIDDLETON, Times-Union Staff Writer

The past 200 years prove a government of free people can prevail over conflicts, and this is the year to celebrate the goodness of America and her people, says the nation's First Lady, Mrs. Betty Ford.

"Over a century ago, Walt Whitman wrote a poem called I Hear America Singing," said Mrs. Ford.

"Whitman heard those songs during a difficult period in our history, but he understood the songs were stronger than the troubles.

"In 1976, on the 200th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence, we, too, must listen for the good sounds of America — the working, dreaming and achieving."

MRS. FORD spoke Tuesday night at the Coliseum during a stand-up-for America rally sponsored by the Northeast Florida Sertoma clubs. About 2,000 attended.

The First Lady received a standing ovation when she entered the Coliseum, again when she rose to speak and again at the conclusion of her talk.

She told the audience that everywhere in America "you can see the greatness of this land and the people. We see Americans who care about each other and who reach out to those who are hungry, sick or in need. Over and over we've seen the compassion of Americans for their neighbors and people around the world.

"We see Americans living and working together in cities and towns who find their freedom in cooperation. We see young Americans eager to try new ways of solving problems and new ways of honoring our ideals. All of the visible signs of America and the songs we hear from the people are

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# Betty Has News for Nancy -Jerry's Got Know-How

By HANK DRANE Times-Union Political Editor

Mrs. Betty Ford, the nation's First Lady, begs to disagree with Mrs. Nancy Reagan on at least one point.

"My husband has a great deal of background necessary for the presidency," she told a newsman, her blue eyes flashing, during here visit Tuesday to Jacksonville.

The implication was clear that she felt this was a weakness in former California governor Ronald Reagan's bid to wrest the Republican nomination from her husband at the Kansas City convention in August.

Reagan's wife, Nancy, had said in Orlando two weeks ago she felt her husband would make a better president than Mr. Ford because he has no connections with Washington.

Mrs. Ford's response occurred after she was briefed on Mrs. Reagan's opinion and asked to comment on why she felt her husband is the better candidate.

It was one of the few opportunities for Mrs. Ford to answer political questions. She was closely guarded by Secret Servicemen and the White House had announced before her arrival there would be no opportunities for press interviews.

This press blackout may have been arranged because the purpose of Mrs. Ford's visit was to speak at a non-political patriotic rally at the coliseum, sponsored by North Florida Sertoma Club. See story on Page

Or it could have been because of Mrs. Ford's reputation as a free spirit who speaks her own mind and the President's political advisers didn't want to take the chance

of her possibly muddying the waters two weeks before Florida's critical presidential primary.

THE FIRST LADY declined to venture any predictions on the equally critical New Hampshire primary held Tuesday.

"I'm mighty hopeful," she told a newsman while climbing into the limousine after her arrival at Airkaman flight service terminal at International Airport at 3:20 p.m.

Pressed for a prediction, she replied, "I hope so, I hope we will win."

Late Tuesday night Mrs. Ford's press secretary, Sheila Weidenfeld, said the First Lady would have no comment until Wednesday on her husband's showing in the primary.

"It's too early to tell," Mrs. Weidenfeld said close to midnight as vote returns indicated a close race for the GOP contenders. "The results aren't decisive yet."

Although the press was kept at a distance from Mrs. Ford, she mingled freely with a crowd of about 200 which greeted her at the airport and another group of about 200 volunteer workers for her husband with whom she visited shortly after her arrival at the Hilton Hotel.

The greetings at both places were warm and enthusiastic and she responded by shaking hundreds of hands and seemed to enjoy it im-· mensely.

EARL JOHNSON, City Council President pro tem, was on hand to welcome Mrs. Ford to Jacksonville. He presented her a City of Jacksonville medallion emblem.

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MRS. FORD ADDRESSES PATRIOTISM RALLY
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# First Lady Takes Husband's Campaign Across Florida

By J. PAUL WYATT PORT CHARLOTTE (UPI) - First Lady Betty

husband on both Florida coasts Wednesday, receiving warm receptions and a shower of gifts from school

children and senior citizens. She responded with autographs, stories about her family and words of encouragement to school pupils and retirees engaged in pursuit of hobbies and physical fitness pursuits.

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care of us." She visited a physical fitness class and told the elderly participants, exercising in leotards on floor mats, that "you're all doing things I'm trying to do every day. It makes you feel good, doesn't it?"

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Mrs. Ford flew to Naples Wednesday evening where aides said she would spend a "private day" with friends Thursday before resuming her campaign tour in Miami

Friday. The smiling First Lady,

Mrs Ford had been picketed Tuesday night at Jacksonville by antiabortion

School Principal Kathryn Eward explained that the Creel School had opened for classes four years ago and its students had been trying ever since then to induce a First Lady to dedicate it. First they wrote to Pat Nix-



### Betty Rates Press Praise

By RITA RUBIN

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Reagan again touched on his plan to transfer \$90 billion in federal government programs back to the states as a way "of

turning government back to the people.

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In Washington, meanwhile, Reagan's campaign manager, John Sears, said that Reagan will spend five days in Florida and six in Illinois over the next two weeks.

He said Reagan will hold more news conferences in Florida than he did in New