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MRS. FORD'S TRIP TO FLORIDA

Tuesday, February 24 - Sunday, February 29, 1976

BACKGROUND

Stand Up For America Patriotic Rally

A two-and-a-half hour rally of speeches and musical talent. The six sponsoring Sertoma organizations describe the event as a salute to patriotism. Mrs. Ford is the group's special guest and will make brief remarks. Other guests include Col. Howard Dunn (USMC ret.) and Cmdr. John McCain, Jr. (USN) POWs who live in the area. 5,000 American flags will be given away, and 2,000 balloons with the American flag imprint will be dropped from the ceiling. The event is free and open to the public.

The Dr. W. J. Creel Elementary School

Completed in August of 1972, the Creel School is a modern, open-classroom facility which stresses traditional "reading, writing and arithmetic" concepts of teaching. It is distinguished by the community, parental and faculty involvement with the school. Its 500 students have had a voice in school decisions, including a school-wide election to choose its color scheme (primarily red, white and blue).

Port Charlotte Cultural Center

A facility used by thousands of senior citizens on a regular basis, the Cultural Center consists of \$2,500,000 complex built entirely on private support. The senior citizens who use the facility raise money for its upkeep and new buildings. It is supported without government help of any kind. It consists of four parts: a national award-winning continuing education program that offers more than 250 courses; a public library with more than 40,000 volumes, boasting the largest circulation of any library in the state; a modern theatre and theatre company, with regular productions, concerts, and seminars at minimal cost; and a modern recreational center and cafeteria for daily use of the area's senior citizens.

Society of University Founders, University of Miami, Coral Gables

Mrs. Ford will be guest of honor at the annual dinner for 1,000 University alumni, alumni supporters and members of its Board of Trustees. It is black tie.

MRS. FORD'S TRIP TO FLORIDA--

Jacksonville, Melbourne, Port Charlotte,

Naples, Miami, Sarasota, Tampa

Tuesday, February 24 - Sunday, February 29, 1976

SCHEDULE

- 1:30pm DEPART Andrews Air Force Base.
- 3:10pm ARRIVE Jacksonville International Airport.
NOTE: Mrs. Ford will be welcomed to Jacksonville
by a delegation of Sertoma members and their wives.
- 3:45pm ARRIVE Jacksonville Hilton Hotel.
- 4:00pm Mrs. Ford will attend a reception hosted by the
President Ford Committee of Florida to extend her
appreciation to PFC volunteers from Northeast Florida.
In the north ballroom of the Hilton Hotel.
- 6:45 pm Crews and stills board Press bus en route Coliseum.
- 7:35pm Press boards Motorcade in front of Hilton to accompany
Mrs. Ford to Jacksonville Coliseum.
- 8:00pm Mrs. Ford arrives at Stand Up For America
Patriotic Rally , sponsored by the Northeast Florida
Sertoma Club.
- 9:50pm Motorcade departs Jacksonville Colosseum enroute
Hilton Hotel.
- Wednesday, February 25th
- 7:15 am Baggage Call - Baggage should be left outside hotel
room unlocked.
- 8:45am Press Board Motorcade in front of Hilton Hotel en route
Jacksonville International Airport.
- 9:35am Aircraft departs Jacksonville International Airport
enroute Melbourne, Florida.
- 10:15am Aircraft arrives Melbourne.
- 10:20am Motorcade departs enroute Dr. W. J. Creel Elementary
School.

- 10:45am Motorcade arrives Creel Elementary School, where Mrs. Ford will be given a tour and will participate in a program with the students.
- 12:30pm Dedication ceremony on front lawn of school, Mrs. Ford will make brief remarks.
- 12:55pm Motorcade departs Creel Elementary School enroute Patrick Air Force Base.
- 1:25pm ARRIVE Patrick Air Force Base

FILING TIME

NOTE: A light lunch will be served aboard the plane.

- 1:50pm Aircraft departs enroute Punta Gorda, Florida.
- 2:25pm Aircraft arrives.
- 2:30pm Motorcade departs Punta Gorda Airport enroute Port Charlotte Cultural Center, Port Charlotte, Florida.
- 2:50pm Motorcade arrives Port Charlotte Cultural Center, where Mrs. Ford will be given a tour, visit some classrooms, visit with senior citizens in the center's recreational facilities and visit their handcraft workshop.
- 4 pm Mrs. Ford departs Port Charlotte Cultural Center enroute Naples.

Thursday, February 26th
Private Day

Friday, February 27th

- am Mrs. Ford will fly from Naples to Miami.
- 7 pm Society of University Founders Banquet, University of Miami, Coral Gables. Dinner at Hotel Fontainebleau at 8pm, preceded by cocktail hour at 7pm. Mrs. Ford will make brief remarks.

Saturday, February 28th

11 am Press vehicle will depart Naturalization Ceremony in
approx. Mrs. Ford's motorcade enroute neighborhood where Mrs.
Ford will canvas door-to-door for the President.

11:30- Canvassing.
12 Noon

12 Noon Mrs. Ford will attend an informal lunch with President
approx. Ford volunteers who have also been canvassing.

12:45pm Press depart in motorcade with Mrs. Ford enroute
airport to fly to Sarasota to join with Presidential
press party.

SCHEDULE FOR DURATION OF TRIP COINCIDES WITH
PRESIDENTIAL PRESS SCHEDULE

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Says Mission
complete - other
clips to follow. PER

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Please call Simon Winchester collect
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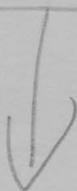
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Sue Wainwright called from
Channel 2 in Miami regarding
an interview w/ Mrs. Ford
on "Janne Wolf With....."

It is a 1/2 hr. video-taped
show - they are happy to
travel wherever it is convenient
for Mrs. Ford.

Sue Wainwright has a letter

from you dated March 25 '75
that she referred to.

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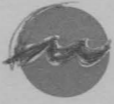
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March 6

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10:00 - 12:30

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Board Chairman

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Martha Rowan

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Called again

~~Mr. Fox~~
~~(Fox)~~ ↓

Principal of
local school
2 of kids



downtown
as she's leaving

John Powell

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Dane Myster

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Jeff bow

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Trustee of Grand
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Mary Beth
Bill Rosensley
Admin. aide to
Herman Miller



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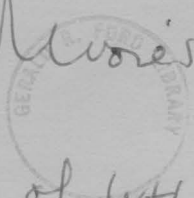
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FROM THE DESK OF
Roger Everingham

3:29 pm

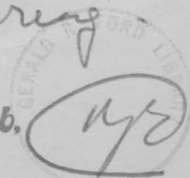
Sheila

Mr Sheerwood called
for you re: Bobby Riggs who
gave tennis lesson to one of
Ford children. Riggs wanted
to say hello to Mrs Ford.

Riggs is on tennis at 5
for match at 4 pm today;
Sheerwood in suite #149.

I told them you were touring

Marco Beach Hotel, Villas & Country Club,
Marco Island, Florida 33937
813/3942511



The Grand Rapids Press



Press Plaza, Vandenberg Center

Grand Rapids, Michigan 49502

Feb. 17

Dear Sheila:

Enclosed is the material we talked about. We objective, unbiased members of the news media (meaning me), are wishing the President nothing but the best in the upcoming campaign and election.

Always nice to talk to you,

Love,

Manny DeJong





Naples Daily News

1075 CENTRAL AVENUE • NAPLES, FLORIDA 33940 • TELEPHONE 813-649-3161

TIMOTHY A. O'CONNOR
PUBLISHER

February 25, 1976

Dear Mrs. Ford,

As a staff writer for the women of our community, I would be less than responsible if I did not ask you for the privilege of a brief interview while you are here.

It is not my intention to entertain political conversation, embarrassing personal questions or to intrude on your privacy.

You are a First Lady with whom many can identify because of your candid and courageous approach to being a woman. It would be a pleasure to speak with you within that context.

Sincerely,

Sue Corder
Family Living Desk



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(Initial sentence explaining event)

All media wishing to cover Mrs. Ford's visit should submit credentials requests to _____, _____ (address), _____ (phone).

Deadline for credentials request is Thurs.

The following information is required:

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Affiliation

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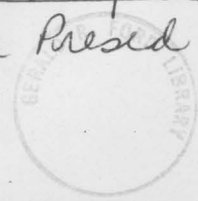
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The above information may be delivered in person or called in to the office listed above. This office will be open from 9:30 to 5 pm through _____.

Credentials must be picked up in person by each individual member of the media at Hotel Fontainebleau from 4 to 6:37pm on _____.

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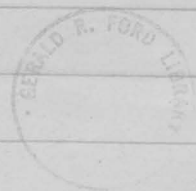
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+ the Pres - all credent may be

at 3-6:30 fri feb 27

+ 7am-9am Sat feb 28 at above
address.

ted/program + press releases for tonight

do press know of arriving 10:45am at
school??



JACKSONVILLE HILTON HOTEL

TRAVEL AGENTS COMMISSION FORM

NAME _____ VOUCHER# _____

ADDRESS _____ MONTH OF _____

CITY/STATE _____ WEEK ENDING _____

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MRS. FORD TRAVELLING PRESS

PRESS INSTRUCTIONS AND ROOM LIST

Transportation will be billed according to which portions of the flights and ground transportation you have used.

Hotel accomodations, however, need to be settled on an individual basis.

IMPORTANT: BAGGAGE INSTRUCTIONS

Press travelling with Mrs. Ford on Wednesday must have baggage in the elevator lobby on the fifth floor by 7:15 a.m.

It must be marked with either

"To Miami" for press who are on the charter from Punta Gorda to Miami -or-

"Off Punta Gorda" for those who are going a separate way at Punta Gorda.

Transportation will return to the Punta Gorda Airport at about 4:30 p.m. following the visit to Port Charlotte Cultural Center.

ROOM ASSIGNMENTS

Sheila Rabb Weidenfeld	1005
Patti Matson	1015
Karl Schumacher	1013
Jeannie Stouffer	1011
Harvey Georges	527
Susan Watters	517
Guy de Lort	503
Lee Thornton	515
Robert Barr	512
Wendell Hoffman	507
Warren Furguson	533
Alvin Maldonado	523
Ann Wood	524
Jane Whitmore	504
Carol Simpson	518
John Travieso	516
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John Langanegger	532
George Dounis	506
Isabelle Shelton	505
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TRANS-WORLD AIRLINES WHITE HOUSE PRESS CHARTER February 28-29, 1976
 Andrews AFB to Miami, West Palm Beach, Ft. Lauderdale,
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Howard Benedict	Associated Press
Don McLeod	Associated Press
Peter Gregson	Reuters
Louis Foy	Agence France Presse

NEWSPAPERS:

Ed Walsh	Washington Post	
Fred Barnes	Washington Star	
Isabelle Shelton	Washington Star	(Jn. Sarasota - DC)
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Joe Sterne	Baltimore Sun	
Carl Leubsdorf	Baltimore Sun	(Jn. Tampa only)
Larry O'Rourke	Philadelphia Bulletin	
Joseph R. Daughen	Philadelphia Bulletin	(Off Tampa)
James Naughton	New York Times	
John P. McLaughlin	New York Daily News	
Dennis Farney	Wall St. Journal	(Jn. Sarasota-DC)
Patrick Sloyan	Newsday	(Join Miami - DC)
Richard Benfield	Bergen (N. J.) Record	(Join Miami to Tampa)
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Ellis Cose	Chicago Sun-Times	(Join Miami to Tampa)
Richard Zimmerman	Cleveland Plain Dealer	(Off Tampa)
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Clark Hoyt	Knight Newspapers	(Off Tampa)
Phil Smith	Newhouse Newspapers	(Off Ft. Lauderdale)
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Timothy Wyngaard	Scripps-Howard	(Join Miami to Tampa)
John Picton	Toronto Globe & Mail	(Off Tampa)
Julie C. Wilson	Orlando Sentinel	(Join Miami to Tampa)
Stuart Levitan	Madison Capital Times	(Sarasota to Tampa)
Al Sullivan	United States Information Agency	(Off Tampa)

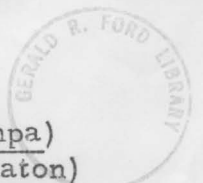
MAGAZINES:

Tom DeFrank	Newsweek	
Jane Whitmore	Newsweek	(Join Sarasota - DC)
Michael Wright	U.S. News & World Report	
Dean Fischer	Time	(Off Tampa)
Lee Walczak	Business Week	(Join Tampa - DC)
John Osborne	New Republic	
Ronald Rosenbaum	New Times	(Off Tampa)
John Buckley	Western Union	

RADIO & TELEVISION COMMENTATORS & PRODUCERS:

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Katherine Harting	ABC-Productions	(Off Ft. Lauderdale)
Ann Compton	American Broadcasting Company	(Off Ft. Lauderdale)
Thomas Jarriel	American Broadcasting Company	
Frank Tomlinson	American Broadcasting Company	
Walter Rodgers	AP-Radio	
Don Bowers	CBS-Productions	
Phil O'Conner	CBS-Productions	(Join Miami to Tampa)
Bob Schieffer	Columbia Broadcasting System	(Off Boca Raton)
Phil Jones	Columbia Broadcasting System	
Robert Pierpoint	Columbia Broadcasting System	
Lee Thornton	Columbia Broadcasting System	(Jn. Sarasota - DC)
Hatsuhisa Takashima	Japan Broadcasting Company	(Jn. Tampa only)

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John Cochran	National Broadcasting Company	<u>(Jn. Miami to Tampa)</u>
Tom Pettit	National Broadcasting Company	
Carole Simpson	National Broadcasting Company	<u>(Jn. Sarasota-DC)</u>
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Don Fulsom	UPI-Audio	
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Don Price	Free Lance-Photo	<u>(Jn. Miami to Tampa)</u>
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Jim Duffy	CBS-Mini-Camera	
Al Levin	Pool Electrician	
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Percy Arrington	NBC-Mini-Camera	
Aldo Argentieri	NBC-Radio Engineer	
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Jim Norling	NBC-TV-Camera	
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Fred Montague	NBC-TV-Camera	<u>(Jn. Sarasota-DC)</u>
John Langenegger	NBC-TV-Sound	<u>(Jn. Sarasota-DC)</u>
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Fred Cranford	NBC-Video Tape Editor
David Nolan	NBC-Engineer

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John Timothy - Representative

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

April 10, 1976

Dear Fred:

A note of thanks for all your time and effort to get ready for Mrs. Ford's visit to Jacksonville.

I enjoyed working with you very much, and especially appreciated your spirit of cooperation and effort in getting things done.

I wish you the very best and know from my experience with you on this one project, that Jacksonville is very fortunate to have you involved in its civic work.

On behalf of Mrs. Ford, thanks so much for your help.

Sincerely,



Patti Matson
Assistant Press Secretary to
Mrs. Ford

Mr. Fred Pruett
1301 Hollyhock Circle
Jacksonville, Florida

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

April 10, 1976

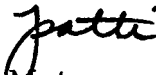
Dear Ted:

How can I ever thank you enough??

Your expertise with the press... your willingness to help ... your great calmness in crisis ... and all your hard work very much added to Mrs. Ford's visit. I am very grateful to you.

I feel fortunate to have been able to work with you and hope to see you again.

With sincere appreciation,



Patti Matson
Assistant Press Secretary to
Mrs. Ford

Mr. Ted Emery
1100 Seagate #245
Neptune Beach, Florida

Tuesday
February 24, 1976

MRS. FORD'S REMARKS
STAND UP FOR AMERICAN RALLY
JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA

Over a century ago, Walt Whitman wrote a poem called "I Hear America Singing". His words celebrated Americans at work and at play. 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--working, dreaming and achieving.

Everywhere you go 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.

Americans are generous with their time, talents and money to help fight poverty, improve schools, support churches and eliminate disease.

This is the year to celebrate the goodness of America and her people.

We see Americans strong in their beliefs and dedicated to ideals.

We see Americans who love the land and work to preserve it.

We see Americans who live far from other people who find their freedom in solitude.

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.

We see Americans varied in their customs, faiths and hopes--united in a love of freedom.

We see a land full of contrasts---cities and wide open spaces---mountains and deserts---forests and plains---joined together by a working political system.

And all of these visible signs of America and the songs we hear from the people are what the Bicentennial celebration is about.

Rejoice is an old-fashioned word, but it captures what I hope we feel this year. We should rejoice in our individual freedoms, in our free enterprise system and in our representative government.

We are still striving to translate our ideals into reality, but we should pause to rejoice in the progress we have made.

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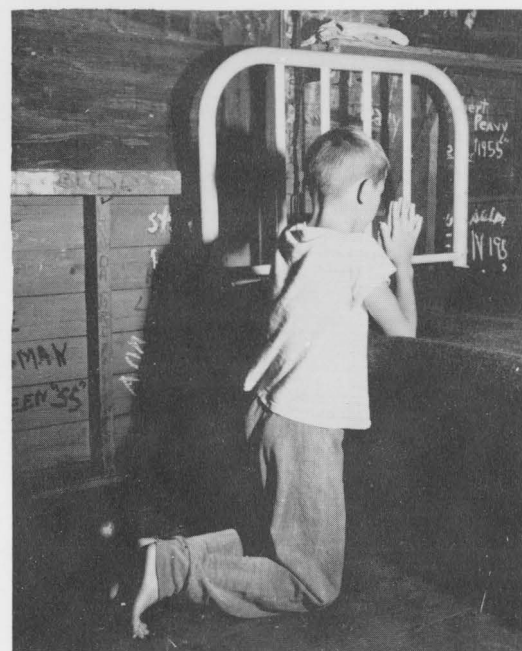


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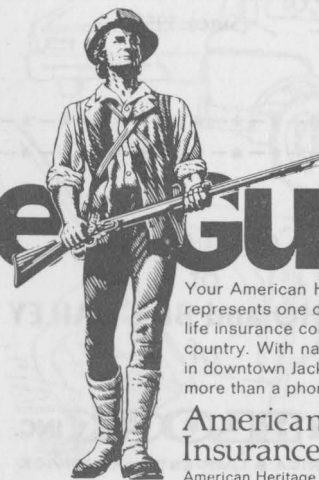
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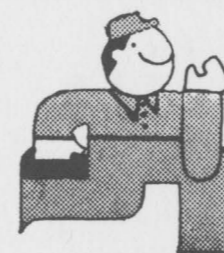
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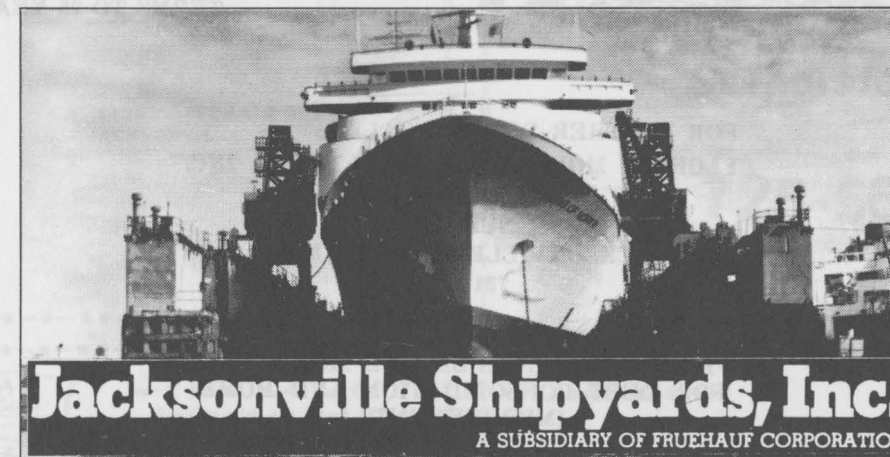
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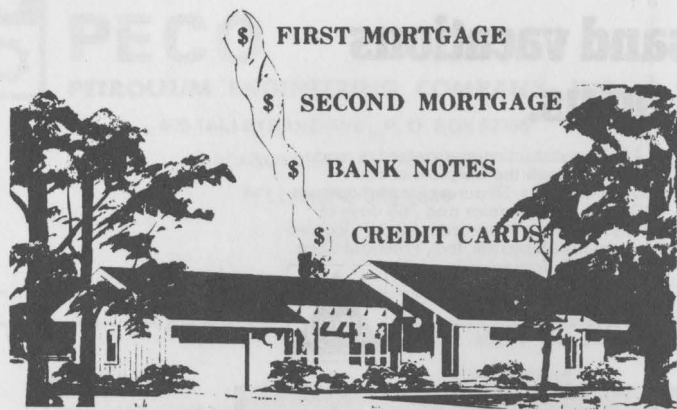
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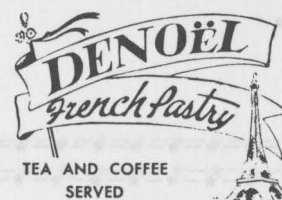
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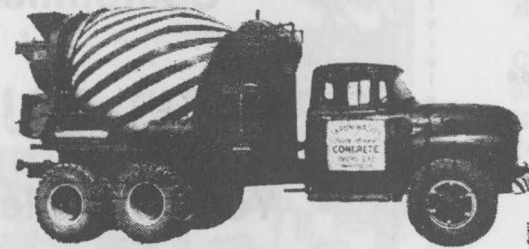
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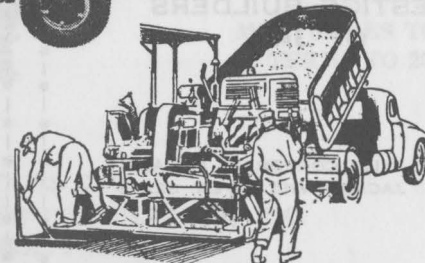
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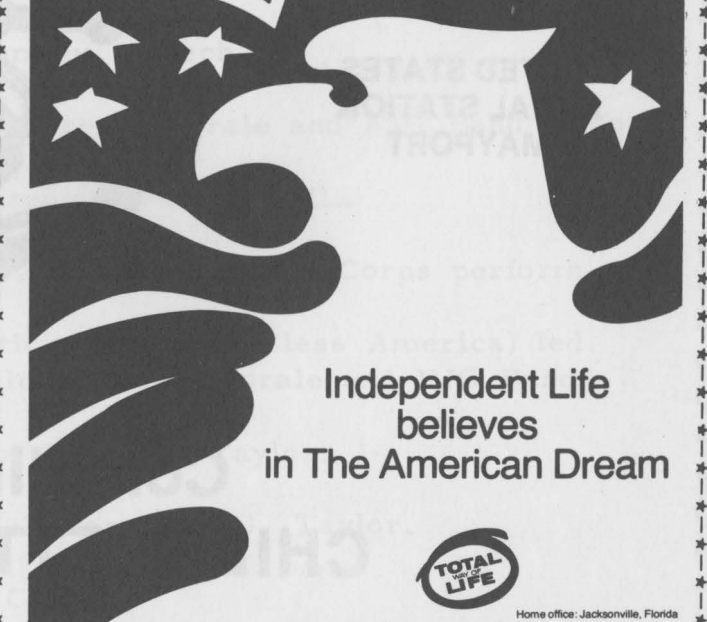
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STAND UP FOR AMERICA - AGENDA, Tuesday, February 24, 1976

TIME

5:00 - 5:30 P.M. Serateens and Sertomans arrive to set up for Program. (Balloons, Programs, Seating, etc.)

6:00 - 6:30 P.M. Performers arrive. Park in Lot in rear of Coliseum. Doors open. Audience starts arriving.

6:45 - 7:20 P.M. Terry Parker Band plays Military and Patriotic Airs while audience arrives.

7:27 P.M. Introduction of Reverend Nesbitt by M.C.

7:30 P.M. Invocation by Reverend Nesbitt.

7:33 P.M. Jacksonville Concert Chorale and FJC Band sing and play National Anthem.

7:36 P.M. Presentation of Colors by Marine Bicentennial Color Guard, USMC Color Guard and Fang Color Guard.

7:56 P.M. Pledge of Allegiance led by John Mason.

7:59 P.M. Welcome of Guests and Dignataries. Special recognition to Col. Dunn, Cmdr. McClain. Speech by Bill Hester.

→ enter by
8:09 P.M. Jacksonville Boys Choir. (Salute to America).

8:19 P.M. Sons of Scotland Bag Pipe Band.

8:34 P.M. Introduction of Guest Speaker. Speaker piped in.

8:37 P.M. Harris T. Remley, speech.

8:57 P.M. Jacksonville Concert Chorale and FJC Band perform.

9:09 P.M. Dramatic presentation - J.T.Hill.

9:20 P.M. Minutemen Fife, Drum & Bugle Corps perform.

9:40 P.M. Audience participation (God Bless America) led by Jacksonville Concert Chorale and FJC Band.

9:43 P.M. Introduction of Reverend Taylor.

9:44 P.M. Benediction - Reverend T.G. Taylor.

9:47 P.M. Closing - M.C.

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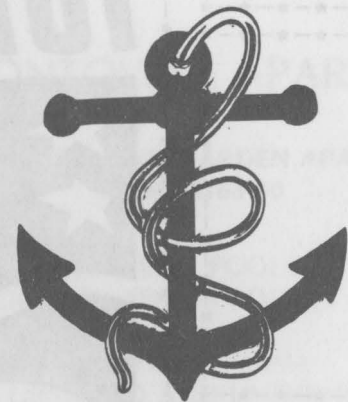


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| 2. NATIONAL ANTHEM | Karen Armel Wright
Director |
| JACKSONVILLE CONCERT CHORALE OF FLORIDA JUNIOR COLLEGE | |
| FLORIDA JUNIOR COLLEGE SYMPHONIC BAND | Dale Blackwell & Camp Kirkland,
Directors |
| 3. PRESENTATION OF COLORS | |
| MARINE BICENTENNIAL COLOR GUARD | Capt. J. Church, Officer in Charge |
| FLORIDA AIR NATIONAL GUARD | Capt. R. L. Owens, Officer in Charge |
| 4. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIENCE | John A. Mason
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| 5. WELCOME GUESTS AND DIGNITARIES
(SPECIAL RECOGNITION) | Bill Hester
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(SALUTE TO AMERICA) | Sister Patricia Elieen
Director |
| 7. SONS OF SCOTLAND BAGPIPE BAND | Gordon Duncan, President
Ian Milloy, Director |
| 8. MR. HARRIS T. REMLEY
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| 10. DRAMATIC PRESENTATION
(WHAT HAPPENED TO THE SIGNERS OF
THE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE) | J. T. Hill
Beaches Sertoma |
| 11. MINUTEMEN FIFE DRUM AND BUGLE CORPS | Fred Smith, Director |
| 12. GOD BLESS AMERICA
(AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION) | F.J.C. Symphonic Band |
| 13. BENEDICTION | Reverend John G. Taylor
Covenant Presbyterian Church |

IN CONGRESS. JULY 4, 1776.

The unanimous Declaration of the thirteen united States of America,

When in the course of human events, it becomes necessary for one people to dissolve the political bands which have connected them with another, and to assume among the powers of the earth, the separate and equal station to which the laws of Nature and of Nature's God entitle them, a decent respect to the opinions of mankind requires that they should declare the causes which impel them to the separation.

We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty, and the pursuit of Happiness. That to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed;—That whenever any Form of Government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the right of the People to alter or to abolish it, and to institute new Government, laying its foundation on such principles and organizing its powers in such form, as to them shall seem most likely to effect their Safety and Happiness. Prudence, indeed, will dictate that Governments long established should not be changed for light and transient causes; and accordingly all experience hath shewn, that mankind are more disposed to suffer, while evils are sufferable, than to right themselves by abolishing the forms to which they are accustomed. But when a long train of abuses and usurpations, pursuing invariably the same Object evinces a design to reduce them under absolute Despotism, it is their right, it is their duty, to throw off such Government, and to provide new Guards for their future security.—Such has been the patient sufferance of these Colonies; and such is now the necessity which constrains them to alter their former Systems of Government. The history of the present King of Great Britain is a history of repeated injuries and usurpations, all having in direct object the establishment of an absolute Tyranny over these States. To prove this, let Facts be submitted to a candid world.

He has refused his Assent to Laws, the most wholesome and necessary for the public good.

He has forbidden his Governors to pass Laws of immediate and pressing importance, unless suspended in their operation till his Assent should be obtained; and when so suspended, he has utterly neglected to attend to them.

He has refused to pass other Laws for the accommodation of large districts of People, unless those People would relinquish the right of Representation in the Legislature, a right inalienable and inseparable to those who pay their Taxes.

He has called together legislative Bodies at places unusual, uncomfortable, and distant from the depository of their public Records, for the sole purpose of frustrating their deliberations, as often as they should meet, in order to oblige them to accept of his measures.

He has dissolved Representative Houses repeatedly, for opposing with manly firmness his invasions on the rights of the People.

He has refused for a long time, after such Dissolutions, to cause others to be elected; whereby the Legislative Powers, incapable of Annihilation, have returned to the People at large for their exercise; the State remaining in the mean time exposed to all the dangers of Invasion from without, and convulsions within.

He has endeavoured to bring the Population of these States to increase, for that purpose obstructing the Laws for Naturalization of Foreigners; refusing to pass others to encourage their migrations hither, and raising the conditions of new Appropriations of Lands.

He has obstructed the Administration of Justice, by refusing his Assent to Laws for establishing Judiciary Powers.

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He has affected to render the Military independent of and superior to the Civil Power.

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He has abdicated Government here, by declaring us out of his Protection and waging War against us.

He has plundered our Seas, ravaged our Coasts, burnt our Towns, and destroyed the lives of our People.

He is at this time transporting large Armies of foreign Mercenaries to complete the works of death, desolation and tyranny, already begun with circumstances of Cruelty & perfidy scarcely paralleled in the most barbarous ages, and totally unworthy the Head of a civilized Nation.

He has constrained our fellow Citizens taken Captive in the high Seas to bear Arms against their Country, to become the executioners of their Brethren, or to fall themselves by their Swords.

He has excited domestic Insurrections amongst us, and has endeavoured to bring on the Inhabitants of one Quarter, the merciless Indian Savages, whose known mode of Warfare, as an undistinguished Destruction of all Age, Sex and Conditions.

In every Stage of these Oppressions we have Petitioned for Relief in the most humble Terms:—Our repeated Petitions have been answered by repeated Injury.

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And now, therefore, the Representatives of the united States of America, in General Congress, assembled, appealing to the Supreme Judge of the world for the rectitude of our intentions, do, in the Name, and by Authority of the good People of these Colonies, solemnly publish and declare, That these United Colonies are, and of Right ought to be Free and Independent States; that they are absolved from all Allegiance to the British Crown, and that all political Connection between them and the State of Great Britain, is and ought to be totally dissolved; and that as Free and Independent States, they have full Power to levy War, conclude Peace, contract Alliances, establish Commerce, and to do all other Acts and Things which Independent States may of right do.

And for the support of this Declaration, with a firm reliance on the protection of Divine Providence, we mutually pledge to each other our Lives, our Fortunes and our sacred Honor.

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Congress shall make no Law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances.

Article II
A well regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed.

Article III
No Soldier shall, in time of peace be quartered in any house, without the consent of the Owner, nor in time of war, but in a manner to be prescribed by Law.

Article IV
The right of the people to be secure in their persons, houses, papers, and effects, against unreasonable searches and seizures, shall not be violated, and no Warrants shall issue, but upon probable cause, supported by Oath or affirmation, and particularly describing the place to be searched, and the persons or things to be seized.

Article V
No person shall be held to answer for a capital, or otherwise infamous crime, unless on a presentment or indictment of a Grand Jury, except in cases arising in the land or naval forces, or in the Militia, when in actual service in time of War or public danger; nor shall any person be subject for the same offence to be twice put in jeopardy of life or limb; nor shall be compelled in any Criminal Case to be a witness against himself, nor be deprived of life, liberty, or property,

Article VI
In all criminal prosecutions, the accused shall enjoy the right to a speedy and public trial, by an impartial jury of the State and district wherein the crime shall have been committed, which district shall have been previously ascertained by Law, and to be informed of the nature and cause of the accusation; to be confronted with the witnesses against him; to have compulsory process for obtaining Witnesses in his favor, and to have the Assistance of Counsel for his defence.

Article VII
In Suits at common Law, where the value in controversy shall exceed twenty dollars, the right of trial by jury shall be preserved, and no fact tried by a jury shall be otherwise re-examined in any Court of the United States, than according to the rules of the common Law.

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Excessive bail shall not be required, nor excessive fines imposed, nor cruel and unusual punishments inflicted.

Article IX
The enumeration in the Constitution, of certain rights, shall not be construed to deny or disparage others retained by the people.

Article X
The powers not delegated to the United States by the Constitution, nor prohibited by it to the States, are reserved to the States respectively, or to the people.

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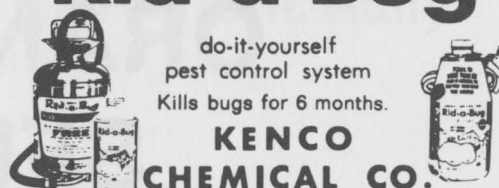
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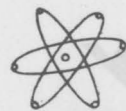
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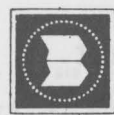


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She will speak to Jacksonville area residents attending the rally, which is free & open to the public. Those wishing to come see Mrs. Ford and the evening of top ^{area} entertainment should go to the Jackson Colis by 7 pm to insure themselves of a good seat. The rally begins at 7:30pm.

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^{Mrs. Ford will} the WH said Mrs. Ford had made a day long trip ^{to Philad.} shortly after the beginning of the year ^{in which she saw} ~~to see~~ the Liberty Bell in its new home.

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The First Lady will specifically address herself to the subject of how she feels each American should individually celebrate the Bicentennial. She will ask those attending to "Listen to the good, strong sounds of our country."

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"Stand Up for America, Rally" at Jacksonville Coliseum sponsored by 6 clubs of the Northeast ^{Florida} District of Sertoma 7:30 - 9:45 pm Tues, Feb 24

(expect 8,000 they say) part of the annual Sertoma Intl Freedom Week activity

she will introduce Col. Howard Dunn (usmc) Cmdr John McCain Jr USN both Vietnam POW.

Sertoma - the 1st growing civic club in country - described as salute to patriotism

it is free

has lined up over 400 'talented performers' on program: special patriotic presentat by Jacksonville Concert Choral, Terry Parker High School Band (has gone to Europe twice) Concert Choral of Fla. Jr. College, the

Symphonic Band, Sons of Scotland Bagpipe Band, Minuteman Fife Drum + Bugle Corps.



a dramatic reading depicting the fate of the signers of the Decl of Indep by J.T. Hill (sertoma member). Guest spkr Harris T. ~~Remley~~ ^{Remley} Vice Pres of the Family Line System (SCL) (That's a railroad), recognized nationally as a spkr on Americanism + Patriotism.

Leading off program - Special flag presentat by 15-man Marine color guard in period uniforms - 1775 to present will carry flag covering same time span

5,000 ^{american} flags + 2,000 balloons w/ Am flag imprint given away during prog