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# Nancy Reagan



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Nancy Reagan, shown here in the early 1950s, died Sunday at her home in Bel-Air of congestive heart failure at the age of 94.

## Former first lady said she saw her mission in White House as backing her 'Ronnie'

By Christopher Weber  
The Associated Press

**LOS ANGELES** » Nancy Reagan, the help-mate, backstage adviser and fierce protector of Ronald Reagan in his journey from actor to president — and finally during his 10-year battle with Alzheimer's disease — has died. She was 94.

The former first lady died Sunday at her home in the Bel-Air section of Los Angeles of congestive heart failure, assistant Allison Borio told The Associated Press.

Her best-known project as first lady was the "Just Say No" campaign to help kids and teens stay off drugs.

When she swept into the White House in 1981, the former Hollywood actress partial to designer gowns and pricey china was widely dismissed as a pre-feminist throwback, concerned only with fashion, decorating and entertaining. By the time she moved out eight years later, Mrs. Reagan was fending off accusations that she was a behind-the-scenes "dragon lady" wielding unchecked power over the Reagan administration — and doing it based on astrology to boot.

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Former President Ronald Reagan, who died in June 2004, and his wife, Nancy, address a White House state dinner audience in 1998. Nancy Reagan will be buried next to her husband on the grounds of his presidential library in Simi Valley.

FOR MORE PHOTOS FROM NANCY REAGAN'S LIFE — GO TO [DAILYNEWS.COM](http://DAILYNEWS.COM)

## Death evokes sadness and admiration from Southern Californians across the political aisle

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Nancy Reagan's death sparked feelings of sadness and admiration across Southern California on Sunday as the former first lady was remembered as a fierce protector of her husband who devoted her life to carrying out his life's work until her final days.

Reagan died of congestive heart failure Sunday morning at her Bel-Air home. She was 94.

"In Great Britain, when they lost Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher, they called her the Iron Lady, and in my opinion, that's who Nancy Reagan was to me, the Iron Lady of America," John Heubusch, executive director of the Simi Valley-based Ronald Reagan Presidential Foundation and Library, said from the library's grounds, where the former first lady will be buried next to her husband.

"She was someone who stood so firm and so protective at President Reagan's side," he said. "She was that steely, that strong. I have always thought the

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## ELECTION 2016

# Rancor, tough talk in Dem debate

Clinton and Sanders tangle in Michigan over Wall Street, trade

By Nancy Benac and Catherine Lucey  
The Associated Press

**FLINT, MICH.** » Ratcheting up the rancor, Hillary Clinton and Bernie Sanders tangled aggressively in a presidential debate Sunday night over trade and Wall Street influence, with Clinton accusing her challenger of turning his back on a rescue of the auto industry and Sanders countering that Clinton's friends on Wall Street had "destroyed this economy."

It was a marked change in tone for the two Democrats, signaling Sanders' increasingly difficult effort to slow the Democratic front-runner. Both candidates frequently interrupted one another and accused each other of misrepresenting their records.

"Let's have some facts instead of some rhetoric for a change," Clinton snapped at Sanders at

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**INSIDE:** Republicans are grappling with the prospect that the best hope for stopping Donald Trump may be Sen. Ted Cruz. PAGE A10

## INLAND EMPIRE

# Increasing Ontario air traffic could boost jobs

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**CLAREMONT** » What does a thriving LA/Ontario International Airport mean to the Inland Empire's economy? It's a question many economists and officials have asked as ONT's passenger traffic dwindled by 32 percent from 2007 and 2010.

Jan Brueckner, who wrote a report in 2003 on airline traffic, attempted to answer just that. His findings: There are significant employment effects to increasing airline traffic at Ontario. If you raise airline traffic in an airport by 10 percent, it will lead to a 1 percent increase in service-related employment.

The effects of increased airline services are felt mainly in service-related industries such as

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"Zootopia" gave Disney Animation its best three-day debut ever, beating the previous record held by "Frozen." PAGE A4



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With NFL free agency set to begin on Wednesday, the Rams will be focused on taking care of their own. SPORTS

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