

NANCY REAGAN | 1921-2016

## A president's partner, protector

Her instincts swayed campaign strategy, White House staffing.

By **LOU CANNON**  
THE NEW YORK TIMES

**N**ancy Reagan, the influential and stylish wife of the 40th president of the United States who unabashedly put Ronald Reagan at the center of her life, became a political figure in her own right.

She was a fierce guardian of her husband's image, sometimes at the expense of her own, and during Ronald Reagan's improbable climb from a Hollywood acting career to the governorship of California and ultimately the White House, she was a trusted adviser.

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First lady Nancy Reagan holds the Reagans' dog, Rex, a King Charles spaniel, as she and President Reagan walk on the White House South Lawn in December 1986.

O.C. political leaders say former first lady balanced devotion with a guiding hand.

By **GREG MELLE**  
STAFF WRITER

Nancy Reagan looked out the window of her home in Pacific Palisades at about 7 a.m. one day in 1966 to see a young man camped on the back lawn.

"Who the heck are you?" she asked. The trespasser was a young, overly eager future congressman: Dana Rohrabacher.

A teenager, he told her he had vital information to share with her husband, who was running for governor of California.

Nancy Reagan, Rohrabacher recalled, sent him packing.

The story evokes how other Re-

She was a dominant person. Even though she was small in stature, she was a force."

**DICK ACKERMAN**  
FORMER CALIFORNIA STATE SENATOR

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Public invited to write messages for the Reagan family. **NEWS 5**

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**MICHAEL K. DEEVER**  
LONGTIME AIDE AND FRIEND WHO DIED IN 2007

**MORE ON NANCY REAGAN**

Voices, **NEWS 5** Slideshow through the years at [ocregister.com](http://ocregister.com)

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### PROP. 47, HIGH RENTS BLAMED FOR SPIKE IN HOMELESS



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Diana Francis Young Harvey, reading "Sweetheart," is among a growing number of homeless. Homeless advocates say homelessness in the county is up nearly 20 percent in the past two years. Harvey is camped out near the Santa Ana civic buildings.

## COUNTY SEAT TURNS INTO TENT CITY



**DAVID WHITING**  
STAFF COLUMNIST

Anna Gonzalez scans the crowd at what has become a tent city of homeless at the county's Civic Center and says, "These are all my children."

For Gonzalez, who is known as Mama Brizy and uses a walker as she visits waves of blue tarps, that may be true. "This is not a park. This is a home," she says. "We are like a family."

In two years, Gonzalez's adopted family in downtown Santa Ana doubled to more than 500, and the annual number of people left homeless in Orange County jumped nearly 20 percent.

Local homeless experts, law enforcement, volunteers and homeless people point to two key causes for the explosion: Skyrocketing rents forced many out of apartments and into their cars. And Proposition 47, approved by voters in 2014, reduced prison populations by cutting penal-

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Sharon Petrosino, Orange County interim public defender, walks past homeless tarps near the Hall of Finance in Santa Ana. The Civic Center area has become a tent city.

## DEMOCRATS TAKE OFF THE GLOVES

Hillary Clinton and Bernie Sanders turned their tough talk up a notch Sunday night. In a Democratic presidential debate in Flint, Mich., they argued aggressively over their differences on trade, jobs, guns and fracking.

Sanders was unrelenting in attacking Clinton for her connections to Wall Street and her positions on past trade deals. Clinton criticized the Vermont senator for his position on gun manufacturer liability and his reliance on rhetoric over facts. **NEWS 3**

## Just how much is Donald Bren worth?

Factoring in the world's third most-valuable individual real estate empire, Forbes pegs Donald Bren's fortune at \$15.1 billion, ranking 54th in the world. Bloomberg News last week listed Bren's fortune at \$16.5 billion – the 45th largest fortune overall. Yes, the wealth of the 83-year-old Bren



Bren

– held by his Irvine Co., owner of 40 shopping centers, 500 office facilities and 50,000 apartment units – is that big, Jonathan Lansner writes. **BUSINESS ON NEWS 9**

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### ANAHEIM POLICE SHOOT ROBBERY SUSPECT

Police in Anaheim say an officer shot and critically wounded a robbery suspect at a Subway restaurant after he was seen threatening employees at knife point. **LOCAL 4**

### MARINES PLAN TO MOVE DESERT TORTOISES



Military officials are planning to contract with at least 100 biologists to move some 1,400 desert tortoises from the Twentynine Palms Marine Corps training expansion area. **LOCAL 1**

### MANNING TO RETIRE AFTER 18 SEASONS



Denver Broncos quarterback Peyton Manning, who amassed a passel of records, won five MVP awards and was among the most popular players in his 18 seasons in the NFL, will announce his retirement at 10 a.m. today. **SPORTS 1**

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