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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 helpmate, 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.

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## 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 country owes her a debt of gratitude

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## MASS TRANSIT

# Seniors upset by loss of bus line

## Long Beach Transit's Passport stops serving Park Pacific Tower

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When Long Beach officials decided to reroute a free local bus for tourists back to its original mission, a group of elderly residents living in a low-income apartment building got left behind.

Though traditional bus service runs through the area, some say they can't afford to pay the fares for what they were previously — and serendipitously — getting for free.

The Passport bus at Pacific Avenue and Seventh Street — operated by Long Beach Transit as a complimentary service to downtown businesses and the waterfront — was never intended to be a free shuttle for seniors, officials say, but that hasn't cooled the anger of some seniors since the route was restructured Feb. 7 to serve more visitors headed to Long Beach hot spots.

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## ELECTION 2016

# Rancor and tough talk in Dem debate

## Clinton and Sanders tangle in Michigan

**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-

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"Zootopia" gave Disney Animation its best three-day debut ever, beating the previous record held by "Frozen." PAGE A14



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