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NANCY REAGAN • 1921-2016



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Nancy Reagan attends the christening ceremony of the aircraft carrier Ronald Reagan at Newport News Shipbuilding Yard in Newport News, Va., on March 4, 2001. The flattop, now stationed in Japan, was a presence in San Diego Bay for 11 years.

SOME IN GOP TOUT CRUZ AS LEADING CHOICE

With Rubio losing steam, leaders warm up to Texan as best alternative to Trump

BY JULIE PACE

WASHINGTON

Republican leaders on Sunday grappled with the prospect that the best hope for stopping Donald Trump's march to the nomination may be Ted Cruz — the only candidate who causes as much heartburn among party elites as the billionaire businessman, if not sometimes more.

The Texas senator split contests with Trump in Saturday's voting, bolstering his argument that only he can defeat the real estate mogul. Trump and Cruz are now significantly outpacing Marco Rubio in the delegate count, further shrinking the Florida senator's already narrow path to the nomination.

If Rubio's slide continues, he would be the latest establishment candidate to fall victim to an angry, frustrated electorate that cares little about endorsements from party leaders or newspaper editorial boards. Rubio has rolled out both at warp speed in recent weeks, but his appeal with Republican voters is not keeping pace.

Rubio did pick up a victory Sunday in Puerto Rico's primary, his second SEE CAMPAIGN • A6

Devoted partner, key adviser

Former first lady staunchly protected her husband and adroitly advanced his political goals

BY ELAINE WOO

Former first lady Nancy Reagan, whose devotion to her husband made her a formidable behind-the-scenes player in his administrations and one of the most influential presidential wives in modern times, died Sunday of congestive heart failure at her home in Bel Air. She was 94.

Although Reagan pursued some programs of her own as first lady, she considered her most important role promoting the political, physical and mental well-being of Ronald Reagan. Launching one of history's most extraordinary partnerships with their 1952 marriage, she became his closest adviser, wielding her influence to defend his interests and advance his goals.



AP FILE

The Reagans in 1967 at the start of his tenure as governor. SEE REAGAN • A4

Particularly tough-minded on the hiring and firing of key staffers and Cabinet members, she often played bad cop to his good cop, forcing difficult decisions that the famously easygoing chief executive was loath to make.

"Reagan knew where he wanted to go," biographer Lou Cannon once wrote of the iconic California politician who became a two-term president, "but she had a better sense of what he needed to do to get there." Nancy Reagan, Cannon maintained, "did more than anyone to help him get what he wanted."

One of the 20th century's most popular presidents, Ronald Reagan, who died in 2004, was nicknamed the "Teflon president" because of his ability to deflect almost any controversy or criticism. But his wife was the "flypaper first lady," as longtime adviser Michael SEE REAGAN • A4

DEMOCRATS DEBATE IN FLINT

■ A2 • Hillary Clinton and Bernie Sanders face off in a lively forum just two days before Michigan's primary.

BILL AIMS TO STOP ABUSE OF BOYS IN AFGHANISTAN

BY JEANETTE STEELE

Calling current Defense Department protocol "crazy" and "sick," San Diego County Congressman Duncan Hunter has proposed legislation to stop what he called tacit acceptance of child abuse, mostly of young boys, on U.S. operating bases in Afghanistan.

Others say that while it's a good first step and morally correct, it may just push the problem elsewhere instead of ending it. It also could cause friction with needed partners.

U.S. Rep. Duncan Hunter

The issue catapulted onto the national stage this fall, when an Army Green Beret was fighting to save his career after getting in trouble for roughing up an Afghan police leader for allegedly keeping a boy chained to his bed as a sex slave.

Army Sgt. 1st Class Charles Martland's appeal of his discharge order is still pending, and the legal language proposed by Hunter on Thursday may or may not help him.

At issue is the practice of *bacha bazi*, or "boy play," in Afghanistan — and some say in Iraq and other places SEE ABUSE • A8



BRONCOS' QB PEYTON MANNING RETIRES ON TOP

The Denver Broncos announced Sunday the retirement of quarterback Peyton Manning, who guided the team to a victory in Super Bowl 50 last month.

Manning, 39, is a five-time league MVP who also led the Indianapolis Colts to a Super Bowl title in 2007. He set a host of records during his 18 seasons in the NFL, including the mark for most passing TDs. D1

CANNIBALS EXHIBIT'S AIM: GOOD TASTE

Museum of Man strives for light yet right tone in gallery

BY PETER ROWE

Closing its long-running torture exhibit, the San Diego Museum of Man opened a cheerier show over the weekend.

Welcome to "Cannibals: Myth & Reality."

"This is very different," said Grant Barrett, the Balboa Park institution's marketing manager. "There are parts of this exhibit that are lighthearted or compassionate."

Banishing the iron maiden, the rack and thumb screws has changed the mood in the 3,000-square-foot gallery. Artifacts of sadism have been replaced by a show that, while no laugh riot, adds a dollop of pop culture to its blood and grilled guts.



JOHN GASTALDO U-T

The Museum of Man's "Cannibals: Myth and Reality" opened over the weekend in Balboa Park.

A wall of movie posters reminds visitors that cannibalism appears in everything from the 1991 tearjerker "Fried Green Tomatoes" to last year's "In the Heart of the Sea." Play the "Donner Party" video game

or a life-size version of "Operation," using large tweezers to extract calorie-rich organs and muscles.

Finding the right tone here was critical, as the show's design SEE CANNIBALS • A10

COMING THIS WEEK

WEDNESDAY
FOOD: Awareness of nutritional hazards is reshaping breakfast.

THURSDAY
NIGHT+DAY: Cygnet presents "The Rocky Horror Show."

FRIDAY
WEEKEND: Review of the sci-fi thriller "10 Cloverfield Lane."

SUNDAY
ARTS: San Diego Museum of Art's "Art of the Open Air."

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