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Hillary Clinton and Sen. Bernie Sanders battle during the heated Democratic presidential primary debate Sunday at the University of Michigan-Flint. *Carlos Osorio/Associated Press*

Debate takes on corporate bailouts, trade

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Bloomberg News

Democrats Hillary Clinton and Bernie Sanders agreed that Michigan's Republican governor must go over the Flint water crisis, but clashed over their stances on corporate bailouts and trade deals, with Clinton saying the American auto industry would have collapsed if Sanders had succeeded in blocking its rescue.

Clinton said in a CNN presidential debate that Michigan's two senators supported the rescue plan in January 2009, and "I went with them, and I went with Barack Obama, and you did not, and if everyone had voted the way he did, I believe the auto industry would have collapsed, taking 4 million jobs with it."

Their sparring about taxpayer bailouts after the 2008 financial collapse grew so heated that at one point Sanders waved his hand and raised his voice at Clinton, insisting, "Excuse me, I'm talking," while Clinton shot back, "If you're gonna talk, tell the whole story."

Sanders, meanwhile, defended his vote last year with Republicans to oppose Export-Import Bank reauthorization, saying that bank is also known derisively as the "Bank of Boeing" because Boeing gets 40 percent of the money and 75 percent overall goes to large, profitable corporations.

"I don't want to break the bad news: Democrats are not always right," Sanders said of Democrats' support of the bank.

Clinton said she supported the bank because "we're in a race for exports" and "China, Germany, everybody else supports **SEE DEBATE, 7**

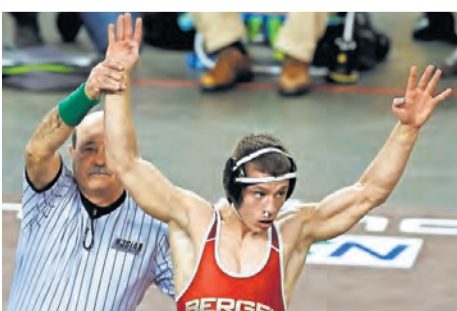
Delegate count

Vermont Sen. Bernie Sanders won in Maine, and Florida Sen. Marco Rubio won Puerto Rico's GOP caucuses Sunday. Texas Sen. Ted Cruz won 60 delegates Saturday to narrow the gap with Donald Trump.

Republicans (Need 1,237 to win)	
Donald Trump	384
Ted Cruz	300
Marco Rubio	151
John Kasich	37
Democrats (Need 2,383 to win)	
Hillary Clinton	1,130
Bernie Sanders	499

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In Sports



Suriano finishes on top

Bergen Catholic's 126-pound wrestling sensation became New Jersey's second undefeated, four-time state champ Sunday with a 159-0 career record. **Page 25**

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A LEGACY OF TWIN STARS



Former President Ronald Reagan and former first lady Nancy Reagan speak May 10, 2000, during a "Drug Free America" conference in Washington, D.C. Nancy Reagan died of congestive heart failure Sunday at age 94, a spokeswoman for the Reagan Presidential Library and Foundation said. *Mike Sargent/Agence France-Presse*

Former first lady dies at 94, was a fierce protector of the president and a defining figure of the '80s

Lois Romano *Washington Post*

Nancy Reagan had an undeniable knack for inviting controversy. There were her extravagant spending habits at a time of double-digit unemployment, a chaotic relationship with her children and stepchildren that could rival a soap opera plot, and the jaw-dropping news that she had insisted the White House abide by an astrologer when planning the president's schedule.

But the running drama during her eight years as first lady often obscured her profound influence on one of the most popular presidents in modern history. They were a universe of two, and their legendary devotion helped define Ronald Reagan's presidency.

Nancy Reagan, a former film actress whose crowning role was that of the protective and adoring political wife, died Sunday at her home in Los Angeles. She was 94.

The cause was congestive heart failure, her office announced.

As first lady from 1981 to 1989, Reagan appointed herself the primary guardian of her husband's interests and legacy, a bad cop to his good cop, which often put her at odds with his senior staff. After the 1981 assassination attempt on her husband by John Hinckley Jr., Reagan famously kept his senior aides at bay while he convalesced. She argued vociferously against him running for re-election in 1984, in part because of fears about his safety.

"She defined her role as being a shield for the emotional and physical well-being of the president," said Carl Sferrazza Anthony, National First Ladies Library historian. "I believe she **SEE REAGAN, 15**



Former first lady Nancy Reagan sits with Gov. Chris Christie on Sept. 27, 2011, at the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library and Museum in Simi Valley, Calif. *Kevork Djansezian/Reuters*

GOVERNOR'S RESPONSE

Reagan had 'grace, poise'

Gov. Chris Christie, who spoke at the Reagan Presidential Library in 2011 at the invitation of Nancy Reagan, issued a statement on her death: "Nancy Reagan was the rock behind one of the greatest leaders of our time. She was her husband's greatest source of strength through the toughest decisions he made as president. She embodied grace and poise for generations of Americans. In true Nancy Reagan fashion, she became a crusader in the battle against the disease that ultimately took President Reagan's life, Alzheimer's. It was a great honor for me and Mary Pat to be welcomed by her to the Reagan Library in 2011 and it will be a memory we will always treasure. The nation will truly miss her. Our thoughts and prayers are with the entire Reagan family."

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