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Former First Lady, actress



First lady backed 'Ronnie' in every step

■ Ex-actress was president's closest adviser

By Christopher Weber and Connie Cass
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — First lady Nancy Reagan swept into the White House in 1981, a swirl of designer gowns and pricey china, and was quickly dismissed as a pre-feminist throwback concerned

only with fashion, decorating and entertaining. She needed a less frivolous image. And she got it.

By the time she packed up eight years later, the former movie actress was fending off accusations that she'd become a "dragon lady," wielding secret, unchecked power within Ronald Reagan's administration — and doing it based on astrology to boot.

All along she maintained that her only mission was to back her "Ronnie" and strengthen his presidency.

INSIDE

Nancy Reagan was protector and wife of president. **5A**

Reaction to Reagan's death across the political world. **5A**

"I'm a woman who loves her husband," she said, "and I make no apologies for looking out for his personal and political welfare."

Nancy Reagan died Sunday at her home in the Bel-Air section of Los Angeles of congestive heart failure. She was 94.

She was Ronald Reagan's closest adviser and fierce protector throughout his journey from Hollywood actor to governor to president — and finally during his 10-year battle with Alzheimer's disease. She served as his full-time caregiver as his mind melted away and after his death in 2004 dedicated herself to tending his legacy through his presidential library in Simi Valley, California.

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RIGHT: First lady Nancy Reagan holding the Reagans' pet Rex, a King Charles spaniel, as she and President Reagan walk on the White House South Lawn in December 1986. The former first lady died Sunday at 94.

South Texas SNAPSHOT

UNIQUE OFFERINGS

■ Market, deli find niche with foreign foods

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Mitchel Hamauei knows groceries.

Hamauei grew up in the grocery store business, with his parents owning a small store on Leopard Street. Living above the store in an apartment, he said he was always helping his parents or running around the aisles. He followed this experience with working 18 years for H-E-B before becoming self-employed in the mid-1990s.

There was always one problem he and his family faced. The closest place to buy their native Arabic ingredients and food was hours away in Houston or San Antonio. At that time, the speed limit on Highway 59 was 55 mph, he said. It took an entire day to drive there, shop and fill up the trunk with a three-month stock.

Hamauei saw a need for a store offering foreign foods in Corpus Christi. He opened the Middle East Market on Everhart Road in 1998.

"People had to travel to Houston to get what they needed to keep their culture alive," Hamauei said. "Our food is comfort food, some spicy and some not. My customers were thankful that we opened the store because it made their lives easier."

Though it was originally geared toward the Arabic community, the owner was quickly approached by customers of various ethnicities. They wanted spices,



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Gabriel Arteaga shaves off chicken to make shawarma Friday during the lunch hour at the Middle East Market and Deli.

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fruits, vegetables and treats from their homelands. He now carries food from Nigeria, India, England, Syria, Lebanon and other areas of Europe and the Middle East.

"This has been a culturally eye-opening

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ABOVE: A woman looks at spices as she shops Friday at the Middle East Market and Deli.

LEFT: Arteaga shaves off chicken to make shawarma. Owner Mitchel Hamauei saw a need for a store offering foreign foods in Corpus Christi, so he opened the Middle East Market on Everhart Road in 1998. More than a year ago, Hamauei opened a deli next to the store.

IF YOU GO

What: Special City Council meeting
When: 11:30 a.m. Monday
Where: Council chambers at City Hall, 1201 Leopard St.

Council to hold special meeting

■ Candidate applicant list to be trimmed

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Winnowing down a list of 16 council appointment hopefuls begins Monday.

In a special meeting, the City Council is expected to begin narrowing the field of candidates, discussing their applications in executive session before voting on the finalists in public session.

The council has not specified how many people would be named as finalists.

The person ultimately awarded the appointment — a vote expected in the regular meeting Tuesday — will serve in an at-large role once held by Lillian Riojas, who resigned from the post last month to move for a job in San Antonio.

Documents obtained by the Caller-Times show a wide diversity of applicants who range from

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Some things stand out. It might be the way a Coastal Bend resident faces life with an inspiring attitude, or the impact of one of South Texas' more than 1,400 nonprofits on folks it serves. Some things are worth a closer look to inspire us all. Whether a person, place or thing, this weekly series — South Texas Snapshot — is dedicated to shining a light on timely endeavors and humanitarian events in our backyard. Have a story idea? Contact metrodesk@caller.com or 361-886-3662.

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