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Trump to the GOP: Unite behind me, or else

Donald Trump demanded that Republicans unify behind his campaign, arguing that conservatives should fear the consequences of a third-party bid.

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Romney keeps after Trump

"I think there's a better choice out there."

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Dems say Flint will test GOP at the polls

They're aiming to make the water scandal an election-year challenge to the GOP's House majority.

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The cartoonist's daily take on the world of politics.

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NANCY REAGAN | 1921-2016



AP FILE PHOTO 1981

President Ronald Reagan kisses his wife, Nancy, after being sworn in as the 40th president in 1981. Nancy Reagan, 94, died Sunday of congestive heart failure. In a book of her husband's love letters, Reagan wrote that "taking care of Ronnie" had always been her most important job.

Soul mate with a spine of steel

Nancy Reagan was every inch the glamorous first lady, but she helped steer a landmark presidency

BY TODD S. PURDUM

She was always more than the sum of her adoring gaze, that dazzling look she fixed on her husband like a pair of high beam headlights. She was the first and last voice in the ear of the leader of the free world, the trusted adviser who did the worrying and scheming for both of them. It's just possible that without her, Ronald Reagan would never have become the 40th president of the United States.

And when she died at 94 on Sunday at her home in Bel-Air, California, Nancy Reagan was among the last survivors of a bygone era in both Hollywood and Washington, a time when glamorous movie stars could dine out in public unmolested and Republican

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The life of Nancy Reagan

1921: Anne Frances Robbins, nicknamed Nancy, is born on July 6 in New York City.

1949: MGM signs Nancy Davis to a movie contract.

1950: She meets with Ronald Reagan, president of the Screen Actors Guild, seeking help when her name is wrongly included on a published list of suspected communist sympathizers. They discuss it over dinner, and she later wrote that she realized on that first date "he was everything that I wanted."

1952: Nancy and Ronald wed on March 4. Daughter Patti is born in October of that year and son Ron follows in 1958.

1966: Nancy is thrust into the political life when her husband runs for California governor and wins.

1980: Ronald Reagan is elected the 40th president, making Nancy the first lady.

1981: An anxious Nancy Reagan stays at the president's

hospital bedside for 13 days as he recovers from an attempted assassination in Washington.

1980s: She leads the "Just Say No" anti-drug campaign as first lady.

1994: Her husband is diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease.

2004: Ronald Reagan dies.

2016: Nancy Reagan dies at her home in the Bel-Air section of Los Angeles.

— AP

Trump and Cruz seek a two-man fight to the finish

BY KYLE CHENEY
AND ALEX ISENSTADT

Marco Rubio's campaign is dangling on the edge of a cliff, and Ted Cruz is stomping on the Florida senator's fingers.

The Texas senator is angling to squeeze Rubio out of the Republican presidential primary, and two dominant victories in Maine and Kansas — as well as narrow misses to Donald Trump in Kentucky and Louisiana — added juice to his argument that he's the only candidate capable of competing with Trump for the nomination.

"If you want to beat Donald Trump, we have to stand united as one," Cruz said as he savored his two caucus wins and welcomed his rivals' supporters — many of whom had already defected to him on Saturday night.

Now, Cruz is pouring resources into Rubio's home state of Florida,

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Bernie's big Michigan bet

BY GABRIEL DEBENEDETTI

FLINT, MICH. — For months, Bernie Sanders' top aides have been telling staffers and allies to keep a close eye on Michigan and its student-packed, economically struggling and organized-labor-heavy population.

A win in a big industrial state could upend the race, they say — and Michigan figured to be especially receptive to the Vermont senator's economic message.

But, just a day before the state's delegate-rich primary, Sanders hasn't yet made the sale. He has trailed by double digits in each of the nine public polls taken since the beginning of February. Hillary Clinton has the backing of both of Detroit's newspapers, the state's top Democrats and the mayor of hard-hit Flint. While there are

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