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Ronald Reagan dies at 93

The 40th president's death comes after 10 years with Alzheimer's

By **JEFF WILSON** AND **TERRENCE HUNT**
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Ronald Reagan, the cheerful crusader who devoted his presidency to winning the Cold War, trying to scale back government and making people believe it was "morning again in America," died Saturday after a long twilight struggle with Alzheimer's disease.

"My family and I would like the world to know that President Ronald Reagan has passed away after 10 years of Alzheimer's disease at 93 years of age. We appreciate everyone's prayers," Nancy Reagan said in

a statement.

Nancy Reagan, along with children Ron and Patti Davis, were at the couple's Los Angeles home when Reagan died at 3 p.m. CDT of pneumonia complicated by Alzheimer's disease, said Joanne Drake, who represents the family. Son Michael arrived a short time later, she said.

In Paris, President Bush called Reagan's death "a sad day for America."

The U.S. flag over the White House — along with flags elsewhere — was lowered to half-staff. At ballparks and at the Belmont Stakes, there were moments of silence.

Five years after leaving office, the

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nation's 40th president told the world in November 1994 that he had been diagnosed with the early stages of Alzheimer's, an incurable illness that destroys brain cells. He said he had begun "the journey that will lead me into the sunset of my life."

Reagan's body was expected to be taken to his presidential library and museum in Simi Valley, Calif., and then flown to Washington to lie in

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DENNIS COOK / Associated Press

President Ronald Reagan died at his Los Angeles home at 3 p.m. Saturday of pneumonia complicated by Alzheimer's disease. Five years after leaving office, the nation's 40th president told the world that he had been diagnosed with the early stages of Alzheimer's.

'Ronald Reagan had a higher claim than any other leader to have won the Cold War for liberty and he did it without a shot being fired.'

MARGARET THATCHER

FORMER BRITISH PRIME MINISTER

D-DAY — 60 YEARS LATER



Associated Press file

Soldiers, sailors and airmen of the Allied Expeditionary Force:

'You are about to embark on a great crusade. The eyes of the world are upon you....'

— GEN. DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER ON JUNE 6, 1944

President, Chirac try to mend fences

► On eve of D-Day events, the French leader remains critical of U.S. Iraq policy.

By **TOM RAUM**
Associated Press

PARIS — President Bush and President Jacques Chirac sought to move beyond bitter differences over Iraq on Saturday, with both suggesting a U.N. deal on post-occupation Iraq may be close. Still, the French leader reiterated his doubt about America's justification for the war and said the situation in Iraq remains "extremely precarious."

Despite exhibits of testiness on both sides at a joint news confer-

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Bush



Chirac



Time to reflect

D-Day veteran Jim Graham flies the U.S. flag night and day in front of his Tulsa home. He plans a quiet day Sunday, the 60th anniversary of the D-Day invasion.

STEPHEN HOLMAN / Tulsa World

GIs remember D-Day

► Some survivors of the invasion 60 years ago just consider their luck and let the day quietly pass.

By **WAYNE GREENE**
World City Editor

Sometime Sunday afternoon, Jim Graham figures he'll pick up the telephone and call an old Army buddy in Orem, Utah.

He also has calls to make to Rosemont, Calif., and Rialto, Pa.

They'll probably talk about the same things that most men in their 80s talk about: their health, families, maybe a little politics.

No cannonade salutes. No bugle calls. The flag will already be

flying over Graham's Tulsa house, just as it does every day and night.

It's D-Day plus 60 — the anniversary of the beginning of the end of World War II.

But, in another sense, it's merely June 6, 2004, just another day for the D-Day survivors, a special group of men who don't generally want to be remembered as heroes and are unsure how much they want to remember themselves.

View from the beach: From the

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generals' perspective, it was pretty simple.

The Allied forces needed to open a Western front, a means of forcing the Nazi army to face war on both sides.

On June 6, 1944, an over-

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Airport officials accused of scheme

► Federal officials are doubting the airport trust's claims about the cost of a proposed runway project.

By **JIM MYERS**
World Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON — Federal investigators are accusing Tulsa airport officials of inflating the cost of a runway project by about \$10 million and linking it to a land purchase they could not justify.

The investigators suspect the money was going to be used to clear up a problem bank loan on the land, and that could have allowed officials to camouflage a potentially illegal subsidy of about \$7 million to now-bankrupt Great Plains Airlines.

Documents obtained through an open records request show that investigators concluded the airport may not even need the land for the runway extension.

It apparently was connected to that project only after Great Plains' financial health deteriorated.

That plan was foiled by information officials supplied to the investigators as part of a yearlong probe into airport operations.

In June 2003, investigators already were concerned enough to tip off the Federal Aviation Administration to be on the look out for the questionable land

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'Due to several issues, we were unable to determine the land acquisition eligible under (the FAA's Airport Improvement Program).'

The FAA

In a Dec. 2003 letter to the Airports Director Brent Kitchen.