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Elderly Mexican Woman Carries Torch

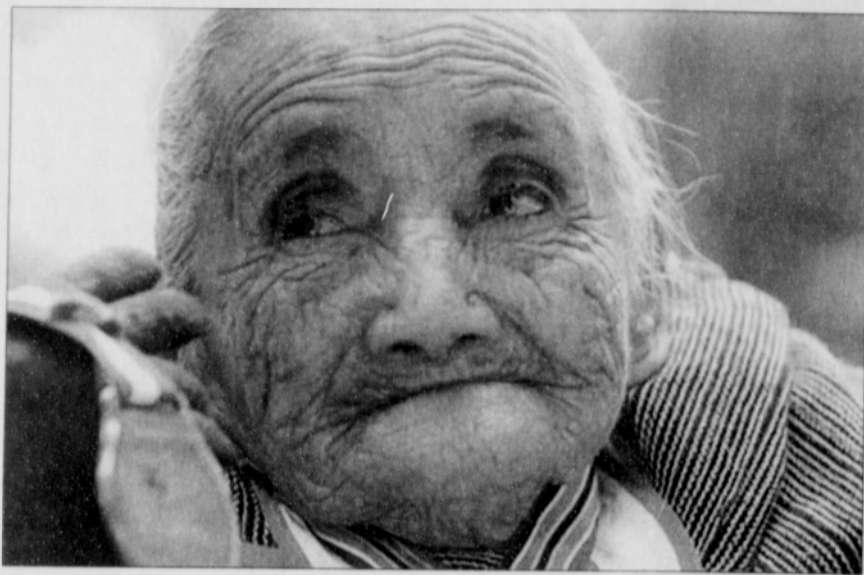
Masters track and field champion honored

(AP) — The world's fastest woman - at 93 - wears a T-shirt, a cheap, blue-checked dress and faded canvas sneakers. The only hint of a sports achievement is a sponsor's jacket that announces a website in her name.

If there's not much glamour to the life of a masters track and field champion, there is occasional honor. Last week, the 93-year-old carried the Olympic torch before tens of thousands of people on the featured leg of its passage through Mexico en route to Athens.

"I'm very proud that they included me," said Rosario Iglesias, known as "Chayito."

For most of her life, Iglesias rose well before dawn, collected newspapers from distributors and ran through the streets



Rosario Iglesias, a 93-year-old masters track and field champion shows her medals in Mexico City. (AP photo)

delivering them to subscribers, covering six to seven miles a day, according to her grandson Conrado Peralta, 46. Born in Mexico City on Aug. 31, 1910, she was 80 years old before taking up sports. A customer who was also a runner noticed her rushing about and suggested she enter a race.

She did, she won and she started training, aided by her grandson, who had learned about physical conditioning while on a professional soccer team's backup squad as a youth.

"I had to go running around with the newspapers" so training for a race "wasn't a lot of work," she said.

She kept entering, and kept winning. And she kept delivering newspapers at least part time until about two years ago, when she was 91.

After winning a series of local and national championships at 200, 400, 800 and 1,500 meters, Iglesias began competing abroad. She has won races in Japan, South Africa, Barbados, Britain, Australia, Canada, Puerto Rico and the United States and plans to attend next year's world championships in Spain.

She trains about an hour a day at local parks, driven there by Peralta, whose work as a trainer follows his chores as a news vendor and taxi driver.

Latinos in America

Encyclopedia explores pioneers of pop culture

(AP) — Two Arizona State University professors have put together a two-volume set of encyclopedias designed to explore the impact of Desi Arnaz, Jennifer Lopez and other Latinos on American pop culture.

The Encyclopedia of Latina and Latino Popular Culture in the United



Desi Arnaz and Lucille Ball star as Ricky and Lucy Ricardo in "I Love Lucy" in this 1956 file photo.

States is designed to give readers a comprehensive look at the diversity among Latinos in the United States and examines pioneers in literature, art, music, religion, politics, sports and other areas. It is expected to be released in the fall.

Cordelia Candelaria and Peter Garcia, university professors and editors on the project, focused attention on the three largest Latino populations in the United States - Mexican, Cuban and Puerto Rican.

The essays examine the popularity of the subjects and their lasting influence.

For example, Arnaz, the Cuban-born actor who played Ricky Ricardo on the TV show "I Love Lucy," helped introduce an innovative technique involving three cameras instead of one to make filming sitcoms easier.

Wary of Immigrants Polls show concerns on jobs and terrorism

(AP) — Immigrants take the jobs local citizens don't want in some of the world's leading industrial nations, but the newcomers are still viewed negatively, a recent poll found.

In the United States and in Britain, France, Germany, Italy and Spain - people were more likely to say they had negative views of the influence of immigrants, according to the AP-Ipsos polls. The poll findings come at a time of high concern over unemployment, jobs and worries about terrorism.

Of the nine countries polled, only the Canadians had a positive view of the influence of immigrants, according to the polls conducted for the AP by Ipsos, an international polling firm. The Japanese were divided on the influence of immigration on their country.

The recent expansion of the European

Poll: How immigrants are viewed

People living in the United States and other countries see immigrants as valued workers, but views on their overall influence differ, AP polls found.

1. Do you think immigrants tend to take jobs away from your country's citizens, or do they take jobs that people in your country do not want?

Take away jobs
Take jobs people don't want

U.S.	27%	66%
Canada	18%	66%
Mexico	40%	49%
Japan	10%	74%
Europe	19%	72%

About this poll: About 1,000 residents of Britain, Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, Mexico, Spain and the United States interviewed from May 7-17, plus or minus 3 percentage points of margin of error for each country. "Not sure" response is not included in figures.

SOURCE: AP-Ipsos polls

POLL

2. What influence do you think immigrants are having on the way things are going in your country?

Very good/somewhat good
Very bad/somewhat bad

U.S.	42%	47%
Canada	73%	20%
Mexico	36%	53%
Japan	44%	44%
Europe	37%	54%

to limit access for newcomers to their labor markets.

Gilles Corman, who monitors European public opinion for Ipsos, says immigration is among the top issues Europeans want dealt with in elections there, behind unemployment.

In one country after another, those with more education tended to have the most positive view of the influence of immigration.

Britons expressed the strongest negative feelings of any of the nine countries polled. Six in 10 Britons, 60 percent, said immigrants are a bad influence on their country.

"The U.K. has historically embraced diversity," said Sam McGuire, with Ipsos-UK. He said the high negative ratings may have to do with Britons' fears about the recent expansion of the European Union, fanned by stories predicting a flood of immigrants.

Another country where residents said they had a fairly negative view of immigration was Germany, where 57 percent said immigrants have been a bad influence.

While people in the United States, Canada, the European Union and Japan generally said immigration provides a work force that takes unwanted jobs, almost half of Mexicans, whose country has less industrial development than others polled, said they see immigrants as a threat to their own work force.

"In spite of so many Mexicans migrating to the United States, Mexicans have a harsh view on immigration in general," said Jorge Buendia of Ipsos-Bimsa in Mexico.

A large majority of Mexicans, 71 percent, said they think it's better if almost everyone in a country shares the same customs and traditions.

Residents of the United States disagreed with that sentiment by a 3-1 margin, and the Japanese tended to disagree by a smaller margin.

Fault Found in Mass Murder Probe

Police charged with incompetence after decade of deaths

(AP) — Federal officials are threatening to bring criminal charges against 81 current and former Mexican law enforcement officers for incompetence in their failure to solve a decade-long string of women's slayings in the border city of Ciudad Juarez.

At least 307 women have been killed since 1993 in the city of 1.3 million across the border from El Paso, Texas. About 100 of the killings were similar, with the victims sexually assaulted, strangled and dumped in the nearby desert - leading to fears of serial killers and prompting the government to undertake a case-by-case review.

Special Prosecutor Maria Lopez Urbina said the 50 cases her office



Mexican President Vicente Fox addresses a report by a special prosecutor charging

incompetence in the failure to solve the slayings of women in the border city of Ciudad Juarez. (AP photo)

has scrutinized so far turned up no evidence of a serial killer. Instead the killings, 29 of which remain unsolved, appear to have been the work of acquaintances or domestic partners, she said.

"We can't give immediate answers to why these killings are happening," she said Thursday in her first report since she was named to the post six months ago.

The review did, however, reveal that 81 state and local officials, including investigators, forensic experts and police officers, lost evidence, contaminated crime scenes and had been slow to act to protect endangered women.

Mario Alvarez, deputy federal attorney general for human rights, called the allegations of incompetence unprecedented.

He said state prosecutors were weighing criminal abuse of power charges against those officials.

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2004 530i Tested vehicle information: Price: \$55795; Engine: 3.0 liter DOHC 24 valve 6 cylinder; Transmission: 6-speed manual.

The BMW 530i delivers the ultimate driving experience. It offers comfort, a variety of amenities, luxury styling and sports car suspension. For the first time in eight years, the 5 Series has been redesigned, offering more equipment, interior room, and sophisticated technology. The 5 Series resembles the 7 Series with curvy corners and a higher trunk deck to carve out more cargo room within the trunk. The 5 Series starts at \$40,000 climbing up to \$60,000, depending on the model and engine size.

The 530i offered great performance with a smooth transition from changing gears. The 6-speed

transmission gear ratio is portioned so drivers will not find themselves shifting gear to gear. BMW has been the top in sports suspension for many decades and other



automakers have come close but still have not beat BMW in sports suspension.

The interior is spacious and comfortable with plenty of legroom for front and back passengers. The dashboard has a sleek sharp edge that might cause concern if ever involved in a collision for serious

head injuries. The sophisticated technology offered in the BMW might drive some car buyers nuts. It takes patients to learn how to navigate with the central control located behind the gearshift on the center console. It is like having a computer mouse inside your vehicle. The old-fashioned center consoles of just turning the controls are preferable.

The 2004 530i will satisfy all types of drivers, whether wanting luxury and an excellent ride or needing the complete package of luxury and sports in one. The 530i is recommended by the publisher of the "Portland Observer" as the ultimate vehicle.

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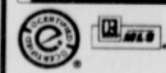
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