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Rick Morrissey on the Special Olympics

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A special woman's Special event

Chicagoan Anne Burke saw potential in all kids

What gave 23-year-old Anne McGlone the big idea that she could change the world?

"Well, nobody told me I couldn't," said Illinois Supreme Court Justice Anne Burke, nee McGlone.

In truth, the goal was much more modest back in 1968: To give people with special needs the opportunity to compete athletically and to show their families that what had previously seemed impossible was more than possible. It



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Burke was a physical education instructor at West Pullman Park on the Southeast Side when two Chicago Park District officials asked her if she had any ideas about further helping kids with special needs.

"I said, 'I don't know. I'm 23 years old,'" she said. "All I could think of was to put on a track meet. So they asked me to come

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