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» First ladies pay tribute to Betty Ford at service

PALM DESERT, Calif. (MCT) — Describing her close friend as a compassionate and tireless advocate for those struggling with alcohol and drug addictions, former first lady Rosalynn Carter said Tuesday that Betty Ford was “someone who was willing to do things a bit differently than had been done before.”

Carter, speaking at a memorial service for Ford in Palm Desert, said the two had worked together for years as advocates for those suffering from addiction and mental illness. She recalled her first meeting with Ford.

The meeting took place in Georgia when Carter's husband was governor.

“Of course, I didn't tell her my husband was thinking about running for president,” Carter said. “She was just Betty, as gracious as always.”

Karzai assassination leaves Kandahar province in doubt

WASHINGTON, D.C. (MCT) — In the end, Ahmed Wali Karzai personified America's lack of good options in Afghanistan.

He was a corrupt politico who became the kingpin of volatile southern Afghanistan through kickbacks, violence, family ties and working both sides of the war — the Taliban and the West.

More often, his corrupt and self-serving methods ran counter to the kind of government the coalition wanted to leave behind.

His assassination Tuesday by a close family associate leaves the United States, even as it begins to draw down 33,000 surge troops, facing the very question that has bedeviled it since the war began: how to leave behind a southern Afghanistan stable enough not to become a breeding ground for the Taliban and other anti-American extremist groups.



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» Former first lady Betty Ford died July 8. Ford worked for years as an advocate for those suffering from addiction and mental illness.

BOE head to focus on smooth elections

By Paula Seligson
Staff Writer

Junior Shruthi Sundaram is no stranger to the controversy that often surrounds student elections.

Sundaram, who last year served as vice chairwoman of the Board of Elections, has been nominated by Student Body President Mary Cooper for chairwoman of the board.

She plans to use her experience to make the election process run as smoothly as possible and knows what she's getting into, she said.

Sundaram also served on the board as a freshman. She said her time on the board has prepared her for the position.

“It's not going to be a shock to me when conflicts do arise,” she said.

“(My focus is) getting past all of the smaller squabbles and just having an election season where everything goes according to plan and everybody follows the rules,” she said.

Andrew Phillips, Sundaram's predecessor who dealt with several lawsuits as chairman, said in an email that he selected Sundaram as vice chairwoman last year for her hard work on the board.

“She was a superb vice chairwoman, is well-versed in all aspects of running the (board) and is impeccably qualified for the job,” he said.

Phillips said he admires her ability to handle tough situations. “She doesn't beat around the



Shruthi Sundaram has been nominated for chairwoman of the Board of Elections for the upcoming academic year.

bush,” he said.

Sundaram was confirmed by the summer's Student Congress last week.

Cooper said the fall Student Congress must also approve the appointment, and that she is confident Sundaram will be confirmed. She picked Sundaram for her experience, personality and organization, she said.

“She's very passionate about the job and understands the importance that the Board of Elections has,” Cooper said.

Cooper's first choice, former student body treasurer Dakota Williams, was rejected during the final meeting of Student Congress in April.

Cooper reopened applications in the summer, treating the second application process as a fresh start, she said.

Williams, who does not plan to participate in student government next year, recognized the difficulties associated with the position.

“I wish (Sundaram) the best of luck,” he said. “It's probably the hardest and least appreciated job within student government, period.”

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Dakota Williams,
Former student body treasurer

After his nomination by Cooper, Williams said he would focus on revising Title VI, which deals with student elections.

Sundaram also said Title VI needs to be revised, due to conflicting clauses within the legislation.

She cited issues that arose last year when Ian Lee ran for student body president without resigning from his position as student body secretary, which was illegal, according to a clause in Title VI.

“It was our job to decide which (clause) to follow, and I don't think anyone should be put in that position,” Sundaram said.

Zach De La Rosa, speaker of Student Congress, said he expects members of Student Congress to introduce clarifications for Title VI next year.

He said three items will likely be clarified — which positions a student can hold in student government while also running for student body president, how hearings take place and punitive measures like fines.

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10 WE TOAD THE WET SPROCKET** (\$22/\$25)
19 FR ARCHERS OF LOAF / Electric Owls / Schooner (sold out)
20 SA ARCHERS OF LOAF w/ Hammer No More The Fingers and Cobra Horse (sold out)
31 WE THE HOLD STEADY w/ The Donkeys** (\$18/\$20)

SEPTEMBER

6 TU An Acoustic Evening with THE WEEPIES** (\$18/\$20)

SEPTEMBER (cont)

9 FR GHOSTLAND OBSERVATORY** (\$20/\$23)
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