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Michael Phelps competes in the men's 100-meter butterfly semifinal at the Aquatics Centre in Olympic Park during the 2012 Summer Olympics in London on Thursday.

WORTH WATCHING

FRIDAY

- 7 a.m. Tennis: singles semifinals, mixed doubles semifinals. **BRAVO**
- 9 a.m. Basketball, women's; soccer; beach volleyball; volleyball; boxing; archery; shooting. **NBCSN**
- 10 a.m. Swimming; track and field; beach volleyball; water polo; rowing. (Live) **NBC**
- 8:00 p.m. Swimming: men's 100m butterfly final; track and field; diving; volleyball; trampoline. **NBC**

SATURDAY

- 7 a.m. Soccer: men's quarterfinals; water polo: men's qualifying; badminton; track and field. **MSN**
- 9 a.m. Basketball; triathlon; tennis; beach volleyball; field hockey; equestrian; cycling. **NBCSN**
- 8 p.m. Swimming; track and field; beach volleyball; diving. **NBC**

TOP PERFORMERS

■ Gymnast Gabby Douglas (right) won a gold medal, becoming the first black to be crowned women's Olympic all-around champion.

■ Michael Phelps (above) edged fellow U.S. swimmer Ryan Lochte to win his 20th all-time medal in the 200-meter individual medley.

■ Rebecca Soni set a world record en route to winning a gold medal in the 200-meter breaststroke.

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ROWING

Abington's Francia helps US women's 8 repeat

The Americans maintained dominance of the event with their second straight Olympic gold.



NATACHA PISARENKO / ASSOCIATED PRESS

The U.S. women's rowing team celebrates on the podium after winning the gold medal for the women's rowing eight in Eton Dorney at the 2012 Summer Olympics on Thursday.

By **STEVE DOUGLAS**
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WINDSOR, England — Moments before "The Star-Spangled Banner" resounded across a sun-kissed Dorney Lake, Taylor Ritzel looked at the gold medal hanging around her neck. She shook her head and took a deep breath.

Ritzel was part of the U.S. women's eight that won a second straight Olympic gold, maintaining a six-year dominance in the event. But her journey to the top of the podium was far more difficult than the victory against rival Canada on Thursday at the London Games.

In November 2010, soon after Ritzel had joined the eight, her

mother, Lana, died of breast cancer. The loss could have devastated her. Thanks to her crewmates, it didn't.

"For me ... the sport of rowing has been a huge way to sort of get through the grieving process," Ritzel said, her bottom lip quivering.

"I think the sport and the eight other women in this boat, and the rest of Team USA, have made what seemed to be an impossible thing to get through possible."

The camaraderie in the women's eight was in full view as they threw up their intertwined arms when the announcer read out:

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Susan Francia

Accused killer one step closer to trial

Kenneth Patterson is charged with kidnapping and murdering his ex-girlfriend, Diane Corado.

By **LAURIE MASON SCHROEDER**
STAFF WRITER

In a move that could finally clear the way for his trial, the Pennsylvania Supreme Court this week refused to hear the appeal of Kenneth Patterson, the Falls man accused of kidnapping and murdering his ex-girlfriend, Diane Corado.

Patterson, 49, has been behind bars since Dec. 20, 2010. Police say he broke into Corado's Village of Pennbrook apartment the day before, beat the 57-year-old nurse with a metal pipe then forced her and a female friend into her car.

The friend was let out of the car a short time later. Corado was never seen again.

Patterson was arrested the next day in a New Jersey motel. His clothes were bloody. His case was headed to trial in Bucks County Court in Doylestown in August 2011 when Patterson petitioned for a new lawyer.

His request came after attorneys from the county Public Defender's Office said they couldn't represent him because they had previously represented a witness in the case. Ruling that the witness wasn't a major player in the proceedings, county Judge Alan Rubenstein refused to appoint Patterson a private attorney.

Patterson appealed, and the state Superior Court

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Kenneth Patterson



Diane Corado

Kiss if you support marriage equality

By **GEMA MARIA DUARTE**
STAFF WRITER

Pucker up — if you are of the same sex.

Counter-protesters of Chick-fil-A and its president, who supports traditional marriage, are planning a national event at 8 p.m. Friday involving same sex couples kissing at the fast-food chain's stores, according to the Facebook page of the National Same Sex Kiss Day movement.

Same sex marriage supporters conceived the event after former Arkansas governor and presidential candidate Mike Huckabee popularized Chick-fil-A Appreciation Day, held Wednesday across the country.

Customers jammed Chick-fil-A restaurants as a sign of support for Chick-fil-A founder Dan Cathy, who has been the target of criticism for his opposition to gay marriage.

Cathy told the Biblical Reporter last month that his Atlanta-based company backs "the biblical definition of a family."

His comments unleashed a torrent of criticism from gay rights groups and others who have called for boycotts and efforts to block the chain from opening new stores, according to the Associated Press.

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Schwartz bill would help college students navigate financial aid

By **GARY WECKSELBLATT**
STAFF WRITER

With college loan debt soaring past \$1 trillion, Congresswoman Allyson Schwartz has introduced legislation to help students applying for college obtain better information on loans and avoid "unscrupulous" private lenders.

The measure, which Schwartz, D-13, introduced with Tim Bishop, D-N.Y., and Jared Polis, D-Colo., requires schools to counsel students on financial aid options available to them, and requires private lenders to adopt steps to protect borrowers.

"Federal loans are simply a better deal," Schwartz said Wednesday in a speech on the House floor. "Private loans typically have uncapped variable rates, hefty origination fees and fewer consumer protections."

Federal student loans, for example, have fixed interest rates and some even defer repayments.

In a conference call with reporters Thursday, Schwartz said, "We need to ensure that students have full and complete information about the most affordable student loan options available, and fight back against those who may try to take unscrupulous



Allyson Schwartz

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