For the first time, Missouri voters will be able to vote for a major-party woman candidate in four of five top state jobs on the ballot in November, as well as for U.S. Senate.

Claire McCaskill, Bekki Cook, Robin Carnahan, Catherine Hanaway, Sarah Steelman and Nancy Farmer won their primaries on Tuesday in races for governor, lieutenant governor, secretary of state, treasurer and U.S. Senate. Only the Attorney General’s office failed to attract a woman candidate. The auditor position was not on the ballot this year.

“The outcomes of these races are not about gender,” said Vivian Eveloff, Director of the Sue Shear Institute for Women in Public Life. “Women have been involved long enough to develop the qualifications that voters are looking for. They are no longer an anomaly. It’s clear voters have chosen them as the best qualified for their offices.”

For almost 20 years, the state has maintained its ratio of women holding two out of six statewide offices. Missouri is now in a position to follow the lead of Arizona, where women were elected to five top offices in 1998. The only statewide offices that have never been held by a woman in Missouri are Governor and Attorney General.

In contests for Congress, political new-comer Jeanne Patterson won the Republican primary in Kansas City’s 5th Congressional District for a chance to succeed retiring Rep.

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NAMES IN THE NEWS

Kennedy wins slot on Arnold Water Board

Mary Kennedy, a participant in the Institute’s January Pipeline to Local Office, won a decisive victory Tuesday, June 8, in her race for a seat on the Arnold Water Board. Kennedy defeated the incumbent by an unofficial tally of 331 to 195.

New St. Louis homicide commander is first woman to fill job

Rochelle Jones made St. Louis police history when she became the first woman commander of the homicide division in the City of St. Louis. She will oversee six sergeants and 16 detectives, all but two of them men.

Rell sworn in as Connecticut Governor

M. Jodi Rell made history on July 1 when she became the first Republican woman (and only the second woman) to hold the office of Governor in Connecticut. Prior to becoming Governor, she served as the state’s first Republican Lt. Governor, a post she held for more than nine years. Rell chose M. Lisa Moody to serve as her Chief of Staff. Moody was Chief of Staff in the Lt. Gov.’s office. Gov. Rell is one of nine women Governors serving currently—an all-time high.

Days selected for Foreign Policy Institute

Missouri Senator Rita Days (D-St. Louis County) is one of 16 women selected for the 2004 Class of the Foreign Policy Institute for State Legislators, sponsored by the Center for Women Policy Studies in Washington, D.C.

South Dakota voters send woman to Congress for the first time

On June 2, voters in South Dakota elected 33-year-old Stephanie Herseth (D) to their only House seat, making her the first woman elected to Congress from the state. Herseth’s election brings the total number of women in the U.S. House of Representatives to 60.

O’Brien appointed to School Board

Veronica O’Brien was appointed by Mayor Francis Slay to replace Rochelle Moore on the St. Louis School Board.

Sims receives prestigious Community Leadership Award

Former State Senator Betty Sims (R–St. Louis County) was awarded the Mary Harriman Community Leadership award at the Annual Conference of the Association of Junior Leagues International in Chicago in April. The Award recognizes exceptional volunteer service to the community. Sen. Sims served eight years in the Missouri Senate before facing term limits in 2002.

For more information about these and other women policy makers in the headlines, visit “Women News” on the Institute’s website at www.umsl.edu/~iwpl

Pipeline participants learn winning ways

Candidates and campaign workers perfected their campaign skills at the Institute’s Pipeline to Legislative Office program on May 1. Pipeline participants learned campaign fundamentals and were briefed by State Budget Director Linda Luebbering. They also practiced their public speaking skills and received media training from a former television anchorwoman.

Eleven of the 17 Pipeline participants will appear on the ballot in November.

See related story on page 7.
Institute celebrates five years in KC

It was an afternoon of networking, celebrating, and lots of cake. The Sue Shear Institute hosted an Open House to inaugurate its new office space at UMKC on April 22 and commemorate five years of supporting and preparing Kansas City women for success in public policy making roles.

About 60 women attended the program at the Institute’s office, located at 4747 Troost in the Midwest Center for Non-Profit Leadership. Several present and former women office holders were in attendance, as well as Institute supporters, community leaders, and UMKC students and staff.

"UMKC Chancellor Martha Gilliland has been an enthusiastic supporter of the Institute," said Institute Director Vivian Eveloff. "Recently we received more than 30 Talent Bank forms from the Kansas City campus after the Chancellor encouraged the campus community to join as a way of getting involved in public policy."

"It seems highly likely that we can count on 32 women in the House," Stock said. "We always hate to see gains by women reversed."

In the current Missouri legislature, the number of women serving in the House of Representatives is 35, down from the all-time high of 40 in 2001.

Twenty-eight women candidates are incumbent, and three primary election victors face no major party opposition in November. In the 64th District, an open seat, both candidates are women.

“It seems highly likely that we can count on 32 women in the House,” Stock said. “We hope to pick up some of the open seats. It’s less likely that women would win races in which their opponent is a male incumbent. I’m cautiously optimistic we can maintain the status quo at 35.”

The Kansas City office opened in 1998, after a group of women expressed the need for an Institute presence on the western side of the state and provided seed money to establish the Sue Shear Institute at UMKC.

The only statewide offices never held by a woman are governor and attorney general.

Rep. Phil Willoughby in the contest to succeed longtime Senator Ed Quick (D-17).

With only four other women candidates in the general election, all running against incumbents, it will be difficult to maintain the record high number of seven senators currently serving in that 34-member group, Eveloff said.

“It looks like we may end up with five women in the senate, down from a high of seven,” said Institute Manager Dayna Stock. “We always hate to see gains by women reversed.”

In the Missouri General Assembly, term limits and redistricting have taken a toll on longtime women legislators. In the Senate, two women were term-limited out, while one, Sarah Steelman is running for statewide office. She maintains her Senate seat pending the outcome of the Treasurer’s race. No woman competed for the Senate seat vacated by Anita Yeckel because of term limits.

In Kansas City, Sen. Mary Bland (D-9), a 24-year veteran of the legislature, will be succeeded by Rep. Yvonne Wilson (D-42). The only other open seat with a female candidate is in the Kansas City area where former Republican state Rep. Luann Ridgeway will face current Democrat

The Kansas City office, from left: Kansas City office coordinator Jean Peters-Baker, Institute Board member Gayle Holliday, Institute Director Vivian Eveloff, Former Jackson County Executive Marsha Murphy, and Mary James, President of the UM-System Board of Curators.

Celebrating the opening of the new Sue Shear Institute office in Kansas City, from left: Kansas City office coordinator Jean Peters-Baker, Institute Board member Gayle Holliday, Institute Director Vivian Eveloff, Former Jackson County Executive Marsha Murphy, and Mary James, President of the UM-System Board of Curators.

Women in Public Life

Karen McCarthy, a Democrat. Incumbent JoAnn Emerson (R-Cape Girardeau) is seeking her fourth full term as U.S. Representative in the 8th Congressional District. In the 9th Congressional District, Democrat Linda Jacobson is making a run to oust incumbent Rep. Kenny Hulshoff (R-Columbia). The nine-member Missouri Congressional delegation has included two women – Emerson and McCarthy – for the past four years. From 1996 to 2000, Rep. Pat Danner (D-Kansas City) raised that number to three.

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APPOINTMENTS

In each newsletter, we will list women who have been recently appointed to public policy positions. Please let us know of any other women who have joined the public policy process since April 2004.

The Sue Shear Institute works closely with Governor Holden’s office, as well as with appointing authorities in Kansas City and St. Louis, to serve as a resource and facilitate the growing participation of women on public boards and commissions. If you are interested in serving on a public board or commission and would like to become a member of the Talent Bank, contact the Institute at (314) 516-4727 in Kansas City or (816) 235-1409 in Kansas City to request a “Public Service Personal Profile.” You can also download a Profile or complete one online at www.umsl.edu/~iwpl/

For a list of boards and commissions in MO, visit the Governor’s web page at www.gov.state.mo.us and click on “Boards and Commissions.”

St. Louis City

Appointment information unavailable at press time.

St. Louis County

Marsha J. Bonds
St. Louis County Productive Living Board
M. Christine Brenenckoeer
St. Louis County Boundary Commission
Andrea Jackson
Board of Highways and Traffic
Diana Pasley
St. Louis County Restaurant Commission
Dr. Gay Malouf Tompkins
Cable Television Public Education Commission

Jackson County

Appointment information unavailable at press time.

Kansas City

Rev. Grace Akinwale
Ethnic Enrichment Commission
Helen Black
Ethnic Enrichment Commission
Lisa Boudry
Ethnic Enrichment Commission

Teresa Chien
Ethnic Enrichment Commission
Rusti Decker
Convention Management Advisory Authority
Christine Ferhat
Ethnic Enrichment Commission
Marge Grasnick
Ethnic Enrichment Commission
Lisa Gribble
Ethnic Enrichment Commission
Beatrice Watchen Harris
Ethnic Enrichment Commission
Sara Henry-Martella
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Andrea Khan
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Barbara Larsen
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Jirina LaVine
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Carmen Mallouk
Ethnic Enrichment Commission
Linda Manlove-Braxton
Jackson County University of Missouri Extension Council
Ginette Marie Pittman
Ethnic Enrichment Commission
Silvia Ramirez
Ethnic Enrichment Commission
Maria Santos
Ethnic Enrichment Commission
Dr. Christine Sullivan
Emergency Physicians Advisory Board
Mary Ann Waisanen
Ethnic Enrichment Commission
Danielle Westcott
Property Maintenance Appeals Board
Hildegard Will
Ethnic Enrichment Commission

State of Missouri

Carolyn V. Atkins
Child Abuse and Neglect Review Board
Velma Bailey
Selective Services
Laurie Barrow
Child Abuse and Neglect Review Board
Muriel A. Brison
Public Defender Commission
Catherine Loraine Davis
Missouri Health Facilities Review Committee
Annie R. Dixon
State Board of Barber Examiners
Leslie Elpers
Interagency Coordinating Council for Part C, Infants and Toddlers
Diana G. Fendya
Missouri Emergency Response Commission
Dawn M. Fuller
Child Abuse and Neglect Review Board
Karen Graves
Tourism Commission
Betty Cooper Hearnes
Second State Capitol Commission
Shirley Langley Hindman
State Board of Education
Joan Kelly Horn
Life Sciences Research Board
Penny V. Hubbard
Board of Probation and Parole
Karen Jeanne Jones
Missouri Women’s Council
Kerri Beth M. McBees-Black
Missouri Women’s Council

SEE YOUR NAME HERE!

The certain change of governor following the November election signals the expanded possibility for individuals to become involved in state government. Regardless of who wins, the next governor will be charged with filling vacancies on the many boards and commissions that exist in the state. Now is an excellent time to guarantee your spot in the pool of candidates considered for these openings.

The Institute will do its part to continue to serve the governor’s office by advocating for the inclusion of women in this important policy-making capacity, but we can’t do it without your help.

If you would like to join the list of distinguished women on these pages who serve on public boards and commissions, visit www.umsl.edu/~iwpl and look under “Talent Bank” to complete the Public Service Personal Profile on-line. You will be added to the Talent Bank database, a resource for appointment officials at the state and local levels.

Help us advance our mission of making government more inclusive and accessible. Become a member of the talent bank today!

Questions? Call (314) 516-4727.
What sacrifices do attorneys make when they become judges?

What qualifications do judicial commissioners look for when reviewing applications?

Which is more effective: having advocates write or call the Governor on your behalf?

These are some of the questions that were asked—and answered at “The Judicial Selection Process Under the Missouri Non-partisan Court Plan,” a program sponsored by the Sue Shear Institute and the Women Lawyer’s Association of Greater St. Louis.

About 25 women lawyers attended the program, held on Friday, June 18, at Washington University School of Law.

The agenda included three panel discussions that focused on The Job, The Commission, and The Governor. There was also a “bonus” track at the end of the day for women interested in the process for serving on the judicial commission.

Participants learned how to identify opportunities and position themselves for judicial vacancies. They also got advice on how to put their best foot forward during the application and interview processes.

Even attendees who have applied for judicial vacancies in the past found the workshop worthwhile.

“The seminar demystified the judicial application and selection process,” said attorney Linda Brown Reed.

“I was especially impressed with the candor of the presenters.”

Faculty for the program included Appellate Judge Larry Mooney, Circuit Judges Lisa Van Amburg and Barbara Wallace, Associate Circuit Judge Calea Stovall-Reid, Judicial Commissioner Milly Cohn and former Commissioner Nancy Kistler. David Cosgrove, chief legal counselor for the Governor, and former gubernatorial staffers Brad Ketcher and Joe Bednar shared insights into the final stage of interviewing with the Governor.

In most areas of Missouri, voters elect judges in partisan elections. Under the Missouri Nonpartisan court plan, judges in St. Louis City and County, and Jackson, Clay and Platte Counties are appointed by the Governor from a three-person panel recommended by a nonpartisan judicial commission. The Missouri Plan, as it is commonly called, serves as a national model and has been adopted by a number of other states.

Women judges currently comprise less than 31 percent of the judges in jurisdictions governed by the Missouri Nonpartisan Court Plan. Though exact figures are unavailable, this percentage is far greater than the proportion of women serving as elected judges.
# Women Candidates for the 2004 General Election

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This list, complete with hotlinks to candidate websites, is available on the Institute’s webpage at [www.umsl.edu/~ipwl](http://www.umsl.edu/~ipwl)

Key: • Candidates in bold are incumbents   * Unopposed in the General Election
Pipeline participants pass primary test, look forward to November

The August 3 election gave 17 women state representative candidates a chance to apply the skills they learned in campaign workshops sponsored by the Sue Shear Institute for Women in Public Life. Eleven of them were victorious and will appear on the ballot in November.

Participants of the Pipeline to Politics campaign training series came from as far away as Springfield and Kirksville to attend the intensive training sessions in October and May and included Democrats, Republicans and a Libertarian candidate.

“The training taught me how to organize an effective, comprehensive campaign,” said Rachel Storch, who defeated three rivals for the Democratic nomination in the 64th district in St. Louis. Storch attended the Pipeline to Politics program in October. “Not only was it educational, it was a great opportunity to network with other women candidates and elected officials.”

In addition to Storch, other candidates on the November ballot who participated in the programs include: Judy Baker (Dist. 25, Columbia), Maria Chappelle-Nadal (Dist. 72, St. Louis) Sally Faith (Dist. 15, St. Charles), Christi Gowen (Dist. 127, Carl Junction), Laura Gruber (Dist. 2, Kirksville), Liz Hagar-Mace (Dist. 113, Jefferson City), Clara Ichord (Dist. 148, Waynesville), Leonara Kham (Dist. 67, St. Louis), Sara Lampe (Dist. 138, Springfield), and Gloria Sennert (Dist. 98, Catawissa).

“I knew from the training there would be certain key things we would need to do, for instance the GOTV postcard,” said Liz Hagar-Mace, who won the Democratic primary in District 113 near Jefferson City. “As we begin our efforts for the general election, we will continue to utilize our training from the Sue Shear Institute.”

In addition to the participants of the Pipeline program, other primary winners included Robin Carnahan, Bekki Cook, Nancy Farmer, Catherine Hanaway, and Claire McCaskill, all of whom have served as faculty for Institute programs.

Sue Shear’s former intern pursues her dream

In the 1970s, not long after Sue Shear was elected to the Missouri legislature, a young college intern shared with Sue her desire to one day become governor. In her typical upbeat fashion, Sue helped her intern develop a game plan. Following the plan, the intern went to law school and in 1982 joined Sue in the Missouri House.

After serving as a state legislator for eight years, the intern went on to become Jackson County prosecutor. Just days before Sue died in 1998, her intern was elected state Auditor. Six years later, the former intern has won the Democratic primary for governor and is poised to realize her dream. That young intern is, of course, Claire McCaskill.

“I’m sure Sue would be very excited to see Claire realize their shared vision,” said Institute Director Vivian Eveloff.

“Sue Shear was an energetic fan of Claire’s throughout their shared careers as public servants.”

Following her August primary win, McCaskill became the first woman to run for governor who won’t face an incumbent. Both Betty Hearnes in 1988 and Margaret Kelly in 1996 ran and lost their bids for the governor’s office to incumbents.

“Claire besting the incumbent governor in the primary really makes this one for the record books,” Eveloff said.
It is always exciting to receive “progress reports” from Leadership Academy alums, and we are proud to share their accomplishments with you! (Note: The number in parenthesis represents year of participation in the Leadership Academy.)

♦ Liana Boone
Truman State University (’02)
Liana was an intern at the 2004 Leadership Academy. This summer she is taking a class, volunteering at the Institute and interning for the McCaskill for Governor campaign. She recently became a U.S. citizen (she was born in Canada). Liana will graduate from Truman in May.

♦ Pearlina Boyd
Southwest Missouri State Univ. (’00)
Pearlina is taking a leave from graduate school to work as a regional organizer for the John Kerry for President campaign.

♦ Missie Brittain
Truman State University (’99)
Missie completed a masters in industrial/organizational psychology at Central Michigan University in May, and is pursuing a Ph.D. She works for the Ronald E. McNair Scholars program, which helps underrepresented or first-generation college students conduct independent research and attend graduate school.

♦ Raegan Buatte
Univ. of Missouri–Kansas City (’04)
Raegan is in her last semester of the Master of Public Administration program at UMKC. She was accepted into the fall class of the Kauffman Entrepreneurship Internship Program at UMKC, and began an internship with the MetroGreen Initiative of the Mid-America Regional Council in July.

♦ Maria Buller (Puck)
Central Missouri State University (’02)
Maria completed an undergraduate degree in public relations at CMSU in December and is continuing her studies as a graduate assistant. She plans to attend law school after getting a better grasp of communication theory.

♦ Jennifer Byrd
Southwest Missouri State Univ. (’02)
This fall, Jennifer will complete the Politics and Journalism Semester sponsored by the Center for Politics and Journalism in Washington, DC, and will be interning for Congress Daily. She is a news reporter for the Lawrence Journal-World and is pursuing a master’s degree in journalism at University of Kansas.

♦ Carmen Carney (Doudna)
University of Missouri—Rolla (’01)
Carmen is a Ph.D. student in materials science at The Ohio State University and is spending the summer doing research in Singapore.

♦ Danielle Carter
Southwest Missouri State Univ. (’98)
Danielle recently started a new job as the Director of Multicultural Programs at Maryville University in St. Louis.

♦ Traci Daffer
Truman State University (’01)
Traci graduated Phi Beta Kappa with additional honors from Truman State in May with a BS in political science and minors in biology, philosophy and religion. During the spring semester, she completed an internship with Sen. Joan Bray. This fall, Traci will begin law school at UMKC where she was named a Miller Scholar, the highest academic scholarship that includes an opportunity to study abroad in China.

♦ LaShonda Harvey
University of Missouri—St. Louis (’01)
LaShonda started a new job recently, as a classified account executive for the Riverfront Times (RFT), a weekly newspaper in St. Louis. Her primary responsibility is selling advertising for the RFT.

♦ Rebecca Henderson
Central Missouri State University (’04)
Rebecca is doing a summer internship with Judge Jackie Cook of the 17th Judicial Circuit. A senior at CMSU, she is pursuing Bachelor of Science degrees in Criminal Justice, Political Science, and Psychology. Rebecca’s long-term plans include attending law school, serving as a prosecuting attorney, and eventually becoming a judge.

♦ Aruna Josyula
University of Missouri—Columbia (’98)
After a family vacation in Europe, Aruna will begin the final six months of

### Shear Fellows and Advisors 2004

**Central Missouri State University**
- Dr. Shari Bax, Advisor; Mayra Flesner, Rebecca Henderson, Rebecca Jenkins, Jennifer Neer

**Lincoln University**
- Sherrie Koechling, Advisor; Jamilah Fagbene, Tammy Nobles, Laura Rankin, Kellie Schmidt

**Southeast Missouri State University**
- Dr. Mary Johnson, Advisor; Kathleen Meere, Amanda Trainor, Dana Volkman, Lauren Yogerst

**Southwest Missouri State University**
- Dr. Stacy Ulbig, Advisor; Angela Burden, Ana Castro Bernal, Brandy Johnson, Megan Thomas

**Truman State University**
- Dr. Patricia Miller, Advisor; Vanessa Crawford, Renessa Foronda, Rachel Ohmer, Christine Schlosser

**University of Missouri-Columbia**
- Mary Anne McCollum, Advisor; Doris Agwu, Allison Howard, Abrahama Keys, Angela Vo

**University of Missouri-Kansas City**
- Jean Peters-Baker, Advisor; Raegan Buatte, Kelly Newsome, Jesse Sendejas

**University of Missouri—Rolla**
- Dr. Patti Fleck, Advisor; Evelyn Chamberlain, Lori Gray, Julie Massey, Shelly Naruka

**University of Missouri—St. Louis**
- Dr. Sheilah Clarke-Ekong, Advisor; Elizabeth Cross, Jeanne Patrick, Emily Trevathan, Arica Watkins

**Faculty in Residence**
- Joan Kelly Horn, former Congresswoman from Missouri

**Intens**
- Liana Boone, Truman State University
- Julie McKitrick, Southeast Missouri State University
medical school in India.

♦ Abrahama Keys  
*University of Missouri—Columbia (’04)*

This summer, Abrahama is canvassing for Pro-Vote to ensure that low income families and minorities are registered to vote and have current information on file. She will return to Mizzou for her sophomore year in the fall.

♦ Amanda Kivett (Baker)  
*University of Missouri—Kansas City (’01)*

Amanda is preparing for her final year of law school at UMKC. She is considering a career in family law and recently spent a month studying law in China which piqued her interest in international adoptions. This summer she is clerking for a commissioner in Jackson County in the family law area.

♦ Cherie Lewis  
*Southeast Missouri State University (’00)*

Formerly the assistant ticket manager at the Touhill Performing Arts Center in St. Louis, Cherie is now promoting broadway shows for the Theatre Council in Chicago. In her new job, Cherie’s primary responsibilities are secondary marketing and subscription sales, and she travels quite a bit.

♦ AJ Mercer  
*University of Missouri—Rolla (’98)*

AJ is a nationally certified pharmacy technician (CPhT) at Missouri Delta Medical Center in Sikeston. She enjoys her work, but is retesting the waters in the ceramic engineering/materials science job market which would better utilize her degree.

♦ Kendra Riddle  
*University of Missouri—Rolla (’03)*

Kendra is working at a Cargill plant in Decatur, AL, that supplies sweeteners to most of the soda industry. Her work has focused on safety projects, heat exchangers, energy conservation and new methods of development. Kendra has also been involved in the development of a new course at UMR called Women as Global Leaders.

♦ Emily Trevathan  
*University of Missouri—St. Louis (’04)*

Emily is an intern at the Institute for Women’s Policy Research in Washington, DC, where she is working on a comparative analysis of social security and pension policies in countries around the world. She received a scholarship from Golden Key International Honor Society for 2004-2005, which will help her continue her graduate studies in economics at UM-St. Louis in the fall.

♦ Gannett Tseggai  
*University of Missouri—Columbia (’02)*

Gannett graduated from UMC in May and worked as a press assistant on Governor Holden’s re-election campaign.

♦ Annetta Vertreese  
*Central Missouri State University (’02)*

Annetta is pursuing master’s degrees in communication and Art of Teaching (MAT) at CMSU with plans to graduate next spring.

### Amethyst Award to honor inspiring Academy grad

Inspired by Shear Fellows who are already making their mark on society, St. Louisan Ruth Siteman has established and generously underwritten an award to honor graduates of the prestigious Leadership Academy.

Each year, the Amethyst Award will recognize a Fellow who has distinguished herself by applying the skills she gained at the Academy to improve the community. Siteman said that she wants to honor Fellows who inspire others by overcoming odds, raising awareness of an issue, or simply being a strong voice in their chosen fields. Each recipient will receive an unrestricted $1,000 cash award.

An inspiration in her own right, Siteman served as the first—and thus far, the only—female lay member of the Judicial Commission for the 21st Judicial Circuit in St. Louis County from 1994-2000.

Applications for the Amethyst Award will be available in early 2005. The recipient will be announced at the Leadership Academy keynote dinner on May 23, 2005.

Additional information about the Award will be available later this fall on the Institute’s website and in the fall issue of *Woman Watch*.
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