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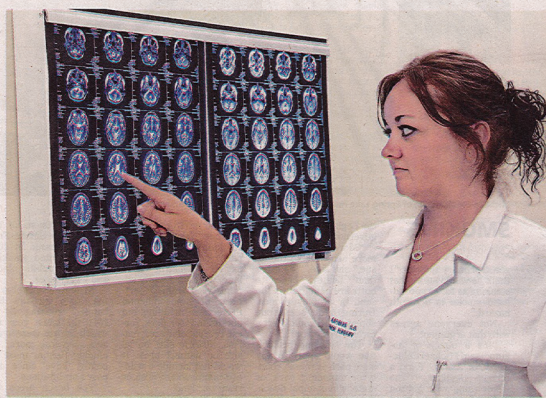
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Female neurosurgeon joins medical center



Allison Rathmann is one of only 219 board-certified female neurosurgeons in the country. She has joined Advanced Neurosurgery Associates and will work primarily in Morristown Medical Center. PHOTO COURTESY OF ALLISON RATHMANN

Only 219 women are brain surgeons in the country

By Michael Izzo
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MORRISTOWN—Almost half of all medical school graduates are women, yet a small number of them choose a career in the male-dominated field of surgery. An even smaller number of those women become neurosurgeons; there are only 219 board-certified female neurosurgeons in the country — 7 percent of the estimated 3,000 board-certified neurosurgeons.

One member of that small club, Allison Rathmann, 35, has joined Advanced Neurosurgery Associates, a northern New Jersey practice that specializes in both pediatric and adult conditions, and will work primarily in Morristown Medical Center.

Morristown has another of the 219, Dr. Catherine Mazzolla, who is the head of the Cranio Facial Center at Goryeb Children's Hospital.

Mazzolla said surgery is a very male-dominated field due in part to the extreme time commitment, which makes some women worry they won't be able to have a "normal family life."

"It's challenging, but I've found it's doable. You have to work harder than men in the field because you have to manage responsibilities at home," Mazzolla said. "I was very lucky. I had the support of my chairman, which not all women do, and the support of my family and my husband."

Mazzolla balances five children and a private practice

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"It's a difficult field ... but neurosurgery is the crème de la crème. People say 'it's not brain surgery' for a reason"

DR. ALLISON RATHMANN, neurosurgeon



Rathmann's practice specializes in both pediatric and adult conditions. PHOTO COURTESY OF ALLISON RATHMANN

Ban: If you light up, you pay up

Bill on gov's desk prohibits smoking at beaches, parks

By Dan Radel @DaneRadelAFP

Bill Tanchak says he thinks the government is going a little too far in its attempt to prohibit smoking on all public beaches and parks in the state.

"It's like that old proverb, once the camel gets its nose in the tent, he takes the whole tent and pretty soon there's no room for you," said Tanchak, 68, of Asbury Park.

Tanchak isn't even a smoker, he said, aside from a cigar once in a blue moon. "It's just a little too intrusive. There's too much rules and regulation, and they keep piling it on. What's next?" he said. "Just don't blow smoke in my face and I'm OK."

The bill to ban smoking, first kicked around four years ago, has now made it to the desk of Gov. Chris Christie after passing both houses on June 26. He has 45 days to sign the bill, suggest changes or veto it. If he does nothing, the bill will become law.

"I'm hopeful he will sign it," said Assemblywoman Valerie Huttle, D-Ber-

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A bill that would ban smoking at beaches and state-owned parks is on Gov. Chris Christie's desk. DAILY RECORD FILE PHOTO

'Cake Boss' rescued in fog in N.Y. harbor

Associated Press

NEW YORK—A summer sunset boat trip turned out to be no cake walk for reality TV's "Cake Boss," who's thank-

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Daughter for JV

Staff Report and Associated Press

TRENTON — JWoww from "Jersey Shore" is a mom.

MTV officials say Jenni Farley, who lives in Ocean County, welcomed her first child, daughter Meilani Alexandra Mathews, early Sunday afternoon in New Jersey. The

baby's name was announced by Farley's daughter, Meilani Mathews, 1, on MTV's show "The Contender."

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she runs with two other doctors, an even rarer feat among female neurosurgeons.

"Looking back on the history of the medical field, any type of surgery field is very male-driven," said Rathmann, originally from Kentucky. "I think in the last 10 years or so that view is starting to change as older surgeons who think it is a male field are retiring out of the profession. I expect more and more women to get their foot in the door now."

Rathmann said she used to be fearful she wouldn't find a program that would accept women, but that mindset appears to be changing.

"I think programs now do want more diversity as opposed to 20 or 30 years ago when it was still very male driven," Rathmann said. "Patients have told me they like having a female surgeon because they can be more caring."

Rathmann knew she wanted to work in the medical field before starting her undergraduate studies at the University of Kentucky, but found a focus after taking college courses on the brain. After completing her undergraduate work she spent a year in a neuroscience lab before medical school, furthering her interest in the field.

When Rathmann began medical school on Long Island, pediatrics was not at the top of her list, but over

time works with kids and her field is very male-dominated. Rathmann said she used to be fearful she wouldn't find a program that would accept women, but that mindset appears to be changing.

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posed of 14 musicians playing in a swinging big band style.

The band has been in existence for more than 30 years, playing concerts, dances, weddings and private parties in ho-

Learn how to cook beets and kohlrabi

MORRISTOWN—The Frelinghuysen Arboretum will host "Grow, Cook, Eat: Beets and Kohlrabi" from 7-8:30 p.m. on Wednesday.

Horticultural program specialists Gwen Montgomery and Cynthia Triolo

arborumfriends.org. The Frelinghuysen Arboretum is located at 353 E. Hanover Ave. in Morristown.

Emergency Vehicle Expo

MENDHAM TWP. The township library is hosting an emergency vehi-

phosphatidylserine and phosphatidic acid...unfortunately they are believed to be critical essential nutrients that just fade away with age, much like our memories often do leading to further mental deterioration.

As we get older it becomes more frustrating as there is little comfort when you forget names... misplace your keys... or just feel "a little confused". And even though your foggy memory gets laughed off as just another "senior moment", it's not very funny when it

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