A A



# Local teacher's abortion death under investigation in Maryland

Feb 11, 2013 | Comments

n Monday evening Feb. 11, 2013 wait outside the Coxe and Graziano Funeral Home on E. Boston Post Road in Mamaroneck to pay their respects to Jennifer Morbelli.

Mourners on Monday evening Feb. 11, 2013 wait outside the Coxe and Graziano Funeral Home on E. Boston Post Road in Mamaroneck to pay their respects to Jennifer Morbelli. / James O'Rourke/The Journal News

Written by
JORGE FITZ-GIBBON,
RANDI WEINER AND
SHAWN COHEN

Authorities in Maryland said Monday that they are investigating the death of a 29-year-old New Rochelle woman who reportedly traveled to the Washington, D.C., suburbs for a late-term abortion.

FILED UNDER

News

Jennifer Morbelli, a full-time substitute teacher at the Church Street School in White Plains, died Thursday at Shady Grove Adventist Hospital, prompting an investigation by the Montgomery County medical examiner, a probe that has also involved the Montgomery County Police Department.

According to an Associated Press report, Morbelli went to the Rockville, Md., hospital after being treated at Germantown Reproductive Health Services, a separate clinic.

Jennifer McKenna Morbelli, 29, who died this past weekend in Maryland

Jennifer McKenna Morbelli, 29, who died this past weekend in Maryland

#### **RELATED LINKS**

N.Y. allows late-term abortion if mother is at risk

The story has sparked a fierce online debate among abortion opponents. Kathy Morbelli, the dead woman's mother-in-law, told The Journal News that she is extremely upset with the rhetoric swirling around the death of Morbelli and her unborn daughter, who was to be known as Madison Leigh.

"They know she was a wanted baby, they know she was named," she said. "I just wish

that the people could let my son, who is only 29 years old, mourn in peace.... We have no comment on the doctor."

"Jennifer meant everything to this family," Morbelli added. "We've lost a wonderful person and we've lost our granddaughter."

ADVERTISEMENT

Most Popular Most Commented More Headlines

- Mother, 79, and daughter die in New City house fire
- 2 RFK Jr., son arrested in pipeline protest
- Mourners: Jennifer Morbelli reached 'every goal' in life
- 4 State stands firm on East Ramapo special-education violations
- Feds investigate Mount Vernon Mayor Ernest Davis' finances

# Like Us On Facebook

Investigators in Maryland said that, while the probe into Jennifer Morbelli's death is ongoing, there is currently no indication of criminal activity.

"I can confirm that, yes, there is a death investigation being coordinated by the Medical Examiner's Office and the Montgomery Police Department has been notified," said Lucille Baur, a spokeswoman for the police department.

Bruce Goldfarb, a spokesman for the medical examiner, said the office was "investigating the cause and manner of death" of Morbelli, but would not provide details.

"This is a routine death investigation," he said. "Anytime somebody dies during a medical procedure it's referred to this office. So it's a routine matter. There is no timetable. Things happen when they happen."

Page 1 2 Next

The Associated Press and staff writer James O'Rourke contributed to this report.

**View Comments () | Share your thoughts »** 



10,243 people like this. Sign Up to see what your friends like.



# **LoHud.com Tweets**



#### LoHud

Rockland eyes one deficit loan to end frequent cash-flow borrowing http://t.co/3UXFkMCA @LoHud

Feb 15, 2013

Reply Retweet Follow



#### LoHud

Parking is big revenue for towns, but Bedford urged to give more fines http://t.co/jaBjVaIU @LoHud

Feb 15, 2013

Reply Retweet Follow



#### LoHud

Join the LoHud Hockey Chat now http://t.co/oExDSxuj @LoHud

Feb 15. 2013

Prev | Next

# Most Viewed

ADVERTISEMENT

#### **REAL DEALS**

### **MOST POPULAR**

- 1. 2 die in New City house fire
- 2. Mourners: Jennifer Morbelli reached 'every goal' in life
- State stands firm on East Ramapo specialeducation violations

### SUBSCRIBE!

Sign up for a Full-Access Subscription!

# Subscription Help

Customer Service

### **TWITTER ACTIVITY**



#### LoHud

2 die in New City house fire http://t.co/ANoMmBnp @LoHud

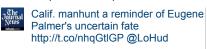
LoHud

Local teacher's abortion death under investigation in Maryland | The Journal News | LoHud.com | lohud.com



Flip, shop and save on

- **4.** Feds investigate Mount Vernon Mayor Ernest Davis' finances
- **5.** Lower Hudson reaps \$32M in green incentives for homes, businesses
- **6.** Abortion foes may sue over death of New Rochelle teacher Jennifer Morbelli
- 7. Marisa Anton: Records detail librarian's quest for



ADVERTISEMENT

Site Map | Back to Top

NEWS	COMMUNITIES	SPORTS	BLOGS	HELP	FOLLOW US
Westchester County	Westchester	High School Sports	LoHud Yankees Blog	Subscriber Services - (800)	Twitter
Rockland County	Putnam	Pro/College	Rangers Report	942-1010	Facebook
Putnam County	Westchester	Yankees	Small Bites	Contact Us	Mobile
Crime	Rockland	Rangers	Politics on the Hudson	Advertiser Services	
Data	Westchester	Mets	Varsity Insider	About Us	RSS
Politics	Express Blogs	Rockland Boulders	LoHud Knicks Blog	Archives	E-mail Alerts
Education	LIFE & LEISURE	Fantasy Sports	LoHud Mets Blog	Site Index	
Business		Recreational Sports	More	FAQ	
New York	Living Here	Columnist: Rick Carpiniello	MULTIMEDIA	Newspapers in Education	
Health	Food / Dining Home & Garden	Ski Reports	Photo Galleries	Reprints permissions	
ORINION		ODITO		Work For Us	
OPINION	Theater	OBITS	All LoHud Videos		
Opinion Home	Metromix	Browse Recent Obituaries	Photos You Submitted		
Opinion Exchange Blog	Calendar	Place an In Memoriam	Submit Your Photos		
Editorials	Celebrations	Place an Obituary	Live Video		
Letters	Pets	Flowers and Services	Editorial Spotlight Live		
Community Views	Sudoku		Graduations		
Columnist: Phil Reisman	Crossword		Reprints Permissions		

# **GANNETT**

Copyright © 2013 www.lohud.com. All rights reserved.

Users of this site agree to the Terms of Service, Privacy Notice/Your California Privacy Rights, and Ad Choices