

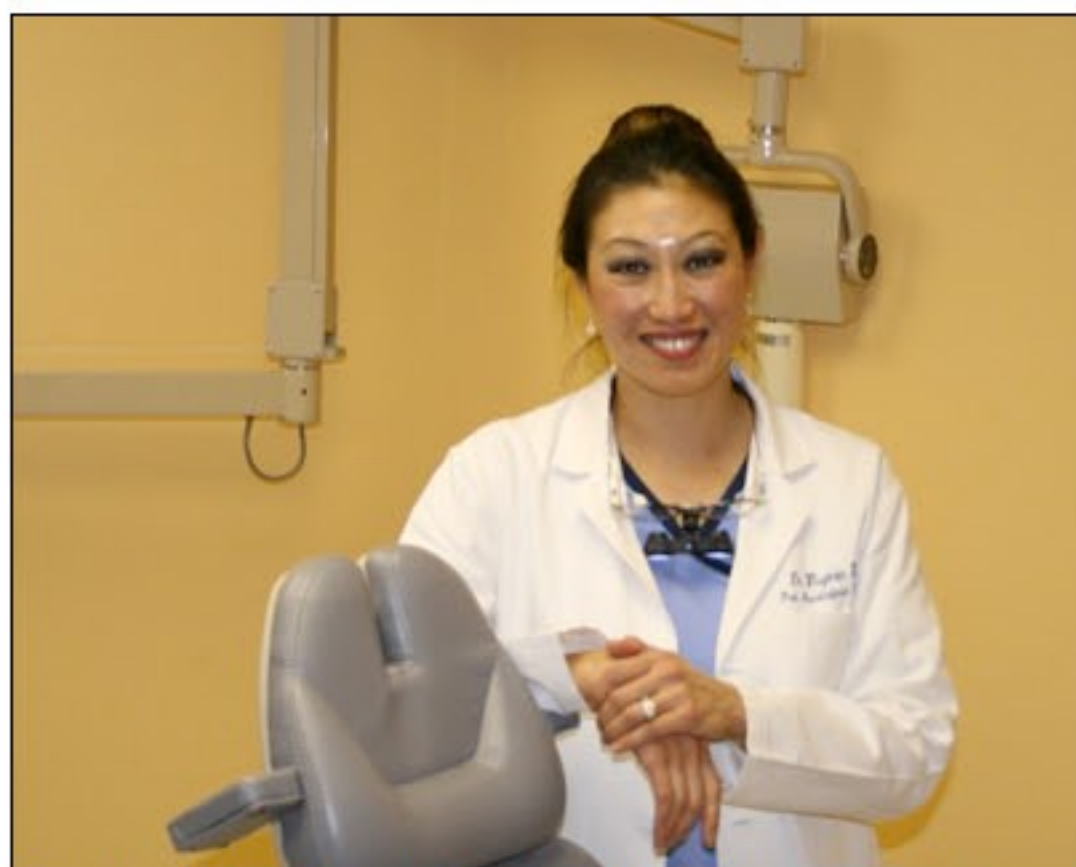
LOCAL MEDS TAKE ON CHINA

Bob Costas tells us—and therefore it must be true—that China is a land of contrasts. We dutifully play into that narrative with a look at both a positive and negative story from the host country of the '08 Olympic Games.



Executive Director of the **Association of Air Medical Services Dawn Mancuso** is currently in Beijing and reports back a positive Olympic Games experience. She had tickets for **taekwondo**, **baseball**, and even some **swimming** in the Water Cube. Back to business, she tells us the AAMS, whose members include **Medstar** and the **MD State Police**, recently held a summit in Dallas to address concerns about mid-air safety following the June mid-air collision of two medical transport helicopters in Flagstaff, AZ. Dawn says while the safest thing to do would be to **never take off**, but the need for inter-facility transport has recently increased due to financial constraints on hospitals. Forced to cut costs, many have eliminated services or even decided to close on certain days. Sixty percent of air transport is inter-facility.

Ending Human Trafficking



China's record on **stopping human trafficking** leaves room for improvement, and that's a task for oral surgeon **Virginia Lee**. Teaming with members of the dental business consulting group MGE: Management Experts, Inc., led by **Luis Colon**, she met with the **Chinese Ambassador** to the US as well as representatives from **Israel** and **Chile** regarding the issue. China is not the world's worst offender, but last year a Guangdong factory licensed to produce products bearing the **2008 Olympics** logo did admit to employing children as young as 12 under **excessive hours** and **dangerous conditions**. Her next meeting on human trafficking will be with the **Inter-Parliamentary Union** in November, meaning she'll get a crack at actual elected officials from around the world.



This might look like the offices of Capital Aesthetic Center, but that's so 2007. Virginia recently **changed the name** of her practice to **Capital Oral and Facial Surgery** to better reflect her most common procedures. Not limiting herself to global public service, Virginia has a few goals for improving DC's health including a seminar on **nutrition and health** and a **fun run**. While she told us "I'm not a politician," we thought that was obvious by the fact she's choosing action instead of words.

Curtis Raye won a gold medal in ring toss when through sheer grit and determination he was able to hit Bela Karolyi in the mustache with an onion ring. Send your stories of success to Curtis@Bisnow.com



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