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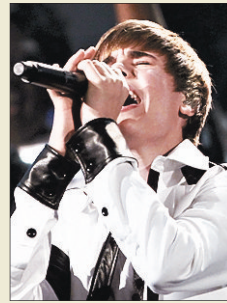


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'Bambi' Bembenek dies at 52

Lawyer says fight to clear her name will continue

Associated Press

The prison escape of former Playboy Club bunny and Milwaukee police officer Laurie "Bambi" Bembenek popularized the phrase "Run Bambi Run" and seemed tailor-made for the TV movie it inspired.

Despite the fame garnered by her flight, Bembenek, who died Saturday, spent more than two decades

insisting on her innocence but never fully cleared her name. Her attorney said Sunday that effort will continue.

The 52-year-old died of liver failure at a hospice care center in Portland, Ore., said her longtime attorney, Mary Woehrer.

Bembenek worked briefly as a Playboy Club waitress in Lake Geneva before becoming a police

officer in Milwaukee, where she married Detective Fred Schultz. Bembenek was convicted in 1982 of fatally shooting his ex-wife, Christine Schultz, after complaining about the alimony he had to pay.

Bembenek was sentenced to life in prison but maintained her innocence. In 1990, she escaped from Taycheedah Correctional Institu-



Bembenek: Died Saturday of liver failure

tion in Fond du Lac and fled to Canada with then-fiance Dominic Gugliatto, the brother of another inmate.

In Milwaukee, more than 200 supporters — many wearing "Run Bambi Run" T-shirts — rallied to show support for her flight from the law.

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In Mexico, traffickers have become better armed than the army.



HERIBERTO RODRIGUEZ — McClatchy Newspapers

Mexican soldiers destroy weapons seized by the army in Mexico City on Nov. 9. Drug cartels have amassed bigger and better arsenals than ever before, changing the landscape of Mexico's brutal drug war.

Drug cartels amass arsenals

By **TIM JOHNSON**

McClatchy Newspapers

MEXICO CITY — As recently as a year or two ago, commandos fighting for the Mexican drug cartels often would rather flee than confront security forces.

But an influx of combat weapons — purchased at U.S. gun shops and shows or stolen from Central American munitions stockpiles — and a vast supply of ammunition now enables them to fight,

and sometimes outgun, army and federal police units.

Cartel squads toss hand grenades, fire rockets and spray security forces with high-caliber gunfire. They sometimes have 10 times the ammunition of federal forces.

The arsenals give them a greater ability to threaten the state. The resulting mayhem steadily ripples northward as civilian "narco refugees" flee areas of extreme vio-

lence.

A sample of the increased firepower of Mexico's seven major drug cartels is on display at the military warehouse on the outskirts of the capital, where seized assault rifles, machine guns, high-caliber weapons and anti-tank rockets are stored.

"As you can see," Gen. Antonio Erasto Monsivais said as he led a

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Middleton considers B Cycle

For a fee, the program makes bicycles available for short trips or day use.

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Middleton officials are considering a program that would, for a fee, make bicycles available to visitors, workers and residents for quick trips around town.

Under the plan, bicycles are stored in specially designed stations and can be accessed with an approved credit card. Think Community Car, but with bikes.



A B Cycle station for seven bicycles stands near the John Hancock Center in Chicago. It is one of three cities across the country where B Cycle — an arm of Trek Bicycle — installed bikes for public use.

B Cycle

"It's a new idea, it's fairly expensive, but it has a lot of really interesting applications," said Val Steel, Middleton's tourism director. "Tourism has earmarked \$20,000 as the seed to get it started."

However, Steel said Middleton would need about \$80,000 more to get three or four bicycle stations — pay kiosks with six to eight bikes and docks to park the bikes — installed throughout the city.

Van Nutt, executive director of the Middleton Chamber of Commerce, said he thinks the city's larger employers would look at

the idea.

"It might be interesting for some of them to consider a station for employees to use over a lunch hour or for business errands locally," he said. "It has all kinds of potential. Whether or not it's viable based on where people need to go is the real question."

B Cycle — an arm of Trek Bicycle Corp. that's been operating for about a year and a half — has installed the stations in three cities around the country. Middleton would be the smallest city to par-

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All-male charter school a tough sell

The plan to boost minority achievement likely will ruffle feathers in liberal Madison.

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A proposal to open an all-male charter school in Madison geared toward boosting minority achievement faces an uphill battle in a liberal city historically resistant to such alternative public schools, supportive of cultural integration and pro-union.

Urban League President Kaleem Caire, who returned to Madison this year after starting a Washington, D.C.-based education foundation, said a new approach is necessary because the Madison School District is failing its minority students.

Only 52 percent of black male students graduated in 2009, compared with 88 percent of their white peers. Meanwhile, of the 3,828 suspensions last school year, 72 percent were of black students, even though they make up 22.4 percent of the student body. Similar gaps exist in participation rates for honors courses and college preparation tests.

"We're not preparing our kids to be leaders or productive workers in a knowledge economy," Caire said.

Parents had mixed responses to the idea.

Mike Harris, who has a 9-month-old son and is studying to become a police officer, reacted skeptically to Caire's idea, because a school segregated by gender and predominantly black wouldn't reflect society.

"School is supposed to prepare a child for the real world," said Harris, who is black.

Jonathan Rubin, a white Lowell Elementary School parent who prefers his children learn in a culturally diverse setting, worries Caire's approach could make traditional public schools less diverse. But based on the success of all-male charter schools, he wonders if a new approach to the historic emphasis on



Caire: Plans to open an all-male charter school

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