

Security up for bike tour

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With the Boston Marathon bombing still fresh on the nation's mind, New York will hold its first city-wide event since the attack this weekend, as 32,000 bicyclists will ride in the annual Five Boro Bike Tour on Sunday.

Security will be tighter than ever, as the NYPD is reportedly set to increase coverage of the event for both crowds and riders, and certain items permitted in past years — such as large backpacks — are off-limits this year.

Still, the spirit of this year's tour is one of solidarity and compassion, said Ken Podziba, president and CEO of Bike New York, which organizes the race.

"We received an overwhelming response from our riders that they wanted to do something to express their solidarity with Boston, and we're glad to be in a position where we can support them," Podziba said.

"When you ride together with so many people, it just adds so much more meaning," he said.

Organizers have arranged for each rider to wear a sticker that says "I ride for Boston," with a sug-



The Five Boro Bike Tour is the first citywide event since the Boston Marathon bombing.

FOR SAFETY'S SAKE

Security will be stepped up at Sunday's Five Boro Bike Tour, and the following changes will be in effect.

- Backpacks, hydration packs and other large bags are banned for the first time
- Those taking the Staten Island Ferry will get a police escort
- Increased police presence, including helicopters above the tour, motorcycles, police boats and more
- Bomb-sniffing dogs and counter-terrorism vehicles will be deployed along the route

gested donation of \$5 each, all of which will go to helping the victims of the bombing. Advertising was also canceled in the lead-up to this weekend in "sensitivity to the bombing," Podziba said, and the pyrotechnics planned for the start-

ing line were canceled.

But the resolve of New Yorkers riding in the tour remains.

Noah Wildman, 42, of the Lower East Side, will be biking the tour for the 13th year, and is bringing his 4-year-old daughter.

"If you get too nervous that you don't do it, then the terrorists win," he said. "It is a concern of mine, especially bringing my daughter, but I know the NYPD has upped security."

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Report: LiLo bolts rehab in Calif., goes MIA

Lindsay Lohan's whereabouts were unknown late Thursday, according to multiple reports after the actress bolted from Morningside Recovery in Newport Beach, Calif. Her attorney told a judge at a hearing yesterday morning that she had begun her court-ordered stay there.

At that hearing, Los Angeles prosecutor Terry White had objected to the facility, saying he had learned of Lohan's choice only minutes earlier and had believed she was to do her stint at Seaford Center in West-hampton Beach.

"We did not approve this facility, we did not look into this facility, we don't know anything about this facility," he said.

Judge James B. Dabney approved Morningside based on a letter Lohan's attorney, Mark Heller, gave the court.

Shortly after the hearing, Millicent Tidwell, acting deputy director of licensing and certification for the California Department of Alcohol and Drug Programs, told TMZ.com that Morningside was unlicensed and "cannot give any treatment."

"It is a violation of the State law to operate a residential drug and alcohol treatment facility in California without a license," Tidwell added.

Morningside CEO Mary Helen Beatificato responded in a statement that, "We have successfully treated thou-

sands of patients through our program, many of which have been ordered to us by state and federal courts."

Heller told the court, "My client is ensconced in the bosom of that facility right now." But E! News and others reported Lohan arrived at Morningside but did not stay and was last seen headed to Los Angeles International Airport.

(NEWSDAY)



Lindsay Lohan



Xing Wu "Oliver" Pan, left, and Jia "Jenny" Hou await sentencing, which is scheduled for Sept. 20.

Liu aides guilty in donor scam

Two former aides to New York City Comptroller John Liu were convicted on Thursday of attempting to use straw donors to defraud the city of campaign matching funds, casting a long shadow over Liu's mayoral campaign.

The convictions of former Liu fundraiser Xing Wu "Oliver" Pan and former treasurer Jia "Jenny" Hou on the first full day of jury deliberations in Manhattan federal court were quickly lauded by U.S. Attorney Preet Bharara, whose prosecutors alleged in court that Liu knew of the scheme.

"Cases like this give the people of New York yet another reason to be troubled by the electoral process," Bharara said.

But lawyers for Hou and Pan said their clients were innocent victims of Bharara's aggressive pursuit of Liu. "She got caught in the middle of an obsessive quest to get John Liu," said Gerald Lefcourt, Hou's lawyer.

Liu said he was "sad-

dened" by the verdict. Hou "is a very mature person, and she has handled this with incredible grace and dignity."

Liu added: "I'm proud of the way that my campaign has been conducted ... and at the end of the day, the voters of this great city will decide."

Pan, 47, and Hou, 26, Liu's campaign treasurer, were both accused of scheming to have wealthy donors reimburse stand-ins — known as "straw" donors — whose purported contributions up to \$175 would be eligible for a 6-to-1 match of public funds.

Sentencing was set for Sept. 20. (AMNY/NEWSDAY)

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Qns. man arraigned in slay of mom's BF

A Ridgewood man was arraigned Thursday in the murder of his mother's boyfriend and then burying him in the backyard of their apartment building.

Derek Tudor, 27, allegedly suffocated his mother's live-in boyfriend during an argument, prosecutors said.

"His alleged actions have caused a great deal of pain to the victim's friends and family and showed little regard for human life," Queens District Attorney Richard Brown said in a statement.

Police found the body of Frank Soucie, 60, wrapped in a sheet Tuesday after Tudor's mother reported him missing last week.

Neighbors called the police after witnessing Tudor throw away a laundry bag containing a burned sleeping bag, according to the district attorney. Police saw what appeared to be blood on an adjacent rooftop.

Cops also found drag marks leading to the back of the building, as well as a knotted electrical cord and a bottle of ammonia nearby. (ANNA SANDERS)