

Istanbul

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Istanbul was at first, said she was very surprised by the sudden offer. "I thought she was kidding at first," she said about her mother. "I was very happy for the opportunity to go."

Once in Istanbul, Lindsey found it didn't fit her mental image. She didn't expect the fast paced bustle and western looks of the Middle Eastern city. "I thought it would be like in 'Aladdin' (the movie)."

"People looked really rich in Istanbul. Also, I thought you would have to be covered up, but the ladies looked like they just came from the Gap."

While in the big city with a population of approximately four million, she saw many sights, including the biggest emerald in the world, Moses' walking stick, St. John's hand and the Topkapi Palace. The latter was home to sultans during the 600-year-long Ottoman Empire that came to an end during World War I.

Lindsey also visited a few of the 1,400 mosques in Istanbul. "They were very pretty, but I got tired of going in them," Lindsey said frankly.

After spending a week in Istanbul, the three travelers headed down the coast. First, they stopped in Izmir, a city on the western coast of Turkey that looks out to the Aegean Sea. Lindsey likened Izmir to New York with its cosmopolitan feel.

As they traveled into the countryside, Lindsey found the people there fit her original perceptions of life in Turkey. "People were a lot different in the country (than in the cities)," she said. The women dressed in a more traditional manner.

Next they drove to a town called Kusadas and eventually down to Ephesus, an ancient city full of incredible Roman ruins. The earliest records available show the city was founded in 2000 B.C. by Amazons. Ephesus passed through the hands of the Athenians and the Spartans. By 190 B.C. the Romans had control of it. Lindsey was impressed with the city full of columns telling the



Lindsey and her aunt Wendy hopped on this camel in Ephesus for a quick picture.

story of the buildings they once supported, the amphitheater and the many shrines dedicated to gods and saints, including the Church of St. Mary and a wooden statue of Artemis, the goddess of hunting and the chase. This statue of Artemis was once one of the seven wonders of the ancient world. "It was phenomenal how they built them and they still stand," she said.

While in Ephesus, Lindsey discovered the unique enterprises that can come about from mixing the past and present. "We went into an underground water reservoir where the sultan maids went to get water. There were old pillars holding it up. We saw a statue of Medusa's head and there was a cafe down there. It was dripping wet," she explained.

She also picked up a skill while in Ephesus. "While we were lost trying to find St. John's Basilica, we came on to a rug place. They showed us how to make carpets, how it's dyed and what trees they're from," Lindsey said. She and her aunt brought home a few Turkish rugs.

The people were all friendly she said. During her 12-day stay in

the country, Lindsey learned some Turkish. "People really liked it if you tried to speak their language," she said.

After taking in the ancient links to the past, they went to Datca, a city on the western coast facing the Sea of Crete. Lindsey snorkeled off the coast in the sea's crystal clear waters. "I could see mountains under the water and hot colored schools of fish," said Lindsey. It was a bit scary she said. "There were caves under the water and I was afraid an octopus would come up," she said with a laugh. Luckily, there was no octopus visible that day.

Lindsey explained that the Turkish food was good — at first. "Every restaurant has platters with eggplant, rice, shrimp and tomato sauce with lots of peppers. We tried them all and I got sick and tired of platters with the same things on them," she said.

"I learned a lot from the trip. I have a better idea of here, it's given me more respect for the United States," Lindsey said. "By the end of the trip I was ready to come home."

Her mother added, "We're happy she's home and thrilled she got this experience."

Backboards

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with the borough's tactics. As an assistant coach for Lehman 7th and 9th graders and a parent, Hage has a vested interest in the courts. "It has been detrimental for several reasons," he said of the missing backboards. "From a coaching standpoint, one problem for the Back Mountain was there weren't enough places for kids to play basketball. Burndale is one of the only good facilities in the entire Back Mountain."

Hage said many players he was coaching on the courts were starting to show improvement before the borough's action. But, for Hage the courts go beyond merely improving one's game. He believes the courts hold a vital place in the

"It's a darn shame. I'm sure undeserving people are paying the price."

Milt Lutsey
Borough manager

community that provide not only a place for kids to go, but a place where they can gain guidance and knowledge from the adults who play ball with them.

"I know a lot of kids who are borderline kids and this is a good outlet for them. One of the worst things to do is give kids too much time on their hands to be bored,"

explained Hage who believes authorities should work with kids instead of punish them.

"If you deal with kids in a punitive standpoint, kids see authority as against them," Hage said. "When that happens they tend to get into trouble more." Hage said some kids tried to contact the borough and were given the cold shoulder.

He is surprised by the recent problems, but thinks it's nothing a "dead bolt and chain couldn't fix. It probably cost more in manpower to take the backboards down than it cost to fix the door," he said. "This hurt a lot more kids than it helped. There is a lot of good going on there."

School board

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costs. The total came to \$8,619,425.

"I feel like we are getting bombed with the figures the same time we are seeing them," said Maureen Banks, board member. "We haven't sat down and talked about all our options. We haven't sat down with anything concrete."

Ernest Ashbridge, board president, echoed her statements. "When we don't know if the front of the school will be brick, stone or wood, we can't decide on these figures. We should know more about what it will look like when it's finished," he said to Sims.

Sims reminded the board of the \$7.3 million figure they agreed to when they approved the first

phase. "Now we're looking at approximately \$150,000 more for the maximum costs. We're still looking at the same numbers, they've just been broken down more specifically," he said. "The maximum cost gives you room to change and add money at the Act 34 hearing," he said.

The state will reimburse approximately 25 to 30 percent of the cost, said Ashbridge.

The board made a 5-2 vote to extend the district's Extension of Transportation contract with Emanuel Bus Lines Inc. for three more years. The company has two years left on the contract and asked for a 5 percent increase to cover some expenses. Due to the

extension the company will be able to upgrade its buses, said Dr. Gil Griffiths, superintendent. The district paid \$600,000 last year for the normal bus runs, said Williams.

Thomas Landon, Ashbridge, Reese Finn, John George and Joseph Kunec voted for the resolution, while Banks and John Litz voted against it.

"I feel we should have had the runs down before hand," said Banks. Litz agreed. "We need a little more than nine words in our packets."

Finally, the board again appointed Atty. Benjamin R. Jones III as its solicitor for the district for the 1997-1998 fiscal year.

Library

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library. Last November, the library was advised that its application was approved for \$200,000, providing a challenging opportunity to fulfill the urgent needs of the children of the community.

The subscribed funds raised by the community will be used to equip and furnish the wing upon completion, to purchase new materials and fill the shelves, and to

fund an endowment to cover new planned activities and the increased costs of operating the new wing.

Groundbreaking for the new wing will occur on Sunday, July 13, following the conclusion of the annual auction and construction is scheduled to begin the next day. The new wing will feature additional shelf space within the

children's reach, study carrels and computer stations, expanded table area seating, and a performance area for storytelling and multimedia presentations.

For more information concerning the campaign or to make a pledge, contact Debby Kirkwood either by phone at 675-1182 or by mail at P.O. Box 374, Dallas, PA 18612.

Items for Elephant booth still needed

A reminder that usable items for the White Elephant Booth at the Sweet Valley Fireman's Memorial Day Fair are still needed. They may be dropped off at the house next to the Fire Hall, Main Road, Sweet Valley or call Joy Wickard, 477-5323. The Baked Goods Booth at the Sweet Valley Firemen's Memorial Day Fair will be needing goodies donated for the evenings of May 22, 23 and 24 and all day Memorial Day the 26th. Please bring them to the booth on the Fairgrounds or call 477-5323 for more information.

Lehman Township tax reminder

Lehman Township Tax Collector, Peggy Moyer, reminds all property owners and residents that face value on 1997 County/Municipal property and per capita tax bills will end on Saturday, May 31. All payments made prior to the close of the tax collector's office hours, and those which arrive postmarked on or before May 31 deadline will be accepted at face value.

If a receipt is desired, please enclose as self-addressed stamped envelope. Office hours are 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. on Tues., and Wed., through the month of May and the last three days of face value, May 29, 30, and 31.

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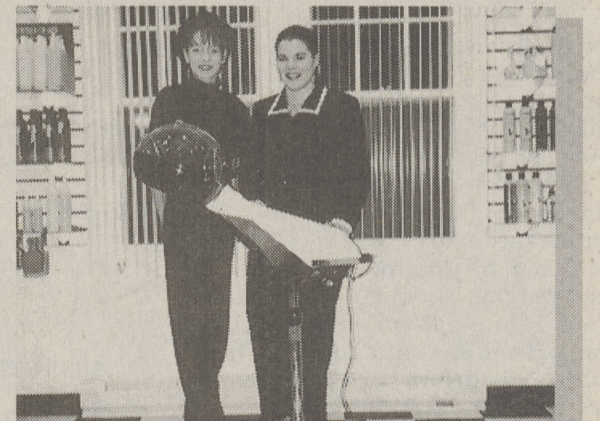
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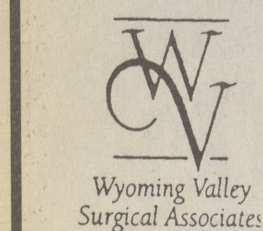
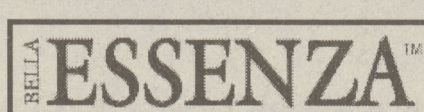


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