

of the New America. His music was inspiring, profoundly creative and courageous. And as a civil rights activist, his contribution to the cause in music will never be forgotten.

TRIBUTE TO THE ROLANDO  
PAULINO ALL-STARS

HON. JOSÉ E. SERRANO

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 11, 2000

Mr. SERRANO. Mr. Speaker, today I pay tribute to and congratulate the Rolando Paulino All-Stars team for a very successful year. This group of young South Bronx little leaguers finished their season one game shy of making it to the Little League World Series on August 17, 2000.

They have demonstrated that they have the ability and the desire to be assets and role models in our community. We are proud of their accomplishments and I hope they will continue to be successful both on and off the diamond. They are terrific examples for young men throughout our communities.

Mr. Speaker, about 150 family members and friends of the Bronx players, almost all of them wearing the team's cardinal red colors and some of them with their faces painted red, sat behind the team's dugout that night to cheer on these Little Bombers.

This year, in repeating as the New York State champion, the Bronx team won 10 consecutive games to qualify for the Eastern regional. It defeated four teams from its district in New York City, three teams in the sectional tournament, including South Shore, and three more teams in the State tournament, including Colonie in the final.

Mr. Speaker, what made the overall performance of the Bronx team even more remarkable was that it has no home field; players used diamonds in both the south and east Bronx, especially at Claremont and Crotona Parks, and a field at the intersection of LaFontaine Avenue and 181st Street.

Again, I congratulate and I wish them the best of luck in their future enterprises. They are our Champions!

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in paying tribute to and congratulating the Rolando Paulino All-Stars Team.

VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN

HON. JOHN CONYERS, JR.

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, September 11, 2000

Mr. CONYERS. Mr. Speaker, I submit the following for the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD and recommend that all members read and consider it when looking at the issue of Violence Against Women. I hope members find it helpful when considering reauthorization of the Violence Against Women Act.

[From the Washington Post, Sept. 8, 2000]

BATTERED GIRLFRIENDS NEED PROTECTION,  
TOO

(By Judy Mann)

Barbara Dehl, a 44-year-old mother of four girls, lives a lot of her life in hindsight.

Every day, she wonders why she didn't get "Cassie's Law" passed before her 17-year-old daughter, Cassandra, ended up dead—the victim, her mother has testified, of an abusive relationship with a boyfriend.

After Cassie's parents divorced and her mother moved near Boise, Idaho, Cassie chose to remain with her father, Curtis Dehl, in Soda Springs and finish school there. When she was 14, she met Justin Neuendorf, a former altar boy at her church, who was three years older than she was. For the next year, she went out with him off and on.

Her parents didn't realize that their daughter was undergoing verbal and mental abuse. In testimony before a state legislative committee, Barbara said she found out later, from Cassie, that Neuendorf would tell her such things as she wasn't pretty enough for anybody else to love. "Once a wedge had been inserted between Cassie and her family and friends, the physical abuse began," Barbara testified.

In the spring of 1998, Barbara testified, he choked Cassie hard enough to make her bleed from her nose and ears and ruin a white coat. Cassie had been staying with a girlfriend while her father was out of town. About six weeks after the incident, the girlfriend told Cassie's father about it, and he confronted his daughter. Cassie denied it. He intercepted a letter in which Neuendorf said he was "sorry for almost killing you" and explained that he had been on drugs. Curtis intercepted another letter in which the boyfriend mentioned slitting Cassie's throat.

"We gave these letters to the local police, the prosecutor, the probation officer and to his parents," Barbara says in an interview. "Nobody believed a teenage girl living in her parents' home could be abused by her boyfriend. They just said, 'Why doesn't she walk away?' Nobody believed abuse could happen to a young girl who wasn't married to the abuser. . . . He had her so manipulated that in her mind she thought she was in love with this guy, and she was as helpless to leave him as a victim of battered-wife syndrome.

"When she was 16, she said, 'If I was only better, he wouldn't have to hit me.' When I would confront her, she would tell me it was her fault."

It's a 350-mile trip, each way, between Boise and Soda Springs, and Barbara says she drove it weekly, trying to get help for Cassie. "We put Cassie into domestic-abuse counseling twice, but they didn't have training in dealing with young girls and dating violence," Barbara says. "We never allowed him to see Cassie. He'd take her out of school, out of work, out of state.

"Idaho did not have a domestic-violence order to cover girls her age. I filed for one, anyway. We went before the judge, and he said we had all the evidence in the world, but there were no domestic-violence laws to protect Cassie."

On the night of Dec. 3, 1999, Neuendorf picked Cassie up from a girlfriend's house and did not allow her to get her coat, according to Barbara Dehl. It was below zero. "After midnight," Barbara says, "the truck crashed down an embankment. He was not in the truck. She was. We don't know how he got out. He was slightly injured, with a broken wrist.

"The accident was not reported for more than 15 hours," she says. "The fact that she was in the accident and left at the scene was not reported for 18 hours. When the sheriff's deputy arrived on the scene, she was dead and her body frozen solid. That's how they found my baby."

Neuendorf has been charged with vehicular manslaughter.

"Her sisters and father and I decided we had to make sure no parent ever had to walk in our shoes," Barbara says.

The Idaho legislature started in January. Barbara wrote what became known as "Cassie's Law," which allows judges to issue a domestic-violence protection order for people in an abusive dating relationship. It allows parents to secure this restraint even without a child's help. Barbara quit work, cashed in her retirement and used her savings to lobby the legislature. The bill passed, was signed into law by the governor on April 3 and went into effect July 1.

Barbara Dehl is now helping the National Task force to end Sexual and Domestic Violence Against Women lobby for the reauthorization of the Violence Against Women Act. The act, passed in 1994, expires in October, and unless Congress reauthorizes it during what remains of this session, the agencies that help victims of domestic violence will be greatly weakened.

Over the past six years, \$1.6 billion has gone to states and communities to train law enforcement officials and counselors on how to deal with domestic violence. "A lot of it is going to police and prosecutors and shelters and community education," says Pat Reuss, chair of the coalition. "It's been a very good bill."

In 1993, women experienced an estimated 1.1 million violent offenses at the hands of an intimate partner, according to the Bureau of Justice Statistics. By 1998, the estimate had declined 21 percent, to 876,340 offenses, even though women have become more likely to report crimes of domestic violence. And the number of women killed by an intimate partner declined 23 percent between 1993 and 1997.

The Violence Against Women Act is every bit as important as some other political hot topics, such as prescription drug coverage and hate crimes. It is saving lives. The House version covers women in dating relationships; the Senate version does not.

What happened to Cassie Dehl should persuade the Senate to go along with the more inclusive House provisions. If anything, teenage girls are more susceptible to abusive relationships than mature women.

The bills have strong bipartisan support, and they should be passed promptly. They are too important to be caught up in the last-minute rush of election year politics.

SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Title IV of Senate Resolution 4, agreed to by the Senate on February 4, 1977, calls for establishment of a system for a computerized schedule of all meetings and hearings of Senate committees, subcommittees, joint committees, and committees of conference. This title requires all such committees to notify the Office of the Senate Daily Digest—designated by the Rules committee—of the time, place, and purpose of the meetings, when scheduled, and any cancellations or changes in the meetings as they occur.

As an additional procedure along with the computerization of this information, the Office of the Senate Daily Digest will prepare this information for printing in the Extensions of Remarks section of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on Monday and Wednesday of each week.

Meetings scheduled for Tuesday, September 12, 2000 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

## MEETINGS SCHEDULED

## SEPTEMBER 13

9 a.m.  
Governmental Affairs  
To hold hearings on the nomination of John Ramsey Johnson, of the District of Columbia, to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia; and the nomination of Gerald Fisher, of the District of Columbia, to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia. SD-342

Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs  
To hold hearings to examine circulating coin designs. SD-538

9:30 a.m.  
Commerce, Science, and Transportation  
To hold hearings to examine marketing violence to children issues. SR-253

Environment and Public Works  
Fisheries, Wildlife, and Drinking Water Subcommittee  
To hold hearings on the Draft Biological Opinions by the National Marine Fisheries Service and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service on the operation of the Federal Columbia River Power System and the Federal Caucus draft Basinwide Salmon Recovery Strategy. SD-406

Energy and Natural Resources  
Business meeting to consider pending calendar business. SD-366

10 a.m.  
Appropriations  
VA, HUD, and Independent Agencies Subcommittee  
Business meeting to markup H.R. 4635, making appropriations for the Departments of Veterans Affairs and Housing and Urban Development, and for sundry independent agencies, boards, commissions, corporations, and offices for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2001. SD-138

10:30 a.m.  
Aging  
To hold hearings to examine long-term care insurance, focusing on protecting consumers from hidden rate hikes. SD-608

2 p.m.  
Foreign Relations  
To hold hearings on pending calendar business. SD-419

Intelligence  
To hold closed hearings on intelligence matters. SH-219

2:15 p.m.  
Energy and Natural Resources  
Forests and Public Land Management Subcommittee  
To hold hearings on S. 2873, to provide for all right, title, and interest in and to certain property in Washington County, Utah, to be vested in the United States; H.R. 3676, to establish the Santa Rosa and San Jacinto Mountains National Monument in the State of California; S. 2784, entitled "Santa Rosa and San Jacinto Mountains National Monument Act of 2000"; S. 2865,

to designate certain land of the National Forest System located in the State of Virginia as wilderness; S. 2956, to establish the Colorado Canyons National Conservation Area and the Black Ridge Canyons Wilderness; H.R. 4275, to establish the Colorado Canyons National Conservation Area and the Black Ridge Canyons Wilderness; and S. 2977, to assist in the establishment of an interpretive center and museum in the vicinity of the Diamond Valley Lake in southern California to ensure the protection and interpretation of the paleontology discoveries made at the lake and to develop a trail system for the lake for use by pedestrians and nonmotorized vehicles. SD-366

2:30 p.m.

## Indian Affairs

To hold hearings on S. 2899, to express the policy of the United States regarding the United States' relationship with Native Hawaiians. SR-485

## Appropriations

Business meeting to markup H.R. 4635, making appropriations for the Departments of Veterans Affairs and Housing and Urban Development, and for sundry independent agencies, boards, commissions, corporations, and offices for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2001; and proposed legislation making appropriations for the government of the District of Columbia and other activities chargeable in whole or in part against revenues of said District for the fiscal year ending SD-134

## SEPTEMBER 14

9 a.m.

## Foreign Relations

International Operations Subcommittee  
To hold hearings on exchange programs and the national interest. SD-419

9:30 a.m.

## Energy and Natural Resources

To hold oversight hearings on the transportation of Alaska North Slope natural gas market and to investigate the cost, environmental aspects and energy security implications to Alaska and the rest of the nation for alternative routes and projects. SD-366

## Appropriations

Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education Subcommittee  
To hold hearings to examine stem cell research. SH-216

## Commerce, Science, and Transportation

To hold hearings on air traffic control issues. SR-253

## Environment and Public Works

To hold hearings on the nomination of the following named officer for appointment as the Chief of Engineers, United States Army, and appointment to the grade indicated while assigned to a position of importance and responsibility under title 10, U.S.C., section 601 and 3036: Maj. Gen. Robert B. Flow-ers, to be Lieutenant General. SD-406

10 a.m.

## Judiciary

Business meeting to consider pending calendar business. SD-226

## Budget

To hold hearings on budgeting for defense, focusing on maintaining today's forces. SD-608

11 a.m.

## Governmental Affairs

International Security, Proliferation and Federal Services Subcommittee

To hold hearings on the state of foreign language capabilities in national security and the Federal Government. SD-342

1 p.m.

## Small Business

To hold hearings to examine slotting fees, and the battle family farmers are having to stay on the farm and in the grocery store. SD-628

## Environment and Public Works

Fisheries, Wildlife, and Drinking Water Subcommittee

To continue hearings on the Draft Biological Opinions by the National Marine Fisheries Service and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service on the operation of the Federal Columbia River Power System and the Federal Caucus draft Basinwide Salmon Recovery Strategy. SD-406

2:30 p.m.

## Energy and Natural Resources

National Parks, Historic Preservation, and Recreation Subcommittee

To hold hearings on S. 2749, to establish the California Trail Interpretive Center in Elko, Nevada, to facilitate the interpretation of the history of development and use of trails in the setting of the western portion of the United States; S. 2885, to establish the Jamestown 400th Commemoration Commission; S. 2950, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to establish the Sand Creek Massacre Historic Site in the State of Colorado; S. 2959, to amend the Dayton Aviation Heritage Preservation Act of 1992; and S. 3000, to authorize the exchange of land between the Secretary of the Interior and the Director of the Central Intelligence Agency at the George Washington Memorial Parkway in McLean, Virginia. SD-366

## SEPTEMBER 15

10 a.m.

## Energy and Natural Resources

Forests and Public Land Management Subcommittee

To hold oversight hearings to examine Federal agency preparedness for the Summer 2000 wildfires. SD-366

## SEPTEMBER 19

9:30 a.m.

## Armed Services

To hold hearings on United States policy towards Iraq. SH-216

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SEPTEMBER 20

2:30 p.m.

Energy and Natural Resources  
Energy Research, Development, Production and Regulation Subcommittee  
To hold hearings on S. 2933, to amend provisions of the Energy Policy Act of 1992 relating to remedial action of uranium and thorium processing sites.

SD-366

SEPTEMBER 26

9:30 a.m.

Veterans' Affairs  
To hold joint hearings with the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs on the Legislative recommendation of the American Legion.  
345 Cannon Building

SEPTEMBER 28

9:30 a.m.

Armed Services  
To resume hearings on United States policy towards Iraq.

SH-216

POSTPONEMENTS

SEPTEMBER 20

9:30 a.m.

Small Business  
To hold hearings on the United States Forest Service compliance with the Regulatory Flexibility Act.

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