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NEWS IN BRIEF

Oregon fugitive captured in Mexico

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) — A man on the FBI's Ten Most Wanted list for allegedly killing his wife and three children and dumping their bodies into the Pacific was captured at a beach resort in Mexico, where he was

living in a grass hut, the FBI said Monday.

Authorities tracked down Christian Longo on a tip from a vacationer who met him in Mexico and then recognized his picture on the FBI's Web site after she returned home to Canada.

Longo, 27, surrendered peace-

fully to about 20 FBI agents and Mexican police Sunday night in Tulum, about 60 miles from Cancun, the FBI said.

Longo, who has a history of petty crime and debt, has been on the run since the bodies of his wife and children were found in shallow areas of the Oregon coast in December

Survey

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Schuyler Houser said that without an overwhelming response from students in support of Bonfire, Bowen may decide that student interest is insufficient for the project to continue.

"It is so important that students really take this seriously," Houser said.

Before voting, students will have the opportunity to get information and ask questions about the Bonfire designs at three open forums that will be held today in MSC Room 292 at 10 a.m., 2 p.m., and 6 p.m. Representatives from the Bonfire 2002 planning task forces, CBM Engineers and Turner Construction will be available to answer questions.

Cole said the steering committee will meet Jan. 28 to begin studying the results and based on student response, will select a final design to present to Bowen, who is expected to make the final decision in early February about whether Bonfire will burn next fall. In the meantime, with the planning phase of Bonfire 2002 complete, a transition team is already implementing the steering committee's plans as if Bowen had approved the project.

"We're moving ahead as if Bonfire will take place. We don't know for sure, but we can't afford to wait any longer," Cole said.

Bonfire planners are now working to complete student training, safety manuals and operating procedures. Applications for

leadership positions will soon be available, and the Bonfire 2002 student leadership will be selected by the end of February, Cole said.

He added that he is confident that the steering committee fulfilled the task given to it by Bowen to design a safe Bonfire.

"It is as safe as can be, and is only possible from a design standpoint," Cole said.

Among the safety measures mandated by Bowen are the elimination of cut, the use of professional design plans and a one-level stack structure, which all logs touch the ground. The survey explains that in order to maximize student participation, the drastic reduction in workload involved in Bonfire 2002 may limit a student's work time to 12 hours.

Fair

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Brazos Valley Coalition for Life, asked fellow board members at the December board meeting to ban Planned Parenthood from the 2002 fair.

Worley told *The Bryan-College Station Eagle* on Jan. 10 that he opposes any involvement of Planned Parenthood in Bryan Schools.

"I think we should definitely exclude Planned Parenthood or anybody else who has, as a part of their business, [a service] which does not fit into the curriculum," Worley said.

Smith maintains, however, that the cancellation was an effort to save the financially strained district from the \$3,000 cost of the fair. The decision that the fair be cancelled was not announced at the December meeting because it was not slated in the agenda, Smith said.

"The administration did make the decision after last fall to not continue the Wellness Fair in its current format," Smith said.

For the past seven years the Wellness Fair has offered cholesterol, glaucoma and prostate screening and blood pressure checks and provided

immunizations and flu shots for area residents. The services were administered by health agencies from the community. Smith said that in previous years the fair revolved around education.

"Our focus is education, while some will [sexual education] as part of the education, believe we will meet all our state mandated appropriate curriculum will be delivered what state mandated or not to meet our teenage sexuality curriculum," Smith said.

The BISD stands by its statement that the decision to cancel the Wellness Fair was due to financial constraints, Smith said. The Planned Parenthood and Brazos Coalition for Life controversy was coincidental, he said.

"We think that it is important for the district not develop an opinion or a statement, a position on the ongoing political debate between Planned Parenthood and the Coalition for Life," Smith said.

Smith said the Wellness Fair could return in the future, but that it would probably be open only to district employees and their families. He added that two other wellness fairs are also being planned by other community organizations for 2002.

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