

LOCAL NEWS

MEADVILLE

A city man will serve a lengthy prison sentence after pleading guilty to the rape of a child.

Crawford County Judge John Spataro sentenced 22-year-old Nathaniel D. Coulson this morning to serve a 10-to-20-year state prison sentence for pleading guilty to the first-degree felony charge.

Coulson is also required to register his whereabouts with the Pennsylvania State Police after he was deemed a sexually violent predator under the state's Megan's Law.

Meadville police accused Coulson of having a sexual relationship with a young girl from June 2006, when the girl was 11 years old, until this year, when she was 13.

HARBORCREEK

A garage fire spread to a Harborcreek Township house late Tuesday night, forcing a family to flee.

Crews with the Brookside, Belle Valley, Harborcreek, Kuhl Hose, Lawrence Park and Fairfield fire departments had the blaze under control by about 1 a.m.

A man and his two children ran out of the home and were unharmed. Carpin said the family was taken to a relative's home. Fire investigators estimated the home had \$50,00 in damage.

WARREN

A man delivering newspapers in Tidioute was injured this morning after losing control of his car when a bear ran onto the roadway.

Michael J. Morris, 24, was listed in stable condition at Hamot Medical Center.

Police said the Warren man was driving a Ford Explorer west on Route 337 when a bear came out of the woods nearby onto the road, just west of Shaney Road. About 2:40 a.m., Morris swerved to miss the bear, losing control of the SUV.

ERIE

An Erie man was stabbed several times Tuesday afternoon during a fight at the corner of East 10th Street and East Avenue.

Dominick Diaz, 19, was walking when he approached a group standing at the corner. Erie police said. A fight broke out at about 3:10 p.m., and Diaz was stabbed four times in the back and buttocks.

He was taken to Hamot Medical Center, where he was admitted. His family has asked that no other information be made available.

www.goerie.com

World & National News



WORLD NEWS

1. Earthquake aid sent to Indonesia

JAKARTA -- Deliveries of aid are being sent to western Indonesia after a powerful earthquake which left at least 1,100 people dead.

The quake, with a magnitude of 7.6, triggered a landslide in Sumatra that blocked roads and cut power lines.

Hundreds of buildings collapsed in Padang, the capital of West Sumatra province.

Priyadi Kardono, a spokesman for Indonesia's National Disaster Agency, said some 100 to 200 people had died in Padang and more than 500 houses and buildings had collapsed.

-BBC World News

2. Guinea calls for unity government

CONAKRY -- Guinea's mili-

tary leader has called for a government of national unity days after dozens of opposition supporters died when protests turned violent.

The rally was triggered by rumours that Moussa Dadis Camara, who seized power in a coup, would run for president.

Capt. Camara has called for "a commission of inquiry backed by the UN" to investigate the deaths.

-BBC World News

3. Tsunami rescue begins in Pacific

LALOMANU -- A relief operation has begun in the Samoan islands, which were hit by a tsunami that killed at least 113 people and wiped out villages and resorts.

Rescue officials said planes carrying medics, food, water and other supplies were heading to the stricken Pacific islands of Samoa and American Samoa.

-BBC World News

NATIONAL NEWS

4. Tufts University: No sex in room while roommate is present

BOSTON, Massachusetts -- A new policy at Tufts University prohibits students in dorms from having sex while their roommate is in the room, according to the university's 2009-2010 student handbook.

The Massachusetts university's formal rule also bars so-called "sexiling" -- exiling a roommate from the room so the other roommate can engage in sexual activity.

-CNN

5. Travolta: Defendants threatened to blame me for son's death

NASSAU, Bahamas -- John

Travolta testified Wednesday that would-be extortionists threatened to go the media with stories implying "the death of my son was intentional and I was culpable somehow."

-CNN

6. Justices to review Patriot Act provision

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- The Supreme Court has agreed to review a civil liberties dispute over the government's power to criminalize "support" of a terrorist organization.

The justices on Wednesday accepted review of a key provision of the 2001 Patriot Act, and whether it threatens free speech rights of those who would assist non-violent activities of designated groups.

The government noted that "since its inception, the organization has waged a violent insurgency that has claimed over 22,000 lives."

-CNN

BEACON ONLINE

The new Beacon website, www.thebehrendbeacon.com, is your online source for campus news.

Constantly updated with new and breaking news stories, the website will feature immediate coverage of events as well as an archive of past articles in the Beacon.

We also offer a Twitter account, @behrendbeacon, which will be used to let students know of breaking news happening at the college: notification of important events about to begin, police reports at the campus, or developments not yet released to students by the college.

The site also offers a RSS feed, links to Erie resources, and Behrend students' blogs.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"Optimism is the foundation of courage."
- Nicholas Murray Butler

www.quoteland.com

FACT OF THE WEEK

In England in the 1880s, "pants" was considered a dirty word.

www.hookedonfacts.com

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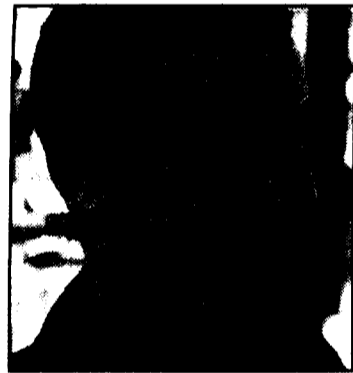
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Have Your Say: Do you feel safe on campus? Why or why not?



Mary Sperry
Freshman
Biology

"Yeah, because I have a ninja for a roommate named Katie Duffy."



Dan Weibel
Freshman
Plastics Engineering

"Yes, because cops are always patrolling at night."



Andy May
Sophomore
Plastics Engineering

"Absolutely, I have no reason not to. I had valuable stuff here all last year and nothing happened."



Bill McGee
Freshman
Secondary Education

"Yes, because I'm six-foot-two, 215 pounds, and 100 percent man."

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Some say the world will end in fire.
Some say in ice.
From what I've tasted of desire
I hold with those who favor fire.
But if I had to perish twice,
I think I know enough of hate
To say that for destruction ice
is also great
And would suffice.



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