

**LOCAL NEWS**

**TITUSVILLE**

The U.S. Attorney's Office said this morning that Chad Zachary Hower, the former area man accused of kidnapping his 13-year-old son and taking him out of the country, is being held in Bulgaria.

Authorities are waiting for Bulgarian authorities to decide whether Hower will be extradited, Assistant U.S. Attorney Christian Trabold said.

Hower, 34, is accused of taking his child, Aarys Oberlander-Hower, then 10, out of the country in November 2006 to obstruct the parental rights of the child's mother, Nancy Oberlander, according to records filed in U.S. District Court in Erie.

**CHAUTAQUA**

Chautauqua County is under a winter storm watch because of the possibility of a significant early-season snowfall that could bring down limbs still heavy with leaves.

The National Weather Service warned that 4 to 6 inches of snow could fall between tonight and Friday night, with higher amounts expected in higher elevations.

The snow has the potential to bring down large branches, which could impact power lines and structures, the National Weather Service warned.

**ERIE**

Erie police continue to investigate the suspicious death of 2-year-old Takhia Warren today.

Police have called Marquice D. Evans, 19, "a person of interest" in Warren's death based on the testimony of Warren's 5-year-old sister, who told investigators that she saw Evans hold a towel over Warren's face and then sit on her Monday night.

Warren was found dead by her mother the next morning.

Police have not charged Evans in the case, in part because an autopsy completed Wednesday found no definitive cause of death.

**LAKE CITY**

An employee who came to work early saw a man stealing money from vending machines at Engineered Plastics, state police at Girard said. The man ran away.

Police said the man entered the building, at 1040 Maple Ave., through a window early Monday. Police said he went to an employee break room and used tools to force open several vending machines at 3:45 a.m.

Police said the man fled the building, running toward West Lake Road. Police searched the area but could not find him.

www.goerie.com

**World & National News**



**WORLD NEWS**

**1. Italy fury of 'Taliban pay' claim**

AFGHANISTAN -- Italy has angrily denied a UK newspaper report that it paid Taliban fighters in Afghanistan to keep the peace.

Italy's defence minister said his country was planning to sue the Times newspaper over the claims.

French forces took over the area unaware of the policy, leaving them unaware of the risks, the paper says. Ten soldiers were killed within weeks.

**2. Uganda MP urges death for gay sex**

UGANDA -- A Ugandan MP has proposed creating an offense of "aggravated homosexuality" to be punishable by death. Ruling party MP David Bahati wants the death penalty for

those having gay sex with disabled people, under-18s or when the accused is HIV-positive.

Homosexual acts are already illegal, but the Anti-Homosexuality Bill proposes new offences and urges the toughening of existing penalties.

**3. Coordinated attacks strike at police in Pakistan**

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan -- Militants dressed in police uniforms simultaneously attacked three law enforcement agencies in Lahore on Thursday morning, the fifth major attack in Pakistan in the last 10 days.

More than 30 people were killed, including 19 police officers and at least 11 militants, police officials said.

Six police officers were killed and seven were wounded, police officials said. In all, five of the attackers were killed, they said.

**NATIONAL NEWS**

**4. 6-year-old Colorado boy found alive after setting balloon adrift**

The 6-year-old Colorado boy who is believed to have set adrift a helium balloon Thursday, prompting ground and air searches, has been found alive, authorities said.

Falcon Heene was found in a box in the attic of his family's Fort Collins home, according to authorities.

But the boy was not inside the craft when it made a soft landing near Keenesburg, about 60 miles from its starting point, at 1:35 p.m.

**5. Obama meets critics in New Orleans**

NEW ORLEANS, Louisiana

-- Mr. Obama flew here for a four-hour stop to promote what he called important progress in clearing up bureaucratic delays, pumping more aid to the region and putting people back in homes. Deflecting criticism that he has not made the area enough of a priority, Mr. Obama acknowledged that more work must be done and vowed that he will "not forget about New Orleans."

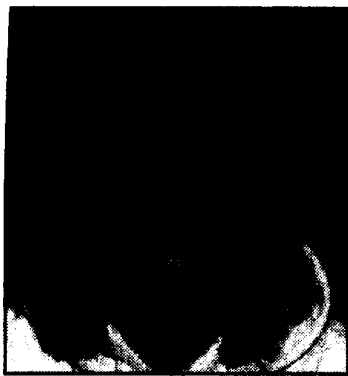
**6. Suspended boy back in school**

NEWARK, Delaware -- Zachary Christie, 6, wants to make one thing clear: he was not at Disneyland last week.

On his first day back at school in Newark, Del., after he was suspended and ordered to the district's alternative school for troubled youth for taking to school a camping utensil that included a small foldout knife, Zachary told his fellow first graders that he was at home.

**Have Your Say:**

**What do you think about the snow?**



Amanda Wesley  
Freshman  
Nursing

"I hate it."



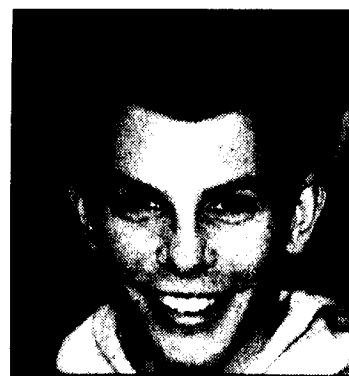
Dan Rabbitt  
Freshman  
Business

"I love the snow!"



Drew Fox  
Freshman  
Business

"I can't wait!"



Jay Condit  
Freshman  
Business

"What's snow? Is this snow you speak of here?"

**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**

"Laugh and the world laughs with you. Snore and you sleep alone."  
- Anthony Burgess  
www.quotorama.com

**FACT OF THE WEEK**

During mating season, the testicles of some fruit bats become so swollen that flight becomes impossible.  
www.factopolis.com

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