

LOCAL NEWS

EDINBORO
Edinboro University of Pennsylvania on Wednesday honored the schools more than 100 students and current and retired staff and faculty who have served in the military. Veterans from the borough of Edinboro and surrounding townships were also honored.

MEADVILLE
Two Meadville residents were able to escape their home before it was damaged by a fire Wednesday night.

The fire was reported about 10:25 p.m. at a single-story home at 226 Grandview Ave. A man who used a wheelchair and a woman were able to flee the home and call 911, fire officials said.

Crews with the Meadville Fire Department and five volunteer departments had the blaze under control by about 11:10 p.m.

The fire likely started in the area around an attached garage, fire officials said. A damage estimate was not available this morning.

MILLCREEK
Millcreek Township voters elected four school directors Tuesday, including an incumbent living in North Carolina who has said she won't serve.

Jane Ann Rastatter, 74, was elected to a third term on the Millcreek School Board. She is living in an assisted-living home in North Carolina and has not attended a School Board business meeting since February.

ERIE
A late Erie barber who quietly clipped his way to a fortune has left more than \$800,000 to the foundation for the Dr. Gertrude A. Barber National Institute, making his gift one of the largest in the organization's history.

Dominick J. Colelli, 95, an Erie native who died Jan. 6, never married. For 37 years he cut hair, retiring in 1977 from Dom's Barber Shop at the southeastern corner of West 32nd Street and Greengarden Boulevard.

Colelli chose to leave nearly all of his estate -- the fruits of all those years of trimming and shaving and investing the money -- to the Dr. Gertrude A. Barber Foundation, the fundraising and development arm of the nonprofit Dr. Gertrude A. Barber National Institute, near the foot of East Avenue. The institute, founded in 1952 as the Barber Center, annually provides services for 3,500 adults and children with developmental disabilities.

www.goerie.com

World & National News



WORLD NEWS

1. Israeli terror suspect on murder charges

JERUSALEM, Israel -- An American-born Israeli man, called a terrorist by Israeli police, was indicted Thursday on murder charges despite his attorney's concerns about his mental stability.

Yaakov "Jack" Teitel, a West Bank settler, was indicted on two murder charges, four attempted murder charges and several lesser charges, including carrying and manufacturing weapons, Israeli court authorities said.

Teitel, 37, was arrested last month in connection with a string of attacks and murder plots over the past 12 years against Arabs, homosexuals, leftists, messianic Jews and police, according to Israeli police and security forces.

- CNN

2. China criticized over alleged 'black jails'

BEIJING, China -- Chinese authorities should abolish secret jails used to unlawfully detain citizens who travel to the capital and other major cities to file complaints, Human Rights Watch says.

For the past six years, citizens have been held without communication in so-called black jails, often located in state-owned hotels, nursing homes and psychiatric hospitals, according to a new report from the human rights group.

Most of the detainees are from rural areas and travel to major cities to submit grievances at petitions and appeals offices, which address cases without going to court, Human Rights Watch said.

- CNN

3. Japan Cheers Emperor

Tokyo, JAPAN -- Tens of thousands of well-wishers lined the streets of Tokyo on Thursday for a parade on the 20th anniversary of the coronation of Emperor Akihito, 75, who urged the Japanese not to forget the lessons of World War II.

More than 50,000 people gathered around the Imperial Palace for the parade, a concert and other events marking Akihito's ascent to the world's oldest hereditary throne.

Speaking at a news conference, Akihito said he worried that young Japanese were forgetting their history, including the country's invasion and occupation of several of its neighbors.

- New York Times

4. SA minister defends shoot-to-kill

SOUTH AFRICA -- A boy was killed on Saturday as police hunted a murder suspect, sparking a national outcry.

Police Minister Fikile Mbalula said it was inevitable

that innocent people would get caught in crossfire.

And referring to what he called "incorrigible criminals", he urged the police to "shoot the bastards".

"Yes. Shoot the bastards. Hard-nut to crack, incorrigible criminals," Mr Mbalula said.

- BBC World News

5. City's drugs gang leader jailed

ENGLAND -- The leader of a Merseyside gang which ran a multi-million pound drugs racket has been jailed for 14 years, at Liverpool Crown Court.

The gang operated in the Kensington area of Liverpool bringing in heroin and cocaine from Holland.

Leader Brian Siner, 26, of Edge Hill, was involved "from beginning to end."

Police were alerted to his operation when residents reported a rise in shootings and street drug deals.

- BBC World News

NATIONAL NEWS

Fort Hood Survivors Move On

KILLEEN, Texas -- It seemed unlikely that Christopher Royal was going to be delivering the sermon Sunday at Shiloh Baptist Church in the tiny town of Eclectic, Ala., as scheduled. Mr. Royal, a chief warrant officer in the Army, had been shot three times in the back during the rampage at Fort Hood.

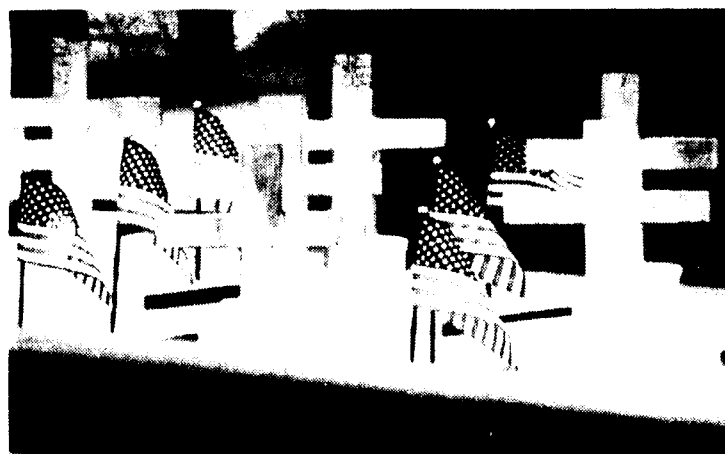
But early Saturday, Mr. Royal called his brother, Bernard Birmingham, and said he was coming anyway.

"I said, 'Can you make it?' " Mr. Birmingham recalled on Thursday. "He said, 'I can make it with the help of the Lord.' "

Like Mr. Royal, 37, many of those injured in the methodical killing spree at Fort Hood, of which Maj. Nidal Malik Hasan has been charged, have already begun the process of moving on, even as they live with scars and limps and frayed nerves, with wheelchairs and stomach staples and colostomy bags, with bullets positioned too precariously in soft tissue for doctors to remove without risk.

Those with physical injuries, at least came away from an unexplainable horror with something tangible to focus on in the weeks and months ahead. Twelve people are still in the hospital, some who may need months to recover.

US President Barack Obama paid tribute to the fallen on Tues. at a memorial service for the fallen.



New York Times

Memorials for the Fort Hood victims were on display to remember the lives lost. Major Hasan is accused of opening fire on Nov. 5.

He said "It may be hard to comprehend the twisted logic that led to this tragedy, but this much we do know - no faith justifies these murderous and craven acts; no just and loving

God looks upon them with favour. And for what he has done, we know that the killer will be met with justice - in this world, and the next."

- BBC World News

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 an RSS feed, links to Erie resources, and Behrend students' blogs.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"America, now is not the time for small plans."
-Barack Obama

www.quotorama.com

FACT OF THE WEEK

Sir Isaac Newton refused to eat with a spoon.

www.factopolis.com

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