

## LOCAL NEWS

### HARBORCREEK

One lane of Old Station Road in Harborcreek Township has been closed for drainage work. State crews are repairing a pipe, the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation says.

The westbound driving lane of the road -- State Route 290, which crosses over Interstate 90 at Exit 32, for Wesleyville and Colt Station -- will be restricted until 5 p.m., PennDOT says.

Drivers are urged to use caution in that area.

### ERIE

Erie police continue to examine a pickup truck they say may have been involved in a hit-and-run crash that killed an Erie man on Jan. 14.

No charges have been filed against the truck's owner, Michael D. Averill, of 2122 Pear St.

Police found the truck, a 1998 Dodge Club Cab, parked outside Averill's home Tuesday night. An anonymous caller had led them to the property.

Police are trying to match the damage on the truck's front end to debris found on the 2200 block of Broad Street, where Hector Rios Rivera, 36, was found in a snowbank at 10:15 p.m. on Jan. 14. Police said Rivera's neck and back were broken. He died that night at Hamot Medical Center.

### UNION CITY

An autopsy is scheduled today on a Union City man found dead on Monday morning.

Robert A. Hedderick II, 37, was discovered dead in a home on Center Street in Union City.

Foul play is not suspected, Erie County Coroner Lyell Cook said.

The coroner has scheduled an autopsy to determine the cause of death.

### ERIE

Economic development projects in high-poverty and other troubled areas across the Erie region will be getting a financial boost.

The Enterprise Development Fund, a nonprofit affiliated with the Economic Development Corp. of Erie County, was recently awarded Community Development Financial Institution certification by the U.S. Department of the Treasury.

www.goerie.com

## US POLITICS

# Vacant Kennedy seat taken by Republican

Political analysts say that emotions played as big a role as issues in Republican Scott Brown's earthshaking win this week in traditionally Democratic Massachusetts.

And those emotions will appear likely to influence the rest of the political season into the November midterm elections.

"People are so angry out here in the real world they can't see straight," political analyst Jennifer Donahue said.

Independent voters can break an election. It happened in 2008 and once again in 2010. A day after his victory to fill Ted Kennedy's old Senate seat, Brown said Wednesday the one thing he heard the most during his campaign was that people

were tired of business as usual.

"That means the behind-the-scenes deals. ... They want to make sure that their elected officials are doing things in a transparent manner, and doing it with the best interests of our state and mine."

While Massachusetts has traditionally voted Democratic, there are more voters registered as independents than Democrats or Republicans combined. And they largely broke for Brown rather than state Attorney General Martha Coakley, the Democratic candidate.

Donahue said the surge of independents voting for Brown reflects a larger phenomenon happening across the country.

"[The election had] a similar dynamic to the electorate and the actual group that elected Obama ... this combination of independent swing voters and Democrats," she added. "What it really shows and what the big implication is for the rest of the 2010 elections are -- the country has moved to the center. Washington has not kept up."

Paul Begala, a Democratic strategist and CNN contributor, said he had a similar theory.

"People in the middle, particularly, but actually at both fringes as well, they really want change. That's how we got Barack Obama in there," Begala said.

"The challenge for Democrats is to reconnect with voters

and try to make the case that they're not fully responsible for the country's problems, Begala said.

Ned Ryun, president of American Majority, which offers training for many Tea Party activists, said the movement's followers, much like independents, are frustrated with both parties.

"They are sick of it, and it's very much anti-establishment at both parties," he said. "They don't care about party labels."

And that message of anti-establishment really resonated, Ryun said, with voters in Massachusetts who went to the polls for the Republican.

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

## QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"It's never 'just a game' when you're winning."

-George Carlin  
www.quoteorama.com

## FACT OF THE WEEK

The longest speech in American history was delivered in opposition to civil rights

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## World News



### 1. Fresh Earthquake Hits Haiti

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti -- The second powerful earthquake to hit Haiti in a week filled the streets of Port-au-Prince with terrified crowds yesterday morning, hours after rain had persuaded some people to sleep inside for the first time since the disaster on Jan. 12.

Centred 35 miles (55km) west-southwest of Port-au-Prince, the 6.1 quake struck a few minutes before 6 a.m., weakening structures still standing from last week and rumbling across the city for at least 15 seconds.

-- The Times

### 2. Air France May Ban Obese

France -- Air France has revealed it may prevent obese economy passengers from boarding its planes for "safety reasons."

It said that, under new rules, if a flight was full an overweight person who did not fit into a single seat might have to take another plane.

It made the admission when it said obese people buying two seats for more comfort would be fully reimbursed for the second if the plane was not full.

This new rule comes into effect on Feb. 1.

-- BBC

### 3. Race to Ukraine Presidency

KIEV, Ukraine -- Contenders for the presidency of Ukraine are vying for political support

as the final vote tally shows a 10 percent gap separating frontrunner Viktor Yanukovich from Prime Minister Yulia Tymoshenko, who finished second in Sunday's first round of voting.

With 100 percent of the votes counted by Ukraine's Central Election Commission, the tally gives Yanukovich just over 35 percent of the total, or roughly 8.7 million votes. Prime Minister Yulia Tymoshenko checks in just a notch over 25 percent or nearly 6.2 million votes.

-- VOA

### 4. Virginia Shooter 'Hid Explosives'

APPOMATTOX, U.S. -- Police say they have found a "multitude" of explosives at a home in the US state of Virginia where eight people were shot

on Tuesday.

Bomb experts searched the rural property after the suspect in the shootings gave himself up after an all-night manhunt.

Police say they are exploding the devices hidden both in and outside the suspect's house.

Medical examiners will try to identify the victims once the area is secured.

The man, named as Christopher Speight, 39, turned himself in at about 7:10 after an all-night stand-off with police, who had surrounded woodland just outside the town of Appomattox.

Sheriff O. Wilson Staples said the suspect had shot at a helicopter which had been called to the scene, hitting its fuel tanks and forcing it to land.

--BBC

## MUSIC

# Jim Donovan entertains, involves students with drumming



Daniel Smith / The Behrend Beacon

Dr. Viebranz plays along with Jim Donovan on drums  
Opposite: Donovan leads a group of Behrend students on drums

JEFF KRAMER  
copy editor

Following an introduction by Andy Herrera, drummers Jim Donovan and Elie Kihonia took the Bruno's stage this Wednesday. Though the crowd was sparse at first, Donovan blasted the audience and any student in Bruno's with his intensive percussion performance (the on-stage keyboard didn't get much play time as his drumset).

Donovan described, "we'll talk with you, we'll play a little bit of music," as Kihonia encouraged listeners to step forward to a semi-circle around the stage. Some eating students gathered up front, and Donovan instructed them in a drum circle (most had been given maracas or chanted "hey").

The message of the night was that of breaking down the walls. The drummers strongly encouraged community: staying together as individuals do in African villages.

Kihonia brought up how in village communities, you're on a first-name basis with everybody.

"If you see your neighbor's kid [misbehaving], you don't wait to go to his mother, you fix him right there," Kihonia said.

He went on to draw parallels to Behrend and the local community here.

"I feel like it would be hard to miss their message they got across," said a Behrend junior.

Donovan and Kihonia both brought up stories of adversity in their pasts, including one about a KKK march in Donovan's small Pennsylvania childhood town. When confronted by a teenaged Jim Donovan, a Klan member told him, "If you're so mad I'm here, why don't you hit me?" Don't give in to pointless anger, Donovan said.

Formerly and probably best known as the drummer for the group Rusted Root, Donovan has been featured in major films such as Ice Age and Twister. He has also appeared on network television programs such as American Idol, David Letterman, Conan O'Brien and Party of Five.

Donovan has also gained enough notoriety to have performed with Carlos Santana. Students picked up on his talent.

"I'm having a good time dancing," said a Behrend junior. The audience appeared to be mainly comprised of adults who had driven from off-campus.



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