

LOCAL NEWS

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By Wednesday evening, a recorded snowfall ranging from 7.8 to 16 inches fell on the Erie region.

No major accidents or problems were reported by emergency workers. Two accidents that did occur included a stuck tractor-trailer on Iroquois Avenue and a car crashing into a house on East Avenue.

Erie's main street, 12th Street, was not plowed until late Thursday morning due to unknown reasons.

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Due to recent state budget cuts, Presque Isle State Park will be forced to close some beaches and restroom facilities this summer.

Presque Isle State Park Manager Harry Leslie stated that these recent closings are also combined with last fall's layoffs of environmental interpreters and rangers.

According to a spokesman of Pennsylvania's Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, a final list of budget cuts will be given soon to all state parks for this year.

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Erie police have ticketed over four drivers this week for using cell phones while driving.

The ban on the use of handheld cell phones in the city of Erie has been in effect since Jan. 5, but has been slow in response due to drivers needing a 'grace' period, according to Erie Bureau of Police Chief, Steve Franklin.

Police Report

On Feb. 10, shortly before 10:30 p.m., PSB Police responded to a report of theft at the Kochel Center.

On Feb. 8, at 7:30 p.m., PSB Police responded to a student report of damage to a vehicle in the D Lot.

An on-campus resident reported vandalism done to his car while parked in the Ohio Lot on Feb. 8, shortly after 12:00 p.m.

A burglar alarm was reported in the Glenhill Farmhouse on February 4, at 5:00 p.m.

World News



1. Haitians cancel Carnival Celebrations

HAITI - Haitian officials have decided to cancel Carnival due to the recent devastation caused by earthquakes. The three-day celebration, Carnival, is the equivalent of Mardi Gras in the United States, and has been celebrated in preparation for Catholic holiday of Lent. Instead, Haitian officials and citizens will concentrate instead on trying to rebuilding and recovery.

2. Iranian security forces clash with protestors

TEHRAN, IRAN - Iranian security forces clashed with protestors on Thursday, marking the 30th anniversary of the Islamic Revolution. Security agents assaulted vehicles carrying opposition leaders from last summer's disputed presidential elections. Unconfirmed reports state that security forces used batons and tear gas to disperse demonstrators. Iranian officials stated any demonstrators arrested during state-sanctioned events and marches will be held at least til April 9, the ending of the Persian spring holiday of Norooz.

confirmed that the road tunnel connecting the capital, Kabul, to the northern city of Mazari-Sharif has been cleared.

3. Death toll rises to 167 after avalanche

KABUL, AFGHANISTAN - Officials confirm over 167 deaths after a series of avalanches occurred in northern Afghanistan on Monday. Over 2,100 civilians have been rescued from vehicles and a road pass that were buried under the snow. Officials also

4. Asperger's syndrome classified as a form of Autism

USA - The American Psychiatric Association has classified Asperger's syndrome as a form of autism. The move has drawn criticism from Asperger's groups who fear they might now be misunderstood by the American public.

US POLITICS

Former President Clinton Hospitalized

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Former President Bill Clinton got a scare Thursday after being sent to the hospital.

The former president was sent to the New York-Presbyterian Hospital after complaining of chest pains over a period of several days.

Clinton was examined and checked for any sign of a heart attack or stroke, but was found to be in "excellent" health apart from a coronary artery having low amount of bloodflow.

The low bloodflow was caused by blockage in a bypass graft inserted into the former president during a quadruple bypass surgery back in 2004.

A stent was inserted into the blocked blood vessel to open up and allow blood to flow freely.

Clinton had also had surgery on his heart back in 2005 to remove scar tissue and a blockage resulting from a the bypass surgery from 2004.

The former president's doctors also said that this was not related to Clinton's diet or rigorous work schedule.



Former United States President Bill Clinton, who was hospitalized on Feb. 11, can't wait to get back to work.

According to Dr. Jonathan Reiner, former cardiologist of Dick Cheney, stated that this

seemed as a typical case of angina or ischemia- a condition that occurs when blood flow to the heart is decreased due to a blocked coronary artery.

It is not uncommon for bypass grafts like the former President received during his surgeries to have problems later on.

But the former president is ready to be discharged and get back to working with the relief efforts in Haiti.

A Clinton spokesperson stated that the former President had been dealing with the relief efforts going on in Haiti up until he actually went into surgery.

Clinton had been involved in relief efforts in Haiti, traveling to the country twice as a U.N. special envoy.

He was also placed in charge of overseeing aid and reconstruction in Haiti by U.N. Secretary General Ban Ki-Moon.

BEACON ONLINE

The Beacon website, the-behrendbeacon.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

"Everywhere is within walking distance if you have the time."

-Steven Wright

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Winter weather freezes East Coast, complicates travel

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For the past two weeks, the residents on the East Coast have had to stay indoors in response to the heavy snow.

Record-breaking snowfall fell in several cities including Washington, Baltimore, Atlantic City, and Philadelphia.

In Washington, snow was reported to be falling at one time at a rate of two inches an hour.

While parents and kids wait out the weather indoors, local governments struggle to battle the severe conditions.

Cities and counties of Eastern states are being taxed by trying to keep up with clearing and salting roads, an expensive endeavour which requires paying for salt, equipment, and overtime.

In Washington, the weather was so bad that blowing snow caused snowplows to temporarily sit on the sides of rides due to poor visibility.

According to the National Weather Service, blizzard warnings were issued to cities and counties in Pennsylvania, Washington, North Carolina, Maryland, New Jersey, and Delaware.

A blizzard, by official weather terms, is when winds that are 35mph or more combined with heavy snowfall



Nobody escaped the heavy snowfall, including the White House in Washington D.C.

causes visibility near-zero for three hours or more.

In some cases, such as Pennsylvania, blizzard conditions

were so severe that the major Interstates 76, 78, 83, 176, 476, 676 and According to the National Weather Service, blizzard

warnings were issued to cities and counties in Pennsylvania, Washington, North Carolina, Maryland, New Jersey, and

Delaware.

Transportation has also come to a halt from the winter blasts. Thousands of flights were

grounded due to high winds, near-zero visibility, and extensive amounts of snow on airfields.

Washington Dulles International and Reagan International airports closed Wednesday, but workers labored to getting flights in the air as soon as they can.

"We're working, and we're plowing as best we can, and then once the winds start to diminish some, we'll be able to start hauling snow off the airfield as we've been doing for six days now," said Tara Hamilton, a spokesperson for both airports.

New York airports were closed Tuesday, but reopened Wednesday afternoon. But most airlines canceled their flights in and out of JFK and Newark Liberty International airports.

Along with airports, passenger rail services were unavailable to the public in New York, Boston, and Washington.

Downed powerlines and trees on freight tracks south of Washington caused service cancellations in Virginia and the Carolinas.

Many universities had several days of cancelled classes, prompting many facebook status updates praising the snowfall.