

LOCAL NEWS

ERIE

An Erie County judge upheld the decision on Wednesday to convict Erie County Councilman Ebert G. Beeman for the fifth time of driving without a license.

Reddinger, an Erie City detective, explained how he witnessed Beeman drive away from a court hearing on Oct. 20, even though his license was already suspended for a fourth time when he drove away from the courthouse. Beeman faces a \$200 fine.

MEADVILLE

A Crawford County man, William King, has pleaded guilty on Wednesday to a third-degree felony count of unlawful contact and communication with a minor. Prosecutors presented evidence that shows King sending sexually oriented online chats to a undercover police officer posing as a 14-year-old girl, and in one chat sending the officer a video of him performing a lewd act. King will be sentenced on June 8.

Police Report

A coordinator reported criminal mischief in Senat Hall at 11:25 a.m. on Feb. 23.

A theft from a motor vehicle in the G Lot was reported at 9:30 p.m. on Feb. 23.

A report of items stolen from the REDC building was received at 12:00 p.m. on March 3.

A theft was reported by a Senat Hall resident at 7:25 p.m. on March 5.

A report of douglas fir trees being damaged in front of both Perry and Senat Hall was received at 12:00 p.m. on March 11.

On March 15 at 8:00 p.m., a Perry Construction Superintendent reported that during the weekend, one of his trailers was broken into.

Officer McCaslin assisted staff workers with resetting an alarm in the Logan House at 5:40 p.m. on March 15.

World News



1. Thai protesters throw blood at president's house

BANGKOK, Thailand -- Anti-government protesters in Thailand known as the "Red Shirts" threw blood on the lawn of Thailand's Prime Minister. Abhisit Vejjajiva, on Wednesday.

While the Prime minister was visiting areas in Thailand that were affected by heavy drought, "Red Shirt" protesters who are known for wearing red shirts overwhelmed police barricades and proceeded to throw

bags of blood donated by fellow protesters onto the lawn.

The incident was in response to the prime minister's refusal to dissolve parliament and hold new elections after he took power in 2008 after the former prime minister fled the country in 2006 while he faced corruption charges.

2. Three men dead after historic site burns

KAMPALA, Uganda -- Three men were killed by police after the men, who were part of a

major tribe, rushed to the historic burial site of the Buganda Kings, which was destroyed in a fire on Wednesday. The cause of the fire is unknown and is being investigated by both the Ugandan government and members of the Buganda Tribe, which has had tense relations with the government since the President Yoweri Museveni is not a member of the tribe.

3. Israeli moves to ban fur trade

JERUSALEM --

The Israeli government started legislation to ban the fur trade within the country on Wednesday.

Controversy over the trade reached a turning point when a documentary on Israeli TV aired the cruel conditions of animals whose pelts were used in the trade. The Israeli government started to draw up plans to ban the fur trade within the country, excluding only animals such as cattle, camel, goats, and sheep. The plan has met with public approval after a poll found four out of five Israelis agree with the ban.

MILITARY

US soldier honored and reprimanded

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In July 2008, U.S. army captain Matthew Myers was involved in one of the deadliest ground wars in Iraq in the Wanat region.

Myers, along with other U.S. troops, fought and defended a military outpost from a coordinated attack of over 200 Taliban fighters.

Along with his comrades, Myers defended their position by calling in air strikes, sometimes within 10 meters of where he gave out the coordinates.

During the battle, nine US troops were killed and while about 100 Taliban were killed.

Myers received the Silver Star for his actions during the battle. But this would not be the end of the story.

After the battle, military officials began investigating how the enemy was able to get as close as they did, coming within grenade throwing dis-



Besides enemy fighters, US soldiers face difficult terrain.

tance of U.S. troops. Some Taliban fighters even managed to enter the compound through the broken wall.

After further investigation,

four star General Charles C. Campbell gave out a letter of reprimand to Capt. Myers for failing to prepare the base for an attack.

Myers' two senior commanders were also given the same letters for reasons unknown.

In the military, letters of reprimand are career ending, barring military personnel from advancing in rank. But according to investigators, Myers had the odds stacked against him before the battle.

Army officials who knew the base's location acknowledged its poor defensive location.

The base was located at the edge of the town of Wanat at the bottom of a valley, surrounded on all sides by high hills, an impossible position to defend.

One official, who knew the reprimanding general, commented, "He saw the evidence and made a decision based on that."

"Unless you've been there, you don't know how hard those places are to defend."

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

"Anyone who says they can see through women is missing out on a lot."

-Groucho Marx

FACT OF THE WEEK

Brett Favre's first completed pass as a Green Bay Packer was to himself.

www.mentalfloss.com

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Physically harming or threatening to harm any person, intentionally or recklessly causing harm to any person or reasonable apprehension of such harm or creating a condition that endangers the health and safety of self or others, including through the facilitation of or participation in any mental or physical hazing activity.

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Alcohol and Abuse: Are they connected?

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