

LOCAL NEWS

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A community college for Erie County is becoming more of a reality as supporters of the proposed college recieved a major financial boost. High mark Blue Cross Blue Sheild announced a grant of \$200,000 to the project, which still needs the Pennsylvannia Department of Education to approve the college's application before the plan can move forward.

Jim Martin, community affairs director for Highmark said, "The money will be used for education, not bricks and mortar." Other donations to the college include one million dollars from the Erie Community Foundation, \$10,000 each from Scott Enterprises, Lord Corp., Custom Engineering Co., and PHB/Reddog Industries.

Erie County Excucative Barry Grossman said hopes the grant from Highmark will spark more area companies and businesses to contribute money to the growing project.

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Grade schoolers from across Erie County decended upon a vacant lot turned to garden plot one hot afternoon. Their mission: to harvest and to eat!

Co-Director of the project, Gary McEnery, said that they looked for many lots in the Little Italy neighborhood, and this little patch of green seemed perfect.

Students brought their harvest into the kitchen of the Sisters of St. Joseph Neighborhood Network building where they learned to make tomatoe sauce and cucumber salad.

The Little Italy garden was made possible by a grant to Creating Healthy Active Members Planning to Succeed, an after school program at Irving Elementary School.

FACT OF THE WEEK

Did You Know?

When George W. Bush was 30, he was arrested for driving under the influence of alcohol.

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World News



1. Bid for Middle East peace

MIDDLE EAST - US Secretary of State Hillary Clinton said Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and Palestine leader Mahmound Abbas had the "opportunity to end this conflict." This is the first direct talk between the two combative countries in nearly two years that have begun with a pledge for peace. The countries have recieved "full and active support" from the U.S. President Obama initated the talks, giving them a one-year deadline.

He said his goal is a permanent settlement that end Israeli occupation of Palestine territory as well as having Palestine exist peacefully and democratically along Israel.

2. Rig explosion in gulf

GULF OF MEXICO - An explosion on a Mariner Energy oil rig has torn through an offshore oil platform in the Gulf of Mexico, just west of the site of the blast in April that caused a huge spill. Luckily, the Department of Homeland Security stated that the platform, which caught fire, was not producing any flammable gas at the time of the explosion. Coast-guard helicopters, boats, and aircrafts were sent to the sight immedietly and safley got the situation undercontrol.

3. Burger King sold

US - The multimillion dollar fast food chain, Burger King, was sold to a private equity firm 3G Capital in a deal valued at \$3.26 billion. The company has struggled during the recession and last week forecast weak semand for the rest of the year. Under the terms of agreement, Burger King's chairman

and chief executative John Chidsey will still be involved in what changes will be made to the company. Ironically enough, this week Burger King's top competitor, McDonalds saw a 12% profit rise this week.

4. Roman lantern

BRITIAN - Metal detecting enthusiast, Danny Mills, found a perfectly intact Roman lantern that dates between 43 and 300 AD in a field near Sudbury in Suffolk. Mills found similar artifacts during his study of the ancient city of Pompeii.

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Hurricane Earl weakens yet worries

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Areas along the US east coast have declared states of emergency as Hurricane Earl makes its way into U.S. waters. Earl is said to make landfall on Thursday night.

As the storm nears, it has weakened to category two and US officials predicted the storm will continue to weaken as it passes North Carolina. Although the storm is decreasing in strength, it is growing in size. Dennis Feltgen, spokesman of the National Hurricane Center warned, "there is still concern that this track, the core of the storm, could shift a little farther to the west and have a very significant impact on the know." The NHC said hurricane-strength winds may be felt as far as 110km (70 miles) from the eye of the storm.

The local authorities evacuated residents on North Carolina's Ocracoke Island and Hatteras Island on Tuesday. Both islands are part of North Carolina's Outer Banks, a region popular with tourists. The North Carolina National Guard is also sending 80 troops to assist with efforts in the region to prepare for Earl's impending arrival.

"The most important thing for people living in Earl's potential tract to do is to listen to and follow the instructions of their local officials," Fema administrator Craig Fugate said.

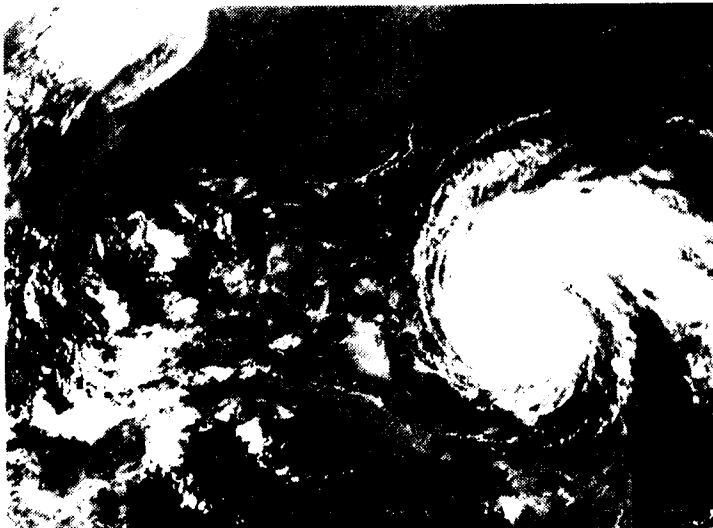
A hurricane warning has been issued for the East Coast of the US from Bogue Inlet, north-eastward to the North Carolina/Virginia border, and in eastern Massachusetts. A warning means

hurricane conditions are expected somewhere within the affected area, with the first tropical storm-force winds within 36 hours. A watch expects the same within 48 hours.

On Monday the hurricane battered north-eastern Caribbean islands and

Puerto Rico, causing power cuts and flooding.

Earl is being followed by Tropical Storm Fiona, currently north-west of Puerto Rico, and Tropical Storm Gaston, the fourth tropical storm to have formed in the last 11 days.



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