

HOT OFF THE PRESS

WORLD

New calculations suggest a tiny chance that a large comet now nearing the sun may take a swipe at Earth when it returns again in 134 years. Although the chance of the comet Swift-Tuttle hitting Earth in the year 2126 is extremely small, a collision could perhaps snuff out much of the life on Earth. The comet is thought to be a chunk of ice and rock about 6 miles in diameter moving in an orbit that takes it close to the sun every 130 years. Astronomers recently proposed setting up a system to monitor the approach of comets and asteroids, with the idea of someday steering them off course if they appear likely to hit the Earth.

NATION

WASHINGTON -- U.S. officials, on a weekend trip to Vietnam, gained access to a cache of secret information, including thousands of photographs that could shed light on the fate of Americans missing in action in the Vietnam War. "There's a good chance we'll get a lot of cases solved -- dozens, hundreds maybe," said one Defense Department official. If positive identifications are made resulting from the new information, families of the missing men will be notified first, the officials said. President Bush is to be briefed on the results Thursday, then there will be a public announcement. The three-day trip was hastily arranged after the United States got word that Vietnam was prepared to cooperate in turning over material it has previously held back. One official said the information appears to be the most important breakthrough in the long POW-MIA effort in two decades.

NEW YORK -- Today, 750,000 copies of Madonna's collection of sex-fantasy photos arrived in bookstores across America. Nothing is left to the imagination in this 128 page book of photographs. The book was created under strict security. The book's publisher said, "We had to have armed guards at the plant, to make sure copies would not disappear. The materials were under lock and key at every stage." So browsers can't peek unless they pay, the book has metal covers and comes sealed in a silver-colored plastic bag featuring Madonna's face.

SALT LAKE CITY -- A college student searching for fossilized bugs and worm tracks stumbled upon rare fossils of dinosaur skin impressions dating back at least 75 million years. Scientists hope the find will lead to a better understanding of how dinosaurs looked. Paul Sereno, a paleontologist at the University of Chicago, said dinosaur skin fossils are exceptionally rare, estimating that only a couple dozen have been found worldwide.

LOCAL

ERIE -- An Erie man was sentenced Tuesday to 8 1/2 to 24 years in prison for sexually assaulting a 15-year-old girl along a rural road in McKean township in January. Thomas McGhee, 38, was convicted in September on charges of involuntary deviate sexual intercourse, indecent assault, corruption of minors and criminal attempt. He was sentenced by Erie County Judge Stephanie Domitrovich.

ERIE -- Erie is among one of 130 cities in the United States which has been rated to have unhealthy levels of poisonous lead in its water supply. Most at risk are children and pregnant women. Even low levels in kids can cause behavioral problems, learning disabilities, and stunted growth. Houses with lead service lines, interior lead pipes, or smoldering are at the highest risk. Erie, which has a population of 190,000 has a lead level of 16.

MEADVILLE -- A Meadville woman was bound over to stand trial in Crawford County Court for the stabbing death of her live-in boyfriend last summer. Carol Grover, 41, is charged with criminal homicide in the July 18 death of Charles McFarland, 36. Grover stabbed McFarland after he physically abused her.

Alumni Fellow

Gary Johnson
The Collegian

Former CEO of Meadow Brook Dairy Company and founder & CEO of Country Fair convenience stores, Dr. Ray L. McGarvey, will return to Behrend to be honored as the 1992 Alumni Fellow.

A fellowship is a permanent, life-long designation, and University President Dr. Joab Thomas will bestow the honor during an all-college reception on October 27. McGarvey will meet with college classes in all disciplines October 27 & 28.

McGarvey attended Penn-State Behrend in 1950 & 1951 and completed his bachelor's degree in accounting at the University of Pennsylvania's Wharton School of Business. He earned a master's and doctoral degree in accounting from the University of Illinois.

From 1960 to 1991, McGarvey was CEO of Erie-based Meadow Brook Dairy Company, which was founded by his father and uncle in 1932. In 1966, McGarvey opened his first Country Fair convenience store in response to a decline in demand for home delivered milk. The chain now maintains 70 units in and around the Erie area.

He has been a president of the Penn State-Behrend Council of Fellows, and has held various leadership positions within the French Creek Council of the Boy Scouts of America, St. Vincent Health System, the United Way of Erie County, the City Mission/New Life Center, the Harborcreek School District, the Erie Community Foundation, and the Cleveland Chapter of the Young Presidents Organization.

Finn leaves

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"I want the process completed no later than Thanksgiving," Shields said. "We basically want someone as soon as they can get here."

Students and staff alike all have fond memories when thinking of times spent with Maureen.

"She does a mean impression of my laugh and there's always rubber band wars," said Shields. "I'll miss her friendship the most, with her leaving I lose our support group."

"The office won't be the same without her, we'll miss her smiling face and rubber band fights," said Mary Zaczekiewicz, 5th semester communication major.

Pat Smith, 7th semester GAS major, said humorously, "My life will never be the same, I'll be mourning for months."

Shields summed it up, saying, "The impact Maureen's made on many (people's) lives will last longer than their leaving Behrend."

Picture the Seven Ewribs without interest.



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