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Dargaville Weather Forecast And Tides From The Met Service

Next few days

Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon	Tue
17°C	16°C	17°C	16°C	16°C
				
10°C	13°C	8°C	8°C	8°C

Dargaville tides

2009 Jul 3	04:07	LOW
	08:53	HIGH
	16:30	LOW
	21:33	HIGH
4	05:06	LOW
	09:50	HIGH
	17:26	LOW
	22:26	HIGH
5	05:58	LOW
	10:41	HIGH
	18:15	LOW
	23:11	HIGH

Kaipara (Pouito Point) tides

2009 Jul 3	00:56	LOW	1.0
	07:04	HIGH	2.6
	13:19	LOW	0.9
	19:44	HIGH	2.7
4	01:55	LOW	0.9
	08:01	HIGH	2.6
	14:15	LOW	0.8
	20:37	HIGH	2.8
5	02:47	LOW	0.9
	08:52	HIGH	2.7
	15:04	LOW	0.7
	21:22	HIGH	2.9

For Updates Go To: <http://www.metservice.co.nz/public/localWeather/dargaville.html>

Dargaville Issues.

Wot A Fizzer!

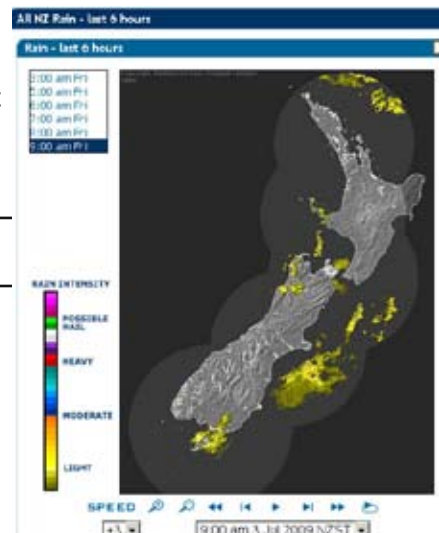
After battening down the hatches for a possible tornado after watching TV1 weather forecast on Thursday night, it was reassuring to wake up on Friday and find that the big blow had missed Dargaville. Here is the weather radar picture for NZ for Friday morning. Time to get the washing on the line to dry and save on power bills!

Wot Innovation!

Competition is alive and well in the Dargaville grocery retail business. The Victoria Corner Dairy – famous for its ice cream selection – has opened a 'garage' at the back of the shop and is offering basic goods at very competitive prices. The same prices apply in the shop of course. Owner, Nitin Shah, told Dargaville Online that as business grows, he will be able to negotiate even better prices for more goods from his suppliers which he will pass on to customers. That is certainly good news for people who are looking for bargains.

If you haven't stopped already, call into the Victoria Corner Dairy at the intersection of Victoria Street and Awakino Road.

They are open 7 days 7.00am – 7.30pm.



Dargaville
The Heart Of The Kauri Coast



My father taught me to work; he did not teach me to love it. William Adams

What's Happened To Our Police Force?

Another full letterbox on this subject after last week's article. Many correspondents felt that holding a meeting with Police would achieve nothing so it has been decided to write to the Minister Of Police instead and see if we can get a better police presence in Dargaville 24 hours a day – 7 days a week rather than the “public service office hours” of 9 – 4.30 Mon – Fri now in effect at our Police Station.

We acknowledge that, according to law, the Minister is not able to interfere in operational matters; however we hope that she can at least make a point or two with the Police command and see a return to the service that Dargaville once had.

Several readers also felt that the Police posted to Dargaville need to get more involved with the community as they used to do, rather than just driving around in cars, apparently doing little more than traffic and liquor enforcement jobs. How long is it since there was a knock on your door by a friendly local policeman who simply introduced him/herself and asked if everything was OK? It's used to be called “Community Policing”!

We will keep you posted!

Family Movie Night - 'Bed Time Stories'

Showing on big screen at the DBCC 187 Victoria Street,

Saturday night, 4th July, 7:00pm

This is a family movie, Tuck Shop, any funds will be for Girls' Brigade company girls. The movie is a new release rated PG.

Circus Kumarani and Cirque du Soleil “Dralion” Benefit Show



Alexandra Park
26th July
1 pm



Category 1 ticket prices: Adults \$130, Children \$105

All proceeds will go towards circus projects with youth at risk. Book online www.circuskumarani.co.nz or by phone 09 439 5152 or see Circus Kumarani at 14 Parenga Street, Dargaville during office hours.

The Dargaville Club

The Dargaville Club is having another “open” night on 18th July 2009 to let people who have never been into the Club (or haven't been there in years) get a feel for the ambience of the facilities. Enjoy a great Smorgasbord meal for just \$20.00 per head. Bookings for these are preferred – Phone (09) 439 8211

The Club has a courtesy van to take you home (as long as you live within a 10Km radius of the Club) so you can enjoy a wine and a tippie during the evening!

The Northland Jazz Festival in Dargaville This Year

Planning is now well underway to have the Northland Jazz Festival in Dargaville this year. Musicians from all over Northland and even Auckland are expected to be here in town over the weekend 2 – 4 October. A series of events will be held in up to three different venues offering locals and visitors alike the chance to hear some great musicians and dance away the hours!

For more information on this or to help with the events contact:

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**A woman has got to love a bad man once or twice
in her life to be thankful for a good one. Mae West**

Dargaville Floral Art Club

"The Dargaville Floral Art Club meets at the Boating Club, Totara Street, Dargaville on the 3rd Wednesday of every month (except January) at 10.00am.

New members welcome. Enquiries to the Secretary, phone 439 2930"

Dargaville Kauri Coast Promotion Society Inc

Notice of Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting of the Dargaville Kauri Coast Promotion Society Inc will be held on Monday 20th July 2009. The venue is to be confirmed.

Business:

1. Apologies
2. Chairman's Report
3. Financial Report
4. Election of Officers – Nominations to the Secretary 7 days before the meeting
5. Presentation by Mayor Neil Tiller
5. General Business

All members are requested to be present and visitors are most welcome. Only financial members of the society are eligible to vote.

A special invitation is extended to all Dargaville Business Owners to join us in promoting Dargaville and the Kauri Coast as a desirable holiday destination.

More About Terry Rae: Bone Carving Artist

Following on from last week's article about Terry Rae, we have been sent some pictures of his carving skills. It was great to see that as a result of our article, a local tourism enterprise has contacted Terry about displaying his work.

Dargaville Online is created weekly through the efforts of a couple of local people, so it is a reward for effort to see that some local networking occurs as a result of this publication!

Contact Terry on: (09) 4373912 or 027 343 1003

View some of Terry's work at <http://picasaweb.google.com/terry.rae?feat=email>

Local Holiday Retreat In International Competition

Have you voted yet for Tangowahine Farm and Rural Retreat?

Check out <http://geotourism.changemakers.com/en-us/node/23008>

Only Tangowahine Farm and Rural retreat is holding the flag for NZ Northland tourism in this year's challenge from National Geographic. So, please vote for us, by doing this it will stimulate visitor interest in Northland and New Zealand. They may even get to hear about other Northland regions. I am happy to update as we go along but what a hoot if we get a placing!

Cheers

Hugh Rose
Tangowahine Farm and Rural Retreat

**Today FM. 88.5 & 106.7
Dargaville's Bringing Back The Memories Station**

Ignorance never settled a question. Benjamin Disraeli

From Further Afield

'Get Rich' Company in Liquidation

Wealth creation business Richmastery has folded owing creditors more than \$75,000. Richmastery, once headed by Phil Jones and David Hows, told people how to get rich in a prominent series of promotions and seminars. But now Ralph Trading, previously called Richmastery, has been put into liquidation at Jones' behest. People have until July 10 to prove their debts or claims.

Liquidator Robert Willis of CST Nexia in Manukau has issued an initial report saying Richmastery traded in New Zealand by running seminars and offering advice on wealth creation through property. "Due to a strategic realignment of group assets following an international business expansion from Phil Jones's relocation to the USA and a change in the national franchise structure, the shareholder has decided to liquidate the company," he said.

Ralph's sole shareholder is Zooloo Holdings, owned by Rich Investments which is owned by Jones. Ralph's assets are listed as nil but claims from unsecured trade creditors stand at \$75,832.

Two Sides To Every Story!

A Horowhenua piggery targeted by animal welfare activists has been cleared of any welfare code breaches. Agriculture Ministry investigators visited the piggery of former Pork Industry Board director Colin Kay two months ago after footage broadcast on television showed animals chewing the bars of their small crates and frothing at the mouth. Mr Kay blamed the activists for distressing the animals at his 240-sow Kuku Beach Rd piggery, near Levin, saying turning lights on at night and sprinkling meal around would make them squeal. "They thought they were going to be fed," he said. The ministry's findings that he had not breached the code of welfare for pigs were a relief, but came as no surprise, he said. "It is what I expected. I am glad the report vindicated the piggery. It is a reflection on the ability of the farm manager and the staff."

The report stated that the standards of animal husbandry, stockmanship and care were very high at the piggery and that "observations of resting dry sows did not support contentions of pigs in distress. "While the present tone of public sentiment may be strongly disapproving of intensively housed and reared pigs, the fact is we found no evidence on this property of non-compliance with or breaches of the Animal Welfare (Pigs) Code of Welfare (2005) in its current form," the report said.

The National Animal Welfare Advisory Committee, which advises ministers, is considering a review of the 2005 pig code. Although Mr Kay believed keeping sows in crates was the best way of managing them, group housing in which sows could walk into feeding stations would be used in a new piggery he planned to build near Foxton. Last year he gained consent for a 48,000-sow piggery at Foxton Beach, starting with 800 sows and expanding if compliance criteria were met. He said construction would begin at the start of next year.

Peter Dunne Raising Hard Questions

Cash compensation for Maori as part of a foreshore and seabed deal would risk a backlash from middle New Zealand, United Future leader Peter Dunne has warned. Mr Dunne also believes the ministerial review, released on Wednesday, went too far in recommending a national settlement of customary rights to the foreshore and seabed and suggesting re-examination of the loss of customary rights in light of the Treaty of Waitangi "writ large". Maori Party co-leader Tariana Turia has flagged a cash settlement, saying compensation was usual "when you steal or take something that isn't rightfully yours".

But Mr Dunne, who is revenue minister, said while most Kiwis were comfortable with addressing injustice, "hackles will start to rise if the dreaded compensation word is raised, and if that compensation is monetary compensation". He would raise his concerns with Prime Minister John Key. "In this current environment, people will quickly ask questions: if money can be found for that level of compensation why are we suffering or appearing to suffer cutbacks in other areas of what might be more immediate and vital spending." A formula that allowed for symbolic, non-monetary compensation could be the way forward, he said.

He pointed as a model to the Aoraki/Mt Cook deal with Ngai Tahu where the mountain was ceded, then handed back to the Crown. The review also raised the option of Maori-Crown co-management of foreshore and seabed, but Mr Dunne was wary, saying they often turned into "something else".



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Computers are famous for being able to do complicated things starting from simple programs. Seth Lloyd

New Books In the Dargaville Library

RENTAL FICTION

A Deadly Trade – Michael Stanley
Burnt Shadows – Kamila Shamsie
Through Black Spruce – Joseph Boyden
The Unicorn Road – Martin Davies
Going Under – Justina Robson
The Road to Jerusalem – Jan Guillou
Stone's Fall – Ian Pears
The Right Hand of the Sun – Anita Mason
Dead Men's Dust – Joe Hunter
Sphinx – Tobsha Learner
The Owl Killers – Karen Maitland
Evening is the Whole Day – Preeti Samarasan



Story Time For Pre-Schoolers At The Library

The library runs a weekly Story Time for pre-schoolers which takes place from 2.30-3pm each Wednesday. Story time is run by the local mother Emily Coombs in the library's junior room. Younger children please bring a parent or caregiver. For more information please contact the library on 09 439 3150.

JAYMAC Computing "Geek Speek!"

Apple Mac Supporters Only

If you ever wondered why people keep away from Apple Mac computers read this story.

<http://www.stuff.co.nz/technology/gadgets/2562006/Apples-fruit-should-be-forbidden>

Every product has its advantages and disadvantages but trying to stop people from purchasing a particular product seems pretty naïve in this day and age! Maybe the article has been written tongue in cheek, but really!

Creating Traditional Forms Using Microsoft Word

Many people use Word to create what I refer to as "traditional forms." By this I mean forms using nothing but text and lines; I do not mean the types of forms using special fields that Word allows you to create. Traditional forms are typically printed and reproduced to be filled in by someone using a pen, pencil, or typewriter. They may include checkboxes, but often simply include response lines.

When putting together a form, many people type some text, and then follow that by a line for the form user to fill in. When creating the line, you have many different techniques you can use. The simplest is to use the underscore character (a shifted dash) to create the line. If you have multiple lines in the form you are creating, you won't get a professional look by using the underscore. This is due to the variable nature of proportional space fonts. When you use the underscore with other text on the same line, the right edges of your lines almost never line up.

To get around this problem, you can use tabs with leader characters to get a professional look. Simply type your text, followed by a space, then hit the Tab key. Format the line so that it has a right-aligned tab at the place you want the line to stop. Also make sure that the tab uses the underscore character for a leader. This approach looks much more professional than if you use underscores.

You can also use tables to put together your forms. For instance, you could use a two-column table. In the left column you would place your prompting text, and in the right put your underline characters. This is an easy approach, but it often places your fill-in-the-blank area (the underline) quite a distance from the prompting text. If you are creating simple forms, this may be more than acceptable, however.

Finally, you can use the drawing toolbar in Word to create your underlines. If you do this, you can place your underlines anywhere you



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The worst thing about some men is that when they are not drunk they are sober. William Butler Yeats

want and make them any thickness you want. You display the drawing toolbar by selecting Toolbars from the View menu, and then making sure Drawing is selected.

If you want to frame your form, meaning to put a border around the whole thing, you can do so by using a standard Word text box. If you do, however, make sure you create the text box before starting to design your form. If you don't, the text box displaces the text in your form and you need to move it all within the text box later. You can, of course, select the text that makes up your form, and then choose to insert a text box. In this case, the selected text (which is your form) is placed inside the text box. You may then have some reformatting to do to ensure your form appears as you expect.

Another way to put a border around your form is to use the rectangle tool from the drawing toolbar. Simply draw a rectangle around your form. If you use this method of bordering, some of the elements of your form (particularly if you are drawing lines) may disappear, depending on your drawing settings. You can get around this by selecting the rectangle and using the positioning tools on the drawing toolbar. The idea is to send the rectangle completely to the back of your form by selecting the Send to Back tool or the Send Behind Text tool.

A third way to create the border is to simply select all the paragraphs in your form and then choose Borders and Shading from the Format menu. You can select the type of border to create, and then choose a line effect for the border. There is one instance when this type of border will not work as expected: if you use different margin formatting on the paragraphs in your form. For instance, you may have a couple of paragraphs with a half-inch left and right indent, which makes the margins different than the other paragraphs in the form. In this case, this type of border will not look good.

If your form takes up an entire sheet of paper, you can add a border to the page itself. You do this by choosing Borders and Shading from the Format menu and then working with the Page Borders tab. The controls on this tab are very similar to those on the Borders tab, with the exception that they apply to the page as a whole.

A final word on putting your forms together. If you want to create check boxes, you can do so by using symbols. Choose Symbol from the Insert menu, and then make sure the Wingdings font is selected. Near the right side of the third row of symbols are a couple of boxes. These provide different effects, but work great for check boxes. Experiment a bit and select the box that is right for you.

More great tips and tricks for Microsoft Word here: http://word.tips.net/W013_Creating_Documents.html

From the Webmaster

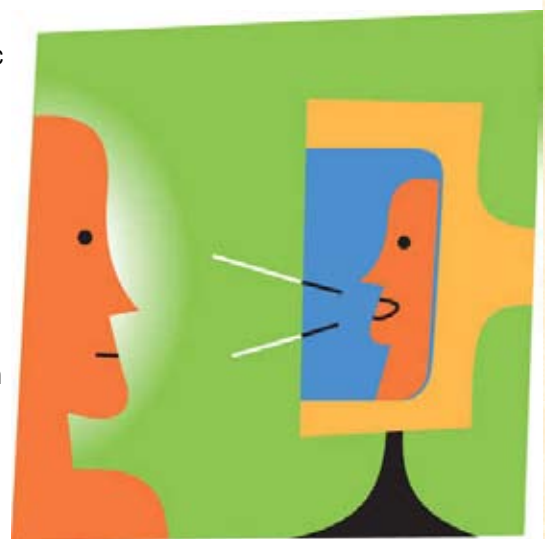
Voice Search Bar

We have not tried this software but it sounds like fun. Use your voice instead of typing commands into Google search. VoiceSearchBar is developed for automatic speech recognition of a user requests and input of them into a Google Search Engine for a search. VoiceSearchBar uses a voice recognition module and converts your speech request into a text search request. It is absolutely free and uses free voice computer speech recognition component from Microsoft. At the moment there is only a version for Internet Explorer. The developers plan to release versions other browsers shortly.

Download it and install on your PC. Once installed, the program will ask you to download and install Microsoft SAPI voice recognition component. When everything is installed you will be able to use it to make voice requests rather than typing into your browser. (You will also need a microphone of course).

Let us know how you get on! Could be onto a winner here.

http://www.voicesearchbar.com/download_voicesearchbar.html



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Life is a marshmallow, easy to chew but hard to swallow

Alberto Nikas

A Few Household Tips That Can Save You Time and Money

Some Practical Time Saving Tips

Do you struggle with fitting everything in? Do you always feel strapped for time? Most of us do. To help you, here are some very practical time saving tips that can add up to a more streamlined life and less stress. Here's to enjoying our life more!

Home

Kids Help Too. At the minimum, have kids do a quick tidy up 15-30 minutes before bedtime. This would include picking up toys, laying out tomorrow's clothes, and collecting anything they'll need by the door. For more kiddie help write down a list of all the chores that need to get done, and then assign them on a weekly basis on a family planning chart or white board. Depending on their age, kids can help to varying degrees with folding laundry, taking out the garbage, loading/unloading dishwasher, sweeping, bathroom cleanup, etc.



Weekly Routine Chart. Make up a template of your typical week and what everyone is doing at certain times. This way chores, homework, bedtimes, and more will run more smoothly because you can always refer to the chart. Excel or any other spreadsheet is a great tool for doing this. Or you could use a whiteboard.

Family Calendar. Have a family calendar posted in the kitchen where all appointments are scheduled to keep everyone on schedule, avoid overlapping appointments, and keep you from overextending with too many activities. Decide for yourself or as a family how many activities a week are manageable and cut back if you need to.

Choose a spot. Don't put your car keys or cell phone in a different spot each night after work. Choose a spot and make it a habit. There is nothing more frustrating in the morning than looking for the stuff you need. You WILL go nuts if you go through a scavenger hunt every single morning.

Know your routine. Similar to placing your keys and phone in a common place, learn what irritates you. If a messy kitchen kills you every morning as you pour your Cheerios, clean the kitchen the night before. The morning is not a time to struggle.

Reduce TV Time. Plan your TV watching. Only watch the stuff you love. And if you can afford it, use Tivo or similar DVR technology to save time because the commercials are cut out. Of course you can always try "No TV Nights" too. Give it a try and see all the time that opens up for you!

Laundry & Cleaning

Socks. Buy each person in the household 2 small mesh laundry bags. In one bag keep all the dirty socks. In the other all the clean socks. When the dirty sock bag is full then throw it in the laundry and then the other empty bag then becomes the dirty sock bag. Works especially well if all your socks are the same because then there's no need for matching.

Presort laundry using large mesh bags. Have one for lights and one for darks. When full all you have to do is dump it in the washing machine.

Wear Clothes Twice. Or heavens forbid, more than twice. This will cut down on laundry and utility costs.

Mopping. Use your bathroom garbage pail for mopping jobs. This way your garbage pail gets washed out every once in a while. Try this



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You can learn many things from children. How much patience you have, for instance. Franklin P. Jones

also with the kitchen garbage can as well if it is plastic.

Vacuuming & Sweeping. Arrange furniture so that the vacuum fits around corners. This way you don't have to move it every time you vacuum. Try not to store things on the floor so that you don't have to move them every time you clean the floors.

Kitchen

Eliminate cup clutter. Assign one place, say a tray, where everyone keeps their cup(s) during the day. At the end of the day, they go into the dishwasher. Also assign a place in the fridge for drinks that are not finished. One other method that helps is to have each person have their own cup with their name on it. This way there's no wasting of drinks and using multiple cups in one day.

Touch it once. Don't use a dish and then place it into the sink "to soak". Scrub it clean or put it right into the dishwasher. There is no reason to touch it twice!



Musical Notes

Good Bye To: Mollie Sugden



Are You Being Served? actress Mollie Sugden has died at age 86. The actress died in the Royal Surrey County Hospital in Guildford following a long illness. Sugden's twin sons, Robin and Simon Moore, were at her bedside, according to her agent Joan Reddin.

Sugden was best known for playing Mrs Slocombe in the popular and long running British sitcom Are You Being Served? from 1972 to 1985. Mrs Slocombe was a department-store saleswoman with a socially superior attitude, a repertoire of double entendres, and a penchant for bouffant, pastel-coloured coiffures. The show often included jokes about Mrs. Slocombe's "pussy" (cat) e.g. Mrs Slocombe: "Animals are very psychic; the least sign of danger and my pussy's hair stands on end".

She later reprised this role for Grace & Favour, which ran from 1992 to 1993. Sugden also appeared in The Liver Birds and Coronation Street.

Today FM. Bringing Back The Musical Memories on 88.5 and 106.7 in Dargaville

Did You Know That:

- * Half the world's population earns about 5% of the world's wealth.
- * India is the world's largest democracy with more than 600 million voters.
- * The system of democracy was introduced 2 500 years ago in Athens, Greece.
- * The youngest active system of governance is communism, which was introduced in 1848 by Friedrich Engels and Karl Marx.
- * The oldest existing governing body operates in Althing in Iceland. It was established in 930 AD.
- * David "Screaming Lord Sutch", as leader of the Monster Raving Loony Party, was Britain's longest serving party leader until he hung himself in June 1999.
- * Victoria Woodhull (1838-1927) was the first woman to run for office of US President. She and her sister were the first women to run a Wall Street brokerage (1870).
- * The United Nations organisation (UN) was founded in 1945.
- * The Organization of American States (OAS) was founded in 1948 to promote peace, security and the economical development of the western hemisphere.
- * The European Union was founded in 1957 as the European Economic Community. It then became the EC (European Community) and in 1993 the EU (European Union).
- * Milk chocolate was invented by Daniel Peter, who sold the concept to his neighbour Henri Nestlé.
- * An ounce of chocolate contains about 20 mg of caffeine.
- * Forks, mostly being two-tined, used to known as "split spoons."



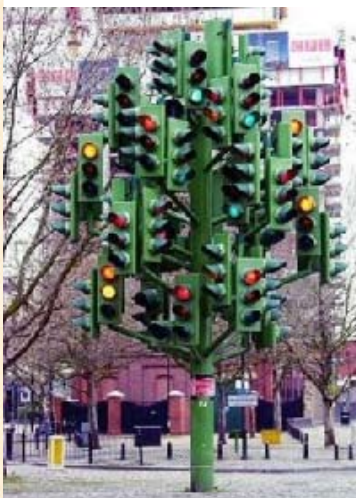
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I was nauseous and tingly all over. I was either in love or I had smallpox. Woody Allen

- * TIP is the acronym for "To Insure Promptness."
- * Coffee is the seed of a cherry from the tree genus Coffea
- * Melba toast is named after Australian opera singer Dame Nellie Melba (1861-1931).
- * Three quarters of fish caught are eaten - the rest is used to make things such as glue, soap, margarine and fertilizer.
- * The world's most expensive jam (jelly) is Confiture de groselles. It is a redcurrant jam (jelly) from a 14th century recipe made in the tiny French town of Bar-Le-Duc.
- * In September 1999 Dustin Philips of the US set a Guinness World Record by drinking a 400 ml (14-oz) bottle of tomato sauce through a straw in 33 seconds.
- * To make one kilo of honey bees have to visit 4 million flowers, traveling a distance equal to 4 times around the earth.
- * Botanically speaking, the banana is a herb and the tomato is a fruit.
- * The scientific term for the common tomato is lycopersicon lycopersicum, which means "wolf peach."
- * There are more than 10,000 varieties of tomatoes.
- * The can opener was invented 48 years after cans were introduced.
- * Over the last 40 years food production actually increased faster than population.
- * The number of people who starved to death in the last 25 years of the 20th century is less than the number who starved to death in the last 25 years of the 19th century.
- * In the Middle Ages, sugar was a treasured luxury costing 9 times as much as milk.
- * Of the more than \$50 billion worth of diet products sold every year, almost \$20 billion are spent on imitation fats and sugar substitutes.
- * China uses 45 billion chopsticks per year. 25 million trees are chopped down to make 'em sticks

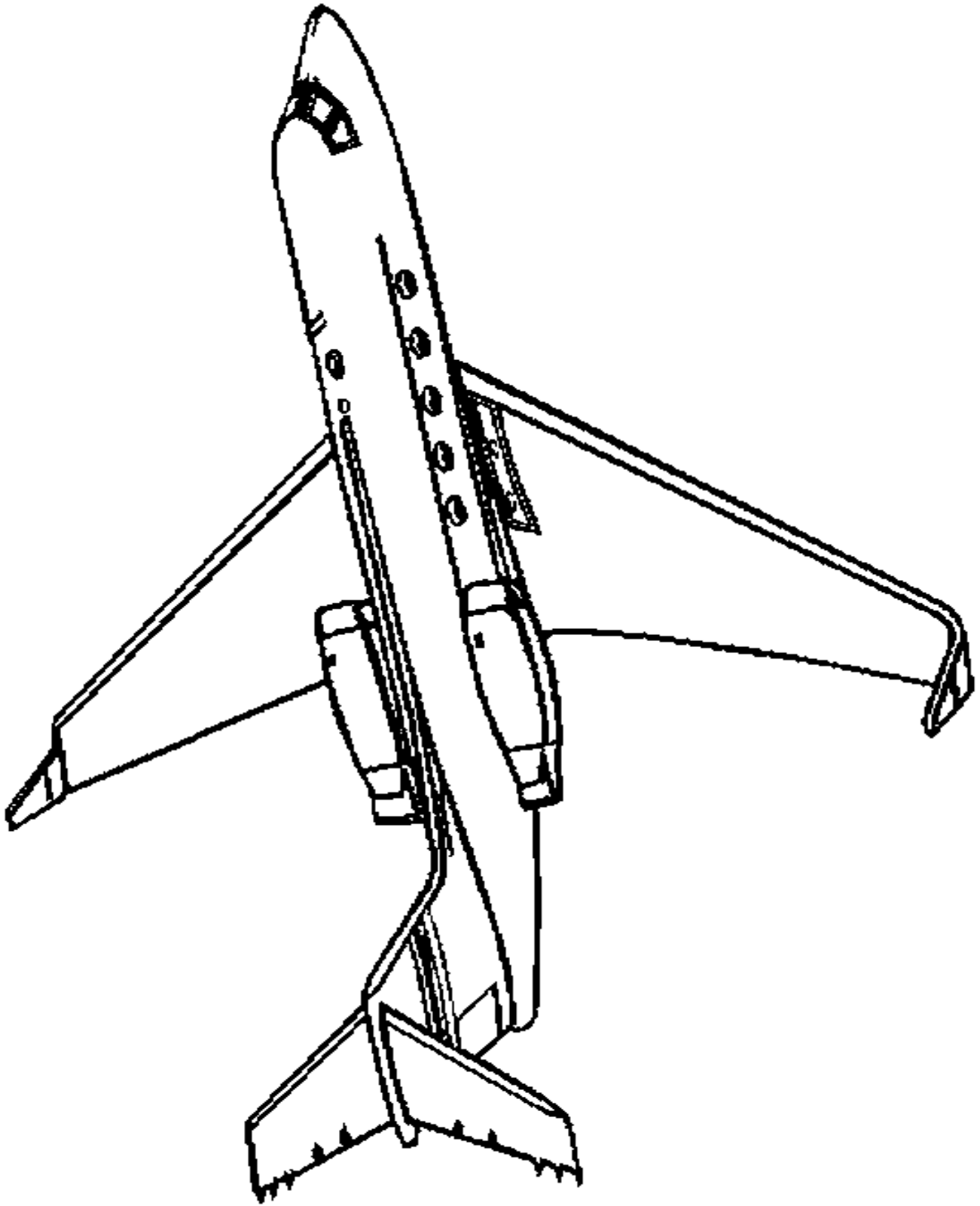
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