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## Lawmen gather in Eldorado to discuss Warren Jeffs case

### YFZ Ranch still of interest to authorities

Lawmen and prosecutors from Arizona and Texas met Monday, September 18, 2006 in Eldorado to compare notes and discuss the ongoing investigation of Warren Jeffs and his reclusive followers.

Jeffs was jailed last month after being intercepted on U.S. Interstate Highway 15 near Las Vegas, ending his four month stint on the FBI's Ten Most Wanted Fugitives List. Since that time prosecutors in Utah and Arizona have agreed on how to proceed with state charges against Jeffs with Utah getting the first opportunity to bring Jeffs to trial. He stands accused in the Beehive State on two charges of rape as an accomplice that stem from his involvement in arranging and performing a marriage between one of his male followers and an underage girl.

What happens to Warren Jeffs, when and if the state charges in Utah and Arizona are satisfied, was the primary topic of discussion between Sheriff David Doran, Texas Ranger Sergeant Brooks Long, FBI Special Agents Rod Foster and Richard Fagan, and Deputy U.S. Attorney Joe Lodge, as they met at the Schleicher County Law Enforcement Center.

Lodge, the man who will likely prosecute Jeffs on two federal charges of unlawful flight to avoid prosecution, refused to speculate on the possibility of additional charges being filed against Jeffs. He did say, however, that the investigation into Jeffs activities continues and that lawmen are particularly interested in the contents of the 2006 Cadillac Escalade that Jeffs was riding in at the time of his arrest.

Lodge, whose office is in Flagstaff,

Arizona, travelled to Eldorado with Special Agent Foster from the FBI's Phoenix field office. They were met here by Special Agent Fagan from the San Angelo field office and Texas Ranger Long from Ozona. Sheriff Doran hosted the men to lunch at his office after spending much of the morning comparing notes on the respective investigations.

"We made arrangements for U.S. Attorney Lodge and Special Agent Foster to fly over the YFZ Ranch so they could see for themselves how immense the building project here has become," Doran said

Doran also accompanied the men to a vantage point on County Road 300 where they could get a look at the FLDS church's massive white limestone temple from ground level.

"I can't get over how big that thing is," Lodge said as he gazed at the temple.

Before departing Eldorado, Lodge said he was pleased with the meeting and offered his thanks to Doran for his hospitality. He also praised the local sheriff for his many months of diligence since the Warren Jeffs followers arrived here in Schleicher County.

"I think the Sheriff has handled this thing about as well as he possibly could have given the circumstances," Lodge said. "It would have been easy for him to over-react and I know that some people were pushing him in that direction."

#### Indian Chief Arrives

A man sporting a Mohawk haircut and claiming to be a War Chief of the Osage Nation climbed over the gate leading into the YFZ Ranch last week and

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PHOTO BY RANDY MANKIN

Sheriff David Doran played host Monday to federal law enforcement authorities. Here Doran (center in hat) shows (L-R) FBI Special Agent Rod Foster, Deputy U.S. Attorney Joe Lodge and FBI Special agent Richard Fagan, the view of the FLDS temple from County Road 300 near the entrance to the YFZ Ranch.

## Buying a used car? Paying the sales tax gets more complicated on October 1st

Beginning on Oct. 1 of this year, persons buying a used car will be accountable for paying the sales tax, not on the actual purchase price, but instead on what the State of Texas believes the car is worth. The change comes as the state officials seek to close a loophole believed to have cost Texas millions of dollars in lost sales tax revenue.

According to information obtained through the State Comptroller's office, people who buy a car through a licensed dealer will continue to pay 6.25 percent in state sales tax on the purchase price of the car. Buying from a private party, such as a friend or relative, gets a bit more complicated, and

it's all based on what the state calls Standard Presumptive Value, the amount state officials have determined the vehicle should be worth.

In those cases, the tax is 6.25 percent of:

- the sales price, if you paid 80 percent or more of the vehicle's SPV;
- 80 percent of the vehicle's SPV, if you paid less than that amount; or
- the certified appraised value, if you paid less than 80 percent of the vehicle's SPV and you get a certified appraisal.

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## Former city utility clerk arrested on theft charge

Maria L. (Mary Lou) Covarrubiaz, 23, of Eldorado was arrested Monday, September 18, 2006 on charges that she stole more than \$4,000 from the City of Eldorado while working at City Hall as a utility billing clerk. Covarrubiaz turned herself in to authorities when notified that a warrant had been issued following a two and a half month investigation.

Eldorado Mayor John Nikolauk acknowledged in early July that money had been discovered missing from the city's

coffers and that the incident had been turned over to the Sheriff's Department. Deputy Jason Chatham and Texas Ranger Brooks Long investigated the case.

Covarrubiaz was reportedly on maternity leave from her city job when the missing funds were discovered. She never returned to work.

Covarrubiaz was booked into the Schleicher County jail on a single felony theft charge. She was soon released on \$5,000 surety bond and is awaiting trial.

## Report of gun on SCISD campus proves groundless

When rumors of a planned school shooting reached SCISD officials last week they wasted no time in calling in law enforcement.

Sheriff David Doran, and Deputy Jason Chatham responded to the school early Friday morning, well before students began arriving, in order to check things out.

One student, who was accused of making terroristic threats, was questioned by the lawmen. So were a number of students who were believed to have knowledge of the incident.

"The whole thing was over pretty quickly," Sheriff Doran said, "We were able to ascertain that there was no real

threat. But we still had to take it seriously."

For his part SCISD Superintendent Billy Collins agreed that the rumors swirling around town had been overblown.

"You have to consider these things as if they are real," Collins said. "After the shootings at Columbine, we just can't afford to take any chances."

Collins added that the safety and well being of Eldorado students are his first priority and he praised the quick actions of his staff and administrators. Collins also thanked the Sheriff's Department for their prompt response to the perceived threat.



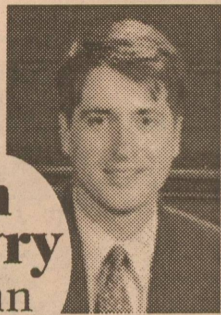
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Eldorado Eagles defensive end Neal Higgins wrapped up Junction running back Miles Sepeda during 1st quarter action in Eagle Stadium last Friday night. Junction overpowered the Warbirds to post a 31-0 score. Junction is 3-0 on the season while Eldorado Eagles dropped to 0-2.

# The Democrats' Middle-Class Problem

All things considered, Democrats would rather be talking about the economy. They think it is favorable ground for them, but Democrats are often undone by talking about the economy -- more precisely, by how they talk about the economy.

That is the argument of a persuasive paper by Anne Kim and Jim Kessler for the moderate Democrat outfit Third Way. They note that for a self-styled "party of the middle class," the Democrats



The Rich Lowry column

don't win many middle-class voters. Democrats tell themselves bedtime stories about why this is so, including the thesis of "What's Wrong With Kansas?" author

Thomas Frank that middle-class voters get lured into voting against their own economic interests by the GOP cultural message. The evidence suggests, to the contrary, that what's "wrong" with Kansas is that it doesn't buy the Democrats' economic message. Kim and Kessler define the middle class as voters with household incomes between \$30,000 and \$75,000. Kerry lost it by 6 points, and by an astonishing 22 points among the white voters who "represent one-third of the voting population and three-fourths of the middle class."

In 2000, national security didn't loom large, but Al Gore still lost the middle class by 2 points and the white middle class by 15 points. In 1996, when Bill Clinton had muted hot-button issues by signing welfare-reform and tough-on-crime initiatives, congressional Democrats still lost middle-class and white-middle-class voters by 3 points and 12 points, respectively. Clinton had the best Democratic performance among middle-class voters in three decades that year, winning them by a mere 1 point.

How does the Democratic message fall flat? Kim and Kessler count the ways. The public doesn't buy heedless pessimism; 80 percent believe it is "still possible to start out poor in this country, work hard and become rich." It prefers opportunity over economic security; only about a quarter of Americans say that they prefer a low-income, high-security job. It doesn't like corporation-bashing; only 27 percent say big business is the biggest threat to America's future, while 61 percent say big government is.

Democrats essentially offer the middle class a nullity. Kim and Kessler run through the greatest hits of Democratic policy. The average family income for Pell Grant recipients is \$19,460. Head Start is for poor children. A married family of four can make a maximum of only \$37,263 to still be eligible for the Earned Income Tax Credit (to the tune of \$1). Only 2.7 percent of American workers make the minimum wage, and half of them are under age 25.

Kim and Kessler recommend a Clinton-style, hopeful message focused on promoting middle-class aspiration through making college more affordable, helping working families, and encouraging savings and investment. Democrats are indeed calling for a college-tuition tax break, but otherwise are advocating their usual farrago of corporate-hating, minimum-wage-boosting doom-and-gloom.

It might work, given the anti-Republican political climate. Over the long term, however, pessimistic, anti-corporate Democrats will continue to be alienated from middle-class voters, and will need still more excuses as to why they can't reach them.

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# Navy commissions fourth USS Texas

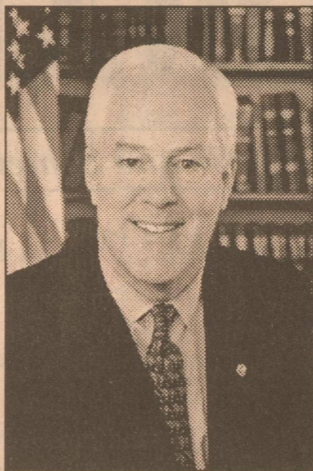
by U.S. Sen. John Cornyn  
Some 10,000 citizens, many of them Texans, were in Galveston earlier this month to witness commissioning of the USS Texas, the world's most advanced and powerful nuclear submarine.

I wish every Texan could have joined First Lady Laura Bush, Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison and me for this moving ceremony. The event was a potent reminder of our resolve as a nation in confronting those who wish us harm. It was an occasion to remember the major stakes involved in the war on terrorism.

I was honored to give the keynote remarks, and focused my comments on the need for continued strong American leadership in today's troubled world. Another speaker was Dionel M. Aviles, Undersecretary of the Navy, a native of Bryan.

The launching underscored the vital, ongoing role our state plays in defending America. In fact, the event was punctuated with attention to Texas history and values, particularly our frontier toughness and independent spirit.

Three World War II fighter planes from the Lone Star flight museum in Galveston thrilled the crowd before the ceremony. But most attention went to the USS Texas itself, including an artfully



Commentary by Senator John Cornyn

designed crest on its forward hull.

The crest includes an outline of our state's familiar borders. Behind the outline is the Texas Ranger badge, representing the unity of purpose between those who enforce Texas law and those sailors who will defend freedom. There are also four white stars, since this is the fourth warship to carry the USS Texas name.

When Captain John J. Litherland sent his sailors to their duty stations, they responded in unison: "Don't mess with Texas!"

The USS Texas (SSN-775) enters our Atlantic fleet in a lead-

ing role, at a critical time, with a formidable legacy. Each of the three previous U.S. Navy warships bearing the USS Texas name each in their own turn performed valiant service to keep the peace and maintain our liberty.

The initial USS Texas was authorized in 1886 as the first true American battleship. On June 16, 1898, at the dawn of the Spanish American War, USS Texas and a sister battleship reduced the Spanish fort at Cayo Del Tore in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, to ruins, neutralizing a significant threat to U.S. forces.

In 1911, the USS Texas was renamed the USS San Marcos so that another, bigger ship could assume the USS Texas name. The successor battleship USS Texas (BB 35) was commissioned in 1914 and became the first to mount anti-aircraft guns and launch aircraft. In 1940, the USS Texas was designated the flagship of the U.S. Atlantic fleet.

The USS Texas played a key role in World War II. Its booming big guns helped soften Nazi defenses at Normandy in early June, 1944. By February of the following year, Texas was in the Pacific supporting landings at Iwo Jima and later at Okinawa.

The USS Texas became the  
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# Texas mourns death of former Gov. Richards

by Ed Sterling

AUSTIN — Former Gov. Ann Richards, 73, died at her home in Austin on Sept. 13.

Gov. Rick Perry ordered flags to be flown at half-staff at state buildings in memory of the former governor through sunset Sept. 18.

Richards had battled cancer of the esophagus for six months before her death.

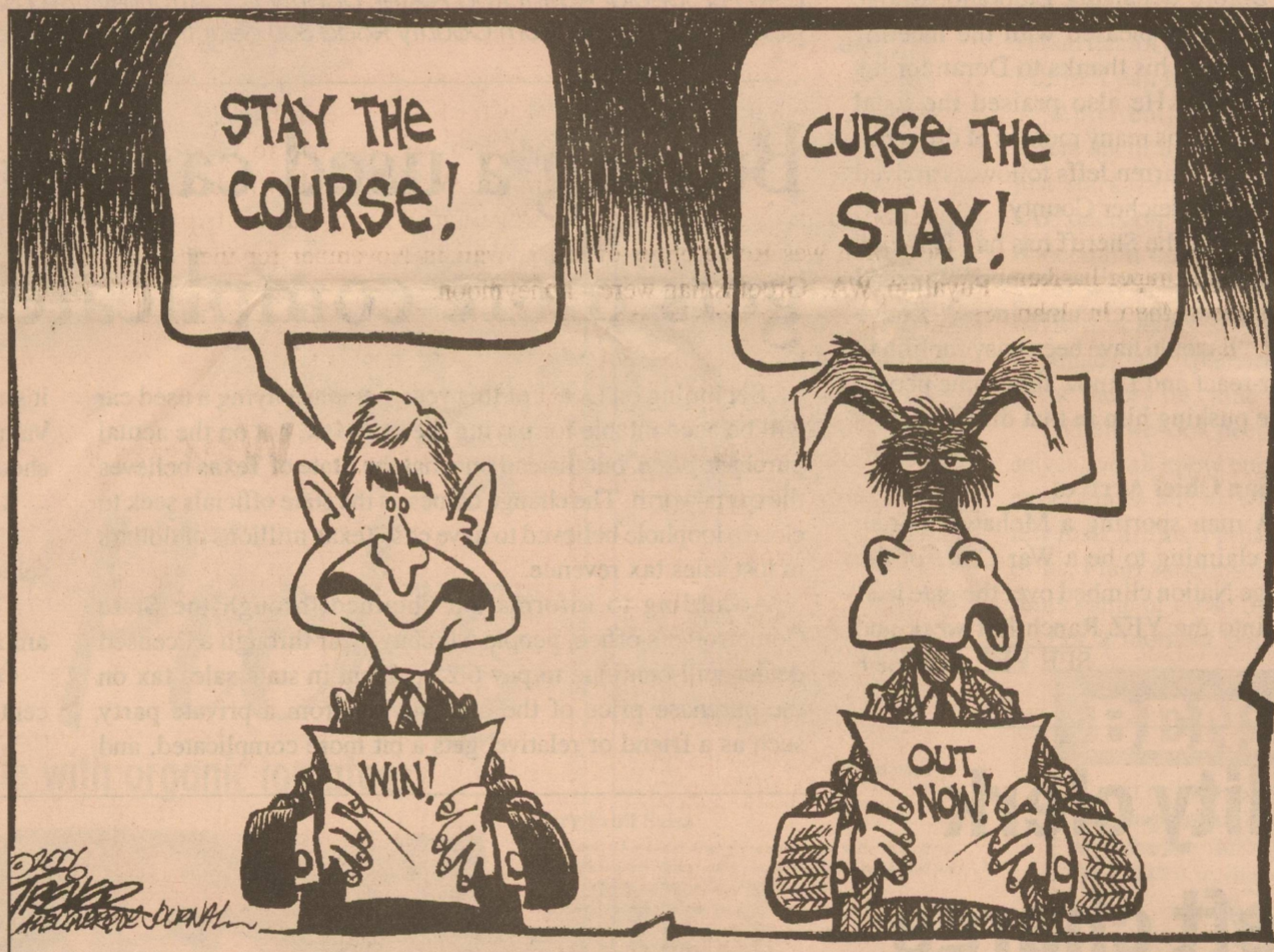
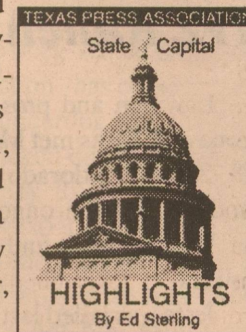
She served

one term as governor, from 1991-95, two terms as state treasurer, 1982-90, and two terms as a Travis County commissioner, 1976-82.

She inspired many Texans to a life in public service and stood out in her appointing of women and minorities to posts in state government.

The former governor's body lay in state in the state Capitol rotunda Sept. 16-17. A Sept. 18, public-welcome funeral was held at the University of Texas' Frank Erwin Center. Burial followed in the Texas State Cemetery.

Former Texas governors still living include Dolph Briscoe, Mark White, Bill Clements and George W. Bush.



# Big Lake is Twin City

Debra Riggs is the official keeper of the twin registry in Big Lake, a city of some 2,800 people in Reagan County. The small town needs such a person to handle all the news about its twins, since Big Lake has a number of them. In fact, it is way out of proportion when you compare it to numbers of twins in other communities.

"People move to town and they either have twins after they get here or they bring twins with them or they let us know that they are a twin," says Debra.

Big Lake has 129 sets of twins in the registry that dates back to 1889.

"Currently there are 17 sets of adults with one or both twins living in the community and we have 15 sets of twin children in residence."

The registry is in a huge notebook filled with newspaper articles, photos, accomplishments and activities of Big Lake twins. It also contains one set of quadruplets and one set of triplets, (Debra's backdoor neighbors). She keeps the registry up to date.

"Our oldest set of twins in the



by Tumbweed Smith

registry is the Colter twins, who were born in 1889. Our oldest current residents are the Wilburn sisters who were born in 1925. They married brothers. They're both widowed now, but still active in our community."

At one time, Big Lake had two sets of twins named Hamilton who were not related. They were next-door neighbors.

"The mothers of the Moore twins, the Vetter twins and the Rogers twins were all in pre-school together in 1971. The Ramirez twins were born on Thanksgiving Day. My twins are the only adopted set of twins in town that we know about. The Anaya twins were named Adam and Eve. The George twins were born on 7-7-77. Five students of the 1953 Future Homemakers

Club of Reagan County High School had twins. I was able to track them all down and get information about them. One or two of them went on to have twins of their own."

It is not unusual to have two or three sets of twins in each grade level in Big Lake schools, which have a total enrollment of less than a thousand students. One famous Mom in Big Lake is Marilyn McReavy Nolen. She gave birth to her twins at the age of 56. Twins are born in Big Lake nearly every year.

"Our new postmaster is a twin. One of our coaches' wives came up to me at church one day and said 'I think someone told me to tell you I'm a twin.'"

Debra started keeping the registry 18 years ago when her twins were born. Sharon Farmer Jones, who now lives in Midland, started the twin registry in 1987. She has twin grandsons born in Greenwood in 2005.

People in Big Lake can't explain why there are so many twins there. Must be that rare and special Big Lake water.

# Food borne illness skips Texas

The Texas Department of State Health Services reported no known Texas cases of E. coli infection traceable to the consumption of bagged fresh spinach grown in California.

Across the nation, grocery stores emptied their shelves of the product that reportedly caused E. coli infections in other states.

Symptoms of the infection include intestinal cramping, diarrhea and vomiting.

Next to California, Texas is the second-largest producer of fresh spinach. Nearly all of Texas' commercial spinach crop comes from nine counties in Southwest Texas known as the Wintergarden region. No cases of E. coli are traceable to the Texas crop.

# Credit requirement may increase

Students who are now in eighth grade would need two more credits to graduate from high school, under a plan endorsed by the State Board of Education.

That translates to one more math and one more lab-based science course.

While such a plan should better prepare students for college and professional ambitions, concerns were raised over the cost of building labs and the difficulty finding enough qualified teachers for advanced courses such as statistics and pre-calculus.

A final vote on the plan will come in November.

# Break possible for 10 percent rule

Texas high school students who graduate in the top 10 percent of their class are admitted to the Texas state college or university of their choice.

The so-called 10-percent rule was enacted to increase minority enrollment. Now state Sen. Royce West, D-Dallas, one of the chief proponents of the rule, is suggesting it might be worth it to stop enforcing it for a couple of years to see what will happen.

If the Legislature passes a moratorium on the rule, the University of Texas and other public schools will have a chance to prove how well they're doing at enrolling minority students.

# TxDOT air division loses money

The Office of the State Auditor released a report concluding the Texas Department of Transportation was not operating the state fleet of aircraft in a cost-effective manner in fiscal year 2006.

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# OBITUARIES

## Abram Alley Millar

EDEN — Abram Alley Millar, 83, of San Angelo, Texas, passed away on Sept. 15, 2006, in Shannon Medical Center in San Angelo because of complications from a stroke. Abe was born in Eden, Texas, to Cora Tisdale Millar and Abraham Millar on March 27, 1923. He went to Live Oak High School in Eden then went to high school in Eldorado and was on the football team (a glorious time for him).

He graduated from North Texas State University with a master's degree in economics. He married Zelma Alice Jarvis on March 5, 1948, in the little chapel in the woods on the Texas Women's University campus in Denton, Texas.

Zelma graduated from Texas Women's University and was a dietician. Abe worked for 30 years for the federal government and retired from the position of Deputy Regional Commissioner for state programs (GS-15) health education and

welfare. He was a decorated veteran of World War II and earned the Purple Heart, Silver Star, American Theater Campaign Medal, EAME Campaign Medal with three Bronze Stars, Air medal with two oak leaf clusters and a Good Conduct Medal. He was in the 8th Air Force 305th Bomb Group.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Zelma Millar and his sister, Mary Ella Millar Cocke.

He is survived by his children, Corinne (Cokey) Millar, Mary A. Millar and Frank J. Millar, Frank's wife, Virginia, and his granddaughter, Amy M. Millar; grandson Abram C. Millar; and nephews Dan and Bill Cocke.

Abe was buried on the Millar Ranch in Eden in the ranch cemetery, Friday 15, 2006. The memorial services were Tuesday, September 19, 2006 at 10:00 a.m. with Kevin McSpadden officiating.

## "Boots" Corbell

ELDORADO — Robert Elwayne "Boots" Corbell of Eldorado went home to his Lord on Thursday, Sept. 14, 2006. Graveside service was held Saturday, Sept. 16, followed by a memorial service at First Presbyterian Church in Eldorado.

Boots was the fifth child of Bertha Owens Corbell and C.E. "Jack" Corbell of Eola. He was born at home on March 26, 1926. He was a U.S. Navy veteran of World War II and Korea. He traveled widely in his lengthy career as a drilling consultant and was an avid reader, a history buff and an elder of the Presbyterian Church.

Boots was preceded in death by his parents; three brothers; and two sisters.

He is survived by his wife, Alma Corbell of Eldorado. Children and spouses include Karen and Michael Hitt of Grapevine, Allan and Rhonda Corbell of Eldorado, Tanya and Enrique Re-

calde of Grapevine, Joy and Starr Bowen of Cleburne, and David and Melanie Corbell of Leander. Grandchildren are Sterling Seals, Cody Seals, Bobby Corbell, Jason Corbell, Shannon Corbell, Stephanie Recalde, John Jorgensen, Jeremy Jorgensen, McKayla Corbell and Caleb Corbell. There are nine great-grandchildren surviving. He is also survived by his sister, Jonnie Corbell of San Angelo.

The family requests that memorials be made to First Presbyterian Church of Eldorado, or to the Concho Valley Home for Girls in San Angelo.

Honorary pallbearers were Troy Chitwood, George Draper Jr., Kurtis Homer, Johnny Mayo Jr., John Luedecke and Sam Luedecke.



Mr and Mrs. Derek Todd Stehl

## Griffin/Stehl exchange vows

Kasey Ann Griffin and Derek Todd Stehl were married on August 13th, 2006 at the Pioneer Park Pavilion in Puyallup, WA with Pastor Shannon Kapp officiating.

The Bride is the daughter of Chuck & Esther Stuckey of Puyallup, WA and granddaughter of Ann Griffin-Schooley and the late Derl Griffin of Eldorado, TX. The Groom is the son of Fred & Ellen Stehl of Tacoma, WA.

Maid of Honor was Lydia Schaffner of Puyallup, WA. Bridesmaid were Rikki Hadler of Tacoma, WA, Jackie Ramsey of Puyallup, WA, Shana Farnsworth of West Seattle, WA.

Best Man was Rob Rohrer of Puyallup, WA. Groomsman were Brian Larsen of Kirkland, WA, Matt McCoy of Bonney Lake, WA

and Bryce Jones of Puyallup, WA. Ushers were nephews of the Groom, Zach and Travis Ricks of Tacoma, WA.

The Bride is a 2000 graduate of Eldorado High School and now employed by Building Material Outlet in Puyallup, WA as a Cabinet Specialist. The Groom was home schooled through the 10th grade and then graduated from Tacoma Baptist School in Tacoma, WA. He is now employed by Sunrise Medical Campus in Puyallup, WA as the head of Security.

After a wedding trip to Leavenworth, WA the couple will live in Puyallup, WA and take a trip to Hawaii in November for their honeymoon.

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# Eagles fall to Junction

The Eldorado Eagles suffered their second loss of the season Friday night as the Junction Eagles coasted to a 31-0 win in the Warbirds' home opener.

The first half saw Junction put up a 28-0 lead. The visitor's first two touchdowns came on the ground as the Eagles struggled to plug the holes in their defense. Junction then turned its attention to aerial attack and connected for two more TDs by way of the pass.

Eldorado's defense played better in the second half, holding the visitors to a mere three points.

The 31-0 final score was just about as lopsided as the stats were. Eldorado managed 152 total yards on the night compared to Junction's 341. Eldorado had more balance

than Junction with 73 rushing yards and 79 passing. But balance didn't seem to matter as Junction racked up 221 passing yards and 120 rushing on the night.

Fumbles killed Eldorado's chances on the night. The Eagles put the ball on the ground four times, losing all four possessions.

Junction ended the scoring for the night with a 21 yard field goal to round out the score at 31-0.

The win moved Junction to 3-0 and Eldorado to 0-2 on the season.

Eldorado will travel to Harper this Friday where the Eagles will finally see action against another 1A team. Game time is slated for 8:00 p.m.

The Harper Longhorns are 2-1 on the season and should prove to be a good test ahead of Eldorado's district schedule which begins in Christoval just one week later. Last week Harper dealt a devastating 42-6 defeat to Irion County, one of Eldorado's new district rivals.

Everyone is encouraged to make the trip to Harper and support the Eagles as they look for their first win of the season.



Eagles quarterback David Hernandez looked down on the field for full back Neal Higgins as Eldorado took on Junction last Friday in Eagle Stadium. The Warbirds fell to the undefeated visitors by a 31-0 score.

## School Lunch Menu

**Milk & Bread Offered**  
 Menus Subject To Change  
 ½ pt. Milk & 4 oz. Juice offered w/each

**BREAKFAST MENU**  
**Monday, September 25**  
 Biscuits, Sausage, Choice Of Juice, Jelly, Milk  
**Tuesday, September 26**  
 Blueberry Muffins, Choice of Cereal, Choice of Juice, Milk  
**Wednesday, September 27**  
 Donuts, Graham Crackers, Choice of Juice, Milk  
**Thursday, September 28**  
 Cinnamon Toast, Choice of Cereal, Choice of Juice, Milk  
**Friday, September 29**  
 Pancake on a Stix, Syrup, Applesauce, Choice of Juice, Milk

**BASKET LINE**  
**Monday, September 25**  
 McRib Sandwich, Baked Chips, Cucumber Salad, Pineapple Slices  
**Tuesday, September 26**  
 Chili Dogs, Cheese Cup, Fritos, Pork-n-Beans, Mixed Fruit  
**Wednesday, September 27**  
 Crisptos, Cheese sauce, Ranch Style Beans, Carrot Stix, Dip, Apple Halves  
**Thursday, September 28**  
 Chef Salad, Dressing, Diced Ham, Cheese Cup, Crackers (8), Strawberry Jello/Topping  
**Friday, September 29**  
 BBQ on a Bun, Baked Chips, Pickle Slices, Orange Halves

**CAFETERIA LINE**  
**Monday, September 25**  
 Pork Chops, Gravy, Green Beans, Hot Rolls, Tossed Salad, Pineapple Slices  
**Tuesday, September 26**  
 Chili Dogs, Cheese Cup, Fritos, Pork-n-Beans, Mixed Fruit  
**Wednesday, September 27**  
 Taco Rolls, Spanish Rice, Cucumber Salad, Apple Halves  
**Thursday, September 28**  
 Ham & Cheese Hot Pockets, Tossed Salad, Peach Slices, Strawberry Jello/Topping  
**Friday, September 29**  
 BBQ on a Bun, Baked Chips, Pickle Slices, Orange Halves

## Eagles 8th gets 22-0 win

The Eldorado 8th grade squad won their season opener 22-0 against the Junction Eagles.

Eloy Bustos ended the day with one catch for 35 yards and a touchdown. Jaymie O'Harrow was 3 for 4 on the day for 57 yards and one touchdown through the air.

Miles Mikeska rushed for two touchdowns and a two point conversion. Rudy Sanchez 45 yards on the ground and a two point conversion.

Josh Jurecek had two receptions for 22 yards. Ben Wipff finished with 3 pancake blocks and Briley Ledbetter had 4 pancake blocks.

Eldorado scored once in each of the first, second and fourth quarters.

The seventh grade team scrimmaged Junction. Allen Espinosa had four tackles, and Ivan Cardenas had two tackles.

Tyler Farmer and Zack Brame ended the scrimmage with one interception a piece.

## Fuentes medals at the Concho Valley Cross County Classic

Concho Valley Cross County Classic was held on September 9th 2006 in Carlsbad.

Eldorado Middle School 7th grade girl runner Abby Fuentes placed 4th with a time of 10:33. Other 7th grade team members running were: 15th-Brianah Creek-11:05, 67th-Ashby Ragsdale-12:12, 84th-Brianda Torres-12:47, 85th-Marissa Gonzales-12:47, 87th-Maddi Bilbrey-12:54, 92nd-Polli Guerrero-13:02, 97th-Sierra

Arispe-13:17, 116th-Amanda Garcia-14:25 in a field of 134 other 7th graders. Coach Edie Niblett stated "Not to shabby for their first meet!"

8th grade girls: 25th-Allyson Jarrett-10:36, 115th-Kaitlyn Blufford-12:46, 123rd-Marci Minor-13:06, 129th-Brittany Gauna-13:23 in a field of 141. Also, a very good showing for four girls in their first meet.

The meet combined the Jr. High boys: 27th-Aaron Parsley-9:19, 99th-Evan Joiner-10:43, 100th-Robert Buchholtz-10:43 in a field of 177.

Varsity boy runners were: 64th-Ryan Castillo-23:03, 75th-Hunter Alvizo-23:26, 90th-Juan Carlos Escobar-24:42 in a field of 100.

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- September**  
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**22nd** Tinker Wipff, David Doran, Shelly Speck, Tammy Gardner, Jennifer Nixon, Gladys Fall, Betty Wheeler, Betty Rose Galvan, Jesus DeLuna III  
**23rd** Vernia Joyce Green, Stacie Olivian, Cathy Niblett, Tina Gazaway, Clayton Sauer, Stacie Saldivar, Taylor Niblett, Hal Whitten, Melanie Corbell, Skeeter Roubison, Eileen Keefer  
**24th** Olean Stricklan, Connie Radford, Stacie Whites, Travis Lively, Mondee Whitten, Rozanna Sauer, Dylon Riojas  
**25th** Maria Hernandez, Maureen Corrales, John Ben Cawley, Jeff Thompson  
**26th** Jana Kennedy, Brad Thomas, Jennifer Grelle, Martin Herrera, Arnulfo Montalvao, Patsy Ussery, Clark Meyer, Patsy Virden, Shayne Santellano  
**27th** Alan Gillespie, Travis Meador, Jo Wike, Linda Holsey, Gus Figueroa  
**28th** Katie Thomson, Rose Doyle, Marco Angel Martinez, Katy Meador, Victoria Estep, Hope Fuentes, Kati Thomson, Caroline Hight, Bobbie Marshall, Arden Mertz, Eloy Bustos, Rick Sterling, Arden Mertz

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## Dead deer found near water sources in Schleicher Co.

With deer season just around the corner, deer experts are concerned about reports of an unusually high number of dead deer in several West Central Texas counties, including Schleicher.

Dr. Dale Rollins, Texas Cooperative Extension wildlife specialist at San Angelo, said most of the calls he has received are from Schleicher County landowners who have found dead deer at water sources.

Locally, TPWD Game Warden Marco Alvizo confirmed the

elevated number of dead deer. According to Alvizo this is not the first time he's seen the phenomena, but, he added, the number of dead deer are greatly elevated this year. He added that he started seeing the trend in June of this year and that it involved mainly Does and young Bucks that were under stress.

Affected region encompasses an area roughly from Eden to Ozona to Sterling City, said Dr. Don Davis, associate professor, Department of Veterinary Pathobiology, College of Agriculture and Life Sciences at College Station.

"While some level of deer mortality is not newsworthy, it looks like we have a hotspot developing for epizootic hemorrhagic disease," Rollins said. "Epizootic hemorrhagic disease is a viral disease very similar to bluetongue in sheep and cattle, but EHD tends to be most common in white-tailed deer.

"When you see an abnormal number of dead deer in Aug. and Sept., and the mortalities are near water holes, epizootic hemorrhagic disease is often the culprit."

Davis agreed with Rollins that so far, the first-hand reports he's received are consistent with Bluetongue and/or epizootic hem-

orrhagic disease which cause hemorrhagic disease in white-tailed deer.

"Both diseases are viral in nature and both are vectored or spread by small biting flies called Culicoides," Davis said. "Epizootic hemorrhagic disease is seen clinically only in white-tailed deer while Bluetongue can affect other species, including sheep and exotics.

"To my knowledge, only one necropsy by a veterinarian has been made," he said. "I have had conversations with wildlife biologists and ranchers with experience or training that have observed signs, symptoms and particularly the gross lesions consistent with both diseases. So, bottom line is, it appears to be a fairly widespread outbreak of Bluetongue or epizootic hemorrhagic disease. But we cannot entirely rule out other diseases."

Davis said Bluetongue Virus and epizootic hemorrhagic disease are not a threat to public health, but since a definite diagnosis is yet to be made, extreme caution should be used when handling dead deer in the affected area.

Rollins said deer deaths at-

tributed to epizootic hemorrhagic disease are seasonally predictable, but unpredictable about where mortalities will crop up from year to year.

Game Warden Alvizo notes that he has seen the greatest number of dead deer in the northeast portion of the county. The overall population is up, however. Something Alvizo said should allay concerns. "Even a ten percent die off would leave us with a lot of deer," he said.

More information on epizootic hemorrhagic disease can be found at: <http://www.vet.uga.edu/VPP/graybook/FAD/blt.htm>

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We are going to raffle off a \$500 Academy Gift Certificate and a \$250 West Texas Feed Gift Certificate. Chances will be \$1, and the prizes will be given away at the Game Dinner.

Any 4Her that is interested in shooting needs to come by the extension office and pick up tickets to sell. If anyone has any questions please call the extension office at 853-2132.

## Meals for Friends Menu



**Monday, September 25**  
Meatloaf w/ Tomato Gravy, Blackeyed Peas, Honey Glazed Carrots, Oatmeal Cookies, Milk

**Tuesday, September 26**  
Polynesian Chicken Salad, Sweet Peas, Wheat Bread, Golden Salad, Vanilla Pudding, Milk

**Wednesday, September 27**  
Steak Fingers w/ Cream Gravy, Whipped Potatoes, Steamed Broccoli, Dinner Roll, Peach Cobbler, Milk

**Thursday, September 28**  
Oven Baked Pork Chops, Zucchini - Yellow Squash Medley, Corn w/ Red Peppers, Wheat Roll, Tossed Salad, Fresh Fruit Parfait, Milk

**Friday, September 29**  
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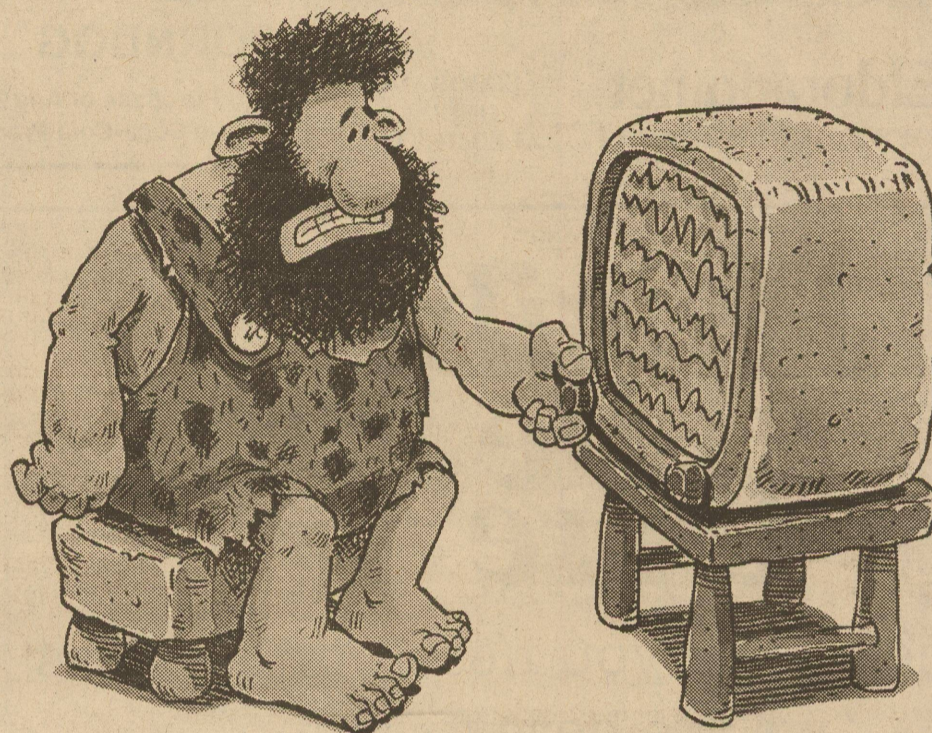


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### ACROSS

- "Matter of Fact" columnist Joseph
- E-mailed, say
- Adds turf to
- Number-picking game
- Song for a diva
- Make ready, for short
- Two movies for the price of one
- New York stage award
- Columnist Coulter
- Just-for-fun activity
- Lead into temptation
- Current carrier
- Made booties, maybe
- Decrease
- Shoreline protector
- \_\_-trump (bridge bid)
- Copenhagen native
- "Now, where \_\_?"
- Pre-employment investigation
- Publicity, slangily
- Start of a choos-eup rhyme
- Take another stab

- Exercise, as influence
- Breaks down grammatically
- Does a winter chore
- Cries out loud
- Thanksgiving Day spectacle
- Job detail, briefly
- GI-entertaining gp.
- Threw the bull

- Word processor's number aligner
- Burn remedy
- Lend of the courts
- New Hampshire campus
- "Guarding \_\_" (MacLaine movie)
- Partner of rank and serial number
- Op-ed piece, e.g.

### DOWN

- Pierce portrayer

- Bird on a Canadian dollar
- Knock senseless
- Horse players' hangout: Abbr.
- Frog-to-be
- Buffalo skater
- Composer Satie
- Zilch
- Interesting to a scout
- Lacking consistency
- Sputnik's path
- Spread salt on, maybe
- Risk a citation
- Bring home
- Little louse
- Policy \_\_ (D.C. maven)
- Saxman \_\_ G
- Mongolian desert
- \_\_ even keel
- Swabbie's workplace
- Short trip
- Busy folks
- Hoses down
- Field measure
- "The \_\_ the limit!"
- Pulled onto the boat
- Baltimore seafood treat
- Towel word
- Gives the slip to
- Crossed out
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- Pie-in-the-face sound
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- Twistable cookies
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- Shell game
- Beehive State Indians
- Yemen's capital
- Do as directed
- One of the Gabors
- Guitarist \_\_ Paul

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## Eldorado Lions Club to host golf tournament

The Eldorado Lions Club will be hosting a benefit golf tournament on September 30, 2006. The tournament will be a two-man select shot with a bonus of having four different hole-in-one holes that will pay large prizes if won. The hole in one prizes include \$10,000 cash, an eight day Scottish Vacation, a Carnival Cruise and a set of golf clubs.

Eldorado Lions Club President Chad

Elkins commented "This is our second year to sponsor this tournament. We had a great tournament last year and expect this one to be even better." Elkins went on to explain that all the tournament fees are returned back to the golfer in the form of prizes. "We return the entry fees less the club cost and also provide a free meal for all our golfers."

The Eldorado Lions Club celebrated its 76th anniversary this year. Elkins com-

mented

"Our local club continues to support our community. Some of our past donations include supporting scholarships, purchasing eye glasses for the needy, and donations to many local organizations or groups."

If you are interested in signing up for this tournament, please contact Eddie L. Albin at 325-853-3085. Entry fee is \$50.00 per person and entries are limited to the first 33 teams.

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## Weather Channel to air Texas Wildfire story

COLLEGE STATION, Texas - The Weather Channel film crews made their way across Texas in April to document the story of the state's worst wildfire season on record for their program, Storm Stories: The Worst of Nature - The Best of Man. The program airs daily at 7 and 7:30 p.m. CDT, and repeats at 10 and 10:30 p.m. One of this Sunday (Sept. 17) night's two episodes will feature Texas wildfires.

The series takes a look at how weather conditions affect fire activity in Texas and documents the recent volatile fire season, marked with low humidity, high winds and drought. Since last November, 19 lives and 678 homes have been lost

as a result of Texas wildfires. So far in 2006, Texas Forest Service has responded to 2,356 fires that burned 1,488,379 acres. Fire departments reporting to Texas Forest Service have responded to an additional 17,442 fires that consumed 506,025 acres.

The episode takes a positive look at the proactive measures and precautions Texas Forest Service takes to educate and protect communities from risk of wildfire.

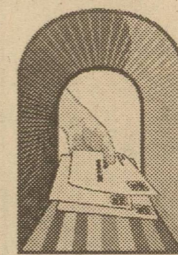
"I really enjoyed working with the Weather Channel crew, they were very positive," said Traci Weaver, Texas Forest Service urban wildland interface specialist, "I think they really tried to capture the human interest aspect, as well

as how the weather impacted the fire season."

Watch Storm Stories - Texas Wildfires, Sunday, Sept. 17 at 7:30 pm CDT (please check local listings).

For Texas wildfire information, visit <http://tfsweb.tamu.edu/newsroom/fullStory>.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



Letters to the Editor express the opinions of their author. They do not necessarily reflect the views or opinions of the staff, management or ownership of the Eldorado Success.

### More enlightenment on light pollution

Dear Editor,

I believe what we are facing here is another form of pollution that is obscuring the clarity of this debate. I don't think anyone in Eldorado doubts the economic benefits of tourism. And I think everyone here realizes how important stargazing has been to the economy of Fort Davis. But when we try to equate Schleicher County with an altitude of 2400' and surrounded by the lighted cities of San Angelo, Sonora and Ozona, to McDonald Observatory, which has been in existence for over sixty years, and has an altitude of 6800' with no artificially lighted cities of consequence near it, it is like throwing godd money after bad.

No one believes in the need for increased tourism in Eldorado more than I, but I just believe that \$500, or any amount of money for that matter, could be better spent in many more effective ways than trying to establish stargazing here. One of my steadfast rules of tourism is to not copy what someone else has already done. Create something unique to attract tourists and they will come.

Jim Runge

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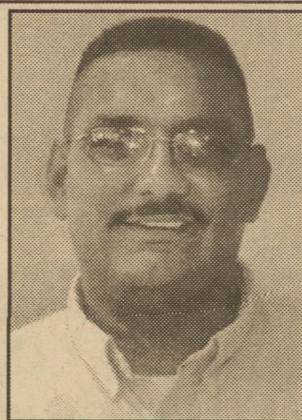
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## Eldorado Woman's Club holds first meeting of new term

by Noweita Briggs

The Eldorado Woman's Club met Tuesday, September 12, 2006 at 10:00 a.m. in the Memorial Building Club Room. Ten members, two associates, Florence Williams and Bobbie Sanders, one honorary member Ora Deal and three guests Toni Luna, Karen Stoeber and Janet Marlow were present.

The theme for this month's meeting was "Together Again." Before beginning our regular

order of business the group enjoyed a wonderful brunch that was prepared by members of our Hospitality Committee members Chairman Laura McCutcheon, Myrt Williams, Cathy Niblett and Jerre Holley. The brunch table had a beautiful fall floral arrangement. Each table was decorated with maroon table clothes and Jerre Holley's special bird houses made by husband, Jim Holley as special gifts to her.

Following our delicious brunch President Jerre Holley opened our business meeting and welcome everyone to our first meeting of our new club term of 2006-2007. Holley stated she was looking forward to the new club year and was honored to have applicants for membership. Jerre chose "Eldorado" as her theme during her presidency and told the group how much Eldorado meant to her and our club.

A prayer was given by Mary Roden and Charlene Edmiston led the club in pledges to our flags. Secretary Pat Holt next gave her report. No Treasurers' report was given as Nelva Martin was absent. Roll call was answered with each member telling about some of their most memorable happenings. Some of these were a trip to Washington, D.C.; a special cousin's reunion; a trip to Arkansas; a trip to Lubbock for the annual Sheriff's Associations meeting; a special get together with all the grand and great grandchildren; and a special

sister and brother get together here. President Holley announced that Dorothy Harris and Olene Strickland had moved from Eldorado and would no longer be members. They will be greatly missed. Both ladies contributed as members of our club as well as our community. We wish both happy days at their new locations and they will be greatly missed. President Holley next made a review of the programs planned for our coming year.

Continuing our meeting Cathy Niblett made a request to purchase new silverware. After a discussion a motion to purchase the silverware was approved by oral vote.

Mary Roden reported she was going to attend the "Cinderella Tea" in November presented by the Concho Valley Home for Girls and would take anyone wishing to go with her. No further business was presented so the meeting adjourned after reciting our Club Collect.

Our next meeting will be Tuesday, October 10, 2006 at 2:30 p.m. in the Memorial Building.

## Capital Highlights...

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The office estimated losses incurred by the Flight Services Section of TXDOT's Aviation Division at close to \$1 million over the period.

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State Sen. Jane Nelson, R-Lewisville, asked for an attorney general opinion on whether Texas law limits cities' authority in restricting where a registered sex offender may live.

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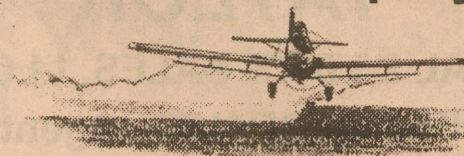
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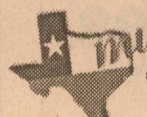
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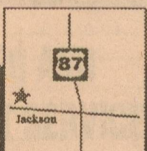
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Persons wanting to get a certified appraisal will have two options. Get a certified appraisal from a licensed dealer for your

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## Stargazer

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## Sadness At an Old Friend Slighted

OK, we've always known Pluto was different. He doesn't look like the others, he's way out of the mainstream, he travels his own odd path, and he's not on the level. He never did really fit in, but still I liked him. So why did they kick that poor dog out of the Disney family. Oh, it was the other Pluto? Never mind.

Sorry, I just couldn't resist. Apologies to the late, great SNL star Gilda Radner, but I have to keep some sense of humor about this topic. Now to get serious: Aug. 24, 2006, in Prague, Czech Republic, some 2,500 astronomers at the 26th General Assembly of the International Astronomical Union voted that Pluto isn't the 9th planet after all--it's merely a dwarf planet.

Their reasoning was logical and sound, and the decision will probably prove to be the right one in the long run. The rationalist in me simply can't argue with their action.

So why am I still sad and upset. Am I finally getting so old I can't adjust to progress? Geez, I'm a liberal Democrat who has been advocating progress all my adult life--civil rights, women's rights, economic justice, gay rights, universal health care--you name it. So I think I can handle change.

Apparently it's not just me. There seem to be others--and not just stargazers--distressed by the IAU decision. In an effort to better understand our feelings, my stargazer self turned to my Ph.D. behavioral scientist self (now retired) to suggest an explanation, and this is the theory he came up with.

When we look deep within ourselves, we all know our growing-up experiences left us with at least a few insecurities. Perhaps, for some of us, Pluto subconsciously represents some of those insecurities.

For a moment put yourself in

Pluto's place: Ever since you were discovered in 1930 you've known you were different, but you hoped it wouldn't be noticed. You've looked enviously at popular Earth covered with friends, beautiful Saturn with its rings, bright Venus, big Jupiter and all the rest. You've known some even questioned your planet-hood. And now the most dreaded of all those deep-seated fears--the fear of rejection--has come to pass. Poor little underdog you, the runt, has been kicked out of the family.

All pretty universal human insecurities--so it wouldn't be surprising if some of us have come to love and identify with little Pluto because it's not big, bright and popular. If so, then maybe our next step in getting over it is to realize that no one has rejected us. Only Pluto--one of but millions of remote, icy chunks of solar system debris--was demoted.

Even so, I think I'll always feel a little sadness for the humiliation suffered by my old friend.

Sky Calendar \* 18 Mon. morning: The crescent Moon is below the Beehive star cluster low in the east, and tomorrow morning below Saturn. \* 22 Fri.: The new Moon features an annular eclipse of the Sun but it won't be visible from North America. \* 22 Fri.: Fall (autumnal) equinox, when night and day are of equal length. \* 26 Tue. evening: The crescent Moon is to the left of Jupiter low in the west southwest at dusk. \* 27 Wed. evening: Mercury is just above the fainter star Spica near the western horizon at dusk, while the crescent Moon is below Antares low in the southwest.

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Ciabatta Pizza

## Top Tomato Picks

Bring taste, bright color to the table with organic tomatoes

### FAMILY FEATURES

Impress your guests and family by serving these delicious dishes featuring deep red, vine-ripened organic tomatoes. The rustic pizza and fire roasted tomato and fruit salsa recipes are perfect for special seasonal gatherings, while the soup and tomato-basil pasta recipes can make your everyday family meals more memorable.

The secret to these recipes is to combine pure organic tomatoes with other premium ingredients to bring fabulous creations to your table, explains Jennifer Kalinowski, organic test kitchen expert and recipe developer. "These ideas start with tomatoes that have a bright, balanced taste. You can capture guests' attention with the tempting aromas and vibrant colors, and then impress them with true-to-nature flavors," she said. Hungry for more? Take your pick of dozens of delicious tomato recipes at www.muirglen.com.

### Ciabatta Pizza

Rustic and robust, Ciabatta Pizza earned culinary student Max Mong first place in a recent recipe contest. Expert judges deemed Mong's entry the best because it combines versatile, great-tasting ingredients in a contemporary way—something home cooks who want amazing flavor can embrace.

Makes 8 servings

- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 2 cloves garlic, finely chopped
- 1 can (14.5 oz) Muir Glen organic diced tomatoes, undrained
- 1 teaspoon sugar
- 2 cups rapini (broccoli raab) leaves
- 1 tablespoon water
- 1 small red onion, halved, thinly sliced
- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 1/4 teaspoon coarse salt (kosher or sea salt)
- 1/8 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
- 1 large loaf ciabatta bread, split horizontally (1 to 1 1/2 lb)
- 8 oz smoked or fresh mozzarella cheese, cut into 1/4-inch slices
- 1/4 cup freshly grated Parmesan cheese (Parmesan)
- 3 oz very thinly sliced prosciutto

### Crushed red pepper, if desired

1. In 2-quart saucepan, heat 2 tablespoons olive oil over medium heat. Add garlic; cook 1 to 2 minutes or until softened but not browned. Add tomatoes and sugar; heat to boiling. Reduce heat; simmer about 25 minutes, stirring frequently, until thickened. Set aside.
2. Meanwhile, in medium microwavable bowl, place rapini leaves and water. Cover with microwavable plastic wrap. Microwave on High 4 to 6 minutes or until tender. Cool slightly; drain. Cut up leaves.
3. Set oven control to broil. Line 2 cookie sheets with foil. In medium bowl, place onion and 1 tablespoon olive oil; toss to coat. Sprinkle with salt and pepper; toss. Place onion in single layer on 1 cookie sheet. Broil 4 to 6 inches from heat about 10 minutes, stirring occasionally, until onion is soft and begins to brown. Set aside.
4. Place ciabatta halves on second cookie sheet, cut sides up. Broil 4 to 6 inches from heat about 1 minute or until very lightly browned. Spread tomato sauce evenly on ciabatta halves. Layer with mozzarella, rapini and onion. Sprinkle with Parmesan cheese. Broil 2 to 3 minutes or until cheeses are melted.
5. Arrange prosciutto over cheese; sprinkle with crushed red pepper.

Tip: Substitute 2 cups fresh spinach leaves for the cooked rapini if it's unavailable at your local market.



Fiery Fruit Salsa

### Fiery Fruit Salsa

You're only 15 minutes away from a flavorful salsa that offers equal amounts of vibrant color and versatility. The canned fire roasted tomatoes add a distinct smoky flavor.

Makes 6 servings (1/3 cup each)

- 1 can (14.5 oz) Muir Glen organic fire roasted diced tomatoes, drained
- 1/2 ripe medium mango, peeled, diced (3/4 cup)
- 1/4 cup sliced green onions (4 medium)
- 2 tablespoons chopped fresh cilantro
- 1 tablespoon fresh lime juice
- 1 teaspoon finely chopped chipotle chile in adobo sauce
- 1/4 teaspoon coarse salt (kosher or sea salt)

1. In food processor, place drained tomatoes. Cover and process until coarsely chopped. Place in medium bowl.
2. Stir in remaining ingredients.
3. Serve with meat or fish, or with tortilla chips as desired.

### Tomato and Roasted Sweet Pepper Soup

Warm up to a bowl of this comforting tomato-based soup.

Makes 5 servings (1 1/3 cups each)

- 2 large yellow or red bell peppers
- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 1 medium onion, chopped (1/2 cup)
- 2 cloves garlic, finely chopped
- 1 can (28 oz) Muir Glen organic crushed tomatoes with basil
- 2 cans (14 oz each) reduced-sodium chicken broth or vegetable broth
- 1 teaspoon sugar
- 1/4 teaspoon crushed red pepper or black pepper
- 1/4 teaspoon coarse salt (kosher or sea salt)

1. Line 15x10x1-inch pan with foil. Set oven control to broil. Cut peppers into quarters, removing membranes and seeds. Place skin sides up in pan; press down to flatten.
2. Broil peppers 4 to 6 inches from heat about 10 minutes or until blackened. Wrap foil around peppers; let stand 20 minutes. Remove skin from peppers; discard. Cut peppers into 1/2-inch pieces. Set aside.
3. Meanwhile, in 4-quart saucepan, heat oil over medium-high heat. Cook onion and garlic in oil 2 to 3 minutes, stirring constantly, until crisp-tender.
4. Stir in tomatoes, broth, sugar, crushed red pepper and salt. Heat to boiling. Reduce heat; simmer 15 minutes. Stir in roasted peppers; heat until hot.

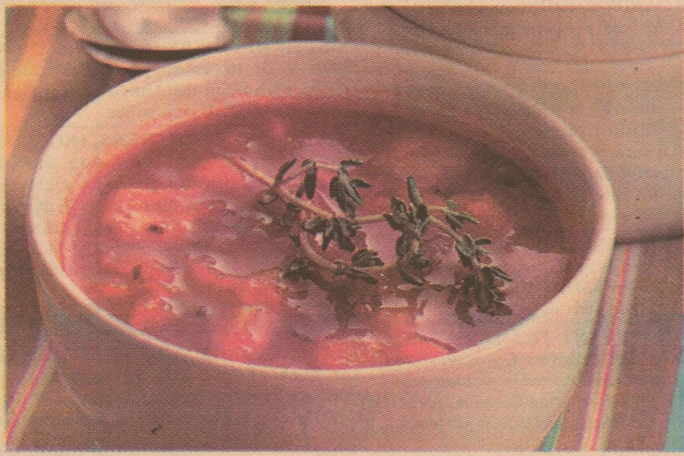
Tip: If time is tight, substitute 1 1/2 cups jarred roasted sweet peppers rather than roasting your own.

### Tomato-Basil Pasta with Fresh Mozzarella

Fresh mozzarella and basil complement the rich, sweet tomato flavor found in this Italian-inspired main dish.

Makes 4 servings (1 1/2 cups each)

- 1 tablespoon olive oil
  - 1 medium onion, chopped (1/2 cup)
  - 4 cloves garlic, finely chopped
  - 1 can (28 oz) Muir Glen organic whole peeled tomatoes, undrained, cut up
  - 1/4 cup chopped fresh basil
  - 3 cups uncooked rigatoni, penne or ziti pasta (8 oz)
  - 8 oz fresh mozzarella cheese, cut into 1/2-inch cubes
  - 1/4 cup pine nuts, toasted
1. In 12-inch skillet, heat oil over medium heat. Cook onion and garlic in oil 3 to 4 minutes, stirring frequently, until onion is crisp-tender. Stir in tomatoes. Heat to boiling. Reduce heat; simmer 20 to 25 minutes or until thickened, stirring occasionally. Stir in basil.
  2. While sauce is simmering, cook and drain pasta as directed on box. Stir pasta into sauce. Heat through.
  3. Into large serving bowl, pour pasta and sauce. Gently stir in cheese and pine nuts.



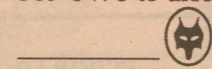
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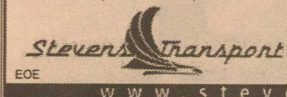
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