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Nonprofit Says Most Women Living on the Street are Sex Trafficked

Outreach group builds bonds, warns of dangerous men



A woman rests at dusk on a sidewalk near Central Avenue. (Roberto E. Rosales / City Desk ABQ)



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By Damon Scott, City Desk ABQ

The majority of women living on Albuquerque's streets are victims of sex trafficking and have fewer options for shelter and support services. Those women face further challenges that men experiencing homelessness generally don't.

The assessment comes from one of the city's only nonprofit agencies doing nighttime street outreach to hundreds of women — AsUR New Mexico (as you are). While there are sex trafficking victims of all genders — defined as the use of force, fraud or coercion to engage in sex acts — the group works exclusively with those who identify as female.

"We know many trafficking victims who are staying in tents or who are sleeping on blankets and being trafficked from, literally, the sidewalk," AsUR Executive Director Christine Barber said. "Or they sleep on someone's couch; but then they're forced into doing dates for that. Everything costs; not

even sleeping is free for women on the street."

Much of the outreach is focused along Coors Boulevard from Central Avenue to I-40 and in the International District — the most active areas, Barber said.

AsUR conducts its own point-in-time count, in the same vein as the annual one led by the New Mexico Coalition to End Homelessness but specific to the women it serves.

"We count the number of women who are on the street at any given time, and then we count the number who fit the indicators of doing dates," Barber said. "We know statistically [that] most women who do dates are trafficking victims."

She explained that "doing a date" is the common terminology used on the streets for a sexual exchange. Barber said there are hundreds of women on the streets each night who fit the indicators; some are from out-of-town.

"There are so many more women now, so many more," she said.

'No nice traffickers'

Barber founded AsUR last year after leading Street Safe New Mexico for 10 years. During street outreach it

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Quick hits on this week's news bits

There were balloon accidents during this year's Balloon Fiesta.



It's almost like giant bags of hot air, carrying a basket full of people wherever the wind blows is a dangerous activity.

The internet was abuzz with rumors that Marble Brewery might close or be for sale last week.

This would be the perfect time to unveil a new "The Future's Hazy India Pale Sale" line of beer.

Scientists say undercooked bear meat was to blame for ten people getting sick after a North Carolina event last year.



Sorry, undercooked what?

Yet another Albuquerque Walgreens is closing.

Time to get your blood pressure checked and pick up those extra readers at CVS, apparently.

Adobe announced it's releasing its own program to make AI generated videos.

What could possibly go wrong?



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distributes feminine hygiene products, female condoms and other supplies while building relationships and trust with the women. AsUR also gives referrals for housing and behavioral health and substance abuse treatment.

A key part of the outreach

is handing out a newsletter featuring the “Bad Guy List” — a profile of men who have attacked or harmed women on the street. The hope is to spread the word and warn others.

“There are no nice traffickers. None of us who work in this field have ever seen a nice trafficker,” Barber said.

She said one of the biggest challenges the women face is finding a safe place to stay



Many women can be found along Central Avenue in the International District. (Roberto E. Rosales / City Desk ABQ)



Barber, left, offers supplies to two women staying in a motel near Central Avenue. (Roberto E. Rosales / City Desk ABQ)

while waiting for stable housing. While there are currently a handful of options — referred to as an aftercare agency or safe house — demand is high.

“Right now if they’re not in the aftercare agency they’re back on the street, and back with their trafficker,” Barber said. “They have so much trauma. It takes a lot of work to

get one trafficking victim into a place; there’s security issues.”

Barber said smaller, more accessible shelters that are targeted to certain populations like the disabled, elderly and those who are being sex trafficked would help. AsUR is primarily funded by private donations. More information is at www.asurnewmexico.org.



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Dr. Jekyll & Mr. Hyde

Adobe Theater (9813 Fourth St. NW) gets into the holiday spirit with a stage production of Robert Lewis Stevenson's monster classic **Dr. Jekyll & Mr. Hyde**. Adapted by Jeffrey Hatcher and directed by Yannig Morin, this promises to be a chilling seasonal treat. The play opens **Friday, Oct. 18**. It runs **Fridays and Saturdays at 7:30 p.m.** and **Sundays at 2 p.m.** through **Nov. 10**. Tickets are **\$24** general admission or **\$15** student admission. To get those tickets in advance, go to cur8.com/18997/project/78710.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 17

Art

Third Thursday: Broken Boxes
5-8:30 pm Albuquerque Museum
2000 Mountain Road NW

Class / Workshop

Genealogy Workshops 1:30-3:30
pm National Hispanic Cultural
Center 1701 4th Street Southwest

Drink

Safe House Distilling Co. Rising
High Happy Hours! 5-7 pm
FUSION 700-708 First St. NW

Exhibit

Desert Stories: The Art of Kelly
Frye & Jazmin Novak 9 am-5 pm
Indian Pueblo Cultural Center
2401 12th Street NW

Haunted Scarecrow: American
Horror Theater \$20-\$25
Wednesday and Thursday 7
PM to 11 PM || Friday and
Saturday 7 PM to 12 AM Haunted
Scarecrow 2122 Central Ave SE

Poeh Ah Ka Wohatsey: The
Emergence Teachings of
Resilience 9 am-5 pm Indian
Pueblo Cultural Center 2401 12th
Street NW

Pueblo Baseball Community
Gallery on View 9 am-5 pm
Indian Pueblo Cultural Center
2401 12th St. NW

Festival

Mandy's Farm Harvest Festival
\$15-\$20 4-7 pm Mandy's Farm
346 Clark Rd. SW

Film

Ghost Country 7-9 pm Painted
Lady Bed & Brew 1100 Bellamah
Ave. NW

Games

Cornhole Tournament 11:30AM-
1:30PM FUSION 700-708 First
St. NW

Geeks Who Drink 7-9 pm
Sunday Service Motor Company
2701 4th Street NW

Geeks Who Drink 7-9 pm
Outpost 1706 301 Romero St NW

Trivia Night 7-8:30 pm The
Historic Lobo Theater - Lounge
& Event Venue 3013 Central Ave
NE

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Music

Crumb \$32-\$82 8-11 pm Historic El Rey Theatre 622 Central Ave SW

Dark Honey Karaoke 6-9 pm Gold Street Pizza & Brew 3211 Coors Blvd. SW Suite H1

Delbert Anderson's Cherry Pepper Project \$15-\$35 7:30-9:30 pm Outpost Performance Space 210 Yale Blvd. SE

International Thursdays 9 pm JUNO brewery + cafe + art 1501 1st Street Northwest

Karaoke w/ Swords Entertainment 7:30-11:30 pm Lizard Tail Brewing 9800 Montgomery Blvd NE STE 7

Throne with Kryptic Mutation, Voids skull, MUERTAPHORIA \$10 7-11 pm JUNO brewery + cafe + art 1501 1st Street Northwest

Vinyl Club 6-9 pm Enchanted Botanicals Nobhill 3417 Central Ave. NE

Vosh \$10 8-11 pm Launchpad 618 Central Ave SW

Performance

The Wild Party \$25-\$45 7:30-9:30 pm Musical Theatre Southwest 6320B Domingo NE

Wavetrails: A Festival of Light and Sound \$15-\$45 7-10 pm FUSION 700-708 First St. NW

Reading

Third Thursday Open Mic Poetry Reading 6:30-9 pm Together Source 1111 Carlisle Blvd S.E.

UNM Creative Writing Program Presents Jenn Shapland 7:30 pm FUSION Theater 708 First St. NW

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 18

Class / Workshop

How to Use a Geologic Map Workshop \$10-\$15 10-11:30 am New Mexico Museum of Natural History and Science 1801 Mountain Rd. NW

Comedy

2024 Comedy Championship Round 2 \$15 7:30-10 pm The Hall ABQ 107 Jefferson St. NE

Dry Heat Presents \$15 9:30-11 pm Dry Heat Comedy Club 100 Gold Ave SW Suite 112

Steve Byrne \$20-\$30 7-8:30 pm Quezada's Comedy Club at Santa Ana Star 54 Jemez Canyon Dam Road, Santa Ana Pueblo

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Dance

Festival Ballet Albuquerque: Sacred Journeys V \$16-\$55 7-9 pm National Hispanic Cultural Center 1701 4th Street Southwest

Friday Night Square Dancing \$8-\$9 7-9 pm Albuquerque Square Dance Center 4915 Hawkins St NE

Drink

Safe House Distilling Co. Rising High Happy Hours! 5-7 pm FUSION 700-708 First St. NW

Exhibit

Pueblo Baseball: Stitching Our Community Together 9 am-5 pm Indian Pueblo Cultural Center 2401 12th Street NW

Festival

Mandy's Farm Harvest Festival \$15-\$20 4-7 pm Mandy's Farm 346 Clark Rd. SW

Music

Briston Maroney \$26-\$106 8-11 pm Historic El Rey Theatre 622 Central Ave SW

Get Spooky: Halloween Edition 7-11 pm Tractor Brewing Wells Park 1800 Fourth St. NW

Ghosts N Stuff EDM Costume Party 7-10 pm Tractor Brewing Westside 5720 McMahon Blvd NW bldg 5 ste a

Jimmy Vaughn & The Tilt-a-Whirl Band \$35-\$65 7:30-10:30 pm KiMo Theatre 423 Central Avenue NW

Male Tears + Slow Danse with the Dead + Dot Wall + Funeral Process \$20 7-11:30 pm JUNO brewery + cafe + art 1501 1st Street Northwest

Night of the Living Cover Bands 2024 - Night 5 \$8 6 pm-2 am Launchpad 618 Central Ave SW

Quintessence: A Community of Singers presents NATION in Concert \$25 7 pm FUSION Theater 708 First St. NW

Tape B \$30 8:30 pm-1 am Revel Entertainment Center 4720 Alexander Blvd NE

The Menzingers & The Wonder Years - 2024 Fall US Tour \$32-\$72 8-11:30 pm Sunshine Theater 120 Central Ave SW

The Route 66 Songwriter's Club (October Gathering) 6-8:30 pm Ancora Cafe and Bakery 148 Quincy St NE

Performance

Dr. Jekyll & Mr. Hyde \$15-\$24 7:30-9:30 pm Adobe Theater 9813 4th St NW

Dracula: A Comedy of Terrors \$32-\$35 7:30-9:30 pm Albuquerque Little Theatre 224 San Pasquale Ave SW

Fright Night Open Mic 7-9 pm Painted Lady Bed & Brew 1100 Bellamah Ave. NW

The Wild Party \$25-\$45 7:30-9:30 pm Musical Theatre Southwest 6320B Domingo NE

Wavetrails: A Festival of Light and Sound \$15-\$45 7:30-11:30 pm FUSION 700-708 First St. NW

What the Constitution Means to Me \$19-\$24 7:30-9:30 pm Vortex Theatre 2900 Carlisle Blvd. NE

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19

Art

The Albuquerque Pancakes & Booze Art Show \$10-\$20 8 am-12 pm FUSION 700-708 First St. NW

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Class / Workshop “Sculptural Stories,” an IPCC Youth Arts Workshop 9:30 am-3 pm Indian Pueblo Cultural Center 2401 12th St. NW	Dance Festival Ballet Albuquerque: Sacred Journeys V \$16-\$55 7-9 pm National Hispanic Cultural Center 1701 4th Street Southwest	Festival Indigenous Heritage Celebration featuring Innastate 3:30-7:30 pm Open Space Visitor Center (Westside) 6500 Coors Blvd NW	Music Blu & Exile \$17 7 pm-12 am Sister 407 Central Ave. NW
Comedy Dry Heat Presents \$15 9:30-11 pm Dry Heat Comedy Club 100 Gold Ave SW Suite 112	Marvel Vs DC - Mother/Son Dance \$20 6-9 pm Escape in Time 1100 San Mateo Blvd NE, Unit 21	Mandy’s Farm Harvest Festival \$15-\$20 1-5 pm Mandy’s Farm 346 Clark Rd. SW	Maybe So, Hob Goblinson, Dry Lightning, and Jennica Tamler 4-7 pm JUNO brewery + cafe + art 1501 1st Street Northwest
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Dracula: A Comedy of Terrors \$32-\$35 7:30-9:30 pm Albuquerque Little Theatre 224 San Pasquale Ave SW

Lotus Sound Bath at Herban Oasis \$40 6:30 pm Herban Oasis Apothecary & O Lounge 2308 Eubank Blvd. NE

The Wild Party \$25-\$45 7:30-9:30 pm Musical Theatre Southwest 6320B Domingo NE

What the Constitution Means to Me \$19-\$24 7:30-9:30 pm Vortex Theatre 2900 Carlisle Blvd. NE

Sports

New Mexico United Hispanic Heritage Watch Party 8-10:30 pm National Hispanic Cultural Center 1701 4th Street Southwest

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20

Art

The Albuquerque Pancakes & Booze Art Show \$10-\$20 8 am-12 pm FUSION 700-708 First St. NW

Comedy

Stand-up Comedy: Bryan Lambe \$5 7-9 pm The Nob Hill Stage 3619 Copper Avenue Northeast

Community

Sunday Meditation sittings: Open to all 10 am-12 pm Albuquerque Shambhala Meditation Center 1102 Mountain Rd. NW

Dance

Festival Ballet Albuquerque: Sacred Journeys V \$16-\$55 2-4 pm National Hispanic Cultural Center 1701 4th Street Southwest

Water Strider Dance Group (Zuni) 11am-12pm & 2pm-3pm pm Indian Pueblo Cultural Center 2401 12th Street NW

Exhibit

Pueblo Baseball: Stitching Our Community Together 9 am-5 pm Indian Pueblo Cultural Center 2401 12th Street NW

Festival

2024 ABQ Fermentation & Fungi Festival \$15-\$20 12-5 pm FUSION 700-708 First St. NW

Games

KUNM Trivia Night 7pm Sawmill Market 1909 Bellamah Ave. NW

Brain Gang Trivia 2-4 pm Lizard Tail Brewing 9800 Montgomery Blvd NE STE 7

Brain Gang Trivia 5-7 pm Lizard Tail Brewing Nob Hill 3417 Central Ave. NE Suite C

Literature/Poetry

A Word with Writers: Christopher Paolini \$5 3-5 p.m. KiMo Theatre 423 Central Avenue NW

Markets

Rail Yard Market: Super Hero Day 10 am-2 pm Albuquerque Rail Yards 722 3rd St SW

Miscellaneous

Ghost Hunter X 7-9 pm Painted Lady Bed & Brew 1100 Bellamah Ave. NW

Music

DB Gomez and the Bosque Boys 4-7 pm Canteen Brewhouse 2381 Aztec Road Northeast

Lensic 360 Presents Y La Bamba \$25 7:30-11 pm FUSION 700-708 First St. NW

My Blue Heart (Denver) with The Ordinary Things and Almost Always Never \$10 3-7 pm JUNO brewery + cafe + art 1501 1st St NW

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Show Me The Body \$25 7:30-11 pm Sunshine Theater 120 Central Ave SW

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Lotus Sound Bath at Board30 ABQ \$40 4 pm Board30 ABQ 4801 Alameda Blvd NE Suite B

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The Wild Party \$25-\$45 2-4 pm Musical Theatre Southwest 6320B Domingo NE

What the Constitution Means to Me \$19-\$24 2-4 pm Vortex Theatre 2900 Carlisle Blvd. NE

Reading

Dharma Book Group: The Art of Happiness 12:30-2 pm Albuquerque Shambhala Meditation Center 1102 Mountain Rd. NW

MONDAY, OCTOBER 21

Class / Workshop

Sabor Cubano - Casino Salsa \$20-\$60 5:30-7:30 pm National Hispanic Cultural Center 1701 4th Street Southwest

Yoga at Harwood 5:45-6:45 pm Harwood Art Center 1114 7th Street NW

Comedy

Monday Comedy Nights 7-9 pm Flatiron Bites & Brews 6001 San Mateo Blvd NE

Exhibit

Pueblo Baseball: Stitching Our Community Together 9 am-5 pm Indian Pueblo Cultural Center 2401 12th Street NW

Games

Brain Gang Trivia 6-8 pm Canteen Taproom 417 Tramway Blvd NE

Geeks Who Drink 7-9 pm M’tucci’s Bar Roma Restaurant 3222 Central Ave. SE

Geeks Who Drink 7-9 pm Santa Fe Brewing (Tin Can Alley) 6110 Alameda Blvd NE Suite #1

Geeks Who Drink 7-9 pm Bow & Arrow Brewing Co. 608 McKnight Ave NW

Music

Metal Monday Open Mic & Karaoke 8 pm JUNO brewery + cafe + art 1501 1st Street Northwest

PIG: Heroin for the Damned Tour \$15 8-11 pm Launchpad 618 Central Ave SW

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 22

Class / Workshop

Colcha Community Stitch A-Long 9:30-10:30 am National Hispanic Cultural Center 1701 4th Street Southwest



The Paper. ELECTION GUIDE★

[Bernalillo County]

Bernalillo County voters will vote for a new president, a United States senator and two representatives and a list of state representatives and senators, among other local positions in the 2024 general election. Here's everything you need to know ahead of Nov. 5.

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Which races am I voting in?

View a sample ballot by entering your first and last name, date of birth and county of residence on nmvote.org.

WHERE TO VOTE

When, where and how can I vote?

Early voting at the Bernalillo County Clerk's Office Annex (1500 Lomas Blvd NW) began Oct. 8, and will continue until Oct. 18.

Additional early voting locations will be available starting Saturday, Oct. 19. Find the full list of early voting locations, along with Election Day polling locations and hours, at berncoclerk.gov/elections/early-voting/.

The option to request an absentee ballot is also available until Oct. 22. To request one, go to the New Mexico Secretary of State Voter Services website portal.sos.state.nm.us/OVR/WebPages/AbsenteeApplication.aspx. All ballots must be returned to either the County Clerk's Office or any election day polling location before 7 p.m. on Election Day.

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Splitting Votes and Taking Names

Ponzlov and Withers face off against Lord in race for House District 22 seat

By Michael Hodock, The Paper.

Democrat Fred Ponzlov and independent candidate Zach Withers are vying to knock Republican incumbent Stefani Lord out of office in the race for House District 22. Lord, who lives in the East Mountains, was elected to the seat in 2020. This is one of the few races during New Mexico's 2024 election season where three candidates are running against each other.

Democratic candidate Fred Ponzlov said he is not sure how having an independent candidate on the ballot will affect the election results, but he supports opening the state's primaries to voters who are not registered Democrats or Republicans.

"It all depends on if any of Stefani Lord's Republican base vote for Zach Withers who is a really nice guy. I would be thrilled if he won," Ponzlov said. "If the Republicans are tired enough of Stefani to vote for an independent, I think I'd have a chance. There's so much fabrication going on and lying going on, it's hard to sort through it."

Lord, however, said she stands with the current primary system and thinks it's important for candidates to choose a party, ensuring they receive adequate representation in the election. While she agrees that having an independent on the ticket will split the vote, it won't affect the number of votes she receives.

"I think the independent will pull more votes away from the Democrat based on the things that he has said, and his opinions on politics," she said. "I don't wanna minimize the fact that if an independent wants to run they should be running under an independent ticket."

Withers said when he submitted his ballot petition, he was told he was the only independent running in the surrounding eight districts, and he has gotten the impression from speaking to many people in the community that he will likely split both the Democratic and Republican vote.

"Our district was extremely gerrymandered in the last redistricting," Withers said. "It is one of the most reliably conservative districts in the state. While I grew up in a

very conservative, Christian, military household, I do not at all support the current position the Republican Party is taking. I am also not at all aligned with the Democratic Party on the issues that I am running on."

Ponzlov said that one of the major issues that needs to be addressed in District 22 is illiteracy, and that education is key to reducing crime in New Mexico.

"Seventy-five percent of all the people [committing] crimes in Albuquerque are high school dropouts. Seventy-six percent of all incarcerated are high school dropouts. So what does that tell you? Keep these kids in school, find a way to make them interested in getting a high school degree," Ponzlov said. "Now the Republicans will say, 'Shoot them, give them longer jail sentences.' That's not gonna fix a thing. You have to be proactive, not reactive."

Ponzlov said Lord has some ideas and plans that are dangerous to New Mexicans, especially her stance on Second Amendment rights.

"She wants to get rid of all background checks for guns,"

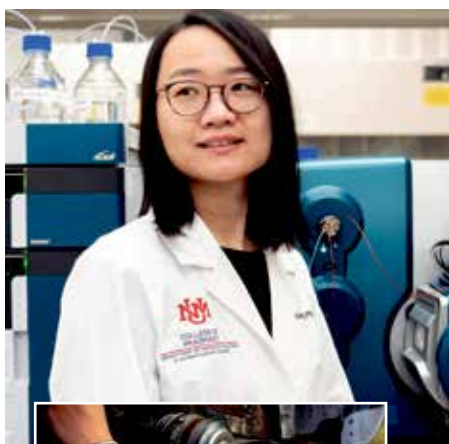
Ponzlov said. "So someone could get out of prison on a Tuesday, buy their AK-47 on a Wednesday and kill someone on Thursday."

Lord's campaign website says she is running for reelection "to continue the fight against radical left-wing policies that do not represent New Mexicans or our values. Over the past two years, she has seen outside money flowing into our state given to radicals who present extremist bills that harm the people of our state and our way of life."

She said that the East Mountains are a complicated area with overlapping bipartisan issues, like crime and even human trafficking.

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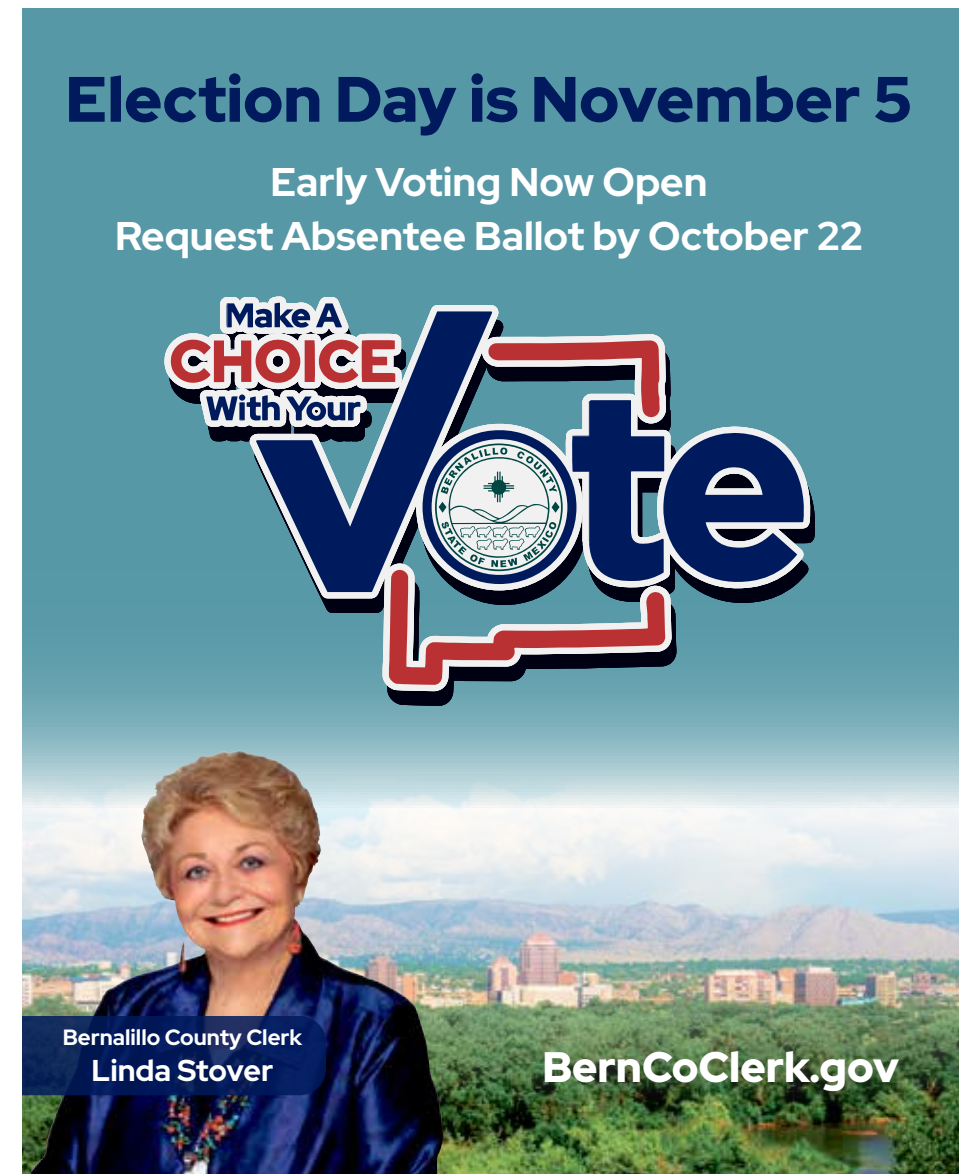
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Denise Barela-Shepherd, nonpartisan (incumbent)

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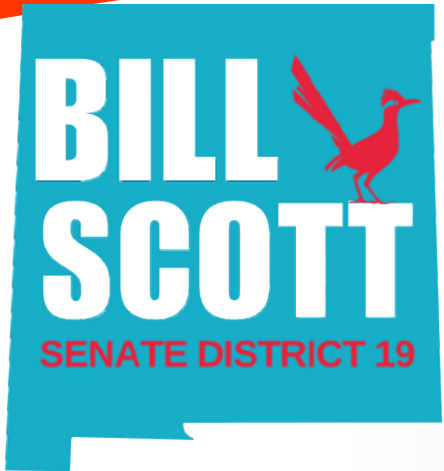


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DANGEROUS DICTATOR TRUMP and WAR ADDICTED DEMOCRAT PRESIDENTS

Submitted by Don Schrader

Donald Trump was NOT BORN a DANGEROUS LYING DICTATOR! Read the book “Too Much and Never Enough — How My Family Created the World’s Most Dangerous Man” by Trump’s niece Mary Trump, a psychologist. 34 copies in our local public library.

I urge millions of U.S. evangelicals who support Trump to WAKE UP! If your kids LIED to you, would you ACCEPT their lying? So how can you VOTE for Trump who told about 30,000 lies in his 4 years as president?

If Jesus actually lived and IF what the Bible says about his life is true, Jesus was BORN POOR, LIVED POOR, DIED POOR and strongly WARNED AGAINST being RICH “You can NOT serve GOD and MONEY.” Jesus told the RICH young ruler, “Sell all that you have and give to the POOR.” Trump is a BILLIONAIRE who WORSHIPS MONEY and POWER and will do anything he can get away with to GRAB MORE!

Many Democrat politicians are BETTER than most Republican politicians on civil rights for Black and Brown people, women’s rights, LGBTQ rights, recognizing the CLIMATE CRISIS is REAL and caused by us humans. But many Democrat politicians FEAR voters think they are SOFTIES so many Democrat politicians become as WAR CRAZY as most Republican politicians.

Democrat Truman CELEBRATED the MASS MURDER of Japanese kids, women and men when the U.S. atom bombed Hiroshima August 6, 1945 as the PEACE candidate, but he MASS MURDERED hundreds of thousands in the Vietnam War. Behind closed doors, Johnson and his gang spoke about KILLING Vietnamese kids, women and men with NO CONSCIENCE as if they were killing rats or cockroaches.

Democrat Bill Clinton BOMBED Iraq to take voters’ attention away from his sex with Monica Lewinsky. Democrat Carter CELEBRATED as his



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Democrat Biden has sent BILLIONS of dollars of U.S. weapons to Israel. Biden KNOWS those weapons INJURE, MAKE HOMELESS and MURDER hundreds of thousands of Palestinians in GAZA. So far Democrat Kamala Harris REFUSES to demand that the U.S. send NO MORE WEAPONS to Israel to STOP turning GAZA into HELL! As a WOMAN OF COLOR candidate for U.S. Commander in Chief, Harris feels MUCH pressure to show she can be just as WAR ADDICTED as any Republican White man. If she does NOT demand that the U.S. STOP sending any more weapons to Israel, thousands of progressive Democrats may NOT vote for her — causing her to LOSE to Trump.

As of now, I aim to vote for Kamala Harris to keep the lying dangerous dictator Trump from winning.

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By Josh Lee, The Paper.

Donald Trump's vice presidential pick Sen. JD Vance seems to dislike weed, but it may not affect the election now that the issue has been pushed to the back burner.

Most of the cannabis rhetoric around the upcoming election has died down in recent weeks as the presidential race tightens. Depending on the poll, either side has a chance of winning the election, and both sides appear to have forgotten about the weed vote. During the recent vice presidential debate, moderators failed to ask either candidate about marijuana. Despite strong voter support for reforming policies around the drug, neither major party has been outspoken about its plans for marijuana.

Vice President Kamala Harris — who has advocated for cannabis policy reform during her tenure in the Biden administration — has remained mostly silent on the topic while on the campaign trail in recent months.

That could be because Trump recently flipped on the subject, saying he feels that no one should be in jail for marijuana

and policy should be left up to states. This combined with Harris' record of jailing Black cannabis users and opposing legalization while serving as California's attorney general may make discussing the topic in any way too damaging for her campaign.

Harris' vice presidential pick, Tim Walz, on the other hand, has an exemplary record of supporting cannabis reform.

Vance's weed history is often overlooked as well. Of the four individuals in this political soup, his position on marijuana is the most archaic.

Last November, voters in Vance's home state of Ohio approved the legalization of adult-use marijuana with nearly 56% in favor. During an interview with conservative talk show host Bob Frantz, Vance said he would be voting "no" on legalization, saying he wanted to be able to take his kid to dinner without being "slammed in the face with the smell of weed." He said places where recreational-use marijuana is legal are "like an open air drug market."

He also claimed that when states legalize marijuana, traffic fatalities go up and usage among children goes up.

However, in a sign of the times, Vance appeared to give soft support to decriminalization early on in the Frantz interview.

"If you're caught with a joint," he said, "I don't think you should be thrown in prison for it."

A further sign of the times is how the Trump team responded to Vance's weed position.

Last month, a 271-page dossier on Vance compiled by the Trump campaign was leaked as part of an alleged hack at the hands of the Iranian government. In the dossier, Vance's position on legalization is listed under the section, "Vance's Notable Vulnerabilities

Vance Not a Friend of Weed

Anti-pot stance unlikely to swing election



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With Moderates." The document cites an interview in which Vance said legalization increased use among the "lower class" and caused a number of "social problems."

As a U.S. senator, Vance voted against the SAFER Banking Act, which would have allowed financial institutions to do business with marijuana companies without the danger of federal prosecution. The bill represents one of the few cannabis reforms supported by lawmakers on both sides of the aisle and considered a fairly modest reform backed by most moderates.

Since then, Vance has gotten somewhat softer on marijuana, saying policies should be left up to individual states. That means between Trump, Harris, Walz and Vance, the most conservative view on marijuana is that it should be decriminalized at the federal level and left up to states to craft their own policies.

But don't start buying streamers and noisemakers just yet. With Trump voicing support for weed reform and Harris avoiding the topic completely, the issue is likely to disappear altogether. Republicans — traditionally opposed to cannabis reform of any kind — are unlikely to highlight Trump's progressive attitude toward the drug, and Democrats — traditionally the pro-weed party — are unlikely to allow the conversation to veer toward Harris' ugly past. It would actually serve both parties to just ignore the issue for now.

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Albuquerque resident Eric T had been suffering from the lingering effects of Long Covid symptoms. That was until he met Albuquerque's Dr. Andrea Brogdon of Albuquerque Acupuncture & Integrative Medicine and got his life back!

While the initial alarm of the Covid-19 outbreak has subsided, the fallout from the pandemic is ongoing. Many continue to feel long term impacts from their infection. In fact, nearly 23 million Americans (and 100 million people globally) have learned that regardless of the severity of their initial infection, they may continue to experience debilitating symptoms for weeks, months or even years. In a number of these cases, symptoms worsen with time, even turning deadly.

"I got Covid early last year and it was pretty bad," shares Eric. "I was hospitalized for 9 days and there was a point where I wasn't sure I was going to make it. I'm still here so I guess God had other plans but months passed and I was still gasping for air. I couldn't do everyday tasks like cut the grass or work in the yard, much less enjoy a quick bike ride. And then there was what my doctor called, 'brain fog'. I'd lose my train of thought mid-sentence or forget words for stupid things like plates and toilet paper. It felt like I'd had a stroke more than it did a virus."

Officially dubbed Long Covid, the aftermath of the original virus has taken on a life of its own. Dozens of symptoms have been reported and include everything from shortness of breath and cognitive issues to a sudden onset of diabetes and cardiothoracic conditions. These symptoms are so well-documented and common that those suffering now qualify for disability assistance.

Unfortunately for Eric and so many others, the treatment options thus far have been limited. "I started with my primary care doctor and saw specialist after specialist. A pulmonologist finally told me, 'This is the best we can do for you, it's time you start thinking about how you're going to live with Long Covid.' Apparently, their best was letting me live what felt like half a life."

Eric wasn't satisfied with that and decided to do his own research, which is how he ended up at AAIM Albuquerque Acupuncture & Integrative Medicine in Albuquerque.

"I fully believe the human body has the ability to heal itself, but sometimes it needs a little push. I've used acupuncture in the past to help me through a bout of sciatica and just knew if anyone could help me with this Long Covid business, it was going to be Dr. Brogdon."

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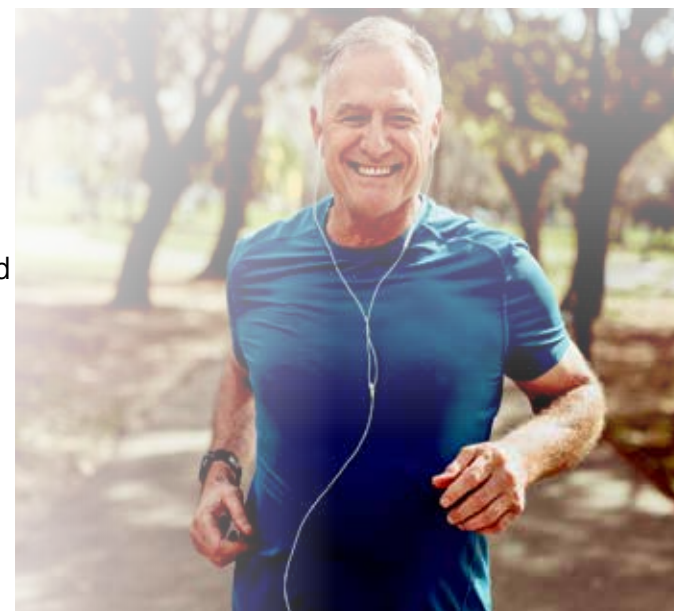
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Florida Lawmaker Accuses State of Propaganda

By Josh Lee, The Paper.

Florida state Sen. Jason Pizzo (D) recently sued the state over a TV ad that encouraged voters to oppose a legalization initiative that will be on the ballot in November.

Pizzo is accusing the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) of using taxpayer money to produce the ad in an attempt to influence the election, which is illegal under Florida law.

The ad, which ran in September as a public service announcement, warns that law enforcement has a difficult time detecting when a driver is under the influence of marijuana and claims that DUIs increase in states that legalize recreational weed. The ad also warns that insurance premiums increase when a driver is arrested for a DUI.

Pro-cannabis group Smart and Safe Florida, the force behind the legalization initiative, reportedly sent cease-and-desist letters to 54 TV stations running the ad, claiming it was state-funded political messaging pedaled as a public service announcement. Pizzo's lawsuit says FDOT is not allowed to spend money on elections and is seeking an injunction against the state's use of tax dollars.

Nebraska officials question weed petitions

Nebraska Secretary of State Bob Evnen is questioning whether nearly 100,000 signatures for



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medical marijuana legalization were legitimate.

Evnen has filed a claim in court alleging most of the signatures gathered were likely invalid after one of the petition circulators was accused of faking 202 signatures. The circulator was investigated after a county election commissioner found misspelled names, the names of deceased individuals and wrong dates of birth on 38 petition sheets. Investigators claim the circulator chose the names at random from a phone book. He is now facing felony charges.

Evnen and the state's Attorney General's Office are

questioning whether signatures notarized by Notary Public Jacy Todd — who notarized the circulator's fake signatures — should be thrown out. Evnen also claims that other circulators and notaries should be investigated for fraud.

Missouri court considers tax stacking

A Missouri appeals court is hearing a case over whether counties are allowed to stack a weed tax on top of city taxes. The argument is reportedly over the word "and."

According to the state's constitutional amendment legalizing marijuana, "local

government" is defined as "an incorporated area, a village, town, or city; and, in the case of an unincorporated area, a county."

Attorneys for St. Louis and St. Charles counties argue that the "and" in the amendment allows them to add a county marijuana tax onto local city marijuana taxes.

However, attorneys for a local dispensary argue that the "and" indicates the tax can be levied by a village, town, city or county, depending on an area's incorporated status.

No hearing date for the case has been set.

Legal Notices

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF BERNALILLO
SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT

NO. D-202-DM-2024-02032

IN THE MATTER OF THE KINSHIP
GUARDIANSHIP
OF A.A.J.A., C.T.A., C.P.J.A., J.J.M.M.,
minor children.

AND CONCERNING

Gabriella Romero, Petitioner, and
Jerry Armenta and Joe Martinez, Respon-
dents.

AMENDED NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF
ACTION

STATE OF NEW MEXICO to the above-
named Respondent Joe Martinez, GREET-
INGS:

You are hereby notified that the above-
named Petitioner has filed a Petition
for Kinship Guardianship of Jesse Jane
Monroe Martinez, born August 2016, in
Bernalillo County, New Mexico to Cheryl
Martinez (deceased) and potential father,
Joe Martinez.

You are further notified that unless you
file a written response to the Petition
by no later than thirty days from this
publication with the Court Clerk, Second
Judicial District Court, Bernalillo County,
New Mexico, with a copy to the Petition-
er's attorney, or appear at the hearing on
December 9, 2024, the Court may enter a
default judgment in your absence.

Petitioner's attorney:
/s/Verenice Peregrino Pompa
Verenice Peregrino Pompa
Pegasus Legal Services for Children
505 Marquette Ave NW Suite 1350
Albuquerque, NM 87102
505-244-1101

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
IN THE PROBATE COURT BERNALILLO
COUNTY

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
TRAVIS RAY FOWLER, Deceased.
ENDORSED FILED IN MY OFFICE THIS
SEP 26 2024
LINDA STOVER COUNTY CLERK
No. 20241047

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Julie
Anne Fowler has been appointed per-
sonal representative of the estate of the
decedent, Travis Ray Fowler. All persons
having claims against the estate of the
decedent are required to present their
claims within four (4) months after the
date of the first publication of any pub-
lished notice to creditors or the claims will
be forever barred. Claims must be present-
ed to the undersigned counsel of record for
the personal representative at the address
listed below and filed with the Probate
Court of Bernalillo County, New Mexico.
Respectfully submitted:
LAW OFFICE OF DORENE A. KUFFER,
P.C.
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Julie Anne Fowler
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STATE OF NEW MEXICO COUNTY OF
BERNALILLO
SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE
OF ROBERT DEAN MCGINNIS, DE-
CEASED.
NO. D-202-PB-2024-00752

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Phillip
Beasley, has been appointed Personal Rep-
resentative of the Estate of the Decedent.
All persons having claims against the Es-
tate of the Decedent are required to pres-
ent their claims within four (4) months
after the date of the first publication of
any published notice to creditors or sixty
(60) days after the date of mailing or other
delivery of this notice, whichever is later,
or the claims will be forever barred. Claims
must be presented by delivering or mailing
a written statement of the claim to the
Personal Representative, c/o Sutin, Thayer
& Browne, P.O. Box 1945, Albuquerque,
New Mexico 87103, or filed with the
District Court.
DATED this 10th day of October, 2024.
Respectfully submitted,
SUTIN, THAYER & BROWNE
A Professional Corporation
By /s/ Lisa Y.W. Cosper
Lisa Y.W. Cosper
Attorney for Personal Representative P. O.
Box 1945
Albuquerque, New Mexico 87103
(505) 883-2500
7256661

STATE OF NEW MEXICO
COUNTY OF BERNALILLO
SECOND JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT

No. D-202-PB-2024-00669

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
JERRY PURCELLA, DECEASED

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that ANNA-
DINE PURCELLA has been appointed
personal representative of this estate. All
persons having claims against this estate
are required to present their claims within
four (4) months after the date of the first
publication of this notice or within sixty
(60) days after mailing or other delivery
of this notice, whichever is later, or the
claims will be forever barred. Claims must
be presented either to: 1) the undersigned
personal representative at his attorney's
address as listed below; or 2) filed with
the Second Judicial District Court at the
following address: 400 Lomas Blvd NW,
Albuquerque, New Mexico 87102.
DATED: September 13, 2024

Respectfully submitted,

HURLEY TOEVS STYLES HAMBLIN &
PANTER PA

By Electronically signed /s/ Mandeep S.
Talwar
Mandeep S. Talwar, Esq.
Attorneys for Personal Representative
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FREE WILL ASTROLOGY

Week of October 16

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ARIES (March 21-April 19): As a young adult, I lived in a shack in the North Carolina woods. I was too indigent to buy a car or bicycle, so I walked everywhere I needed to go. Out of necessity, I discovered the practical power of psychic protection. I envisioned myself being surrounded by an impenetrable violet force field and accompanied by the guardian spirits of a panther, wolf, and bear. This playful mystical practice kept me safe. Though I was regularly approached by growling dogs and drunk thugs in pickup trucks, I was never attacked. Now would be an excellent time for you to do what I did: put strong psychic protection in place. You're not in physical danger, but now is a good time to start shielding yourself better against people's manipulative gambits, bad moods, emotional immaturity, and careless violations.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): "Dear Rob: I once heard you say that the best method for solving any dilemma is to sit silently, calm my mind, and listen for the 'still, small voice of the teacher within me.' I have tried your advice, but I have never detected this voice. What am I doing wrong? — Deprived Taurus." Dear Taurus: Here's how to become available for guidance from the still, small voice of your inner teacher. 1. Go someplace quiet, either in nature or a beloved sanctuary. 2. Shed all your ideas and theories about the nature of your dilemma. 3. Tenderly ask your mind to be empty and serene as you await an intuition. 4. Feel sweet gratitude for each breath as you inhale and exhale. 5. Visualize your inner teacher smiling. 6. Make yourself expectant to receive an insightful blessing.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): In the parlance of people who love to trek in natural places, a "cobbknocker" refers to a hiker who precedes you and knocks down the spider webs crossing the trail. I would love for you to procure a similar service for all your adventures in the coming weeks, not just hiking. See if you can coax or hire helpers to clear a path for you in everything you do. I want you to be able to concentrate on the essentials and not get bogged down or distracted by trivial obstructions. You need spaciousness and ease.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): When you are at your Cancerian best, you nurture others but don't smother them with excessive care. You give your gifts without undermining your own interests. You are deeply receptive and sensitive without opening yourself to be abused or wounded. In my astrological estimation, you are currently expressing these qualities with maximum grace and precision. Congratulations on your ever-ripening emotional intelligence! I trust you will be rewarded with grateful favors.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Here's the deal that life is offering: You temporarily suspend your drive to possess crystalline certainty, and you agree to love and thrive on ambiguity and paradox. In return, you will be given help in identifying unconscious and hidden factors at work in your destiny. You will be empowered to make confident decisions without needing them to be perfect. And you will learn more about the wise art of feeling appreciative reverence for great mysteries.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): I once had a Virgo girlfriend. She was talented, hardworking, meticulous, organized, health-conscious, and resourceful. She also hated it if I neglected to put the jar of honey back in the cupboard immediately after using it. She would get upset if I neglected to remove my shoes as soon as I entered the house. Her fussy perfectionism wasn't the reason we ultimately broke up, but it did take a toll on me. I bring this to your attention because I hope you will mostly keep fussy perfectionism to yourself in the coming weeks. It's fine if you want to indulge it while alone and doing your own work, but don't demand that others be equally fastidious. Providing this leeway now will serve you well in the long run. You can earn slack and generate good will that comes in handy when you least expect it.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Your bulboid corpuscles are specialized nerve cells in your skin that can experience intense tactile pleasure—more so than any other nerve cells. They are located in your lips, tongue, and genitals. According to my analysis of your astrological potentials, these ultra-sensitive receptors will be turned on extra high in the coming weeks. So will their metaphysical and metaphorical equivalents. That's why I predict you will gather in more bliss than you have in a long time. Please give yourself permission to exceed your usual quota.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Once upon a time, you were more hazardous to yourself than you are now. I'm pleased about the progress you have made to treat yourself with greater care and compassion. It hasn't been easy. You had to learn mysterious secrets about dealing with your inner troublemaker. You had to figure out how to channel its efforts into generating benevolent and healing trouble. There's still more work to be done, though. Your inner troublemaker isn't completely redeemed and reformed. But you now have a chance to bring it more fully into its destined role as your ally and helper.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): I predict that your past will soon transform. You may discover new details about old events. Stories you have told and told about your history will acquire new meanings. You will be wise to reinterpret certain plot twists you thought you had figured out long ago. There may not be anything as radical as uncovering wild secrets about your true origins—although I wouldn't discount that possibility. So expect a surprise or two, Sagittarius. But I suspect you will ultimately be pleased to revise your theories about how you came to be the resilient soul you are now.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Of all the astrological signs, Capricorns are least likely to consult horoscopes. There are many skeptical people among your tribe who say, "Astrology is irrational and illogical. It can't be precise and accurate, so it's not even real." My personal research also suggests, however, that a surprising percentage of Capricorns pretend not to be drawn to astrology even though they actually are. They may even hide their interest from others. How do I feel about all this? It doesn't affect me as I compose your oracles. I love you as much as the other signs, and I always give you my best effort. Now I suggest that in the coming weeks, you do what I do: Give your utmost in every situation, even if some people are resistant to or doubtful of your contributions. Be confident as you offer your excellence.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): You are ready to graduate to a higher octave of maturity and wisdom about everything related to love, romance, and sex. It will be instructive to meditate on your previous experiences. So I invite you to ruminate on the following questions. 1. What important lessons have you learned about the kind of togetherness you want? 2. What important lessons have you learned about the kind of togetherness you don't want? 3. What important lessons have you learned about how to keep yourself emotionally healthy while in an intimate relationship?

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Are you longing to feel safe, cozy, and unperturbable? Are you fantasizing about how perfect life would be if you could seal yourself inside your comfort zone and avoid novelty and change for a while? I hope not, Pisces! By my astrological reckoning, you are due for a phase of experimentation and expansion. You will thrive on the challenges of big riddles and intriguing teases. Please take full advantage of this fun opportunity to hone your intuition and move way beyond random guesswork. For extra credit: Prove the theory that it's very possible to cultivate and attract good luck.

The Weekly Crossword

by Margie E. Burke

ACROSS

1 Queen of Carthage

5 Highway hauler

10 Hulu series, "____ Powers"

14 Subj. for an M.B.A.

15 Dustup

16 Moved, nautically

17 Beer bottle count, in a song

19 Fresh way to start

20 Wade noisily

21 Criminal's helper

23 Lofty nest (var.)

24 Vaccine follow-up

25 Designer's concern

27 Most Saudis

30 Work at a keyboard

33 Orion, for one

36 Prefix for hazard

37 Let back in

39 Snake in the grass

41 Grab a bite

42 "Jeopardy!" clue

44 "____ goes!"

45 Standing tall

47 Kitchen appliance

49 Shook up

52 Competent

56 Blinking or fidgeting, e.g.

58 Classic board game

59 Mishmash

60 Sung in alternation

62 Doves' home

63 Yo-Yo Ma's instrument

64 Observance

65 Custodian's collection

66 Mournful bell toll

67 Swami

6 Roadsters

7 Mythical creature

8 ____ de Mayo

9 Weak in the ____

10 Shot follower

11 Epithet for a judge

12 State firmly

13 Like a lawn at dawn

18 Fare-well link

22 Skittish move

26 Goatee's locale

28 Bavarian brew

29 Tender

30 Squirrel's home

31 Once around the sun

32 Fatherhood

34 Gym machine

35 Bring in, as pay

38 Lusterless finish

40 "Light My Fire" band

43 Go to the mat

46 Birchbark boats

48 Long cut

50 Racing venue

51 Tablecloth fabric

53 "Sesame Street" regular

54 Talk on and on

55 Polk predecessor

56 Faux

57 Soothing succulent

61 Vote seeker, for short

DOWN

1 Slow on the uptake


2 In an aloof way

3 Bloodmobile visitor

4 Like some arguments

5 Have a go at


Solution to Crossword:



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