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CONSTRUCTION PROJECT

The construction project is going along nicely, however, after seeing the bright new yellow and white safety stripes in the construction zones, it would really be helpful for us seniors who don't see that well at night, to have the safety stripes all along the road leading out to Monticello RV Park. It is very dangerous in the dark. Hopefully, this will get done also.

Respectfully,
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DEEP RUT

There is too much misinformation about the war in Vietnam. The war was started by the U.S. CIA blaming Vietnam for the sinking of a U.S. ship that was proven it was never sunk.

Facts came out that this war was created to test the newest military equipment, the effects of hard drugs on military personnel while in combat, new techniques of using landmines and blanket bombing, and the use of Agent Orange which is a herbicide that is composed of 24D, 245T and a toxic contaminant. The side effects were cancer and defective sperm. We can't forget all the divorces, unwanted children, and displaced adults.

The young men who could get draft deferments did. Families had to be financially able to afford the cost of college so that their son could be draft-exempt. The U.S. government kept changing the rules so that only wealthy families could get the exemptions needed. The rest of the young men that couldn't get the exemptions immigrated to another country to avoid the draft.

When the protests got big, and into motion to stop this war in the '60s, this war created other problems here in the U.S. People were blacklisted, called communists, and any other degrading name they could think of. The protests grew into large peaceful demonstrations.

Problems we had to face were the same as the soldiers coming home from war. We had to listen to verbal abuse. Sometimes people would throw rocks, tomatoes, spit, and any item they could get their hands on. Employers did not want to hire the vets and our peace marchers. This was the time frame that was used to change the U.S. Congress's mind. We said "hire the vet, we are fed up and we won't take no more, we are pro-life/pro-choice." Our soldiers needed real healthcare and housing.

President Carter's Administration was solving these problems until Reaganomics took us back in time, and the wars for profits took on many new and ruthless tactics. They even used religious cults to deceive us and take advantage of world resources. This is the deep rut we are still in.

Sincerely,

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DON'T FORGET GOD'S JUSTICE AND FINAL JUDGMENT UPON

THIS EVIL WORLD

Everyone nowadays speaks of God's mercy, but hardly anyone speaks of God's justice and wrath. "For mercy and wrath are with him. He is mighty to forgive, and to pour out indignation." (Eccus. 16:12) "Be not without fear about sin forgiven, and add not sin upon sin. And say not: The mercy of the Lord is great, he will have mercy on the multitude of my sins. For mercy and wrath quickly come from him, and his wrath looketh upon [unrepentant] sinners. Delay not to be converted to the Lord, and defer it not from day to day." (Eccus. 5:5-8)

Hence, in God's mercy he forgives men who sincerely repent; but in his justice, he punishes men who do not repent. If God's punishment is not unto death, then this is also an act of mercy because it may cause the sinner to eventually repent. If it is unto death, then the sinner is damned to the everlasting fires of hell. St. Paul speaks of God's justice in this regard many times when he gives a list of sins that place men on the road to hell, which includes Catholics (true believers) who die in mortal sin. "Know you not that the unjust shall not possess the kingdom of God? Do not err: Neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor the effeminate, nor sodomites, nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor railers, nor extortioners, shall possess the kingdom of God." (1 Cor. 6:9-10) "Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are fornication, uncleanness, immodesty, lasciviousness, idolatry, witchcrafts, enmities, contentions, jealousies, wraths, quarrels, dissensions, sects, envies, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like. Of the which I foretell you, as I have foretold to you, that they who do such things shall not obtain the kingdom of God." (Gal. 5:19-21)

And Jesus Christ says, "But as for those my enemies, who would not have me reign over them, bring them hither, and kill them before me." (Lk. 19:27) The last act of God's justice upon this evil world is when Jesus Christ comes the second time and destroys this evil world and sends almost all of the inhabitants to hell (Mt. 7:14). The Old Testament Prophet Sophonias speaks of this, as does St. Peter, the first pope: "The great day of the Lord is near, it is near and exceeding swift; the voice of the day of the Lord is bitter, the mighty man shall there meet with tribulation. That day is a day of wrath, a day of tribulation and distress, a day of calamity and misery, a day of darkness and obscurity, a day of clouds and whirlwinds," (Soph. 1:14-15) "But the day of the Lord shall come as a thief in which the heavens shall pass away with great violence, and the elements shall be melted with heat, and the earth and the works which are in it, shall be burnt up." (2 Pt. 3:10) And the beloved St. John says, "But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, they shall have their portion in the pool burning with fire and brimstone." (Apoc. 21:8)

How is that for God's justice! If you want a hope to be saved, throw out your mushy teddy-bear god who does not judge, condemn, or punish anyone. He is a

god of sin, rebellion, lawlessness, anarchy, discord, misery, despair, and everlasting death. If he had his way, he would turn heaven into hell by letting unbelievers and other unrepented sinners into heaven. It would be similar to what you see on earth today, but only way, way, way worse and with no hope of escaping it. The

sign on hell's door is "Abandon Hope All Ye Who Enter Here."

God's mercy, then, has limits, he offers it only so long, and when he sees a sinner is obstinate beyond repentance, he offers it no more. So delay not in converting for this may be the last grace God gives you to repent and convert. "Today if you shall hear his voice,

harden not your hearts. (Ps 94 [95]:8) "Behold, now is the acceptable time; behold, now is the day of salvation." (2 Cor. 6:2)

For your only hope of salvation, please visit my website at www.JohnTheBaptist.us.

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BORKERT

Steven H. Borkert, 72, passed away on Monday, November 11, 2024. He was born in Ray, Arizona to John and Nancy Borkert.

The first 12 years of his life, Steve lived on a small farm near Dolores, Colorado, where he learned the value of hard work and developed a love for the outdoors. From the farm, the family moved to Grand Junction, CO and eventually to Texas.

Prior to moving to Williamsburg, Steve was a contractor and builder in Questa, New Mexico. He built many homes in Questa, as well as his own home in Williamsburg, where he passed peacefully with his beloved dogs, Sugar and Ninja, as well as close friends by his side.

He will be greatly missed by his family, especially his children: Izaak and Cecilia; his mother, Nancy; brothers: Charles Borkert and wife Penny, Jay Borkert and wife Debra, Cary Borkert and wife Yevette, and Daniel Borkert and wife Marne; many nieces and nephews; and a wealth of good friends.

Services will be announced at a later date. Arrangements are by Kirikos Family Funeral Home, Inc. & Sierra Crematory, LLC, 303 N. Cedar St., Truth or Consequences, NM 87901, 575894-2574. For online memorial messages please visit www.kirikosfamilyfuneralhome.com.

CARLTON

Our beloved Noah Wayne Carlton, 21 years old, was taken up into the arms of Jesus on November 8, 2024. Noah was born February 12, 2003 in Albuquerque, New Mexico to Pamela Jean Carlton (Novak) and Randal Dee Carlton, and was the youngest of six children.



In the summer of 2006 Noah, his brother Sam, and his mom relocated to Noah's grandparent's home in Elephant Butte, New Mexico as a temporary move, but ended up staying and making a life in Williamsburg, NM.

Noah was a gentle soul and kind, but also goofy, mischievous, and got along with everyone. He would be anyone's playmate; boys or girls, younger or older, and had a heart for overlooked kids. Noah loved his family dearly and was a loyal and true friend. He started at AppleTree Education Center where his mom, "Ms. Pam" worked as a teacher while pursuing a degree in Early Childhood Education through WNMU and attended their preschool, after school, and summer programs.

In 2008 he joined his brother, Sam, at Manzano Christian School from Kindergarten - 9th grade and

sometimes helped in Ms. Pam's classroom. Noah finished high school at Hot Springs High where he proudly followed in Sam's footsteps as a pitcher and infielder for the HSHS baseball team and graduated with the class of 2021.

Growing up, Noah was a gifted athlete playing in Sierra County Little League and city basketball league, along with Sam who was Noah's self-appointed trainer and coach. But baseball was the sport they both loved and excelled at. Upon aging out of Little League, Noah's older brother, Michael, convinced him to begin hapkido under Grandmaster Jump at Silent Stream Martial Arts, where in four years he advanced to brown belt and had the privilege to travel to Germany with the gym for a martial arts seminar.

In 2020 when businesses were losing employees to covid isolation, Noah went to work at Walmart, the new high school hang out, where many students filled in staff shortages. He worked through his senior year and beyond, leaving in 2022 to try his hand at construction. Walmart paid great for a teenager and Noah saved like crazy to buy a car and prepare to go out on his own.

In 2021, he was able to pay cash for his cobalt blue 2013 Nissan Xterra, which he bought from our good friends Chris and Helen Bolen who were a second family to him. The Xterra was his pride and joy and he enjoyed four-wheeling at the lake with friends and family.

In 2023, Noah moved to Portales to be closer to Sam and Emmery and he began working at Southwest Cheese plant, where he was employed until his unexpected death. This past summer Noah and Sam joined a men's softball team formed by their shift employees of Southwest Cheese and he finally realized his dream of playing on the same team with Sam.

Noah also attended Fellowship Alliance Church in Truth or Consequences from 2007-2023 and the Orthodox Church Fellowship in Clovis from 2023-2024.

Noah is survived by his parents, Randy and Pam Carlton; siblings Ryan Carlton (Jamie), Jesse Carlton (Sylvia), Caitlin Carlton, Michael Carlton, and Sam Carlton (Emmery); maternal grandmother, Martha Novak; uncles and aunts, Tom Novak, Mike Novak, Jeff Novak (Sammara), Curt Novak (Sheri), Sherry Carlton and Larry Carlton (Schelley); nieces Harper and Arlis Carlton; and nephew August Carlton; along with cousins and friends too numerous to name here.

Memorial services for Noah will be held at Apple-Tree Education Center in Truth or Consequences, NM on Saturday, November 23, 2024 at 11:00 a.m., with a reception lunch at Fellowship Alliance Church immediately following. A second service will be held at Central Christian Church in Portales, NM on Saturday, November 30, 2024 at 11:00 a.m., with a reception lunch immediately following. All desiring to celebrate Noah's life with the family are welcome to attend.

In lieu of flowers, please consider donating to the New Mexico Chapter of the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention.

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