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DEMOCRATIC WOMEN OF SANDOVAL COUNTY will host a forum for Candidates interested in chairing the Democratic Party of New Mexico and the Sandoval County Democrats February 9, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. Bernalillo Town Hall 829 South Camino Del Pueblo For information about DWSC, email Janice Saxton, President, jnjsaxton@msn.com


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Q. Can you imagine what sort of job might prompt a woman to declare that “trash is her treasure?”

A. Meet Robin Nagle, anthropologist-in residence for the New York City Department of Sanitation, who took a job working alongside the city’s garbage men and women and even trained to drive a truck, says Nicholette Zeldad in “Scientific American” magazine. Nagel’s passion about waste management dates back to a childhood hiking trip with her dad in the pristine Adirondack Mountains, when she discovered their campsite had been used as a dump by previous hikers. “I was absolutely astonished that people I assumed kept clean did not even try to clean up. And that question stayed with me.”

In many ways, she says, archaeology rests on the study of garbage, though the garbage may be thousands of years old. Some experts even look at contemporary household waste, including Bill Rathje, founder of a discipline he calls “garbology.”

Her most surprising realization concerns affluent neighborhoods: “I was profoundly impressed with how much good stuff rich people throw away.” Our society generates startling quantities of waste—"an economy that makes a profit," regardless of what it tosses aside. A goal of Nagel is to organize a museum with a Wall of Honor for workers killed on the job and to do an oral history project of people who have died.

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