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## Hear about The La Plata County Unity Project!

Tuesday, October 2  
6:30 – 8:30 p.m.  
Durango Rec Center



*Mark your calendars!*

## **October Meetings**

### Community Hearing on Health Care Reform (Blue Ribbon/208 Commission)

**Wednesday, October 10, 5-8 p.m.**  
**Durango Recreation Center, 2700 Main Street**  
Give your input on the five options currently under discussion  
(see page 6 for details)

### School Board Candidate Forums

**9-R (Durango) Public Schools**  
**Monday, October 15, 6-8 p.m.**  
**Durango City Council Chambers, 949 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue**

**Bayfield Public Schools**  
**Monday, October 24, 6-8 p.m.**  
**Pine River Public Library, Bayfield**  
(see inserted flyer)

### Immigration Study Information Meeting

**Thursday, October 25, 2-4 p.m.**  
**Christ the King Church**  
**'Tea and crumpets' to snack on!**  
(see related articles on page 3)

## ***September WAS Membership Renewal Month***

If you missed our deadline, please fill out the enclosed membership form  
and return it with your check to:  
Nadine Ancel, P.O. Box 2113, Durango, CO 81301  
Thanks so much!!



### President's message

On September 11, 2007, our League held a special meeting to determine whether we concurred with the position that has been adopted by the LWV of Cortez-Montezuma County on the **Desert Rock Energy Project**, following years of study by expert members of that league. Following an hour's discussion, the members who were present reached consensus on the following position:

'The LWV of La Plata County joins with the LWV of Cortez-Montezuma County in opposing the Desert Rock Energy Project unless and until the Environmental Impact Statement is amended to include a fourth alternative, which commits the BIA and Sithe Global Power LLC to a package of emissions reductions, specifically sulfur dioxide and/or nitrogen oxides, at the two existing coal-fired power plants, such that there is a net environmental improvement in the regional visibility impairment, while allowing the full scale 1500-megawatt Desert Rock plant to be built.

In addition, while we appreciate the desire of the Navajo Nation Tribal Council to capitalize on their natural resources for energy, jobs and revenue, we urge the Tribal Council and the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) to provide for sequestration of greenhouse gases at all future coal-fired power plants on tribal lands and to explore the use of their solar and wind energy resources for energy production.'

Now, what can we do with this position? We have little control at a local level given the location of this proposed plant, but at the least we can write to Senator Ken Salazar and Representative John Salazar, urging pressure on the White House and on the Congress itself to force the EPA to work faster

to implement a process for regulating greenhouse gas emissions from current and future power plants and other sources.

Second, write to Harrilene Yazzie, Regional NEPA Coordinator, Navajo Regional Office, Bureau of Indian Affairs, P.O. Box 1060, Gallup, New Mexico 87305. **Comments must be received by 4 p.m. October 9.** In addition, we may send comments by e-mail to the project Web site, [www.desertrockenergy.com](http://www.desertrockenergy.com), or to the BIA contractor's e-mail account for this project, [desertrockEIS@urscorp.com](mailto:desertrockEIS@urscorp.com). The BIA asks that comment writers please include the caption, ''**Desert Rock Energy Project DEIS Comments**," at the top of your letter or in the subject line of your e-mail message.

According to Congressman Salazar: "My office has received numerous concerns over the proposed Desert Rock Coal Plant, but it is critical that those living in southwest Colorado make sure their concerns are heard in the official process by the Bureau of Indian Affairs."

In your comments to the BIA, urge realistic consideration of more alternatives to the three mentioned in the EIS: the three being no plant at all; a 750 MW plant; or a 1500 MW plant. Examples would be a plant using renewable energy sources such as solar and wind, or an IGCC plant that combines two clean coal technologies – coal gasification and combined cycle. You can view the EIS at [www.desertrockenergy.com](http://www.desertrockenergy.com) if you have high speed Internet, or at the Durango Public Library. Go to our web site at [www.lwvlaplata.org](http://www.lwvlaplata.org) for links to our congressmen.

-Ellen Park

*If you have a high-speed connection, you can receive this newsletter in COLOR via email!  
Contact Marilyn Brown at [marilbrown@aol.com](mailto:marilbrown@aol.com).*

**Immigration Discussion**

Join us on October 25 at 2 p.m. at Christ the King Church, 495 Florida Road, Durango, for our first general discussion of federal immigration policy, our first national LWV study since 1992. Your immigration committee has been reading and collecting information on the many perspectives of immigration policy and is anxious to hear your views as we prepare for our consensus meeting in January.

The meeting will begin with an airing of Doris Meissner's remarks at the LWVUS Immigration Panel in June (Doris, former Commissioner of the US Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS), is a Senior Fellow at the Migration Policy Institute), followed by committee members presenting info and data in four general categories: demographics and economic issues, including globalization; the current visa system; enforcement and civil rights; and reform proposals, including the recent immigration bills that failed and the recommendations of the Hamilton-Abraham Independent Task Force on Immigration and America's Future.

The LWVUS website has eight white papers and related material on the topic and we have compiled a group of complementary papers and books to share with you.

This is a complicated and challenging but critically important and interesting topic! Join us for a refreshing discussion.

Committee members are Nadine Ancel, Suzanne Becker, Pat Chatfield, Barbara Cristol, Sue Herbst, Doreen Hunter, Ellen Park, Marilyn Sandstrom, and Marilyn Brown, chair.

**Money Sent Home by Immigrants Aid Development Goals**

A June 2007 Policy Brief from the Migration Policy Institute called 'Leveraging Remittances for Development', available on the MPI website, [www.migrationpolicy.org](http://www.migrationpolicy.org), presents a perspective on immigration you may not have thought of. Here are excerpts from the summary of the article by Dilip Ratha, senior economist and manager of Migration and Remittances Team at the World Bank.

'Migrant remittances are the most tangible and perhaps the least controversial link between migration and development. Remittances have become a major source of external development finance. In 2006, recorded remittances sent home by migrants from developing countries reached \$206 billion, more than double the level in 2001. The true scale of remittances, including unrecorded flows through formal and informal channels, is believed to be even larger. [The article itself says these remittances are almost as large as foreign direct investment and more than twice as large as the official aid received by developing countries.]

'Remittances provide a convenient angle for approaching the complex migration agenda. They play an effective role in reducing poverty. Since remittances are personal flows from migrants to their friends and families, they tend to be well targeted to the needs of the recipients. And these flows typically do not suffer from the governance problems that may be associated with official flows...

'A strong flow of remittances can also improve the receiving country's credit-worthiness, lowering their cost of borrowing money in the international markets...'

**Ignacio School Board Election**

The Ignacio 11JT School Board Election is uncontested, with three candidates running for the three open seats: as a result there will be no election and the candidate forum has been canceled at Ignacio's request. The three Ignacio candidates are Betty Jo Quintana (an incumbent), Chris Ribera and Toby Roderick. Durango and Bayfield School Boards will each have a Candidate Forum sponsored by the League of Women Voters on October 15 and October 24, respectively. Please see our flyer for details.

**Voter Service Coordinator**

Marilyn Sandstrom has been appointed as an off-board member of our Board of Directors, after agreeing to coordinate our voter service activities for the 2007-8 year. You will see that her name has been added to our board of director's roster on the last page of the newsletter. Thanks so much to Marilyn for accepting this essential position, and for all the work she has already done for our League!

**Marilyn Sandstrom (Voter Service Coordinator)**

Marilyn grew up in Minneapolis and attended the University of Minnesota where she received her degree in mathematics in 1958. She was subsequently employed in the computer business at several companies; Martin Marietta, General Electric, Honeywell, Blue Cross of Massachusetts, and Pillsbury located in Denver, Phoenix, Boston and Minneapolis. At the age of 52 she returned to school and earned her Master of Social Work at Boston College. For several years thereafter she worked at a Battered Women's shelter in Boston.

She has been a resident of Durango for a little over a year, having moved here to be near her daughter, Ann, her son-in-law, Greg, and her two grandchildren, Benjamin, 11, and Abbey, 7.

**Suzanne Becker (Recording Secretary)**

I have been a member of the LWVLPC for a couple of years now, but I still feel "new". So much to learn!

My husband Harvey and I built a house here in 2006 after visiting Durango and Purgatory for 25 years. I moved from Phoenix in May of last year after 35 sweltering years in the Valley of the Sun and Harvey will join me in February 2008.

I am a permanent resident working on citizenship so I can become a citizen and voting member of the

League. My parents moved to the US in 1964 when I was 16; my father's Swedish employer transferred him to Armonk, N.Y., and my brother, sister and I tagged along. After 6 years my family moved back to Sweden. By that time I was married so I stayed. Since then I have divorced and lived in Sweden for a couple of years with my son Chris, who now is 37 and living in Seattle. New York, Delaware, Georgia, Texas, and Arizona have been "home" at different times, but Durango is where I truly feel I belong.

My working experience has, to a great extent, been in the medical field as a manager of both OB-GYN and Pediatric offices. I left a big Peds office in the Phoenix area to go back to school, and received my degree in Anthropology from Arizona State University in 1998. As part of my years at ASU I spent a summer in Mexico studying Spanish and traveling.

For many years I have also belonged to SWEA, the Swedish Women's Educational Association. There are 8000 members around the world and SWEA promotes Swedish culture, history, language, and tradition outside of Sweden. SWEA awards several scholarships to students (usually not Swedish) who study some aspect of Swedish culture. SWEA also supports Swedish schools around the world which help children of Swedish parents retain their native language and culture, as well as charitable efforts such as the rescue work done by the Swedish Church in Thailand after the tsunami in 2004. As a SWEA member I had an opportunity to visit China.

After being a member and Board President of SWEA Arizona, I am now a member of SWEA Denver. Unfortunately, Durango is a lonely outpost of SWEA, and as far as I know I am the only member here. Know any Swedes?

**Welcome New Members:**

*Deanna Collins, Mary Alice Hearn  
Phil Huss (Stephanie), Julie Levy  
Dorothy McGill, Tiare Pitts-Flora*

### **Voter Registration Drive**

Our voter registration drive at the Durango Farmers Market for four Saturdays was hugely successful. We registered twenty people (new voters, address changes and applications for a permanent mail-in ballot) and handed out numerous mail-in forms with envelopes for people to send in at their leisure. In addition, we obtained three new LWV members, **Deanna Collins, Mary Alice Hearn and Tiare Pitts-Flora**, and handed out several membership brochures.

Thanks to Marilyn Sandstrom, Ellen and Ross Park, Jill Patton and Marilyn Brown for spending productive Saturday mornings downtown and thanks also to the Durango Farmers Market for providing space for our booth!

### **Political Cartooning**

Join Judith Reynolds for “Searching for the Next ‘Decider’: Political Cartooning and the Run-up to the 2008 Presidential Election”, Thursday, October 25, in 130 Noble Hall, Fort Lewis College. This program, one of the Life Long Learning series presented by Professional Associates, will explore the future of irreverence in general, in a time of political correctness.



### **A Safer, More Compassionate World Forum, Fort Lewis College, Nov 10, 2007**

Do you feel that the problems of the world today are beyond you? Would you like to do more to help the world's poor? Do you want to hear more about how individuals from Durango are making a difference from Zimbabwe to Haiti, from Afghanistan to Ecuador? **Plan now to join us on Saturday, November 10, 9:45 – 4 p.m., in the Fort Lewis College Union Ballroom for *A Safer, More Compassionate World Forum.***

Keynoters for this event include Tom Grams – Dentist for the Afghans, John Mahan – Light Man for the Nepalese, and Diane Wilson – author of *An Unreasonable Woman*. Additional panelists include Judy Duke, Jan Williams, Connie Jacobs, FLC Student Engineers without Borders, Linda Mahan, Linda Barnes and Mike and Tricia Karpfen of the Shanta Foundation. This event is co-sponsored by League of Women Voters of La Plata and US, the “Our Voices Together” organization, the Fort Lewis College Common Reading Experience Project and the Durango Public Library. Lunch is provided but call 970-247-8116 for our lunch count. **Regardless of your talent you, too, can make a humanitarian difference!**

-Ross Park



*We have a new web site!*

You can access it using the same URL: [www.lwvlaplata.org](http://www.lwvlaplata.org)

It has been completely redesigned and has many new features.

We are looking for feedback so contact your friendly webmaster, Ross Park, at

[lwvlpc@aol.com](mailto:lwvlpc@aol.com)

## **208 Commission Community Hearing on Health Care Reform**

The Community Hearing on Health Care Reform, scheduled for Wednesday, October 10 from 5-8 p.m. at the Durango Recreation Center, is one of 13 hearings to be conducted across the state this month, and the only one in southwest Colorado, by the Blue Ribbon Commission for Health Care Reform, a.k.a. the 208 Commission.

The commission requests those testifying to limit their remarks to three minutes and structure their comments around the following (and to leave written copies of their remarks):

### **1. What should be the role of each of the following in providing or assuring access to health care?**

**Individuals  
Employers  
Health care providers and support services  
Government**

### **2. Please discuss anything that you think the Commission should pay particular attention to in the five proposals being evaluated - OR anything that you think is missing from the conversation that would make a difference to you as the Commission moves forward with recommendations for health reform.**

Comments should inform the commission broadly about what is important to the public, in contrast to their previous hearing here in May at which they wished to hear personal stories. An overview of the proposals currently being explored can be found at the Commission's website, <http://www.colorado.gov/208commission/> under Proposals.

Written comments will be accepted through October 22 at the following email address:  
[208outreach@coloradofoundation.org](mailto:208outreach@coloradofoundation.org)

The Blue Ribbon Commission for Health Care Reform was created by the Colorado Legislature in 2006. The Commission is charged with making recommendations for comprehensive health care reform with the goal of increasing health care coverage and decreasing costs for Colorado residents, with particular emphasis on the issues of the uninsured, underinsured, and those at risk of financial hardship due to the costs of medical care. The Commission is required to make final recommendations for comprehensive health care reform to the General Assembly by January 31, 2008.

-Marilyn Brown



**Ellen Park, LWV president, introducing JSI's Reesa Webb, right, at Sun Ute Community Center, Ignacio. PHCCC members Pat Murphy and Richard Risk are seated in front row left.**

## **Health Care Consultants' Recommendations for La Plata County**

Monday, September 24, was a long day for Ellen Park, Suzanne Becker, Marilyn Sandstrom and I as we facilitated all three community input meetings (Ignacio, Bayfield and Durango) at which primary health care recommendations were introduced to La Plata County. John Snow Inc. (JSI) and the Primary Health Care Community Coalition (PHCCC) are to be commended for the extensive research done, and the clarity of the recommendations.

Attendance, from the community at large, from our elected officials (all three county commissioners, two city councilors and Rep. Ellen Roberts) and from our membership, was gratifying. You'll have read the *Herald* article, so I won't elaborate. However, what was somewhat misleading was the headline to the article: "Four plans address crisis in health care". The four recommendations presented make up the single proposed solution. JSI and the PHCCC will now integrate what was heard at these meetings and develop a final recommendation in October.

JSI is also working with four local health care practices to help them apply for Rural Health Clinic status, which, if achieved, will allow them to receive increased Medicare and Medicaid reimbursements. The HPSA (Health Professional Shortage Area) designation for the county, a prerequisite, was granted largely due to the efforts of Rep. John Salazar, with, according to his aide, a little help from his brother, Sen. Ken Salazar. We thank both of them.

The detailed handouts from the meetings are posted on our new website [www.lwvlaplata.org](http://www.lwvlaplata.org); if you would like them sent to you directly (paper or electronic), please contact me – 385-4061 or [jpatton@frontier.net](mailto:jpatton@frontier.net)

-Jill Patton

**Thanks to New and Renewing Members!**

Nadine Ancel  
 Suzanne Becker  
 Carol Blatnick  
 Marilyn Brown  
 Pat Chatfield  
 Vicki Coe  
 Joe Colgan  
 Deanne Collins  
 Lee Conger  
 Tom Darnell  
 Grace Deltscheff  
 Ann Flatten  
 Virginia Graham  
 Sue Griffith  
 Mary Alice Hearn  
 Doreen Hunter  
 Stephanie and Phil Huss  
 Lynn Kitch  
 Betty Lazo  
 Julie Levy  
 John and Nancy Loftis  
 Jane Marentette  
 Kim Martin and Steve Phillips  
 Dorthy McGill  
 Leigh Meigs  
 Tekla Miller  
 Barbara Paeth-Haas  
 Ellen and Ross Park  
 Jill Patton  
 Pam Patton  
 Tiare Pitts-Flora  
 David Rich  
 Joelle Riddle  
 Ellen Roberts  
 Missy Rodey  
 Marilyn Sandstrom  
 Gail Ann Thomas  
 Shaila Van Sickle  
 Sidney Zink

If you don't see your name on this list, you know what to do!!!

**Let's meet each other!!**

As space permits, we will present short bios offered by our new members each month. Take a minute to greet them when you see them.

**Tiare Pitts-Flora**

My name is Tiare Flora and I recently moved to Durango from Telluride. My husband Eric is

working on a new development that is "sustainable" and "green", etc. and my son Zachary just started school at Animas Valley Elementary. We are enjoying our start here in this wonderful community and I look forward to being involved in the League of Women Voters.

In Telluride I was very involved in the community and was President of the PTSO (like the PTA) for grades K-12. I have been very upset about recent events in the United States concerning the current administration, our President, and the war in Iraq, etc., so I have been looking for more ways to be directly involved. I am currently the website director for the Obama Durangotang group ([www.barackobama.com](http://www.barackobama.com)), and have met a great group of people interested in creating change and not just sitting back and watching change happen to us. I am looking forward to the upcoming 2008 election and issues, and taking an active role in our country's future! Thank you to the two wonderful women I met at the Farmer's Market who were so positive and encouraging when I approached their table!!

**Gail Ann Thomas**

I settled into the North County in 1995 from Strawberry, Arizona. Much of my life has been spent in Scottsdale, Arizona and the Massachusetts and Rhode Island seashore areas where my immediate family originates. I retired as the Patient Care Coordinator over Humana's health care division internal and external contract providers in the Arizona market. As a Registered Nurse for almost 30 years my main areas of practice were managing and practicing in Intensive Care and Emergency Room services.

I have general contracted my home at Purgatory which is just now complete! I ski, love to cook, go on 4WD adventures, and am learning about digital photography, as well as serving as a member of the North County Land Use Plan Review Committee. Of course the skiing is a must! I am new to the LWV and look forward to learning and participating in our community.

### **New Look to our Website!**

If you've checked out our website recently, you noted a completely new format. Thanks to webmaster Ross Park, we have joined a growing list of LWVs around the country who are using a consistent format and supported server sponsored by the LWV of California. The format of the new website, which has the same address as our previous one, [www.lwvlaplata.org](http://www.lwvlaplata.org), should make finding LWV-type information easier for members and the public due to the consistency of presentation across these sites.

We are tremendously grateful to The Durango Herald (50-year member Morley Ballantine, Richard Ballantine and Tom Healy and his staff) for hosting and supporting our site for the last four years!

### **City Manager Selection Process**

Durango is seeking a new city manager. The City Council has hired headhunters (consultants, for the politically correct) to advise it on how to find and then handle candidates for this essential job. The Council was asked at the September 4<sup>th</sup> City Council meeting if it would allow a public meeting where citizens of Durango could ask questions of these candidates. The Council stated that with the guidance of their hired consultants that a social event where the public could ask questions was all they wanted to allow before they voted. Members of the Council stated they were open to feedback from individual citizens. However, they seemed to be very hesitant about exposing these candidates to a more formal public scrutiny during the selection process.

-Tom Darnell

*(Ed. Note: Tom is hosting a 30-minute interview series 'Thinking Aloud' on Durango Cable Access Television (DCAT) this fall. He expects to produce two programs early in each month. The programs will provide for public comment by phone and email. Check out the DCAT listings in the Durango Herald.)*

### **Cortez-Montezuma County MAL**

Congratulations to the twenty or so enthusiastic individuals who attended the September 22 meeting to discuss whether to pursue the process of becoming a chartered LWV and to elect officers. The group decided they would begin the process of becoming a regular LWV with a goal of having the requirements in place by May, when their first official annual meeting is planned. A slate of officers, Jodi Foran, president; Judy Schuenemeyer, vice president; Eric Janes, secretary; and Denis Boon, treasurer, was elected. Llois Stein has volunteered to serve with Marcia Boon as membership co-chairs; Chris Foran will serve as newsletter editor. The group also agreed to change their name to LWV of Montezuma County to emphasize their desire to serve the entire county, including its three major communities, Cortez, Dolores and Mancos.

- Marilyn Brown



Miles Newby, Forest Service employee, samples Lake Snowdon water on demonstration tour for Four Corners Air Quality Task Force members September 14. The lake, at 12,000', is in Weminuche Wilderness.



## **United Nations Day – October 24**

The United Nations celebrates its 52<sup>nd</sup> birthday on October 24, 2007. This amazing organization, which started with 50 signatory nations, now has 192 members. The six principal organs of the United Nations, are the: General Assembly, Security Council, Economic and Social Council, Trusteeship Council, International Court of Justice and Secretariat. The United Nations family, however, is much larger, encompassing 15 agencies, such as UN Children’s Fund (UNICEF) and UN Development Fund (UNDP).

The theme for U.N. Day 2007 is ‘Global Health: A Critical Component of Development’, focusing on the 6<sup>th</sup> Millennium Development Goal, which seeks to combat HIV/AIDS, malaria and other major infectious diseases such as tuberculosis. The Millennium Development Goals (MDGs), adopted by all member states in 2000, are a set of measurable and broadly-endorsed objectives, to be achieved by 2015, that are the focus of a global effort to alleviate poverty, hunger, and environmental degradation. International organizations, governments, and private sector groups have all coordinated their development work around the MDGs. The 6<sup>th</sup> Goal has two targets: to stop and reverse the spread of HIV/AIDS and to stop and reverse the incidence of malaria and other major diseases. Here’s a list of the major initiatives at work to achieve Goal #6:

**UNAIDS** ([www.unaids.org](http://www.unaids.org)), an interagency program that partners ten UN organizations, including UNDP, UNESCO and UNICEF, as the largest advocacy group working to stem the AIDS epidemic. Focus: to promote policy change and other effective responses to the AIDS epidemic in governments around the world.

**“3 by 5 Initiative”** ([www.who.int/3by5/en/](http://www.who.int/3by5/en/)) The World Health Organization, UNAIDS, and other organizations have launched the “Treat 3 million by 2005 Initiative”. Goal: to provide access to antiretroviral treatment to three million people, leading eventually to universal access to this type of therapy.

**Global Fund to Fight AIDS, TB and Malaria** ([www.theglobalfund.org](http://www.theglobalfund.org)), manages and distributes resources to programs that seek to reduce the number

of people affected with these deadly diseases.

**Stop TB Partnership** ([www.stoptb.org](http://www.stoptb.org)), made up of NGOs, corporations and research institutions, has created a framework for stopping the spread of tuberculosis.

**Roll Back Malaria Partnership** ([www.rbm.who.int/](http://www.rbm.who.int/)), a coalition of over 90 organizations formed in 1998 by the World Bank, WHO, UNICEF and UNDP to significantly decrease the spread of malaria in the developing world. Goal: halve the number of people that contract malaria by 2010.


**The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation** ([www.gatesfoundation.org](http://www.gatesfoundation.org)) is building upon the unprecedented opportunities of the 21st century to improve equity in global health and learning.

**International Medical Corps** ([www.imcworldwide.org](http://www.imcworldwide.org)) has established programs around the world with a multi-faceted response to the HIV/AIDS pandemic. Programs include: infectious disease prevention, including treatment of sexually transmitted infections; voluntary counseling and testing; and the prevention of mother-to-child transmission; health education to promote preventive practices and fight stigma and ignorance; direct delivery of medical services; specialized training in diagnosis and treatment for local healthcare personnel and training in home-based care; and innovative programs to support the livelihood of families and communities struggling with the economic impact of HIV/AIDS.

**International AIDS Vaccine Initiative** ([www.iavi.org](http://www.iavi.org)) operates the second largest AIDS vaccine research and development program in the world. To date, IAVI has invested more than \$100 million in vaccine research & development.

**The AIDS Media Center** ([www.aidsmedia.org](http://www.aidsmedia.org)) is a targeted resource portal for media professionals covering the global issues of AIDS. Mission: to enhance the creative energies of local and international media professionals and organizations to play significant and contributing roles in the fight against HIV.

-Marilyn Brown

<h1>Calendar</h1>			<b>LWV La Plata County</b> <a href="http://www.lwvlaplata.org">www.lwvlaplata.org</a> 650 Hermosa Cliffs Road Durango, CO 81301														
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6 Sat	<b>LWVCO League Day</b> , Mary Wilson, LWVUS President, speaker; Ann Allott, immigration Lawyer, speaker, Park Hill Golf Club, 4141 E. 35 <sup>th</sup> Ave, Denver																
10 Wed	<b>Consumer Health Initiative Community Update</b> (Blue Ribbon Commission hearing), 5-8 p.m. p.m., Durango Rec Center																
15 Mon	<b>9-R (Dgo) School Board Candidate Forum</b> , 6 p.m., Durango City Council Chambers																
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<b>Please note!</b>	<b>Celebrate Your Heritage</b> likely will be postponed until consensus meeting in January!																
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