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# SOMEONE I LOVE WAS MURDERED

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*When Spider Webs Unite They Can Tie Up A Lion!*

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## CHAPTER UPDATES

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#### Dona Ana County Chapter

Our chapter has revitalized itself and is meeting on the third Tuesday of each month in the conference room located at the Mesilla Valley Hospice on Montana Blvd, Las Cruces. The meeting begins at 5:30 p.m. We are working on changes in sentencing guidelines for DUI offenders, this was brought on by the sentencing of the offender in the death of Ramiro Ramos in March of 2005. His offender was sentenced to the maximum allowable by law, only six years.

We are hosting another grief seminar beginning April 6th at 5:30pm and continuing through May 11th for a total of six weeks. This group will be facilitated by Phyllis Jackson at the Center for Grief Services, located at Mesilla Valley Hospice. This seminar is free of charge. For more information please call her at 525-5750.

We will participate in CVRW sponsored by the 3rd Judicial District Attorney's Office, by attending the tree planting ceremony on April 23rd, 12 noon, at Young Park and a video tribute to homicide victims. For more information about the Dona Ana County Chapter, please call Donna Richmond at 505-635-8908 or 505-526-3437 or e-mail [drlapinon@zianet.com](mailto:drlapinon@zianet.com)

By Donna Richmond—Chapter Leader Dona Ana Chapter

#### Espanola Chapter

The Espanola Chapter is meeting on the 3rd Wednesday of each month at the Amber Care office.

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### Newsletter Committee

- Chair: Donna McNevin
- Ernestine Roach
- Patsy Vega

Thanks go out to Barbara Montoya who did our newsletter for many years. She has decided to pass on this work to our new chair Donna McNevin but we won't forget her hard work and all the volunteer hours she put in for all our members!

*Death leaves a heartache no one can heal,  
Love leaves a memory no one can steal.*

*~Author Unknown*

# NATIONAL HEADLINES

**Murder Rate Up, Other Crime Down-**  
WASHINGTON, Dec. 19, 2005

(AP) The U.S. murder rate jumped 2 percent during the first six months of this year, with the highest increases in small towns and the Midwest, the

FBI said Monday. Crime fell nationwide for other significant offenses, including rape, arson and assault.

After a dramatic decline in the number of murders last year, when the murder rate fell 5.7 percent, it ticked upward 2.1 percent between January and June.

Citing figures collected under its uniform crime reports, the FBI said

cities with fewer than 10,000 people saw the largest increases, of 13 percent.

Murder rates rose across the country, but the Midwest saw the highest increases with 4.9 percent. Kansas City, for example, reported 56 murders in the six months of this year but only 39 during the same time period in 2004.

The FBI did not disclose its raw crime counts for all communities because it considers these six-month reports to be preliminary. But for all cities with more than 100,000 people, it reported 4,080 murders in 2005 and 3,979 in 2004. The FBI said rapes nationwide fell nearly 5 percent, and arson crimes fell nearly 6 percent. Prop-

erty crimes - which include burglary, larceny and vehicle thefts - declined overall 2.8 percent.

Assault fell just under 1 percent.

The FBI based its figures on crime reports from 10,374 police agencies around the country.



## ELECTIONS HELD

Elections were held for the NMSOH Board of Directors at our yearly membership meeting November 19th, 2005 and new officers were voted in by the Board.

Please welcome all of them:

**Officers:**

- President: Patti March
- Vice President: Michael Roach
- Secretary: Lenora Tsinijinnie
- Treasurer: Clara Maberry

**Members at Large:**

- Donna McNevin, Ray Padilla, Marcy Stairwell, Donna Richmond & Ernestine

*"We are a grass roots NM Non-Profit. with an all volunteer board of 9, 8 of which are Survivors of Homicide!" Our newest board member is local Attorney Ray Padilla voted in by our advisory board! We are very lucky to have him volunteering for survivors!*

Roach

**NMSOH Advisory Board Members:**

- Joe Bowdich
- Liz Adkins
- Pat Caristo
- Randy Miller
- Will Foster
- Gloria Vigil
- Rob Perry

## MEET OUR NEW ADVOCATE!

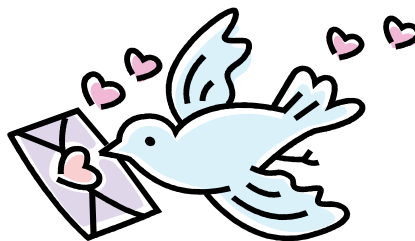
We are sad to announce that our former Victim Advocate/Volunteer Coordinator Joan Shirley resigned her position in October of 2005. We want to thank her for all the services she performed Survivors throughout the state. Joan has been involved with our group since 1999 as a member, a board member, then as our only paid employee funded by the New Mexico Crime Victims Reparations Commission. Thanks

Joan for all you did! She will be missed by many!

We realized that replacing Joan would be a difficult process but we worked hard and had many qualified applicants apply for the position. In March we hired our new Victim Advocate / Volunteer Coordinator Patsy Vega. Patsy has worked in the criminal justice system for many years with victims of violent crimes. Watch for our next

newsletter where we will present a bio on Patsy!

And we want to add a special thanks to Advisory Board Member and resident volunteer, Investigator Pat Caristo, for organizing our office and keeping it together during the difficult transition. We could not have done it without her! Thanks so much!



# LOVE GIFTS

## Love Gifts from 11/2005 - 3/2006:

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In Memory of::

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 Mark Maberry  
 Estevan Vigil  
 Gary James March

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## A MESSAGE FROM THE ROACH FAMILY

— Original Message —

From: Michael Roach  
 To: Patti March  
 Sent: Tuesday, December 13, 2005 8:02 AM

Subject: Re: Hey so glad to hear it.

Patti:

Thank you for your thoughts and prayers. Could you please get this message to all our members.

Mike and I would like to thank all of you for your support and prayers these past several months. The jury reached a GUILTY verdict of 1st degree on the mur-

der of Mikes' sister, and my sister in-law, Deborah Roach. The murderer Cecil Boyett will never see daylight as we know it.

We would like to thank the Valencia County Survivors group for being there. Your presence meant so much to the family.

We can now go on with our lives (although things will never be the same again) knowing justice has been done.

We would like you to know that Debby was a kind and generous person. She was a wonderful daughter, mother, sister, sister in-law, aunt and friend. She

will forever be missed and remembered in our hearts.

Mike and Ernestine

*NMSOH is a tax-exempt Organization that depends largely upon private donations to cover operational expenses, but also seeks some funding. To give a donation please contact us. You may also donate to New Mexico Survivors of Homicide, through United Way, just write us in on their form.*



# NMSOH LOCAL CHAPTERS

## Albuquerque

Every Tuesday night  
 12400 Menaul Blvd. NE, Suite 100  
 7-9pm  
 Contact Person: Patsy Vega  
 505-232-4099 or 1-877-700-8500 toll free

## Clovis

1<sup>st</sup> Monday of every month  
 7pm  
 116 W. 11<sup>th</sup>, Clovis, NM  
 (Office of Charlotte Farkas, Counselor)  
 Contact Person: Jennifer McKinney  
 505-683-5320

## Espanola/Santa Fe

For more info: Call Donna McNevin  
 505-753-4968

## Four Corners/Farmington/Shiprock

3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of every month  
 (schedule below)

### Farmington

Family Crisis Center  
 Feb., April, June, Aug., Oct., and Dec.  
 208 E. Apache St.  
 6:30-8pm

### Shiprock

Bethal Christian Reform Church on the NE corner of the main intersection. Call for schedule Jan., Mar., May, July, Sept., and Nov. 6:30-8pm  
 Contact Person: Gloria Vigil  
 505-272-5040  
 Alternate: Patsy Vega 505-232-4099

### Gallup

Call for meeting schedule  
 Jan... Mar... May, July, Sept, and Nov.  
 Gurley Hall, Unm Campus 6-8 pm  
 Contact Person: Gloria Vigil  
 505-272-5040

### Los Lunas

3rd Wednesday of every month

Los Lunas Wellness Center  
 3445 Lambros Loop  
 6:30-8:30pm  
 Contact Person: Clara Maberry  
 505-877-6385

### Las Cruces

6-8 wk Grief Study  
 299 E. Montana  
 6-8PM  
 Contact Person: Donna Richmond  
 505-526-3437

### Las Vegas

3rd Wednesday of every month  
 6pm  
 Las Vegas Justice and Peace Center  
 719 6th St.  
 Contact Person: Helen Trujillo  
 505-425-6325 fax. 505 454-2588

### Hobbs

2ND Tuesday of each month  
 200 E Park, Hobbs, NM  
 (Agnes Head Community Ctr)  
 Contact Person: Patsy Hodges  
 505-392-4541 (wk) / 505-392-7161

Alternate Contacts;  
 Wanda Kelton 505-392-7649  
 Janene Sanders 505-391-7340

### Roswell

2nd Tuesday of every month  
 305 W. Tilden  
 5-7pm  
 Contact Person: Krystal Deason  
 505-317-5845 or 505-627-9239

### Rio Rancho

Contact Person: Jan Horgan  
 505-891-0214

### Taos

3rd Tuesday of every month  
 6-8pm  
 CAV 945 Salazar Rd.  
 Contact Person: Valarie Martinez  
 505-751-3992 or 770-8107

### Tularosa

Contact Person: Cheryl Lowery  
 505-585-6450

*NMSOH is a support group for anyone who has had a loved one murdered.*

# REFLECTIONS

## Dirge Without Music

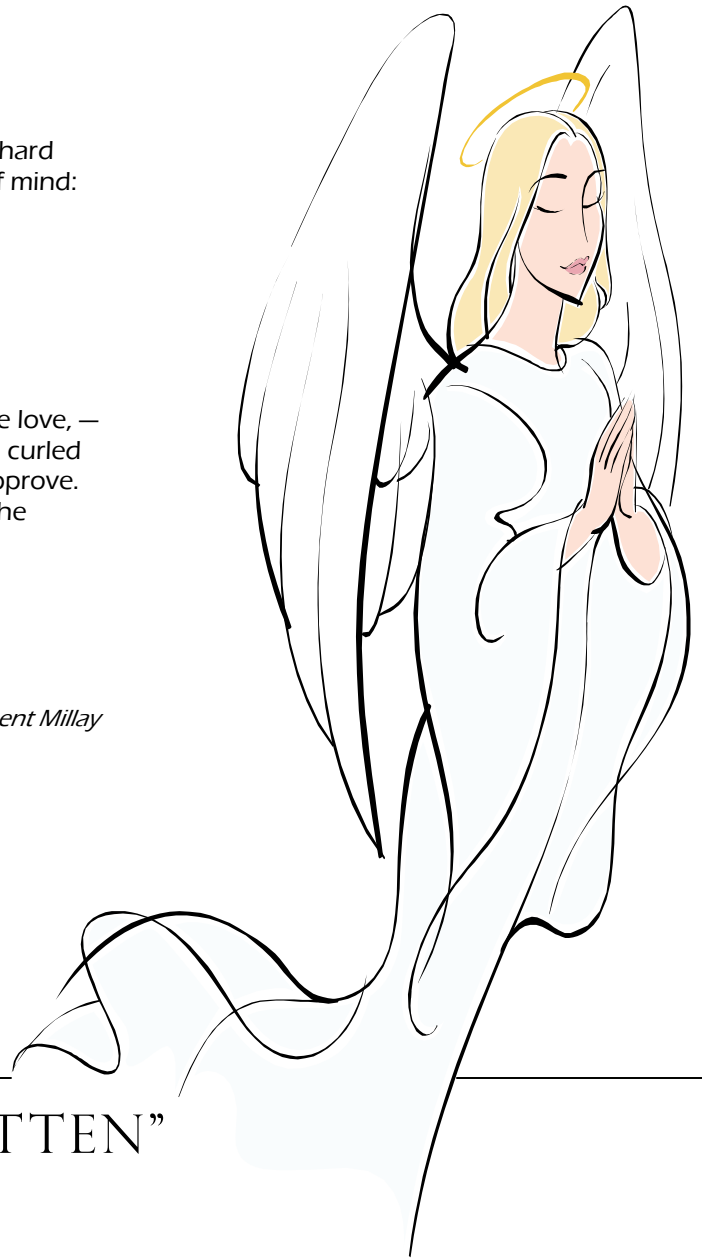
I am not resigned to the shutting away of loving hearts in the hard ground. So it is, and so it will be, for so it has been, time out of mind: Into the darkness they go, the wise and the lovely. Crowned With lilies and with laurel they go; but I am not resigned.

Lovers and thinkers, into the earth with you.  
Be one with the dull, the indiscriminate dust.  
A fragment of what you felt, of what you knew,  
A formula, a phrase remains, — but the best is lost.

The answers quick and keen, the honest look, the laughter, the love, —  
They are gone. They have gone to feed the roses. Elegant and curled  
Is the blossom. Fragrant is the blossom. I know. But I do not approve.  
More precious was the light in your eyes than all the roses in the  
world.

Down, down, down into the darkness of the grave  
Gently they go, the beautiful, the tender, the kind:  
Quietly they go, the intelligent, the witty, the brave.  
I know. But I do not approve. And I am not resigned.

*Edna St. Vincent Millay*



## “GONE BUT NOT FORGOTTEN”

### NMSOH LOVE GIFTS

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*Special thanks to:*

*Crime Victims Reparations Commission  
DeVore Aviation Corporation of America  
James Durst – Blackhawk Investments  
Ray Padilla, Attorney at Law*

Are you ready to help out? We need volunteers. Contact Patsy Vega for details @ 505-232-4099 or call your local chapter!