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Veterans Day Ceremonies Set for November 11

By Carlos Padilla

The 27th Annual Veterans Day Ceremony will be held at the New Mexico State Veterans Home on Sunday, November 11 this year. Once again this year we celebrate all of our nation's heroes in humble observance of their courageous service to the United States Armed Services.

The New Mexico State Veterans Home has many special events planned this year, beginning with hot beverages and pastries being served 8:30-9:30 a.m., Sunday, November 11,

along with tours of the historic building that are set to begin at 9 a.m.

Ceremonies will begin promptly at 10 a.m., led by members of the Hot Springs High School JROTC Color Guard presenting and posting our nation's colors. Pam Bauer is scheduled to sing our National Anthem, and Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church Children's Choir members will sing as well.

The ceremonies will continue with a program presented by guest speakers, including White

Sands Missile Range Command Sergeant Major Felipe Paul, New Mexico Department of Health Acting Secretary Brad McGrath, and New Mexico State Representative Dianne Hamilton.

A moment of silence will be observed promptly at 11 a.m. – the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month.

Those attending the ceremony will see military aircraft conduct a flyover at the New Mexico State Veterans Home.

Food will be served after the ceremony, and will include green chile stew with pork, corn bread, apple empanadas, coffee and tea for \$5.

For more information, visit www.nmstateveteranshome.org and click on "Special Events."



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10th Annual Run for the Wall Revving Up

By Carlos Padilla

Mark your calendar for the 10th Annual Run for the Wall events scheduled to take place Saturday, November 10, from sunup to sundown, at Veterans Memorial Park and Hamilton Military Museum, located at 996 South Broadway in Truth or Consequences.

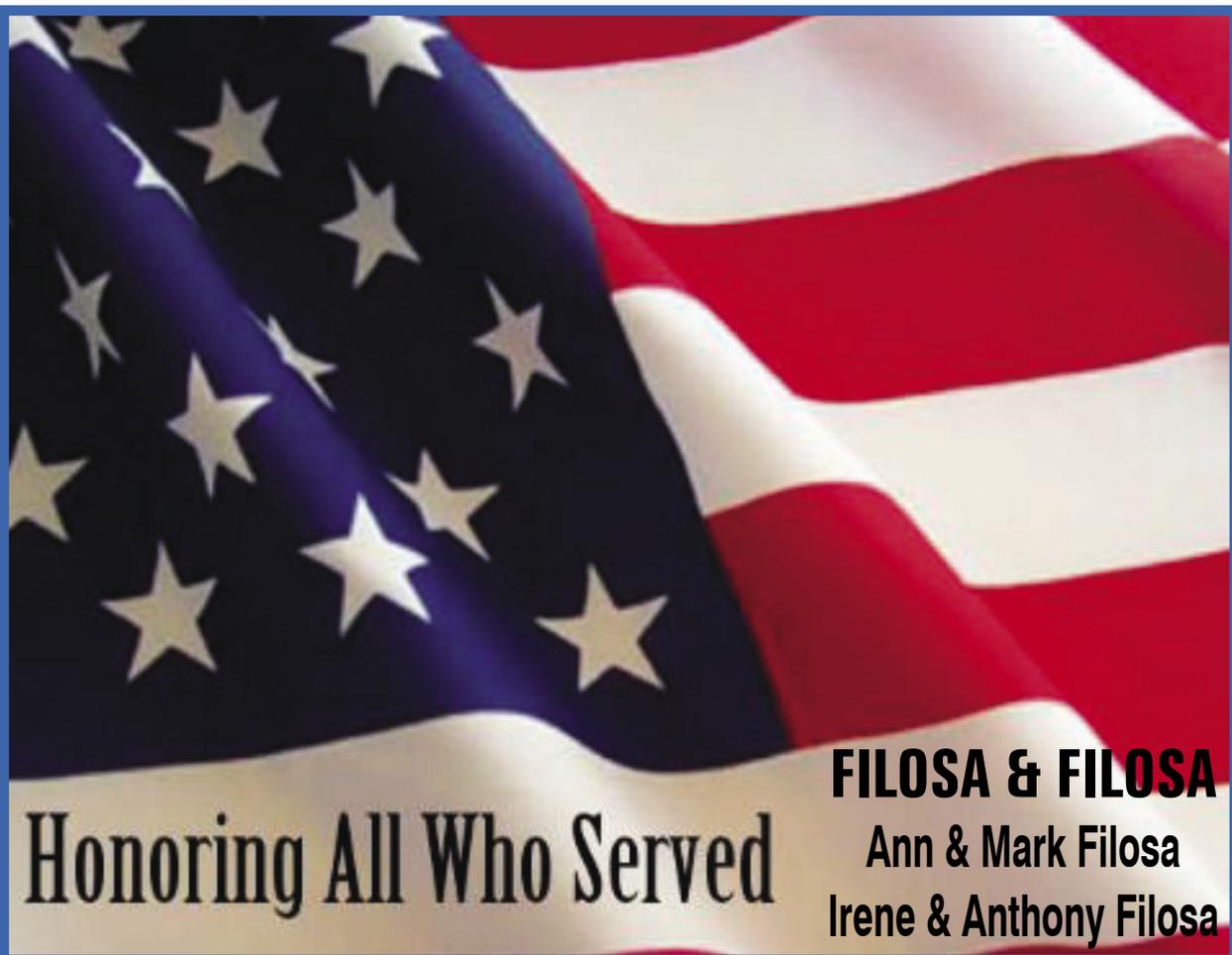
This year's Run for the Wall will peel out from the park and museum's parking lot at 10 a.m., and is set to end at 1 p.m., Saturday. Registration for the event will take place at 8:30 a.m. The run typically draws between 150 and 200 motorcyclists each year.

Vendors, games, food, music, tug-of-war, a bike run and rodeo are all part of the festivities at the park on Saturday, with the 16th Annual Veterans Day Car Show set to take place on the grounds of the New Mexico State Veterans Home Saturday, November 10, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. The car show exhibits about 100 classic cars and trucks each year, all reconditioned for a fun and flashy blast from the past.

Trophy plaques and dash plaques will be awarded. Judging will be done by panel as well as People's Choice. Judging will start at 11 a.m., and door prizes will start at 1 p.m., followed by the awards being presented at 2 p.m.

For more information regarding the car show, call (575) 894-4222, e-mail

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Later events will include a biker rodeo at Veterans Memorial Park 1:30-3 p.m., and a live rock concert with Designated Mind performing 3-6 p.m. The two-man tug-of-war is tentatively scheduled for 2 p.m. Participants may register early by calling Windy at (575) 740-5086.

The annual event draws in veterans of the United States Armed Services from all over the country, donning their biker gear with their mean machines primed and ready for the run.

The eight-acre Veterans Memorial Park opened in 2003, and was developed by the Truth or Consequences Veterans Memorial Park Board. The park is dedicated to the memories of family and friends who have dedicated their lives to the service of our country. A major accomplishment for the Veterans Memorial Park is a smaller, but complete replica of the Vietnam War Memorial Wall with all of the names of America's fallen soldiers who fought in Vietnam.

The board is presently working on two future projects for the park – the Purple Heart Monument and the MIA Panel. Both will be located outdoors at the park.

Another project in the works involves a chapel to be erected near the columbarium located at the back of the park.

The Hamilton Military Museum has been open since November 2010. New Mexico State Representative Dianne Hamilton was instrumental in helping to find funds for the museum project. The primary goal is to help remember and honor those who have served or died for our country.

Two murals have been brought to life by local artist Jia Apple, who has painted the colorful

"Never Forgotten" mural on the outside of the Hamilton Military Museum as well as the Iwo Jima mural.

The Hall of Warriors is located inside of the museum, which features a book of outstanding warriors of the United States.

The first Congressional Medal of Honor exhibit and many other exhibits are on display inside of the museum. Exhibits include photos, uniforms and weapons, and each tells a story of the various courageous men and women who served our country.

The military library inside of the museum is in use, and is always being added to. The military museum has many hard-to-find books.

The Veterans Memorial Wall is in need of some repairs, so the Hamilton Military Museum is

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raising funds to replace the panels to granite. The flags that are flown above the park every day can only be mended so many times before they have to be retired. When that happens, they are being made into pillows to help raise funds. Ten pillows will be auctioned off Saturday, November 10, after the Veterans Day ceremonies and before the bike rodeo during the Run for

Service & Sacrifice of Military Families

By Kelly W. Cauffman

Veterans Day conjures up thoughts of the men and women who have served our great nation with honor. Most nonmilitary people sometimes forget that along with those who serve, their families are affected as well, and they serve this country, too.



As men and women serve, oftentimes they leave behind or drag around the world spouses and children. They also leave behind mothers, fathers, siblings, cousins, etc. These family members are the unsung heroes who serve our country.

One such family member who happily served this country by supporting her husband was Dianne Hamilton, New Mexico State Representative. With three of their four children in tow, Hamilton followed her husband, John Hamilton, Artillery Battalion Commander, United States Marine Corps, around the world. Dianne proudly exclaims, "John was very proud of the fact he never lost a man in battle. Yes, some may have died in the hospitals, but on the battlefield, every man was accounted for and brought back alive."

The Hamilton story starts in college, where two young people met, fell in love and eventually got married. The period in history was the Vietnam and Korean conflicts. Young John Hamilton went through college on one of the first ROTC programs. Upon graduation, the young couple headed to Hawaii, where John

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Riders from Aero Space Data Facility Southwest will make an appearance at the event, as will the Black Berets, who display a moving boot exhibit on the park's grounds.

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received flight training. It was here that the Hamilton's gave birth to their firstborn, a son.

From there, John was sent to Asia to fight. Dianne explains that, in those days, the families were left behind in the States. Dianne tells how the feeling of readiness, fright and awfulness quickly came over her as she was left alone with an infant son. "But I was one of the lucky ones, and my mother was able to come stay with me and help me raise my child," explains Dianne. At the time, the small Hamilton family lived in California.

During 13 months in Japan, Dianne remembers it as a frightening time for her and the three children. "The children would see the news and see soldiers blown up, or returning to the States missing limbs, and the children thought all the soldiers were Daddy," she continues, "I just could not bare watching my children go through this, so I no longer watched the news."

There was a lot of worry and concern during this period, explains Dianne. "At that time, there was no Internet, and phone service overseas was sketchy. Mostly, word came via patched calls from my husband, written letters or word-of-mouth from friends."

Dianne recalls an especially difficult time later

in John's career when one of the children was badly hurt in an accident. "I did not write to John for over a week," recalls Dianne, "When I finally contacted him, he was angry that I had not sent news to him about the accident immediately because he worried more not hearing from me."

When asked about finances, Dianne recalls that times were not that difficult. "John sent over his

paycheck because he needed very little money to get by with," she continues. "I had been a schoolteacher, but while John was in service, I did not think the children should be without both their parents, so mother and I stayed home and raised the kids."

As she reminisces, the family had survived on

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John's income while they were stationed in Colorado, so finances never really changed much during his military career. Her generation was the last of the stay-at-home mothers of overseas personnel.

Dianne felt a great deal of support during this period.

"We had officer clubs, and the wives had many support groups," Dianne says. At that time, the clubs were very active and a great place to go to events with people who you had common situations. Dianne remembers doing a lot of chari-

table work and attending many cocktail parties and other gatherings.

"I remember this being a very happy time for me," Dianne recalls. "Yes, I was worried about my husband all the time, but the rest of my life was good."

Not all the social events were pleasant, explains Dianne. She tells a story of a young woman whose husband died just two weeks before their firstborn child was delivered.

"My mother stayed with the young woman until the child was born so the young woman would not be alone," explains Dianne. She qui-

etly explained how watching every day for the Colonel or Chaplain's car was the hardest part of the day.

"Not only did we have to be supportive of our children because it was difficult for them to adjust to Daddy being gone, but each time your spouse is deployed, it is like losing your spouse," she continues. "This was hard."

Finally, the conflict ended and young John was able to return to the States to be reunited with a very welcoming family.

As a career Marine, the Hamilton family packed up and was re-stationed in Palms, California. It was here that their fourth and final child was born. Dianne calls this child her "war dividend" baby.

Eventually, the Hamilton family made it to Albuquerque, where John decided to get his masters degree. Since he was still active duty and the country was not exactly friendly towards military personnel, John was told to never wear his uniform on campus - that it would put him at risk. Dianne and the children had a hard time adjusting during this period.

"I was shocked by the lack of support and social engagements because I was so accustomed to the support received in the military," says Dianne. This seemed to be a lonely time for the Hamilton family. Upon graduation, John retired from the Marines and accepted a position with Kennicutt Mining Company in Silver City.

Upon the move to Silver City, the children were now 16, 12, 11, and 2-1/2, and the older children had a difficult time adjusting to living in one place.

"Until now, if the older children were having a difficult time in their school or with neighborhood children, they knew to wait it out and the military would soon move them to another location," Dianne explains.

Dianne also had a difficult time adjusting to her new life in Silver City. In the service, there was a network of wives and officers clubs to keep wives with some type of social activity.

"I really had to beat the bushes and learn how to make friends," says Dianne, adding, "but Silver City has a unique club called the Newcomer's Club that helped me adjust to life in Silver City."

There is more public knowledge of Dianne's busy career in Silver City. "Now that John was home on regular schedule and my mother lived nearby, I felt comfortable entering the workforce."

After years at the radio station as a popular disc jockey, Dianne entered politics and became a New Mexico State Representative, where she continues her work representing District 38.

OVERSEAS EVENTS AFFECT FAMILIES

A more recent example of families being left behind is that of the Anders family. John and Jane Anders were college sweethearts as well. Shortly after college, the two married and started their family with their firstborn son. John had gone through college as a national reserve service member, and through the years worked his way to Colonel, the highest rank available

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in his company. But there is another side of the story of what would seem a fairytale romance – that of a lonely wife and child.

As part of being in the National Reserves, John's company has volunteered to deploy to Afghanistan four times. The military now has many requirements that must be completed by the families of military personnel. It was necessary for Jane to have prepared wills, powers of attorney, family emergency plans and much more. One can only imagine the paperwork poured upon a young wife and mother. Jane remembers being concerned about all the paperwork, but being the dutiful wife, she made sure all the rules and regulations were prepared.

So off to Afghanistan goes John, leaving behind a wife and son.

Jane recalls, "I tried working several types of jobs, hoping that I would be able to make something work, but the truth was, it was just hard trying to take care of a household and a small child by myself." So the young family opted to live on the salary produced by John being overseas, and the mother put her career on hold for the sake of family and country.

During one of the stays at home, John and Jane had their second son. Several months later, John and his company were back in Afghanistan, this time leaving behind a wife and two children.

"I did not mind," recalls Jane. "I knew what I had signed up for when I married a military man."

With that, she tells stories of loneliness, fatigue, despair and pride.

Jane also recalls when her husband was home. "Often I had to sleep on the couch because John would have such nightmares that tossing, turning and screaming out were regular nightly occurrences."

She learned over time not to push him on what happened overseas. Many service personnel like to leave it behind them, well try to leave it behind them. Eventually, Jane learned that a friend of her husband's was blown up while they were walking side-by-side. As horrific an event as this was for the husband, it was obvious in her telling of the story that the event had an effect on her and the kids.

FAMILY MEMBER & SERVICE PERSONNEL

Merritt Hamilton-Allen, Lieutenant 03, retired Navy is an example of a service person who was raised in a military family. Thousands of this country's service personnel were raised in military families. Allen's family ties were told earlier in this story as the youngest daughter of John and Dianne Hamilton.

Allen's family moved to Silver City when she was around 2-1/2 years old. She remembers her siblings not liking to live in one place much, especially since there were very few Marine Corps families in the area.

"Growing up, there was this wall of memorabilia of my parents' lives and travels in the military, and I grew up knowing I was military," explains Allen.

She grew up knowing and feeling left out that

her three older siblings remember traveling and would tell their stories about the different places they lived.

Allen states, "I was the only one of us siblings that got to go to one school system in one town my whole under-aged education." She also expressed that there was a payoff for not being raised moving from town-to-town, base-to-base. "I got to spend more quality time with my father!"

Allen was around 5 or 6 years old when her mother went to work. She recalls being a morn-

ing person, so she would get up with her mother, who worked a 7:15 a.m. radio show.

"After mom went to work, my sisters and grandmother would help me with breakfast and get ready for school, then mom would come home from work and take me to school most mornings," Allen fondly recalls. "Extended family was very important."

As a service personnel, Allen enjoyed the infrastructure already in place for the family and military personnel. The support groups were

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great, but it has always been hard for spouses of military personnel to hold any type of career.

For instance, Allen met her husband in Washington, D.C. She was military and he had a law practice. Belonging to the military, Allen was shipped overseas, and for the first three years of their marriage, the young couple was unable to live together as man and wife. "It just was not practical for my husband to give up his practice and follow me around the world."

Unfortunately, tragedy struck the young couple and Allen found herself medically retired at the age of 28. "I wanted to go back to New Mexico

to live close to my family," states Allen, "but Silver City just was not a big enough city to encourage a big enough law practice for my husband, so we happily opted for Albuquerque."

The transition into the private sector was very difficult. "Most people plan their retirement around milestones," she continues. "I did not have that opportunity, and my health threw me into retirement." Eventually overcoming the effects of her illness, in 2005 she started her own company.

There are two areas that Allen would like to see improved. First, she would like to see the military do more to be supportive of spouses

who want careers outside the military. She would also like to see less stigma attached to wounded soldiers.

"Many times, soldiers do not get help for post-traumatic syndrome and other wounds because of the stigma. It is getting better. A virtual reality therapy has been designed to meet commands that have dealt with traumatic losses," she continues. "This therapy is aimed at military personnel that might get post-traumatic syndrome, and it helps personnel recognize and deal with triggers."

It appears that since not only military personnel serve the United States of America, but because their spouses and families also sacrifice significantly, that every man, woman and child should be provided the protections afforded by the Constitution.



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Women Serve, Too

By Kelly W Cauffman

Generally, when we celebrate Veterans Day, we say that we appreciate the sacrifices made by men and women, but it is the men who served our country who usually get interviewed. Well, women serve, too. One such woman was Joan Flora LeDuc Gooding, retired Navy. Sitting down and talking with Gooding, one learns of a life in the service for women, the good and the bad.

"I quietly listened as my brothers just back from overseas duty glamorized the places and people they had seen with gifts and tales," recalls Gooding about her childhood, and how she came to the conclusion to join the Armed Services. Gooding also recalled being 14 years old and impressed enough to want to wait and join the services to find out for herself what the world had to offer.

Upon reaching legal age, Gooding headed to the recruitment office and asked the clerk for the enlistment papers. "These papers would alter my life," states Gooding. The journey to enter the service

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was interesting and sometime frightening for Gooding.

"I took and passed an aptitude test and was instructed to report to the recruiting station in Portland, Maine, where I took more tests," recalls Gooding. After passing the tests, Gooding was put up in a YMCA for the night and remembers this being her first encounter bunking with an entire room of strangers. "My journey had begun."

The journey to boot camp was confusing, and caused apprehension for young Gooding. She recalls receiving tokens for her train ticket to Bainbridge, Maryland for boot camp. "When I boarded the train,

I broke the final ties of home and security," explains Gooding. The fresh recruit further explained how a gray Navy bus met her at the train station when she arrived via train to Port Deposit, Maryland around midnight. Once she arrived at her barracks, which were to be her new home for the next nine weeks through training, she had thoughts of whether she did the right thing, and that "it was too late now." These thoughts went through her mind as she drifted off to sleep on her first night as a boot camp recruit.

Life as a fresh recruit at boot camp was tough. Throughout training, a new recruit walked approximately nine miles per day, between classes, chow and barracks. It was boot camp where you learn

proper Navy dress, protocol, history, and who and how to salute and stand at duty. According to Gooding, basic training also taught survival techniques, swimming, marching and most of all discipline.

"I also learned how to work well with others as a unit, the only way a large organization can survive," she recalls.

Gooding remembers a very tight routine for her daily responsibilities as a new recruit. As she recalls, mornings consisted of sweeping cubicles, emptying trash, cleaning basins, clearing decks, cleaning shower drains, picking up and putting away all gear, and deep cleaning of toilets and sinks. Days and nights were filled with classes, training, more cleaning, ironing, quarterdeck cleaning, cleaning and swabbing of all areas of the base and finally taps at 9:30 p.m. "After taps at 21:30, a hymn was sung by a recruit and we were all weary, tired, homesick recruits," explains Gooding, "I suspect many a tear was shed along with mine at this final hour."

There were two stories that resonated in Gooding's mind. First she tells a story that occurred early in her days as a new recruit. "A shrill whistle followed by a yell, "reveille" penetrated my fog of sleep. It was 5:30 a.m.," she continues. "It was 5:30, and forgetting where I was, I jumped out of bed and landed three feet below. My legs crumbled beneath me. I had forgotten my night berth was the upper bunk." Fortunately, Gooding was not hurt, except her pride.

She also remembers that while she and her naval husband were stationed in Japan, there had been a rash of burglaries in their neighborhood. In Japan, most living quarters are very small. She remembers one of her neighbors had had a burglar step over their sleeping bodies, rob them and then climb back over their bodies to retreat from the small living quarters.

One memory that maintains a lasting impression on Gooding's mind is that while living in their quiet country home, she heard creaking of their floorboards one evening after they had retired for a good night's sleep. "It must be Ralph (their young son), as he was not feeling well when we put him down for the night." When Gooding got up to tend to Ralph's needs, she noticed bare, adult feet standing in the hallway. As she followed the feet up the body, she found an adult male dressed in all black. Ralph, she whispered, "there is a burglar in the house." At this point, Ralph emerged from the bedroom door as the burglar exited the front door. Nothing stolen, no one hurt.

It would seem clear by the story of one Joan Flora LeDuc Gooding, that women serve this country, and bravely, and with as much conviction as their male counterparts. So as this nation comes upon Veterans Day, let us all remember the sacrifices made by the Women Who Served, Too.



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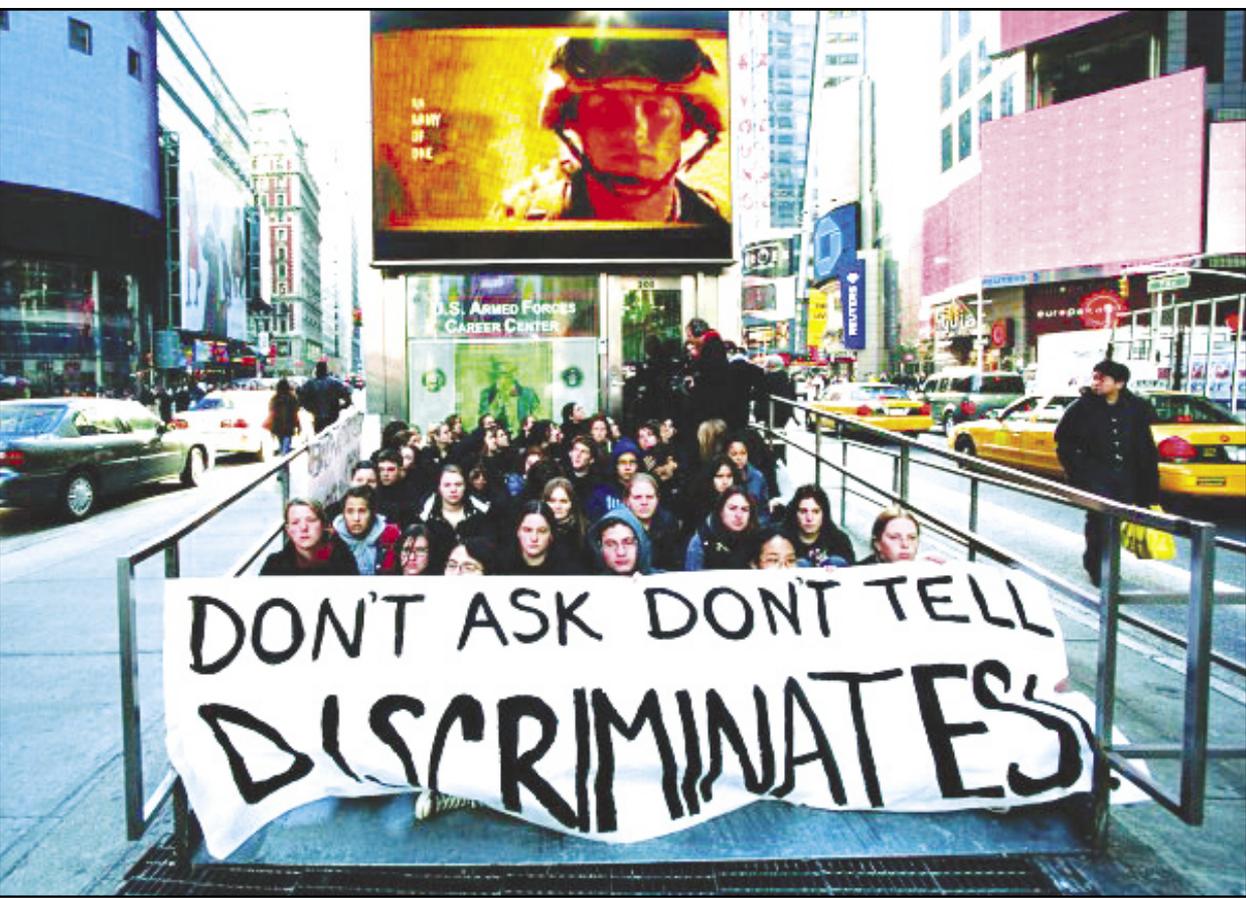
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dren of these brave service persons (gay or straight) are given group and individual counseling to help them deal with their grief. Unfortunately, spouses, partners and children of these brave souls have not been allowed this counseling in the past due to the negative stigma. DM explained that often the “doing what had to be done” attitude stopped the minute the military personnel stepped off the plane and were with their families. He continued to explain that this sometimes created a very difficult dilemma for these people because spending weeks and months in combat, often in foxholes, real feelings and emotions become involved. “We all received the same training and we all had to have each others backs, or we could end up dead.”

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Diversity in the Military

By Kelly W. Cauffman

A not so new issue in the military is that of gay type activity or as one veteran put it, things were done that were never discussed. For this portion of the article, two gay veterans were interviewed. In order to protect their identity, they will be identified as DM and MS.

DM, an E6 Staff Sergeant, served in Iraq and is a highly decorated veteran. He served during the time of Don't Ask Don't (DADT). He served in the military for 18 years – two of those years were served in Iraq. He tells the story of how his partner laid in a hospital bed in the United States near death. When Red Cross tried to get DM a leave to care for his partner, his lesbian Sergeant told him not to

throw away his entire career because DADT made it necessary to send such information up the military ladder and that he would lose all of his benefits. He further explained that he was fortunate because his partner survived and his commission was saved.

DM spoke of a second situation where a gay couple had a child who was seriously injured while both mothers were stationed overseas. Neither set of grandparents were allowed to make necessary medical decision for the child. Due to the military views on gay couples and their children, only one mother was allowed to be contacted and kept in the medical care loop, according to DM. Since the parents were stationed in combat zone, contact between each other was nearly impossible.

A third tragic story told by DM was about the devastation brought to families who have family members missing in action. The spouses and chil-



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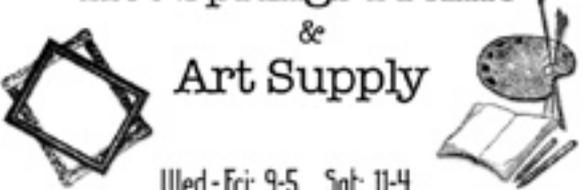
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He continued to explain that both men and women service members believe that having sex with the opposite gender was cheating on their spouse, but having relations with members of the same gender was just taking care of business.

Stories of straight personnel being dumped by partners back home received grief counseling, but gay service personnel did not. How being shot at made most personnel understand that orientation had no bearing as to whether you could fight and die for your country.

When asked to explain how it could be that this was acceptable behavior among the lower level personnel, but that higher ranking officers who presumably went through the same "don't speak about it" mentality, DM explained that many of the officers are now coming in from colleges and ROTC programs and have never been down in the trenches, so their experiences and knowledge of the real life in the foxhole is unknown to them, and they just follow the regulations.

What did DADT do to solve some of these issues? DM believes that DADT made it easier for a "witch hunt" mentality.

MS has a different story to tell. MS is 21 years old and a newly enlisted member of the Armed Services. He is openly out to his captain and fellow service personnel. His Facebook page is full of gay slogans, pictures and written word. Since MS is still in the training phase of his military training, he has to live on base, however, because he is gay, his partner cannot live on base with him. This creates a financial burden that married couples do not have because the two have to finance an apartment off base as well.

With that said, MS explains that he has taken no slack from officers or fellow enlisted personnel. MS believes the new policies will bring the military rules and regulations closer to how the personnel actually feel.

*As a side note, this reporter once interviewed a World War II veteran who, when asked about gay rights, said, "When we fought, we fought for everyone's rights."

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First Annual Trash Bash Set for Nov. 10

By Destiny Mitchell

The Bountiful Alliance (TBA) is holding their first annual "Trash Bash" to promote New Mexico Recycling Awareness Month. Several art components as well as recycling will be featured among the Trash Bash festivities, which kick off at 11 a.m., Saturday, November 10, at El Cortez Theatre. The award-winning documentary, "Bag It," will be shown as an introduction to the activities. A guided discussion and actionable steps to help resolve our garbage

dilemma will be examined at Grapes Gallery, 407 Main St., immediately following the film. Afternoon workshops, some hands-on, will focus on reducing our trash stream by re-using and re-purposing discards. Evening activities include a light dinner, a photography show, a "trashion show" (fashions created from trash), "glassical" and "junk band" music, and a silent auction. A show of recycled art will be on display at Grapes Gallery the last half of November. Suggested \$5 donation for morning & afternoon events; Suggested \$5 donation for evening events. Proceeds support on-going TBA programs benefiting the community.

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Morning and afternoon events: 11 a.m.-5:30 p.m., at El Cortez Theatre (415 Main St.) and Grapes Gallery (407 Main St.).

“Bag It.” Film: 11 a.m., at El Cortez Theater. “Bag It” has been garnering awards at film festivals across the nation. What started as a documentary about plastic bags evolved into a wholesale investigation into plastics and their effect on our waterways, oceans, and even our bodies. Join the Bag It movement and decide for yourself how plastic your life will be.

Photography Show: November 10, at Grapes Gallery. This show will document the ways in which

people in Sierra County have re-purposed materials to enhance their home or work environment, either structurally or decoratively. This project is envisioned as the beginning of a permanent collection which can be continually updated and which will be available for display at future community events. In addition to the photography show, all submissions will be recorded digitally and will be shown throughout the month of November at Grapes Gallery.

Show of Recycled Works: November 15-17, 22-24 and 29-30, 12-5 p.m., at Grapes Gallery. Work must be made from recycled materials and may be either utilitarian or decorative. This is an un-juried show. Artists will receive 70 percent of sales. Bring work

to Grapes on Monday, November 12, 12-2 p.m.

Walking Tour: A map of downtown shopping locations will be provided at the event. This tour will showcase resale stores and studios in downtown Truth or Consequences that make use of or sell recycled and re-purposed materials.

Workshop Demos: afternoon demonstrations from various artists and educators in the community. More information TBA.

Evening events: 5:30-8:30 p.m., at Grapes Gallery.

Posole Dinner at 5:30 p.m., accompanied by performances of Josh Frankel playing “glassical” music on his handmade glass harp.

Recycled Music: “Trash Band” Bill Bussmann and the Hassle Family will entertain using instruments created from recycled items at Grapes Gallery during dinner.

Trashion Show: November 10, 5-7 p.m. This show is an open contest for anyone who would like to display recycled or re-purposed clothing, jewelry, or wearable accessories. Items will be displayed during the scheduled times and awards will be given for the best pieces. Entire outfits and ensembles, to single pieces of jewelry are welcome. Special awards will be given for those who actually wear or model their entries.

Silent Auction: Viewing/bidding for functional and whimsical recycled/re-purposed items at Grapes Gallery. Silent auction bidding ends at 8 p.m.

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1: Tatsuy Nakatani – Percussion Master: 7-9 p.m., Rio Bravo Fine Art Gallery, 110 Broadway, Truth or Consequences. Master Japanese percussionist Tatsuya Nakatani returns to Rio Bravo Fine Art Gallery for another stunning performance. Earlier this year, he electrified an audience with his drumming and unprecedented bowed gong playing. This time, he will be joined by Mark Weaver on tuba from Santa Fe. Tatsuya’s performances blend and bend the boundaries of classical music and jazz. Cost: \$10. Contact SCAC, James Durham, (575) 894-7008, gumbojames@aol.com.

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7: Card Class: Café Groovy Gritz: 9 a.m., Café Groovy Gritz, 315 Broadway, Truth or Consequences. Come make cards! You can make three cards to take home with you. Cost: \$6. Contact Café Groovy Gritz, Brenda Nelson, (575) 894-0350, bnelson.blackcanyon@gmail.com, <http://cafegroovygritz.com>.

9: Artist Reception for Annie Dimit Buckley: 2 p.m., Sierra Vista Hospital Boardroom, 800 E. Ninth Ave., Truth or Consequences. Annie is a quilter extraordinaire who has always loved to sew and create things that are different and fun. She also enjoys taking something old and finding a way to make it useful again. Annie's mom taught her to sew as a very young girl. Art and sewing have been constants in Annie's life for as long as she can remember. She began her work in textiles by making clothes; however, Annie found her niche once she was introduced to quilting. Free and open to the public. Contact Sierra Vista Hospital, Sharon Finarelli, (575) 743-1272, sharon.finarelli@svhnm.org, www.svhnm.org.

10: Senior Center Arts & Crafts Show: 9 a.m.-2 p.m., Lee Belle Johnson Senior Recreation Center, 301 Foch, Truth or Consequences. Contact Sierra Joint Office on Aging, (575) 894-6641.

10: 16th Annual Veterans Day Car Show: 9 a.m.-3 p.m., New Mexico State Veterans Home, 992 South Broadway, Truth or Consequences. Trophy plaques and dash plaques will be awarded for People's Choice and Judge's picks. Judging starts at 11:30 a.m., door prizes begin at 1 p.m., awards start at 2 p.m. Vehicle entry fee: \$30. Concession stand on site. Swap meet area available! (10' x 10' space \$25) Free for spectators – hosted by New Mexico State Veterans Home. Contact New Mexico State Veterans Home, Sam Shannon, (575) 894-4222, sam.shannon@state.nm.us, www.nmstateveteranshome.org.

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10-11: Commodore's Cup: 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Elephant Butte Lake. Sailboat race/regatta. Contact Rio Grande Yacht Club, Jan Zink, (575) 313-0392.

10: TorC Trash Bash: 11 a.m.-8 p.m., Downtown Truth or Consequences, various locations. TBA's first annual Trash Bash celebrates fun and fanci-

ful ways to reduce, reuse and recycle to minimize our trash. Highlights include a silent auction for locally made "recycled art," hands-on workshops to create treasures out of trash and an inspirational fashion show featuring re-purposed items. "Bag It," an award-winning film that examines the impact of plastic bags, will be shown. A presentation and guided discussion will explore simple steps for protecting our environment. Cost: \$5 for all day, \$2 per event. Contact: The Bountiful Alliance, Joey Perry, (575) 894-9421, jpintorc@yahoo.com.

10: Second Saturday Art Hop: 6-9 p.m., Downtown Truth or Consequences. Galleries, studios, shops

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11: Rising River String Band: 3-5 p.m., Hillsboro Community Center, Elenora Street, Hillsboro. Tom

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13: SCRTAB Monthly Meeting: 9 a.m., Pelican Spa Meeting Room, Main at Date, Truth or Consequences. The Sierra County Recreation & Tourism Advisory Board meets on the second Tuesday of every month. Cost: free. Contact Sierra County Recreation & Tourism Advisory Board, Kim Skinner, (575) 740-1777. www.sierracountynewmexico.info.

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15-17: TorC Trash Bash – Show & Sale of Recycled Works: 12-5 p.m., Grapes Gallery, 407 Main St., Truth or Consequences. Grapes Gallery is showcasing utilitarian and decorative pieces made from recycled items by local artists and crafters, in recognition of NM Recycling Awareness Month, and in conjunction with TBA's Trash Bash. All items are for sale. Each unique piece of art is cleverly created from re-purposed discards. Browse or pick up a one-of-a-kind gift for yourself, or someone special, to enhance the home or work environment. Each piece will serve as a pleasant reminder to reduce, reuse and recycle. Contact: The Bountiful Alliance, Joey Perry, (575) 894-9421, jpintorc@yahoo.com.

16: Live Music – Sam Barlow Band at Café Groovy Gritz: 7 p.m., 315 Broadway, Truth or Consequences. Sam Barlow Band at Café Groovy Gritz for the first time. Come give them a great Truth or Consequences welcome! Contact Café Groovy Gritz, Brenda Nelson, (575) 894-0350, bnelson.blackcanyon@gmail.com, <http://Cafegroovygritz.com>.

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22-24: TorC Trash Bash – Show & Sale of Recycled Works: 12-5 p.m., Grapes Gallery, 407 Main St., Truth or Consequences. Grapes Gallery is showcasing utilitarian and decorative works made by local artists and crafters. Each unique piece of art is cleverly created from discards. All pieces are for sale. Pick up a one-of-a-kind gift for yourself, or someone special, to enhance the home or work environment. Pieces will serve as pleasant reminders to reduce, reuse and recycle. The show celebrates TBA's Trash Bash, in recognition of NM Recycling Awareness Month. Contact: The Bountiful Alliance, Joey Perry, (575) 894-9421, jpintorc@yahoo.com.

23: Live Music – David Garcia: 7 p.m., Café Groovy Gritz, 315 Broadway, Truth or Consequences. Hope you had a great Thanksgiving! Come dance to David Garcia and work off some of the turkey! Contact Café Groovy Gritz, Brenda Nelson, (575) 894-0350, bnelson.blackcanyon@gmail.com, <http://Cafegroovygritz.com>.

24: Live Music – Cactus Flats: 7 p.m., Café Groovy Gritz, 315 Broadway, Truth or Consequences. Local favorite country music Cactus Flats back at Café Groovy Gritz! Contact: Café Groovy Gritz, Brenda Nelson, (575) 894-0350, bnelson.blackcanyon@gmail.com, <http://Cafegroovygritz.com>.

27: Karaoke with Cindy: 6 p.m., Café Groovy Gritz, 315 Broadway, Truth or Consequences. Come eat and sing with Cindy and her karaoke machine. Cost: None. Contact Café Groovy Gritz, Brenda Nelson, (575) 894-0350, bnelson.blackcanyon@gmail.com, <http://cafegroovygritz.com>.

28: Free Class – Cleanse your Body with Standard Process' Whole Food Purification Program: 6-7 p.m., Agape Chiropractic, 402 Broadway, Truth or Consequences. This Whole Food Cleanse gives your body all the nutritional support it needs. This is gentle yet effective cleanse to rid your body of toxins. No fasting here! Feel better, have more energy and prob-

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29: Thursday Night Karaoke with Gene:

6:30 p.m., Café Groovy Gritz, 315 Broadway, Truth or Consequences. Come eat and sing with Gene. He can down load any song you can think of! Put him to the test. Cost: None. Contact Café Groovy Gritz, Brenda Nelson, (575) 894-0350, bnelson.blackcanyon@gmail.com, <http://cafegroovygritz.com>.

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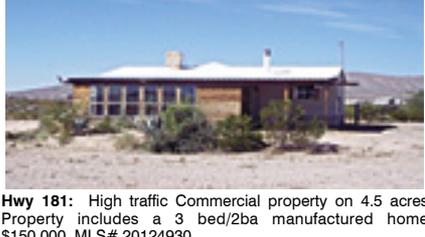
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517 Elm: Well Maintained 2 Bed/2 Bath manufactured home on large 70X89 corner lot. Enclosed front patio, covered back patio, 2 storage sheds and 2 carports. Fully fenced lot plenty of room for RV and boat parking. Home sells furnished \$57,000. MLS# 20125012.



Hubble Rd: Great Commercial location. I 25 Exit 79 and Dr. Hubble Road. 0.85 acre lot. East of Water Tanks on North side of Road. High Visibility. Motivated seller. \$25,000. MLS# 20124954.



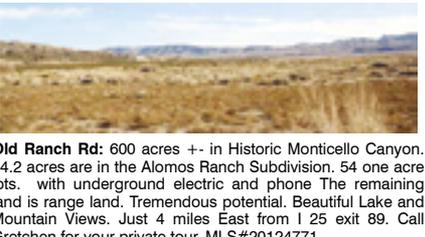
Hwy 181: High traffic Commercial property on 4.5 acres. Property includes a 3 bed/2ba manufactured home. \$150,000. MLS# 20124930.



204 Camino Cinco: Nice Weekend place on large 0.22 acre lot. 2 Bedroom 2 bath home has new carpet and tile through out. New range. Sells furnished just bring your lake toys. Borders BLM. \$60,000. MLS#20124846.



Armendaris Rd: Estate size lot or Fantastic Family Compound. Beautiful Lake and Mountain Views from this 13 acre tract, overlooking Elephant Butte Lake. Area of fine custom homes. Just Minutes from Dam Site Marina. On the way to Spaceport America. \$228,000. MLS#20124795.



Old Ranch Rd: 600 acres +- in Historic Monticello Canyon. 64.2 acres are in the Alomos Ranch Subdivision. 54 one acre lots. with underground electric and phone The remaining land is range land. Tremendous potential. Beautiful Lake and Mountain Views. Just 4 miles East from I 25 exit 89. Call Gretchen for your private tour. MLS#20124771.



192 Elenora: Lots of history in this 2 Bedroom 1 Bath home built in 1900. Across the street from the old court house in Hillsboro. The home is believed to have been occupied by Judge Parker. Spacious home with 2nd bedroom, and sitting room upstairs. Formal dining room, large family room. Beautiful wood floors in the living room, with cozy wood stove. \$150,000. MLS# 20124686.



506 Birch: 2 Bedroom 1 Bath. Cute starter home. Covered front and back patio. Large work shop. \$95,000. MLS#20124565.



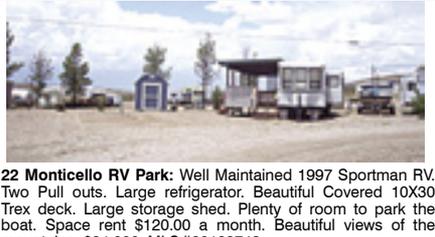
10792 Hwy 152 Hillsboro: Beautiful 4 bedroom 2 bath home. mature trees. Enjoy the formal living room, large formal dining room, cabinet filled kitchen with breakfast room, and bar. Stainless steel appliances. Large master suite. 10 x 40 screened porch. 8 car garage. \$315,000. MLS#20124563.



204 Black Range: 3 Bedroom 2 Bath Manufactured home assessed as permanent. Large fully fenced lot, with 24X24 detached garage. Room for all of your Lake Toys. Priced to sell. \$82,000. MLS#20124556.



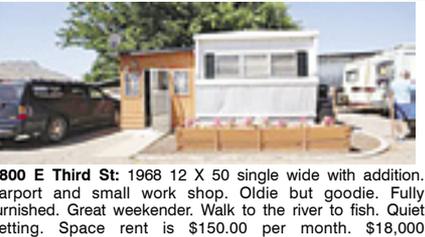
112 Alamosa Village: 5.15 Pristine Acres. 1988 28 X 66 Cameo manufactured home. 3 Bedroom 1 3/4 bath home. Covered front deck 26' X 11' and covered back deck is a gracious 44' X 10' with beautiful mountain views. Detached 3 car garage/workshop 24' X 42. Large metal storage container, room for all your toys. Quiet, secluded location in Alamosa Village. \$99,900. MLS#20123767.



22 Monticello RV Park: Well Maintained 1997 Sportman RV. Two Pull outs. Large refrigerator. Beautiful Covered 10X30 Trex deck. Large storage shed. Plenty of room to park the boat. Space rent \$120.00 a month. Beautiful views of the mountains. \$24,000. MLS#20123748.



5th Street: Great Location! Over one half acre. Clean, Level, Location. Alley access, just one block West of Date. Ready to build on. Don't miss this one!! Priced to sell! \$65,000. MLS#20123693.



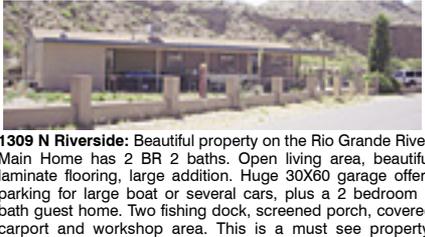
1800 E Third St: 1968 12 X 50 single wide with addition. carport and small work shop. Oldie but goodie. Fully furnished. Great weekender. Walk to the river to fish. Quiet setting. Space rent is \$150.00 per month. \$18,000. MLS#20123492.



Ontario Crt: .459 acre lot in a quiet cul-de-sac. Build your dream home, Underground electric, natural gas and water to property line. Priced to sell at \$12,500. MLS#20123485.



103 Superior: Close to the lake. This 3 bedroom 2 bath slump brick home, sits on a large lot, with plenty of room for your lake toys. Mature easy care landscaping. Attached 2 car garage, plus detached two car garage. Priced to sell. \$156,000 Call Gretchen or Rachel. MLS# 20122752.



1309 N Riverside: Beautiful property on the Rio Grande River. Main Home has 2 BR 2 baths. Open living area, beautiful laminate flooring, large addition. Huge 30X60 garage offers parking for large boat or several cars, plus a 2 bedroom 1 bath guest home. Two fishing dock, screened porch, covered carport and workshop area. This is a must see property. \$195,000 Call Rachel. MLS# 20122736.



613 Locust: 2007 Cavco Manufactured home on 60X171 lot. 3 Bedroom 2 Bath open living area, walk in closet in master bedroom. \$74,500 Call Rachel or Gretchen. MLS#20122734.



918 Grape: 3 Bedroom home one block from the Municipal Golf Course. Hardwood floors, located on 99X140 foot fenced lot. Room for your RV. Spacious formal dining and living room. A great place to retire and play a little golf! \$80,000 Call Rachel. MLS# 20122025.



203 Lakeshore - Beautiful Southwest home with lake views. Electronic Security Gate with remote control, fully fenced yard. Energy efficient! Motivated, seller just completed new home. \$297,500. Call Gretchen or Rachel. MLS# 20120616.



104 Caballo Place - Spectacular Lake views from this 3 bed 2 bath. Enjoy the beautiful waterfall, and pool, outdoor fireplace, for year round enjoyment. All on 2.49 acres in Lakeshore Highlands \$398,000 Call Rachel. MLS# 20119398.



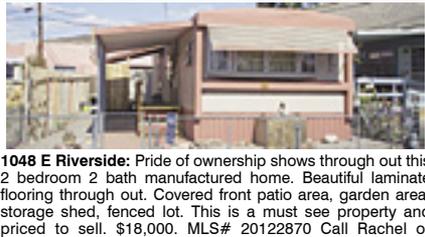
209 Kiowa Loop - Beautiful 4 BR/2 BA, 2432 sq ft home. Master suite offers a parents retreat, large master bath with garden tub and walk in shower. Covered back patio offers mister system. Fireplace in Family room. Plenty of room for all the lake toys. \$175,000 Call Rachel. MLS# 20119238.



300 Underwood - Beautiful custom home in Lakeshore Highlands. Fabulous lake and mountain views. Wall of windows frame panoramic views of Elephant Butte lake. Breakfast bar, formal dining area, pantry, extra wall oven, upgraded appliances in the kitchen. Covered patio, outdoor fireplace & fountain. 1275 sqft garage for all of your lake toys. \$525,000. MLS# 20123300.



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1048 E Riverside: Pride of ownership shows through out this 2 bedroom 2 bath manufactured home. Beautiful laminate flooring through out. Covered front patio area, garden area, storage shed, fenced lot. This is a must see property and priced to sell. \$18,000. MLS# 20122870 Call Rachel or Gretchen.



203 Century: Manufactured Home on .50 acre lot 26 X 36 3 car detached garage. 3 BD 2 BA, formal dining area, large living room. RV and boat friendly lot, is fenced. \$89,900 Call Rachel. MLS# 20122485

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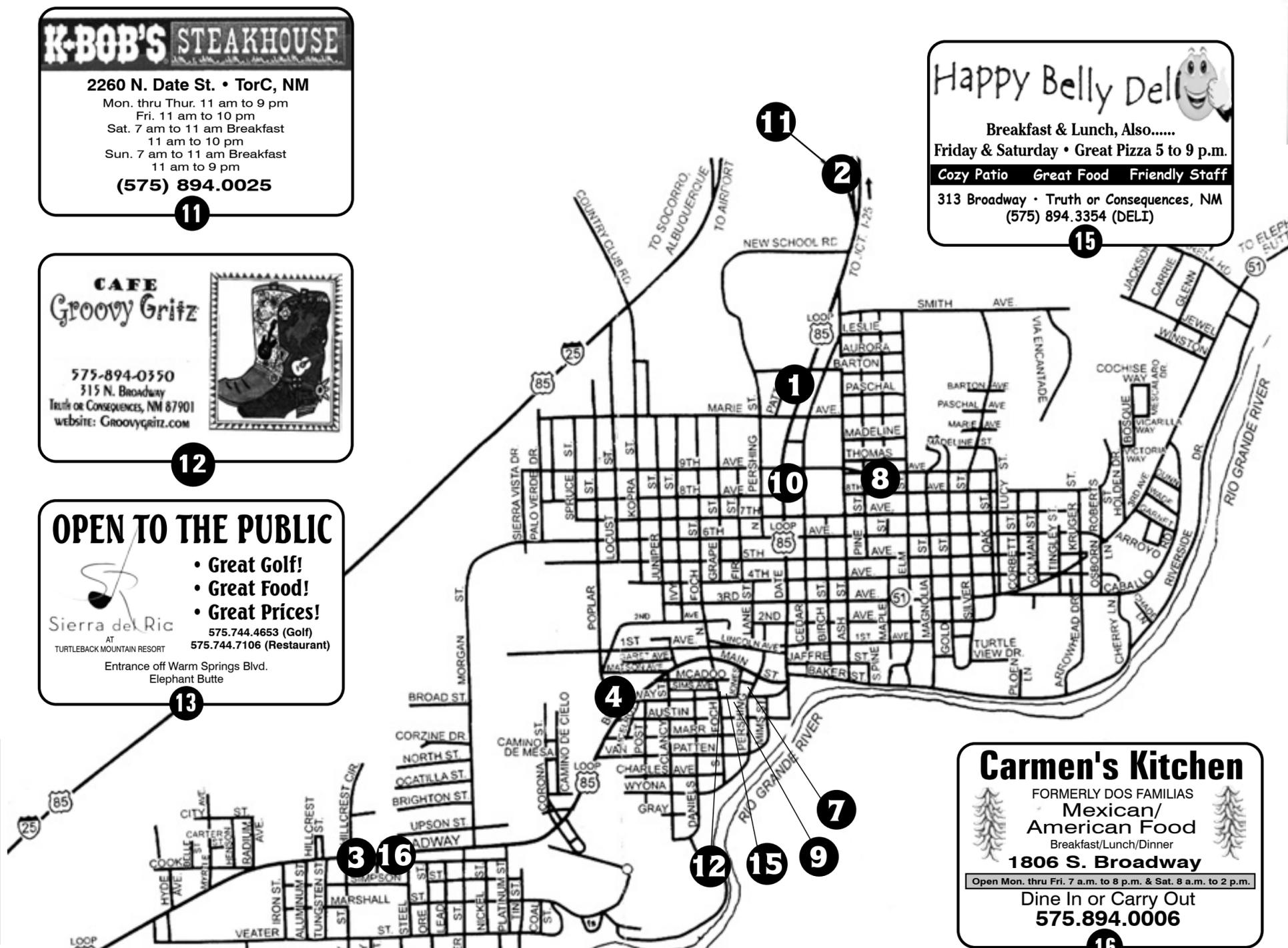


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