

# once upon a time in Albuquerque

## Facebook page takes reminiscing with friends to new level

The best restaurant in Albuquerque, from a kid's perspective, was near Winrock during the early 1970s, an old-timey place with barbershop quartet music, skimmer hats, hot dogs as thick as a toddler's arm and globs of ice cream, heaped in a firefighter's helmet shimmering with sparklers and hauled around the dining room as a siren wailed for maximum humiliation. We loved that. That restaurant is long gone, but the memory remains just as sweet as that sizable sundae. Over the years, I've tried to remember the name of that restaurant. I've had other brain freezes like that, and maybe you've had a few of your own: Where did that drive-in movie theater used to be? What year was that Jefferson Starship concert at Tingley Coliseum? Who was Kathleen McVicker? What was a Royal Fork?

And then came a Facebook page called "Remember in Albuquerque when ..." and the answers came rushing back as bright as the smile on weatherman Howard Morgan's face. The page, with a membership of more than 15,000 "friends" since its inception just two weeks ago, is a virtual walk down memory lane in Albuquerque. Through the nearly 40,000 posts added so far, we've traveled back to those days of Toys by Roy and Uncle Roy, days when families

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**UpFRONT**

**Joline Gutierrez Krueger**

### Online

"Remember in Albuquerque when ..." is on Facebook and accepts all comers who are respectful and nostalgic



**COURTESY PHOTOS**

**Dr. George Fishbeck taught Albuquerque students that science could be fun. He was then a weather forecaster for KOAT-TV in Albuquerque.**



**Farrell's Ice Cream Parlor was famous for its huge sundaes. It was located next to Winrock Mall in the 1970s.**



**Fedway, a high-end department store, attracted customers to Downtown Albuquerque who were intrigued by its escalator.**

# N.M. Flights Costing \$1.2M

## Alamogordo Among Top 3 Costliest Subsidies in U.S.

**BY ADRIAN SAINZ AND KEVIN BEGOS**  
*The Associated Press*

On some days, the pilots with Great Lakes Airlines fire up a twin-engine Beechcraft 1900 at the Ely, Nev., airport and depart for Las Vegas without a single passenger on board. The same thing happens on occasion at Alamogordo-White Sands Regional Airport in New Mexico, where New Mexico Airlines ferries, on average, 1.2 passengers per day to Albuquerque on 12 nonstop, round-trip flights per week. And the federal government pays the airlines to do it. Federal statistics show that in 2010, just 334 passengers flew out of Alamogordo while the airline got \$1.2 million in subsidies. The travelers on New Mexico Airlines currently pay about \$90 for a one-way ticket. The cost to taxpayers: \$1,563. The arrangement costs taxpayers even more in Nevada. Federal statistics reviewed by The Associated Press show that in 2010, just 227 passengers flew out of Ely while the airline got \$1.8 million in subsidies. The travelers paid \$70 to \$90 for a one-way ticket. The cost to taxpayers for each ticket: \$4,107. Ely and Alamogordo are two of 153 rural communities where airlines get subsidies through the \$200 million Essential Air Service program, and two of 13 that critics say should be eliminated from it. Some call the spending a boondoggle, but others see it as a critical financial lifeline to ensure economic stability in rural areas. Steve Smith, executive director of the Jackson, Tenn., airport authority, has also seen empty or nearly empty flights take off, since the airlines get paid per flight, not per passenger. The subsidy amounted to \$244 for each of the 2,514 people who flew out of Smith's airport last year, though few if any passengers knew that.

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# Lawmakers Have Incentive For Deficit Plan

## Dozen Represent States With Military Contractors

**BY DONNA CASSATA**  
*The Associated Press*

WASHINGTON — For the dozen lawmakers tasked with producing a deficit-cutting plan, the threatened "doomsday" defense cuts hit close to home. The six Republicans and six Democrats represent states where the biggest military contractors — Lockheed Martin, General Dynamics Corp., Raytheon Co. and Boeing Co. — build missiles, aircraft, jet fighters and tanks while employing tens of thousands of workers. The potential for \$500 billion more in defense cuts could force the Pentagon to cancel or scale back multibillion-dollar weapons programs. That could translate into significant layoffs in a fragile economy, generate millions less in tax revenues for local governments and upend lucrative company contracts with foreign nations. The cuts could hammer Everett, Wash., where some of the 30,000 Boeing employees are working on giant airborne refueling tankers for the Air Force, or Amarillo, Texas, where 1,100 Bell Helicopter Textron workers assemble the

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# County Manager May Be Outsider

■ *Bernalillo Commission considers several people from other states*


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**BY DAN MCKAY**  
*Journal Staff Writer*

For the first time in decades, if ever, Bernalillo County could hire a manager from outside the state. Two of the seven finalists for the job, in fact, live much closer to the Atlantic Ocean than the muddy Rio Grande. Melinda Carlton of North Myrtle Beach, S.C., would arrive in New Mexico after an early end to her tenure as Vernon Township manager in New Jersey, where she clashed with an advocacy group, according to a newspaper report. She has worked all over the country, too, though not in the Land of Enchantment. Another finalist, Oscar Rodriguez, would arrive from the Washington, D.C., area, where he's now a consultant but worked more recently as executive director of the Maryland-National Capital Park & Planning Commission. He is from West Texas and has worked for cities along the Mexico border. A third candidate, Deanna Archuleta, lives in Arlington, Va., but she moved there from Albuquerque just two years ago after resigning from the Bernalillo County Commission to join the U.S. Interior Department. County commissioners promised



**RODRIGUEZ:**  
Has family roots in N.M.




**CARLTON:**  
Has 20 years of experience

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**Bernalillo County commissioners, from left, Michelle Lujan Grisham, Art De La Cruz, Maggie Hart Stebbins, Michael Wiener and Wayne Johnson will meet today to interview candidates for the county manager's position and narrow down the list of finalists.**

# County Manager May Be From Outside State

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a national search for the next manager, and they've said from the start that they're willing to consider someone from outside New Mexico. They will meet today to interview candidates by telephone and narrow their list of finalists.

"I believe it'd be very a good idea to bring in someone from outside who doesn't have some of the ties and political connections," Commissioner Wayne Johnson said Friday. "... It would be a fresh start."

The goal, of course, is to ensure the best person is hired, regardless of where they're living now, he said.

The four local candidates are Ed Adams, a city of Albuquerque executive; Archuleta; Barry Bitzer, senior vice president of DW Turner; Bruce Perlman, professor of public administration at the University of New Mexico; and Tom Zdunek, interim Bernalillo County manager.

## Applicant's controversy

Carlton has more than 20 years' experience as a government manager and private executive. She has worked at governments big and small, including some bigger than Bernalillo County, she said.

"I have a considerable amount of experience, over half with counties," Carlton said Friday in an interview.

Her most recent job appears to have had its share of controversy.

The Advertiser-News of New Jersey reported in January 2010 that the audience at a Vernon Township Council meeting cheered when the council unanimously voted to part ways with Carlton before her contract expired. The move came after the Vernon Township Taxpayers Association submitted a 24-point list of accusations against her, but the council resolution didn't list any reasons for her departure, the Advertiser-News said.

Carlton said Friday that no one forced her out. The membership of the Township Council had changed entirely during her 2007-10 tenure, she said.

"I left on my own volition," Carlton said. "... I felt it was time to go."

The Advertiser-News also reported that Carlton had been fired in 2001 from a job in Marion County, Ore., and that she later sued for gender discrimination, whistle blower retaliation and wrongful discharge.

Carlton said she couldn't get into that topic until speaking to Bernalillo County commissioners about it first. But she advised the **Journal** to be "very careful" about reporting anything based on the Advertiser-News, which she described as a "rag."

## Decades of experience

Rodriguez also has 20 years' experience, almost entirely as a public executive or adviser to

governments. He has a bachelor's degree from Harvard College and a master's in planning from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

From 2007-09, he ran the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission, a 2,200-employee organization that works in urban planning in two counties surrounding Washington, D.C.

He has also worked for Austin, Eagle Pass and Del Rio in Texas and for the government of the District of Columbia.

Rodriguez said he was brought in to help restore trust in the Park and Planning Commission after a high-profile controversy over the approval of developments that were more dense than planned.

He told Bernalillo County in his cover letter that he "was able to bring performance management and accountability to a culture of complacency and accommodation."

His stint ended quietly in November 2009 after, he said in an interview, new commissioners came in and "wanted to make a change. The commission is free to do that."

Rodriguez is from the Big Bend area of Texas, between New Mexico and Mexico. He said he lived in Albuquerque at one point and has friends and family in the area.

"A big part of my family has roots, deep roots, in south-east New Mexico," Rodriguez said. "I would look at going to Albuquerque almost as coming home."

## THE LIGHTER SIDE

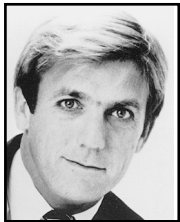
God bless America, and how's everybody?

■ Wall Street rebounded sharply Thursday in the stock market's fourth straight day of 400-point up-and-down swings. The stock market needs to have its meds adjusted. Anybody who says that laughter is the best medicine has never taken Vicodin.

■ The White House gave CIA access to a friendly Hollywood producer making a movie on the Osama bin Laden kill. The film will make the president look like a superhero. Still, it's not going to get Obama re-elected to star in a movie called "Captain United Nations."

■ Celebrity Research conducted a poll on finding that Casey Anthony is the most hated person in

ARGUS HAMILTON



America. She was followed by Octomom and O.J. Simpson. To the eternal frustration of Democrats, Americans continue to be mad at people with no money.

■ British officials sought advice from U.S. and Scottish police over how to control street gangs in the wake of London's rioting and looting. It was fearsome. Karl Marx was right 150 years ago when he wrote that free health care leads to free TVs.

■ Broadcast Weekly said the weak economy is resulting in many Americans canceling their cable TV. They can get all their shows via Netflix. People used to watch cable for the news channels, but the nausea medication is making it too pricey these days.

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## TODAY IN HISTORY

**TODAY IS MONDAY, AUG. 15,** the 227th day of 2011. There are 138 days left in the year.

**On this date in 1961,** as workers began constructing a Berlin Wall made of concrete, East German soldier Conrad Schumann leapt to freedom over a tangle of barbed wire in a scene captured in a famous photograph.

**In 1057,** Macbeth, King of Scots, was killed in battle by Malcolm, the eldest son of King Duncan, whom Macbeth had slain.

**In 1769,** Napoleon Bonaparte was born on the island of Corsica.

**In 1914,** the Panama Canal opened to traffic.

**In 1935,** humorist Will Rogers and aviator Wiley Post were killed when their airplane crashed near Point Barrow in the Alaska Territory.

**In 1945,** in a radio address, Japan's Emperor Hirohito announced that his country had accepted terms of surrender for ending World War II.

**In 1947,** India became independent after some 200 years of British rule.

**In 1969,** the Woodstock Music and Art Fair opened in upstate New York.

**In 1974,** a gunman attempted to shoot South Korean President Park Chung-hee during a

speech; although Park was unhurt, his wife was struck and killed, along with a teenage girl. The gunman was later executed.

**In 1998,** 29 people were killed by a car bomb that tore apart the center of Omagh, Northern Ireland; a splinter group calling itself the Real IRA claimed responsibility.

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS:** Actress Rose Marie is 88. Actor Mike Connors is 86. Game show host Jim Lange is 79. Actress Lori Nelson is 78. Actor Jim Dale is 76. Actress Pat Priest is 75. Supreme Court Justice Stephen Breyer is 73. Author-journalist Linda Ellerbee is 67. Songwriter Jimmy Webb is 65. Rock singer-musician Tom Johnston (The Doobie Brothers) is 63. Actress Phyllis Smith ("The Office") is 62. Britain's Princess Anne and actress Tess Harper are 61. Country singer Angela Rae (Wild Horses) is 45. Actor Peter Hermann is 44. Actress Debra Messing is 43. Actor Anthony Anderson is 41. Singer Mikey Graham (Boyzone) is 39. Actress Natasha Henstridge is 37. Actress Nicole Paggi is 34. Figure skater Jennifer Kirk is 27. Rock singer Joe Jonas (The Jonas Brothers) and actor-singer Carlos Pena are 22. Actress Jennifer Lawrence ("The Bill Engvall Show") is 21.

The Associated Press

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# Facebook Group Takes Nostalgia to New Level

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flocked Downtown to Fedway to ride that new-fangled moving stair contraption called the escalator, when high school girls wore blue-bagged gym jumpers (a particularly horrendous memory), when Avenida César Chávez was still just Stadium Boulevard.



**REYNOLDS:** Created nostalgic Facebook page

We've recalled how Dr. George Fishbeck closed his KNME science show by wriggling his brushy Groucho Marx mustache and saying "Adios, muchachos, muchachos. See you again, real soon!"

We've remembered riding banana-seat bikes to the A&W near Aspen and Constitution NE to fill up thick glass jugs with frosty root beer.

We've reminisced about sitting in the Peanut Gallery for the taping of Captain Billy's Clubhouse — a nautical version of Captain Kangaroo filmed at what was then the KGGM studios.

And we've gasped anew at the way the old captain met his fate, shot in the KGGM lobby by a confused

and jealous husband.

Most of the memories we've shared have been far sunnier than that one.

Many have involved the places we used to eat and drink: Mr. Swiss, Heidi's Pies, Hungry Bear, Shakey's Pizza, Soda Straw, Spaghetti Machine, Roxy, Rectry.

And, yes! Farrell's Ice Cream Parlor, the ice cream dream of my past. Brain. Unfrozen.

You can thank Las Cruces scientist Steve Reynolds for this online time machine.

It was a simple idea, he said. Reynolds' wife, Laura, was perusing Facebook and came across a site called "Remember in Fort Worth when ...," which as its name implies is a site for Texans like Laura to swap memories of their old hometown.

"She suggested that maybe I ought to start one of those for Albuquerque, where I used to live back in the 1960s and '70s, and so I did," Reynolds, 54, said. "I just set it up and let it run."

On Aug. 5, he invited 30 of his Facebook friends to join his new page.

By that evening, the membership had grown to 1,000.

"People started inviting other friends," he said. "And then people I didn't know who saw our posts asked to join."

Todd Clark, CEO of New

Mexico Apartment Advisors in Albuquerque and a social network guru, joined early on and began tracking the numbers.

By the second night, he said, the membership had doubled to 2,000. By the third day, 4,500 were on board. In four days, the membership surpassed more than 10,000.

"This has been a perfect case study of how to do social networking right in a way that adds value to the participants and doesn't feel like push advertising," Clark said.

For Reynolds, it's been a perfectly great escape back to a city he still remembers fondly.

"In today's society where things are controversial or bad, when the news is not always good, when life seems a little more controlled and full of rules, we need to those memories. We need to have more fun," he said. "There's nothing wrong with having fun."

Nothing wrong with remembering when with a bunch of friends, new and old.

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## Beef Recalled for Possible E. Coli

■ *Eastern states targeted; wider distribution not ruled out*

The Associated Press

DODGE CITY, Kan. — At least three major grocery store chains have recalled some of their ground beef packages because they could be contaminated with E. coli bacteria.

Winn-Dixie Stores Inc., Publix Super Markets Inc. and

Kroger Co. announced the recalls mainly in the southeastern U.S. and said they stem from problems at the National Beef Packaging Co. of Dodge City, Kan.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture announced Friday that National Beef was recalling more than 60,000 pounds of beef after the bacteria was found during routine testing.

The recalls affect products sold mainly in Florida, Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana, South Carolina and

Tennessee, but the meat was sent to several distributors and could have been repackaged for consumers and sold nationwide.

The meat was also distributed to meat packing companies in Detroit and Indianapolis and to Wal-Mart operations, National Beef said.

At Kroger the recalled products include ground chuck, ground beef patties, and meatballs and meat loaf made in the stores. Packages have "sell by" dates of July 29 through Aug. 12.

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