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Politics taking precedence over health care

With the health of millions of Americans at stake, the Senate failed to pass any meaningful replacement for the Affordable Care Act, also known as "Obamacare". In a last-ditch effort, senators tried to get a bill through just to begin negotiations with House Republicans ("Senate narrowly rejects 'skinny' repeal," July 28). The goal was to fulfill President Donald Trump's promise to repeal Obamacare and replace it with a new and better plan. This whole fiasco is an example of partisan politics at its worst.

Republicans were intent on ending Obamacare and used whatever means necessary to do so, regardless of how many people would lose their insurance or have to pay higher premiums. A better plan would keep the Medicaid expansion, provide insurance for people with disabilities and lower premiums, making health care affordable for everyone. Replacing Obamacare affects the whole country, Republican and Democrats alike. A bipartisan committee to create a new plan was called for in light of the importance and scope needed.

Dona McDermott
Santa Fe

Sea of troubles

It seems increasingly clear that when our tweeter-in-chief summons up "remembrance of things past" (on the off chance that he's aware of Shakespeare's "Sonnet 30"), he finds it hard to associate the word "Sessions" with "sweet silent thought." And that's because the Oval Office's restless Tweety Bird is terrified by an inquisitive Puddy Tat who's circling his cage.

So what will he do? That, of course, is the

question. And if, after an uncharacteristically Hamlet-like delay, he finally decides to "take arms against a sea of troubles" and install a more protective attorney general, an even bigger question will confront his GOP colleagues. Will they let him do it? Will they continue to accept an autocrat's misdeeds or "by opposing end them?"

John F. Andrews
president
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Hapless hotcakes

Hip-hip-hooray! to Walter Howerton ("Pancakes and potholes — our beloved Santa Fe," Letters to the Editor, July 30). How huffy and hypercritical of James Corcoran ("No more pancakes," Letters to the Editor, July 26) to harp so harshly on hapless hotcakes when there are so many heavy-duty headaches needing to be handled in our historic hamlet? Corcoran's ad hominem hounding of the Rotary Club — an organization that helps Santa Feans so handily — was (ahem) huncalled-for.

S.E. Fisher
Santa Fe

Need versus want

An article appeared in Friday's *New Mexican* ("City Council authorizes funds for south-side Meow Wolf studio," July 28), stating that up to \$1.1 million would be available to help buy and revamp a south-side industrial building. This, in aid to Meow Wolf, would keep the creative outfit anchored in Santa Fe.

I have no problem with having Meow

Wolf in Santa Fe. I do have a problem with expending such grant money with the supposition — generally proven erroneous as seen by other pie-in-the-sky proposals — that it will create hundreds of jobs; and in a city that doesn't take care of its needy citizens, infrastructure or intellectual community (think libraries).

When the necessities of life are better addressed, and there is sufficient money to spend on things other than necessities, perhaps that would be the time to come to the aid of those having their hands out.

We lived without Meow Wolf for years. Are they trying to threaten the city with leaving if they don't get what they ask for?

Carol Lachman
Santa Fe

Counting on reps

In this never-ending newscycle, most people probably missed the news that Nobel laureate Malala Yousafzai just graduated from high school. Malala risked her life for the chance to go to school. As she says, "one child, one teacher, one book, one pen can change the world."

A staggering 263 million children and youth are out of school globally. It doesn't have to be this way, and now The Global Partnership for Education is launching a new plan to give millions more kids the education that is their fundamental right. But that plan requires resources to make it a reality.

I hope we can count on our representatives in Congress to help make sure the U.S. shows leadership in education.

Steve Scheld
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