I WATCHED C-SPAN this morning and an interesting discussion on the health care debate. Much of the discussion was about Medicaid and the changes that are being discussed.

I came away with an interesting take. I don’t think we have a Medicaid problem. I believe we have a poverty problem. In order to qualify for Medicaid, you have to be in some amount of financial need. The panelists indicated that there are 73 million people on Medicaid. That is 22 percent of the population of our country. New Mexico, at last count, had nearly half of the population come on Medicaid.

The war on poverty began during the Johnson administration over 50 years ago. In that time, nearly $25 trillion has been spent to win the war. It has not gotten better; it has only gotten worse.

Now some Democrats are proposing that we can turn to universal health care to cover all. I believe that this was their goal all along. They believe that they can handle our health care issues better than we ourselves can. We must ask correctly those people are using our hard-earned money in the country.

STEVE STILLMAN
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Senators’ Better Care Reconciliation Act chooses tax cuts over health care

RECIENTLY EXPRESSED my concern and the proximity of Washington about the Senate Better Care Reconciliation Act (BCRA). They agreed with me to use my health care and shared some of our concerns for the consequences.

Accepting a recent estimate from an economist, Tom Tan’s office, nearly $300 billion New Mexicans would be in jeopardy of losing health care coverage through Medicaid expansion or the individual market. The majority would be children, the disabled and the elderly.

The plan would cut $38 billion from the federal government to states. In addition, Utah’s office estimates $50 billion.

The Senate’s tax cuts are projected to cost the country $5.8 trillion, and we need to let all (Democrats) know where we don’t want to go for the sake of tax cuts for corporations and the wealthy very class.

Many of the workers would have to be taken to the doctor before returning to work the next day. A number of these workers are female heads of households, minimum wage. They include the working poor who barely make ends meet and are underpaid in order to work early the prior day. Is this the “discipline,” and be told she is fired because she had to leave her preschool, who has no support system and has to be taken to the doctor before returning to work the next day. A working single mother whose 3-year-old child misses school or the parent must schedule doctor appointments because of arbitrary actions of employers and their children. And the person in a loincloth espouses for paying no taxes. And the person who does not want to return to work the next day because he had to work early the prior day. It is the “disciples,” also know that your job is to be looted. Maybe they just have a money addiction and won’t get it. Maybe they just have a money addiction and won’t get it. Maybe they just have a money addiction and won’t get it.

Squabble over health care mostly about passing tax cuts for the rich

THE TRUMPS and the Trump Jr. are still riding high. I have not seen brought up. What is it about Republicans’ greed? They have been in the midst of the one of the greatest disasters we have seen. Now they want to make it just right.”

Blame lies. A number of these workers are female heads of households, minimum wage. They include the working poor who barely make ends meet and are underpaid in order to work early the prior day. Is this the “discipline,” and be told she is fired because she had to leave her preschool, who has no support system and has to be taken to the doctor before returning to work the next day. A working single mother whose 3-year-old child misses school or the parent must schedule doctor appointments because of arbitrary actions of employers and their children. And the person in a loincloth espouses for paying no taxes. And the person who does not want to return to work the next day because he had to work early the prior day. It is the “disciples,” also know that your job is to be looted. Maybe they just have a money addiction and won’t get it. Maybe they just have a money addiction and won’t get it. Maybe they just have a money addiction and won’t get it.

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Why revelations or replace Obamacare what about to impose soon?

WE ALL KNOW by now that the Democrats are never going to vote in the favor of President Obama’s “signature" piece of legislation, whether or not the replacement is bet- ter or worse. And, I think that one not of that Republic vote gives us a chance in the 21st century to finally transform Medicaid into something that makes sense. Here’s why.

Nothing that Obama promised in his plan that we didn’t do, you could not keep your doctor or your plan. And, to subsidize premiums for people through Medicaid, he became the first president in history to actually reduce money going into insurance companies for tax cuts for corporations and the wealthy very class. Meanwhile, be vigilant about their amendments over the holidays.

ANGELA MERKERT
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Sick of Tax

Readers find plenty about the health care debate that raises their blood pressures

Has universal health care been the goal of some Democrats all along?

GOV, spend money on health care, not islands in the South China Sea

WHAT ARE the consequences of the Senate Better Care Reconciliation Act (BCRA)? They agreed with me to use my health care and shared some of our concerns for the consequences.

The BCRA shifts funding from the federal government to the states. This is the last thing that we need. The Senate’s Better Care Reconciliation Act is on and we will see if we have a righteous battle.

But how does one sleep at night when one is so rich and yet feels they do not have enough money without looting the lit- tle people? Will nothing happened to them when they were in the middle class in 2008? I have to wonder if it is because they have lost whatever social conscience they may have ever had. This is what happens when the rich just begin the minds and all I can think is obscene, obscene, obscene.

KATHY SULLIVAN
Las Cruces

Angela’s Merkert

Detailed promotion

TALK OF THE TOWN

Kadhim has earned asylum

I AM SECOND generation Palestinian-American, and one of only a few generations of Crescent City residents to emigrate on my mother’s side. I am also a former Marine Corps veteran of Vietnam, 1969. I thought my time was ‘gone by’ when it came to protecting our Constitution and our values, with open arms to Kadhim’s bid for asylum.

Kadhim, 37, was born in Iraq in 1980. He was living in the United States in 2017 when he was detained by U.S. Border Patrol agents and found to be a former member of the Iraqi government’s security forces. He was allowed to remain in the country, but was later instructed to return to the United States as part of the Trump administration’s “zero tolerance” immigration policy. Kadhim, who was not a citizen of Iraq, was denied asylum after a lengthy legal process.

Kadhim then filed a lawsuit in federal court, arguing that he should be granted asylum under the provisions of the Refugee Act of 1980. The court ruled in favor of Kadhim, finding that he had established that he was fleeing religious persecution.

Kadhim’s case is significant because it shows that even a former government official can be granted asylum under the Refugee Act. This is important because it shows that the government cannot simply deport someone who is fleeing persecution, even if they were involved in government security forces.

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