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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

# Sean Spicer, a spokesman for all seasons

I've long been amused by the names of White House press secretaries. One of my favorites was Larry Speakes, whose role was to serve as the spokesman for President Ronald Reagan.

Even better was the oxymoronically named Josh Earnest, a delightful chap who was adept at conveying serious information about President Barack Obama's policies and doing so in a charmingly jocular manner.

We're now in Trumpistan, so the media representative for our new celebrity apprentice in chief has an even more challenging job — to season the news with spices that will help us digest what Kellyanne Conway, counselor to President Donald John Trump, has eloquently described as "alternative facts."

What Sean comes up with may not always be to everyone's taste, but that's OK. All he has to do is fool the majority of the people the majority of the time.

John F. Andrews  
Santa Fe

## Stop by 'Bus Stop'

If you are fans of the Pulitzer Prize-winning playwright William Inge, you might want to mosey over to the Adobe Rose Theatre ("Strangers in the night: 'Bus Stop,' *Pasatiempo*, Jan. 13) to see the fine ensemble acting taking place in Inge's play, *Bus Stop*.

You will spend a cozy winter evening in the company of characters searching for love, in all of its eccentric and amusing forms. Inge was known as the great Midwest playwright. He loved the intricate interplay between men and women. This production makes us happy we took the time to drop in at the *Bus Stop* cafe.

Performances take place at 7:30 p.m. Thursdays to Saturdays and at 3 p.m. Sundays through Feb. 5.

Barbara Burnett  
Santa Fe

## Investing in children

The board and staff at the Santa Fe Children's Museum applaud and support

Santa Fe Mayor Javier Gonzales and state Sen. Michael Padilla of Albuquerque for their important leadership supporting New Mexico early childhood education.

At a recent town meeting, the mayor's case for investing in early childhood education was compelling.

For the same cause, Padilla's plan to merge infant and child programs now scattered across state agencies into a single department also deserves widespread support. This move assures taxpayers dollars go further and early childhood education is better coordinated statewide to yield effective results.

The Santa Fe Children's Museum has for over 30 years provided hands-on activities and facilitated play supporting early childhood education. We urge the Santa Fe City Council and New Mexico Legislature to support these important initiatives for our children.

Sharon Woods  
board president  
Santa Fe Children's Museum  
Santa Fe

## The past 100 years

### From The Santa Fe New Mexican:

Jan. 26, 1916: Editor New Mexican:

The state of New Mexico is probably the smallest percent developed according to natural wealth contained, and there is greater opportunity for development than in any other of the states of this union. I read your recent editorial relative to the necessity of drainage in the valleys of the Rio Grande and I desire to say that I feel that if the newspapers of this state generally would adopt a similar course, the people living here would know more about the natural resources around them, and development would follow much faster and a great deal of benefit would result.

Jan. 26, 1992: It wasn't long after the city sewage treatment plant on Airport Road opened in 1984 that operators realized they had a problem — a problem that now carries a price tag of \$12 million.

Technology designed to introduce oxygen into the waste stream was not working properly.

## We welcome your letters

Letters to the editor are among the best-read features of *The New Mexican*.

We do our best to get every opinion in the paper. It doesn't have to agree with ours. In fact, the wider the variety of ideas on the Opinions page, the better our readers are served.

We try to run them in their turn. Please limit your letters to 150 words.

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