

# Proud District 17 Democrats

## Monthly Meet-Up!

**Tues, Sep 11**

Info Exchange 6:30 pm  
Meeting 7:00 pm

**North Tempe  
Multigenerational Center**  
1555 N Bridalwreath  
**Speaker**

Art Brodsky on Buying Blue

Gather with energized  
Democrats and get more  
involved in local, state, and  
national politics!

Questions?  
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## ASU YDs Are Cookin'!

The ASU Young Dems are in full swing, establishing chapters at the other ASU campuses, especially downtown. We're also working with the AZ YD's executive director, Stan Williams, to set up chapters at high schools and community colleges across Arizona. Call Tim Wilson (480-773-1205) for details.



## FILM SERIES

*Plagues and Pleasures  
on the Salton Sea*  
**Thurs, Sept 20, 7 pm**  
Escalante Community Ctr

This film showcases the retirees and other residents of sparsely populated Salton City, Niland, and Bombay Beach in south-east California.

## Meg's Legislative Wrap-Up

When Congressman Harry Mitchell sat in the State Senate seat I now hold, he often told us that "much of what we do here is to fix what we did not do right the year before." Well, I intend to tell Harry that his theory was, sad to say, right again this year. For me, the past legislative session both honed my skills in compromise and, at times, forced me to draw a line in the sand on compromise.

One high point was a successful collaboration of business community, organized labor, and bipartisan legislators to adjust worker-compensation benefits. On the flip side, I was disappointed that we passed no health-care reform measures for the uninsured. Tackling this issue will be critical next year.

One of the most heated debates both at the legislature and in public forums has been the employer-sanctions bill. As one of four senators who voted against the flawed legislation that ultimately passed, I was happy to see the Governor urge lawmakers to revisit the language in a special session.

*The Arizona Republic* (July 3, 2007) editorial simply urged "Fix the Flaws." I agree; one challenge is to foster cooperation between both sides of this issue to ensure that this flawed legislation does not hurt Arizona.

Perhaps my biggest concern is something that we Arizonans cannot control. Namely, a federal program – the "Basic Pilot" – that is supposed to help businesses verify immigration status is itself flawed and severely underfunded.

We all agree that accountability is important, but it seems that there is no agreement in the Legislature that accountability should be a two-way street. I believe it is. If we expect businesses to be responsible, we need to provide them with adequate tools to help assist them in this goal.

Much of summer has been spent working to build the bipartisan strength needed to fix the flaws we can address. But without the federal government's commitment to improve their existing pilot program, our state legislation is bound to have unintended and unfortunate consequences for Arizona.

–*State Senator Meg Burton Cahill*



## A Case of Identity

Identity theft is one of the fastest-growing financial crimes. Unfortunately, Arizona leads the nation in this crime. Nearly 10 million Americans fall victim each year. In 2003, the Federal Trade Commission found that ID theft also costs businesses \$48 billion, and consumers \$5 billion, per year.

A security freeze lets consumers stop thieves from getting credit in their names. A security freeze locks access to the consumer credit report. Without this info, a business will not issue new credit to a thief. When the consumer wants to get new credit, he or she uses a PIN to unlock access to the credit file.

The Legislature unfortunately has decided that we don't need credit freezes. Sen. Aguirre, along with our D17 legislative team, saw the urgent need for this legislation and to match what 32 other states have done already. Rep. Robson (Chandler) single-handedly held up the bill only to let it die in the House after passing the Senate. Attorney General Terry Goddard has brought up this bill in every legislative session since the existence of credit freezes. If we had more leaders like Representatives Ableser, Schapira, and Senator Burton-Cahill, we would have credit freezes and other important law-enforcement tools available already.

–*Tom Reade*

## JUST RELEASED: Agenda for 2008 Republican National Convention

- 7pm: Opening Speech by George W. Bush: "My Apologizes for Ruin'n the Entire Republican Party over the Last 8 Years"
- 8pm: Rudy Giuliani: "American Family Values Times 3"
- 9pm: Dick Cheney "Haliburton and You: Retirement Secrets"
- 10pm: Fiscal Responsibility (speaker to be found)
- 11pm: Political and Social Ethics in the US and Abroad" (speaker to be found)
- 12am: Mitt Romney: "Integrating the Family Pet into Your Campaign"
- 1am: Newt Gingrich: "Family Values and the Effectiveness of Hypocrisy"
- 2am: Fred Thompson: "Law and Order Season Recap"
- 3am: John McCain: "Campaign Finance: How to Spend all your Money Upfront"
- 4am: Donald Rumsfeld "Winning the Hearts and Minds of the Voters"
- 5am to 2016: "How to Make an Impact when you're the Minority in the House, Senate, and White House"

–*Tony Cooke*

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**Next Meeting: September 11 at  
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FREE MOVIE!**

September Events!	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11 District 17 Democrats Meeting 6:30-9pm, North Tempe Community Center, Tempe	12	13	14 Registration Week of Action (through the 23 <sup>rd</sup> ) 480-628-2481	15 Postcard Writing Party, 4-7pm, Call Doug at 480-628-2481
16	17	18	19 Demmie Happy Hour, 6:30 pm, Carlsbad Tavern, 3313 N Hayden Rd	20 Big Picture Film Series, 7pm, FREE Plagues & Pleasures on the Salton Sea	21	22 East Valley Breakfast Club, 7:30am, Ranch House Restaurant,
23 Voter Registration Party 480-628-2481	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31	Oct 1	2	3	4	For more info: www.d17dems.org

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