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The People's Budget

Arizona Congressman Raul Grijalva, Chair of the Congressional Progressive Caucus, has put forth The People's Budget in an attempt to return sanity to our country's fiscal situation. Come to the Yavapai County Democratic Party's Truman Clinton Dinner on October 21 to hear Congressman Grijalva on The People's Budget and other topics.

The People's Budget eliminates the deficit in 10 years, puts Americans back to work and restores our economic competitiveness. The People's Budget recognizes that in order to compete, our nation needs every American to be productive, and in order to be productive we need to raise our skills to meet modern needs.

Our Budget Eliminates the Deficit and Raises a \$31 Billion Surplus In Ten Years

Our budget protects Social Security, Medicare and Medicaid and responsibly eliminates the deficit by targeting its main drivers: the Bush Tax Cuts, the wars overseas, and the causes and effects of the recent recession.

Our Budget Puts America Back to Work & Restores America's Competitiveness

- Trains teachers and restores schools; rebuilds roads and bridges and ensures that users help pay for them
- Invests in job creation, clean energy and broadband infrastructure, housing and R&D programs

Our Budget Creates a Fairer Tax System

- Ends the recently passed upper-income tax cuts and lets Bush-era tax cuts expire at the end of 2012
- Extends tax credits for the middle class, families, and students
- Creates new tax brackets that range from 45% starting at \$1 million to 49% for \$1 billion or more
- Implements a progressive estate tax
- Eliminates corporate welfare for oil, gas, and coal companies; closes loopholes for multinational corporations
- Enacts a financial crisis responsibility fee and a financial speculation tax on derivatives and foreign exchange

Our Budget Protects Health

- Enacts a health care public option and negotiates prescription payments with pharmaceutical companies
- Prevents any cuts to Medicare physician payments for a decade

Our Budget Safeguards Social Security for the Next 75 Years

- Eliminates the individual Social Security payroll cap to make sure upper income earners pay their fair share
- Increases benefits based on higher contributions on the employee side

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DWPA To Feature Award-Winning Oil Film at Prescott Library

PRESCOTT, AZ—The Yavapai County Democratic Party will co-sponsor the free showing of the film “Crude Awakening” on Oct. 27 at the Prescott Public Library in the first of a series of films hosted by the Democratic Women of the Prescott Area, (DWPA).

The event, which is open to the public, is scheduled from 5:30 to 8 p.m. in the Founders Suite A&B. It will include a discussion on the film led by Lindsay Bell, chairwoman of the YCDP. Seating is first-come, first-served.

“Crude Awakening” is a 90-minute documentary on the looming gas and oil crash as the world’s oil resources have peaked and are declining. The consequences of scarce energy resources predicted by the experts interviewed in the film include steep prices, falling production and potentially war, unless steps are taken to find alternative means of energy.

Several studies on the oil industry and its decline are available on the film’s website, and are free to download. Go to: <http://www.oilcrashmovie.com/download.html> for more information.

A film festival favorite, “Crude Awakening” was first released in 2006 and was an official selection in Los Angeles, Oslo, Santa Fe, Edinburgh, Zurich, Toronto, Taiwan, New Zealand, Brazil, Kuala Lumpur, Helsinki and China, to name a few locations. It won awards in Palm Beach, Zurich, Melbourne, Australia, Tahoe/Reno, Catalan, Spain and Norway.

The DWPA plans to screen films of public interest monthly at the library in 2012. “Inside Job,” the story of Wall Street’s role in the global economic collapse, will be shown on January 26 at 5:30 p.m. The film won an Academy Award for Best Documentary in 2011, as well as rave reviews from film critics.

Groups interested in co-sponsoring a film or providing a speaker should contact Toni Denis, DWPA vice chairwoman, at (928) 778-5942 or (631) 848-3983.

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Our Budget Brings Our Troops Home

- Responsibly ends our wars in Iraq and Afghanistan to leave America more secure both home and abroad
- Cuts defense spending by reducing conventional forces, procurement, and costly R&D programs

Our Budget's Bottom Line

- Deficit reduction of \$5.6 trillion
- Spending cuts of \$1.7 trillion
- Revenue increase of \$3.9 trillion
- Public investment \$1.7 trillion

What the fiscal experts have to say about The People's Budget: *Economic Policy Institute*

"National budget policy should adequately fund up-front job creation, invest in long-term economic growth, reform the tax code, and put the debt on a sustainable path while protecting the economic security of low-income Americans and growing the middle class. The proposal by the Congressional Progressive caucus achieves all of these goals."

Forbes

"instead of gutting programs for the poor like Medicaid and Medicare, food stamps, and the new healthcare law, the People's Budget focuses on cuts in defense. It also doesn't scrap new financial regulations designed to at least partly stave off another massive financial collapse like the one that put us in this mess in the first place."

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

DATE	TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
October 19	11:00 AM to 1:00 PM	Democratic Women of the Prescott Area <i>Pamela J. Pearsall on the Property Tax System and the changes that have happened this year as a result of the new "Jobs Bill".</i> Lunch - \$13.00	Wyndham Garden Hotel Rte. 69, Prescott
October 27	5:30 – 8:00 PM	Democratic Women of the Prescott Area Film Series <i>Crude Awakening</i>	Prescott Public Library Founders Suites A and B
October 20	8:00 – 10:00 AM	DORR Breakfast Dr. Faten Ghosn on <i>Adversarial Interactions</i> \$11.00 – Please bring food for the food bank.	Olde Sedona Bar and Grill 1407 W. SR89A, Sedona (across from New Frontiers)
October 21	5:00 – 8:30 PM	Truman-Clinton Dinner Representative Raul Grijalva Music, Entertainment \$75 for dinner, \$125 for dinner and special VIP reception	Hilton Resort and Spa, Sedona
October 26	6:00 PM	DORR Movie <i>Iron Jawed Angels</i>	Sedona Public Library 3250 White Bear Road, W. Sedona

From the Chair . . .

By: Lindsay Bell



A special thanks to those of you who turned out for the Arizona Independent Redistricting Commission public outreach meeting held in Prescott a few weeks ago. Arguably, the once in a decade redistricting pro-

cess is the most important determinate of Arizona's political future. The commission is required by law to consider several criteria in setting new boundaries for Arizona's 9 congressional districts and 30 legislative districts: population, compliance with the Voting Rights Act; contiguousness and compactness; communities of interest and competitiveness. During the process ten years ago, the issue of competitiveness took a back seat to several of the other criteria, and very few LDs or CDs ended up being competitive. Most current districts are dominated by one party and the election of office holders is largely determined in the primary. As a result, the legislature and the congressional delegation are heavily skewed to the extreme right, and do not reflect the mainstream values of the majority of Arizona voters.

Democrats across the state have been advocating for more competitive districts, hoping to have at least four competitive congressional districts and ten or

so competitive legislative districts. Not surprisingly, Republicans want to retain the status quo or increase their extremist advantage. The redistricting process is reaching critical mass, and the Commission this week adopted a draft congressional map with three mostly competitive districts, four GOP dominated districts and 2 left leaning districts. Two of the districts are rural and three touch the border with Mexico. The Commission will adopt a draft map for the legislative districts in the near future. To view the maps being considered, go to the Commission's website at www.azredistricting.org.

The Arizona Democratic Party has been following the redistricting process closely, and is encouraging Democrats across the state to attend commission meeting and/or send in comments. It's important to continue monitoring the process and to provide input. To learn more and get involved, contact ADP staffer Justin Unga at junga@azdem.org

YCDP Fundraising Update

The Yavapai County Democratic Party runs totally on donations and on volunteer labor. Maintaining the YCDP office, delivering the Democratic message and supporting our various events and activities require an annual budget of nearly \$30,000. In addition to the expenses for utilities, phone, postage and printing, it takes several thousand hours of volunteer time to staff the office. We could not do it without your support.

So far this year, our annual giving program, Yavapai Blue, has raised over \$6000. Our events have been successful as well with \$2500 raised at our Spring Fundraiser, close to \$1000 brought in at our annual picnic, and between \$250 and \$350 for each of our county meetings. Thanks to everyone who has participated in these events or has contributed to Yavapai Blue.

Next event on the YCDP calendar is this year's Truman Clinton dinner to be held on Friday, October 21. Our democratic partners, Democrats of the Red Rocks (DORR) and Democrats of the Verde Valley (DOVV) are co-sponsoring this major fundraising event which will be held at the Hilton Resort and Spa in the Village of Oak Creek. We are pleased to announce that the keynote speaker for the dinner is Congressman Raul Grijalva. Your \$75 ticket includes an excellent dinner, great live music, the fundraising activities and of course the opportunity to spend an evening in the company of good friends. Plan to attend!

