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·NEWS NOTES AND GOSSIP·

BOB STUMP: THE NAME YOU KNOW

The widow of former Congressman Bob Stump called on CD8 candidate Bob Stump to publicly acknowledge he is not related to her family and to “stop this charade.” The CD8 candidate’s given name is Christopher Robert Stump, and prior to his political career, he used the name Chris, including in his byline for the Weekly Standard and Wilson Quarterly in the late 1990s, which Nancy Stump noted in her statement. He ran for state House as Bob Stump in 2002, the same year the elder Bob Stump retired from Congress. In a press statement distributed today by PR consultant Chip Scutari, Nancy Stump said it was the memory of her late husband, who served in both the state House and Senate before being elected to Congress



for more than two decades, that compelled her to speak out and prevented her from “remaining silent any longer.” “There is an individual who is misleading the voters of the 8th Congressional district by insinuating he is somehow related to my late husband,” Nancy Stump wrote. “He is not.” Her statement followed a *Republic* article by Ronald Hansen about Stump’s use of his middle name ([LINK](#)). Nancy Stump concluded her statement by saying, “I want to set the record straight: There is only one Bob Stump and that was my late husband.” Scutari said he isn’t working for any rival CD8 campaigns, and that he’s been friends with Nancy Stump since his days as a reporter. A copy of Nancy Stump’s [statement](#) can be viewed in the “documents” section.

THERE ARE A LOT OF STUMPS TO KEEP TRACK OF

Stump’s mother, Jane Stump, responded to Nancy Stump in a statement of her own this afternoon saying she, too, wanted to set the record straight. She noted Stump’s father was also named Bob Stump, as was his father before him and on into “at least the 19th century.” She said her son has never insinuated a relation to the late congressman of the same name. “To imply that a name is somehow the property of one family is the height of arrogance,” Jane Stump wrote in a statement her son released on Twitter. “I deeply resent it.” The *Republic* article quotes Stump’s explanation as to why he went from “Chris” to “Bob” that he gave during a recent CD8 debate that the newspaper hosted. Stump said his father, also a Bob Stump, had Alzheimer’s disease and “one of the only names he remembered was my name and his. ... It’s a name that means a lot to my family.” Jane Stump reiterated that explanation in her statement today. She said her husband called their son “Bob” from day one and that he had been friendly with the former congressman and his wife while serving at the Legislature. “As such, the true ‘charade’ is why my son’s name has become a political issue a few days before early voting begins, and nearly 15 years after he was elected to office. I believe everyone knows why.” She said Nancy Stump owes her family an apology for the “political hit” against her son. Meanwhile, Stump made no comment for himself.

LEGISLATION AT THE SPEED OF FOLLY

The Cato Institute, a libertarian think tank, slammed Ducey over the rushed process and incomplete public testimony on the opioid omnibus bill, saying it could actually increase opioid problems and won't save the lives the governor claims it will ([LINK](#)). "This sloppy, ill-conceived, and hasty piece of legislation is best understood as a bipartisan act of political grandstanding by the Governor and the legislature in a year when the Governor and most lawmakers are up for re-election," the group wrote. "They have until 2019 to fix it before its harmful effects begin to appear." The group points out that most of the bill's provisions won't go into effect until 2019, yet the Legislature and governor didn't take the proper time to hear any opposing viewpoints from the medical community or those affected by the bill. Cato panned the five-day fill limit for new opioid patients, saying it will put people through needless pain and suffering. "This policy is not just inhumane, it's dangerous," the group wrote. "Desperate patients might seek to get better relief for their undertreated pain by supplementing their prescriptions with alcohol and/or other drugs, or by obtaining drugs through the illegal market, increasing the risk of overdose or death." The e-prescribing requirement will burden rural health care providers, the group claims. And the Good Samaritan law includes loopholes that will render it nearly useless, Cato wrote. The Good Samaritan law itself is a good idea that most states have already adopted, but Arizona's version contains loopholes that in other states have resulted in witnesses being arrested for non-drug-related offenses or, as in one case in Florida, manslaughter if the overdose victim dies ([LINK](#)). Arizona's version allows first responders to confiscate drugs or paraphernalia from witnesses and charge them with non-drug related crimes if they call in an overdose, Cato pointed out. "It won't take long for word to spread after the first such arrest or confiscation. Don't look for this Good Samaritan Law to reduce many overdose deaths," the group wrote. The Cato Institute pointed out the many Republican lawmakers who questioned various parts of the law, like provisions that come between doctors and patients, and the rushed process that could lead to unintended consequences. Still, despite the concerns they voiced, all lawmakers approved it. The bill is based on the "false premise" that the opioid epidemic is happening because doctors and drug manufacturers are working together to get unsuspecting patients addicted to the drugs, Cato wrote. But evidence points to illicit markets, where people can get heroin and fentanyl, as a major cause of overdose deaths, says Cato. "This Act will not cause any intravenous heroin users to pull the needle out of their arm. But it might add to the growing number of deaths from drug abuse," the group claimed.

ROTELLINI TAKES THE HELM AT DEM PARTY

As expected, the Arizona Democratic Party elected Felecia Rotellini as its new chairwoman at its state committee meeting on Saturday. In a news release following the meeting, Rotellini struck an optimistic tone ahead of the 2018 election, saying she's looking forward to fighting for students, teachers, union workers, DREAMers and women, while the GOP, she insisted, fights for the wealthy and special interests. "Especially now, as Arizonans are realizing they have a voice and the opportunity in the upcoming elections to affect real change – from our state capital to the halls of Congress – we must reach out to all Arizonans with a clear message of why Democrat candidates will fight for their values," she said. Rotellini didn't run unopposed, but didn't face much of a challenge, either. LD16 Chairman Scott Prior was nominated from the floor and had a speech prepared for the event. Rotellini trounced him, however, winning 359-25. Rotellini is a former Dept of Financial Institutions director, a former assistant AG and was the Dem nominee for AG in 2010 and 2014.

DEMS SAY 'NO' TO THE GREAT STATE OF MARICOPA

Saturday's Arizona Democratic Party meeting featured a dust-up over a proposal that the party be required to hold at least one of its three annual state committee meetings in Maricopa County. Steven Slugocki, chairman of the Maricopa County Democratic Party, who introduced the resolution, noted to our reporter today that the state party isn't holding any of its three meetings in Arizona's population center this year. Saturday's meeting was in Casa Grande, the party will meet in Tucson in May, and the calendar on the

party's website says its September meeting will be held at an out-of-county location that has yet to be determined. (Slugocki said the meeting will be in Santa Cruz.) While Arizonans from elsewhere in the state often grouse about the "great state of Maricopa," Slugocki emphasized that the majority of the state's population lives in Maricopa County, as do most of its precinct committeemen and state committeemen. Furthermore, the Phoenix area is centrally located in the state, making it accessible to people from both the southern and northern parts. "If you want to have a meeting with the most participation, most attendance, most representation, you've got to have it in a place where it's easiest to get to, centrally located, where most of the members live," Slugocki said. "I thought this was the most no-brainer thing." Even though he only wanted to require one of the three annual meetings to be held in Maricopa County, some state committeemen from outside the Valley fiercely opposed it. The proposal garnered 185 votes in favor, with 153 voting against it, according to the party. Although a majority supported the proposal, it fell short of the 225 votes it needed to become part of the Arizona Democratic Party's bylaws. The opposition came primarily from southern Arizona, Slugocki said. "People acted like I put in the bylaws that other counties had to give me all their money," he said.

TERM LIMITS COME TO CD8

The four main contenders for the GOP primary in the CD8 special election have signed a pledge to support a proposed constitutional amendment that would limit people to three terms in the US House of Representatives and two terms in the US Senate. Lesko, Phil Lovas, Montenegro and Bob Stump all signed the pledge from US Term Limits to vote for and co-sponsor the organization's proposed amendment. Clair Van Steenwyk and Kevin Cavanaugh, who withdrew his name from the ballot after submitting his nominating petitions, also signed the pledge. But just because a candidate signed the pledge doesn't necessarily mean they promise to serve only three terms if elected. Stump told our reporter that he has pledged to serve only three terms, though that doesn't necessarily count the partial term he's running for, if elected. However, Montenegro won't impose term limits on himself that other representatives don't have to abide by. Constantin Querard, Montenegro's consultant, said it would put Arizona at a disadvantage if its congressmen term-limited themselves while letting members from other states accrue seniority. "Congress is still very much a seniority-based system. As someone who will be representing Arizona, you would not tilt the playing field in favor of states that had representatives that had not self-limited. You need to fix the problem for everyone at the same time," Querard said. Lesko and Lovas's campaigns would not say whether they will limit themselves to three terms. Montenegro's decision to sign is unsurprising, given that Querard is a registered lobbyist for US Term Limits, the organization that is soliciting the pledges.

IF YOU WIN, YOU CAN PUT YOUR OWN FACE ON THE WEBSITE

Kevin Gibbons, Reagan's newest challenger, complained to her office last week that she's getting "free publicity" from the secretary of state's office's website. Gibbons sent her an email on Wednesday to air several concerns with her office's website. First, Gibbons noted that when his supporters go to the secretary of state's website to sign his online petition, the page they see displays Reagan's photo and identifies her as the secretary of state. That "branding," he said, conflicts with his campaign for secretary of state. "Essentially, your campaign receives free publicity from internet traffic our campaign efforts are directing to our link! The mere appearance of your self-promotion may seem fine for other candidate races, however, it is unfair to those of us running for Secretary of State," Gibbons said. He also said that, when supporters reach his candidate information page on the secretary of state's website, the photo of himself that he uploaded does not appear, while Reagan's photo is still at the top of the page. And he added that his supporters have told him that the secretary of state's online petition website isn't mobile friendly, though he didn't provide details on the alleged problems. Gibbons told our reporter last week that he planned to send Reagan a letter about her name and face being on the online petition section of her website ([YS, 1/23](#)). Reagan spokesman Matt Roberts said staff is talking to the secretary of state's IT department about whether it's possible to address Gibbons' concerns without restructuring the office's entire website.

·PRESS RELEASES AND NEWS CLIPS·

Arizona Democrats elect Felecia Rotellini as New Party Chair

CASA GRANDE - This Saturday, lifelong Democrat Felecia Rotellini was elected the new chairwoman of the Arizona Democratic Party. The State Committee members voted overwhelmingly for Felecia Rotellini, 359-25, over LD-16 Chair Scott Prior.

In her campaign for party chair, Felecia Rotellini stressed the importance of bringing in new voters and grassroots groups to the party; continuing a fifteen-county strategy of building party infrastructure; and cultivating a more open, transparent state party that's accountable to its members.

Moments after her election, Chairwoman Rotellini announced she will be hosting open houses around the state to listen to and strategize with party leaders, volunteers, and activists in an effort to broaden the party's outreach to voters.

Statement from Arizona Democratic Party Chair Felecia Rotellini:

"I'm honored and humbled to receive the full support of our Party's State Committee members. To be entrusted with this responsibility is something I don't take lightly.

"Especially now, as Arizonans are realizing they have a voice and the opportunity in the upcoming elections to affect real change - from our state capital, to the halls of Congress, we must reach out to all Arizonans with a clear message of why Democrat candidates will fight for their values. While Arizona Republicans continue to fight on behalf of the very wealthy and other special interests, Arizona Democrats are joining students, teachers, union workers, DREAMers, and women to fight for quality jobs, equal rights, a safe place for our families to grow, great schools, and a government that is accountable to the people. Families, organizations, and businesses thrive in a state where we can be proud of our quality of living and the opportunities available for people to live the American Dream.

"I'm excited to get to work, and we're ready to deliver much needed change for the people of Arizona."

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Governor Ducey: "This Bill Is For Them"

PHOENIX — Upon signing the Arizona Opioid Epidemic Act Friday, Governor Ducey spoke of the Arizonans who have lost their lives to opioid addiction:

"We've all heard the first-person stories of individuals who have been impacted by this crisis. Many here today have been personally impacted. But there are so many others stories we haven't heard -- because the individuals impacted didn't survive. More than 800 just last year. This bill is for them."

[Read the full plan here.](#)

[Read the full plan in Spanish here.](#)

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AG Brnovich Obtains \$2.8 Judgment Against Precious Metals Dealer

PHOENIX - Attorney General Mark Brnovich announced his office obtained a \$2.8 million judgment against Keith Bresee, the owner of Liberty Precious Metals, LLC and Bresee Group, LLC. Bresee is accused of operating a precious metals scam out of Maricopa and Yavapai counties. The court ordered Bresee to pay \$2.25 million in consumer restitution and \$560,000 in civil penalties.

In 2016, the Attorney General's Office filed a consumer fraud lawsuit against Bresee and his companies. According to the lawsuit, Bresee accepted millions of dollars in prepayments from clients who wanted to invest in metals. Bresee allegedly took the prepayments but did not buy the precious metals as promised.

Consumers discovered their orders would not be fulfilled after Bresee closed his businesses and filed for bankruptcy in 2015. According to the recently obtained judgment, Bresee falsely told some consumers that their precious metals, mostly gold, had been purchased and were safely stored at a secure facility.

The Attorney General obtained the default judgment after Bresee voluntarily waived his right to a bankruptcy and withdrew his answer to the State's lawsuit. The judgment also prohibits Bresee from selling precious metals to Arizona consumers and operating a business that sells precious metals in Arizona.

This case is being handled by Assistant Attorney General Mitchell Allee. The criminal case against Bresee is ongoing. For more information on the criminal charges, [CLICK HERE](#).

If you believe you have been the victim of consumer fraud, you can file a consumer complaint by contacting the Attorney General's Office in Phoenix at [\(602\) 542-5763](tel:6025425763), in Tucson at [\(520\) 628-6648](tel:5206286648), or outside the Phoenix and Tucson metro areas at [\(800\) 352-8431](tel:8003528431). Consumers can also file complaints online by visiting the Attorney General's website at <https://www.azag.gov/complaints/consumer>.

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Grijalva Highlights Long List of Republican Attacks on Our Communities' Health and Environment Ahead of State of the Union

Washington, D.C. – Ahead of President Trump's State of the Union address, Ranking Member Raúl M. Grijalva's (D-Ariz.) staff released a year-end report today titled, [2017: A Year of the Resistance](#) to highlight the relentless attacks Republicans in Congress and the administration have made on our country's foundational environmental policies. Republicans have successfully undermined key environmental laws and have introduced new pieces of legislation that put our public lands, waters, clean energy supply, and the health and safety of our communities at risk.

Earlier this month Committee Republicans released a *2017 Committee Accomplishments* memo that revealed the majority's top goal is to appease corporate special interests. The following is a summary of the top five actions Republicans have taken to advance their extreme anti-environment and health agenda:

1. Instead of introducing a bill to re-examine the designation of Bears Ears and Grand-Staircase Escalante national monuments, **Republicans in Congress encouraged President Trump to issue an executive order to reduce the monuments by more than 85 percent, opening the protected land to oil and gas drilling.** Ranking Member Grijalva challenged the legality of the Trump administration's actions, the lack of transparency in the review process, and failure to listen to the more than 2.5 million voices that opposed shrinking the monuments. Opening up our national monuments to drilling will ruin these special places forever and make them less accessible for people to enjoy today and for generations to come.
2. In the midst of mass shootings across the country, **Committee Republicans tried to disguise an NRA-backed bill as a sportsmen's bill – the SHARE Act (H.R. 3668) – which would deregulate silencers and armor-piercing bullets.** The bill passed through Committee without a single Democratic vote. Democrats responded by introducing a clean sportsmen bill, the ACCESS Act (H.R. 4489), that promotes hunting and fishing on public lands without the unrelated and extremist NRA provisions.
3. Republicans in Congress have been actively working to **repeal or undermine bedrock environmental laws that protect our public lands and waters, ensure public input on local development projects, protect endangered or threatened species,** and more. Committee Republicans have used infrastructure hearings as an opportunity to trample on these environmental laws, like the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and Endangered Species Act (ESA), by wrongly blaming construction project delays on federal policies. Dismantling these common-sense safeguards puts species at risk and makes it easier for corporations to pollute our air and water. The Trump administration's "infrastructure plan" is little more than a collection of extreme environmental waivers without any real federal funding investment.
4. **Republicans have continuously pushed their "oil above all" agenda that favors the oil and gas industry's interests ahead of all other uses of our public lands.** Congressional Republicans included a provision in their corrupt tax bill that would open pristine land in Alaska's Arctic National Wildlife Refuge to oil and gas drilling. In addition, a Republican-backed bill – the SECURE Act (H.R. 4239) – was introduced to make it easier to open our public lands to drilling. Ranking Member Grijalva responded with

the Sustainable Energy Development Reform Act (H.R. 4426), which protects the Arctic Refuge and allows for safe and clean energy development. For a list of energy-focused Republican attacks on environmental laws and standards, visit: <http://bit.ly/2DNeM5K>.

5. Despite having full control of the White House and Congress, **Republicans have refused to address crucial issues that need action. This lack of leadership has had grave consequences as we battle natural disasters and climate change, sexual harassment, tribal issues, critical funding gaps for conservation programs, corruption, and environmental justice concerns.** Democrats have focused on these areas, despite inaction from Republicans in Congress, because protecting communities from pollution, corporate interests, and climate change are the top priorities for Democrats.

The complete Democratic year-end report can be found here: <http://bit.ly/2nkImJL>.

“This past year, Republicans in Congress showed they’re willing to gamble with the health and well-being of the American people to appease big corporate polluters,” Grijalva said. “They’re playing dirty politics. We’re watching their every move and challenging their actions by calling for effective oversight, elevating local voices at rallies and press conferences, and keeping the American public informed. We’re not going to stand on the sidelines as they tear down common-sense safeguards. Republicans in Congress and the White House are being held accountable for their actions, and we’re only going to ramp up that accountability this year.”

Ranking Member Grijalva and Committee Democrats spent 2017 challenging the Trump administration and Republicans in Congress by sending more than 45 letters questioning administration officials’ actions, calling for Congressional hearings, requesting five reviews by the Government Accountability Office and another four by the Interior Department Inspector General, publishing dozens of op-eds, and informing the public through traditional media and social media channels about Republicans’ anti-environment agenda. Grijalva introduced several bipartisan pieces of legislation and held Democratic forums and press conferences to ensure local communities still have a voice in the legislative process.

A complete list of 2017 Democratic actions is available here: <http://bit.ly/2E05jM9>.

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”QUOTE OF THE DAY”

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