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State Land posts 'No Trespassing' message

By Tim Hull
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It seems the State Land Department has gotten wise to all the recreating going on out there on what locals have taken to calling the West Desert Preserve.

In recent weeks signs have been posted at various entry points to the hundreds of acres of State Trust land between the western edge of Green Valley and mine property farther to the west, where for years residents have hiked, walked their dogs, and rode mountain bikes.

The land has lately been eyed by a group of local hikers and mountain bikers as a proposed wild desert park called the West Desert Preserve.

Organizers have been gathering support from Pima County and area homeowners' associations for the preserve, and have jumped into the election-year effort to reform the way state land is managed, hoping, like many before them, to add a preservation element to the process through a statewide initiative.

As State Trust lands are technically not public land—they are managed for sale to the highest bidder for revenue used to fund schools, prisons, and other state functions—users need to apply for and be issued a permit to venture onto the land, according to the State Land Department.

The cost of a permit is \$15 for an individual or \$20 for a family for less than five days and \$50 for a year.

To apply for a permit, go to the department's Web site at www.land.state.az.us.

Meantime, conservation groups and the Arizona Education Association Friday turned in 301,000 voter signatures for one of two State Trust land reform measures likely to be on the November ballot.

Last week, the state Legislature voted to put a referendum on the ballot that's being backed by ranchers, farmers, and home builders.

Both measures would set up new planning requirements for state land and set aside some land as open space.

The initiative, which needed 183,917 signatures to make the ballot as a constitutional amendment, would designate more land for conservation and create a board to oversee the administration of trust land.

"Increased revenues from the sale of State Trust lands will go directly into the classroom, and better-planned communities and open space will ensure a better quality of life for our kids," AEA President John Write told The Associated Press.

"This conservation-education partnership is a once-in-lifetime opportunity."

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Governor seeks public input on roadless areas

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Gov. Janet Napolitano has until Nov. 13 to decide the fate of some 1.2 million acres of roadless forest land.

A Bush administration change to the 2001 Roadless Area Conservation Rule requires that each state's governor submit a petition to the U.S. Department of Agriculture to reinstate protection for roadless areas, and the deadline to do so is fast approaching.

After the petitions are submitted, the USDA will review them and decide whether to accept or reject them. Submitting a petition doesn't guarantee protection.

The details

What: AZGFD meeting on roadless area protection petition for the Coronado National Forest.

When: Thursday, July 5, 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Where: AZGFD regional office, 555 N. Greasewood Road, Tucson.

Roadless lands are areas on the national forests typically larger than 5,000 acres that have traditionally been considered too remote for logging.

Late last month, New

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Dean energizes regional Democrats

By Ellen Sussman

Speaking with exuberance and optimism, Democratic National Committee Chairman, former five-term governor of Vermont and 2004 presidential candidate Howard Dean spoke to a full house of 600 Democrats at Pima County's Democratic Unity Event on Thursday evening, June 29, at the Temple of Music and Art in Tucson.

The multi-generational audience comprised of teens to seniors paid \$20 per person to hear Dean speak with all proceeds benefiting the Arizona Democratic Party. Proceeds from a \$1,000 per plate dinner that followed will benefit the Democratic National Committee.

Included in the audience were Democratic candidates for the 8th Congressional District Patty Weiss, Jeff Latas, Alex Rodriguez, and candidate for the U.S. Senate Jim Pederson, as well as Arizona Corporation candidate Mark Manoil, plus a contingent of Green Valley Democrats.

With his candid gung-ho style of speaking, Dean began by saying, "We're gonna be a blue state after November... and, the president of the United States has forgotten how to tell the truth."

No longer focusing on only about 20 states, Dean said the Democratic Party will be out campaigning in all 50 states. He mentioned Oklahoma, Alabama, Mississippi and Utah and said, "We can win in these places."

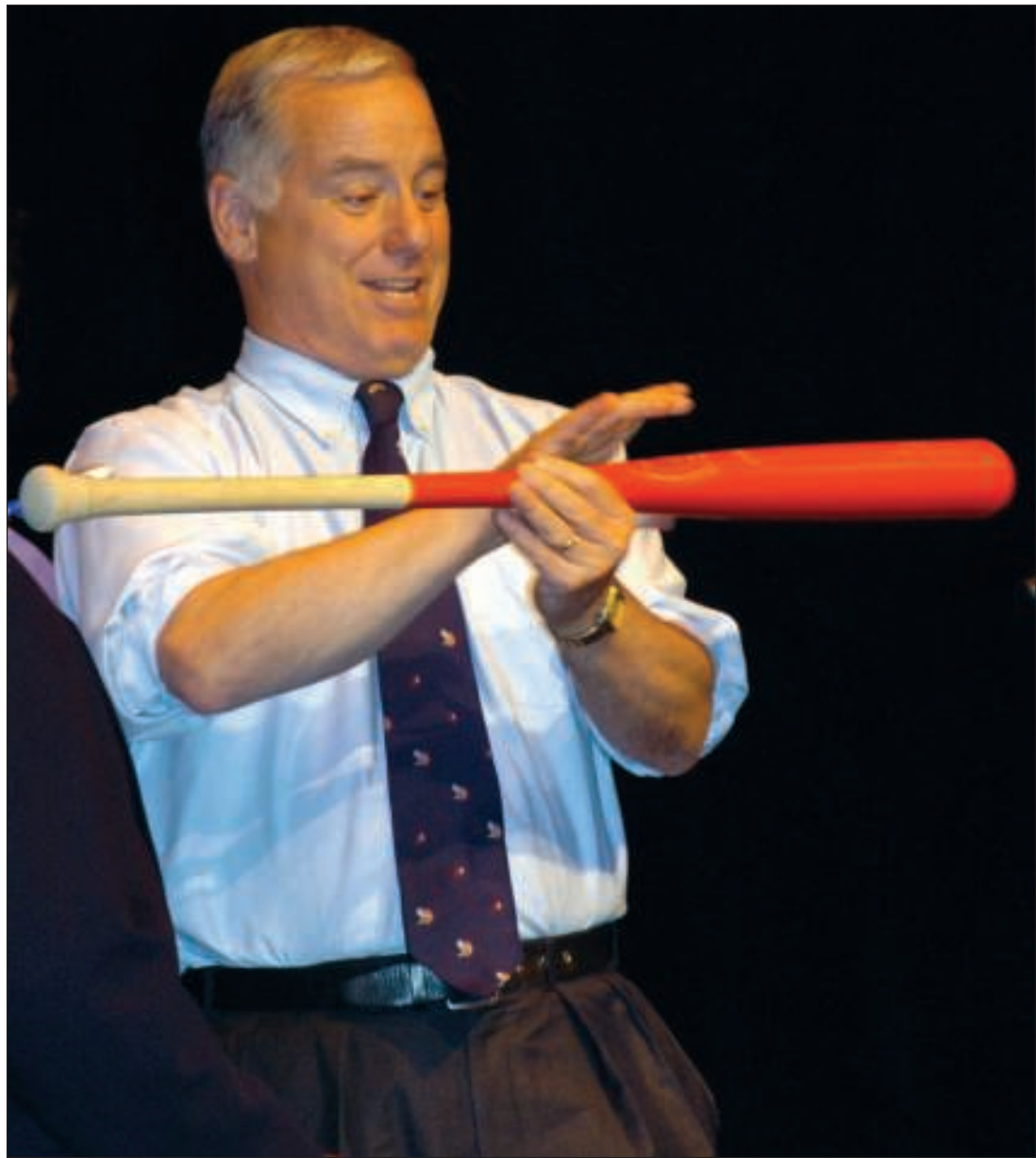
A new younger generation

Apparently pleased to see so many young people in the audience, Dean spoke of a new generation where young people like having friends who are multi-culturally different from themselves.

He likened that to the makeup of the Democratic Party and said, "The only majority in the Democratic Party is women... there is no major ethnic group; we're a very diverse party. The Democratic ticket must look like its party members - diverse."

Looking forward to a future with more Democrats in office after the November elections, Dean said, "I am so proud of our young people. The future is ours!"

Honesty and openness in government, a strong national defense, the truth being told before sending troops to war, health care for everyone



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DEMOCRATIC National Committee Chairman Howard Dean prepares to give away a symbol of his failed presidential campaign, a fund-raising bat, during a raffle drawing Thursday night at Tucson's Temple of Music and Art. Many Green Valley residents and political candidates attended, with all proceeds going to the Democratic Party.

and a real retirement system are some of the hopes Dean sees for American citizens with a Democratic majority in Congress.

A physician by profession and governor who expanded the Dr. Dynasaur program in Vermont, which entitles children and pregnant women without health insurance to free health care, Dean said it was time for "health care for everyone - like 36 other countries have."

Taking a strong stand against the Republicans, Dean spoke about their "borrow and spend" ways versus President Clinton's sound fiscal policy.

"You can't trust Republicans with your money; you can't trust Republicans to defend America or balance the budget or be honest... you can't trust Republicans," he said, adding that with a De-

mocratic government in November "we will bring honor to America again."

"Most people don't think the president is the leader of

"We can do better, we will do better, we will restore America's greatness."

Howard Dean

Democratic National Committee Chairman

the free world anymore," Dean told the audience. "This is the first time since World War I where the president has lost the moral high ground... we can do better; we will do better, we will restore

America's greatness."

More than writing campaign checks, going to rallies and ultimately voting, Dean said, what matters most is "talking to your neighbors." He urged everyone to talk for just a few minutes with friends and neighbors who may not have voted as they did and encourage them to re-think their voting decision.

"We have a common cause; we want to make America better. Go home and talk to your neighbor; you may not change all minds but you'll change some," he said.

To this end and as part of a grassroots outreach, one of Dean's missions as chairman of the Democratic National Committee is to knock on two million doors before the November elections.

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Citizenship drive under way for legal U.S. immigrants

By Jim Lamb
Green Valley News

Like it or not, immigration both legal and otherwise, will be an election issue over the next few years.

Immigrant rights groups are working now to get legal immigrants to start seeking citizenship.

In Arizona, that figure is estimated at 200,000, substantial but not nearly as large as California's 3.3 million. California, of course, is headed by an immigrant—Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger, who was born in Austria and

became a citizen in 1983.

Immigrant rights groups are trying to send a message to politicians who oppose them: "Change your stand or risk being voted out of office."

Leaders of the drive to get immigrants more active in running the country are calling this "Democracy Summer," according to The Associated Press.

There are an estimated 8 million legal residents in the United States who are eligible to apply for citizenship.

Such applications are up 20 percent over last year, said AP.

And by year 2008, an estimated 3 million U.S.-born children of immigrants will be of voting age.

Under the Constitution's 14th Amendment, anyone born in the United States is a U.S. citizen regardless of parentage.

Next November, there will be several congressional races where immigration status will be a key issue.

One such race in Arizona's 5th Congressional District, where incumbent J. D. Hayworth, a Republican, has called for a crackdown on illegal immigrants.

His Democrat opponent,

Tempe Mayor Harry Mitchell, seeks comprehensive immigration reform that includes a guest worker program.

Other states where there are large number of legal immigrants eligible to seek citizenship include Florida, 900,000; Illinois, 500,000; New Jersey, 600,000; New York, 1.5 million; and Texas, 1.1 million.

Arizona neighbors New Mexico and Nevada each have an estimated 100,000 legal immigrants eligible for citizenship.

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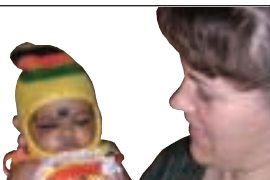
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Local family travels to India to help care for orphans in remote village.



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