



ASU WEST

April 1, 1986

3818 West Redfield
Phoenix, Arizona 85023

Dear Arlene Binkowski:

I have just received a copy of the letter that you wrote to Governor Babbitt on March 21, 1986, telling him of your concern about the jackrabbit population on the site of the Arizona State University West campus at 43rd Avenue and Thunderbird.

We at ASU West share your concern. Efforts began March 20, to humanely relocate the estimated 200 jackrabbits displaced by the construction. We are attempting to capture as many of these animals as possible and safely relocate them to a wilderness environment.

The methods we are using are those recommended to us by the Arizona Game and Fish Department. The rabbits are being attracted and confined to funnel pens, built to Fish and Game specifications, and baited with non-poisonous food. The pens will be shaded, and water will be available for the animals. The pens will be checked twice daily and the animals transported to a northern desert area. The relocation effort is expected to continue for 30 days.

We appreciate your concern. If you have any further questions about this matter please give me or Carole Novick a call at ASU West Montebello, 246-6060. Either of us will be happy to respond to any of your concerns.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Steve Venker".

Steve Venker
Design Project Manager, ASU West

xc: Honorable Bruce E. Babbitt
Arizona Game and Fish, Region Six
Arizona Humane Society
"3" on Your Side
Letters to the Editor, Phoenix Gazette
Letters to the Editor, Arizona Republic