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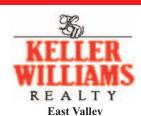


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Communities in Schools of Tempe and Kyrene serves as a broker of resources to local schools.

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Pleasure cruise — Heavy rains didn't dampen the enthusiasm of these girls at Hanger Park in south Tempe, where they made creative use of the unusual abundance of water by paddling around for a few hours. Sorry, we can't report they caught any fish. The hardy sea-goers included, from left, Seana Vanderbur, Marybeth Hardiman, Hailey Vanderbur and Katelyn Stys. Hanger Park, which is located across the street from Kyrene de la Mariposa Elementary School, was heavily flooded by the downpour.

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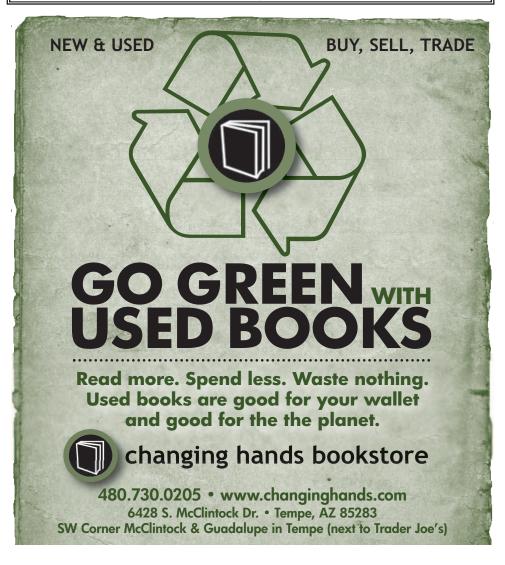
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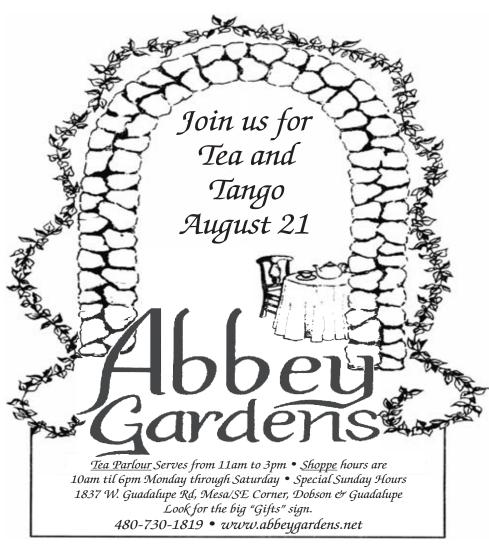
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Historic Chandler becoming a modern-day boom town

By Megan Thomas

ine new businesses have moved into Historic Downtown Chandler in the past 10 months despite rough economic conditions Valley-wide, a positive sign that is being credited in part to the city of Chandler's efforts to rejuvenate the area.

The city's beautification program and its Downtown Improvement Fund have attracted new entrepreneurial ventures, including Asian restaurants, art galleries, a tea shop and a clothing boutique.

Historic Downtown Chandler extends from Chandler Boulevard on the north to Frye Road on the

south, Delaware Street to the east and California Street to the west.

All businesses in the area are independently owned, due to city restrictions that prohibit large chains or retailers in order to preserve the district's historic atmosphere.

The city sponsors events like art walks and festivals to attract people and publicity, collaborating with the Downtown Chandler Community Partnership to help ensure the success of the historic

The city has also spent the past five to seven years improving the quality and historical accuracy of buildings in the downtown area

through grant funds, according to Teri Killgore, Chandler Downtown's redevelopment manager.

The restorations have helped keep properties aesthetically pleasing and functional for businesses moving into the area, according to Killgore, who called the area an historic hub of the community that brings a diversity of people into Chandler.

"You have this great mix of shops that mean a lot to a lot of different people," said Killgore.

"[New businesses] help create an interesting place to come to that's not manufactured...Historic Downtown Chandler brings a heart to the community."

Another way Chandler has been able to attract new businesses is through offering business owners matching grant funds up to \$50,000 through the Downtown Improvement Fund. The fund has helped owners make large-scale renovations on historic properties.

The fund is designed to help

create jobs, encourage private investment, attract independently owned businesses and make Historic Downtown Chandler more of a destination for residents and visitors.

Several business owners said the fund helped them to get their businesses started, and now Historic Downtown Chandler has 50 businesses and only one vacant retail space.

Jerry Bustamante, president/ CEO of the Chandler Chamber of Commerce, said the downtown rejuvenation effort has been successful despite the economic downturn because of public and private investment.

Bustamante said he believes the new businesses will contribute to Chandler's economic base, generating revenue for the city and encouraging more residents to spend money locally.

"Chandler is open for business," said Bustamante.

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from the Chandler you know now. The downtown area is in the process of development and evolution, and there are more exciting things to come."

Tony Domenico, owner of Russian Oasis, said he chose to open in Chandler because of its grants, diverse community, and the unity of the businesses in the area.

"We like the downtown area," said Domenico. "We think there's a lot of potential from this area. We like the unique businesses here, and we think we're a good fit in the area...It's kind of a little community here and we all know each other...I think downtown Chandler is going to be an increasingly happening place."

Vivi's Boutique manager **Vivianna Kedzior** said she also believes Historic Downtown Chandler is going to be a destination in the future.

"It's going to be like, 'wow!' in a year or two."

As executive director of Downtown Chandler Community Partnership, Eileen Brill Wagner is helping to guide the growth that has seen a substantial increase in the last year.

— David Stone / Wrangler News

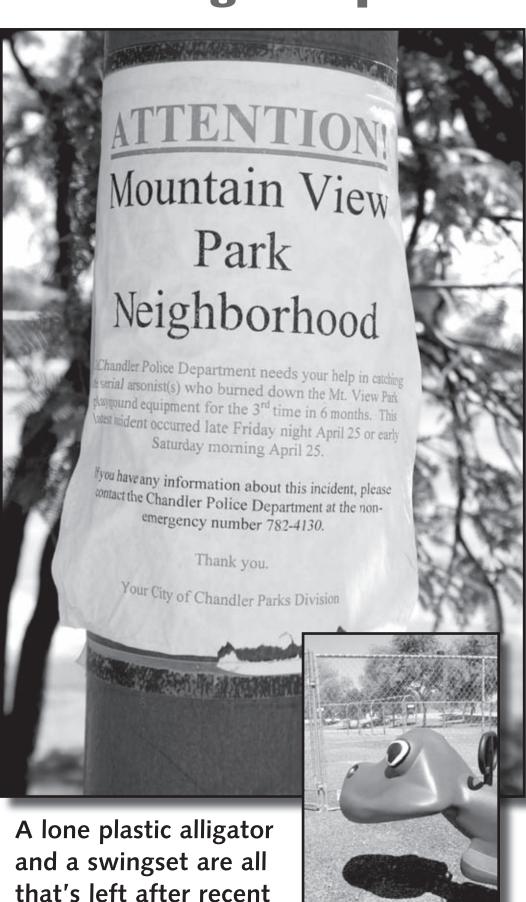








Increase in vandalism worries neighborhood residents Watching our parks with an 'Eagle Eye'



rash of vandalism.

Story & photos by Megan Thomas

A lthough it was a beautiful day at Mountain View Park across the street from Pueblo Middle School, the plastic alligator sat alone. The blue swings swayed back and forth, but only from gusts of wind.

In the middle of the play area was a tall chain-link fence circling the singed ground where the children's playground had been burned for the third time in six months.

Crimes like serial arson are becoming an increasingly serious problem for Chandler parks. In response to the park disturbances, Chandler is starting the Eagle Eye Neighborhood Park Watch Program to encourage citizens to keep watch over parks.

Eagle Eye was developed by the Illinois Association of Park Districts and is currently used by Glendale and Avondale.

The program will cost Chandler approximately \$5,000 and will include park signs, informational materials, toys and a costume for the program's mascot, Seemore.

Criminal damage in Chandler parks has ranged from gang graffiti and copper thefts to shredded shadetents and burnt playground equipment.

The acts threaten park users' safety and have cost Chandler taxpayers thousands of dollars in damages this year alone, parks officials say.

Residents have expressed dismay at the crimes.

"I've never heard of anybody burning down a playground," said Chandler resident **Jeremy Ackie**.

"It's weird. Less people have been coming to the park since [the playground] burned down. [Eagle Eye] would probably keep the crime down, and people wouldn't do as much stuff."

Mountain View, Stonegate, Amberwood and Blue Heron parks are just some of the locations that have suffered major damage.

Chandler Park Inspection and Emergency Operations Plan Coordinator **Konrad Schuknecht**, who tracks Chandler park damage monthly, said the destruction has become endemic.

"People don't realize how expensive this stuff is..." said Schuknecht.

"I don't know what the temptation is, the drive to destroy something brand new for no reason.

"To steal it and sell it for profit makes some kind of sense, even though it's bad; but to destroy something for no reason other than the wanton love of destruction just escapes my comprehension."

The Eagle Eye program will be implemented with the help of police and area schools. It also will promote adult vigilance of parks and supply contact numbers where incidents can be reported.

When felonies occur in Chandler parks, park staff may place door hangers on neighborhood houses notifying citizens of the crime and encouraging them to call police.

Eagle Eye is different from Neighborhood Watch programs in that it engages children and educates them on the importance of parks.

Chandler is making an Eagle Eye video that will be distributed to schools to help teach children park etiquette and stewardship.

Program staff will also give presentations and Seemore the Eagle toys to students in the fall, including students in the Kyrene and Chandler districts.

Life's Little Gems

Cheep thrills

By M.V. Moorhead

y sister and brother-in-law and their kids and grandkids were in town over the weekend for a too-brief but still delightful visit. My sister and her husband are serious birders, and apparently some lunatic told them that mid-summer is a good time to

come to Arizona for birding.



It was fantastic to see them all. Going to dinner with them Saturday night, however, proved a small adventure for Debra and me.

We were leaving our place at about 7 p.m. to swing over to the hotel and lead the whole gang to our favorite Mexican joint. But as we were heading up the walk to the

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some nestling birds not to survive because they fall out of their nests, and indeed that to try to rescue a baby bird in that unhappy situation is, in a way, interfering with the natural cycle.

Yet for most of us, it's almost impossible not to attempt it.

This little foundling had dull-gray feathers, with white along the edges of the wings. It had a longish narrow beak, and biggish feet.

It was standing right there on the bricks, looking confused but uninjured. There was no question that it was way too young to be out of the nest. Its feathers were still downy. I bent down and scooped it up into my cupped hands. It pecked at my fingers a little and

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ometimes it's the little things that can make all the difference when we are looking at a room. I've listed 5 things that may not jump out at you in a room, but if you're looking for them, you can correct them.

- 1. To help a lengthen a room with a low ceiling, consider these decorative options:
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- colored vertical striped wall covering.

 Embellish your walls with a creatively designed faux finish.
- An asymmetrical picture grouping will help by adding visual interest
- 2. Many lovely color schemes fade to drabness when under-lit at night, or they may even become garish when over-lit. Make sure your rooms are evenly illuminated. People, like moths,

- avoid dark areas, and gather in light ones. There are so many beautiful lamps that could really make a statement.
- 3. Make your home a reflection of you. Don't follow fads in decorating. Choose what suits your own tastes, your lifestyle and your budget
- 4. When framing pictures, select matting and colors that compliment your room setting and color scheme. Choose the frame carefully as well. A grouping of pictures of the same size will look more pleasing in the same style, size and color frame as opposed to several different styles and colors.
- 5. Watch your scale when mixing furnishings. A modern, contemporary nine foot sofa might look luxurious in certain settings, but would be totally overpowering with a dainty French provincial coffee table. The same goes for patterns. Too many large prints will over power a room. Be sure to mix in some smaller prints or textures to give the room balance.

In the end, there's nothing wrong with working with what you've got, but if you need another eye, you may want to call in a professional decorator to help you find the problems and help you come up with the best solution. —Peg



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An armful of fulfillment

Pappas demise closes a chapter but won't end the memories

In today's fast-paced, materialistic society, success and life fulfillment often are based more on the amount of money people make than the mark they leave on the lives of individuals less fortunate.

What's often overlooked in the drive to succeed is the need to understand the world and discover how best to fit into it.

Getting good grades, a marketable degree and an impressive job are laudable aspirations, but some individuals have learned how to find fulfillment in other ways, too. These are the rare few who experience first-hand the impact they can make on the lives of another person in a positive and memorable way.

Thomas J. Pappas School for the Homeless is filled with individuals who have found the rewards of helping people in need. One such individual is 2002 Corona del Sol graduate **Ashley Orel Zener**.

Like most people who have found fulfillment helping others less fortunate, Zener didn't envision herself becoming a teacher at a homeless school; her days at Corona were filled with other aspirations.

A standout athlete, Zener was a member of CdS volleyball teams that played in the state tournament every year, capturing the 2001 5A state runner-up her senior year. In basketball, the Lady Aztecs won the state 5A tournament in 2001 and were runners-up in 2002.

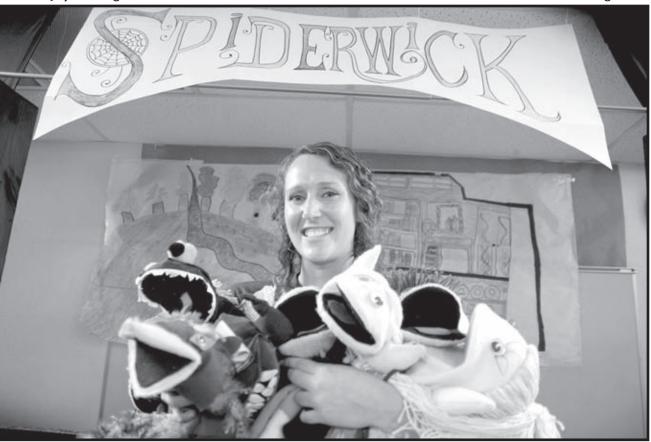
At Southern Methodist University, where she was a three-year member of the WAC All Academic and one-year Conference USA All Academic team, Zener spent her last semester studying Spanish in SMU's Study Abroad Program in Madrid.

She graduated in May 2006 in Psychology and Spanish, expecting to get a job in corporate America and eventually go to graduate school.

Her life took an unexpected turn in August 2006 when Kyrene Corridor Speech Therapist **Laurie Horewitch** volunteered to take Zener to work with her one day.

On that day, Horewitch was working at Thomas J. Pappas School for the Homeless, and Zener was hooked.

When the principal offered the young graduate a job, and Zener accepted, she didn't realize the impact the school—especially the children—would have on her life.



Ashley Zener organized a puppet shoe, built a stage and sewed the costumes, then helped her students decorate the puppets and memorize their lines. Her goal: 'To do something the kids would remember the rest of their lives.'

Photos by David Stone / Wrangler News Story by Alex Zener

Zener started out as a paraprofessional but quickly took on more roles until she became a permanent substitute teacher for a third-grade class

"It was probably the hardest but most rewarding work I have ever done," said Zener

Zener again signed on in late 2007 as an interventionist for Pappas, mostly because she missed the children and the other teachers.

She ended up taking over a fifth grade class in January.

"The school and children had become a big part of my life I was not ready to let go of," said Zener.

This school year has been a particularly hard one for anyone associated with the Thomas J. Pappas schools. There has been continual upheaval with budget cuts, layoffs, and the eventual closure of the school. It has been particularly hard on the teachers and staff who have dedicated years of their lives helping others less fortunate.

To help her students continue learning and, at the same time, end the school year on a good note, Zener organized and helped her fifth grade class put on a puppet show for the school.

The show, produced last month, was based on a book the students were reading in class: *The Spiderwick Chronicles.*



With the help of **Emily Felix**, a fourth grade teacher and Tempe resident, Zener built a puppet stage and sewed the bodies of several puppets.

The students then decorated the puppets, memorized their lines and put on three separate shows for the other classes.

Zener's goal, she said: To get as many children involved as possible and to do something that "her kids" would remember the rest of their lives.

Although Pappas School closed June 30, it will be torn down and hopefully replaced in the fall as a charter school at another location.

Said Zener:

"I care about the children so much that I hope I was able to have a positive impact on their lives. I wanted to inspire them to better their lives.

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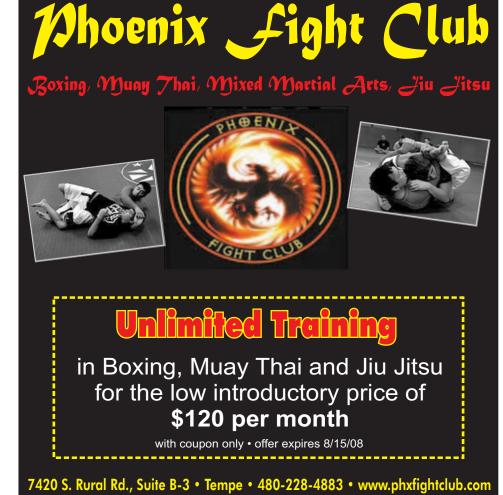




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By Tracy Doren



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The five-day, three-hours-aday sports- and character-building camp was part of a program that features after-school enrichment classes through the Kyrene School District with instruction in such areas as beginning triathlon and

running.
Classes are designed to
encourage and equip families to be
healthy together.



Broch Heffron, I I-year-old world champion BMX racer, signs fan Mya Carrizosa's T-shirt.

Each day at the camp started with an opening game like soccer tennis, kick ball or dodge ball, followed by team-building activities like geocaching, medic and web

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climb-through to encourage team work.

Each day found a new sport that was broken down into drills taught by coaches. Scrimmage games closed out each day.

Coaches were athletes grades up, based on the sponsoring group's desire to have the kids learn from good role models who have excellent qualities the younger kids can look up to. Campers had the chance to learn from coaches who excel in sports and in character and faith.

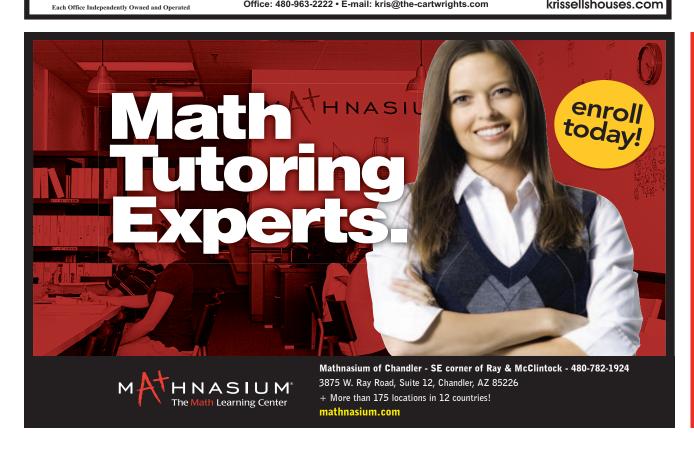
A highlight was appearances by **Broch Heffron**, 11-year-old world champion BMX rider and former Kyrene Corridor student, and area resident Tommy Barrett, former major league baseball player.

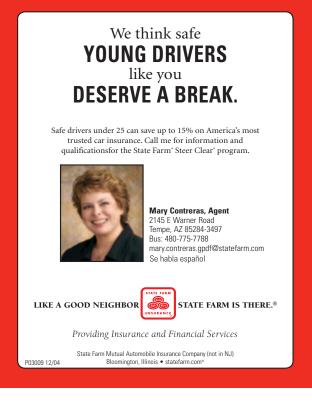
Broch brought his gear and shared his experiences with the kids. Tommy worked on hitting form, fielding and throwing skills with them.

Other coaches included area athletes including **Daniel Streng** and **Brandon** Johnson from Kyrene Middle School; Bryce **Manning** and **Andrew Fritz** from Pueblo Middle School; and Amy Foster, Kendall Barrett, Mark Kinney and Chris Arneson from Corona del Sol High School.

Adult coaches from the Kyrene Corridor included FCA Endurance athletes Emily Manning, John and Debbie Foster.

- Contributed by Debbie Foster





Homeless to be helped in day-long Tempe effort

On Friday, July 25, local service providers and community volunteers will come together for Tempe **Project Homeless** Connect, a one-day event to match the homeless community with needed services.

The event is Tempe's seventh. Similar events have been offered quarterly since January 2007.

At each previous event, an average of 55 volunteers serve an average of 115 homeless individuals and families.

Started in San Francisco, the Project **Homeless Connect model** has been duplicated in many communities with successful results.

The goal is to bring together diverse entities from the community for one day under one roof to provide services to homeless individuals and families.

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immediately available, so providers do not merely give appointments or referrals for the future. Homeless guests are treated with respect and hospitality; a volunteer is paired with each guest who can assist as they access available services.

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Strict 'women-only' pledge helps gym develop its own niche

By Tracy Doren

una Fitness: Simply said, it's not your typical gym. You'll be aware of the difference even Ibefore you set foot inside.

A sign prominently displayed on the door declares "No Men Allowed."

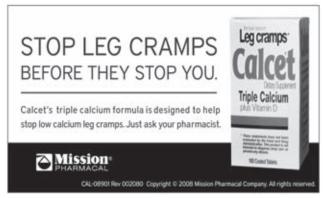
No, it's not a marketing ploy; the owners take the women-only rule seriously.

While I was there talking to owner **Skye Roberts**, she responded to a visit from the city fire marshal by asking if he could come back at a time when the women's routines wouldn't be interrupted and Luna's women-only pledge wouldn't be violated.

He agreeably obliged.

This type of relentless pursuit of the owners' philosophy has helped Luna carve a special niche in the fitness world. Women from all walks of life can let down their guard and be themselves within the walls of this gym.

The place is atypical in other ways, too. For one thing, it's no tiny, cramped studio that offers a quick circuit designed to get you in and out in 30 minutes. Here you'll experience 13,000 square feet dedicated to helping women achieve not only fitness goals, but







Roberts says she wanted to create a place where women are comfortable and able to nourish the whole self.

In addition to more than 50 group fitness classes offered every week, the gym has all the latest in cardio and weight training equipment.

But in order to accomplish fitness goals there are often roadblocks standing in the way that must be overcome, Roberts notes. This is where Luna Fitness really sets itself apart from its competitors.

Roberts says she wanted to help women care for body, mind and spirit and has a naturopathic physician on staff as well as a gynecologist, a life coach, a nutritionist and a hypnotherapist.

Free seminars are offered each month in which each of the experts offers advice and assistance in achieving goals, or simply answering questions.

The Luna philosophy is that a healthy, informed woman can bring about positive change, not only in her life but in the lives of those she touches every

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In addition to all its other services the gym also offer massage therapy, spray tans, body wraps, vitamins and diet supplements, anti-aging body treatments and more.

The approach Luna Fitness is taking to helping women achieve their health goals is allencompassing.

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started cheeping. It wasn't too happy with the situation, but within a few seconds it had calmed down.

We put it in a shoebox, and then Debra got online and found a wildlife rescue number, which I called.

The nice woman who answered gave me two other numbers to call, both licensed wildlife rehabilitators.

I got the answering machine both times. The voice on the second message was Jeani, who said she was a rehabilitator specializing in quail. The message said to keep the bird warm in a box with a dry washcloth.

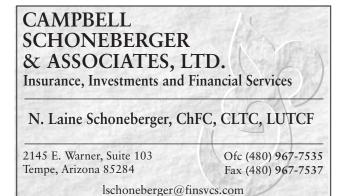
By this time, it was clear that our little guest was too vigorous to be confined by a mere shoebox. It kept trying to hop out, cheeping irritably the whole time and at least once falling on its back.

We got a deeper box and put the shoebox inside it, and the little bird gave up trying to jump out and sat, rather sullenly I thought, in the middle of the old washcloth with which we had lined the bottom.

Jeani called back in less than 10 minutes. She told us that, based on my description, she thought the bird was a white-winged dove, and that we ought to bring it to her as quickly as we could.

We stopped by the hotel long enough to give my family directions to the restaurant and sent them along without us, and then off we headed to Jeani's house in North Phoenix.

We pulled up in front of the place less than a half-hour later, just after dusk. As we walked up her driveway, we noticed a young woman, also



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carrying a tell-tale cardboard box, coming up just behind us.

So we aren't the only ones dropping off a bird tonight, I thought. I was about to learn how right I was.

Jeani answered the door, very cheerfully I thought, and led us inside, where we saw, separated from the pleasant southwesternstyle front room by large glass windows and a screen door, a large room serving as a bird nursery.

She scooped little Stevie (I gave it that unisex name after Stevie Nix, it being a white-winged dove, and all) out of the box, confirmed that it was indeed a young dove, and disappeared with it, and also with the young woman's bird. By this time, I was mesmerized by Jeani's nursery. On long tables, under fluorescent lights, were neat rows stacked with tidy plastic cages holding scores and scores—probably hundreds and hundreds, actually—of birds.

Though there were other species here and there, most of Jeani's guests were indeed Gambel's quail, at different stages of their development.

The cage nearest the door seethed with dozens of striped, hilariously spindly quail chicks. Jeani saw me marveling at them when she returned, and told me that those were the quail chicks which had been brought to her *that day only*.

My wife asked if Jeani thought that little Stevie would survive.

"Oh, sure," Jeani said confidently. "I just got some food into him; he'll be fine. I don't know why his mom and dad weren't feeding him."

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We weren't the only ones dropping off a bird, I thought. I was about to learn how right I was.

We thanked her, promised we'd be sending a check to her organization—Arizona Covey Quail Rescue—and left. We got to dinner in time to wolf some favorites with my family before closing time.

I observed that Jeani had at least two cats living with her. What sin, I wondered, did these creatures commit in some previous incarnation that consigned them to such a Tantalus-like existence? Even Sylvester never had to face avian temptation on this level...

- Former Phoenix New Times columnist M.V. Moorhead writes regularly for Wrangler News



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100 mpg fill-ups are bringing about a SCOOTER INVASION

Story and photo by Alex Zener

ow much did you spend the last time you were at the gas pump? A little bit more than you'd like to? Gas prices have risen more than 35 percent in the past six months, and an increasing number of people are finding that the cost of filling their car's gas tank is more draining than they can afford.

How would you, instead, like to average close to 100 miles a gallon and help the environment at the same time? Today, alternative forms of transportation are not only becoming more viable but, for some people, a necessity.

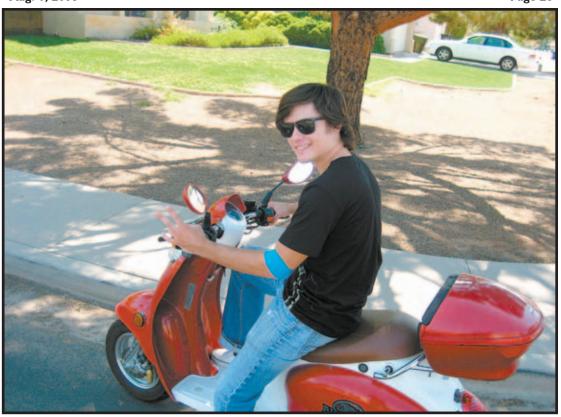
One idea is to take the bus; another is to car pool. But you don't have to look far to notice the number of people who are turning to motorized scooters as an alternative means of transportation.

These two-wheeled runabouts are traditionally defined by characteristics such as a step-through frame, wheels less than 16 inches in diameter and an engine located below the rider and to the rear

One south Tempe resident, **Jared Rivas-Andrews**, has been riding his Big Chief scooter to school and work for about three years, consistently averaging around 95 miles per gallon.

"My dad bought it for me because the cost of fuel kept going up and up," Rivas-Andrews said.

"At first it was great because of the money I saved on gas, but I soon realized it was more than money. My scooter is awesome; it makes me so happy every time I ride it."



Jared Rivas-Andrews: Happy every time he rides his fuel-stingy scooter to school and work.

One of the original motor scooters was the Vespa, first manufactured in 1946 by an Italian company, Piaggio. Although the Vespa scooter is still popular and a major form of urban transportation in Europe and Asia, several other companies, such as Honda, Harley-Davidson and Kawasaki, have entered the scooter market.

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perfect for short distance travel or models that have the power to go for miles.

The store carries both gaspowered and electric scooters which meet the growing "go green" environmental approach to daily living. Both types give off considerably fewer harmful emissions than cars.

"I think the scooter is

a good alternative form of transportation for students but it does have its drawbacks," Rivas-Andrews said.

"It only fits two people, and that's pushing it."
If you're in the market for an alternative form of transportation that is environmentally friendly and cost effective, you may want to check out the latest models at Scooter Invasion.

The store is at 1828 E. University Drive just east of McClintock, in Tempe. July 18 - Aug. 1, 2008

Fundraiser to aid family of slain bar patron

Everyone can appreciate how valuable a good neighbor can be. This value will be especially evident on Saturday, July 26, at Jersey's Tavern and Grill in west Chandler.

Dennis Delaney, the owner of Jersey's, is organizing a fundraiser for the widow and child of **Barney Verdugo**, who was shot and killed in the parking lot of neighboring Teakwood's Tavern in March 2007.

The case has gone unsolved, and there have been no new leads for more than a year.

Delaney has seized the opportunity to lend a helping hand and is planning a neighborly gettogether to help a friend in need.

There will be food and drink specials from

which a portion of the proceeds will be given to the family, in addition to a car wash in the parking lot, a 50-50 raffle and free live entertainment.

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Delaney feels strongly that bringing people together to help one another is the best way to build a strong community.

He is certain that the community's generosity will be appreciated and valued by a family that has suffered a tragic loss.

Brenda and Serena Verdugo are lucky to be supported by such a great neighbor.

Jersey's Tavern is at 5945 W. Ray Road, Chandler.

Information: (480) 705-9700.

KC Rotarians plan a busy fall agenda

Just because it's summer doesn't mean things have slowed down for the Kyrene Corridor Rotary Club

In fact, at its July 14 meeting, club members laid out some ambitious, if still unfinalized, plans for the future.

On the agenda for discussion at future meetings:

- Getting dictionaries into the hands of every third grade student in the district;
- Encouraging a program that would get seniors from Carestone Assisted Living Center together with preschoolers at the YMCA so each can benefit from the gifts each has to offer; and
- Helping teachers and students with back-toschool start-up expenses by donating supplies at the beginning of a new school year.

Kyrene Corridor Rotary Club meets every Monday at noon at the Kobe Japanese Steakhouse located on the southwest corner of Rural and Hardy in Tempe.

Information: www.rotary5510.org.

Members of Rotary International, whether they're from our local community or cities around the world, ask themselves four questions before making a decision: Is it the truth? Is it fair to all concerned? Will it build good will and better friendships? Will it be beneficial to all concerned?

Answering yes, Rotary reminds its members, will assure a decision that will benefit others as well as yourself.

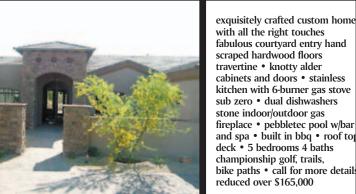




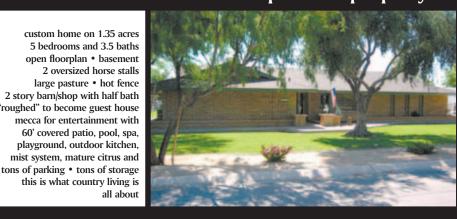




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