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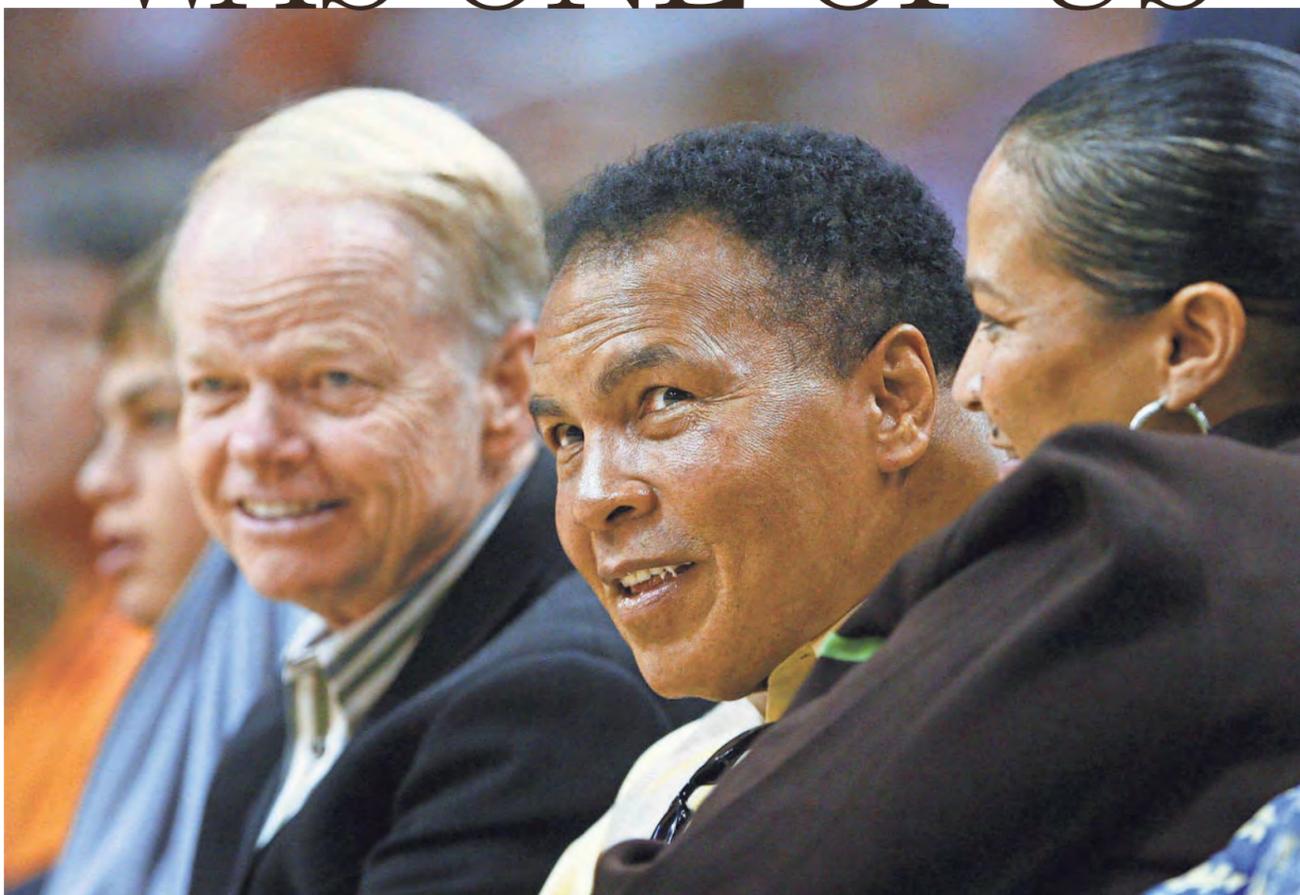
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MUHAMMAD ALI 1942-2016

THE GREATEST OF ALL TIME WAS ONE OF US



DAN BICKLEY AZCENTRAL SPORTS

T rue to his word, Muhammad Ali will always be the greatest. Just like he warned us. ¶ He was a heavyweight champion and a global icon. He was full of conviction and charisma. His career spanned continents and wide shifts in perception, from dangerous to entertaining, from hero to villain. He spent his final rounds as one of the most beloved people on the planet. ¶ And in the end, he was one of us.



Ali, who died Friday at age 74, had an indisputable presence in the Valley. He sat courtside at Suns games. He'd hug the homeless while touring local shelters. He'd sit inside his home and watch footage of his favorite fighter: himself.

He came to Arizona in the mid-'90s seeking medical treatment for Parkinson's disease, which ultimately withered his body and silenced that majestic voice, a mouth that roared like no other. But it never dulled Ali's spirit or his generous, playful nature.

His name is on the Muhammad Ali Parkinson Center at

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DAVID KADLUBOWSKI/THE REPUBLIC (TOP); PATRICK BREEN/THE REPUBLIC
TOP: Boxing legend Muhammad Ali watches the action between the Phoenix Suns and the Detroit Pistons with Jimmy Walker (left) in 2008. **ABOVE:** Lynn Boyd Jr. and his son Jayden Boyd look at an impromptu memorial for Ali as Mike Ingram places a flower in the fencing outside Scottsdale Osborne Medical Center on Saturday.

THE DEATH OF MUHAMMAD ALI

His final hours: Ali was surrounded by family in Scottsdale. Now, preparations for a Friday funeral are underway. **8A**

Photos: See "The Greatest" through the years at sports.azcentral.com.

Arizona CEOs' pay sets record

Compensation now sits at \$2.63 million

Salaries, bonuses, stock options as well as other pay measures all added up to another record year for CEOs of Arizona-based companies.

Median compensation inched up to \$2.63 million in 2015 for CEOs at 41 larger corporations.

Executive pay is one of the more visible signs of the rich-poor gap, but investors who own company stock approve companies' CEO pay packages in nonbinding votes.

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SPORTS AWARDS

Memories from a high school season gone

SCOTT BORDOW
AZCENTRAL SPORTS



The best and brightest in high-school sports – from the athletes to the fans to those who have made a difference in our community – will be honored tonight at the Arizona Sports Awards, presented by Valley Chevy Dealers.

I can't top that list. Nor would I even try. But there are moments and memories from this past high-school season that I won't soon forget. They reflect what's right about high-school sports: the competition, the passion, the bond between a coach and athlete, and the spirit of a school.

Denny's final game

After 14 years at Phoenix Greenway High School – the last nine as the head base-

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ALSO

Concerns over candidates: U.S. Rep. Martha McSally said she is troubled by positions taken by both fellow Republican Donald Trump and Democrat Hillary Clinton and lamented that the presidential race has become "more like a WWF tournament than a serious discussion." **6A**

Search is on for shooter: Phoenix police are searching for a man in an early-morning shooting who fired at officers responding to a south Phoenix house party. Neither of the two officers was injured. **11A**

VALLEY & STATE



DAVID WALLACE/THE REPUBLIC

June just got started and things are already heating up. Phoenix melted heat records on Saturday by hitting a sweltering 115 degrees. 9A

FORECAST



Dust issues: Officials say dust causing closures of Interstate 10 is settled at farm. **19A**

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