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# I know we had a stadium last night . . .

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Glendale Mayor **Elaine Scruggs** woke up Monday to find the Arizona Cardinals stadium she fought so hard to win for her city had been moved to downtown Phoenix by the *Wall Street Journal*.

A *Journal* story on Phoenix's commercial construction boom in the Aug. 13 edition cited the "\$400 million downtown stadium for the Arizona Cardinals" as an example of the commercial construction boom that has helped cushion the blow of the residential-housing crash.

The article noted that while job growth slowed in Phoenix to 1.2 percent in the second quarter of 2007, it could have "fared much worse in a city where analysts estimate one in three jobs was tied to the housing market a few years ago."

"It looks like we have more marketing work to do," Glendale spokeswoman Julie Frisoni said. She noted that Glendale has been working since University of Phoenix Stadium opened last year to assert Glendale's position as the stadium's home.

"It's hard when you have a major sports facility in a suburb of a large metropolitan city," Frisoni said.

## Better than . . . .

Overall, it was positive press in a business publication of global reach. It was a switch from the July 26 article in the *Economist* magazine: "Phoenix, Into the Ashes," which portrayed Phoenix as a "crime-ridden mess" with pollution, traffic congestion and poor schools.

## Meal tickets

More than 20,000 homeless men, women and children will receive meals through the Society of St. Vincent de Paul as a result of a \$20,000 grant from American Express.

The grant benefits St. Vincent de Paul's Henry Unger Memorial Dining Room in downtown Phoenix.

## Non-profit advisers

National Bank of Arizona is seeking nominations for an advisory board to assist non-profit organizations around the state.

Members will represent legal, accounting, banking, marketing and other professional service industries and should have experience working with non-profit organizations.

Bank spokeswoman Crystal Houston said the board would serve as a "professional consulting resource addressing best practices for managing successful not-for-profit businesses."

Nominations will be accepted by e-mail through Aug. 22 at [4nonprofits@nbarizona.com](mailto:4nonprofits@nbarizona.com).

## Real-estate execs to meet

A panel of high-ranking female executives from the Phoenix and Chicago commercial real-estate markets will discuss their current projects on Oct. 16 at the annual meeting of the Arizona Commercial Real Estate Women Chapter.

The moderator will be Sharon Harper, president and CEO of the Plaza Cos. Panel members include Irene Carroll, vice president of DMB Associates in Scottsdale; Collette English Dixon, vice president Prudential Real Estate Investors, Chicago; Margaret Kirch, executive vice president SunCor Development Co., Tempe; and Carol Warner, president and COO of Johnson Carlier, Tempe.

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