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- **EDITORIAL – JOHN B. VANNUCCI, Editor**  
**January 11, 2016 “ The Fat Cat is Out of the Bag”**

**On January 6, 2016, the 'Donald' of Cave Creek reveals his 'mystery' mayoral candidate. Surprise of surprises! It turns out to be his evil twin, Usama Abujbarah. You know him as 'The World’s Greatest Town Manager'. This announcement is as much of a surprise as the sun rising and setting every day. Big Deal!**

This candidacy is the final piece of the orchestrated recall election of 2015. It would be the return to power for the one person who has pushed the town to the edge of bankruptcy. As mayor he will not be accountable for any future malfeasance and will not have to answer to anyone for his bad management; neither to the council or the citizens. It also explains why Town Manager Jankowski hasn't been fired...yet.

We can expect more of the same from the Sonoran News tabloid. I'm sure that Usama's campaign manager will be the 'Don' of Cave Creek. He will print only the great 'achievements' of Usama, such as saving the town single handedly from the great recession.(Borrowing \$50 million Federal dollars during the height of the recession was one hell of an achievement! There must not be a translation for DEBT in Arabic). After all, the

Don claims the Town 'owes' him a great debt. Apparently, a \$300,000 dollar pay off wasn't enough. However, we will continue to remind the citizens of all of his screw ups and bad decisions, which there are many to recount.

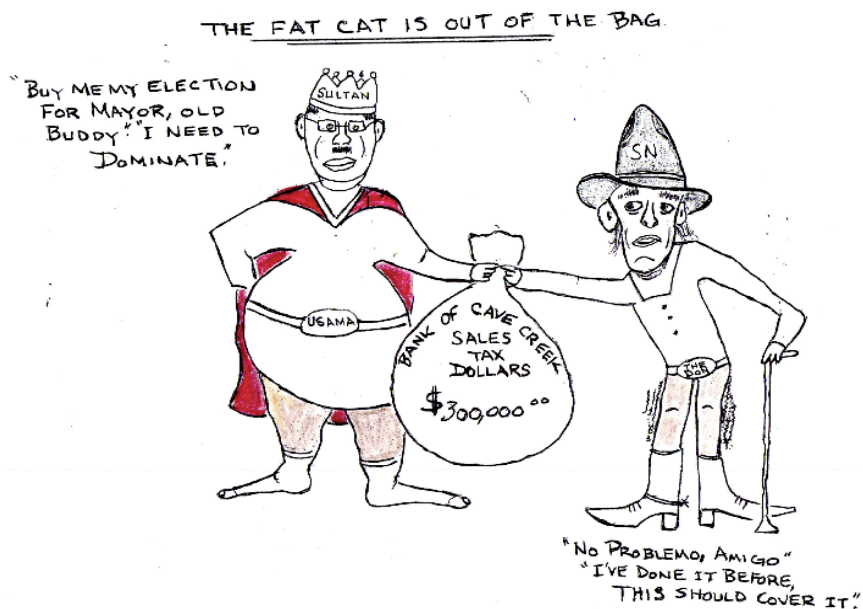
I find it puzzling that the Don who claims to be a true conservative and has a history of ranting about Mexican immigrants or immigrants in general, that he would be so amorous toward a Middle Eastern immigrant who comes from a culture that denigrates women, disregards the rule of law and employs corruption to rule. After 14 years of 'diligent service' according to the tabloid, I ask, are you better off than when you moved to Cave Creek? Has your life style in a western setting improved? Have your water rates been reduced? Have your roads been repaired or improved? Have our expenses been reduced? To the contrary, each and every one of us, as home owners, is saddled with a debt obligation in excess of \$10,000 per home, courtesy of this former Town Manager. I think not.

I do not believe this person can be trusted with the Town's purse. We have seen time and again proof of Usama's poor business judgement and outright malfeasance. His newly acquired citizenship does not change ones upbringing or ones cultural view of the world.

**In conclusion, the 'Don' of Cave Creek has begun the 2016 council election with his usual tactics that most of us are familiar with. It will be a very long, hot summer, again. Let the spin begin.**



**John Vannucci, The Fiscal Conservative Creeker**



## **“D.R.” ZONING IN DANGER – BY DESIGN**

**By: Janelle Smith-Haff**

Using town funds, the mayor and town council are spending \$5,000 a month to facilitate an agreement with the State Land Department for the purchase of the (alleged) 4,000 acres of open space land under the four Open Space Agreements.

But, what else do the Open Space Agreements bring to the residents of Cave Creek?

**Zoning classifications that apply to residential properties north of Carefree Highway and north of the Town Core contain a “DR” in front of the parcel’s zoning classification, i.e. DR-190, DR-89, DR-70 or DR-43. At a minimum, this “DR” ensures that residential lots in these areas are a minimum of 43,000 sq. ft., and that they contain an open space corridor referred to under our town Ordinance as the Native Habitat Corridor.** The loss of this “DR” in our residential zoning classification ensures future development approvals with smaller lot sizes along with the loss of open space corridors for the passage of wildlife.

In other words, the loss of “DR” will be the loss of our desert lifestyle. Cave Creek as we know it, and for the reasons it is envied by others, will be no more.

This loss to our desert lifestyle is no accident; it’s been planned and designed to occur.

**Without the DR zoning classification the only residential zoning classifications are Single Residence (R) and Multiple Residence (MR). The minimum lot size requirement in the R-18 Division of Single Residence zoning is 18,000 square feet. These two zoning classifications (S and MR) do not require Native Habitat Corridors.**

The (alleged) 4,000 acres of open space under the four Open Space Agreements --- agreements which have nothing to do with our purchase of Spur Cross Conservation Area --- involve properties located north of Carefree Highway and north of the Town Core. Of the 2,959 homes required to be built under the four Open Space Agreements in these areas, not one parcel has a DR-190 zoning classification; not one parcel has a DR-89 zoning classification, not one parcel assigned a DR-70 zoning classification has the minimum required 70,000 square feet, and not one parcel assigned a DR-43 zoning classification has the minimum required 43,000 square feet.

**By intentional design, the Open Space Agreements amended the existing minimum lot size requirements for DR zoning classifications under our ordinances without utilizing the formal zoning amendment process required under our town’s Ordinances. During the Open Space Agreement discussions, to circumvent the zoning amendment process, the town adopted the parcels in the Open Space Agreements as “non-conforming” parcels. By intentional design, the Open Space Agreements will result in 2,959 non-conforming residential parcels; a number that is more than the number of residences presently in Cave Creek.**

This November, Cave Creek residents will be voting to approve a new General Plan. In preparation of the 2,959 residences to be built under the Open Space Agreements, the draft of the General Plan prepared by

Planning Director Ian Cordwell and the Planning Commission phases out DR zoning classifications on all but existing residences.

With the phase out of DR zoning under any General Plan, the lot sizes in Mark Stapp's Cahava Springs Revitalization District could be reduced to R and/or MR zoning sizes without town council approval.

Stopping the loss or phasing out of the DR zoning classification under the General Plan is simple: vote "NO" on the General Plan proposed by the Planning Director and Planning Commission to the mayor and town council unless DR zoning classification remains in place and undisturbed.

To stop the loss of DR zoning under the Open Space Agreements will require residents who are willing to vote for town council candidates who are willing to support a withdrawal from the Open Space Agreements.

**For further details about the Open Space Agreements' effect on our desert lifestyle go to**

**[www.cavecreektownhallblog.com](http://www.cavecreektownhallblog.com) and click on "Open Space."** The article is titled "Numbers Don't Lie."

Then share your opinions with your Cave Creek neighbors and with the mayor and members of town council.

Their email addresses are: [vfrancia@cavecreek.org](mailto:vfrancia@cavecreek.org); [SLaMar@cavecreek.org](mailto:SLaMar@cavecreek.org); [sclancy@cavecreek.org](mailto:sclancy@cavecreek.org); [desser@cavecreek.org](mailto:desser@cavecreek.org); [mlipsky@cavecreek.org](mailto:mlipsky@cavecreek.org); [ebunch@cavecreek.org](mailto:ebunch@cavecreek.org); [tmcguire@cavecreek.org](mailto:tmcguire@cavecreek.org)

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**Please attend the Planning Commission meeting on the 28<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM. It will be about approving the proposed General Plan, for submission to the voters in the November election. If you attended the GP feedback from the residents a year ago, you will be perhaps shocked.**

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## • ART EVENTS

**Note!! Click images & pull corner to enlarge- Copy onto your computer if you like, & pull corner back to read remainder of newsletter. !!**

**Holland Fine Arts Gallery© –Reception on 1-9-2016**



**Katalin  
Ehling  
Judy Bruce...  
local artists**







Featured artists Nicolette Bonnstetter & Jossy Lowens /with featured art

### Holland Fine Arts Gallery – New Exhibit 1-29 thru 2-13 “Let’s Talk Art”



**The Holland Gallery Of Fine Art Is Pleased To Announce "Let's Talk Art" Exhibit January 29 - February 26**

*Foothills Community Foundation [info@azfcf.org](mailto:info@azfcf.org) for more information*

**On exhibit Jan. 29 - Feb. 26**

**Art Reception February 13 from 4:30-6:30 PM**

This exhibit features artists who meet weekly to discuss art interests and activities. Show will feature oils, pastels, collage, fine art prints, mixed media and photography. Featuring, Ann Otis, Carla Cross, Hank Keneally, Mary La Rue Wells, Micky Jansen, Mady Smidt, Kathie Fitzgerald, Cathy Ross, Margit Kagerer, Shelly Pedretti, Rita Flynn, Marty Gibson, Sue Lewis, Katalin Ehling, Judy Bruce, Nicolette Bonnstetter, Pamela Flingerhut, Pat Cain, Dottie Novak and Jean Piserchia.

Gallery hours may vary. Please call 480.488.1090 for viewing times.

### Sonoran Arts League

**ARTIST OF THE MONTH FOR JANUARY - Rose Balazs**



**ROSE BALAZS, Beading  
Artist of the Month of January**



## Announcements

- Sunday, January 17 from 4pm to 6pm is the **Opening Reception at The Gallery el Pedregal** for the new rotation of artists.
- Wednesday, January 20 is the **Artisans Creative Exchange** (ACE) meeting where Valerie Hildebrand will be sharing her technique for doing wire wrapped loops.
- Thursday, January 28 - Katie Stearns and Valerie Hildebrand will be featured artists during the **Artwalk** at On The Edge Gallery from 6pm to 9:30pm.
- Saturday, February 6 from 10am to 5pm - **"Forever Bouquet"** oil painting workshop facilitated by Katie Stearns at Easy Street Galleria. Registration is \$75. Email Katie at [stearnsstudio@cox.net](mailto:stearnsstudio@cox.net) to sign up.
- Diana Gilmore will be participating in the **Fine Art Expo** again this year and will be there Wednesday through Sunday of each week. The VIP reception is from 6pm to 8pm on Thursday, January 21st. The event runs from January 22 to April 3 and is open every day from 10am to 6pm
- Suzanne Brown is participating in the **Celebration of Fine Art** which runs from January 16 to March 27 and is open every day from 10am to 6pm.
- The artist reception for The **Contemporary Art Exhibit** at the Desert Foothills Gallery is Saturday, February 13th from 4pm to 5:30pm.

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## • NON PROFIT EVENTS

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### Foothills Food Bank©

**Foothills Food Bank & Resource Center reveals donor participation, support from northern desert foothills communities**

January 15, 2016, Cave Creek, Arizona – The Foothills Food Bank & Resource Center reports that more than 150 individuals and organizations donated monies and resources to brighten the holiday season for children, families and seniors through its Adopt-a-Family program, according to the food bank's executive director Pam DiPietro. DiPietro says the food bank adopted 377 families representing a total of 1,289 people during the holidays.

In addition, the food bank provided meals and fixin' bags to supplement numerous families' dinner needs during Thanksgiving and Christmas. In November, 588 families representing a total of 1,611 people received holiday meals. In December, 585 families, totaling 1,548 people, received meals.

“Community members in the extended area the food bank serves were thankful for the kind support of neighbors, friends and visitors, alike,” says DiPietro. “We are humbly blessed and thank the community for its kind generosity.”

**For more information, call the Foothills Food Bank & Resource Center at 480.488.1145. The Foothills Food Bank & Resource Center is located at 6038 E. Hidden Valley Drive, in Cave Creek.**

**CONTACT: Michelle Reyes/480.488.1145**

**Jeannine Ditto/480.488.1145**

[fran@boothcommunications.com](mailto:fran@boothcommunications.com)

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### **The Gold Mine Thrift Shop©**

**6502 Cave Creek Road**

**480-488-3721**

**Cave Creek Merchant Assn© Shopping and Donation Hours: Wednesday through Saturday,  
9 a.m. to 3 p.m.**

<http://www.goodshepherdaz.org/gold-mine.html>

<http://goodshepherdaz.org/about/history.html>

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### ● **Cave Creek Museum©**

#### **Physical Address**

6140 E Skyline Drive

Cave Creek AZ 85327 ([Map](#))

Phone: (480) 488-2764

#### **Mailing Address**

PO Box 1

Cave Creek AZ 85327

#### **Hours**

**Open October through May:**

Wednesday, Thursday, Saturday, Sunday - 1:00pm - 4:30pm

Friday - 10:00am - 4:30pm

Monday - CLOSED

Tuesday - CLOSED



**More about Vino & Canvas, Wednesday Jan 20<sup>th</sup>, 6:00pm to 8:00pm**

**Antique Appraisal Day, January 23<sup>rd</sup>, 9:30am to 4:30pm, at: [info@cavecreekmuseum.com](mailto:info@cavecreekmuseum.com)**

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### ● **Cave Creek Merchant Assn©**



Cave Creek Merchant Assn© meeting Tuesday, January 19, 9:00 AM at Harold's Corral, Cave Creek. Come for breakfast, and see the values of becoming a member! Contact Evelyn Johnson, President, Evelyn@cavecreekmuseum.com

- **Wild at Heart© – Wildlife Rehabilitation**  
First Wild At Heart Bird Rescue of 2016



**Bob Fox with Wild At Heart carefully inspects a Great-horned Owl to discover where the wing is damaged.**

The first rescue of the new year, this owl arrived at Wild At Heart from the Troon / Pinnacle Peak area of North Scottsdale. Initial evaluation of the wing is that the damage can be successfully repaired and the owl released back to where it came from. In 2015, Wild At Heart took in 716 birds (the vast majority raptors), this is 97 more than 2014, a 15.7% increase over the 619 birds (almost all raptors) received in 2014. The continuous growth of development in the Valley and the state means more wildlife contact with the things we humans do that can injure birds and other animals. Sometimes a minor injury can be healed, but this is the beginning of the courtship period for Great-horned Owls, an "early nester".



For this injured owl the breeding success is impacted in 2016 and it will take another year before the train is back on the track for breeding in 2017. If the injury occurred later in the year it could mean that eggs or baby birds were also affected. Sometimes Wild At Heart rescues baby owls and then a foster parent owl can take over and do the work of feeding and training. Wild At Heart

volunteers and staff directly or indirectly help the wildlife make the best of what has happened so another bird can resume their role in the natural world beside our busy technological world. Thank you for your support to Wild At Heart so we can continue our rehabilitation and conservation work.

Wildlife Rehabilitation ☐ Educational Programs ☐ Habitat Enhancement ☐ (480) 595-5047 - 31840 N. 45th Street, Cave Creek, Arizona 85331 ☐ Non-profit ☐ Tax I.D. # EIN 86-0770883 ☐ Donations Welcome

Wild At Heart-480-595-5047- [www.wildatheartowls.org](http://www.wildatheartowls.org) - <https://www.facebook.com/WildAtHeartOwl>  
<http://wildatheart-straightfromthebeak.blogspot.com/>

- **Desert Foothills Land Trust Art show- It's Art for Land's Sake**  
Juried Original art competition featuring the land trust's preserves. For forms and information, contact: <http://www.dflt.org/>. Deadline for submission of original art is 4:00PM on February 24, 2016.



Carefree Desert Gardens Photo Contest - <http://www.carefree.org/230/2016-Photo-Contest>

The Carefree Desert Gardens Photo Contest is now underway. The 4 acre Carefree Desert Gardens in downtown Carefree contain many spectacular and rare plants, and several unique features. All photos submitted must be taken within the Gardens. **Photos may have been taken at any time of the year and there is no cost to participate. Submit your entries between January 3 - 31, 2016 using the ENTRY FORM.** A maximum of 3 photos may be submitted.

Entries will be accepted during the month of January. Submitted photos will be owned by the Town of Carefree. Photos may be used for calendars and other merchandise, and for Carefree marketing. The photographer will be credited. 12 photos will be chosen. They will displayed for public favorite voting first at the Magic Bird Carefree Fine Chocolate and Fine Art Festival in mid- February, then for the following week at the Desert Foothills Library. The awards ceremony will be held in the Sanderson Lincoln Pavilion in March. Gift certificates donated by local businesses will be presented to the winners. Any questions about anything in Carefree? Call Lyn Hitchon, [LHitchon@aol.com](mailto:LHitchon@aol.com).

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**HERBERT HITCHON, CAREFREE**



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**my golden words<sup>tm</sup>**  
get the **RIGHT** words out!

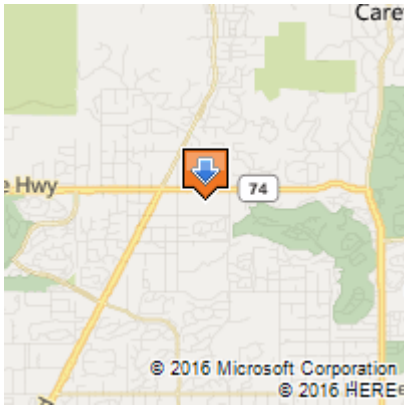
[Register Now!](#)

**When**

**Tuesday February 9, 2016 from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM MST**

**Add to Calendar**

Where: FCF-Holland Community Center  
34250 N 60th St., 480-488-1090, Scottsdale, AZ 85266



#### Driving Directions



#### Contact

Mckenna Hallett  
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[icanhelp@mygoldenwords.com](mailto:icanhelp@mygoldenwords.com)  
<http://www.mygoldenwords.com>

Register now for this important seminar from speaker, blogger, author, and coach, Mckenna Hallett from Maui.

Visit her website, [My Golden Words](http://www.mygoldenwords.com) to learn about her services. She has been dedicated to helping others grow their businesses for over 30 years.

#### Testimonials

"I am a "student" who is grateful beyond words. Mckenna changed my entire way of selling. I learned in her "E's of Selling" seminar that it can be a natural, fun, and very rewarding experience to share my work - and sell my work - to admirers. I can't put a value on what she did for me."

Fiona Purdy - Artist, Scottsdale

[Register Now!](#)

**Mckenna is returning to Scottsdale!**

She is bringing more

**SMART ART MARKETING FOR ARTISTS!**

***ROCK YOUR WINTER SEASON!***

**February 9th, 2016 - sign up NOW! Early Bird Pricing in effect NOW! Just \$59!**

Art marketing expert Mckenna Hallett is bringing back the game changing two-topic seminar to the FCF-Holland Community Center in North Scottsdale. Let's grow your sales with

***Easy Selling Methods and Simple Marketing Strategies.***

**NO MORE SLOW SEASON!**

**TWO TOPICS** you need to be successful selling your art.  
**THREE HOURS** that will stay with you forever.  
**FOUR HANDOUTS** for ongoing wisdom.  
**FIVE WORDS** that will change everything.

**NEW: Twenty-four "Little Cards for BIG Affirmations"** (see below for more information.)

[Register Now!](#)

*If you attended back in October, you will want to attend again.*

**SPECIAL BONUS OFFER for first 25 to sign up and for any alumni who sign up!**  
**The New Guidebook!**  
**"The Complete E's of Selling System"**

Not an E-book. This is a physical guidebook with in-depth teachings and a full set of worksheets. Included in "The Complete E's of Selling System" are "Little Cards with BIG Affirmations" - a discreet set of business card sized flashcards.

The flashcards are a natural extension of the seminar and guidebook. They are designed to inspire and return you to the purposeful selling "E's Zone" instantly at any time - *anywhere you travel*.

"The Complete E's of Selling System" is normally half-off for attendees, but I am making it *free to all returning alumni and to the first 25 to sign up for the seminar*.

## Seminar Highlights!

*It's always time to give deep thought to your art career.*

Mckenna will help you take control and make more sales in the busy winter selling season in two in-depth talks.

**1. E's of Selling Seminar: You will learn how to make selling as easy as recommending your favorite restaurant or book.** We are all perfect salespeople when we share good things with others! With this "heart-shifting" seminar, you will close sales with grace and ease, move towards deeper and more comfortable connections quicker, and instantly "sell" more naturally with the "E's of Selling".

**2. Smart Art Marketing for Artists: You will learn how to create marketing campaigns** to stay "top-of-mind" with your collectors and "someday" collectors. You never have to endure a "slow season" again when you learn the secrets of "The Golden Triangle" and many other important best practices of the "Simple Art Marketing Strategies".

You will leave this seminar with a multitude of ideas and practical advice that you can put to work immediately.

There will be a Q & A session at the end. Bring your thinking caps! Bring your challenges. Leave your excuses home. You are going to *have a rocking 2016 Winter Season and BEYOND!*



**BONUS:** You will have access to a limited time offer for a **BIG DISCOUNTS** on several coaching services and other sales tools including the very popular E-course, "The Artsy Shark Success Guide to Email Marketing for Artists" which Mckenna co-wrote with Carolyn Edlund.

**Seating is limited! Early Bird Pricing is NOW!**  
**Only \$59 through Jan. 20th, 2016!**

Mckenna Hallett, of My Golden Words, is an author, blogger and small business coach. She is a popular speaker throughout Hawaii. Mckenna is a frequent guest blogger on Artsy Shark and the Arts Business Institute where she is a faculty member and has been a presenter at their national art business workshops.

Mckenna has been interviewed and/or been a guest blogger with Alyson Stanfield's Art Biz Blog, Connie Mettler's Art Fair Insiders and Ethan Appleby of Vango Art.

[For more information about MyGoldenWords visit my Website](#)

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## John & Sara Vannucci Editors



### About the Desert Foothills Chronicle & Chronicle Arts *expanded* Journal.

The Desert Foothills Chronicle has expanded its election and political coverage, after two years of delivering local news on our web-based periodical. The Desert Foothills Chronicle, Inc, is an AZ nonprofit organization – YOU are our mission.

Part of our motivation in this project is to provide every local artist with an opportunity to present your current art to our neighbors and local business. Group events will be welcome, to the extent of space. Individual artists or businesses may use a full page for \$25 per issue. Free card ads to extent of space. Contact Sara at: [Creekerlady@gmail.com](mailto:Creekerlady@gmail.com).

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