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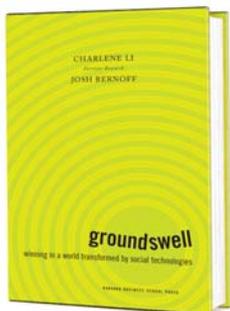


ELEMENTS

On Monday, August 11, Community Development held a Neighborhood Meeting for the General Plan Amendment for land west of Tempe Center for the Arts. About thirty people attended, including **Diana Nanez** from the *AZ Republic*. Nanez followed up with a story in Wednesday's paper on the "Elements" Arts Campus project. The project was also on Thursday's Council meeting, both IRS and Formal agendas. The presentation included images of the artist's work, buildings and the site plan.

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The City of Tempe Community Development Department, with Tempe technology company **Sitewire**, is sponsoring a lecture and book signing by bestselling author **Charlene Li** at the **Tempe Center for the Arts** in September. Li, author of "Groundswell", is an expert on social media. The discussion will help small businesses learn how to make the most of the new media tools available. For information on the by-invitation event, please contact **Kimberly LaVasseur** at Sitewire, 480.355.0024. For book details: www.forrester.com/Groundswell/book.html



PERMITTING FUN!

Town Lake experienced "best year ever" for the number of boat and lake use permits sold [or # of lake users] for boating classes, non resident, and non-profit outside Tempe. 3228 total permits were sold during the 07-08 fiscal year, eclipsing the next highest year in 05-06. In 1999, the first year of lake opening, there were 223 boating class registrants compared to 1,935 this past fiscal year. Congratulations go to **Joe O'Connor** in Parks and Recreation for leading the growth in the Town Lake boating program. Additionally, Town Lake Marina was recently selected as the **2008 Community Facility of the Year** by the Arizona Disabled Sports Association.

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HOPE GROWS

The Housing Division is pleased to announce that in upcoming weeks, the **HOPE [Homeless Outreach Program Effort]** staff will be growing. **Carol Schottke** will be joining us as a Homeless Outreach Caseworker on Monday, August 18. Carol has experience working at **Pappas School** and also substitute teaches. We will also be welcoming a Social Work intern from **ASU**. **Diana Mahler** will be starting her field placement with us on September 3, through the Spring 2009 semester. Welcome aboard!

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homeless outreach program effort

“ If I didn't swim my best, I'd think about it at school, at dinner, with my friends. It would drive me crazy. ”
 — Michael Phelps



GO FOR THE GOLD!

Tempe Union High School District recently received a Gold rating, the highest possible, by Expansion Management's Education Quotient. Only nine Arizona districts received one of the top three ratings. Expansion Management compared more than 2,800 high schools based on factors such as graduation rates, teacher salaries, adult education rates and median income. The purpose of the rankings is to give CEOs of small to mid-sized manufacturing companies a basis for comparing the education level of the work force they are likely to encounter in various communities throughout the U.S. Many of these same business executives are actively engaged in the process of comparing locations around the country in order to determine the best location for a future facility, and these ratings provide them with an important tool to evaluate the high school graduate work force in those prospective communities.

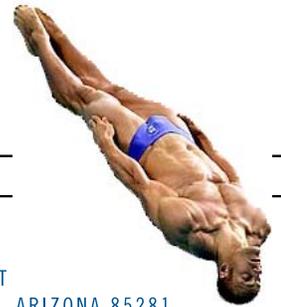
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Housing Specialist Jamie Ortiz celebrated her 20th anniversary with the City on August 8th with a trip to Las Vegas (where else?). Jamie's 20 years have been spent solely in Housing Services, first as a Housing Clerk, then Senior Administrative Clerk, and finally Housing Specialist I, and then II. As chairperson of the "Make It Happen" committee, Jamie can often be found organizing potlucks and other social events for the division and department, from the annual Cinco de Mayo Salsa Competition (please, please vote for her salsa next time!) to surprising co-workers (herself included) at their employment anniversaries and other milestones. Congratulations, Jamie, on your 20th anniversary! We can't wait to see what the next twenty years have in store!!

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