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**STONE SOUL**  
SOUL & MOTOWN



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**RAYMOND MICHAEL**  
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CLASSIC ROCK



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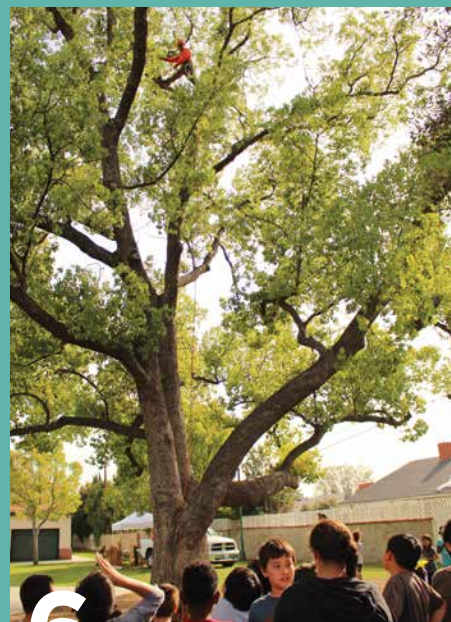
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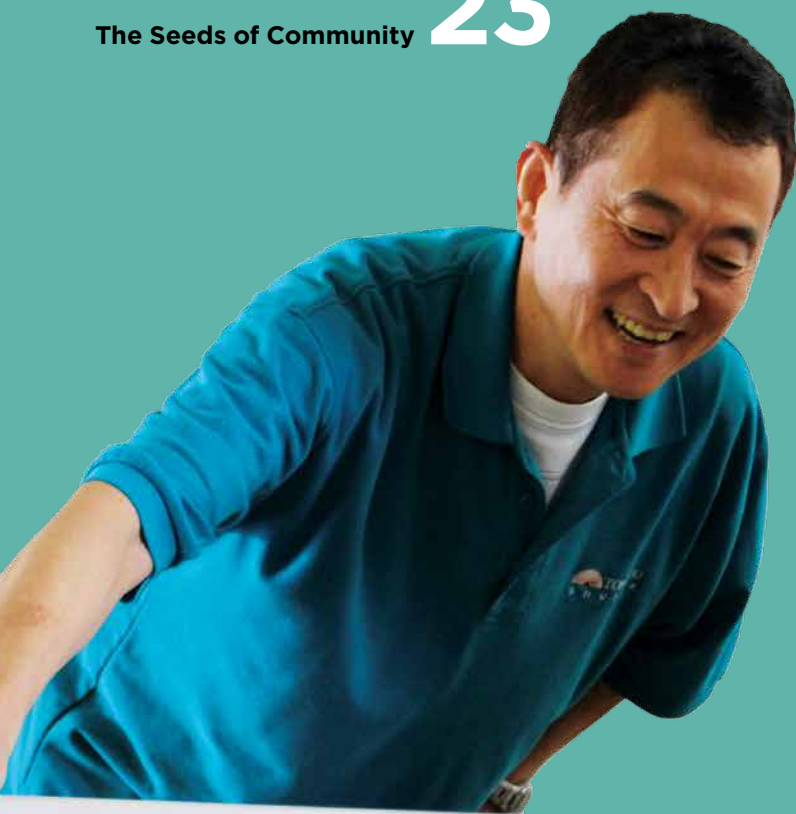
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# THE MEANS OF Production

Peek behind the doors of Temple City's commercial and industrial buildings, and you'd be surprised at what you'd see. We were.

In fact, while visiting your business neighbors over the last year and a half, we discovered some interesting things regarding their character, activities, challenges and opportunities. Their entrepreneurial and innovative spirit was perhaps most striking. That—coupled with their ability to adapt to changes and provide the best possible products and customer service—has positioned them to take full advantage of a strengthening economy.

At just under 900 businesses, our commercial base is small. However, collectively these companies provide a value that goes well beyond what they sell. They provide local jobs, spur involvement and help shape Temple City's identity.

Some businesses have been around for over 60 years, manufacturing such traditional items as transmission parts, printing presses and sports uniforms. One of the newest provides raw material for a revolutionary new printing technology. But old school or new school, these businesses are the economic engine of Temple City. Take a look behind the scenes starting on pg. 9.

In this issue we also explore a more natural form of production—the kind that uses soil and water—with the city's only certified Master Gardener, Helen Redmond. Helen is not only growing fruits and vegetables, but also nurturing a sense of community. Flip to pg. 23 and find out how she's helped hundreds of people discover their own green thumbs.

With the summer fast approaching, you'll want to begin marking your calendar for a number of dazzling events. Certainly you'll want to turn up and tune in for the always-popular Concerts in the Park Series (pg. 2). This is our 20th anniversary, so we have even more reason to celebrate. A star-studded lineup features crowd favorites like Raymond Michael and The Wiseguys. Plus, fabulous new acts—from country and classic rock to surf and disco—will also take the stage. Concerts are every Wednesday from June 22 through August 31.

For families, this year's Camp-A-Palooza at Live Oak Park on July 15-16 is going to be genuinely super with its superhero theme (pg. 22). BAM-packed adventures include flying on zip lines and visits from costumed crime-fighters themselves. Be sure to register early since the event always sells out. And remember to dress the family in superhero gear.

No doubt about it, serious excitement is coming soon to a location near you. On behalf of the City team, I wish you a fun and safe summer, and hope to see you at many of our events with your family and friends.

Cordially,



Bryan Cook  
City Manager

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# CITY BRIEFS

BY BRIAN HAWORTH

## COUNCIL ACTIONS

Newsy meeting items from March 2 to June 7.



### BLESSING IN DISGUISE

Facility use agreements were finalized with Temple City Immanuel Church and First Lutheran Church of Temple City. Their gymnasium and multi-use rooms will soon host adult sports leagues—including volleyball and basketball—plus more camps, classes and other offerings for children.

### FOR PAWS-TERITY

The San Gabriel Valley Humane Society will continue to offer Temple City round-the-clock animal control and shelter services until 2018. Their initial \$182,000-a-year contract also requires them to provide pet licensing services and oversight of the annual rabies vaccination clinic.

### CLEANING UP THE BOOKS

The City's Zoning Code received minor amendments to address ambiguities ranging from the calculation of floor area ratio to the design and width of driveways. These clarifications—revising regulations dating back to the 1960s—now adhere to modern-day development standards.

### WALK IN THE PARK

A \$282,000 construction contract was approved for the Live Oak Park walking trail. Scheduled for completion in September, the project will include the rubberized, half-mile long trail as well as three drinking fountains with either a bottle filler or water well for dogs.

### WHEN IN DROUGHT

A landscaping ordinance now mandates new developments to incorporate drought-tolerant plantings and water-efficient irrigation systems. Inspired by a State ordinance, the City's requirement also includes user-friendly regulations and reduced plan review costs.



## A NEW CHAPTER

Funding was tentatively approved for a new children's library—a 1,400 sq. ft. addition to Temple City Library. The project includes a complete interior makeover of the main facility, with expanded shelving and collections, a new community room and a family reading area.

Cost of the library expansion is estimated at \$3.9 million, which the City and County Library System will share equally. An agreement outlining funding commitments will be negotiated and drafted this fall. If Council and the County Board of Supervisors agree to mutual terms, Library renovation and expansion could be completed within 18 to 24 months.

## LITTLE FREE LIBRARIES COME TO CITY PARKS

Now there's another way to pick up some summer reading.

Thanks to the Temple City Youth Committee, a new Little Free Library was recently installed at Temple City Park, just south of the picnic shelters. The library pays homage to the Red Car trolleys of the 1920s, which used to depart from the park and run along Las Tunas.

The Youth Committee created the project as a way to boost literacy and share the love of reading with those in the community. The Committee plans to install another Little Free Library at Live Oak Park by year's end. That library, inspired by the park's former rocket ship play structure, is expected to be 10 feet tall.

The concept of the Little Free Library is simple: take a book, give a book. It doesn't require a library card or checkout process. And there are no fines if a book is not returned.

The Committee does its best to stock its Little Free Library with fiction and non-fiction for a full spectrum of readers from infant to adult. Inventory is constantly updated. Book donations are encouraged and can be made in person at City Hall. Pick-ups can be arranged by calling (626) 285-2171, ext. 4132.



Little Free Libraries started in 2009 as a small project in Hudson, Wisconsin, where founders built small bookstands in and around the town. Today, thanks to word of mouth—or, more accurately, word of book—more than 36,000 Little Free Libraries have sprung up all over the country. Locally, there are three registered locations—Temple City Park, Oak Avenue Intermediate School and 9662 Garibaldi Avenue, a private residence.



# SNAPSHOTS

SUMMER 2016  
BY MATTHEW ESCOBAR

## 1 ARBOR DAY

On March 9, local students celebrated Arbor Day at Live Oak Park with tree plantings and demonstrations by our tree crew, which included tree climbing, wood carving and wood chipping. We're not going out on a limb to say a great time was had by all.

## 2 EGG HUNT & PANCAKE BREAKFAST

If the pancakes didn't do it, then the 15,000 plus Easter eggs certainly got families up bright and early for the City's annual Easter celebration. The March 6 family event included breakfast, an egg hunt, spring crafts and more.

## 3 EVERY 15 MINUTES

Temple City High School students encountered tragedy on April 7. To reinforce the dangers of drunk driving and texting while driving, simulations took place. Every 15 minutes, a student was pulled from class and, shortly after, their death was announced. Message received.

## 4 SPORTS FESTIVAL

On April 23, Temple City residents saw fit to join in a celebration of healthy lifestyles. Adults showed their moves with Zumba and POP pilates, while kids took part in rock climbing, baseball clinics and soccer games.









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## JUN 8 FALL FESTIVAL CAR SHOW ENTRIES

Applications due Oct. 8

Entries for our annual Fall Festival Classic Car Show will be accepted beginning June 8. Registration is \$20 per car, which includes an event t-shirt, dash plaque and raffle ticket. Entrants are eligible to win awards and raffle prizes. Vehicles must be pre-1975 to qualify. More info: (626) 285-2171, ext. 4515. We're saving varoom for you!



## JUN 10 to 12 COMMUNITY EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM TRAINING

5 p.m., City Hall

Want to be the go-to person in a crisis? Then learn the basic skills and information you need to prepare and respond to emergencies and disasters. Free of charge to Temple City residents and business members. To enroll: (626) 285-2171, ext. 4342.

## JUN 22 SUMMER CONCERT SERIES

7 p.m., Temple City Park

Kick off this year's summer concert series with crowd favorite Stone Soul and their renditions of Soul and Motown hits. Truly a moving experience! Concerts are Wednesdays through August.

## JUL 8 RABIES VACCINATION CLINIC

6 p.m., Temple City Park

Take your dogs and cats out for a night on the town! Our annual clinic features low-cost rabies vaccinations (\$6 per pet) and microchipping (\$15 per pet). Dog licensing services will also be offered. All dogs and cats must be leashed or in carrier boxes.



## JUL 30 COMPOST GIVEAWAY

9 a.m., Live Oak Park

Grow stronger, better plants. Stop by and pick up free organic compost—compliments of Athens Services, the city's waste hauler. Bring sturdy containers (plastic bags are not allowed) and serve yourself. Limit is 30 gallons per visit, subject to availability. More info: (888) 336-6100.

## JUL 9 to 10 RELAY FOR LIFE

9 a.m., Temple City High School

Join the community-wide fight against cancer. The 24-hour walkathon honors loved ones lost to the disease, celebrates survivors, and raises awareness and funds for cancer research and prevention. For more info: relayforlife.com/templecityca



## AUG 3 NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

6 p.m., Temple City Park

Get together with your public safety team for a fun night out featuring live music, food, crafts, and exciting displays of law enforcement gadgets and gear!

## SEP 2 NIGHT OUT AT DODGER STADIUM

5 p.m., Live Oak Park

Join your neighbors to watch the Los Angeles Dodgers take on the San Diego Padres, followed by a spectacular fireworks show. \$30 per person; includes transportation and reserve level seating behind home plate. Registration begins July 1. More info: (626) 579-0461.



## COMING SOON

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### COFFEE WITH THE CAPTAIN

AUGUST

Join the city's finest—the top brass and officers of Temple Sheriff's Station—for an arresting conversation. It's your chance to ask them questions and learn more about their work in the community. Enjoy free coffee and pastries while you're at it.

### READY, SET, GLOW!

SEPTEMBER

Light up your life with a grand opening of the Live Oak Park Walking Trail. The main event is Temple City's first-ever nighttime 5K Neon Family Fun Run & Walk. Even dogs are welcome, so you won't want to miss it.

## CITY CALENDAR

FOR DETAILS, CALL (626) 285-2171.

### JUNE

- 2 Registration begins for summer classes (p. 26)
- 8 Applications open for Fall Festival vendors & car show entries
- 10-12 CERT Basic Training
- 13 Youth summer camps begin (p. 32)
- 16 Neighborhood Watch Meeting: Area 6
- 17 Senior Father's Day Luncheon (p. 34)
- 22 Summer Concert: Stone Soul
- 27 Summer classes begin
- 29 Summer Concert: Woodie & The Longboards

### JULY

- 1 Senior Red, White & Blue Luncheon (p. 34)
- 4 Independence Day (City offices closed)
- 6 Summer Concert: Yard Sale
- 8 Rabies Vaccination Clinic
- 9-10 Relay for Life
- 13 Summer Concert: Pop Vinyl
- 15-16 Camp-A-Palooza (p. 22)
- 20 Summer Concert: Raymond Michael
- 21 Neighborhood Watch Meeting: Area 7
- 27 Summer Concert: Smith the Band
- 30 Compost Giveaway

### AUGUST

- 1 Registration begins for fall sports & afterschool programs (p. 30)
- 3 Summer Concert: Bella Donna
- National Night Out
- 10 Summer Concert: Sharon & The Chevelles
- 17 Summer Concert: The Wiseguys
- 18 Neighborhood Watch Meeting: Area 8
- 22 Teen Zone begins
- Senior Casino Night (p. 34)
- 24 Summer Concert: Mrs. Jones' Revenge
- 29 STARS Club begins
- 31 Summer Concert: Fortunate Son

### SEPTEMBER

- 2 Night Out at Dodger Stadium
- 5 Labor Day (City offices closed)
- 15 Neighborhood Watch Meeting: Area 9

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# MADE IN TEMPLE CITY

BY STEVE NATHAN

**Today, while it's true that a lot of countries offer lower-cost production, it would be unfair—not to mention inaccurate—to suggest that America has lost its manufacturing mojo. In fact, you might be surprised to learn that metropolitan Los Angeles leads the nation in manufacturing jobs, many located right here in Temple City.**

It's our purpose in this issue of CONNECT to tell you some very interesting things about five of the companies that contribute to our manufacturing base—companies ranging from the traditional side of the spectrum to those that represent new-school manufacturing.

One of these companies makes products we depend on greatly but rarely think about—auto transmission replacement kits. Another has cornered the global market with devices we never think about—massive whole punching machines for everything from pizza cheese shakers to parking garage tickets. Another produces wood shutters that make our homes more beautiful. We've also profiled a pioneer in the 3-D printing revolution. And a maker of kids' sports uniforms, capable of competing with the biggest names in the industry thanks to an exciting new technology.

These are our neighbors, good citizens of the community, and we're pleased to introduce them to you.



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Yang attributes his success not only to the quality of his product, but also to the culture of his adopted country.



## MADE IN TEMPLE CITY: Window of Opportunity

**Long, heavy drapes—the kind you might have had fun hiding behind as a kid—are going out of style.** The new trend is plantation shutters, also called louvered wood shutters. Temple City's Top Wood Shutter manufactures, sells and installs plantation shutters, as well as offering other window treatments.

Bill Yang founded Top Wood Shutter in El Monte in 1997. Eight years later, faced with rising costs and increasingly difficult regulations, Yang moved the company to its current location on La Rosa Drive, a cul-de-sac that he shares with the Shaolin Cultural Center and a restaurant equipment supplier. The company has about a dozen employees and a small showroom that is open to the public.

Yang builds his shutters from 100% solid basswood and takes great pride in the quality of his product. Basswood (also known as "linden" or "lime") is the highest quality hardwood on the market for shutters and blinds. Besides being light in weight, it's known for its resistance to sagging and warping, and has a fine, even texture.

However, buyers need to be careful, says the company's operations manager, Hank Morgan. "Some contractors and retailers may say it's solid basswood, but it might be a composite of basswood and pine." Yang can guarantee the quality of his basswood because his family manufactures the wood in a factory near Beijing.

Of course, quality is not always customers' only consideration when shopping for new shutters. For example, when the market crashed in 2008, Morgan says a lot of customers switched to less expensive composite or vinyl shutters. The downside, though, is that composite product—which is made from synthetic materials—doesn't last as long as solid basswood, while vinyl can start to smell bad in hot weather. "If this is the house of your dreams, you should go for the best," he advises.

Morgan, who last worked as a sales manager for Jack Daniel's Distillery, came out of retirement six years ago to help Yang grow his English-speaking clientele. In 2013, more than 80 percent of his customers were Chinese-speaking, including real estate

investors buying income properties in the San Gabriel Valley. As of last year, English-language clients made up about half of his sales. However, whether they speak English or Chinese, all customers have one thing in common: "Everybody wants a good deal," Morgan says.

Now that the economy is getting stronger, clients who once chose composite or vinyl products—or pull-down shades for even greater savings—are now choosing solid basswood shutters. "The belief that shutters are unaffordable is a myth," says Yang. Premium basswood shutters cost \$14.95 per square foot at Top Wood Shutter, while, according to Yang, the price is twice that for a comparable or even slightly inferior product at Home Depot. Top Wood Shutter also saves customers money on installation by charging a flat rate instead of going by square footage.

The shutter business is extremely competitive, not only because of megastores like Home Depot and Lowe's, but there are a lot of small contractors as well. "Anybody with a garage and a saw can get into the business," says Yang. The industry generally operates on a small profit margin, so you need a product that is both well constructed and well priced.

The company's bestseller is a white shutter with 3.5-inch slats, which are very effective for blocking light. (The smaller the slats, the more light they allow.) And, Yang notes,

white complements any wall color, which is also good for resale value. However, any color is available. "We refer customers to Frazee Paint and the store sends the selection directly to us so there's no miscommunication," says Morgan.

Unlike most of their competitors, Top Wood Shutter offers a 10-year guarantee for repair or replacement. Yang usually can make shutters from his in-stock inventory, which takes about a week. For custom orders, like a round window, it takes about nine weeks.

Having served an estimated 10,000 customers, Top Wood Shutter has beautified more than 150,000 windows. Yang, who was born in China, attributes his success not only to the quality of his product, but also to the culture of his adopted country. "I felt welcome and right at home in the United States from day one," says Yang. "I know I sound like an advertisement, but this truly is the land of opportunity." ■

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# MADE IN TEMPLE CITY: Printing the Future

**In 2009, two twenty-something guys started a business in a family garage.**

Today Gizmo Dorks occupies a 4,000-square-foot warehouse on the southern edge of Temple City. Their neighbors are swimsuit manufacturers, a furniture warehouse and sheet metal fabricators. Unlike those old-school businesses, however, Gizmo Dorks is involved in a cutting-edge technology that may be spawning a new industrial age: 3D printing.

By now, you've probably heard about this new method of manufacturing things. Industrial users range from the Wake Forest Institute for Regenerative Medicine—which “prints” small structures that can be used to grow body parts—to aerospace companies that use 3D printers to create prototypes and custom parts for spacecraft. Recently, models for home use have begun selling for about \$350.

What makes it all possible, though, is filament, which is to 3D printers what ink or toner is to traditional printers. It comes in nearly a dozen different types of plastic—as well as other materials for specialized uses—and about 30 standard colors. Without reliable filament, there can be no 3D printing.

And that's where Gizmo Dorks comes in. Founded by David Leung and his longtime friend Mike Hsiao, both 34, the company

supplies filament not only to NASA, JPL and SpaceX, but also to small businesses, schools and individuals ranging from millennials to retirees. They also sell to print farms, which employ up to several hundred 3D printers for contract work.

Why do all of these users buy filament from them? The answer is simple: quality. “As a 3D printer user, you'll be pretty upset if your print fails because of poor-quality filament,” says Leung. “And that holds true whether you're a home hobbyist turning out toys and jewelry, or an aerospace company creating a complex component.”

Moreover, when the filament is not uniform in size or contains impurities, it can harm the printer—some of which cost as much as \$170,000. Thus it's easy to understand why both large companies and individual users would want to buy their supplies from a company they trust.

Yet Gizmo Dorks' road to becoming a trusted supplier of high-quality filament was by no means a straight one. For one thing, neither of the company's founders has a business background. Leung holds a master's in biotechnology from the University of Pennsylvania, while Hsiao is a UC Berkeley-trained architect. However, they both attended San Marino High School, where they were “around a lot of kids whose parents were all entrepreneurs,” according to Hsiao. It wasn't hard to catch the entrepreneurial bug.

Gizmo Dorks started out as a producer of protective animal-themed cases for iPads and other small electronics. And in fact they still sell these through their website, [buhbo.com](http://buhbo.com). However, they quickly learned that profits can be difficult in the highly competitive electronics accessories market, which is dominated by larger companies.

When a friend introduced them to the relatively new field of 3D printing, the two entrepreneurs immediately saw an opportunity in the growing demand for quality filament at an affordable price. They began importing Chinese-made filament and selling it under the Gizmo Dorks brand.

Unfortunately, the relationship with China turned out to be problematic; Chinese manufacturers were unable to ensure the quality Leung and Hsiao—and their

customers—were seeking. So the partners launched MITUS (an acronym for “Made In The U.S.”) and began producing their own filament in an Arizona factory. They routinely measure filament samples with digital calipers and test it extensively prior to distribution.

The emphasis on quality control, coupled with a highly competitive price, proved to be the key to success. While Gizmo Dorks continues to sell Chinese-made filament, MITUS is becoming increasingly popular with consumers who appreciate the higher-quality American-made product.

The company has no physical store, selling exclusively online through Amazon, eBay, Walmart and their own website. They hope to find an inexpensive and reliable way to ship overseas, which would enable them to expand their market even further. But, either way, the winds of change are blowing in Gizmo Dorks' favor.

“Last year was our first selling filament almost exclusively and revenues have been increasing,” says Leung. Consider, too, that 3D printing is still in its infancy, particularly for home use. According to [3Dprint.com](http://3Dprint.com), 3D printer sales are expected to double every year until 2019, when worldwide shipments are predicted to climb to more than 5.6 million units.

Hsiao already has a good idea of what that future looks like. “Let's say you need a new part for your home appliance. You can just go to the GE website, download a digital file for the part, and in a couple of hours you can create it on your own 3D printer.”

Meanwhile, back in the present, the partners concede that running a small business can sometimes be a struggle. With just one employee, Leung and Hsiao do everything from unloading cargo containers to responding to customer service inquiries. Yet they love the liberation from a typical nine-to-five job and, with roots that run deep in the San Gabriel Valley, they're delighted to do it in their own backyard. ■


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A man with glasses and a grey t-shirt stands on a blue step ladder in a warehouse filled with cardboard boxes. He is smiling and holding two large spools of filament, one in each hand. The spools are wrapped in clear plastic. One spool is grey and the other is blue. The background shows shelves stacked with boxes and a white wall.

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A man in a grey button-down shirt sits in the foreground, smiling. He is holding two spools of filament, one orange and one black, both wrapped in clear plastic. The spools have the 'GIZMO' logo on them. The background is a warehouse with shelves of boxes.

Leung and Hsiao found their market niche by offering quality filament at a competitive price.



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Lamberti is proud that his small company is represented all over the world.





## MADE IN TEMPLE CITY:

# Art of the Punch

**In a small industrial enclave along Encinita Avenue sits a mid-century building that is home to an old-school manufacturing facility.** The machines that are produced here are built by equipment the size of SUVs. And the manufacturer's only serious competitor is on the other side of the Atlantic Ocean. Tools & Production, Inc. practically owns the market for rotary hole-punching machines in the United States.

"It's a very unique business, a one-of-a-kind rotary punching machine manufacturer catering to the printing and packaging industry," says owner Michael Lamberti. While most clients are major printing companies, you can find the end results of their machines on branded material from corporations like Hewlett Packard, Johnson & Johnson, Lipton Tea and Siemens—as well as on computerized metro transit cards.

Tools & Production manufactures hardware for large printing presses that makes it easier to punch holes in everything from pizza cheese shakers to parking garage tickets. Once upon a time, floppy disk sleeves were a major contract. More recently, advancements in the tea industry—where whole-leaf teas in Asia are being replaced by individual tea bags that need punching—have more than made up for the disk sleeves.

In fact, the growth of the tea industry has made the small country of Sri Lanka one of the company's most important markets. With most of the world's tea packaged there, Tools & Production stays busy supplying packagers with punch units and replacement parts.

Their punching machines, manufactured from scratch in the Temple City factory, usually cost between \$15,000 and \$50,000. All the machine parts—gears, casings, punching cylinders—are engineered and produced using computer-controlled lathes and milling machines. Occasionally, the company will build an entire combination punch/press that sells in excess of \$100,000.

Tools & Production has been in town since its founding in 1955. Until 1969, it was headquartered in the building across from the post office that is now Fanny's Flowers. In 1976, Michael's father, Bert Lamberti, bought the company from its four founders.

Michael started working there during

summer vacations and, after receiving his engineering degree, served as Production Control Manager. His father sold the company after a decade, but when it came on the market again in 1996, Michael put together the financing to acquire the company himself. "By then I was 10 years older and had an MBA from USC," he notes.

Tools & Production serves such a niche market that it has only one major rival—a company named Schober, headquartered in Ebergingen, Germany. Schober largely owns the European market and, between them, they cover the globe.

The company does its marketing at major international trade shows, as well as in publications like *Labels & Labeling* and *Packaging Digest*. The dozen or so major printing press manufacturers—those with the capacity for high volume projects—all have relationships with Tools & Production, and often include the company in proposals for major jobs.

Nearly 40 percent of its revenues come from servicing existing machines and producing replacement parts. "The value of being in business for 60 years is that we have machines all over the world that require spare parts, and we're well equipped to provide them," says Lamberti.

The company has 10 employees; the most it has ever had was 25 in the 1980s. "During the 1990s and 2000s, we upgraded to computer-controlled equipment, so that one worker could run multiple machines," Lamberti explains. He notes that the

company has hired many Temple City residents during the past 60 years, most of whom have been loyal, long-term employees. "I've been blessed in the sense that I've never had to lay people off," he says. When people retired, positions were simply left unfilled.

Having worked in town most of his life, Lamberti has a soft spot for Temple City, noting, among other things, its convenient proximity to industrial areas like El Monte. Unlike some business leaders, he doesn't engage in much California-bashing. "I don't know if I'd start a business here today," he says, citing in particular the high cost of living, "but being in California hasn't hurt us."

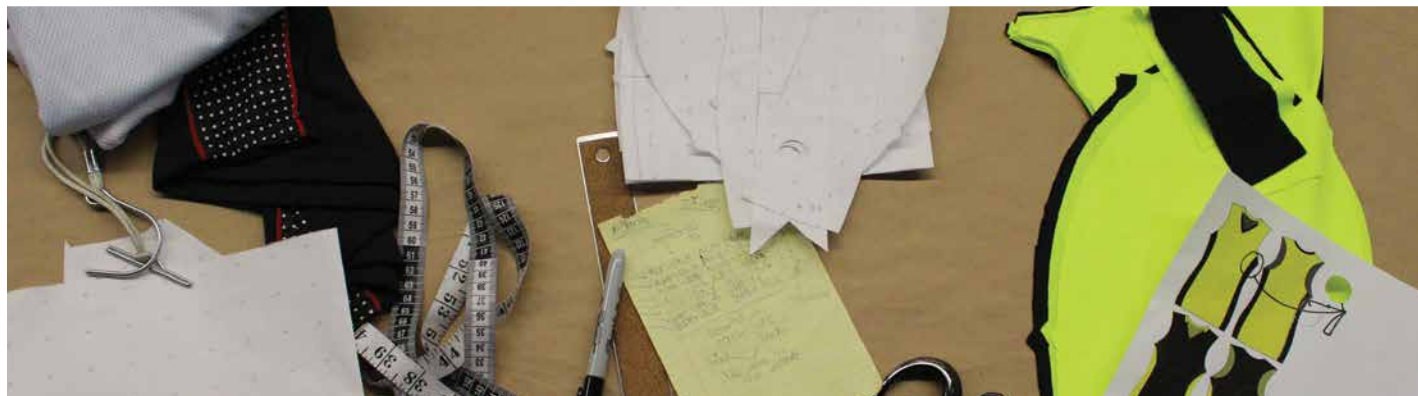
Given its strong reputation, relationships with printers around the world, and new opportunities in growing industries like health care, the owner is optimistic about the company's future. "I never thought I'd stay this long, but the variety of projects keeps your attention, and I'm very proud that this little Temple City company is represented all over the world," he says. Asked about who will take over the company when he retires (Lamberti's sons are in the entertainment industry), he said he hasn't really thought about it—he still loves his job too much. ■

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## MADE IN TEMPLE CITY: Uniform Success



**Located on Gidley Street—Temple City’s primary industrial corridor—is a 12,000 square foot, metal barn-like structure.**

Inside is a bustling scene with separate areas for silk screening, numbering, cutting and sewing. Rolls of brilliantly colored polyester fabric, stacked to the ceiling, line the walls. Such is the home of Zeeni, Inc., which turns out thousands of sports uniforms each year.

Co-owner Mercedes “Merci” Zeenni, whose father founded Casa Prieto Sporting Goods in Boyle Heights, grew up around sports apparel. Her exposure to uniform manufacturing would eventually drive her to take over this aspect of her father’s business. Her timing couldn’t have been better. Back in the early 1990s, she realized that soccer was going mainstream. She anticipated a growing demand for uniforms. So in 1992 Merci and her husband Hassan launched Zeeni. The operation moved to Gidley Street in 1993.

Business thrived. But as soccer’s popularity grew, some clients left Zeeni for brand names like Nike and Adidas. To offset lost market share, the company went into basketball uniforms. Today those uniforms comprise half of Zeeni’s sales, while soccer uniforms account for most the remainder. Which is no surprise, considering that soccer—according to the Fédération Internationale de Football Association (FIFA)—is the most popular sport in the world.

It didn’t hurt that Merci herself became a soccer player, playing in an over-30 women’s league. “I’m definitely the biggest sports junkie in my house,” she says. Her business team, who have played and coached most

sports, share her enthusiasm. This firsthand experience has enabled the Zeeni team to confidently advise clients what uniforms work best for a specific climate, level of play and budget.

A popular technology has also contributed to Zeeni’s expanding success. Called sublimation, it’s a heat process that incorporates a pattern into the fabric and basically turns an entire garment into a designer’s canvas. The process led to the creation of exciting new looks, many of which were inspired by professional basketball and soccer teams. To stay competitive, Zeeni has created its own splashy graphics, including the popular military-inspired “camo” designs. So although the sublimation process is costlier, the result is in line with Zeeni’s philosophy. “We like to provide our customers with trendy, quality made uniforms,” says Merci.

Today, Zeeni does everything from design to finished product in house—except for milling fabric. “If we bought American-produced fabric, we couldn’t compete,” Merci explains. “I wish that weren’t the case.” However, she’s pleased that the imported fabric Zeeni does use is exceptionally durable, which is especially important since soccer and basketball now involve greater contact.

But as you might suspect, there’s more to their success than quality products. Another reason customers keep coming back is for Zeeni’s customer service. “We treat our customers like friends,” says Merci, which means they bend over backwards for them. “Sometimes they have an emergency,” Merci

continues. “And if that means producing uniforms within 24 hours, we do it.” That builds rock solid loyalty.

Zeeni’s 25 employees are equally loyal. In fact, one production supervisor has been with the company almost 20 years. For a business whose products are often needed yesterday, such workforce stability is vital—particularly when it comes to those who do the finishing touches, the hardest positions to fill. “Applying stitching or number application,” says Merci, “is very difficult. It takes patience for placement.” It also requires attention to detail: lose your concentration and suddenly you’ve got a transposed or crooked number on the back of a jersey. Hiring and keeping the best people eliminates that problem.

As for the recently mandated increase in the minimum wage, Merci takes that in stride. “It may cut into our profit,” she says, “but we’re not doing this to get rich.” She and Hassan are not consumed by an overwhelming desire to become the next Nike or Adidas. They’re gratified with the regional success they’ve had, selling to teams primarily along the Pacific Coast.

While Merci admits that doing business in California has its challenges, the state’s sunny climate enhances year-round demand for new uniforms. What’s more, says Merci, “Kids keep being introduced to sports at an earlier age.” That means more customers. And that’s good for business. ■

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A woman with dark hair, wearing a dark blue denim jacket over a black top, stands in a large warehouse. She is smiling and has her right hand resting on a white metal railing. The background is filled with tall stacks of colorful fabrics and uniforms on shelves and pallets. A large, dark, rectangular stamp with the text "MADE IN TEMPLE CITY" is overlaid on the left side of the image.

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Zeenni's manufacturing plant turns out thousands of uniforms each year.



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Devine's shop provides a level of precision usually associated with major aerospace companies.



## MADE IN TEMPLE CITY: Crafting Precision

**Both of Robert Devine's grandfathers operated tool shops, where he spent most of his childhood.** However, his early exposure to the world of metal and machines led him in a different direction—at least at first.

"I couldn't wait to be outdoors after spending so much time in the shop," recalls Devine, who started a landscaping business at the age of 14. Later he became a contractor and homebuilder. "But eventually my past caught up with me and here I am." At Fadco Metal Products.

Fadco, founded by his paternal grandfather, Francis Allen Devine, opened in 1960. Francis financed it by cashing in his wife's war bonds for \$600. Originally located in Alhambra, the company moved to its present site—a 2,000-square-foot building on Encinita Avenue—in 1972. Robert inherited the business four years ago.

Fadco specializes in making parts for auto transmission rebuilding kits, which are marketed by different companies around the globe. The shop crafts some 2,500 different parts from metal bars using 13 mechanical screw machines dating from the 1940s and seven sophisticated computer numerical control (CNC) machines that cost up to \$200,000 each. The high-end machines allow Fadco to approach the level of precision usually associated with major aerospace companies—something very few small shops can boast about.

Precisely calibrated components are essential to transmissions, among the most complex systems in a vehicle, involving hundreds of parts working simultaneously. "With the CNC machines, we can achieve tolerances a fraction of the width of a human hair," says Devine. That astonishing precision is what makes distributors, retailers and service centers flock to Fadco. At the same time, Devine has no intention of retiring any of the screw machines, which can rough out a metal part even quicker than the CNCs. "They're the workhorses of my shop," he says.

When asked about the wisdom of having such a narrow specialization, Devine points out that most transmissions have about a seven-year life. So there's always a steady demand for parts. And that demand from just a few regular clients is enough

to keep Fadco's machines humming full-time. What's more, new technologies and consumer preferences for different types of transmissions have created even greater demand for Fadco precision products. "So as long as automobile manufacturers continue to produce transmissions designed to fail," Devine quipped, "I'm not worried."

On a personal level Devine appreciates the friendly atmosphere of a small company. "With just 10 workers, everybody here is like family," he says. "I'd hate to run a big company and be the kind of boss who doesn't know the names of his employees."

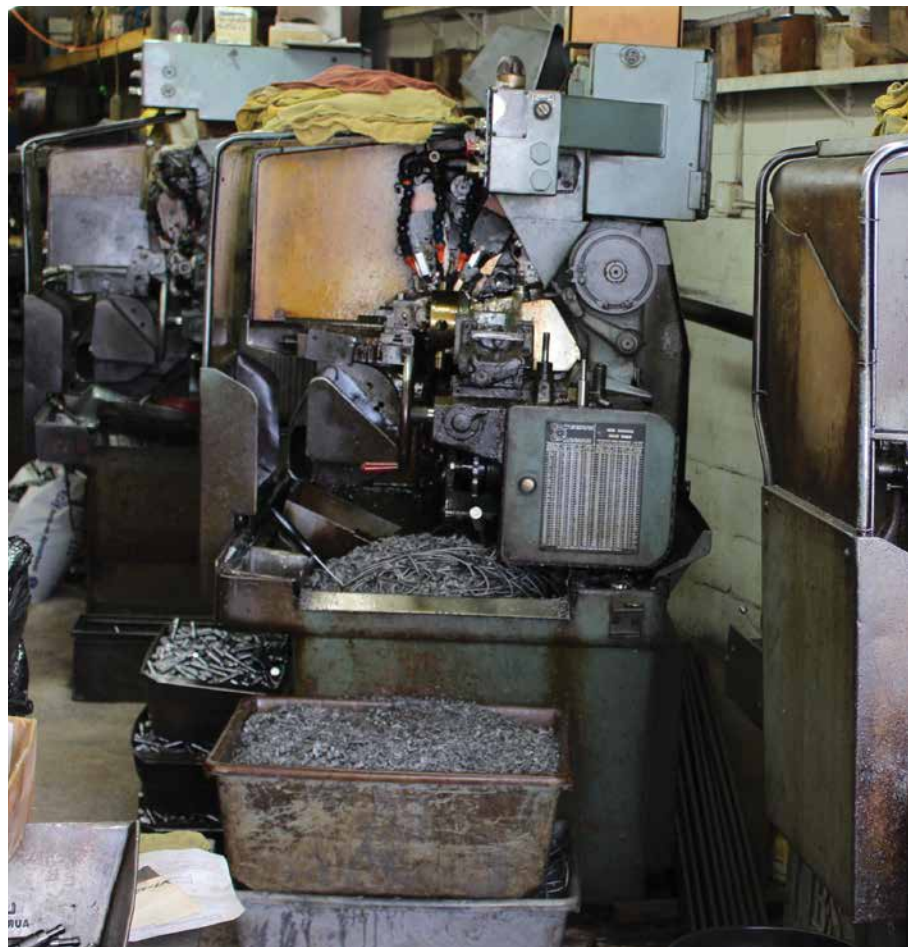
As for competition, Devine acknowledges that there are hundreds of small machine shops in Southern California, but feels strongly that Fadco's quality control and commitment to customer service make it stand out. "Being able to purchase the CNC machines and have the confidence to

pay them off is an indication of how good business has been," he says.

Devine resides just a block from his shop—ironically, allowing him to commute to work on foot without relying on a Fadco-rebuilt transmission. And he loves being in Temple City, though he acknowledges the high costs and stiffer regulations involved in doing business in California. "I'm a born-and-raised Californian and don't know anything different," he says.

Fadco has thrived in this state for 56 years now, 44 of them in Temple City. Moving the company elsewhere is unthinkable to Devine. "If I ever do expand," he says with a smile, "I'll buy the building next door." ■

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# 15 SUMMER HACKS

BY BRIAN HAWORTH

With summer around the corner, you'll be hearing about how to stay cool, when to exercise, etc. But what about protecting your valuables or getting the charcoal going when you don't have lighter fluid? Whether you're at the beach, around the house or on the road, here are some tips and tricks to help make this summer even better.

## BEACH

- 1 When hitting the surf, place your valuables inside a rolled up baby diaper. People will assume it's dirty and won't go near it.
- 2 Use baby powder to remove sand from your skin. The powder eliminates moisture, allowing sand to rub right off.
- 3 Put your phone in a sealable plastic bag. You won't have to worry as much about sand or water, plus you can still use the touch screen through the bag.

## BBQ

- 4 Jumpstart the charcoal grill with tortilla chips. Besides being delicious, they make for good kindling.
- 5 Check your propane level by pouring hot water down the side of the tank. Wherever it feels cold, there's still propane left.
- 6 Keep flies at bay. Cut a lemon in half and poke cloves into the pulp. Place in bowls before food goes on the table.





## HOUSE

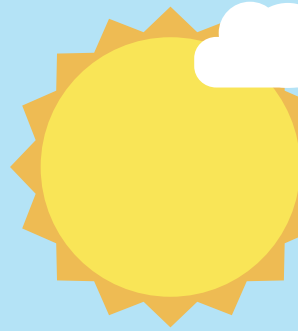
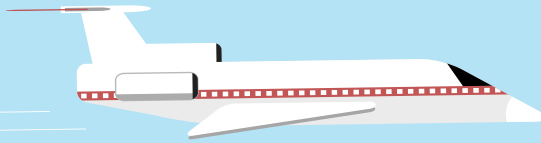
- 7 Set ceiling fans to spin in a counterclockwise direction. This causes air to flow downward, creating a cool breeze.
- 8 Keep crawling insects out of your home by sprinkling coffee grounds near doorways and other openings. Coffee has a high nitrogen content that is offensive to ants, slugs and other insects.
- 9 Use bed sheets made of cotton, satin or other lightweight fabrics. These allow for ventilation, and feel cool and smooth on your skin.

## TRAVELING

- 10 Forget the wall plug-in for your phone charger? If you're staying in a hotel or motel, check the back of the TV. There's usually a USB port.
- 11 Scan your passport, ID and itinerary and email it to yourself. This way, you'll have a digital copy in the event of loss or theft.
- 12 Roll your clothes when packing your suitcase. This saves space and prevents wrinkles. Want even more space? Roll underwear and socks and put them inside your shoes.

## HEALTH

- 13 Use deflated balloons to remove waterlogged ears from beach and pool use. Blow into a balloon—if your ears don't pop, hold your nose and do it again.
- 14 Treat sunburns by rubbing your skin with homemade frozen aloe vera cubes. For mosquito bites, rub the itch out with toothache gel medicine.
- 15 Watch the color of your urine to see if you're drinking enough water. If the color is clear, you're good. If it's dark in pigment or yellow, you're dehydrated.



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*Since receiving her certification through the UC Master Gardener Program, Helen Redmond has shared her green thumb through ongoing volunteerism.*

“My dad was a gardener who could grow anything,” Helen Redmond recalls. She particularly remembers the huge tomatoes—the kind that store-bought tomatoes just can’t compete with. But whether it was those

special tomatoes or simply the pleasure of watching her father produce an astonishing variety of vegetables from soil and seeds, the experience sparked a lifelong passion for gardening.

And yet it wasn’t until 2009 that Helen decided to get serious about gardening education. Her primary goal was to get the training she needed to landscape her home.

Accordingly she applied to the UC Master Gardener Program, a public service and outreach program of the University of California.

She didn’t know the program was highly selective, accepting only 50 of 200 annual applicants. But she made the cut and, for three months, she spent her Saturdays learning about home horticulture, soil science,





One of Helen's many planting beds.

plant diseases and pest management, among many other topics. It was a rigorous program that included a comprehensive final test for certification.

In exchange for training and certification, the Master Gardener Program requires its students to volunteer a minimum of 50 hours in the first year and 25 hours each year thereafter. While this wasn't top of mind for Helen when she first enrolled, she quickly discovered that she also had a passion for sharing her newfound gardening expertise with the community—so much so that she easily exceeds the yearly requirement.

From the many volunteer options available, Helen chose to teach in the program's Grow LA Victory Garden Initiative, which is designed to help new gardeners start their own gardens quickly and easily. The class is offered in the spring and fall at Longden Elementary School, where Helen serves as the school nurse.

While the class includes classroom instruction, the really fun part for students—and for Helen—is the hands-on portion, in which students plant and harvest vegetables. The vegetables are grown in a 50-foot long raised bed on the elementary school grounds. Helen recalls that it was members of a local Girl Scout troop who eagerly pitched in to prepare the garden for planting. What's more, Longden students now get to see daily how watermelons, zucchinis, tomatoes and other vegetables grow. "They're fascinated," says Helen.

And they're not the only ones. Teachers at Longden have walked by her garden and commented that this was the first time they had ever seen Brussels sprouts or artichokes outside of a supermarket.

After six years, Helen has logged more than 2,000 volunteer hours. Nearly 60 people have taken her Grow LA Victory Gardening course and at least six of her students have followed in her footsteps and completed the UC Master Gardener Program. Another student, who also happens to be chair of the science department at Temple City High School, followed her lead in another way. Ultimately, his plan is to teach an agriculture class at the school; in the meantime he has created beautiful raised garden beds on the school grounds where there is always something growing. "I love driving down Temple City Boulevard and seeing them," Helen says.

Needless to say, it's very gratifying for Helen to see how her teaching has taken root in Temple City and beyond. Yet teaching is not the only way she shares her passion. She also runs a program modeled after Altadena Ripe, where local gardeners exchange produce. A longtime member of the group, Helen decided to transplant the concept to Temple City.

In the summer of 2014, she and Temple City library manager Jing Li, whose language

skills have proved invaluable in reaching out to the city's Chinese-American residents, launched the local exchange at Concerts in the Park. The two set up a table with excess produce and flowers that Helen happened to be growing at the time. A poster on an easel explained how the exchange worked: You bring something, you get something, and no money changes hands. As a bonus, Helen provided gardening advice.

The exchange was not an overnight success. Supported only by notices on the library message board, the exchange generated little interest during its first year. Gradually, however, buzz about the exchange grew and it quickly became a seasonal favorite. (Helen and Jing will be on hand this summer at Concerts in the Park.)

Somewhere along the line, Helen also managed to use her training for its original

purpose: landscaping of her front yard. Overflowing with planter beds and a

## HER HOME GARDEN HAS SERVED AS A CATALYST FOR COMMUNITY.

dizzying assortment of produce, her home garden—at the southwest corner of Woodruff and Agnes avenues—has also served as a catalyst for community.

Helen laughs as she tells about the time she was harvesting fava beans (aka broad beans) and an Asian lady, who walked by her yard daily, stopped to watch. As the woman looked on with a critical expression, Helen greeted



her and tried to engage in conversation. Unfortunately, the woman spoke only Chinese. Nonetheless, the woman managed to communicate to Helen that she was doing it all wrong as she proceeded to show her the proper way to tie the pods into bundles (using the stalks). “It was a classic case of role reversal,” says Helen. “The teacher became the pupil.”

Even with produce exchanges and other ways of sharing the harvest, there are times when gardeners can't eat all they grow before it spoils. After all, how many tomatoes can one family consume in a week? (Imagine having a bushel—53 pounds—of tomatoes, for example.) This problem led Helen back to the University of California in 2014 for a course in food preservation. There she learned how to pickle, ferment and can—and subsequently she began teaching preservation classes in Santa Monica and Pasadena. While she has not yet offered the class in Temple City, she vows that it's on her to-do list. She imagines such a class on Sunday mornings during Temple City's Farmers Market.

Conditions haven't always been fertile for Helen's gardening activities. The drought has caused some in town to raise an eyebrow over her alleged excessive water usage. The reality helped to dismiss suspicions. “I actually use less water now with a garden than I did with a lawn,” she says. And her lower water bills support that.

All things considered, Helen Redmond loves what she's doing to build community through gardening and related activities. She has seen her teaching have a direct impact on Temple City's adult population. Through her garden at Longden Elementary, she has had an indirect influence on teachers and their students. With her own home garden, she has engaged her neighbors. And every day her impact grows.

Nothing quite like seeing the fruits of your own labor. ■

# GROW YOUR OWN

**Want a vegetable garden but don't know where to begin? Don't worry, Helen's got you covered!**

## FIND A LOCATION



Start with a small plot that gets at least six hours of sunlight. Make sure it has good drainage and a water source nearby.



Keep your plot less than 4 feet wide. This will allow you to plant and harvest without stepping on—and compacting—the soil.



If possible, use a raised bed at least 18 inches tall, filled with mixed planting soil. Raised beds allow for higher yields, better drainage and fewer weeds.

## DECIDE WHAT TO GROW



In Southern California, you can plant year round. At any time, plant beets, carrots, lettuce, radishes and turnips.



In the fall, plant broccoli, Brussels sprouts, cabbage, cauliflower, fava beans and spinach. In the spring—once the soil is warm—plant beans, corn, cucumbers, eggplant, peppers, tomatoes and zucchini.



Consider purchasing seeds over plants. They're cheaper and there are more choices. Also, consider heirloom varieties. Not only are they hardier, they're full of flavor.

## PLAN YOUR PLANTINGS



Place taller plants along the plot's northern side so they don't overshadow others. To save space, consider trellises for horizontal growers like cucumbers, squash and tomatoes.



Plant some seeds—for example, eggplants, peppers and tomatoes—in seed trays. Transplant when the seedlings look healthy, and have their second or third set of leaves.



Go ahead and plant bean, cucumber, watermelon and zucchini seeds directly into the ground. Seeds should not be buried any deeper than their diameter.



Use succession-planting techniques. Plant lettuce seeds, for example, once a week. This will allow a constant supply of lettuce.

## WATER WISELY



Use a spray bottle to mist your seed trays on a daily basis. You want them moist, not soaked.



Once you've planted seeds or transplanted seedlings, water deeply once a week using a drip system or soaker hose. The soil should be moist to a depth of 12 inches.



To minimize water use: mulch, mulch, mulch! You can use grass cuttings, shredded paper, dry leaves and straw.

**WANT A GREENER THUMB?**

Enroll in Helen's Grow LA Victory Gardening Initiative this October at Longden Elementary School. Classes are Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Cost is \$50 for all four classes, or \$15 each, which benefits the Temple City Schools Foundation. Space is limited to 20. For more information and to register, email Helen at [iamiky@yahoo.com](mailto:iamiky@yahoo.com).



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## CHILD DEVELOPMENT

### TINY TOTS

Sarah Nichols

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DATES	AGE	DAY	TIME	FEE
7/6-8/1	3-5 yrs.	M/W	9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.	\$160
7/7-8/16	3-5 yrs.	T/Th	9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.	\$160

## DANCE

### BALLET & TAP

Shekinah Glory School of Dance

Instruction covers classical and modern dance techniques from beginning to advanced levels, including barre work for advanced students. Tap and ballet shoes are required.

DATES	LEVEL	AGE	DAY	TIME	FEE
7/1-8/19	Tots	3 yrs.	F	2:45-3:15 p.m.	\$60
7/1-8/19	Petite	4-5 yrs.	F	3:15-4 p.m.	\$70
7/1-8/19	Beg.	6-8 yrs.	F	4-4:45 p.m.	\$70
7/1-8/19	Jr.-Adv.	8+ yrs.	F	4:45-5:45 p.m.	\$70

### HIP HOP

Shekinah Glory School of Dance

A high energy, age-appropriate hip hop dance class featuring music kids love.

DATES	AGE	DAY	TIME	FEE
6/30-8/18	6-9 yrs.	Th	5-5:45 p.m.	\$60
6/30-8/18	10+ yrs.	Th	5:45-6:30 p.m.	\$60

### INTERNATIONAL FOLK DANCING

Cindy Fang

Travel the global world of dance! Explore rhythmic dances from North America, Latin America, Europe, the Middle East and Asia. Have fun learning about new cultures while moving to the beat.

DATES	LEVEL	AGE	DAY	TIME	FEE
7/2-9/3	Beg.	18+ yrs.	Sa	10:00-12:15 p.m.	\$40

### JAZZ

Shekinah Glory School of Dance

Instruction in traditional jazz, including proper technique, stretching and muscle conditioning. Jazz shoes are required.

DATES	AGE	DAY	TIME	FEE
6/30-8/18	6-8 yrs.	Th	3:30-4:15 p.m.	\$60
6/30-8/18	9-16 yrs.	Th	4:15-5 p.m.	\$60

### LINE DANCE

Bill Chang

An old Western dance form—with a twist! Focuses on basic line dancing set to country and non-country music. Level I for beginners, levels II and III for experienced dancers.

DATES	LEVEL	AGE	DAY	TIME	FEE
6/27-8/29	I	15+ yrs.	M	10:30 a.m.-12 p.m.	\$50
6/27-8/29	III	15+ yrs.	M	2:30-4 p.m.	\$50
6/28-8/30	I	15+ yrs.	T	6-7:30 p.m.	\$60
6/28-8/30	II	15+ yrs.	T	7:40-9:10 p.m.	\$60
6/29-8/31	I	15+ yrs.	W	10:30 a.m.-12 p.m.	\$60
6/30-9/1	III	15+ yrs.	Th	2-3:30 p.m.	\$60
7/1-9/2	II	15+ yrs.	F	10:30 a.m.-12 p.m.	\$60
7/1-9/2	I	15+ yrs.	F	6:20-7:50 p.m.	\$60
7/1-9/2	III	15+ yrs.	F	8-9:30 p.m.	\$60

## EDUCATIONAL

### BRICK ENGINEERING

Bricks 4 Kidz

Learning is faster and easier when it's three-dimensional. Using plastic Lego® pieces, children develop problem solving and critical thinking skills while exploring engineering, architecture, and concepts of physics and mathematics.

DATES	AGE	DAY	TIME	FEE
6/28-8/16	6-12 yrs.	T	3:30 p.m.-4:30 p.m.	\$110

## FITNESS

### 50+ CARDIO DANCE & STRENGTH TRAINING

Amy's Health & Fitness

Build strength through a fusion of low-impact, high-energy dance and exercise. Bring two light hand weights (2–3 lbs. each).

DATES	AGE	DAY	TIME	FEE
6/27-8/29	50+ yrs.	M	8:15-9:45 a.m.	\$43
6/29-8/31	50+ yrs.	W	8:15-9:45 a.m.	\$43
6/27-8/29	50+ yrs.	M/W	8:15-9:45 a.m.	\$73

### 60+ STRONGER SENIOR CORE FITNESS

Amy's Health & Fitness

Burn calories, reduce stress and build strength through gentle stretching and relaxation techniques, done in the comfort of your chair. Bring two light hand weights (2–3 lbs. each).

DATES	AGE	DAY	TIME	FEE
6/27-8/31	60+ yrs.	M/W	9-9:45 a.m.	\$35

### GENTLE YOGA FOR BEGINNERS

Amy's Health & Fitness

Reduce stress, improve joint strength and boost flexibility with a peaceful series of gentle but classic yoga poses. Yoga mat required. Yoga block and strap are optional.

DATES	AGE	DAY	TIME	FEE
6/30-9/1	16+ yrs.	Th	7-8:30 p.m.	\$50



## GYMNASTICS

### Rojen Recreation

Young gymnasts will learn basic tumbling skills and exercises on the balance beam and bars. New students will be evaluated and grouped by ability.

DATES	AGE	DAY	TIME	FEE
7/2-9/3	4-7 yrs.	Sa	10:30-11:30 a.m.	\$71
7/2-9/3	7-15 yrs.	Sa	11:30-12:30 p.m.	\$71
7/2-9/3	13+ yrs.	Sa	11:30-12:30 p.m.	\$71

## HATHA YOGA

### Michael Appleby

Yoga does a body and mind good. Twist, flex, balance, exert, stand, sit, bend forward and backward, and invert. Great for all levels—beginner, intermediate, advanced.

DATES	AGE	DAY	TIME	FEE
6/4-8/29	16+ yrs.	M	7-8:30 p.m.	\$45

## KINDERGYM

### Rojen Recreation

Together, parents and kids learn forward rolls, back rolls, handstands and more! Walk the balance beam, swing on bars and jump with your child. One parent per child must attend each class.

DATES	AGE	DAY	TIME	FEE
7/2-9/3	9 mo.-2 yrs.	Sa	9-9:45 a.m.	\$71
7/2-9/3	3-4 yrs.	Sa	9:45-10:30 a.m.	\$71

## SENIOR FITNESS: SWEATING TO THE OLDIES

### Amy's Health & Fitness

Burn calories and strengthen your heart while listening to your favorite hits of the '50s and '60s. So much fun, you'll forget you're exercising! Space is limited.

DATES	AGE	DAY	TIME	FEE
7/1-8/19	60+ yrs.	F	8:30-9:45 a.m.	\$10

## TAI CHI

### Good Faith Management

Discover the benefits of Tai Chi! Techniques taught stem from the Yang and Chen styles.

DATES	AGE	DAY	TIME	FEE
7/5-7/28	18+ yrs.	T/Th	8:30-9:30 a.m.	\$90
8/2-8/30	18+ yrs.	T/Th	8:30-9:30 a.m.	\$10
9/1-9/29	18+ yrs.	T/Th	8:30-9:30 a.m.	\$100

## TENNIS ACADEMY

### TJP Tennis Professionals

Tennis anyone? Prepare for match play with physically demanding court workouts and drills. Tennis shoes required. Bring a racquet and new can of three tennis balls to the first class. Competitive match play is offered to advanced students.

DATES	LEVEL	AGE	DAY	TIME	FEE
6/27-8/22	Beg./Int.	8-12 yrs.	M	6-7 p.m.	\$110
6/27-8/22	Int./Adv.	8-13 yrs.	M	7-8 p.m.	\$110
6/29-8/17	Beg./Int.	8-12 yrs.	W	3:30-4:30 p.m.	\$110
6/29-8/17	Beg.	14+ yrs.	W	6-7 p.m.	\$110
6/29-8/17	Int.	14+ yrs.	W	7-8 p.m.	\$110
6/29-8/17	Adv./Team	14+ yrs.	W	8-9 p.m.	\$110
6/29-8/17	Adv./Team	14+ yrs.	W	9-9:50 p.m.	\$140
7/1-8/19	Beg./Int.	8-12 yrs.	F	6-7 p.m.	\$110
7/1-8/19	Int./Adv.	8-13 yrs.	F	7-8 p.m.	\$110

## TOTAL YOGA BEAT: STRESS & TONE

### Amy's Health & Fitness

Feel invigorated from the inside out through a flowing series of dynamic poses. Great for beginner and intermediate level students. Fitness mat required.

DATES	AGE	DAY	TIME	FEE
6/29-8/31	16+ yrs.	W	7-8:30 p.m.	\$50



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ZUMBA®

## ZUMBA®

**Christina Rodriguez**

Start your day off right with Zumba®! The infusion of Latin and world rhythms with easy-to-follow moves make it the right workout for you! Bring comfortable shoes, workout clothes and water.

DATES	AGE	DAY	TIME	FEE
7/2-9/3	16+ yrs.	Sa	8:30-9:30 a.m.	\$60

## MUSIC

### CLARINET

**Arcadia Music**

Master the fundamentals of clarinet—note reading, rhythm, tones and proper breathing techniques. Students must have their own clarinet, which can be purchased or rented from Arcadia Music. \$25 material fee due at first class. Classes meet at 32 E. Duarte Rd., Arcadia.

DATES	LEVEL	AGE	DAY	TIME	FEE
7/7-8/4	Beg.	10+ yrs.	Th	3-3:50 p.m.	\$85
8/11-9/8	Beg.	10+ yrs.	Th	3-3:50 p.m.	\$85

### FLUTE

**Arcadia Music**

Provides tomorrow's flutists an opportunity to learn music reading and new fingerings. Students must have their own flute, which can be purchased or rented from Arcadia Music. \$25 material fee due at first class. Classes meet at 32 E. Duarte Rd., Arcadia.

DATES	LEVEL	AGE	DAY	TIME	FEE
7/9-8/6	Beg.	8+ yrs.	Sa	3-3:50 p.m.	\$85
8/13-9/10	Beg.	8+ yrs.	Sa	3-3:50 p.m.	\$85

## GUITAR

**Arcadia Music**

Covers proper playing position, tuning, basic strumming and chords. Students must have their own guitar, which can be purchased from Arcadia Music. \$25 material fee due at first class. Classes meet at 32 E. Duarte Rd., Arcadia.

DATES	LEVEL	AGE	DAY	TIME	FEE
7/9-8/6	Beg.	8+ yrs.	Sa	2-2:50 p.m.	\$85
8/13-9/10	Beg.	8+ yrs.	Sa	2-2:50 p.m.	\$85

## PIANO

**Arcadia Music**

Ease into the beautiful world of music with piano. Learn how to tickle the ivories in an encouraging group setting. Keyboards are included for class use. \$25 material fee due at first class. Classes meet at 32 E. Duarte Rd., Arcadia.

DATES	LEVEL	AGE	DAY	TIME	FEE
7/9-8/6	Beg.	4-7 yrs.	Sa	9-9:50 a.m.	\$85
8/13-9/10	Beg.	4-7 yrs.	Sa	9-9:50 a.m.	\$85
7/9-8/6	Beg.	4-7 yrs.	Sa	10-10:50 a.m.	\$85
8/13-9/10	Beg.	4-7 yrs.	Sa	10-10:50 a.m.	\$85
7/9-8/6	Int.	8+ yrs.	Sa	11-11:50 a.m.	\$85
8/13-9/10	Int.	8+ yrs.	Sa	11-11:50 a.m.	\$85
7/9-8/6	Adv.	8+ yrs.	Sa	12-12:50 p.m.	\$85
8/13-9/10	Adv.	8+ yrs.	Sa	12-12:50 p.m.	\$85

## VIOLIN

**Arcadia Music**

Teaches correct and basic techniques, including how to play fun and simple songs. Students must have their own violin, which can be purchased or rented from Arcadia Music. \$25 material fee due at first class. Classes meet at 32 E. Duarte Rd. Arcadia.

DATES	LEVEL	AGE	DAY	TIME	FEE
7/9-8/6	Beg.	5+ yrs.	Sa	1-1:50 p.m.	\$85
8/13-9/10	Beg.	5+ yrs.	Sa	1-1:50 p.m.	\$85





# FALL PROGRAMS

## SO MANY FUN THINGS TO DO THIS FALL

**Adults:** Exercise and socialize in volleyball and basketball leagues. Let loose in our Zumba and folk dancing classes.

**Kids:** Superboost your mental power in after-school programs. Run farther than ever in cross country. Fool your foes in flag football. And prepare early to get the winning edge in spring tee-ball and hardball leagues.

All this and more! This August, go online to see our full list of exciting new events and activities!

Programs begin in late summer. For more information, call (626) 579-0461.



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NIPPON KEMPO KARATE

## SELF-DEFENSE & MARTIAL ARTS

### HAPKIDO

#### Son of Chong Martial Arts

Learn self-defense techniques including joint locks and kicks. Breathing and meditation lessons are also provided. Students must have their own uniform, which may be purchased from the instructor.

DATES	AGE	DAY	TIME	FEE
6/28-9/1	5+ yrs.	T/Th	4:30-6:20 p.m.	\$90

### JU-JITSU & JAPANESE SWORD

#### Rojen Recreation

Learn the fundamentals of traditional martial arts—Judo, Aikido, Kendo—and the weapons of self-defense. Second hour of instruction covers the basics of laido, the art of Japanese swordsmanship.

DATES	AGE	DAY	TIME	FEE
7/1-9/2	15+ yrs.	F	7-8:30 p.m.	\$61

### JU-JITSU & KARATE

#### Rojen Recreation

Build strength while learning martial arts techniques for self-defense. Lessons include Judo, Aikido, Kendo and Karate.

DATES	AGE	DAY	TIME	FEE
6/28-9/1	8-12 yrs.	T/Th	6:30-8:30 p.m.	\$61

### LITTLE KICKERS JU-JITSU

#### Rojen Recreation

Teaches self-esteem and discipline through age-appropriate martial arts lessons.

DATES	LEVEL	AGE	DAY	TIME	FEE
7/1-9/2	New	5-7 yrs.	F	4:30-5:15 p.m.	\$49
7/1-9/2	Yl. Belt+	5-7 yrs.	F	5:15-6 p.m.	\$49
7/1-9/2	All	8+ yrs.	F	6-7 p.m.	\$56

### MINI KICKERS JU-JITSU

#### Rojen Recreation

A great class even for the youngest martial artist! Parents participate alongside their children. Teaches the basics of Ju-Jitsu, focusing on balance and safety.

DATES	AGE	DAY	TIME	FEE
7/1-9/2	2-4 yrs.	F	3:45-4:30 p.m.	\$49

### NIPPON KEMPO KARATE

#### Do Mar

A self-defense system—based on punching, kicking, blocking, joint locks and ground combat—aimed to foster respect, discipline and confidence.

DATES	LEVEL	AGE	DAY	TIME	FEE
6/27-8/29	Yl. Belt+	5-10 yrs.	M	5:40-6:25 p.m.	\$35
6/29-8/31	New	5-9 yrs.	W	5:40-6:25 p.m.	\$35
6/27-8/29	All	7+ yrs.	M/W	6:30-8 p.m.	\$56



# BUST A MOVE

## DANCE CAMP

### Immanuel Church Dance Room

Our fun, culturally enriching introduction to dance allows creative and active youth to move their bodies and explore the rich language of dance. Emphasizes modern dance concepts and dance creation skills — all in a playful, camp-like environment. Students are encouraged to participate in a concluding performance for friends, family and the community. Fee includes dance shirt.

DATES	AGE	DAY	TIME	FEE
6/14-7/21	10-14	T/Th	3:30-6:30 p.m.	\$100

# Youth Sports

The City offers skill development and league programs for youth ages 3.5 years and up. Register online at [templecity.us](http://templecity.us) or in person at Live Oak Park Community Center or Annex. Unless otherwise indicated, cost includes an award, t-shirt and \$10 administrative charge. For more information, call (626) 579-0461.

## BASKETBALL

### Oak Avenue Gymnasium

Teaches game fundamentals and helps develop skills for dribbling, shooting, passing, rebounding, defense and overall court knowledge. Focuses on having fun and maintaining a respectful attitude toward competition. A slam-dunk program for kids.

DATES	LEVEL	AGE	DAY	TIME	FEE
6/14-8/4	Beg./Int.	8-9	T/Th	4-5:30 p.m.	\$80
6/14-8/4	Int./Adv.	8-9	T/Th	5:30-7 p.m.	\$80
6/14-8/4	All	13-15	T/Th	7-8:30 p.m.	\$80
6/15-8/5	Beg./Int.	10-12	M/W	5:30-7 p.m.	\$80
6/15-8/5	Int./Adv.	10-12	M/W	7-8:30 p.m.	\$80

## INTRO TO HARDBALL

### Live Oak Park

OK, here's the pitch. You want to prepare your child for the next baseball or softball season? To learn batting, fielding and base running techniques in an atmosphere that promotes teamwork and a greater appreciation for the game? Look no further than this home run of a program.

DATES	AGE	DAY	TIME	FEE
8/15-9/21	6-8	M/W	4:30-5:45 p.m.	\$70

## MINI SPORTS CAMP

### Live Oak Park

Mini Sports Camp for mini athletes. Introduces the basic skills and rules of T-ball, flag football, basketball and soccer. Provides an opportunity for children to learn sportsmanship, make new friends and have fun.

DATES	SPORT	AGE	DAY	TIME	FEE
6/13-8/3	All	6-7	M/W	5-6:45 p.m.	\$85
6/13-8/4	All	3.5-5	M/W	5-6:45 p.m.	\$85
6/13-6/22	T-Ball	6-7	M/W	5-6:45 p.m.	\$30
6/14-6/23	T-Ball	3.5-5	T/Th	5-6:45 p.m.	\$30
6/27-7/6	Fl. Ftbl.	6-7	M/W	5-6:45 p.m.	\$30
6/28-7/7	Fl. Ftbl.	3.5-5	T/Th	5-6:45 p.m.	\$30
7/11-7/20	Basketball	6-7	M/W	5-6:45 p.m.	\$30
7/12-7/21	Basketball	3.5-5	T/Th	5-6:45 p.m.	\$30
7/25-8/3	Soccer	6-7	M/W	5-6:45 p.m.	\$30
7/26-8/4	Soccer	3.5-5	T/Th	5-6:45 p.m.	\$30

## MINI T-BALL

### Live Oak Park

Kids learn the correct way to catch, field, throw and swing while hitting from a tee. (No live pitching is allowed.) Emphasizes teamwork and camaraderie. Your child will have a ball.

DATES	AGE	DAY	TIME	FEE
8/16-9/22	3.5-5	T/Th	4:30-5:45 p.m.	\$70



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***DON'T MISS THIS YEAR'S  
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OR CALL (626) 579-0461.**

***MONDAY THRU FRIDAY  
7 A.M.—6 P.M.***

## **STARS Club (Grades K-5)**

**Session I: June 13–July 15**

First Lutheran School  
Longden Elementary School

\$210, or \$275 with field trips

**Session II: July 18–August 19**

First Lutheran School  
Live Oak Park

\$210, or \$275 with field trips

## **Teen Zone (Grades 6–9)**

**June 13–August 19**

Live Oak Park

\$160, or \$375 with field trips



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\*A one-time non-refundable \$10 administrative fee is included. Lunch and snacks are not provided. Field trips are optional, with incidental expenses at the responsibility of the attendee. Destinations include California Science Center, Catalina Island, Corona Del Mar State Beach, Huntington State Beach, Knott's Berry Farm, Raging Waters, Soak City and Splash Kingdom. Sites are closed Monday, July 4.



# Senior Programs

For more information, call (626) 579-0461.

Unless designated, all events are held at Live Oak Park Community Center.

## AARP DRIVER SAFETY

**JULY 11-12, 9 A.M.**

Drive with renewed confidence with the AARP Driver Safety Program, the largest and most respected refresher course in the U.S. Specifically designed for those 55 and older, it helps seniors tune up their driving skills while recognizing normal age-related physical changes. \$15 for AARP members, \$20 for non-members. Fee payable by check at the first day of class. Registration is required.

## SENIOR BINGO

**LAST THURSDAY OF THE MONTH, 1 P.M.**

Studies show that bingo can improve memory skills and concentration. So don't forget to play! It's free. It's fun. And there are prizes with every game.



## LINKAGES PROGRAM

**THIRD MONDAY OF THE MONTH, 10:30 A.M.**

Maintaining independence is now possible and less challenging, thanks to free case management services for frail seniors (ages 60 and over) and adults with disabilities (ages 18 and older). It's a great first step to help those with limitations live safely at home and in the community. Services are also available by appointment. For more information, call the YWCA San Gabriel Valley at (626) 214-9465.

## MAHJONG

**FIRST & THIRD WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH, 11 A.M.**

Playtime is the dessert of life. And who doesn't love dessert? So why not test your strategy skills with a friendly game of mahjong? Games are free of charge, but registration is required. Space is limited.

## SOCCER FOR BETTER HEALTH

**WEDNESDAYS & FRIDAYS  
9 A.M., LIVE OAK PARK**

Kick-start your exercise routine! In partnership with Chinese Soccer Stars of America, our soccer program is open to those ages 50+ at all skill levels. Learn or refresh basic techniques, make new friends, stay fit and have a real ball doing it! Sessions include a half-hour of warm-up exercises and drills, followed by match play. The program is free but space is limited.



## SENIOR CASINO NIGHT

**AUGUST 22, 5 P.M., \$10**

Who says life is always a gamble? Here's a sure bet to beat the summer heat—and maybe the odds, too: our first Senior Casino Night at Live Oak Park. Try your luck at blackjack, craps and roulette—or, for a change of pace, bingo! At evening's end, trade in your winnings for raffle prizes. Registration is required. Being a high roller is not.

## SENIOR LUNCH

**WEEKDAYS, 11 A.M.**

Seniors over 60, join us for a hot lunch, fun-filled activities and a chance to chat it up with friends and neighbors. Monthly menus are available at Live Oak Park Community Center or online at templecity.us. Get hot tea and coffee for just 25 cents per cup—the best price in town! Reservations are required 24 hours in advance; call (626) 579-0461. A \$3 donation for lunch is requested.

**Celebrate summer holidays with themed activities at the Senior Lunch Program! Space is limited.**

## FATHER'S DAY

**JUNE 17**

Honor thy dad on his special day and help satisfy his appetite for affection and a hearty meal. "Dads" root beer floats will be served after lunch, so make sure he saves room for every tasty slurp.

## RED, WHITE & BLUE DAY

**JULY 1**

Celebrate our nation's independence at a luncheon of revolutionary proportions. Test your knowledge of US history through trivia games. And be sure to show your true colors by wearing red, white and blue!



# Senior Excursions

**What a difference a day makes! The City's one-day trips to local and nearby destinations highlight the incredible diversity of Southern California attractions. They include tours, shows, dinners and shopping. Registration—at Live Oak Park Community Center—is on a first-come, first-paid basis. For more information, call (626) 579-0461.**

## CATALINA ISLAND

**JUNE 17, 7 A.M.-8 P.M., \$30**

Come to Catalina Island and pass the day touring, shopping, dining at charming seaside eateries, savoring the magnificent views of Avalon Harbor and much more. All participants must have a ticket. Check-in at Live Oak Park Community Center at 6:30 a.m. Charges for oversized baggage or equipment are the passenger's responsibility. Trip is non-refundable after June 5. Registration deadline: June 1.

## DAY IN SOLVANG

**JUNE 27, 8 A.M.-7:30 P.M., \$30**

Explore the historic storybook village of Solvang. Visit wineries and sample authentic Danish pastries. Browse and shop at more than 150 one-of-a-kind shops and high-end boutiques, featuring European imports and trendy styles. Feast your eyes on glorious art, photography, woodwork and glass. We dare you to try to go home empty-handed. Registration deadline: June 17.

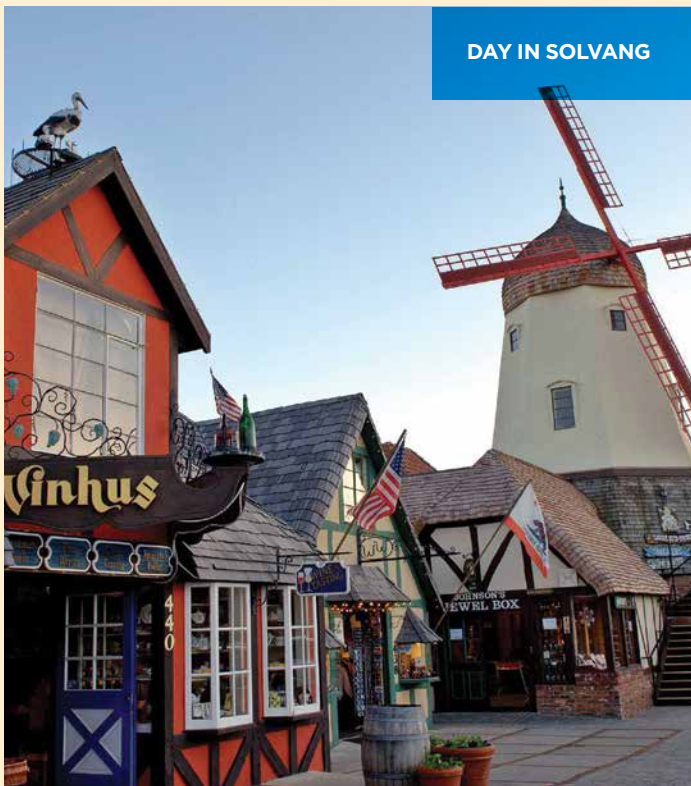


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## PAGEANT OF THE MASTERS

**JULY 8, 4:30 P.M.- 12 A.M., \$30**

Seeking a brush with immortality? Head to the Irvine Bowl for the 2016 Pageant of the Masters. Arrive early to have dinner on your own. Explore the Art Festival prior to the night's highlight—a 90-minute stage show of provocative and passionate tales featuring some of art's most dynamic duos. Truly a treat for the palette. Fee includes entry into the Art Festival. Registration deadline: June 29.

## PECHANGA CASINO

**JULY 22, 8 A.M.-5 P.M., \$20**

Feeling lucky? Then perhaps good fortune will follow you to California's biggest casino where you'll find more than 130 table games, 44 poker games and nearly 4,000 "Vegas-style" slot machines. Enjoy lunch on your own at any of the casino's many restaurants and buffets. This is definitely the place to be when the chips are down! You must be over age 21 and bring a photo ID. Registration deadline: July 20.

## GLADYS KNIGHT AT THE HOLLYWOOD BOWL

**AUG. 4, 5 P.M.-12 A.M., \$47**

All aboard the midnight train for an evening under the stars at the Hollywood Bowl with one of Motown's biggest stars, the incomparable Gladys Knight! Tower of Power—with their unique, horn-driven "Urban Soul Music"—will open the event. Pack yourself a picnic for a night your ears will never forget. Fee includes transportation, admission and reserved seating. Registration deadline: July 29.

## LAS BRISAS RESTAURANT AND SHERMAN LIBRARY & GARDENS

**AUG. 27, 8:30 A.M.- 3 P.M., \$58**

At the Las Brisas Restaurant in Laguna Beach, enjoy a glorious panoramic view of the Pacific Ocean while entertaining your taste buds with a buffet-style breakfast that includes made-to-order omelets and Belgian waffles. Next stop is the Sherman Library and Gardens in Newport Beach for a guided tour of lush botanical gardens—tropical and subtropical flora presented to you in a kaleidoscope of living color! Fee includes breakfast and library admission. Registration deadline: Aug. 18.





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