



EVENT

Chasing gold

With the upcoming 2004 Olympic Games, athletes are competing at Olympic team trials throughout California. Call soon for tickets—seats go fast.

JUN 5, SAN JOSE

Judo and taekwondo. From \$15. Rhythmic gymnastics and trampoline. Jun 19, from \$15. San Jose State Event Center; www.ticketmaster.com or 408/924-6333.

JUN 16-19, REDLANDS

Cycling. Free. www.usa-cycling.org or 719/866-4867.

JUN 24-27, ANAHEIM

Gymnastics. From \$65 for four-session pass. Arrowhead Pond; www.2004gymnastics.com, www.ticketmaster.com, 714/740-2000, or 714/704-2500 (tickets).

JUL 7-14, LONG BEACH

Swimming. Single-day tickets from \$35. Long Beach Swim Stadium; www.longbeach2004.com, www.ticketmaster.com, or 714/740-2000.

JUL 9-18, SACRAMENTO

Track and field. Single-day tickets from \$15. CSU, Sacramento; www.socsports.com or 916/566-6560. —A. P.

Mud shovel

\$40 (available with 39-in. or 59-in. handle)
SOURCE: Toolite (www.toolite.com or 800/833-2495)



Kneepads

About \$22
SOURCE: Garden Works (see right)



Work gloves

\$45 (shipping included)
SOURCE: Bionic Glove (www.bionicrobes.com or 800/282-2287)

Garden trowel

About \$19
SOURCE: Garden Works (www.creato-garden.com or 425/455-0568)



Sun hat

\$29-\$50, in a range of styles
SOURCE: Physician Endorsed (www.sedona-skintherapy.com)



Tool belt

Belts start at \$12; accessories \$8-\$28
SOURCE: Ultimate Goods (www.ultimategoods.com or 888/880-1997)



GEAR **Tool time**

Clever minds are constantly inventing new and improved garden tools and accessories. Here are some of our recent favorites. Holes in the Toolite Shovel blade allow mud or clay to slip off easily. The new Tiger Trowel sports a tough, serrated stainless steel blade. Knee Pals are the comfiest kneepads we've tried—even on rocks. The washable cabretta leather Bionic Gardening Gloves (made by the company that manufactures Louisville Slugger baseball bats) were ergonomically designed by a hand surgeon and fit as snug as a batting glove. Use the Gear Gardener's Utility Belt and accessory holsters to carry tools, a water bottle, and a cell phone while you toil. The new UPF (ultraviolet protection factor) 50-plus sun hats by Physician Endorsed come in many styles. —L.B.S.