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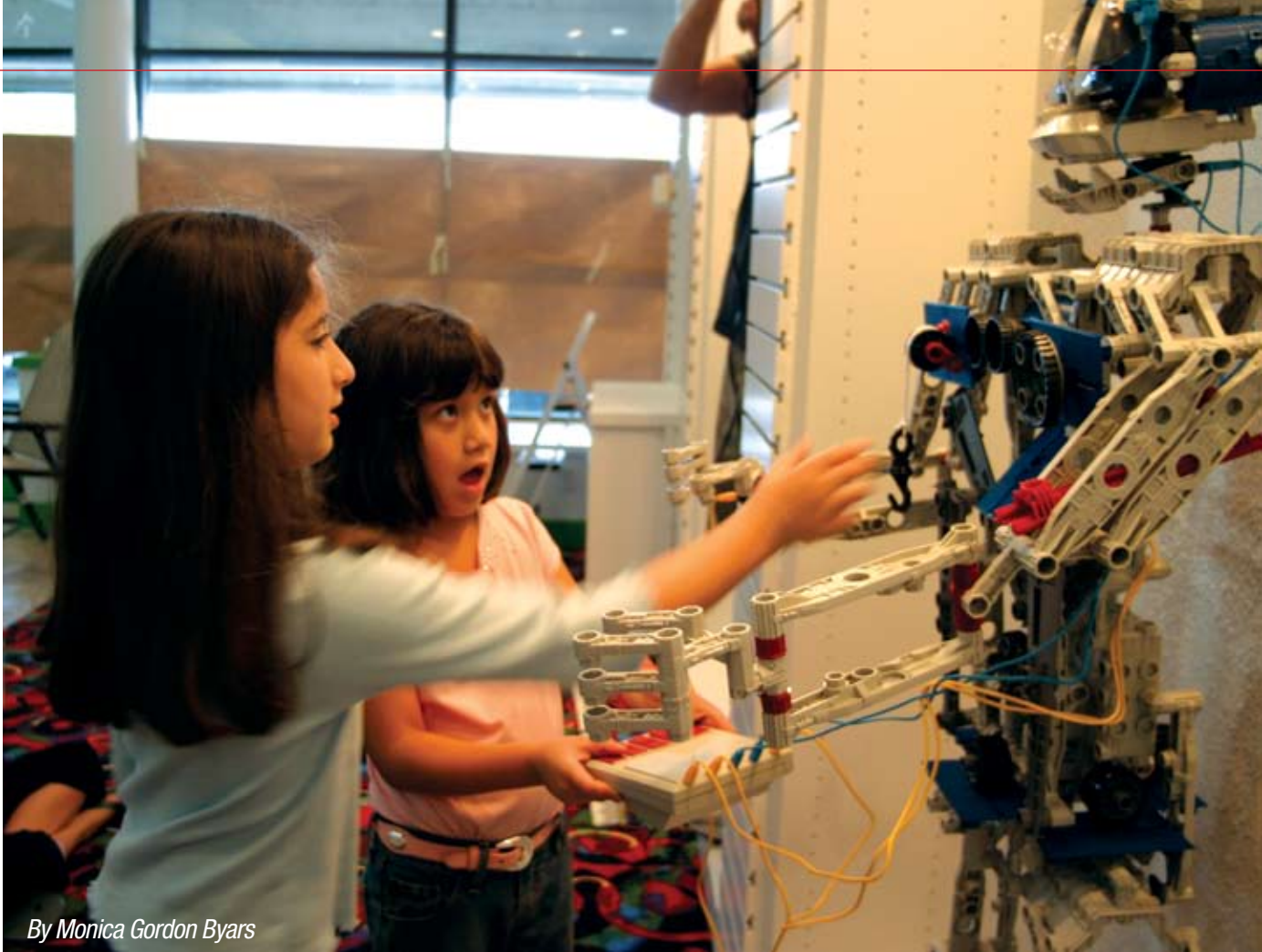
Fun & Educational Toys

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Young
Peoples Workshops
and **Toy Store**
offer **intelligent** fun
in *Westlake*



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Young Peoples Workshops and Toy Store offer intelligent fun in Westlake

A new local business is making science fun for kids by creating educational, hands-on workshops. Young Peoples Workshops exposes children to different branches of arts, science and technology in hopes of increasing their enthusiasm about these fields of study.

Monica Moreno started YPW to provide enjoyable, practical workshops for children. She is an engineer with more than 10 years of professional experience. She holds a master of science degree in technology management from the Stevens Institute of Technology in Hoboken N.J. and a bachelor of science degree in electrical engineering from Rutgers University in New Brunswick, N.J. She became interested in teaching children when she was studying theology in Colombia, and teaching bible studies to the local kids.

"After moving to the United States for college, I began working for Johnson & Johnson," said Monica. "I gave a presentation to a group of girls during the first Take-Your-Daughter-To-Work-Day. I enjoyed that a lot and knew I wanted to find a way to educate children about science."

Highly trained workshop instructors

YPW offers a large variety of programs for children of all ages. In addition to their workshops, they offer birthday party packages, summer camps, science fair projects and a

toy store. Every instructor at YPW is highly educated and has extensive experience in the arts, science and engineering fields. Ramon Aguirre, an experienced engineer with degrees in computer science and chemical engineering is serving as an advisor to YPW, in addition to other professionals with backgrounds in science, engineering, and liberal arts.

Workshops are available for kids of all ages, and YPW's huge variety of classes will make learning enjoyable for any child.

Their robotics workshop is for children ages 8 and older. In this class, students will learn and apply math, science and technology while building a robot. YPW is also home to a human-sized robot with moving parts.

"The robotics workshop will introduce the students to how science works in a real-world setting," said Monica. "Like any other engineering project, each member of the group will be assigned a role such as project leader or developer. Eventually, we will add a computer programming element to the robotics workshop."

For younger children, they will soon offer a Lego robotics workshop. They will use a curriculum developed by Lego to help youngsters build their own robot from Lego blocks. Art classes will also be available as well as a Music and Movement class for children as young as 6 months old.

Educational Toy Store

The toy store at YPW offers a large variety of toys that are designed to teach children about science and technology. They stock a huge variety of science and technology kits as well as items that will help young scientists with their science fair projects.

YPW believes that while playing should always be fun, it must also be taken seriously. Children are building a variety of skills, talents and abilities as they play. Their playthings should enrich and enhance their development. Monica kept this in mind as she carefully selected items for the store. With the holidays quickly approaching, their toy store is an ideal place to purchase mind-building gifts for children.

Let's party!

YPW parties offer everything a party host needs to throw a perfect party. They supply invitations, thank-you notes and loads of fun in one of their private party rooms. They have party themes that match any child's interest.

The "Let's Make Music" party is fun for babies, toddlers, and pre-k aged children. It is a party full of fun music and movement. Girls dress up as little ballerinas and boys as knights!

The "Perfume Party" is for children ages 6 and older. Each child creates their own signature fragrance and discovers formulas designed to help them sleep well or to boost their energy. Similarly, the "Spa Science" party allows children to make colorful, fragrant bath gels, bath fizzers, spa lotion, bath balm, facemasks and shampoo.

The secrets to various magic tricks are revealed in the "Magic is in the Air" party where children learn how the professional magicians perform their tricks.

"While children are having fun at these parties, we are also teaching them the science behind each of the projects," said Monica. "It's a great way to show that science created the things they use and see every day."

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A number of additional workshops are under development for YPW. They will eventually offer cooking, language and a huge variety of other courses.

Young Peoples Workshops is the only business of its kind in the area. They offer quality educational activities that will show children that science is an integral part of their everyday lives. And maybe, it will inspire some future scientists to pursue a career in the field.

YPW is located at 3201 Bee Caves Road, Suite 138, in Austin. For more information, visit them online at www.YoungPeoplesWorkshops.com or call them at 512-329-5611. ☎

