

Around the Garden'n Plaza

Famous Swimmer Living in Gardens

By Bob Steele
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Hi Neighbor!
First of all I would like to remind you of the Homeowners Association meeting to be held next Tuesday in the cafeteria of the Fern Ave. School. There will be several important discussions and reports that will directly affect you as a resident. Please keep this date open and make every possible effort to attend.
The Homeowners Association has asked me to thank Mr. Ford of the Ford Television Service for loaning it a public address system. Thanks again. It is greatly appreciated.

Torrance Gardens is proud of the fact that among some of the outstanding swimmers of our day two of them chose Torrance as their home.

Don Hughes, of 1122 Felbar, began swimming while in grade school in El Segundo. While a junior in high school, under the famous coach Urho Saari, he began competition in the sport that was to lead him to nationwide recognition as a free style swimmer.

While at USC, he teamed with Rube Wolf, a former Gardens resident, to bring many trophies home for the Trojans to admire.

Hughes and Wolf were the first swimmers to receive a life time athletic pass at USC.

In 1948 Don set a new National AAU 200-yard free style relay mark. In the same year he placed second in the 100-meter free style event.

Misfortune overtook Hughes while competing in Seattle. He was stricken with meningitis and was out of the running for some time. A broken ear drum eliminated him from the Olympics and further competition.

Hughes is now employed as an engineer with the Douglas Aircraft Co.

Mr. and Mrs. Hughes would like it to be known that they are raising a future Olympic swimmer by the name of Chris Hughes. Don says it is easy to predict the lad's future by the way he splashes his bath water with a perfect Australian crawl. Mrs. Hughes states that it would be much easier to train

a future star if there was a pool near by say for instance on Torrance Blvd. between Maple and Madrona.

A project worth consideration is being discussed among residents along Maricopa Street. They would like to form a group of fathers for the purpose of securing a suitable piece of property to develop as a summer play ground for the many children in our tracts.

This group would donate time and labor and share any expense involved.

This project is merely in the stage of discussion, but any father interested in making it a reality can contact me and I will give you the names of the originators of this plan.

That's all today. Don't forget the Homeowners meeting at 8 p.m. Tuesday evening.

South Bay B'nai B'rith To Meet Here Tonight

The South Bay B'nai B'rith Lodge 1824 will meet this evening at 7 at the Western Club, 1816 S. Western Ave.

A "rumor clinic" will be presented following the dinner, according to J. Lenard Weinfeld, secretary.

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