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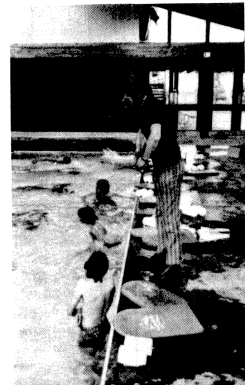
CHILDREN — hunting for Easter eggs, Sunday, April 14, may not be lucky enough to find baby chickens inside them, but the recreation center staff promises youngsters many colorful surprises when they search throughout the rec center grounds that afternoon.

SWIM TEAM NAMED

During a pot luck dinner held Sunday, February 10, at the recreation center, swim team members and their families chose Conquistadores as the swim team's name. The team will carry the title in all upcoming meets.

In addition to selecting a suitable name for the team, presentations to winners of the recent Heather Ridge Swim Meet were awarded ribbons for their victories.

The Mission Viejo Conquistadores won their first meet Monday February 4 with a final score of 200 to 184.

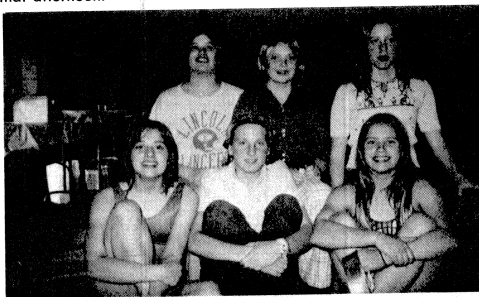


ASSISTANT COACH — John Stearns offers last minute instructions to a swim team youngster during a typical practice session.

ASSISTANT SWIM COACH APPOINTED

John Stearns, who heads the swim team at nearby Gateway High School, has accepted the post of assistant swim coach, according to head coach Dave Baron.

Stearns who holds a bachelor of arts from Wayne State University, Detroit, Michigan, has taught physical education and health at several schools in Michigan and Colorado.



SWIM TEAM MEMBERS — left to right (back row) Kelly Bay, Kara Stein, Robbin Kirchoff; (front row) Randee Fugier, Debbie Woodley and Jan Smith take a few seconds to gather together at the request of a photographer during the pot luck presentation activities.

MISSION VIEJO ELEMENTARY CITED

Mission Viejo Elementary was the winner of an award recently for the school's excellent overall design.

During the American Association of School Administrators' convention at Atlantic City, New Jersey, a panel of educational and architectural experts chose Mission Viejo Elementary as the first place winner.

During the presentation a spokesman for the organization stated, "Mission Viejo Elementary is a cheerful school that is clean and simple and a welcome neighbor to the surrounding residential area."

The Mission Viejo Elementary School is a \$1,100,000 project with an enrollment of 450 students. The award, which was co-sponsored by the AASA and the American Institute of Architects, is on display at the school's administrative offices.

While a student at Wayne State, Stearns broke the 50 free-style record with a time of 22.5. The record had stood unbeaten for 22 years.

Stearns will assist Coach Baron during regular swim team workouts at the recreation center.

Members of the community will celebrate the Easter season with several activities this month including an Easter parade and egg hunt.

Sunday afternoon, April 14, all Mission Viejo youngsters are invited to decorate their bike, wagon, scooter or any other manually powered vehicle and enter the Easter parade. "We're inviting all children no matter their age," said Clay Woods, recreation director. "However, if you're 30 and you want to compete in the parade you're welcome."

The parade route will begin at Mission Parkway and extend throughout the community via Kalistell, Jefferson, Joplin, Kenyon and return to Mission Parkway ending in front of the recreation center where Easter basket trophies will be awarded in several categories.

Immediately following the parade youngsters are invited to participate in an Easter Egg Hunt. The recreation staff noted that colored eggs would be hidden throughout the grounds of the rec center and prizes would also be awarded to those who collected the most eggs.

"This is the first year we've organized Easter activities for community members," said Woods "and we're certain that the afternoon will be an entertaining one for all residents."



COMMUNITY GARDENS — site where members of the new Garden Club will plant flowers and vegetables of their choice. The area is located in the center of the community where visitors and residents may enjoy its beauty.

GARDEN CLUB GROWS AT MV

The Mission Viejo Women's Club called a meeting Tuesday evening, March 12, to introduce a program to all Mission Viejo residents interested in forming a garden club.

"The club is designed for the entire community," said Grace McArthur, founder of the new organization. "Membership is open to not only individuals but schools, churches and community clubs."

The Mission Viejo Company has offered land near the corner of Alicia and Mission Parkways where club members can plant flowers and plants of their choice.

"Each parcel of land is approximately 330 square feet in size," said Mrs. McArthur, "and members may plant whatever they wish even vegetables."

Each member pays rent on the plot of land for a 12 month period and may renew their lease at the end of that period. The Mission Viejo Company has provided a water system, soil preparation, security fencing and grading for proper drainage.

"The garden area is situated

in the middle of the community and in a location where all passers-by can enjoy the many different varieties that will be planted there," Mrs. McArthur noted.

During the meeting members noted that all dues would be used for activities involving the club. It was also moved that the club would make periodic award presentations based on the appearance of the individual plots.

Speaking to members of the club during its next meeting, Tuesday, April 30, will be Herb Condell, author of two weekly gardening articles in the Denver Post and author of several books on the subject.

Anyone interested in joining the new group may contact Grace McArthur or Dick Anderson for further details.

RTD BUS ROUTE SOON

Mission Viejo residents are working on many energy saving devices and may receive some assistance soon when an RTD bus route is established in the area.

The program currently calls for the bus to include a stop in front of the Mission Viejo Recreation Center. In addition to stops in downtown Denver, the bus is also scheduled to make daily stops at Buckingham Plaza for the convenience of shoppers.

Further information on the upcoming bus route will be published in next month's Mission Viejo Reporter.

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