~ Joan Anderson

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Joan Anderson, who coined the name “Hula Hoop” and played a pivotal but often overlooked role in its 1950s rise to fame, died on July 23, at age 101. She and her husband brought a handmade hoop from Australia to California, inspiring a toy craze that defined a generation. Her story was later told in the 2023 documentary Hula Girl.

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