



AMSTERDAM ATTRACTION . . . Members of Herald Columnist Larry Macaray's European tour stop to view Madurodam in Amsterdam, a scale model of Holland in memory of the resistance fighters of Holland during World War

II. Facing camera here (from left) are Dottie Leonard, Joyce Fagenstrom, Jerrilyn Crandall, Louise Frieder (Dutch guide), Betsy Lewis, Bill Robison, Patti Kamada, and Martha Cobb.

Leading Cowboys To Ride

When action explodes in the arena of the annual Torrance Rodeo, slated Saturday and Sunday afternoons, Aug. 3-4, spectators will be watching another professional edition of the roughest competitive sport in the nation.

As one of the 500-odd rodeos approved each year by the Rodeo Cowboys Assn., the Torrance Rodeo will be in the sports major league, conducted under nationally recognized rules that assures top bucking stock in a hard-riding contest open to the best cowboys in the game.

Like all RCA sanctioned rodeos, the contest here will be built around the sport's standard events—saddle and bareback bronc riding, calf roping, steer wrestling, bull riding, and team roping. Contestants will be competing for slices of \$1,100 purse money put up by the rodeo committee, plus their own entry fees which will probably double the prize money payoff.

Rodeo livestock will be furnished by Andy Jauregui, of Newhall.

PRIZE MONEY won here will be credited to the sport's world championship standings. National titles in rodeo are determined by the simple measure of who wins the most money during the almost year-round playing season. Competition culminates in December, with the game's title playoffs, the National Finals.

Among cowboys planning competition at Torrance this year are Lyle Smith, Rudy Doucette, Lawson Fore, and Ted Ashworth.

Smith, 32, a former Canadian cowboy, specializes in saddle bronc riding where he ranks 10th in the event's national charts. Now living in San Diego, Smith boasts one of the most consistent winning records in pro rodeo. Since 1956, he has never failed to finish among the top 10 bronc riders each season. He was ninth last year, earning \$8,249.

DOUCETTE, 40, now lives at 15524 Rexford Ave., San Fernando, concentrates on calf roping, rides one of the sport's most venerable and admired roping mounts, a roan gelding that has carried his owner to the pay window steadily for the last 12 years.

Fore, 42, is the West Coast's most able four-event cowboy. He competes in calf roping, steer wrestling, team roping, and saddle bronc riding.

Ashworth, 36, from Fresno, was world champion team roper in 1958, finished 12th for the same title last year.

A total of 141 entries battled for \$4,710 in prize money here last year.

Citizen's Role Topic For Speech

Jerri Crandell may have had a hand in it.)

Enough for now . . . on to Rome, "The Eternal City." We will drive nearly 400 kilometers in the morning on those crazy Italian roads that are filled with everything from horse and wagons to cyclists, and trucks of all descriptions.

I still don't understand how they manage to miss each other so well.

Stressing the responsibility of all citizens to take a more active role in civic and community affairs, Don Ingram won the top award at a meeting of the Torrance-Lomita Board of Realtors Toastmasters Club this week. Ingram's speech was entitled, "What Are You Doing?"

Rodney Lewis served as toastmaster of the day and Charles Cederlof was the general evaluator. The best critic award was won by Mrs. Alyce Keith.

Peter Mota won the impromptu speech award. The Torrance-Lomita Realtors club meets each Thursday morning at 8 a.m. for breakfast. Guests are welcome to the meetings.

Obesity is a major health hazard in this country. A study of 1,000 men working for one company showed that more than half of them were overweight and 284 (almost a third) were markedly overweight, according to the Los Angeles County Heart Assn.

Aqua-Lung Class Set Tomorrow

Donald Morrison, SCUBA diving instructor for the Torrance Family YMCA, will begin his second aqua-lung class tomorrow. The classes will be limited to eight students, both men and women.

All students must be at least 17 years of age. A physician's statement of physical fitness must be submitted with the application. The course will consist of 32 hours of instruction in both theory and practice.

Morrison, who has received the maximum credentials from the county and the YMCA, will teach the class at 1911 C. Catalina Ave., in Redondo Beach. Information on registration may be obtained by calling FA 8-1272.

Iowans Slate Picnic Aug. 10 In Long Beach

The Iowa State Society of Long Beach will hold its 58th annual picnic Saturday, Aug. 10, at Recreation Park, Long Beach. Featured speakers will be Goodwin Knight, for governor, and Nelson McCook Jr., president of the Long Beach World's Fair.

All transplanted Iowans have been invited to attend with their guests and friends.

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TOP RIDERS . . . Four of the leading Rodeo Cowboy Assn. performers will be on hand next weekend for the annual Torrance Rodeo. Shown here are Lyle Smith (top left), San Diego; Ted Ashworth (top right), Fresno; Lawson Fore (bottom left), Riverside; and Rudy Doucette (bottom right), San Fernando. Some of Andy Jauregui's top bucking stock will be sent to Torrance to give the cowboys a hard-riding afternoon.

Employees Attending State Meet

Five members of the local Chapter No. 19 of the California School Employees Assn. are attending the 37th annual conference of the association in San Diego this week. The featured speaker is Dr. Max Rafferty, state superintendent of public instruction.

The delegates from the Torrance school district are John Mock, president; Mrs. Irene Smith, Mrs. Evelyn Brosius, Clyde Williams, and Don O'Farrell. They will report to the local chapter at its meeting on Sept. 5.

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By LARRY MACARAY

It's thundering and lightning right now on old precipitous Mt. Titano in San Marino, the old independent republic set right in the center of Italy. I suppose I could find the figures and facts about the place, but it's easier to tell how impressive the view is in every direction . . . for miles and miles.

The Hotel Titano is one of the best that we've been in so far on our tour. The manager is kind of like a smooth-talking Leo Carillo, who said as we passed a souvenir shop that it was his and that he had good bargains. While we were dining on the terrace overlooking practically half of Italy, he again appeared, "hawking" his domestic champagne for one dollar a bottle (excellent taste) and also introduced an accordionist to entertain the guests.

TODAY WE journeyed from Venice to San Marino and stopped at Ravenna for lunch, which gave us a chance to visit the famous San Vitale Basilica. Ravenna is noted for many things. The city was the capital of the Western Empire under Honorius and Galla Placidia (403 to 476), and some of the finest mosaics in the world are seen here in San Vitale through dim light filtered by the alabaster windows.

We've been doing a great deal of traveling, having driven more than 2,000 kilometers so far. Bill Robison from Torrance has been driving the bus for our group all of the way and he is really getting used to it by now. Our group slept most of the way today from Venice to San Marino because last night we went on an evening ride by gondola down the Grand Canal in Venice. There must have been a hundred gondolas following the "Gallegiante," a floating pavilion where singers and musicians perform a typical serenade. We were all tired this morning from the ride and also from related activities that we

managed to get into after the gondola ride.

VENICE WAS a good city for shopping. Jerrilyn Crandall and Dorothy Leonard, two of the gals on the tour, managed to find some good buys in glassware and sweaters. The other girls, Patti Kamada and Betsy Lewis, fell captive to the charm of Venice and really hated to leave it this morning—especially since tonight is the all-night festival in Venice celebrating the termination of the Bubonic Plague during the middle ages when more than 42,000 inhabitants of the city of canals died in a period of three years.

Between shopping and having a good time, we managed to see St. Mark's Square, the Cathedral, the Doges Palace, the Piombi prisons, and the inside of the Bridge of Sighs. Of course, we saw many other things, but these were important. Lord Byron spent 24 hours in the prison to get atmosphere for one of his writings and the cell is still intact.

A FEW DAYS ago we drove from Innsbruck in Austria to Venice, right through the Brenner Pass. The Dolomites are really magnificent in their sharp and ascending appearance—and all through the Alps we wondered how they look in the winter time.

Many funny things have happened to us: Bill Robison was innocently feeding the pigeons in St. Mark's Square in Venice when an ungrateful pigeon "bombed" him right in the middle of his head. Joyce Fagenstrom managed to find out the difference between Signori and Signore on doors . . . Martha Cobb learned to read the number on her hotel key—made a mistake one morning and tried to open the wrong door . . . Dottie Leonard was wading in a mountain stream in the Black Forest and accidentally slipped and fell in, fully clothed. (I have an idea



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