

ON THE SCENE

with **HANK WOLLMAN**

This is vacation time, and since I start mine next week I've done a lot of research on the subject. For the past two week-ends I've investigated two of the Southland's favorite places... San Francisco and Las Vegas.

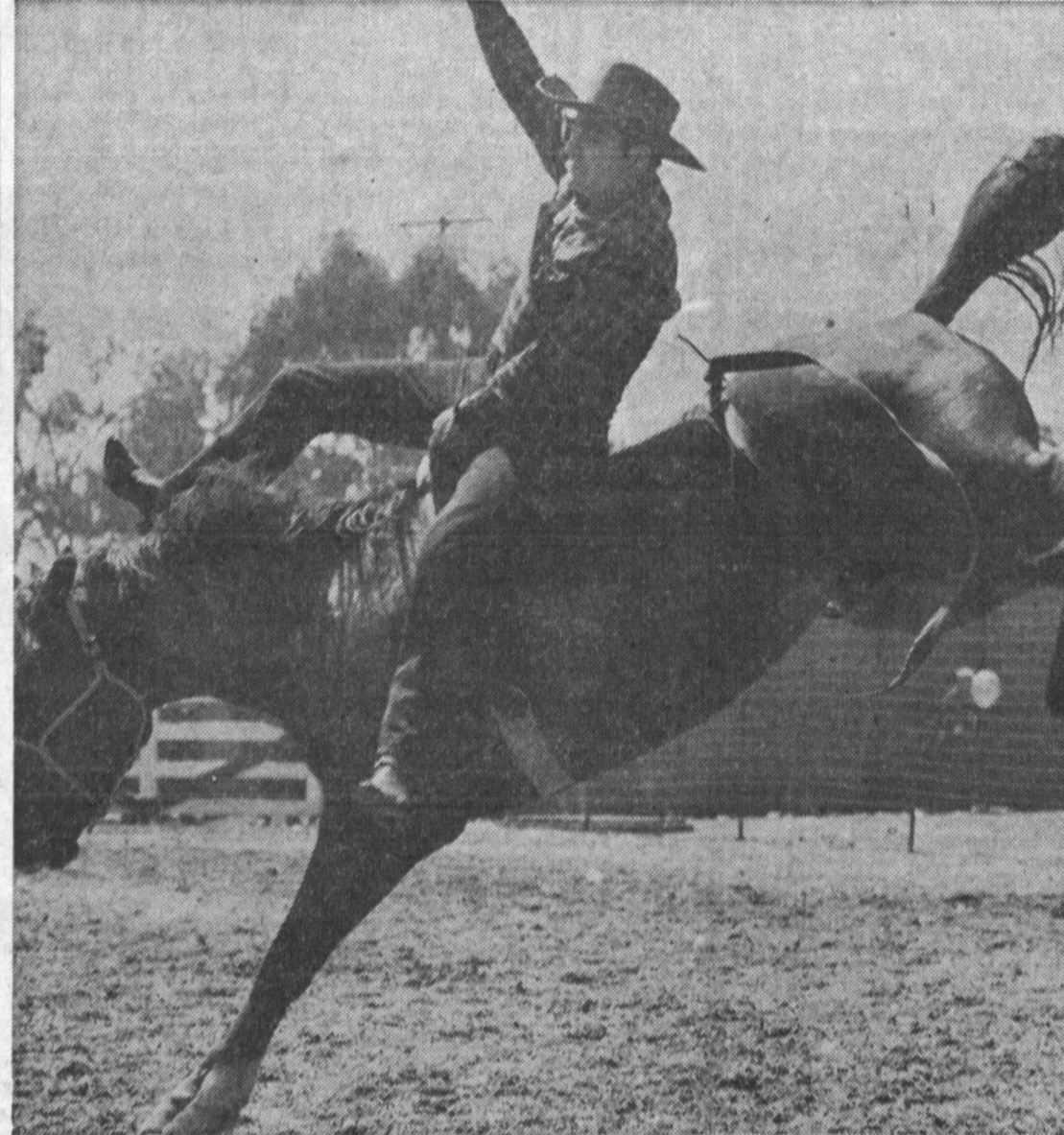
San Francisco, California's **Baghdad-By-The-Bay**, offers the romance of wonderful clean fog, interesting restaurants and mysterious hideaways. Therefore, the Southlander in S. F. won't miss the many fine local clubs and kitchens when up there.

In Fisherman's Wharf you'll indulge in fresh rock crab, tender Pacific lobster, and thick and tasty chowder. Nearby is the interesting Buena Vista at the end of the cable car ride.

This spot has an amazing assortment of the many peoples that make up S. F. Besides the faces, there's the wonderful Irish Coffee for which the place is famous.

In the North Beach area, where Little Italy features many fine restaurants (Little Joes, Vanessis, etc.) There are the Benticks, the lost generation characters of the artists' colony. **Tommy's Joyn** (the original, on Van Ness) has the most amazing and delicious sandwiches plus that Old San Francisco atmosphere. In Chinatown you can get your **Wor Won** Ton soup with squid and lobster in it, if so desired. One of the better "pubs" around town is the Drawing Room on Van Ness. At the Fairmont there is dancing in the Tonga Room. (The orchestra there plays from a raft floating in a pool in the middle of the room.) Also at the Fairmont is the dizzy La Ronde room, where the seating spins like a merry-go-round (even when sober.) Another enjoyable S. F. restaurant (there are so many) is the Owl and the Turtle, where the dinners are superb. And to top off the 'Scene' is the crowded Seals Stadium, where the local team continues to baffle the experts with their play.

The Las Vegas picture is also glamorous, gaudy and fun packed. The current shows reek with entertainment. In the brief but busy week-end in that city of make believe, only four shows were seen by yours truly (among other things!) and all



RIDE 'EM COWBOY—Wag Blessing, former world champion rodeo rider, who will be one of the participants in the Rancho Days rodeo July 26 and 27 at the Torrance Civic Center,



SECOND SAVING ACTION—Thelma's what it takes to win in calf-roping competition as will be seen next Saturday and Sunday at the rodeo to be held in the Civic Center as part of Rancho Days.

Halldale Safety Committee Named

"Fun With Safety" is the daily motto on South Elementary District playgrounds, according to Harry W. Phillips, physical education and youth services supervisor.

The safety program is the same as during the school year with appropriate adaptation to summer playground activities. All equipment, apparatus, and games have specific safety standards which the director discusses with the children.

Each playground also has a pupil safety committee sponsored by the Automobile Club of Southern California, at Halldale Ave. School, according to director Marion Smith and assistant director Jim Poindexter. The committee includes Cheryl Brock, John Brock, Nancy Mathis, Doug Swanson, James Cango, Mike Cango, Wanda Hank, Mike O'Brien, Danny Cango and Larry Reed.

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RECEIVES AWARD—Robert Cramer, chairman of the Recreation Commission, presents a National Recreation Association award for support of the Scout Center to Mrs. J. G. Louvier, president of the Junior Women's Club, nominated for the honor by the Recreation Department. Harry Van Bellehem, director of the Recreation Department looks on.

American Music Popular With Greeks, Rozann Finds

(Editor's Note: This is the second article written by Rozann Willis, a Torrance High School student who is now in Greece as an exchange summer student.)

Dazzling Grecian sunshine greeted me as I, along with 28 other A.F.S. students, staggered off the General Airways plane at 12 noon yesterday.

This final stop climaxed approximately 36 hours of flying, beginning with the New York departure at 9:45 p.m., E.D.T. (instead of 7 p.m. as planned) on June 30.

After seven hours in the air we landed at Gander, Newfoundland, to refuel and have breakfast. (The local time was 5 a.m.) However, we had no sooner touched the ground when we learned there would be no breakfast for us until the earlier flights had been fed.

Four hours later, when the only sounds were intermittent "pee-oo's" (Greek for "I'm hungry"), and we were seriously thinking of abusing the waiter, breakfast was served.

By 10:45 a.m. we were up in the clouds again; next stop, Shannon, Ireland.

We arrived in Ireland at 12 midnight (local time) July 2, to find rain and a deliciously hot meal awaiting us. After eating we explored the airport and boarded the plane again, arms full of Irish souvenirs. The "fasten your seat belt" sign flashed and we were off again.

Try to Sleep

From 3 to 5 a.m. we made one last attempt to grab 40 winks. By about 4:30, however, we were awake again to catch a glimpse of the beautiful English countryside. Then we were over water once more, flying across the English channel to France!

Three hours later, as we flew between Nice and Marseilles, we saw, for the first time, the clear,

blue waters of the Mediterranean Sea.

We then flew south along the Italian coastline, past Rome, to the heel of Italy's boot until we reached the Ionian Sea. Across it rising majestically from the calm waters lay the land we had come so far to see. An hour later, 1:30 p.m., local time, we landed in Athens.

After checking through customs, we went to the airport dining room for lunch. The food was delicious but by this time most of us were too tired to eat.

One boy, pointing to his stomach, explained to the waitress in carefully memorized Greek: "I am ill." Then, forgetting the Greek word for "here," he added "ici" (French). Tired or not, we all laughed.

When the lunch was over, we were taken by bus to the city to await the train or planes to Patros, Solonika and Crete.

American Music

Can you imagine our surprise when we heard such American records as "Eddie My Love" and "Hearts of Stone" coming from the bus radio? Regardless of the fact that they were popular three or four years ago in America, it made us feel that even in Greece, miles away geographically, we were not far from home.

After cooling off for a few hours in Athens, twelve of us

boarded the train for Patros.

On the train we managed to converse with several Greeks and everyone laughed at our attempts to explain things in each other's language.

Finally, at midnight, the train arrived in Patros. The Vourvoulas family was at the station to meet me and after rescuing my luggage, we proceeded to my "father's" restaurant, where I was served, much to my surprise, a very American meal of breaded veal cutlets, French fried potatoes, combination salad and fresh fruits.

Following this meal everyone drank to my arrival and we went home to bed.

So ended my first day in Greece.

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Optimist Game Chairman Named

An elementary school official is chairman of the third annual Optimist All-Star High School football game between the Bay League and Pioneer senior graduates. He is Dr. Bernard Garen, assistant superintendent and business manager for the Redondo Beach City School system.

Garen is president of the Optimist Football Association, whose annual all-star game will take place on Friday night, August 15, at El Camino College.

In previous games the Bay League won, 13-0 in 1956, and the Pioneer League evened the series last summer with a 7-6 victory.

Park Chiefs Plan Conference

On July 21, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., the Southern Section Program Planning Committee for the 11th Annual California and Pacific Southwest Recreation Conference will be held in the Municipal Auditorium in Torrance.

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He said he was selling his dealership after operating it for 20 years in order to have more leisure time to play golf.

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