

#### The Last Laugh

Dear Ann Landers: The letter about the woman with the terrible laugh brought back some 40-year-old memories. I, too, had a laugh that was out of the ordinary, but I never knew it until I was tipped off-by a

Several years ago my husband and I went to the coast to visit my brother and sister-in-law. The first morning we were there I was awakened by the ear-splitting racket of their parrot. He kept screeching, "Ha ha ha he he he ho hee hee ho hee I immediately went to my sister-in-law and asked what in the world the screeching was all about.

"Oh," she replied, in her usual low-key manner, "Polly is imitating your laugh." I said, "Do I sound like that?" She answed "Yes. Its a perfect imitation." I couldn't believe it at first, but after a while I had to admit it was true. You can be sure I toned down my laugh considerably after that.

Both my brother and the parrot are gone now, but I recall the incident whenever I hear an unusual laugh and I say to myself, "That person should go visit someone who has a parrot."-FORMER SCREECHER.

"Dear Former: Blessings on Polly. She did you a great fa-But you still haven't had the last laugh-read on:

Dear Ann Landers: I recently read in your column the letter from the woman who complained because her mother-in-law had a laugh like a rooster. The daughter-in-law found this frightfully embarrassing, especially when they went to the movies.

If she will send me her mother-in-law, I will send her mine. My husband's mother has not cracked a smile in the 24 years I have known her. I have often thought it very odd that the woman has not heard anything funny since I came into the family.

Please print my letter, Ann, and let's hope the complaining lady sees it. That rooster racket should be music to her ears.—GRIMVILLE.

Dear Grim: Thank you-and cockadoodledoo.

Dear Ann Landers: I am 54 and going with a man 69 years of age. We plan to marry this summer. One thing is holding us up. He wants me to sign a pre-nuptial agreement which leaves 75 per cent of all his holdings to his three children if he dies before I do. I do not think this is fair, especially since I have not asked him to sign any agreement. I have three children also. I am willing to leave everything I have to him.

If I give this man several years of happiness, I think I am entitled to whatever he has. After all, his children are all married and they don't need anything. What is your opin ion? - NOT GREEDY, JUST PRAC-

Dear N. G.: Your offer to leave everything to your hus-band if you should predecease him is a noble gesture, but an empty one. According to the insurance actuaries, you have another 19 years to go and I'm sorry I can't say the same for him.

State laws vary. I urge you to see your lawyer and learn the facts about a child's legal share of a parent's estate. What concerns me, however, is that you say nething about your feeling for the man, you speak only of the financial problem.

The whole thing smells like last week's fish.

## Symbols Of Tyme Honored

The Symbols of Tyme, a band composed of Torrance High School students, has won first place in the Battle of the Bands sponsored by the Hawthorne Junior Chamber of Commerce and the Hawthorne Youth Canteen.

Members of the band a re
Tom Croucier, Fred Beato,
Tom Butterfield, Bill Koehler,
Larry Herrara, Mike Denler, David Baher, and Susan Lea

The band is now eligible to compete in the state Cham-ber of Commerce finals, to be held later this month in Gar den Grove. National finals are scheduled this summer in Boston, Mass., during the con-vention of the United States Chamber of Commerce

The Symbols of Tyme also won the finals of the Battle of the Sounds, sponsored by Teen Time, U.S.A., in Ana heim. The group qualified for the finals—with four other bands—after a week of elim-

ination concerts.

Awards include a \$75' gift certificate and individual trophies for the Hawthorne contest and 30-inch trophy and \$1,000 gift certificate as the 1968 Champions of

### Four Area **Students** Win Awards

Four Torrance students were among a dozen winners of Bank of America Achievement Awards announced here this week.

Local winners in cluded Donna R. Cooper, a North High senior who won second place in the fine arts field; Lyn R. Curtis, a South High senior who won second place in liberal arts; Richard D. Epstein of North High, second place in science and math; and Sue Ellen McKee of North High, third place in vocational arts.

Top winners in the contest were Lari Jan Philipotts of Redondo Union High School, vocational arts; Cynthia Cherbak of Hawthorne High, fine arts; Richard Breeden of Aviation High, liberal arts; and David R. Penso of Morningside High, science and

First-place winners have earned at least \$150 each and will compete for cash awards of up to \$1,000 in the South-ern Los Angeles County finals to be held May 13.

To Pay Dividend

A regular quarterly dividend of 55 cents a share on Bank of America National Trust and Savings Association capital stock has been declared by the bank's board of directors. The dividend is parable May 21 to show his payable May 31 to sha ers of record May 1.

COUNT MARCO

# There's an Art To Dining Out

Does he smile at you and feel positive when he orders dinner for you in a restaurant? Or do you bark out your own orders like a WAC general and deprive him of the luxurious feeling of escorting a charming woman?

Even ordering a plain hamburger can become a pleasant Does he smile at you and

burger can become a pleasant love ritual if you play it right. No well-bred European woman ever speaks directly to a waiter if she is escorted by a

man.

The proper way to order when in a restaurant is to

when in a restaurant is to look the menu over carefully. Then give your order to the man sitting across from you. Under no circumstances do you give the order to the attendant. If the waiter should stop by you or look at you, infer by a nod that he is to take his cue from your escort. Shoud you wish more coffee or tea, ask your man, who in turn signals the waiter. So many of you, whether dining with a man or in female groups, have atrocious dining room manners. You take forever to decide what you want. And, if the menu reads in bold, black letter "no

substitutes" you rise to this challenge to your independ-ence by making at least a try at it.

at it.

Remember the waiter did not cook the food. If it displeases you, try being calm and explain the difficulty. But this is only if you are dining alone or with a group of women. Never, with an escort. Unless the food is really bad, don't embarrass your man by complaints. Just don't bother ther time.

other time.

If you are the one I saw bellowing, "You're not leaving that much!" and snatching back a piece of change, remember that the waiter earned his tip. Today, the proper amout is 15 to 20 per cent of the total check. If you keep him on the hop, another 5 per cent wouldn't hurt.

Dining out with a man can be fun. If you're single, the ordering technique is a brief prelude to being a Mrs. If married, it helps to keep you that way.



MARINE BRIEFING . . . Sharon Terrill, reigning Miss Torrance, ponders requests for her address and telephone number from alert CH-53A crew members during a tour of the El Toro Marine Corps Air Station. The men are Sgt. Richard Hopkins (center) of Delta, Utah, and Lt. Bob Stout of Kokomo, Ind. Marines from the El Toro base will march in the ninth annual Armed Forces Parade

# Leathernecks Join **Annual Celebration**

of her generation, members of the 3d Marine Aircraft

of the 3d Marine Wing, in training as pilots,

She observed the stubby 4 light bombers and the F-

4 fighters as they swept in and out of the huge base. She watched the C-130 Herky-bird

cargo planes arrive and de-part from El Toro, the west

coast terminal for Marine activities in the Pacific. All

SHARON WAS briefed on

CH-53 assault transport oper-

ations at the nearby Marine Corps Air Facility, Santa Ana,

was business, no frills.

to Khe Sanh.

Corps Air Station, ten free-way miles southeast of Santa Ana, gave Sharon Terrill, reigning Miss Torrance, a quiet reminder of Marine his-tory in the Pacific 25 years ago and a sharp realization of U.S. military commitments in Southeast Asia today. Sharon, a 21-years-old sen-

ior at California State College at Long Beach, visited the sprawling 3,900-acre air base to remind the Marines that the citizens of Torrance and communities throughout the Los Angeles metropolitan area would be honoring the Marine Corps and all other branches of the Armed Forces

The occasion will be the ninth annual Armed Forces Day parade and celebration May 17 and 18.

HER TOUR of the station covered roads named for past Marine hattlegrounds in the Pacific: Wake, Saipan, I wo Jima, and Midway; to reminders of Korea: Inchon, Chosen

used for helicopter training. She learned that in their first year in Vietnam, the Super-Birds retrieved more than 400 downed aircraft. In one mission a Super-Bird hauled 60 combat - equipped Marines from a forward position. She was impressed by its 195 mph top speed and a 4-ton pay-load

capability.

Miss Terrill was told a 170man marching unit, Woman's Marine Platoon and CH-53 helicopter exhibit entries are scheduled to participte in the nation's largest civic-sponsored Armed Forces Day observ-ance here. She reminded them of the top-rated Marine etition standmarching competition standards set in 1964 in the same parade by E Co., 2nd Bn., 7th Marines from Camp Pendle-

## Drivers' First Aid Class Set

"First Aid to School Bus Drivers" will be the final course offered this semester by Torrance Evening High

Classes are meeting in Room 97 at Torrance High School, 2200 Carson St., from 7 to 9:30 p.m., Mondays. They

will meet for five weeks.

School bus drivers are required by the Motor Vehicle
Code to receive this train-

ing.
Upon completion of the course, drivers will receive a way Patrol will conduct the first aid examination as part of the examination of appli-cants for a school bus driv-er's certificate.

Registration will be accept-

crewmen, and support person-nel to follow those who've re-cently traveled from Da Nang

were part of the first Marine force to land and secure Da Nang later that summer. This year Camp Pendleton

will be well represented by its famed mounted Color Guard and its precision 5th Marine

Division Band. A crowd of 100,000 spectators will be listening for its Sousa Marches and Tijuana Brass sounds.

HONOR THREE MEN

## Silver, Bronze Stars Awarded

have received special awards for their service in Vietnam. Two of the awards are for heroism in combat, while the third was made for meritorious service as a supply spe-

Marine First Lt. James R. Mullen, son of Mr. and Mrs. Earl P. Mullen of 3205 Merrill Drive, received the Bronze and Silver Stars; Army S/Sgt. Kalosi Manu, son of Mr. and Mrs. Posas M. Tuinei of 254B Doble St., Harber City, received the Bronze bor City, received the Bronze

AIR FORCE S/Sgt. Marvin I. Stilley, husband of the former Martha Newman of 2021 W. 242nd St., Lomita, received the Air Force Commendation Medal.

Lieutenant Mullen earned the Bronze Star for leading an assault on an enemy bunk-er, forcing the enemy to flee,

ed. Eleven days later, he earned the Silver Star for his actions in moving wounded Marines to safety while un-der heavy fire from an enemy

The lieutenant is an aidede-camp to Brig. Gen. John J. McLaughlin, assistant di-vision commander of the First Marine Division.

SERGEANT MANU was cited for heroism in action while engaged in military operations against enemy forces in Vietnam. He is now attached to Company A of the 3rd Brigade's 3rd Battalion and stationed at Ft. Lewis,

Wash.

Sergeant Stilley, a native of Aroma Park, Ill., was honored for his service at Phu Cat AB, Vietnam, as a supply inventory specialist. He is now assigned to Kencheloe AFB, Mich.



AT CHAPEL THEATER

## 'Don Juan in Hell' To Open on Friday

"A 'Concert Reading'? What's that?"

That's what's new at Chapel Theater, 2222 Lomita Blvd. Cajan Lee Pimley, director of "Don Juan in Hell," has a background that includes involvement with theater in many aspects; she celebrates the Chapel Players' decision to adopt concert reading as a featured special-

The things that are read in concert," Mrs. Pimley says,

"are primarily thought pieces. They are too intricate for the usual kind of staging -they would involve costuming, sets, and facilities be-yond the capacity of commu-nity theater. Still, thanks to their literary merit, the audience becomes completely involved. One must s

"Don Juan in Hell" will be on the Chapel stage Friday and Saturday, April 26 and 27 and May 3 and 4. Curtain is 8:30 p.m. all four nights.

PROFILE: JOHN Q. BORGWAT

## Water Superintendent Got His Start in Netherlands

John Q. Borgwat should be cast in the leading role of a movie featuring his life story. Not only does he look more like a Hollywood star than a Torrance city water system manager, but his career reads Continent hopping, front-line combat, and outsmarting Nazis have been day-to-day experiences for the silver-

haired Dutchman. Borgwat was an obscure engineering student on that fateful day in 1940 when the German army overran his native Holland. After a fourday resistance, the Nether-lands surrendered. The German occupation restored relative calm for a fev allowing the young idealist to finish work on his degree in architectural engineering.

Things remained calm un-til the Germans began forcing Nazi ways on the people. That's when Borgwat joined the underground resistance. He and his brother risked their own welfare to shelter butch Jews who would other-wise have ended up in Ger-man death camps. Faced with a host of physical and psycho-logical problems in this work, Borgwat noted that the hardest part was trying to feed the hideaways. His brother actually participated in raids on Nazi offices where under-ground forces managed to steal food ration cards to cone their humanitarian

To avoid conscription that self, Borgwat went back to college in 1942 for a year of college in instruction, hoping the civil engineering, hoping the war would be over before he

re-emerged.
At the end of the school year, however, he could see that the war was still going strong. It was then, Borgwat quips, that he went "literally



JOHN Q. BORGWAT

underground." Even before graduation ceremonies, the Dutch patriot headed for the coal fields to become an anonymous miner until that portion of his country was liberated in September, 1944.

The American troops who sarched in to free them marched in to made a lasting impression on Borgwat. That's when the idea of becoming an American citizen first crept into his mind. Borgwat got to know his

future countrymen even better when his Dutch platoon joined with U.S. troops in finishing off the last campaign against Germany. The smat-tering of English he knew then proved invaluable in helping the two platoons com-

With the war over. Borgwat pursued a brief engineering career in the Netherlands until one day he saw an ad in a trade magazine for a posi-tion available in Surinam, the

Guiana. Determined to expand his horizons, Borgwat didn't hesitate to take off for the sun-bleached capital of Paramaribo, known for its quaint, 16th Century architec-

For the next 10 years, Borg-wat forged his career with the Paramaribo public water agency, working his way up to assistant manager.

In 1956, the one-time architectural aspirant finally won an opportunity to continue his water management career in Southern California. Before accepting the reins of the Torrance Water Department last November, Borgwat adanced his career for many years with the investor-owned Southwest Water Co. in Va-linda, Calif.

Borgwat has been commut-ing 43 miles from Valinda every day since he began work here, hoping to establish his family home in Torrance as soon as possible.

A family man, Borgwat met his wife Ella in Surinam and two of their four children were born there. The youngsters, ranging in age from 8 to 16, are Nick, Marianne, Bob, and Michael, Nick and Marianne both picked up the Duteh language although Borgwat says he and dis wife never actually taught it

Borgwat's leisure activities center around the family. He's spearheaded Boy Scout work for his three sons and has coached a youth baseball

team. The six Borgwats, an cancican citizens now, enjoy family camping trips and Presbyterian Church activities. They The six Borgwats, all Amerlove sailing and dream about owning their own sailboat once they are located near the convenient harbor facilities.