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A Letter To My Son

By Tom Rische

Dear Bruce.

groan at the thought of attending a school open house, I think they serve a useful purpose. It gives parents and teachers a chance to see the people the kids have been talking about, I sometimes tell parents, "If you promise not to believe everything your kids tell you about me, I won't believe everything the kids tell me

At high schools, the story stays pretty constant every year. Biggest attendance is by freshman parents. More girls' parents attend than boys Still, although they deny it, most kids secretly appreciate their parents' attendance to find out what's happening.

Parents who show up are, by and large, parents of students who do pretty well anyway, but quite probably the reason they're doing well is because their parents are interested.

Parents of "problem" kids usually don't come, and in some cases, the problem kid's problem is that his parents just don't care what he does. Sometimes, Junior has intercepted the invitation to open house, just so parents won't find out the truth.

Several years ago, I had a student who obviously was quite bright, although he never volunteered any-

thing and did just enough to get by. I asked why.
"I used to go home and try to talk to my parents
about what we were doing in school," he said. "But every time I did, my dad would say, 'Don't bother me, kid. Those teachers are all a bunch of dam Communists anyway.' So I quit."

Yours for parents who care, YOUR DAD

Tartar Teen Talk

By Betsy Tomita

"And to think that it started with just two little Seniors voted for the ton 15 Wednesday in their govred pills," he said. ernment classes. The entire school will choose the Top Five girls, who make up the Homecoming Court on Oct.

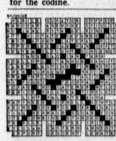
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Representatives from Teen Challenge were guest speak-ers at Torrance High Tuesday. Teen Challenge is an organization designed to help drug addicts kick the habit through religion.

Robert Rico, director, discussed the history and func-tions of the organization and introduced the other two speakers, Kenneth Mota and Robert Urmston, who were

Mota explained to the students how he started smoking marijuana at age 12 purely out of curiosity, and this resulted in 13 years of appearing in any act of of appearing in and out of court along with the con-stant need for drugs. After he lost all hope, Mota went to Teen Challenge and found hope and love in Christ.

URNSTON SAID that he had started using pills, also for curiosity's sake. After going through payiatric hospitals, psychiatrists, a n d other means to seek relief, he reluctantly went to Teen Challenge and found help. Urnston said that at one Urnston said that at one time he was taking eight bottles of cough syrup a day



If the band seems to have game with Rolling Hills, it is because the Torrance Elementary Band will play during half time.

The pros and cons of Proposition 9, the Watson Initiative, will be aired Sat-urday at 7:30 p.m. at a pub-lic meeting of the Resurrec-tion Lutheran Couples' Club.

The meeting will be held at the church, 330 Palos Verdes Blvd., Redondo

Speaking in favor of the measure will be Fred Kim-ball, chairman of the Citi-zens Committee for Prop-erty Tax Limitation. Opposing the measure will be Noell Marble, executive di-rector of the Torrance Edu-cation Association.

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Human Relations Council To Discuss Fair Housing

The second organizational meeting of the Torrance Human Relations Council will Are school open houses really worth while? be held next Thursday, 8 tary; Mrs. David Hall, treas-Although many kids, parents, and teachers alike p.m., at the home of Mr. urer; Mrs. Stephen Rhoads, and Mrs. Robert Davis, 3606 Sara Drive. A temporary chairman for the group will be chosen from the recommendations made by the nominating committee.

Mrs. Charles Dougherty and Mrs. Harvey Rosener will lead a discussion on fair housing laws and commu-nity attitudes.

All Torrance residents who are interested in the field of human relations are invited to attend the meet-

Dennis Welch served as organizing chairman for the group, which had its initial group, which had its initial meeting last week at the Davis' home. "The purpose in forming a human relations council," he stated, "is to foster a dialog among those people who are concerned about the problems of min about the problems of mi-nority citizens. Our goal is to increase communication within our own community and with others in the greater Los Angeles area. Distrust between groups can be alleviated by achieving understanding through meaningful experiences and discussion."

Following next week's meeting, regular program meetings of the group will be held on the second Thursday evening of each

Serving on the nominat-ing committee are Mrs. Alice Hammond and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Davis.

County THE GIRLS volleyball team now has a terrific record of 3-0. They beat Palos Verdes in a meet Thursday with a score of 15-4 and 15.5. Tuesday they played Rolling Hills and won 15-12 and 15-11. Relocates **Power Lines**

A program to relocate overhead utility lines to un-derground was annnounced this week by County Super-visor Kenneth Hahn.

Sgt. Mel Horn, juvenile of-ficer for the Torrance Police Hahn reports the County Counsel is drafting an en-abling ordinance under guidelines set forth by the California Public Utilities Department, spoke to stu-dent Congress Wednesday about the function of the police around campus. He commented on laws concern-ing curfew, loitering, and

criminal records.
"The only way a record can be sealed is by a court order and this is a difficult The Southern California Edison Co. has allocated a total of \$971,000 to be used order and this is a difficult to relocate power lines in unincorporated areas of Los Angeles County.

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