

A Letter To My Son

By Tom Rische
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Dear Bruce:
A beauty of the American system is that somehow it works.

You heard all sorts of strange noises coming out of the television recently, with dire predictions that the world might end if a certain candidate weren't chosen. Friendships broke up as people argued the merits of Nixon, Humphrey, and Wallace. Every four years, America goes through a strange set of convulsions to get a new president.

We saw two noisy conventions, with balloons and speeches. One even had a big riot to go along with it. We listened to countless speeches and saw political ads with atom bombs going off, soldiers fighting, people rioting, and men accusing each other of running smear campaigns. We heard promises of lower taxes and more services and efficiency.

We even saw our new president on "Laugh-In," saying, "Sock it to me?"

We narrowly avoided two more months of confusion over who would be president. The Electoral College, a device dreamed up by the Constitution-makers who didn't trust the common people to vote for president, still survives although its purpose is long since gone.

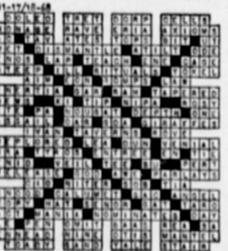
One beauty of the American Constitution is that it can be changed, although some feel that in this case, it wasn't changed fast enough. We've modified our original Constitution to let women vote, to raise Negroes from the status of a 3/5th person and let them vote instead of letting their masters do it for them. The 1787 model can be modified for needs of 1968.

Despite dire predictions and the mystified stares of foreigners, somehow the American political system continues to work.

Long live the President.
YOUR DAD

Gospel Concert To Be Staged

Gospel Concerts' big Annual West Coast Festival of Gospel Music will be held



on Saturday evening, Nov. 23, at the Long Beach Municipal Auditorium and will feature a lineup of gospel artists from throughout the country.

The program, which gets under way at 7 p.m., will be preceded at 6:30 by a local talent program featuring "New Faces in Gospel Music for 1968."

The concert is under the sponsorship of Gospel Concerts, a non-profit Southern California organization.

For Dialysis Machines Kidney Foundation Fund Drive Begins

An all-out campaign for funds to purchase home dialysis or artificial kidney machines is being launched today by the Southern California Kidney Foundation, it was announced by Mark S. Novak, president of the foundation.

The fund-raising effort, which will run for 30 days, is one step in alleviating the personnel, facilities and equipment shortages that severely limit the number of sufferers from total kidney failure that can be saved each year, according to Novak.

"Some 500 people in Southern California face death annually," Novak stated. "A large percentage of them could be saved by use of the dialysis or artificial kidney machine and kidney transplants."

"UNFORTUNATELY, in the case of the later, there are not enough kidneys to go around, and patients must wait up to six months for a reasonably matched organ. It is during this waiting period that dialysis is necessary, and hospital costs of such treatment are high and a home machine can cost up to \$10,000 installed, with operating costs running up to \$3,000 per year."

The Southern California Kidney Foundation, Novak said, plans to purchase home dialysis machines to be installed in patients' homes. There will be no charge for the machines other than a monthly rental of \$50, or less if a patient's financial circumstances warrant.

The machines remain the property of the Southern California Kidney Foundation and assume the responsibility for transportation of machines, service upkeep and major repairs should they be necessary.

INSTALLATION charges, necessary plumbing alterations and purchase of dis-

posable materials used in dialysis treatments will be the responsibility of the patient.

"Patients awaiting transplants," Novak said, "or patients ineligible for surgery for one cause or another, can be maintained as active and useful citizens through the use of the dialysis machine. It takes over the work of the kidneys in cleaning the impurities from the blood."

"Dialysis treatments run from five to eight hours, two or three times a week. Presently, most patients taking dialysis must find a hospital offering such facilities. He or she must adjust his schedule for treatment to the hospital's patient load. In addition, he is subject to his share of the hospital's operating cost in terms of facilities, and personnel."

"UNDER the plan of the Southern California Kidney Foundation's program, patients and their families can be trained in selected hospitals to administer dialysis at home. Such treatment can be adjusted to the patient's normal daily routine, costs are sharply reduced and there is psychological advantage to taking treatment in familiar surroundings."

In addition, Novak pointed out, for every home machine in use additional hospital facilities become available for other kidney disease sufferers.

Machines will not be assigned to patients by the foundation itself, Novak said. As they become available, a list of eligible patients will be reviewed by the Foundation's Scientific Advisory Council and decisions made on the basis of criteria which includes age, marital status, children, financial status as well as medical condition.

EACH MACHINE, when no longer necessary due to successful transplantation or other circumstances, will be reassigned by the Scientific Advisory Council.

Six hospitals in the Los Angeles area are equipped to train patients for home dialysis, Novak said. They are, Cedars-Sinai Medical Center, County-USC Medical Center, Wadsworth Veterans Hospital, St. Vincent's Hospital, Harbor General Hospital, and Pasadena Community Hospital.

The Southern California Kidney Foundation is seeking \$90,000 for the purchase of nine or more home dialysis machines for 1968.

Tartar Teen Talk

By Betsy Tomita

Juniors are sponsoring a Pancake Breakfast tomorrow to raise money for their senior year. It will be held in the main cafeteria and will last from 7:30 until 11:30 a.m. At 10:30 the pancake contest will begin. Participants will be timed for two minutes and the person who can stuff the most pancakes in his mouth, will win the \$10 prize. Everyone is

welcome and tickets are now on sale for \$1.

Margie Peterson and Karen McKim, juniors, are both semifinalists for the Americans Aboard program. For additional consideration, their applications will be sent to New York, AFS headquarters.

THE VARSITY cross country team has kept up its undefeated record and now has a chance in the league finals. Torrance won an easy victory over Culver City last Friday, with Jeff Blydenburgh, Mike Townsend, and Eddie Goodfriend placing one, two, and three respectively.

The Children Spastic's Foundation was visited by 18 Torrance High students Saturday. It was the Foundation's inaugural ball of president and vice-president of council, and the students helped them celebrate by pushing the patients around in wheelchairs while square-dancing. The program was sponsored by the Red Cross.

DAISY UGLADE, junior, commented on the visit, "It sure gave me more insight as to what they were really like."

Seniors received an added \$25 to their fund for prom expenses, by having the best decorated car for homecoming.

The Spirit Jug went to Sophomores for their great participation in school activities.

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Removal of Trees Set At Course

Adjutant General Gets New Title in Shakeup

Seven palm trees will be removed from Victoria Park Golf Course to allow the Goodyear Blimp to fly lower over the course with greater safety, Supervisor Kenneth Hahn has announced.

The blimp's landing pad is located adjacent to the golf course just north of the San Diego Freeway and its final approach is directly over the course.

Hahn said removal of the trees will be at the expense of the Goodyear Tire and Rubber Co. which has already submitted a check for \$4,200 to accomplish the work.

The tall palm trees will be replaced with shorter trees.

THS Class Makes Plans For Reunion

An organizational meeting to plan a 10-year reunion of the Torrance High Class of 1959 will be held Wednesday evening at the offices of Walt Janoff, 27916 Silver Spur Road, Palos Verdes Peninsula.

Committees will be formed to plan the reunion gathering.

Members of the class interested in attending are asked to contact Mrs. W. G. (Diane Wayt) Campbell.

SACRAMENTO — After 118 years, the Office of the Adjutant General of the California State Guard has ended and its place will be the new office of the Commanding General, State Military Forces.

Major General Glenn C. Ames, who was appointed as adjutant general by Governor Ronald Reagan in 1967, is the first man to hold office under the new title.

The adjutant general's office dates back to 1850 when Brigadier General Theron R. Parlee was elected to the post by the first legislature and served from April 12 through Oct. 5, 1850. The office remained elective until 1864 when Governor Frederick Low appointed Brigadier General Robert Robinson as the four adjutant general.

The military department consists of the office of the commanding general of the

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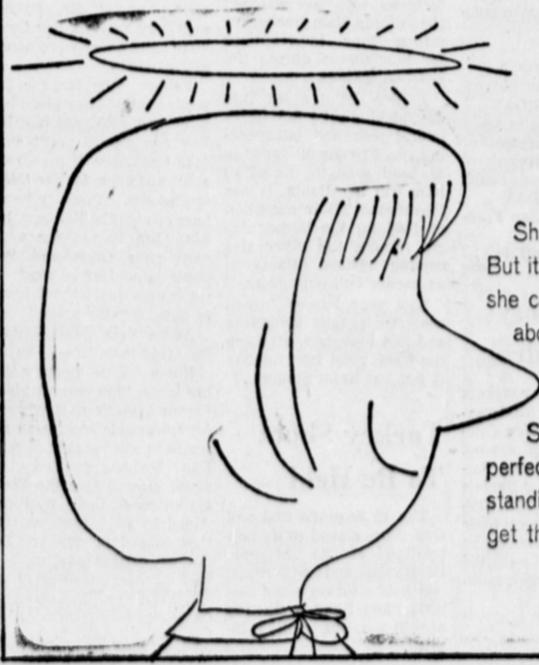
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