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ment between the County and the adoptive family prevents it.

"I think the whole situation is really ridiculous because I never want to harm this child or endanger his life," Milanian said. "I want to see that he went to a good place. When you save somebody you want to know the outcome. I really feel that we had major bonding."

Milanian, 37, said she sent a letter to Baby Christian via the County. She got a form letter.

"I know I'm going to see him again," she said. "He will look for me."

THOMPSON'S HEART STILL BEATING STRONG

In a Feb. 20 story, "The Beat Goes On," Annette Macias introduced us all to Charles Thompson, of La Canada Flintridge, who made medical history by being the first person in the United States to receive a Gem DR heart regulator implant.

One year after the surgery, Thompson, now 67, told Jasmine Lee he's still enjoying life.

"When I go to the airport, I don't go through the metal detectors," Thompson said. "But that's the only thing I do different. There are no limits. I feel great."

Thompson said he often forgets the device is even there. He has no complications and continues doing activities he enjoys, like

tinkering with car engines.

Thompson's physician, Dr. Mayer Rashtian, a cardiac electrophysiologist at Pasadena's Huntington Memorial Hospital, said he's pleased with the outcome of Thompson's surgery. Rashtian has since implanted the Gem DR, approved by the Food and Drug Administration in October, into 50 more patients. It's still considered a fairly new device.

Many people, some with heart conditions themselves, ask Thompson about the implant. And he is more than happy to dole out information and tell his success story.

"If I can tell someone about it and help them prevent a heart attack, then I'll talk about it all day long," he said.