

\* A Message From the CEO \*

# Positive Thinking Is Good for You

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There are two things you should read this month: this issue of *Alive!* (of course) and the tried and true book, *How to Win Friends and Influence People*. The latter was written by Dale Carnegie and was one of my mom's favorite books when I was growing up (that and *The Power of Positive Thinking* by Norman Vincent Peale, *Think and Grow Rich* by Napoleon Hill, and the Bible). In fact, she encouraged me to read Carnegie's staple at a very young age, 14 or so. Looking back, I have to say that it permanently changed the way I deal with people in all respects. In fact, I've started reading a little bit of it each night to my two boys, Isaiah and Noah. They get a kick out of it, and I find them imitating some of its lessons. It's a great book, and it, too, may change the way you deal with people!



My two newest students, Isaiah and Noah!

Now, back to *Alive!* We have some really great stories this month, among them the story about a Firefighter/Paramedic who writes children's books on the side and just finished a missionary trip to Thailand. More power to you, John Hicks.

Also, remember the Hollywood Christmas Parade? Well, the Hollywood Chamber of Commerce canceled it indefinitely, so the City replace it with the all-new Hollywood's Santa Parade. Read all about it starting on the cover.

Also, you'll notice that our Department of the Month has returned. It's been on a slight hiatus, but it's back! It starts on page 30 and features the Office of Finance. Enjoy!

You'll also see LAPD's Medal of Valor awardees, along with the full stories behind the medal. Read them all; you'll be proud to be their fellow employees. These are real, everyday heroes.

Angel Gomez headed to the beach and added bicycling to his "Be Alive!" feature. Ride along, and let him take you on a personalized bike tour of the beautiful South Bay, from Dockweiler State Beach (in view of our Club Members at the Hyperion Treatment Plant and the Scattergood Power Station) down to Hermosa Beach.

And last but not least, check out our story on the Mayor's very rare parade car – and the City Employees who help keep it looking and running like new.

Well, that's it for now, until next month!

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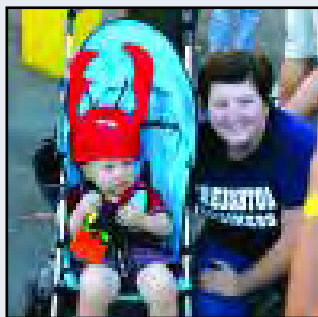


Then-mayor Sam Yorty rides in City's parade car, 1967.

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