

In this monthly feature, Club CEO John Hawkins and Director of Member Services Angel Gomez introduce you to people you see every day, but you might not know who they are. The Club reminds you that we all have names and stories to tell.

People We See

in downtown Los Angeles.

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Meet Samuel Mays.

HIS NEIGHBORHOOD: "First and Los Angeles Streets, downtown Los Angeles."

AGE: "74. Born March 15, 1934."

BIRTHPLACE: "Texas."

FAMILY: "No brothers or sisters."

FAVORITE CHILDHOOD MEMORY: "In 1946, when I got my Schwinn bicycle. It was black with chrome rims."

MOVED TO THE CITY: "In 1939."

EDUCATION: "I was drafted right out of high school."

MILITARY: Army Infantry. "I was in the Army during the Korean War and for five months was held in North Korea as a POW. As a POW, I was held prisoner in a four-feet-by-four-feet 'tiger cage' and was given a half-cup of rice and a glass of water once a day."

IF YOU COULD WISH FOR ANYTHING, WHAT WOULD IT BE? "I would like to get more than \$200 a month from the VA."

LAST JOB: "The last job I had, other than the military, was a paper route."

FAVORITE SPORTS: "Basketball and baseball."

TROPHIES OR AWARDS: "I received the Purple Heart for a bayonet stab wound to the head."

RELIGION: "None"

FAVORITE FOOD: "I love any kind of fast food!"

FAVORITE MOVIE: "Tombstone, The Shawshank Redemption, High Plains Drifter."

FAVORITE ACTOR: "Clint Eastwood."

FAVORITE ACTRESS: "Bette Davis."

FAVORITE TV SHOW: "I Love Lucy, The Carol Burnett Show and The Gong Show."

FAVORITE MUSIC: "I love '50s music."

FAVORITE CANDY: "Chocolate!"

WHERE DO YOU LIVE? "Union Mission."

FAVORITE PLACE IN THE CITY: "I would love, for one day, to go to the Staples Center."

ADVICE FOR EVERYDAY PEOPLE: "I would like people to be courteous and polite to people like me."

LAST BOOK READ: "National Geographic."

WHAT DO YOU THINK ABOUT THE WAR IN IRAQ? "Being a soldier and a POW, I don't want any kind of war; I'm opposed to any kind of war. Just the other day, I was at the VA Hospital and saw a baby buggy at the side of the bed of a young soldier who had his arms and legs blown off by a land mine; the soldier was just a kid and a father. We should never have to see that."

The Club gave Samuel five pair of socks, a McDonald's gift card, a Los Angeles City T-shirt, a recycled tote bag and \$20.



Samuel shows where he was wounded with a bayonet while serving in the Korean War.

Newsbrief

ANIMAL SERVICES –

SPAY AND NEUTER CLINICS:

Councilmember Ed P. Reyes joined with officials and celebrities at North Central Animal Care Center in Lincoln Heights to announce new low-cost spay and neuter clinics to address overpopulation of homeless cats and dogs in Los Angeles. The announcement was made at Los Angeles Animal Services, North Central Care Center, 3201 Lacy St., Los Angeles 90031.

"This is an important service available to the public to help reduce the population of cats and dogs on the street, without a home," said Reyes, who was joined by Councilmember Richard Alarcon and Bob Barker, former host of "The Price is Right."

The event follows a report by Animal Services that found more than 15,000 homeless cats and dogs were euthanized in the City in 2007.

Reyes announcement is the latest in his ongoing efforts to encourage healthy, happy homes for animals. He was instrumental in securing the \$7.3 million for the animal shelter expansion that exists today that includes the friendly, park-like environment the dogs, cats and other animals enjoy.

For more information on adopting a pet or locations of clinics that offer low-cost spay and neuter services, visit www.laanimalservices.org, or call 888-4LAPET1, or 888-452-7381.

PUBLIC WORKS/UNPAID

SANITATION FEES:

Public Works/Sanitation will soon begin charging all residents who have been remiss in paying extra-capacity fees for their extra trash, yard-trimmings or horse-manure containers. To this end, the Bureau of Sanitation will be sending out letters over the next few weeks to remind some 88,000 residents that extra-capacity charges do apply for all extra-capacity containers and that they will have the option to give up or keep the containers for an extra charge.

Residents requesting additional black, green or brown containers must pay an Extra Capacity Charge for the extra containers. The Extra Capacity Charge is implemented under Ordinance No. 170868, which became effective on February 19, 1996 with Mayor and City Council approval. The Extra Capacity Charge applies to all residents who have containers above the standard allocation. Per City Ordinance No. 170868, the charge is \$5 per month for each 30 gallons of extra capacity for refuse and \$2.50 per month for each 30 gallons of extra capacity for yard trimmings. At the same time, the Extra Capacity Charge does have a provision for residents who meet LIFELINE criteria, providing them with the first extra 30 gallons of extra capacity free. Extra-Capacity Charges will be charged through residents' DWP bill.

The public is encouraged to call the Bureau of Sanitation's hotline at (800) 773-CITY (2489) between 7:30 a.m. and 4:45 p.m. for additional information, questions or concerns. Additional information is also available on the Bureau's website: www.lacity.org/SAN.

COUNCIL / NO STOPPAGES

AT LAX:

On June 10, Councilwoman and Club Member Janice Hahn called for the Board of Airport Commissioners to expand its current project labor agreement (PLA) to cover all future capital improvements at Los Angeles International Airport (LAX). Currently, Airports has a PLA that covers only capital improvements at the Tom Bradley International Terminal.

A PLA, which is a comprehensive pre-hire collective bargaining agreement, will ensure a no-strike/no-lockout agreement, along with standardized work rules, a uniform dispute resolution mechanism, a training and apprenticeship program and a requirement for all contractors on the project to pay prevailing wages and benefits.

"We are in the midst of a long-overdue modernization of LAX," Councilwoman Hahn said. "This type of an agreement will protect both the workers and the airport by ensuring good jobs and also preventing costly and detrimental work stoppages. It will ensure that the working men and women of Los Angeles will benefit from the huge investment we are making at LAX."

Who are the people you see every day?