

{ *Who are the people you see every day?* }

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People We See

in downtown Los Angeles.



Meet Jack McVicker.

AGE: "I'm 67."
BIRTHPLACE: "Lodi, Ohio."
WHEN DID YOU MOVE TO LOS ANGELES? "Fifteen years ago. I was tired of the cold weather."
MARITAL STATUS: "Single."
FAMILY: "I have two brothers and six sisters."
RELIGION: "I was raised Methodist."
FAVORITE CHILDHOOD MEMORY: "Just having fun, playing with ponies, dogs and cats."
WHERE DO YOU LIVE? "Right here in Flag Park."
EDUCATION: "I graduated from Cloverleaf High School in Lodi, Ohio."
MILITARY: "I was in the Army for three years, stationed in Germany as a mail clerk."
WHAT WAS THE LAST JOB YOU HAD? "I was a janitor. Right now, the way I get money is by recycling aluminum cans."
FAVORITE SPORTS: "Baseball and football."
FAVORITE FOOD: "Pizza."
FAVORITE MOVIE: "*Gone With the Wind*."
FAVORITE ACTOR: "Clark Gable."
FAVORITE ACTRESS: "Halle Berry."
WHAT'S THE LAST BOOK YOU READ? "It was a Tom Clancy book. I can't remember the name."
FAVORITE TV SHOW: "*Law and Order*."
FAVORITE CANDY: "Peanut M&Ms."
FAVORITE PLACE IN THE CITY: "I like the L.A. Mall, and I like it right here in Flag Park."
IF YOU COULD WISH FOR ANYTHING, WHAT WOULD IT BE? "To be able to do research about how America was really discovered, to go back 14,000 years or more."
IF YOU HAD A MILLION DOLLARS, WHAT WOULD YOU DO WITH IT? "I would buy a lot of property in a little town back in Ohio. I'd have a nice house with some property."
ADVICE FOR EVERYDAY PEOPLE: "Get a job ... and an education."
IF YOU WERE THE MAYOR, WHAT WOULD YOU DO TO HELP THE HOMELESS? "I would try to get us off the streets."
WHAT WAS THE LAST THING YOU ATE? "A couple hot dogs yesterday."
WHERE DO YOU SEE YOURSELF 5 YEARS FROM NOW? "In a place of my own."

The Club gave Jack a McDonald's gift certificate, some cash, snacks, and a Club tote bag.

This interview took place in Nov. 17 in Flag Park, across from City Hall.

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SAFE IN THE SOUTH:

Public Works/Sanitation reopened its newly constructed South Los Angeles S.A.F.E. (Solvents, Automotives, Flammables and Electronics) Collection Center Oct. 27. "The Center provides both Los Angeles City and County residents with a permanent facility to safely and legally recycle and/or dispose of potentially hazardous waste," said Enrique C. Zaldivar, Director, Sanitation. "These items, which can be hazardous to the workers, animals and the environment, should not be disposed of in the regular trash, but instead should be delivered to a S.A.F.E. Collection Center for proper recycling or disposal."

Potentially hazardous materials include:

- RSM or Residential Special Material: paint products (paint, paint thinner, turpentine, solvents, etc); automotive products (used motor oil, oil filters, brake fluid, antifreeze, car batteries, etc); computer monitors and televisions; household and garden chemicals (including pool cleaners and fertilizers); "sharps" (syringes and needles), and expired or unused medication (excluding controlled substances).
- U-Waste or Universal Waste: fluorescent tubes, bulbs (CFLs), mercury-containing lamps, thermostats and common household batteries; and
- E-Waste or Electronic Waste: televisions, computer and computer monitors, cell phones, printers, fax machines, radios, VCRs and microwave ovens.

The S.A.F.E. Center, at 2649 E. Washington Blvd. in Los Angeles, is the sixth such collection center operated by the City. It is open Saturdays and Sundays from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., excluding holidays.

Information: www.lacity.org/SAN/index.htm, or call (800) 98-TOXIC [(800) 988-6942.]

NEW NATURAL GAS AT ONTARIO:

On Sept. 24, the Airports Board of Airport Commissioners approved the development of a Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) fueling station at LA/Ontario International Airport. The new station will provide CNG on site for vehicles operated by LA/Ontario, airport tenants, commercial fleets traveling on Interstate 10, consumer vehicles, and transit agency and local school district buses.

"The station supports City's and Airports' 'green' initiatives," said Jess Romo, LA/Ontario's manager. "The station also addresses the use of alternative fuels advocated or mandated by local, state and federal agencies."

Airports owns and operates 48 CNG-powered vehicles in its LA/Ontario fleet, which represents approximately 25 percent of the airport's total fleet. LA/Ontario's annual CNG consumption is expected to increase as it continues to transition all of its fleet to CNG. In addition to the LA/Ontario fleet, third party commercial operators including shared ride vans and taxicabs are obligated to convert their fleets to CNG as part of contractual arrangements with Airports. Lastly, LA/Ontario will acquire 17 new CNG passenger courtesy shuttle buses within the next two years.

"With the exception of fuel purchased by the airport, the project comes at no cost to Airports and is projected to save LA/Ontario more than \$1.8 million over the next 10 years in preferential pricing for Airports and passenger courtesy shuttle bus fleet," Romo adds. "We are also anticipating a revenue stream of at least \$95,000 in rent and royalties during this period, not including yearly increases to land rent and royalties from third party fuel sales that are expected to grow."

A reliable and readily available station at LA/Ontario is critical, since there are limited CNG fueling station resources within the vicinity of the airport. There are two stations within five miles of LA/Ontario that service the airport's existing and future fleet. However, they do not operationally and cost-effectively meet the airport's needs and anticipated demand. LA/Ontario pays full price for CNG off the airport.

The new 6,500-square-foot station, to be located on Airport Drive and Haven Avenue, will be built, operated and maintained by Clean Energy Fuels Corp. under a 10-year contractual agreement with one five-year renewal option. The station will feature 24-hour video surveillance, card reader and training video, 3,000- and 3,600-pressure-fill options, dispenser hose signs, landscaping, and lighted canopy.



{ 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. }