

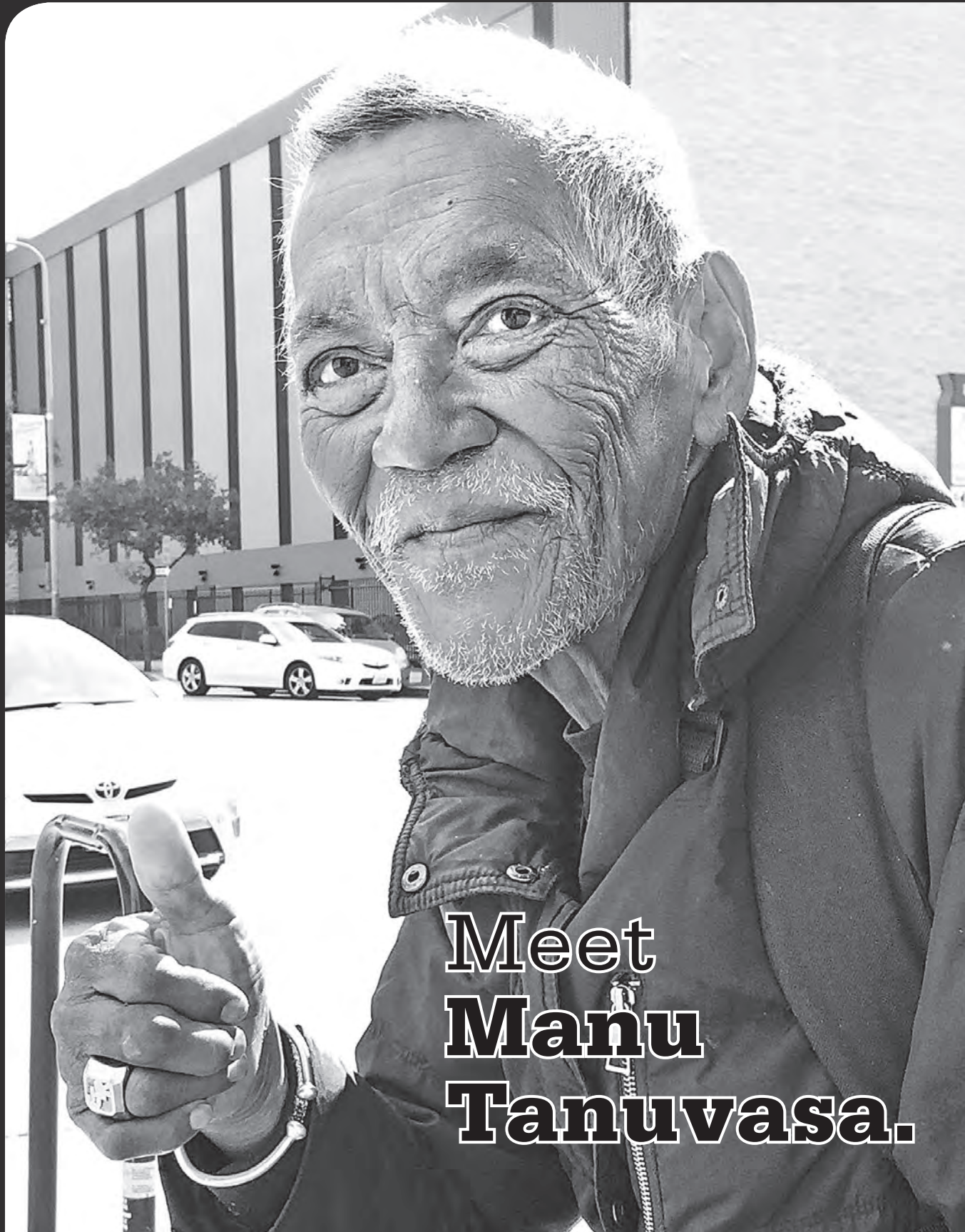
{ Who are the people you see every day? }

People We See

Shelterless in Los Angeles.

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Meet Manu Tanuvasa.



Manu (Left) and
Club CEO John Hawkins.

AGE: "I'm 65."
BIRTHPLACE: "Pago Pago, American Samoa."
MARITAL STATUS: "Divorced."
FAMILY: "I have three brothers and four sisters. I am the second youngest."
MEDICATIONS: "No."
EDUCATION: "I never graduated from high school."
RELIGION: "Christian."
PARENTS MARRIED/DIVORCED: "Not divorced."
SPORTS: "I played football."
WHEN MOVED TO L.A.: "I moved out here from Hawaii when I was 29. And since then I have been coming back and forth. But for the most part I live in LA."
WHERE DO YOU LIVE: "On the sidewalk across from the police parking garage."
THE STORY: "Well, it's a long story, but it all started when I left Pago Pago in the middle of high school. I ran away to Hawaii with my girlfriend and opened a bar in Honolulu. Life was good, with a lot of surfing and partying. But I started smoking pakalolo (marijuana). Life was good until I cheated on that girlfriend with another woman. This time I escaped to Los Angeles. I married that woman but then got divorced. All this time I kept smoking weed, which led to other various drugs. I worked as a carpenter and my wife worked for Edison. Eventually my lifestyle took its toll and now, because of my cheating and drug usage, my address went from Honolulu to the sidewalk in front of the police parking garage on Main Street. And I'm hungry. And my bike was stolen last night. I woke up and it was gone. I am very depressed now."
FAVORITE ACTOR: "I love John Wayne and Marlon Brando."
FAVORITE ACTRESS: "Angelina Jolie for sure."
FAVORITE MUSIC: "The Rolling Stones."
FAVORITE FOOD: "Hawaiian food, and Chinese."
FAVORITE CANDY: "I love all candy. I love my sweets!"
LAST BOOK YOU READ: "I like magazines. The last one I read was Time."
LAST JOB HELD: "I was a carpenter, and I still work from time to time."
LAST MEAL EATEN: "I have half of a breakfast burrito in my backpack. I got it yesterday morning and have been saving it. Would you like some?"
IF YOU WERE MAYOR: "I'd help with housing, shelter, warmth and food."
MOST PRIZED POSSESSION: "My bicycle, but now it's gone."
MAKE A WISH: "To get my bicycle back."
ADVICE FOR EVERYDAY PEOPLE: "Help the homeless and don't do drugs, especially crystal meth."

The Club gave Manu a Bucket and a Blanket, a toothbrush and toothpaste, soap, two pairs of socks, sbampoo, band wipes, some food, \$20 and bottled water. The interview, conducted by John Hawkins, took place May 23 at 400 S. Spring St. downtown.

{ In this monthly feature, Club CEO John Hawkins, and Director of Sales 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. }