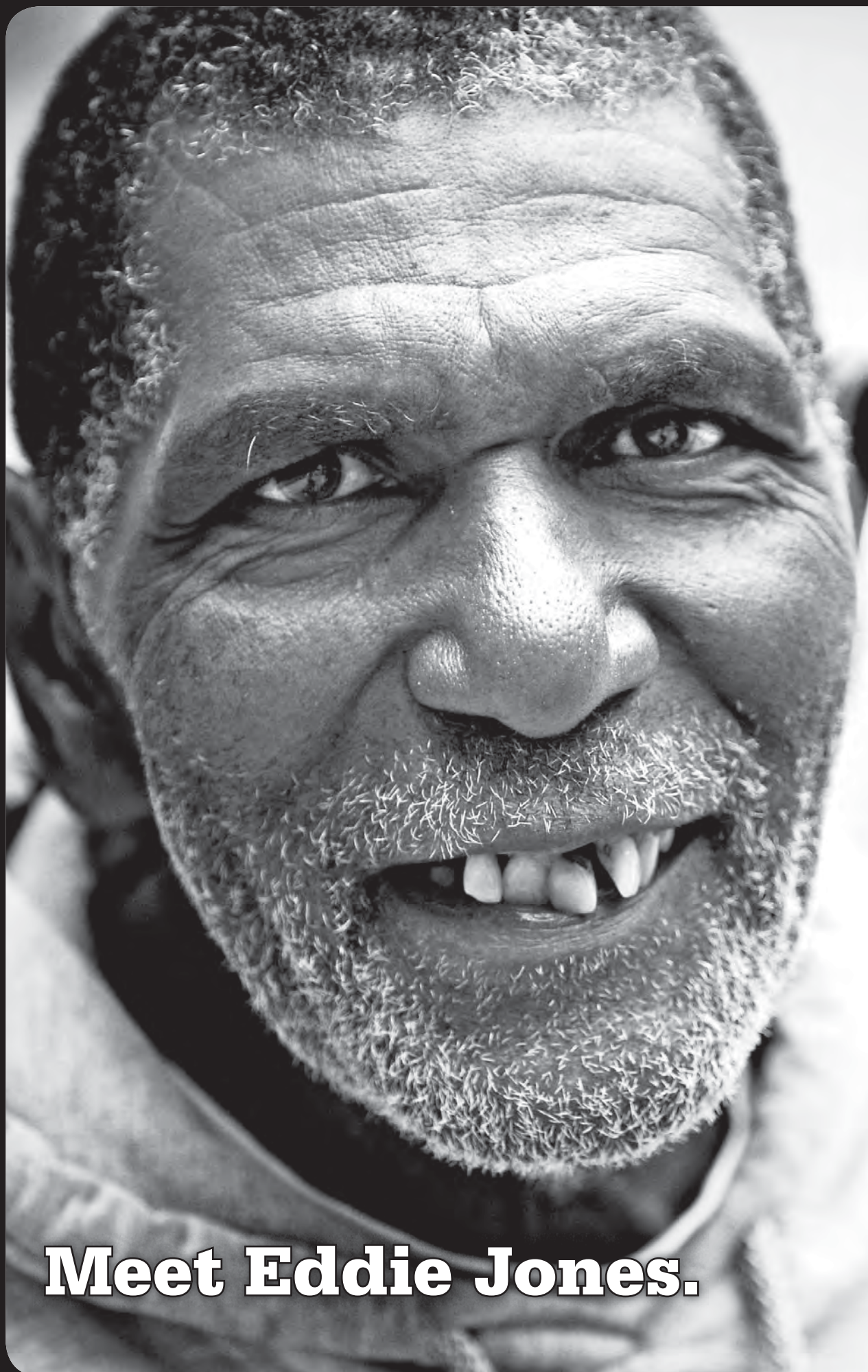




{ Who are the people you see every day? }

People We See

in downtown Los Angeles.



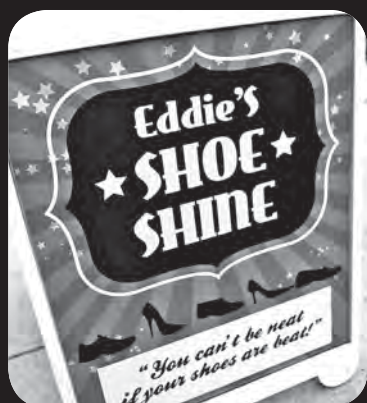
Meet Eddie Jones.

AGE: "I'm 59."
BIRTHPLACE: "Shreveport, La."
MARITAL STATUS: "Single."
FAMILY: "I'm an only child."
ARE YOUR PARENTS DIVORCED? "No, but they passed away."
MILITARY SERVICE: "No."
WHEN DID YOU MOVE TO LOS ANGELES? "I moved to Los Angeles back in 1988. I was on a hitchhiking road trip across the country, and once I got to the West Coast and saw the ocean I was hooked. Been here ever since."
EDUCATION: "I dropped out in the ninth grade. Why, you ask? Because my 'friend' dropped out, so I was just following the leader. A big mistake; in fact, that was the greatest mistake of my life. Never cave in to peer pressure and 'be your own leader.'"
FAVORITE CHILDHOOD MEMORY: "When I fell off my bike and hurt my knee. I was nine years old or so. I actually ran into a car; the poor driver was scared to death that I was badly hurt; but I was okay."
RELIGION: "I was born Catholic but don't really have time to go to church."
FRIENDS: "No. I pretty much stay to myself."
WHERE DO YOU LIVE? "I live in a tent in the jewelry district. The owner pays me \$3 a night to pitch my tent in front of his door. That way no one will break in. I'm like a security guard of sorts."
WHAT WAS THE LAST JOB YOU HAD? "Right now I'm shining shoes. St. Mary and St. Verena Coptic Church in

Anaheim helped me out with all these supplies. Before this I was driving a forklift in Sun Valley. I did that for four-and-a-half years until I got laid off."
FAVORITE PLACE IN THE CITY: "I love the ocean and the beach."
FAVORITE ACTOR: "Harrison Ford."
FAVORITE ACTRESS: "Sharon Stone."
FAVORITE MOVIE: "Air Force One."
FAVORITE TV SHOW: "Wheel of Fortune."
FAVORITE CANDY: "Reese's Peanut Butter Cups."
FAVORITE FOOD: "Chicken, fried Southern style!"
FAVORITE MUSIC: "Soul."
LAST BOOK READ: "A cookbook by Adele Davis."
ADVICE FOR EVERYDAY PEOPLE: "Don't do drugs or drink. Definitely stay in school. Do not drop out!"
LAST THING EATEN: "I had a breakfast sandwich from Subway."
ON MEDICATION? "No."
WHO OR WHAT ORGANIZATION HAS BEEN THE BIGGEST HELP TO YOU? "St. Mary's and St. Verena's in Orange County."
IF YOU COULD WISH FOR ANYTHING, WHAT WOULD IT BE? "A home."
WHERE DO YOU SEE YOURSELF FIVE YEARS FROM NOW? "Hopefully in a home."
IF YOU HAD \$1 MILLION, WHAT WOULD YOU DO WITH IT? "Buy a motor home, or a home."
MOST PRIZED POSSESSION: "My shoeshine equipment."

The Club gave Eddie shaving cream, a toothbrush and toothpaste, soap, two pairs of socks, shampoo, hand wipes, some food, \$20 and bottled water

The interview took place Aug. 11 at Third and Spring Streets downtown. Photos by Club CEO John Hawkins.



{ In this monthly feature, Club CEO John Hawkins, 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. }