



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

# People We See

*in downtown Los Angeles.*



## Meet Terry Ray Jackson.

**AGE:** "I'm 50."

**BIRTHPLACE:** "Shreveport, La."

**FAMILY:** "I have four brothers, one sister and three step-sisters."

**PARENTS MARRIED OR DIVORCED?**

"Not divorced, but one has passed away."

**MILITARY SERVICE:**

"No, but I was in the ROTC at Dorsey High."

**WHY DID YOU MOVE TO LOS ANGELES?**

"To get out of the godforsaken state of Texas."

**EDUCATION:** "I went to Dorsey High but never graduated."

**PLAYED SPORTS IN HIGH SCHOOL?**

"I played a lot of Frisbee."

**FAVORITE CHILDHOOD MEMORY:**

"None that I can think of."

**RELIGION:** "I have faith in God."

**FAVORITE ACTOR:** "Telly Savalas."

**FAVORITE ACTRESS:** "Whoever played *Cleopatra*."

**FAVORITE MOVIE:**

"*The Good, the Bad and the Ugly*."

**FAVORITE CANDY:** "Snickers."

**FAVORITE FOOD:** "I love homemade soup."

**FAVORITE MUSIC:** "Jimi Hendrix."

**HIS STORY:** "When I was 13, my mom died of diabetes. I was just a little boy. And it broke my heart. The first night on the streets was back in 1996. I was partying, drinking all night and doing drugs... and then I just woke up, turned on my side and realized that I was in the gutter of a street."

"Smoking, drinking and drugs led to my demise. I started losing friends to drugs and alcohol and finally checked myself into the Salvation Army and then finally graduated from their program."

**LAST THING EATEN:**

"I had a delicious donut. Nirvana!"

**MOST PRIZED POSSESSION:** "Jesus Christ."

*The Club gave Terry a toothbrush and toothpaste, soap, two pairs of socks, shampoo, hand wipes, some food, \$20 and bottled water.*

The interview took place April 13 at Fourth and Broadway downtown.

*Note: Due to an *Alive!* error, our May "People We See" placed the correct text with the incorrect photos. This month's entry is now correct. We apologize for the error. – Ed.*

*Photos by Angel Gomez and John Hawkins.*

## Buckets and Blankets!

Join us as we help those who live on the streets with Buckets and Blankets. Donate to the cause as the Club distributes food, toiletries and blankets to those in need (blankets cost \$7 each).



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{ 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. }