

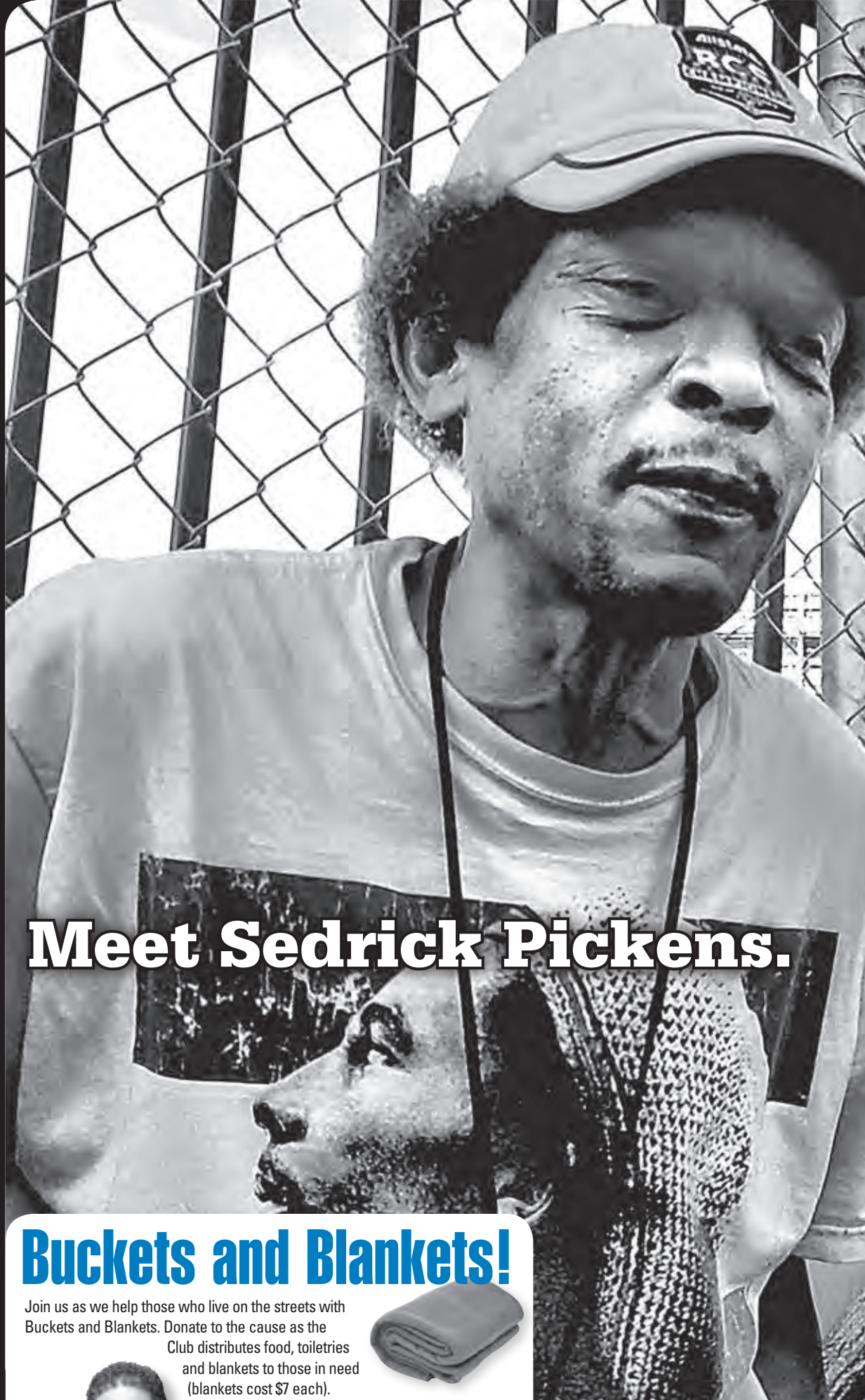
{ Who are the people you see every day? }

No. 58 in a series.



People We See

in downtown Los Angeles.



Meet Sedrick Pickens.

AGE: "I'm 56." (I'll be 57 on August 6th.)
BIRTHPLACE: Guantanamo, Cuba.
MARITAL STATUS: "I'm single right now, but I have a ton of kids and grandkids."
FAMILY: "I had one sister."
EDUCATION: "I graduated from Locke High School."
MILITARY SERVICE: "Nope, but my dad was a Marine."
WHERE DO YOU LIVE? "Right back there in the St. George Hotel. Been living there for six years."
FAVORITE PLACE IN THE CITY: "Inglewood."
WHEN DID YOU MOVE TO LOS ANGELES? "I moved to this great city back in 1961."
WHY DID YOU MOVE TO LOS ANGELES? "I was kind of an idiot. I got my first girl pregnant and had to move."
RELIGION: "I'm Christian and Baptist."
TROPHIES OR MEDALS: "I have lots of trophies for tennis and boxing."
FAVORITE SPORT: "I loved dodgeball. Oh, and boxing. I was good at boxing."
FAVORITE ACTOR: "Andy Griffith. I love Andy Griffith."
FAVORITE ACTRESS: "Zsa Zsa Gabor."
FAVORITE MOVIE: "I don't know. I don't watch movies."
FAVORITE TV SHOW: "Leave It to Beaver."
FAVORITE CANDY: "I don't eat candy, but I do like chocolate when I'm not drinking."
FAVORITE FOOD: "I like to get my hands on Mexican food any chance I get."
FAVORITE MUSIC: "I'm a drummer. I like reggae music. See my shirt? It's got Bob Marley on it."
LAST BOOK READ: "The Bible."
LAST JOB: "Unloading beer trucks."
DO YOU HAVE FRIENDS? "Oh yeah, I have lots of friends."
FAVORITE CHILDHOOD MEMORY: "Just being with my mom in Louisiana."
LAST THING EATEN: "Breakfast... some eggs."
IF YOU WERE MAYOR, WHAT WOULD BE YOUR SOLUTION? "I'd give them shelter. I mean seriously, what kind of city lets the homeless sit and sleep and crap all over the sidewalk? Shelter is what we need. We all have food, we don't want jobs, but seriously, just give us some shelter. I ain't changing, I'm still going to drink, and I'll probably be dead in five years."
WHAT HE WOULD DO WITH \$1 MILLION: "I'd give it to the homeless."
ADVICE FOR EVERYDAY PEOPLE: "Be careful. I love you guys. I'm just an old goat. Don't be a [jerk], be yourself."
ADVICE FOR PARENTS: "It's simple. Keep an eye on your kids. Alcohol and drugs are the downfall. Alcohol was the killer for me. It made me do stupid things that I regret."
WHERE WILL YOU BE IN FIVE YEARS? "Dead."

The Club gave Sedrick a Bucket and a Blanket, a toothbrush and toothpaste, soap, two pairs of socks, sbampoo, hand wipes, some food, \$20 and bottled water.

The interview took place May 15 at Third and Main Streets downtown.

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. }