

{ Who are the people you see every day? }

No. 20 in a series.

# People We See

in downtown Los Angeles.



## Meet Andre.



**AGE:** "I'm 45 years old."  
**BIRTHPLACE:** "Altadena."  
**WHEN DID YOU MOVE TO LOS ANGELES?** "1976."  
**MARITAL STATUS:** "Single, never married."  
**FAMILY:** "I have two brothers and two sisters."  
**FAVORITE CHILDHOOD MEMORY:** "Hiding Christmas presents."  
**MILITARY:** "No."  
**WHERE DO YOU LIVE?** "Usually at the Senator Hotel (Project 50)."  
**EDUCATION:** "I made it to the 10th grade. After that, I just didn't want to go to school anymore."  
**TROPHIES:** "No, but I won a karaoke contest in Palm Springs."  
**WHAT WAS THE LAST JOB YOU HAD?** "In 2004, I worked in Westwood at U-Dogs. I was slinging hot dogs."  
**IF YOU COULD WISH FOR ANYTHING, WHAT WOULD IT BE?** "\$10 billion."  
**FAVORITE SPORTS:** "I like billiards."  
**FAVORITE FOOD:** "Pasta. In fact, I make a great pasta dish, *fettuccine Alfredo*, with sundried tomatoes."  
**FAVORITE MOVIE:** "*JFK* and *Malcolm X*."  
**FAVORITE ACTOR:** "Laurence Fishburne."  
**FAVORITE ACTRESS:** "Angela Bassett."  
**FAVORITE TV SHOW:** "*Two-and-a-Half Men*."  
**FAVORITE MUSIC:** "Pop."  
**FAVORITE CANDY:** "Snickers."  
**THOUGHTS ON THE WAR IN IRAQ:** "Sad. It's not where our beef was."  
**LAST THING HE HAD TO EAT:** "Chicken. I cooked it myself."  
**ORGANIZATION THAT'S BEEN THE BIGGEST HELP:** "Project 50."

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

This interview took place in July at Second and Spring Streets downtown.

## Newsbriefs

### SUMMER SAFETY:

The LAFD offers the following information to keep you safe this summer.

Drowning is the number one cause of death for children under the age of five in many states, including California. Non-fatal injuries often include brain damage, resulting in memory loss, learning disabilities, or worse.

The key thing to remember is that you don't have to join the ranks of CDC's statistics. Pool safety is easy to learn, and it will contribute to the safety of your family and friends, the same is true for other activities, including the use of BBQ grills and fire pits. Follow our checklist (right) and stay safe this summer! To learn more about pool and BBQ safety, visit this Website: [www.mysafela.org/accidents](http://www.mysafela.org/accidents)



**Pool checklist:** If you have a pool in the City of Los Angeles, remember to have:

- Four-sided barrier installed
- Pool access gates w/locks
- A "pool safety net" when out of season or not in use
- Adult supervision at all times
- Floating alarm device installed
- Toys in pool only when occupied
- CPR training completed
- Mobile phone by the pool
- Rescue equipment on hand
- Buddy system rules in place.

**BBQ checklist:** If you have a barbecue in the City of Los Angeles, remember:

- Keep matches and lighters away from kids of all ages
- Do not squirt starter fluids into an open flame of any type
- Do not remove hot coals from barbecue
- Dispose of cool barbecue coals in metal can with tight lid only
- Never barbecue indoors
- Obey all posted signs and never barbecue in an illegal area

When the heat is on: **Don't forget that heat can kill you and your pets.** Stay safe and save a life!

Never leave children, older adults or pets in your car. It may seem cool when you leave, but a vehicle interior can heat up to killer temperatures within minutes. Don't risk the health of your children, parents, or pets. Take them with you, or arrange for alternate supervision.

Always keep water on hand during the hot summer months. Dehydration often goes unnoticed until there is a medical problem to address. If someone is thirsty, quench that thirst fast!

Your Los Angeles Fire Department wants you to stay safe this summer. Invest the time to learn about pool and barbecue safety! Key resources include:

- [www.poolsafety.gov](http://www.poolsafety.gov)
- [www.lafd.org](http://www.lafd.org)
- [www.mysafela.org](http://www.mysafela.org)
- [www.readyla.org](http://www.readyla.org)
- [www.redcrossla.org/safesummer](http://www.redcrossla.org/safesummer)

### NEW HOLLENBECK:

At noon July 11, the LAPD's Hollenbeck Area Community Police Station officially became operational at its new location. The address of the new facility is 2111 E. First St., Los Angeles, Calif. 90033. The new phone number, also effective July 11, is (323) 342-4100.

At the same time, the Hollenbeck Station's previous location at 1936 E. First St. will permanently close. Phone calls and visits to the station on Saturday, July 11, should be directed to the old location before noon and the new location after noon.

A formal grand opening event at the new station will be scheduled at a later date, to be determined.



{ 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. }