

{ Who are the people you see every day? }

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People We See

in downtown Los Angeles.



Meet Raymond Pittman.

AGE: "I'm 65."
BIRTHPLACE: "Houston."
WHEN DID YOU MOVE TO LOS ANGELES? "1952."
MARITAL STATUS: "Married."
FAMILY: "I have two brothers."
EDUCATION: "The furthest I went was graduating from Jefferson High, right here in Los Angeles."
RELIGION: "I'm a Christian."
MILITARY: "No."
FAVORITE PLACE IN THE CITY: "At Third and Broadway, right behind the Bradbury Building."
FAVORITE CHILDHOOD MEMORY: "Trying to learn how to swim."
TROPHIES/AWARDS/MEDALS: "When I was at Jefferson High, I used to get all sorts of medals for my swimming."
WHERE DO YOU LIVE? "I usually live at Third and Los Angeles."
WHAT WAS THE LAST JOB YOU HAD? "I worked at a company that made boxes, for chocolate and stuff."
FAVORITE SPORTS: "I love football and basketball."
FAVORITE FOOD: "Let's see, I like porterhouse steak, short ribs, neck bones and shoulder roast."
FAVORITE MOVIE: "Star Trek."
FAVORITE ACTOR: "Denzel Washington."
FAVORITE MUSIC: "Hip-hop."
FAVORITE CANDY: "Snickers."
FAVORITE TV SHOW: "The Price Is Right."
LAST BOOK READ: "It was a book on black history."
WHAT DO YOU THINK ABOUT THE WAR IN IRAQ? "It's sad. We could have used the money here in America."
ADVICE FOR EVERYDAY PEOPLE: "Keep the job you've got, and never give up."
IF YOU COULD WISH FOR ANYTHING, WHAT WOULD IT BE? "I'd love to get out of this homeless situation."
IF YOU HAD A MILLION DOLLARS, WHAT WOULD YOU DO WITH IT? "I'd help others – the homeless, kids, etc. And I'd do it all over the world."
IF YOU WERE THE MAYOR, WHAT WOULD YOU DO TO HELP THE HOMELESS? "I would analyze all the skills of the US homeless, and then place people in jobs."
WHAT WAS THE LAST THING YOU ATE? "Well, that was yesterday. I had some fried chicken and spaghetti."
WHO OR WHICH ORGANIZATION HAS BEEN THE BIGGEST HELP TO YOU? "No one."
WHERE DO YOU SEE YOURSELF FIVE YEARS FROM NOW? "Off the streets."

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

This interview took place Feb. 17 at Third and Main Streets downtown.

Photos by Tom Hawkins



{ 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. }