

{ Who are the people you see every day? }

No. 18 in a series.

# People We See

in downtown Los Angeles.



## Meet Antonio Palacio.



At the end of our visit with Antonio, he asked if he could play the harmonica for us and we said sure. He played a couple of wonderful Cuban songs. It gave us a sense of what old Cuba must have been like.



**AGE:** "I'm 63 years old."  
**BIRTHPLACE:** "Oriente, Cuba."  
**WHEN DID YOU MOVE TO THE UNITED STATES?** "I escaped Cuba in 1980, landing at Key West, Fla."  
**MARITAL STATUS:** "I'm married, but I'm not with my wife anymore. I have six boys, three daughters and two grandsons."  
**FAMILY:** "I have seven brothers and three sisters."  
**RELIGION:** "Catholic."  
**MILITARY:** "I spent seven years in the Cuban army as an army tank driver."  
**WHERE DO YOU LIVE?** "Here in Flag Park."  
**WHAT WAS THE LAST JOB YOU HAD?** "I worked at a body shop about four years ago."  
**IF YOU COULD WISH FOR ANYTHING, WHAT WOULD IT BE?** "I would wish for a trip back to Cuba to see my family."  
**FAVORITE SPORTS:** "I like basketball and soccer. I like the Lakers."  
**FAVORITE FOOD:** "I love rice and beans."  
**FAVORITE ACTOR:** "Cantinflas."  
**FAVORITE MUSIC:** "I really like Cuban music, and harmonicas and accordions."  
**FAVORITE CANDY:** "I don't really like candy all that much."  
**WHAT WAS THE LAST THING YOU ATE?** "Last night, a couple brought us some rice and beans."  
**WHAT'S YOUR FAVORITE PLACE IN THE CITY?** "I like it here in Flag Park."  
**ADVICE FOR EVERYDAY PEOPLE:** "Make yourself better and do good. Life on the streets is no good."  
**IF YOU WERE THE MAYOR OF LOS ANGELES, WHAT WOULD YOU DO FOR THE HOMELESS?** "I would help people with addictions. I would try to give them an education."

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

This interview took place April 29 in Flag Park, near the Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration.



{ 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. }

LAPD

## 3 Captains Go Higher

Police Dept. promotes three.

The LAPD has promoted three Captains to higher-level captains.

Capt. II Dennis Kato has been promoted to Captain III; Capt. I Evangelyn Nathan has been promoted to Captain III; and Capt. I Kelly Mulldorfer has been promoted to Captain II.

**Capt. Kato** is assigned as the Assistant Commanding Officer of Metropolitan



Capt. III Dennis Kato

Division. He joined the LAPD in May 1987. Capt. Kato will become the first Asian American to serve as the Commanding Officer of Metropolitan Division.

Capt. Kato has a Bachelor of science degree in occupational studies from the California State University at Long Beach. He is a member of the Law Enforcement Association of Asian Pacific and the California Narcotics Officers' Association. He is a coach in the Sansei Baseball organization in South Bay.

**Capt. Nathan** is the Commanding Officer, Wilshire Patrol Division. Upon her promotion and transfer to West



Capt. III Evangelyn Nathan

Los Angeles Area, Capt. Nathan becomes the second female African American to command an operational Area. Capt. Anita Ortega recently became the Commanding Officer, Hollenbeck Area. Capt. Nathan joined the LAPD on June 29, 1981. She obtained a Bachelor of science degree in business administration from California State University, Dominguez Hills. She is also a graduate of the FBI National Academy, West Point Leadership Institute, Supervisory Leadership Institute, and Command Development School.

Capt. Nathan is actively involved in the Oscar Joel Bryant Foundation, Los Angeles Women Police Officer Association, National Organization of Black Law Enforcement, FBI National Academy Association, and Association of Black Law Enforcement.

**Capt. Mulldorfer** is currently the Commanding Officer, Van Nuys Patrol



Capt. II Kelly Mulldorfer

Division. Upon her promotion and transfer, Capt. Mulldorfer will be the first female captain in Metropolitan Division history. She has been with LAPD since January 1981.

Capt. Mulldorfer is a graduate of the LAPD West Point Leadership Program, the FBI National Academy, and she holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Organizational Management from The Master's College in Santa Clarita, California. Capt. Mulldorfer is a POST-certified Institute of Criminal Investigation instructor and regularly instructs a variety of law enforcement-related courses.