

{ Who are the people you see every day? }

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People We See

in downtown Los Angeles.

Meet Alberto Padilla Alvarez.



AGE: "I'm 63."
BIRTHPLACE: Havana, Cuba.
MARITAL STATUS: "I have a wife but I'm not married."
FAMILY: "I have brothers and sisters in Miami and New York as well as a niece in Chicago."
EDUCATION: "I went to high school in Cuba, and then to a small university in New York."
MILITARY SERVICE: "Yes, in Cuba."
WHERE DO YOU LIVE? "My mail still goes to a place where I used to pay rent on S. San Pedro Street, but I am just here and there."
FAVORITE PLACE IN THE CITY: "West Hollywood and Pasadena."
WHEN DID YOU MOVE TO LOS ANGELES? "Back in 2003. Before that I lived in New York since 1980."
WHY DID YOU MOVE TO LOS ANGELES? "To start fresh with life and see new things."
RELIGION: "Catholic."
MEDICATIONS: "None."
SPORTS IN HIGH SCHOOL? "Baseball, swimming and boxing."
TROPHIES/AWARDS: "I was awarded a military rifle."
FAVORITE MOVIE: "Anything with Charles Bronson or Steven Seagal."
FAVORITE TV SHOW: "*Sin Censura, The Ricki Lake Show, The Oprah Winfrey Show* and *The Jerry Springer Show.*"
FAVORITE ACTOR: "Charles Bronson, of course."
FAVORITE ACTRESS: "Julia Roberts."
FAVORITE CANDY: "I don't have much candy, but when I do, I will have a Hershey bar."
FAVORITE FOOD: "Cuban food."
FAVORITE MUSIC: "Gladys Knight and Chaka Khan."
LAST BOOK READ: "*Fools Die* by Mario Puzo."
LAST JOB: "I've had a lot of jobs, but the last one was at the Mission food factory, making tortillas."
DO YOU HAVE FRIENDS? "Sure, everyone knows me. They say, 'It's Alberto from Cuba!' But I don't have any close friends."
FAVORITE CHILDHOOD MEMORY: "Leaving school early to go play baseball with the other kids. Good times."
LAST THING EATEN: "I had breakfast. It was eggs, potato hash and French toast."
MOST HELPFUL ORGANIZATION: "Midnight Mission."
POSSESSIONS: "My duffel bag and clothes."
FAVORITE POSSESSION: "My watch."
IF YOU WERE MAYOR, WHAT WOULD BE YOUR SOLUTION? "Give more to those who need help and have nothing, instead of giving more to the rich."
WHAT HE WOULD DO WITH \$1 MILLION: "Get out of here! Get a business and a house."
MAKE A WISH: "Have a place to live."
ADVICE FOR EVERYDAY PEOPLE: "Just be happy and don't have stress."
WHERE WILL YOU BE IN FIVE YEARS? "I will have an apartment by then."

The Club gave Alberto a Bucket and a Blanket, a toothbrush and toothpaste, soap, two pairs of socks, shampoo, hand wipes, some food, \$20 and bottled water. The interview took place Aug. 26 on the City Hall lawn downtown. Photos by Summy Lam.

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, the Club introduces 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. }