

{ *Who are the people you see every day?* }

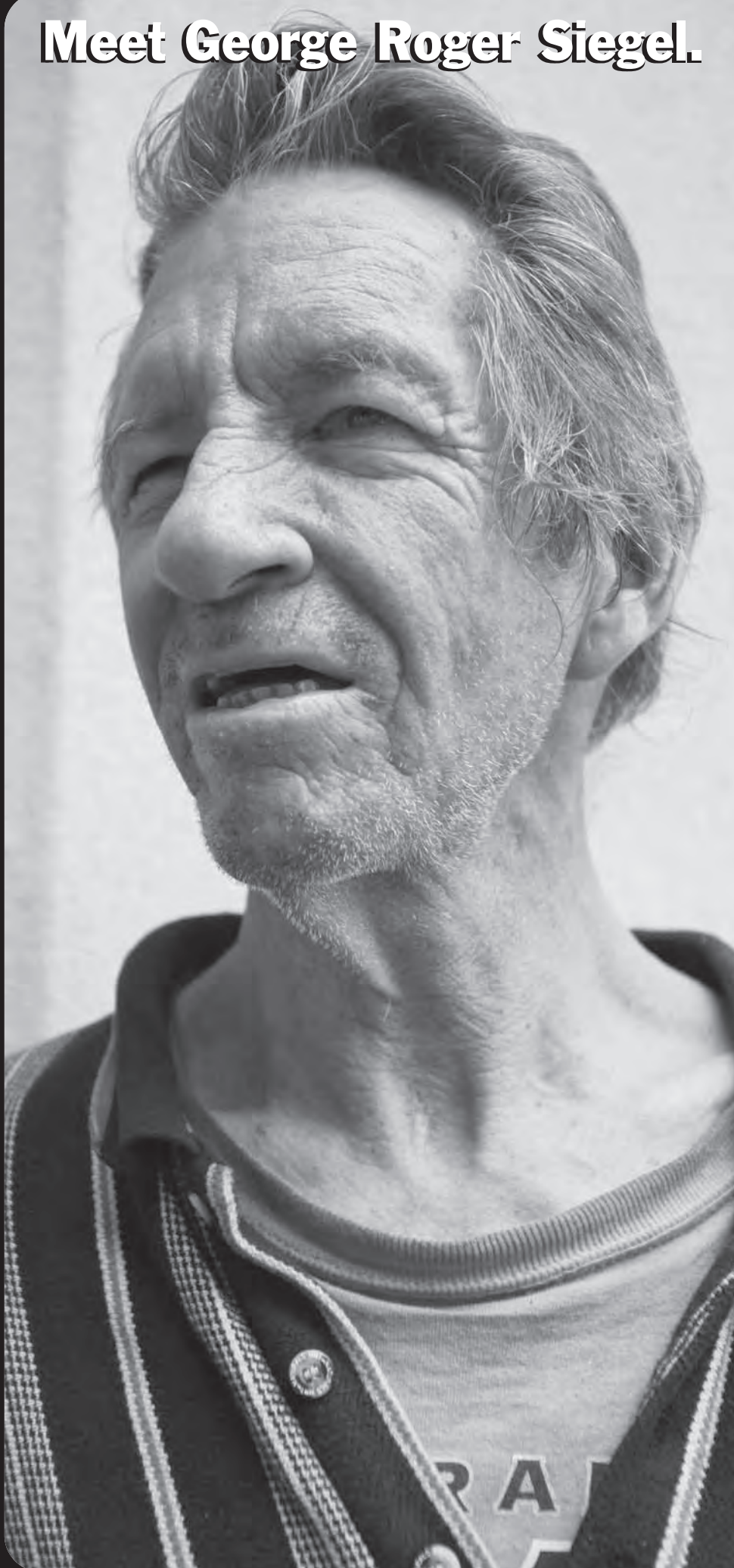
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People We See

in downtown Los Angeles.



Meet George Roger Siegel.



AGE: "I'm 63."
BIRTHPLACE: "Berkeley, Calif."
WHEN DID YOU MOVE TO LOS ANGELES? "I grew up here."
MARITAL STATUS: "Single."
FAMILY: "My parents passed away, but I have a twin brother, Jack Robert. He still lives in El Segundo."
RELIGION: "Episcopalian."
FAVORITE CHILDHOOD MEMORY: "Helping others with my parents."
TRAUMA: "While I was a student at UCLA, I got in a very bad car accident. I was basically dead for three days."
WHERE DO YOU LIVE? "Right here."
EDUCATION: "I went to High School at El Segundo High, college at UCLA, and then I received my law degree at Southwestern Law School."
WHAT WAS THE LAST JOB YOU HAD? "Back in 1993, I was a lawyer."
FAVORITE SPORTS: "Water polo."
FAVORITE FOOD: "Whatever is available, I usually eat from the trash, but after I pick through it, I'll set it up like a buffet for the next guy so they don't have to do any digging."
FAVORITE MOVIE: "*Laurence of Arabia.*"
WHAT'S THE LAST BOOK YOU READ? "*Cases in Law.*"
FAVORITE TV SHOWS: "*Perry Mason.*"
FAVORITE MUSIC: "Orchestral music. I played the violin in high school."
FAVORITE CANDY: "Coffee, I love coffee, blonde and sweet, which is with milk and sugar. I drink lots of instant coffee, and have been since law school."
HOBBIES: Write poetry. George shared the following spoken word with us: "If one would strain the moment of their pain, they might gain their understanding."
FAVORITE PLACE IN THE CITY: "Right here, at Second and Los Angeles Streets."
DO YOU BELIEVE IN ALIEN LIFE FORMS? "Sure, it's possible."
IF YOU COULD CHANGE ANYTHING, WHAT WOULD IT BE? "Ask people to spend more time thinking before making decisions."
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The Club gave Robert a McDonald's gift certificate, some cash, snacks, and a Club tote bag.

This interview took place in Oct. 15 at Second and Los Angeles Streets, behind the Little Tokyo Library branch downtown.



{ 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. }

Newsbriefs

FLYAWAY TO IRVINE:

The FlyAway bus service will now be serving Orange County.

Oct. 19, the Los Angeles Board of Airport Commissioners approved a three-year operating agreement with CUSA CC, LLC (doing business as Coach America Los Angeles) to operate the FlyAway nonstop bus service from Irvine Station in Orange County to Los Angeles International Airport (LAX). The new service is designed to make travel to and from LAX more convenient, direct and affordable for Orange County residents and visitors.

LAWA Executive Director Gina Marie Lindsey said, "With the expansion of FlyAway to Irvine, we are increasing LAX's contribution to reducing regional traffic congestion and improving air quality, while better serving our Orange County customers, especially those travelling internationally." She added, "FlyAway removes hundreds of thousands of cars each year from our roads, while providing a convenient, affordable way to use LAX. We believe Irvine has the potential to be a viable ground transportation alternative for travelers who prefer to ride than drive to LAX."

Service is set to start Nov. 16 with six daily trips in each direction using 22-seat, compressed-natural gas buses owned by Airports. The fare for the one-way, 50-mile trip will be \$25 for adults. To attract family ridership, up to two students in grades eight and under may ride free with each paying adult. Students must show school identification card or other proof of age. All children under five years old ride free. Passengers must pay the bus driver upon boarding with a debit or credit card. Cash will not be accepted.

Irvine Station, at 15215 Barranca Parkway, will have 500 surface parking spaces, where FlyAway passengers can park for free for up to 30 days.

The addition of Irvine by Airports is part of its ground transportation initiative to expand its FlyAway bus system to improve passenger convenience and reduce traffic congestion. The Irvine Station is the fourth site in the FlyAway network. Its other locations at Van Nuys, Westwood and Union Station handled more than 1.5 million travelers combined for the 12 months ending June 2009. Airport ground transportation planners forecast Irvine could serve as many as 72,000 passengers during its first year of operation.

Airport officials said the FlyAway service is very popular with Los Angeles travelers and believe Irvine is a viable alternative for travelers who prefer to ride rather than drive to LAX.

Like Union Station, Irvine Station serves other modes of transportation, including Amtrak's Pacific Sunliner, Southern California Regional Rail Authority's Metrolink commuter rail, Orange County Transit Authority bus lines, and other local business employee shuttle services. It is the busiest transit station in Orange County, and the 14th busiest Amtrak station nationwide, with 669,405 boardings in 2008.

The City of Irvine unanimously approved a license agreement with Airports Sept. 8 to operate the new FlyAway from its transit station and to provide the free parking spaces, with the Los Angeles Board of Airport Commissioners giving its approval on Oct. 5.

EL PUEBLO ART SHOW:

El Pueblo Historical Monument presents *Sacred Memories: Contemporary and Cross-Cultural Expressions of the Day of the Dead*, an art exhibit, through Nov. 21. The exhibit examines the celebration of Dia de los Muertos, or Day of the Dead, and contemporary and cross-cultural rituals that pay tribute to departed ancestors. The exhibition features the work of artists including Richard Wyatt Jr., Artemio Rodriguez, Margaret Garcia, Ernest Lacy, Lalo Alacraz, Yolanda Gonzalez, Germs, Raoul de la Sota, Ricardo Duffy, Ofelia Esparza, Willie Herron and Michele Castagnetti.

The El Pueblo Historical Monument includes and is next to Olvera Street downtown. It is the oldest section of Los Angeles and is the site where the City was first established in 1781. The 44-acre park consists of numerous historic buildings, museums, a beautiful outdoor plaza and the world famous Mexican marketplace on Olvera Street. The Monument represents the rich history, culture and ethnic diversity that is the foundation of the City of Los Angeles.