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Nice? Sure. But who's to say what that girl was trying to make up for! Monsignor Michael Duffy of St. Bonaventure Church in Huntington Beach was having real trouble finding the recital hall at Chapman University last weekend.

A friend of Duffy's had dropped him at the Orange campus, leaving him to wander around on foot.

Our source, Diane Darnbrough, says it should be noted here that Monsignor Duffy is celebrating his 50th year as a priest this month, "which gives you an idea of his age!"

Finally, the lost monsignor asked directions from a Chapman student who was just getting into her car.

"She did better than tell him," Diane told us. "She drove him around the campus, parked the car and *walked him to the entrance of the recital hall*!

"The weary monsignor was really impressed by her act of kindness. Isn't this a nice story to start your week?"

Pondering Imponderables I: Two-year-old Shanae Shamsideen's innocent question recently sent her mother, Janell, on a frantic daylong search for an answer. Janell even got her local librarian working on it, but to no avail. Finally, the Trabuco Canyon mom called us.

We'll offer our typically fabulous grand prize (all seven of our leftover "Terminator 2" trading cards) to the reader who comes up with the most entertaining and/or credible response to Shanae's question: "Where does the Easter Bunny live?"

Pondering Imponderables II: Dennis Irvine of Westminster wonders: "Where the hell is Lake Edna in the Kentucky Fried Chicken commercials? I say it's in Kentucky, and Jack, my roommate, says it's in New York. Who's right, if anybody?"

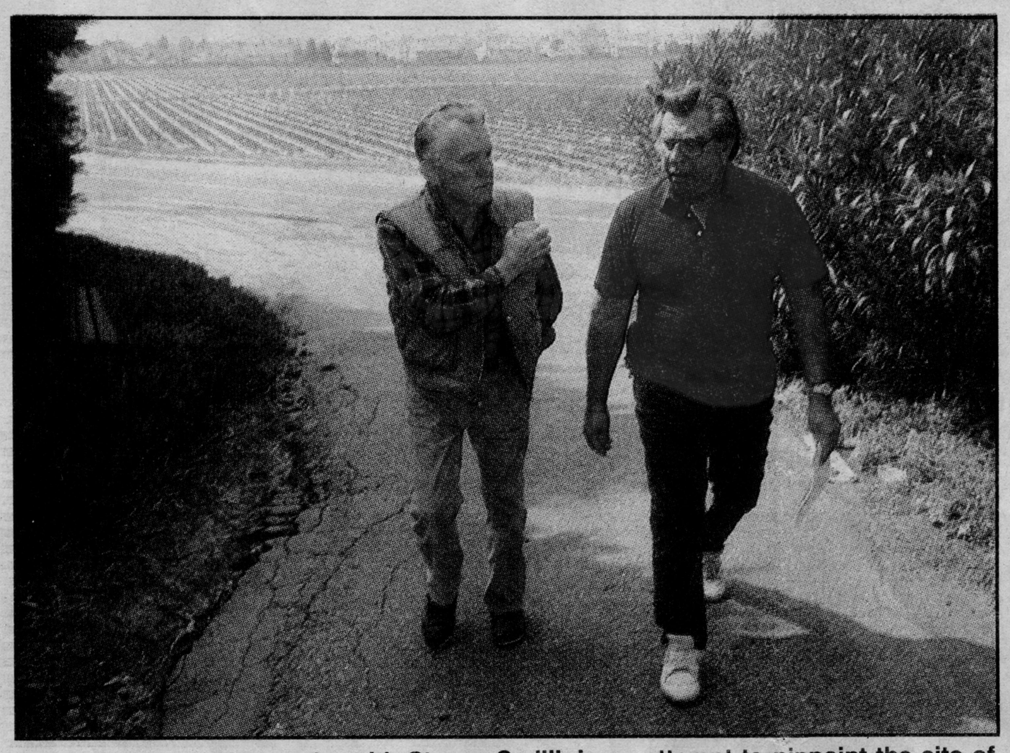
The Juice List: Our Top Five Unsolicited "Bare Shaving Facts" from Gillette:

- During summer, 66 percent of women shave their entire legs.
- During winter, 37 percent of American women shave their entire legs.
- Forty-four percent of American women learn to shave from their mothers; 13 percent from an older sister; and 31 percent by trial and error.
- Seventy percent of American women use soap and water to shave.
- Forty percent of American teens borrow a razor for their first shave.

Instead of rice, they'll be throwing caramel corn: Organizers at the Orange County Fair are developing the shakes and sweaty

Family

THE SEARCH



Eddie Grijalva, right, works with Steven Sydlik in an attempt to pinpoint the site of Grijalva's ancestral home, the first private adobe in Orange County.

One man sets out to find landmark, ancestral home

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When he allows himself the luxury, Eddie Grijalva imagines ruins.

A crumbling brick wall.

More than 200 years ago, Grijalva's ancestor, Juan Pablo Grijalva, built the first private home other than Indian dwellings in Orange County.

"I've always been afraid to look for the home," Eddie Grijalva says. "What if I find it and it's disappeared? I don't want a big letdown."

He has two maps: one, two centuries old, drawn by hand, lettered in Spanish, with a tiny square marking the home, labeled CASA. Hand drawn bumps are mountains. A squiggly river. Stick trees.

The other map is a Depression-era public works project. It places the site of the home in the hills between today's cities of Orange and Villa Park.

"OK, one inch equals one mile," Grijalva says, sitting in the driver's seat of his 1985 red Ford Bronco and examining the maps. He leapfrogs his fingers along the map, inch by inch. His palms are calloused.

as custodian at Spurgeon Intermediate School in Santa Ana. He'd hosed down the yard. He'd cleaned up graffiti.

He'd visited a class and spoken to students about preserving family history: "Learning your family history is like looking for a buried treasure. Don't wait until your parents get old and senile. Time is against you."

The school sits at the vortex of three gang territories.

"I come to work; a teacher says, hey, did you read the paper? Did you read about Angel So-and-so? And bang. Sure enough. There's another kid that got shot," he says. Grijalva thinks kids who are proud of their heritage might not be as inclined to make gangs their "family."

His children, Eddie, 27, who lives in Hemet, and Edie Borquez, 30, of Anaheim, are grateful for his research, but no one in the family has taken the same interest in the historical work.

He began studying his history by accident. In 1968, when his father retired, Grijalva had to search for his father's birth certificate so he could get Social Security benefits. Grijalva became hooked on historical research.

At first, he was shy: "Nobody wants to run into an uncle who got hanged for

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FOUNDING FAMILIES

G R I J A L V A

This is a county built on shifting soil. But many founding Orange County families — from the first settlement of Juaneno Indians to the early citrus farmers — boast roots that dig as deep as native sycamores.

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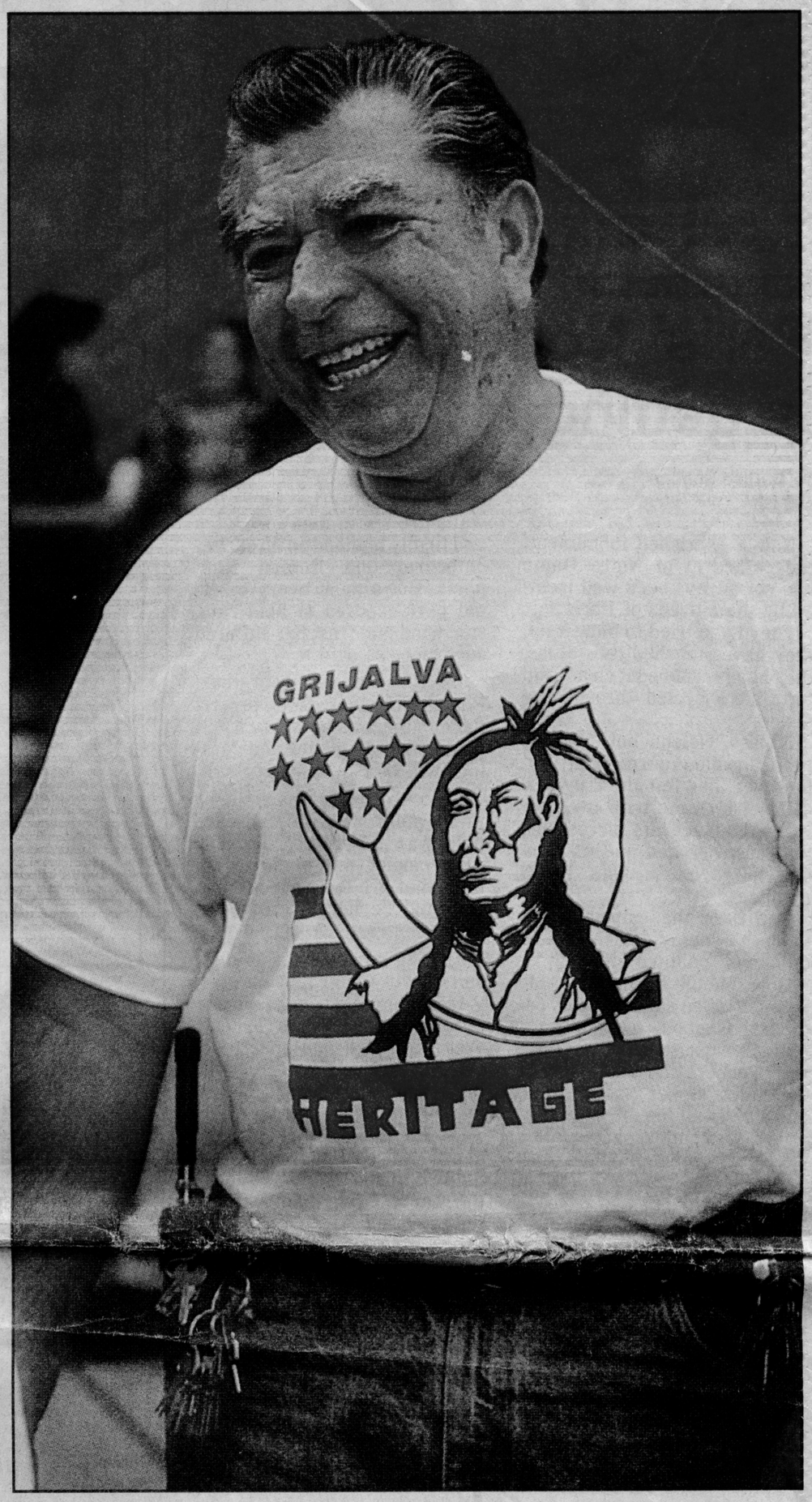

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