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INTRODUCTION

GPS: Tracking Love is a case study in how design research can be used to create an “alternative” portrait of a newly wed couple, my friend’s Brennan and Fawn. Initially, both were curious as to why they were selected to participate claiming “Why us? Our lives are boring.”

As this book will reveal, their lives are far from boring. For example, it is not every week that Brennan goes gambling at Hollywood Park and forgets to tell his wife- or to have that trip immortalized through a still image.

And while this is an extreme and sexy example, illuminating the idiosyncratic behaviors of their daily lives laid the foundation for a larger conversation about how we live, how we communicate and how we move through space. As a media designer, these new insights into people and their daily practices are extremely exciting.

This book walks the difficult tightrope of what is wants to be- an alternative portrait or a speculative design brief for future GPS systems. I’ll offer a third option- how the strategies and methodologies of design research can inspire co-creation between designer and participant.

Using the strategies and methodologies of design research, insights were generated through such activities such as mapping exercises, drawing the future and shared reflections on the participant generated GPS imagery. These reflective conversations not only provided context for the still imagery but offered new methods and new approaches for invention.

It was this act of making and reflecting by both designer ad participant that enhanced both the alternative portraits and speculative design.

Ultimately, this book is a personal piece between the three. However, it is by upholding the idiosyncratic and personal that may reveal larger themes that we can all relate to as humans.

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PS - Brennan and Fawn, please go the Getta Villa. It’s getting embarrassing at this point.

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Technology Probe: These LandAirSea Tracking Devices collected data as participants went about their daily routine.



After ten days, the data on these devices was downloaded and visualized using Google Earth.



Cultural Probe 1: Brennan and Fawn map what they think their world will look like in 10 years.



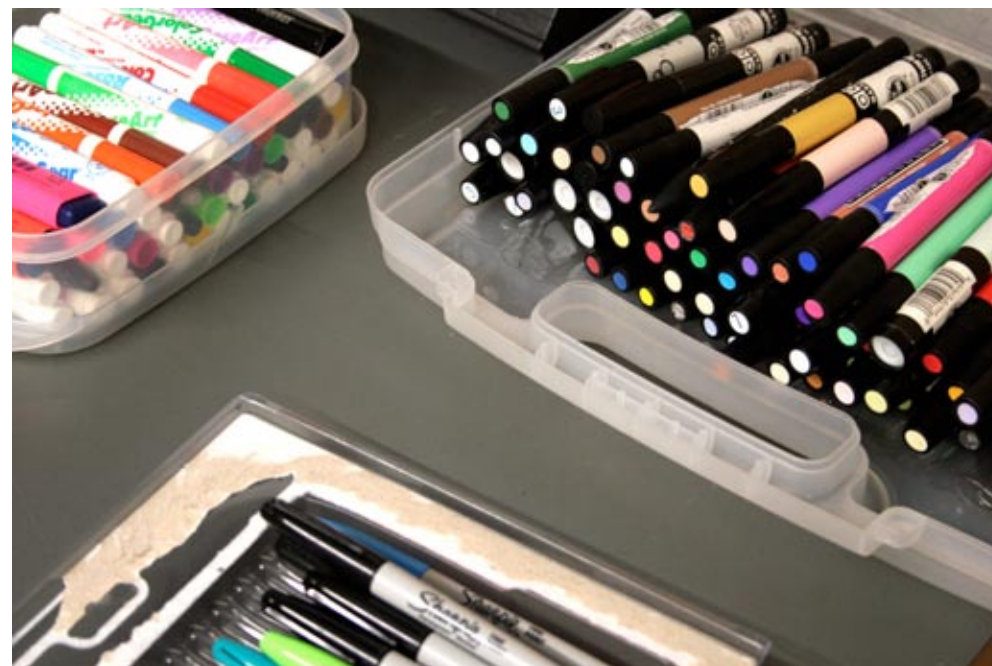
Although both envisioned having children, Brennan (left) refused to say the words "kids" or "children" out loud. Instead, he said that they had bought an "upright turtle."



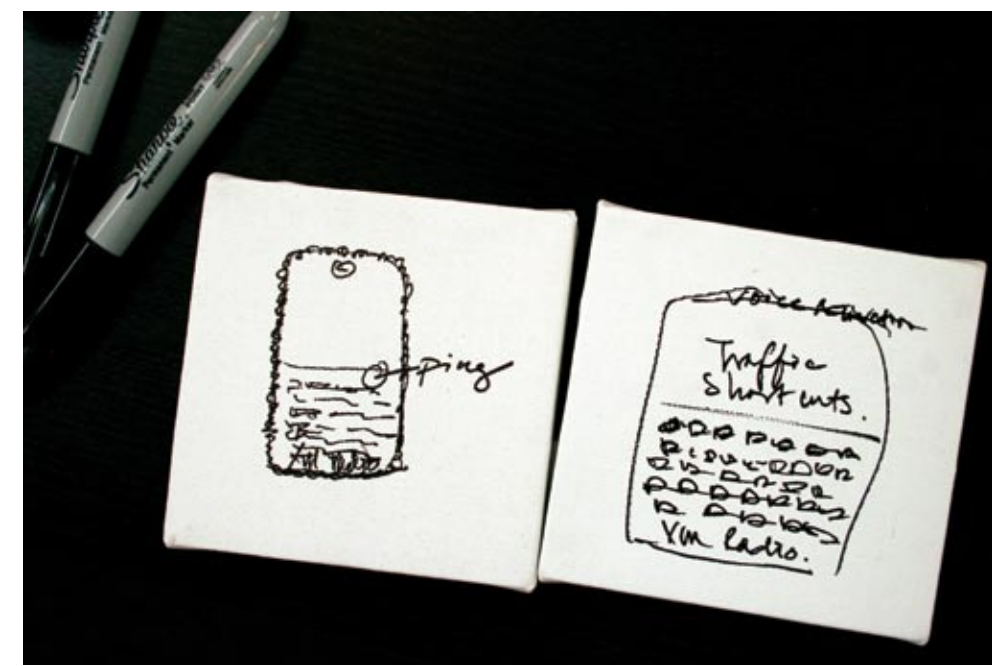
Cultural Probe 2: Brennan and Fawn were asked to define their experiences in Los Angeles via mapping. Examples included the identifications of those places where they go to find nature as well as the milestones of their commute.



Although Brennan (Blue) and Fawn (red) live a pitching wedge away from the Getty Villa, they both identified the museum as a place that they have always wanted to visit (but haven't).



Cultural Probe 3: Given a variety of markers, Brennan and Fawn were asked to design a futuristic GPS system.



In both cases the couple indicated that future GPS systems would resemble the Blackberry cell phone in form.

An aerial photograph of a coastal region. A large, dark blue bay or inlet is visible in the lower-left quadrant, surrounded by a light-colored, sandy or rocky shoreline. The surrounding land is a mix of green and brown, indicating a mix of vegetation and possibly agricultural or developed areas. The overall scene is captured from a high angle, providing a clear view of the coastline and the surrounding terrain.

The Week

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Individual Days: October 11-21, 2008
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FAWN'S WORK

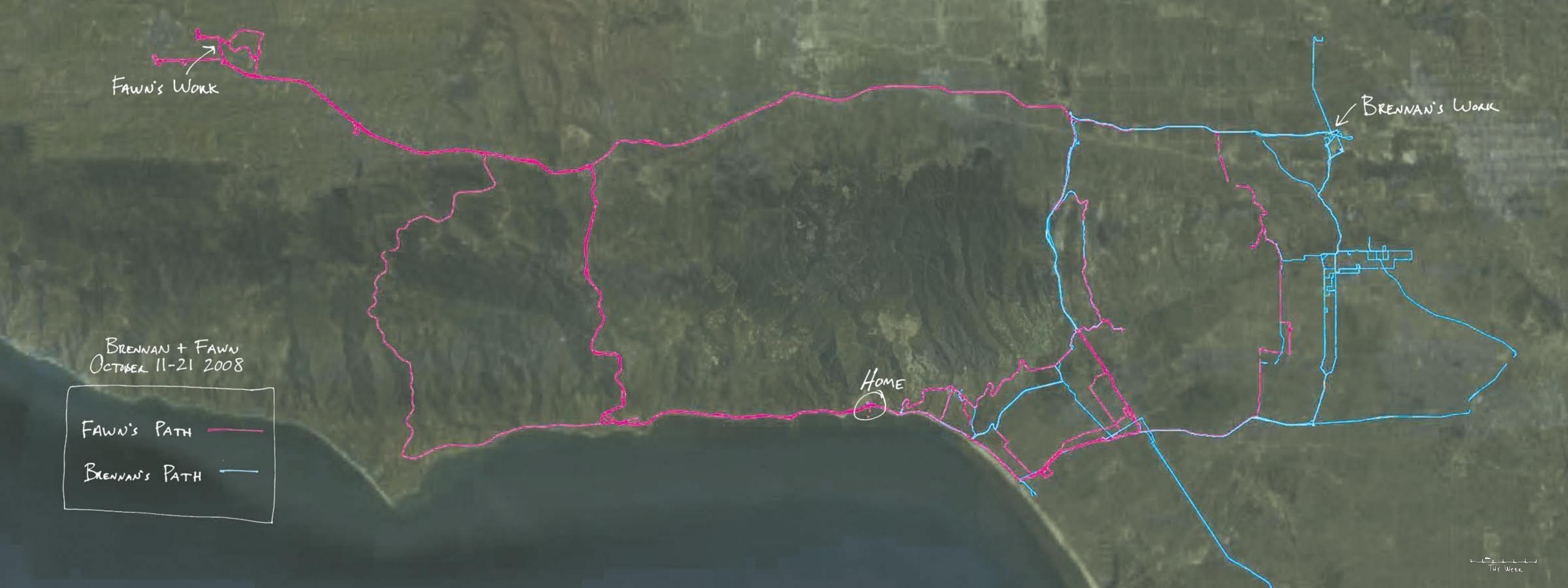
BRENNAN'S WORK

BRENNAN + FAWN
OCTOBER 11-21 2008

FAWN'S PATH ———

BRENNAN'S PATH ———

HOME



ABOUT

GPS: Tracking Love relies on the co-creation between designer and participant. To initiate this dialogue, the couple was asked to participate in a variety of activities or probes that would provide “passive” and “active” data.

One such “passive” activity employed the use of LandSeaAir GPS Tracking devices. Placed in the glove compartment, these devices collected data as participants went about their daily routine. After ten days, the data on these devices were downloaded and visualized using Google Earth.

The images that you see in this section are a reflection of this data. As a design researcher, I find these images compelling because they illuminate what is an ordinary activity- how we navigate our world. Furthermore, these images offer a change of perspective, allowing the viewer to see their world from above.



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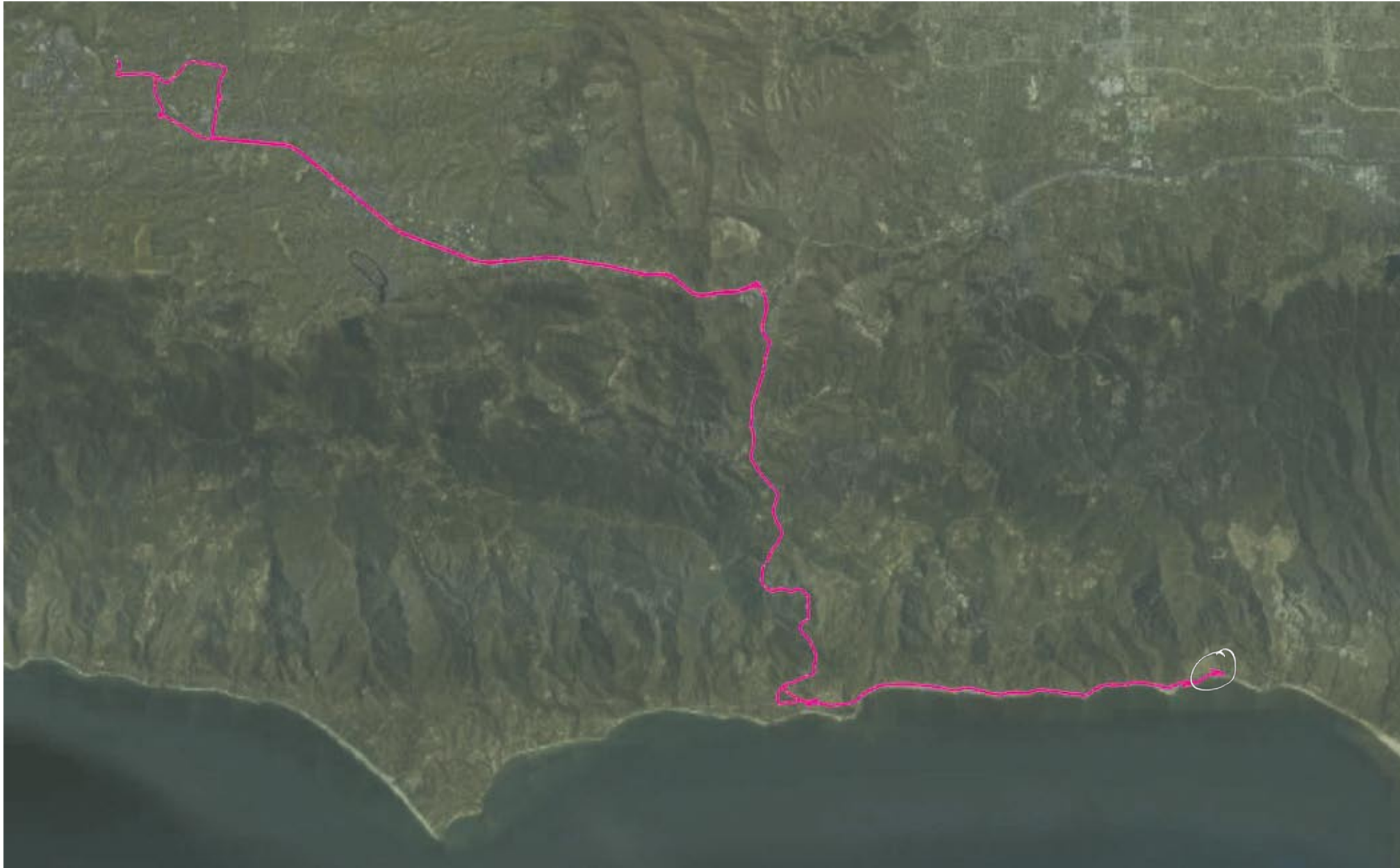
Brennan: This is were our paths diverge within moments of leaving the home we are like get out of here.



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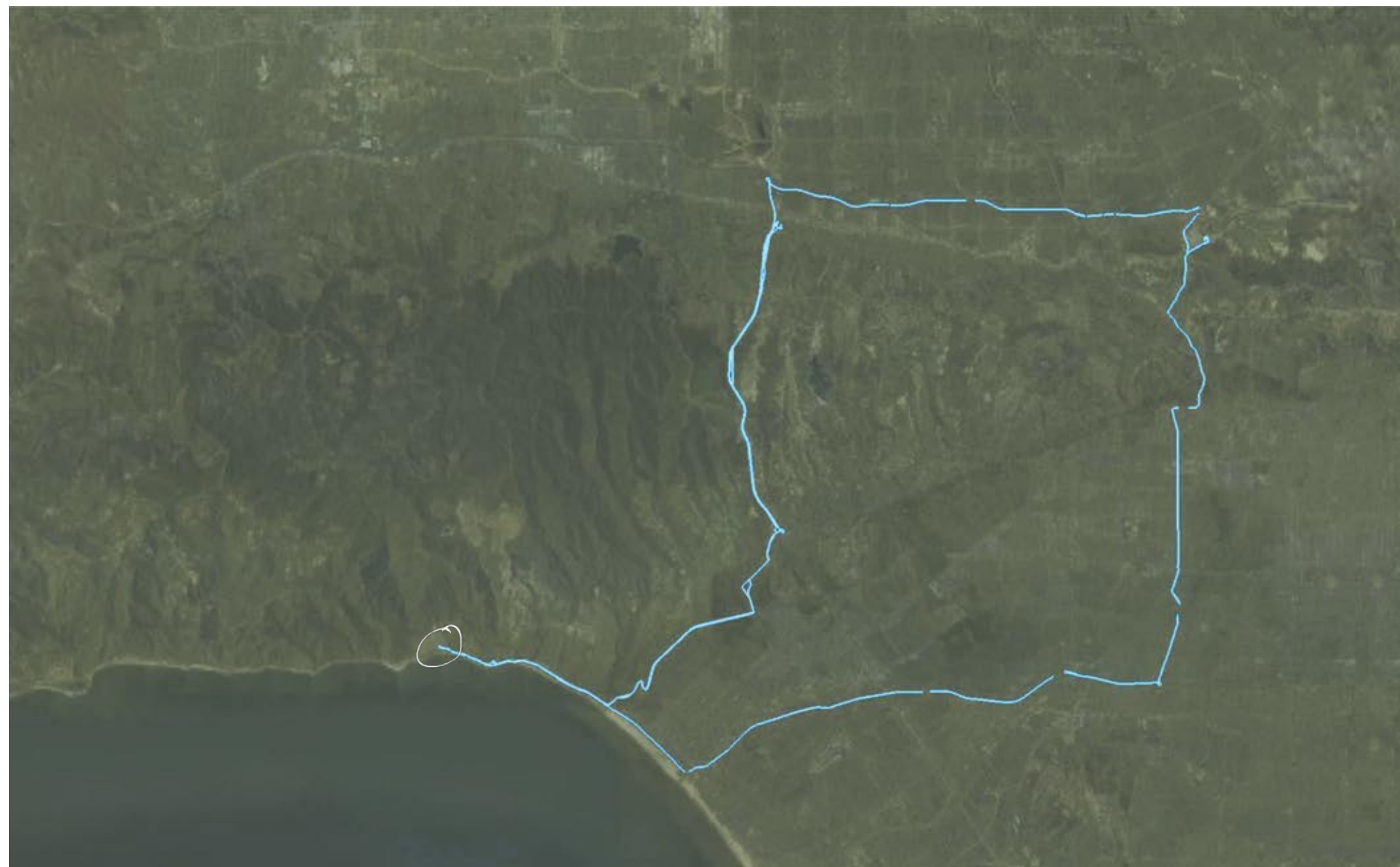
Fawn: Actually at school I try to involve you more. He has meet a lot of people from school.

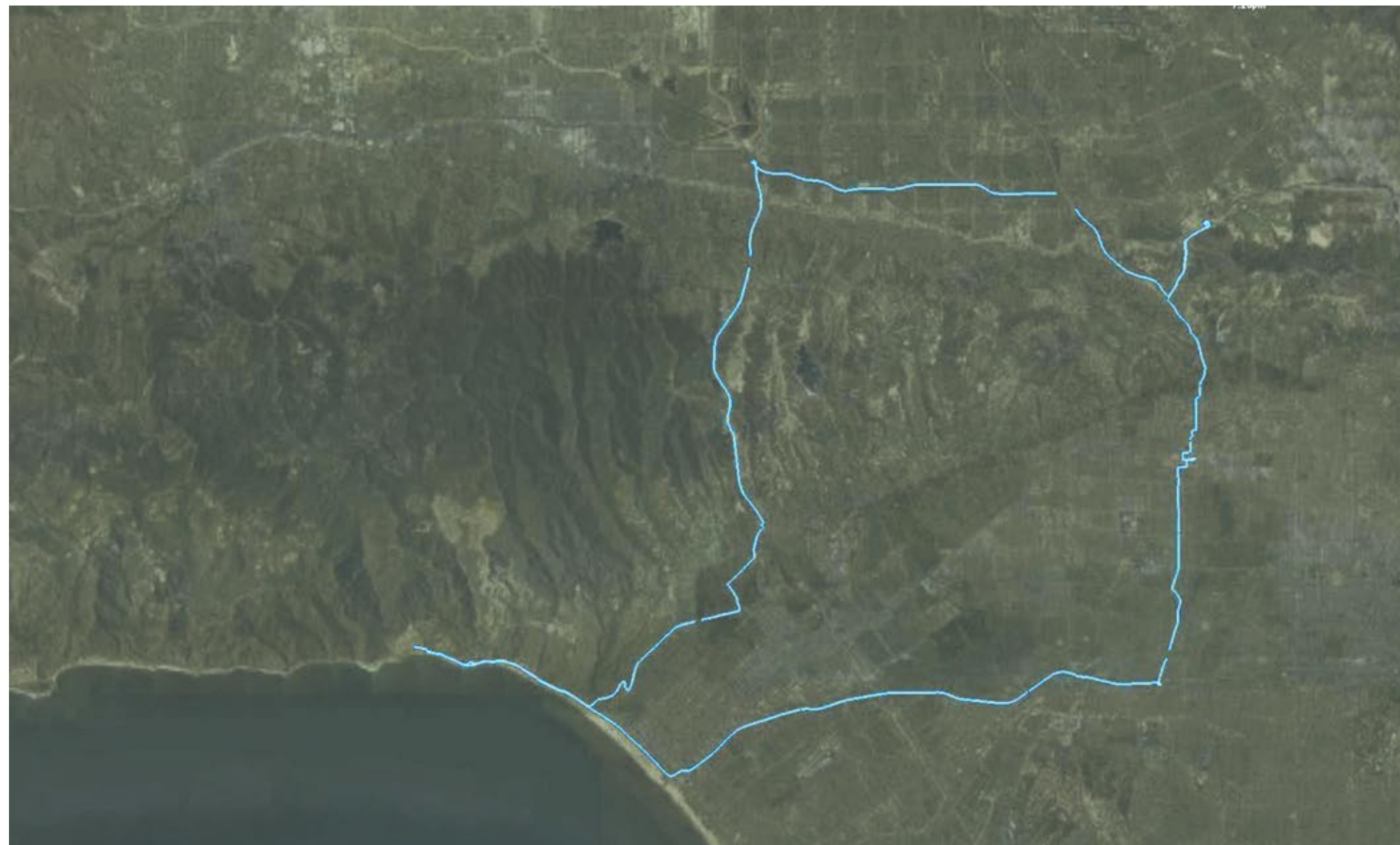


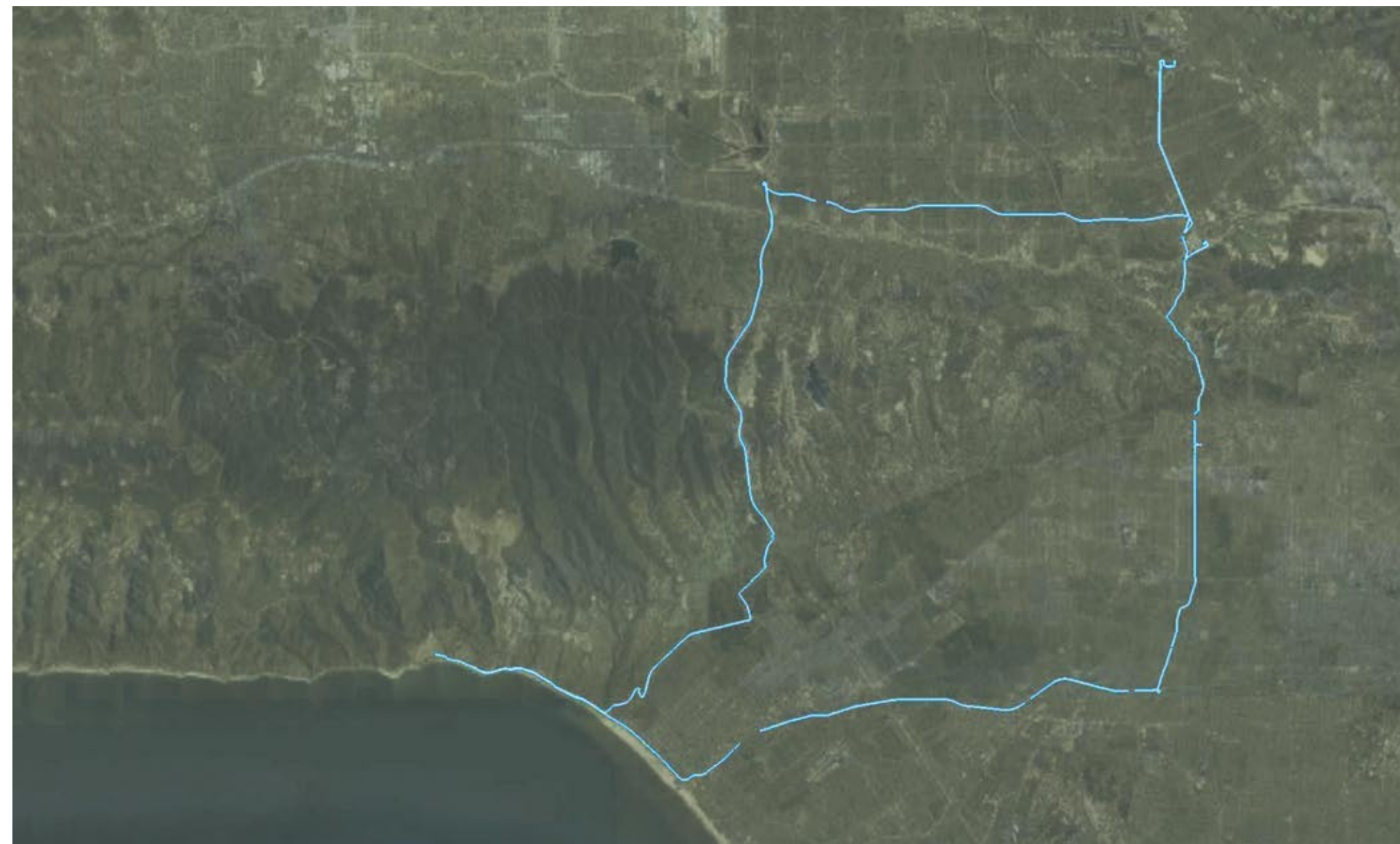
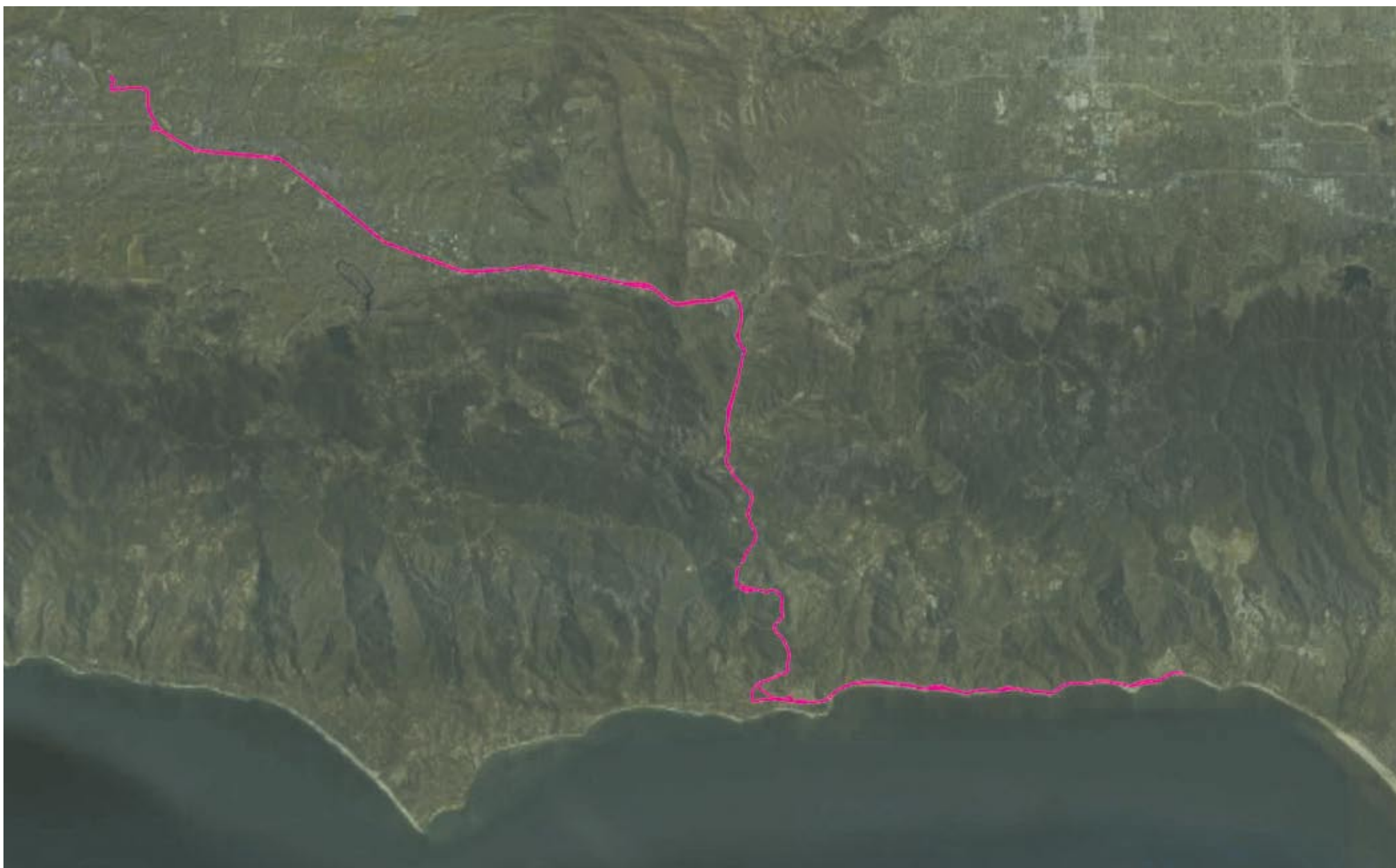


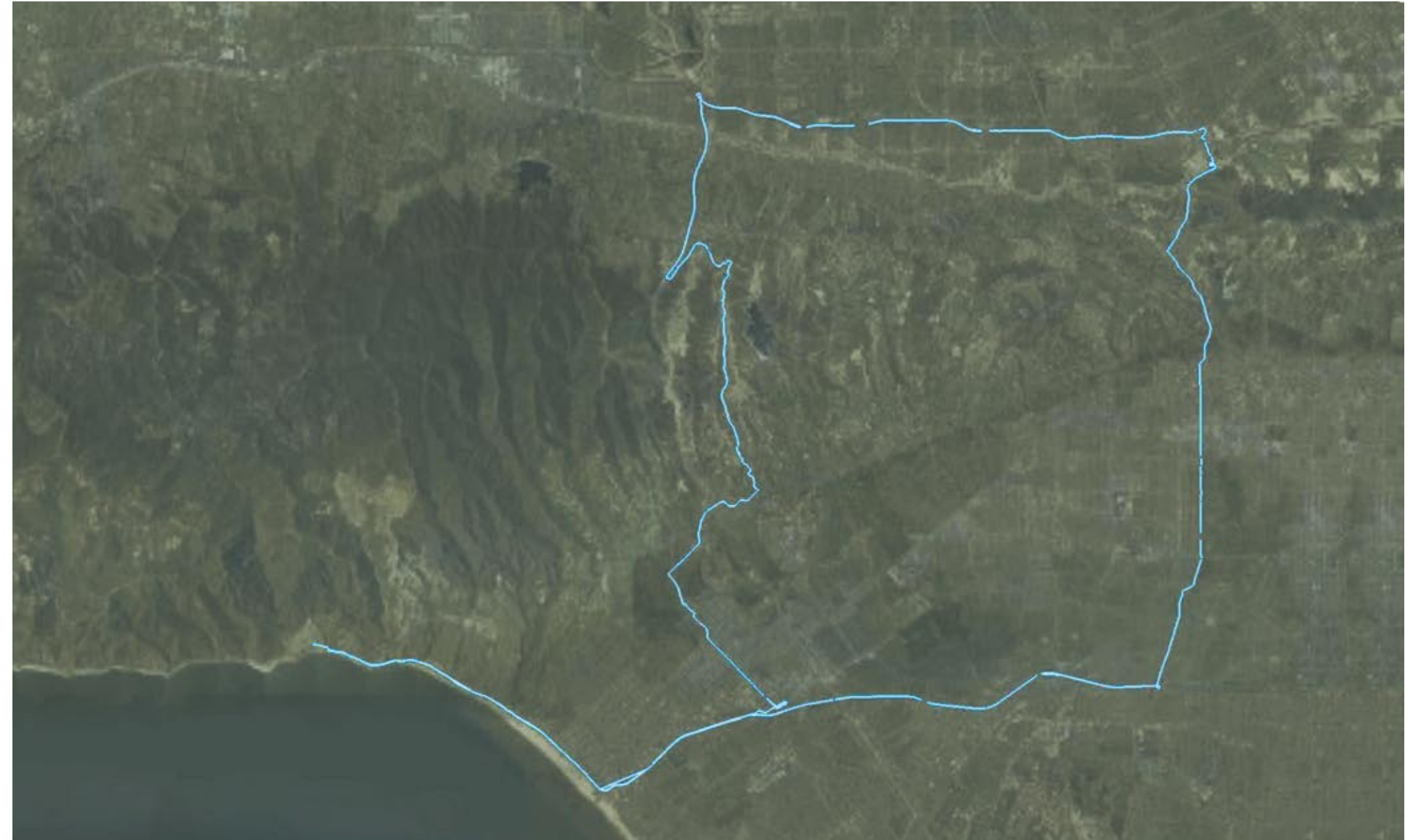
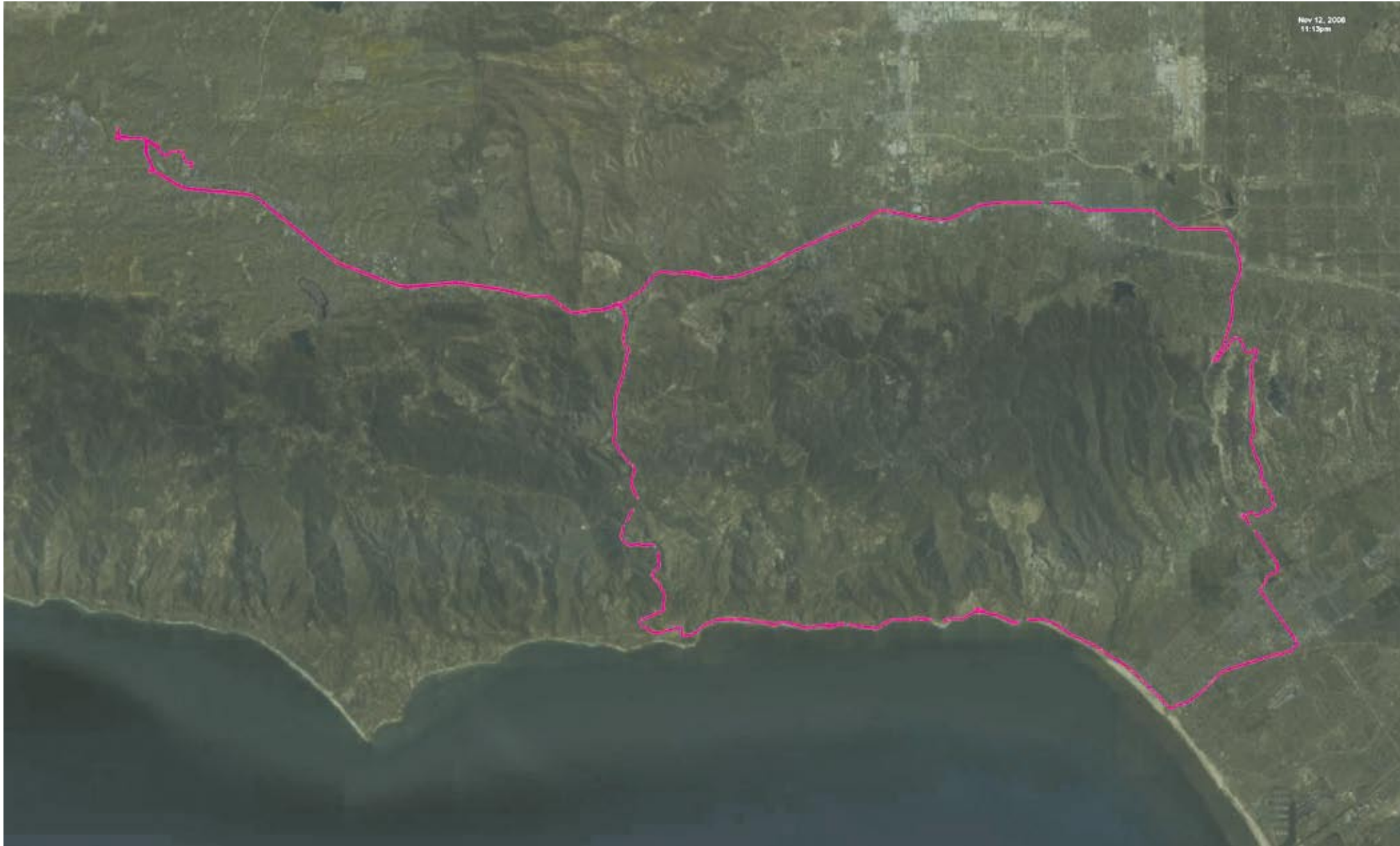
SURF SPOT

Brennan: I just like the water. It gives you something to do. Lots of activities.



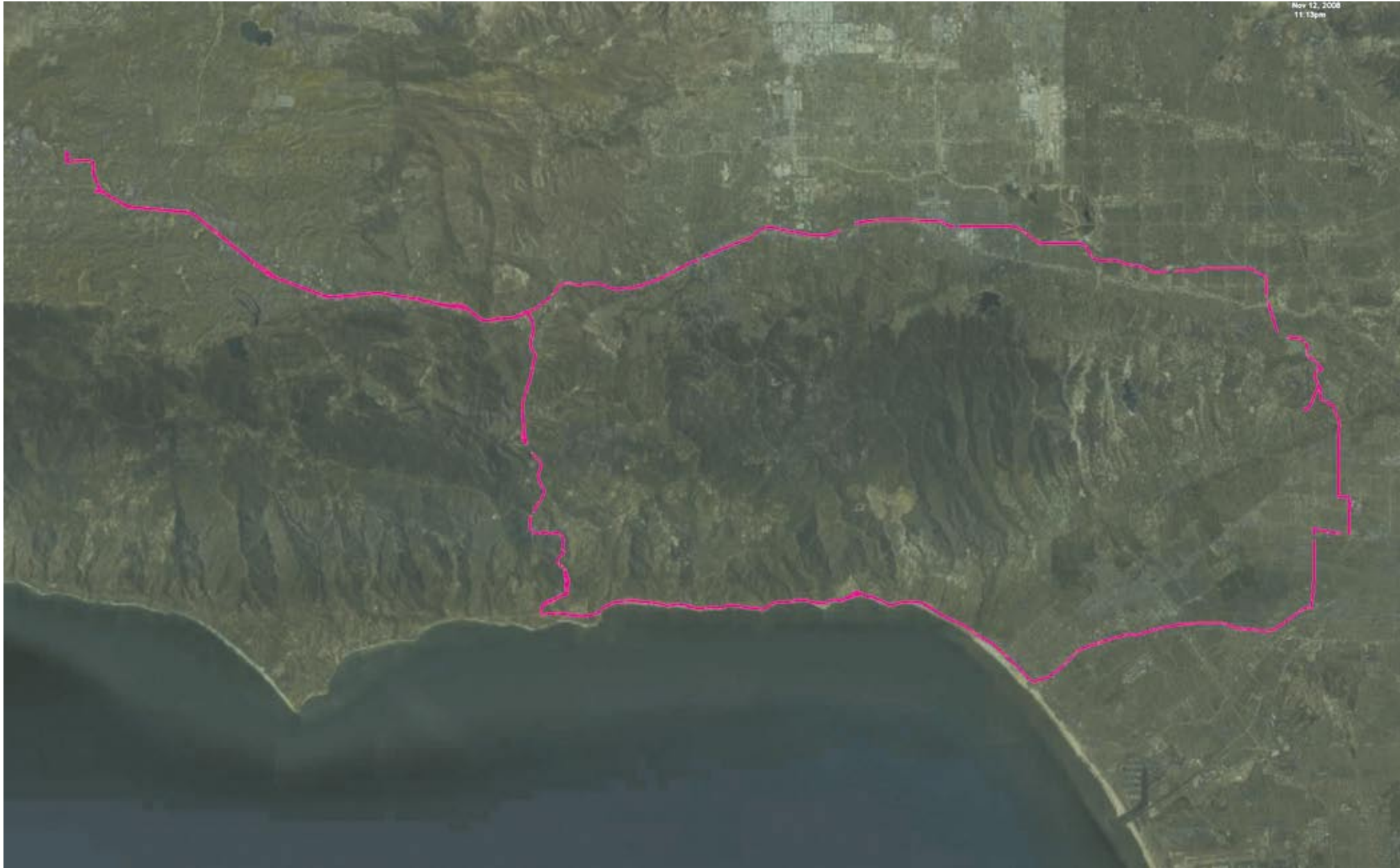






My Side of Town

Brennan: OK, what I am trying to figure out is what you were doing right around where I work.

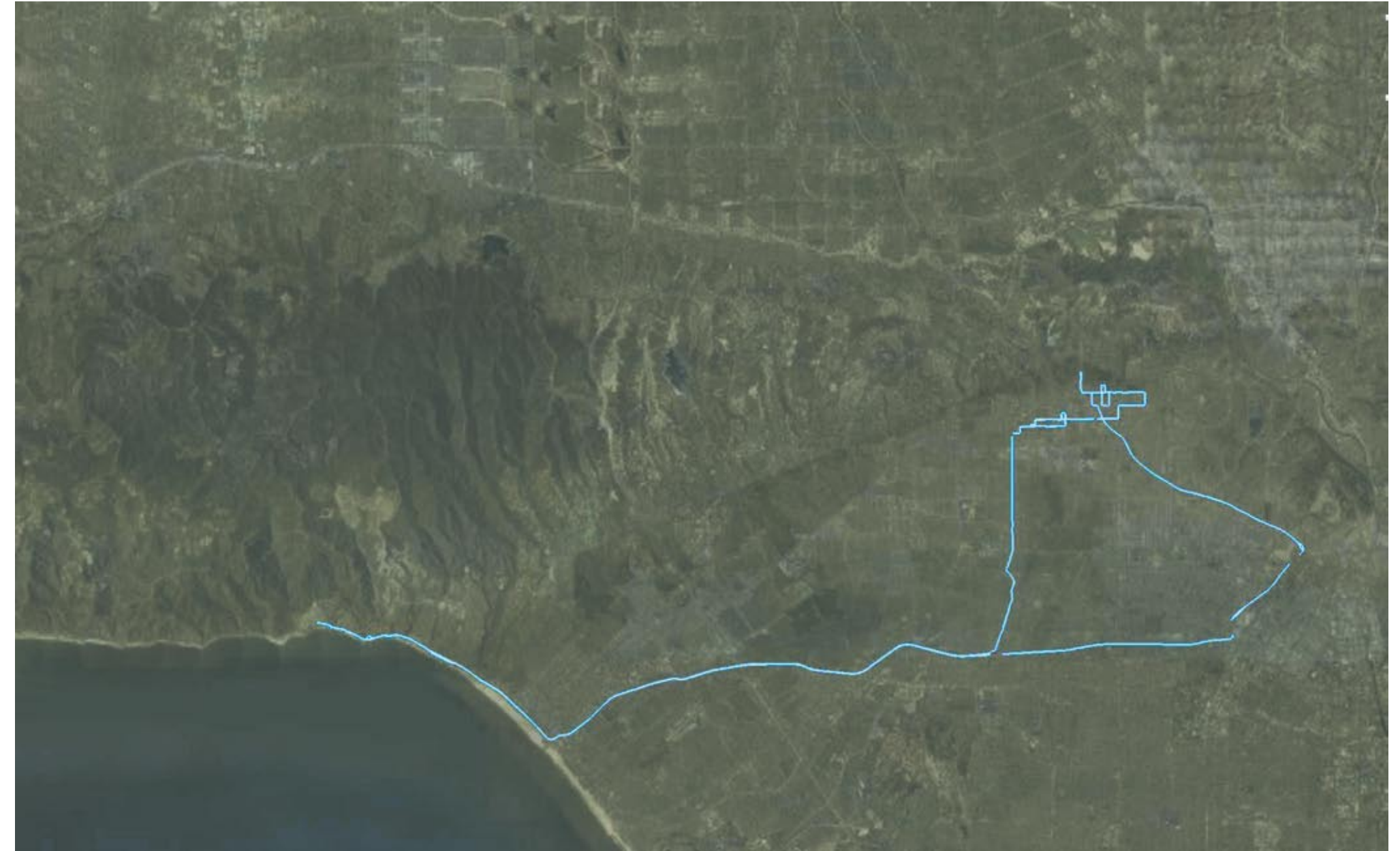


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"DRAW" AN EYE + LEGS?

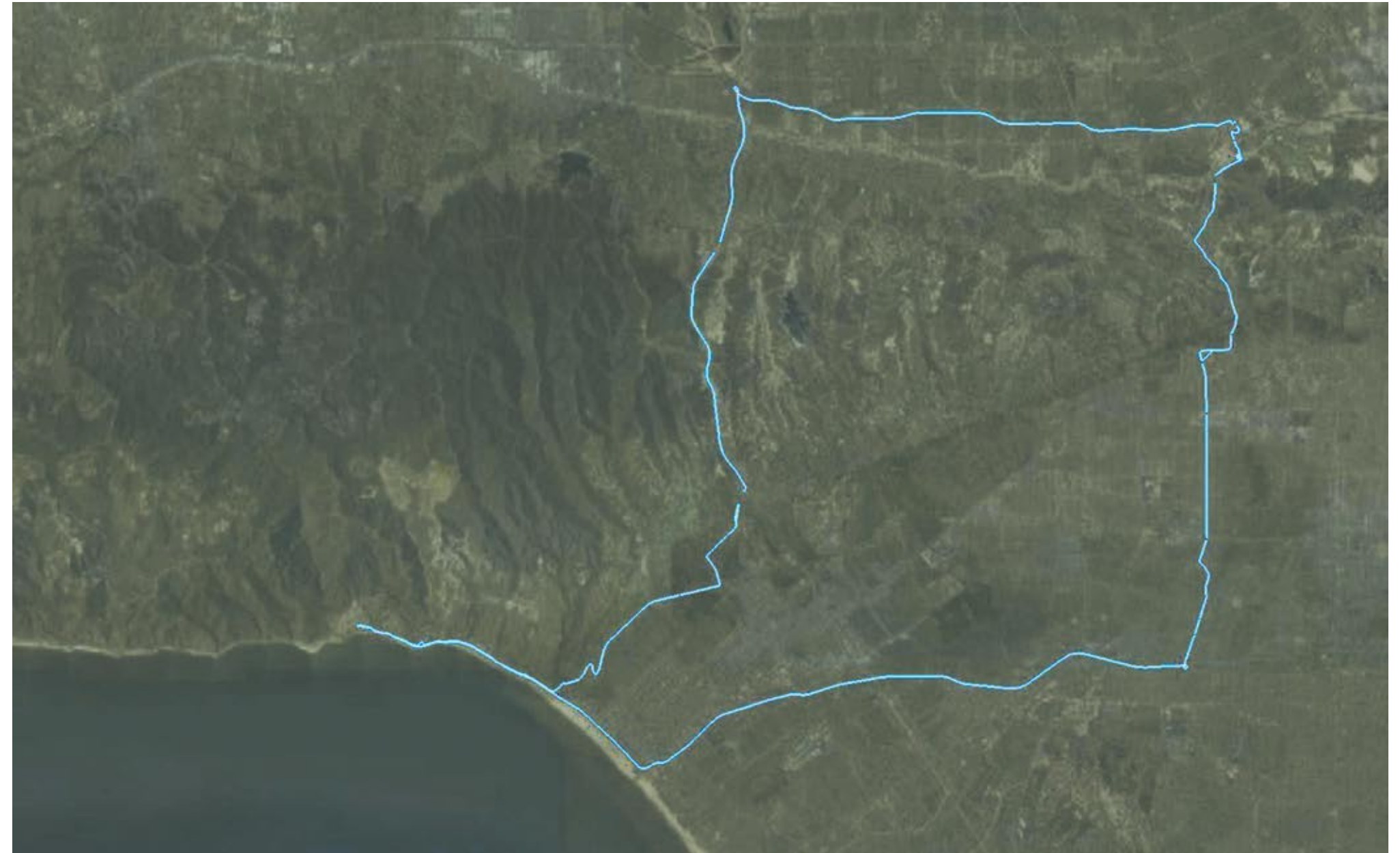


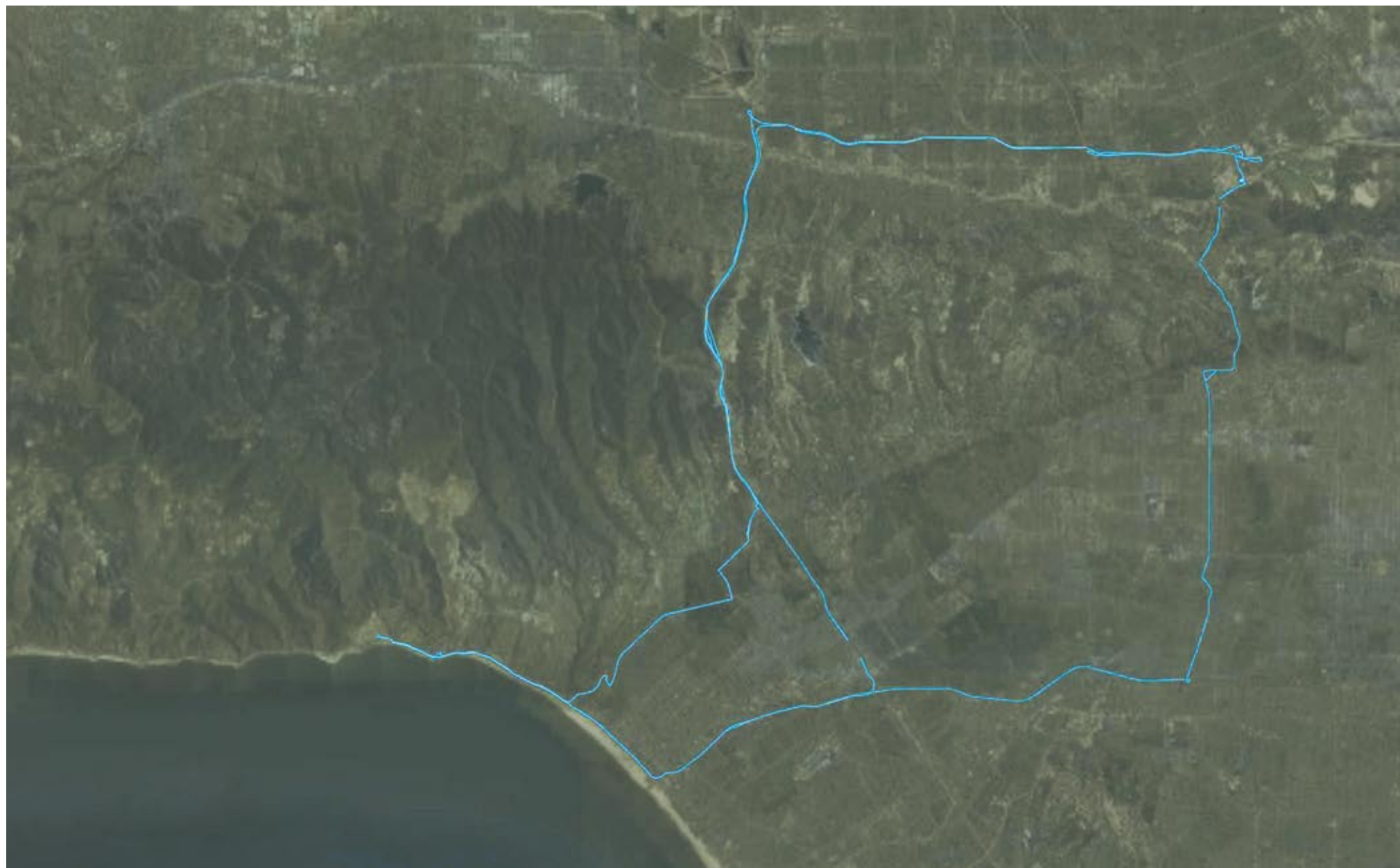


Hung Over?



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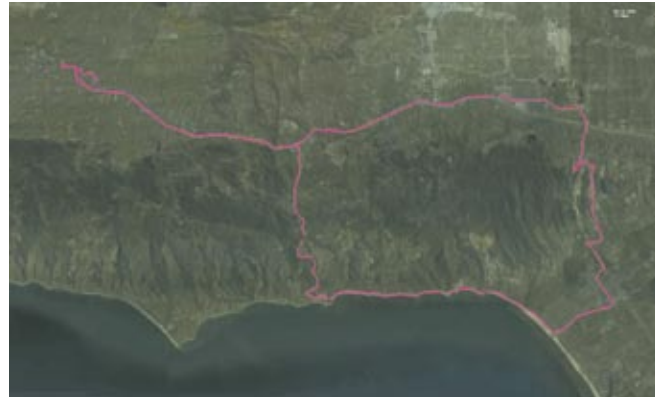
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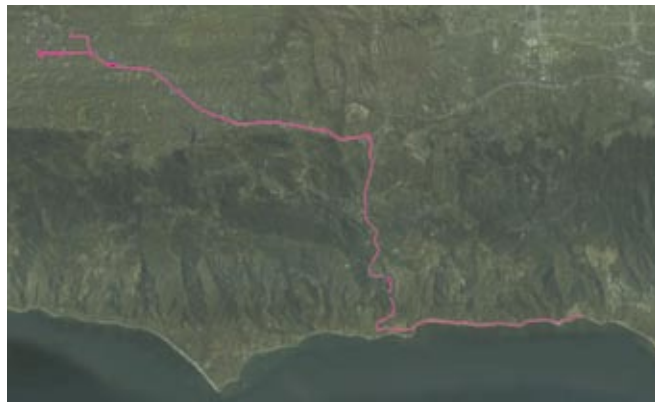
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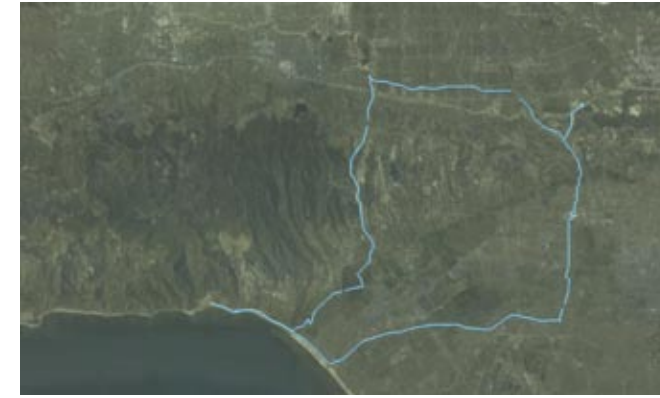
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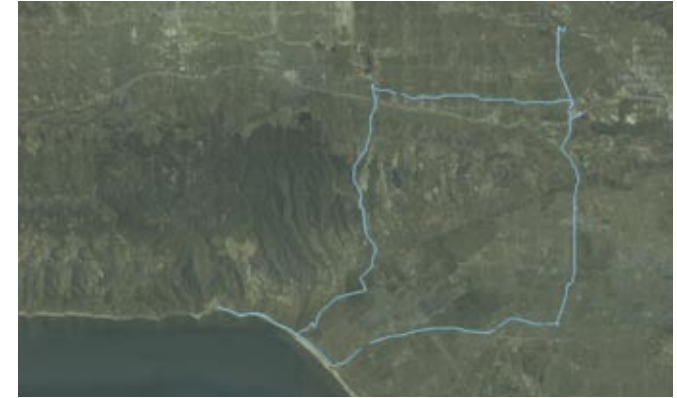
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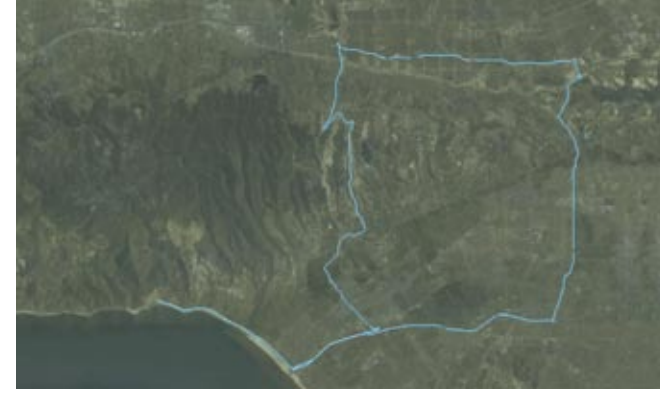
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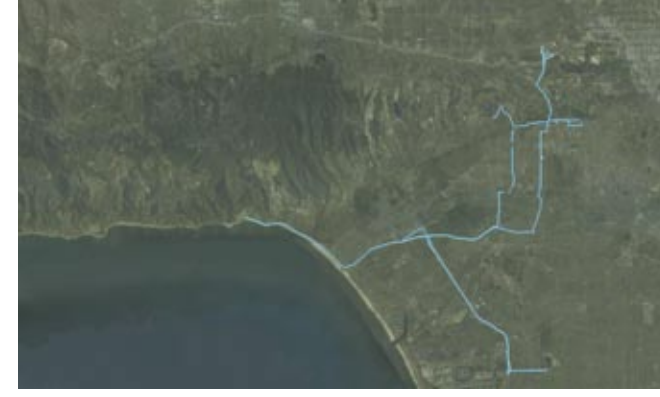
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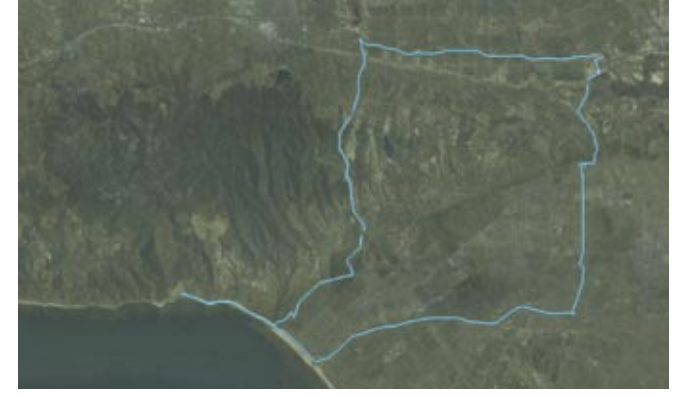
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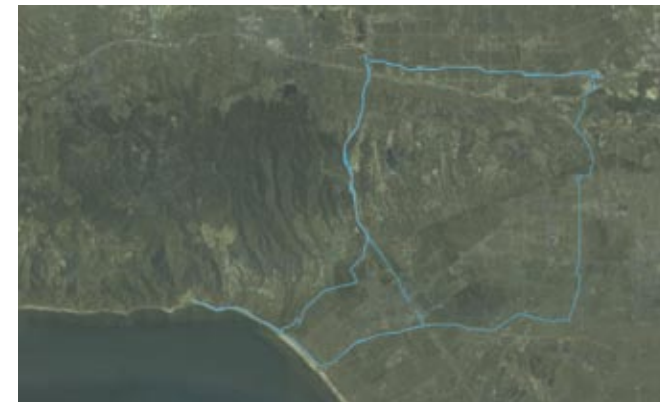
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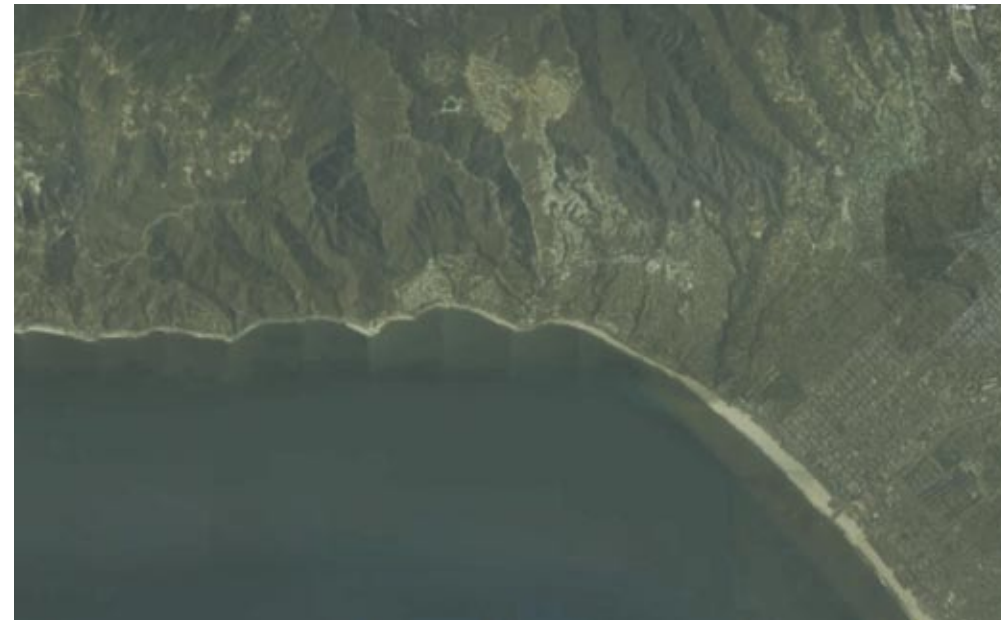
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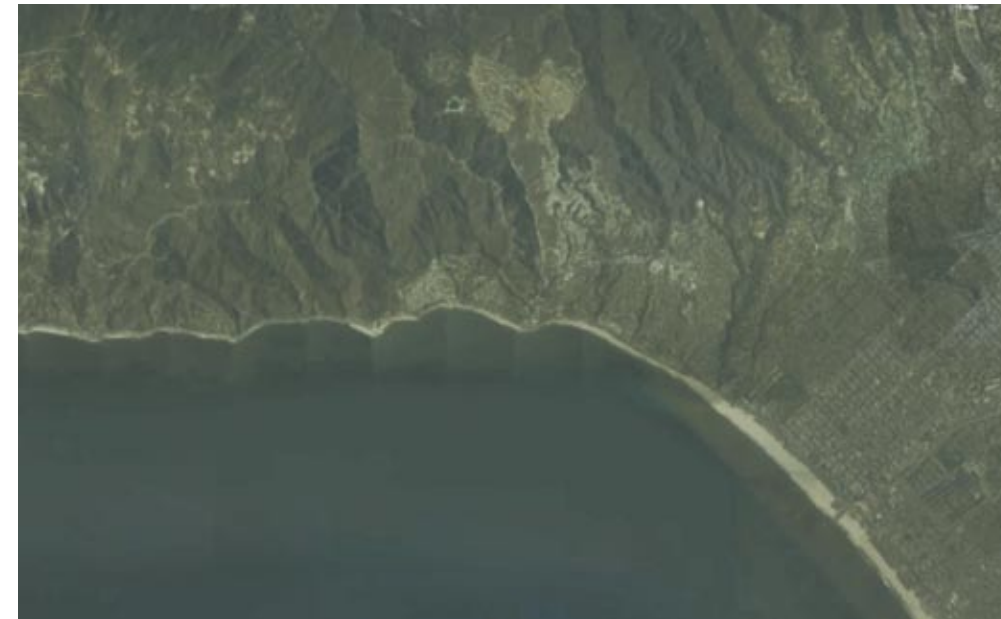
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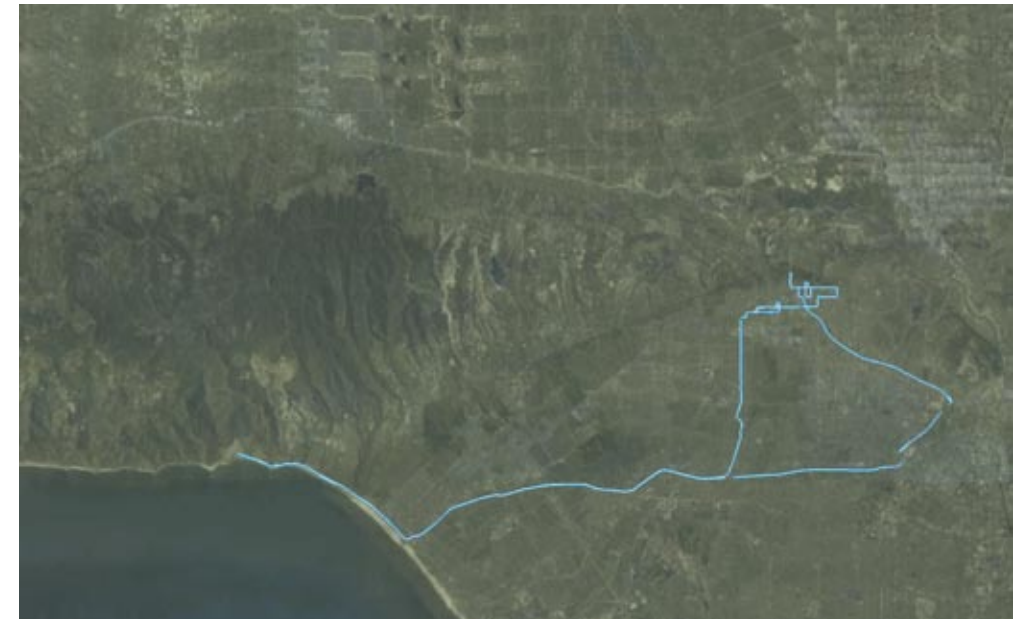
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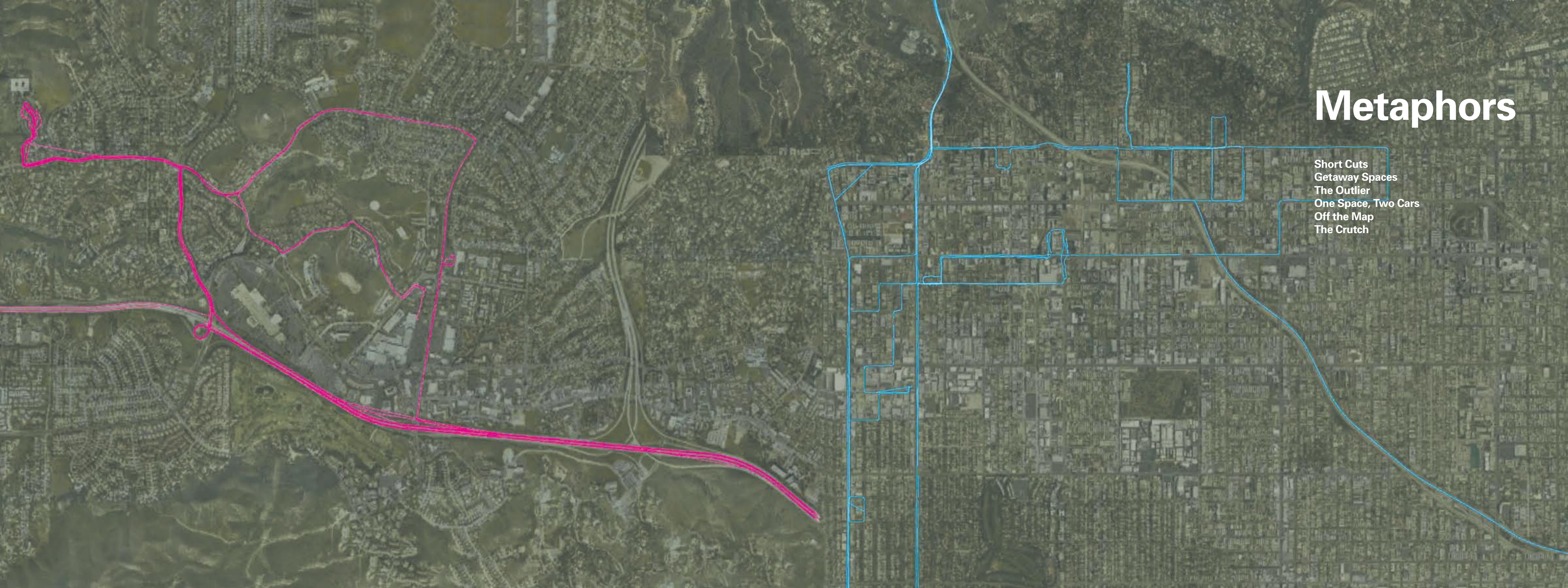
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Metaphors

- Short Cuts
- Getaway Spaces
- The Outlier
- One Space, Two Cars
- Off the Map
- The Crutch



ABOUT

Musings:

The Man in the Moon. The Shroud of Turin. The Fat Dude in Los Angeles. Part of the human condition is to make connections, often allowing us to draw unintended meaning from the inanimate. Inspired from Brennan and Fawn’s conversations during the mapping exercises, “Musings” contextualizes the still imagery through a reflective, literary and perhaps philosophical lens.

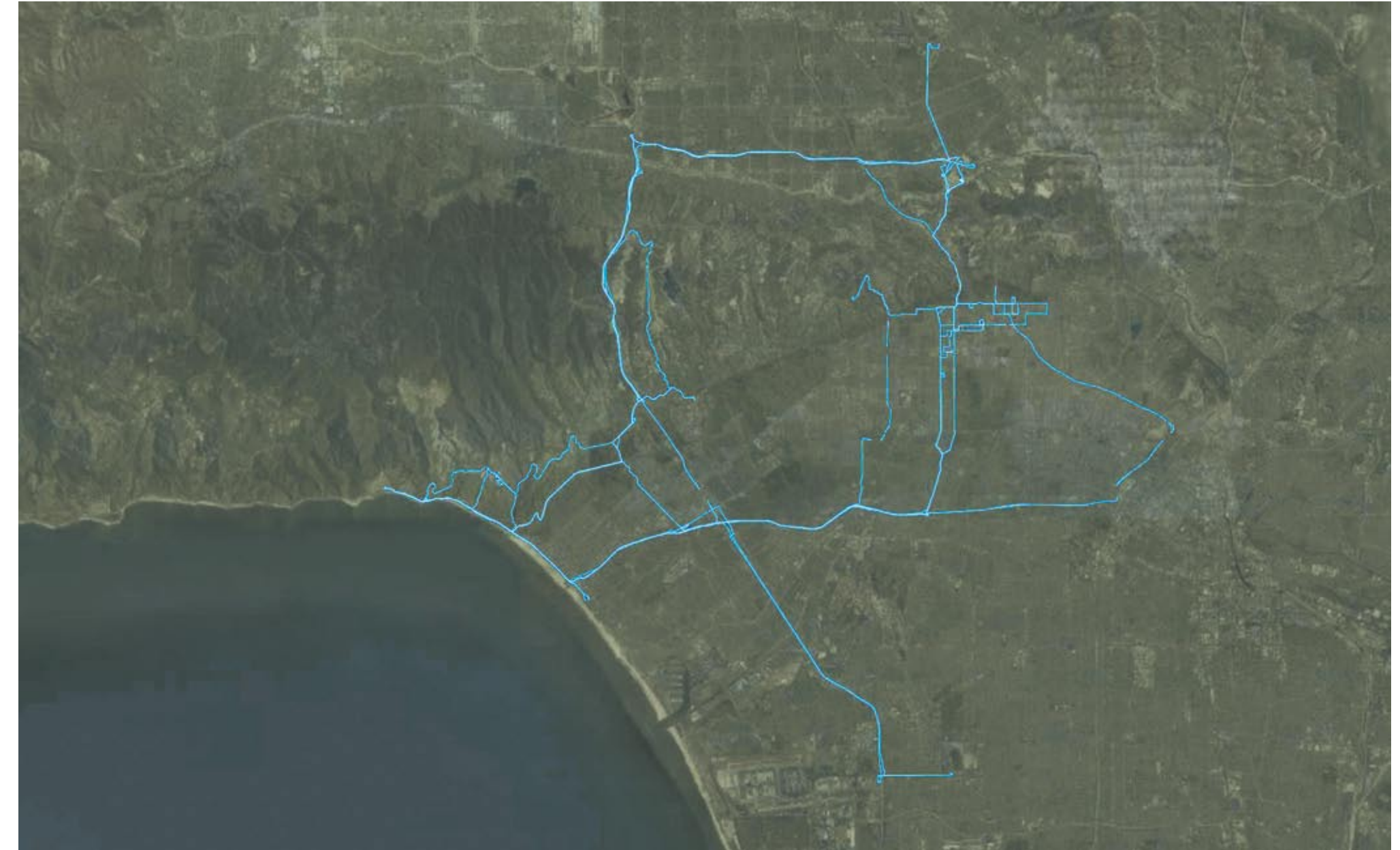
Speculation:

The “Speculation” section takes these insights one step further by contextualize people and their daily practices into a larger conversation about how people live, communicate and move through space. In this case study, the idiosyncratic becomes inspiration which, in turn, generates new ways of thinking about the future of GPS technology.

Further Discussion:

The traditional coffee table book serves three functions: it reflects owner’s taste, kills time in a dentist’s office or inspires conversation. It is my hope that this book not only creates further discussion about the future of GPS, but offers reflection on the personal relationships and physical spaces we are consistently navigating. “Further discussion” is part and parcel of this conversation.

Can people change?
What is the future of GPS technology?
Is that a fat dude with skinny legs or a space warrior?



FAT DUDE

Fawn: Look you are a fat dude. Here is your skinny little legs. Don't you see it.

SHORT CUTS

Musings:

The “short cut” asks us to veer off our normal path, to take a risk, all with the idea of saving time. But behind our “short cuts” are larger questions about how we move through our cities.

For example, when we need to get from point A to point B, we often use directions. Yet we also rely on trial and error, probability and word of mouth to navigate our cities. It is this experiential knowledge, more than anything, that informs our perspective of where we live.

Speculation:

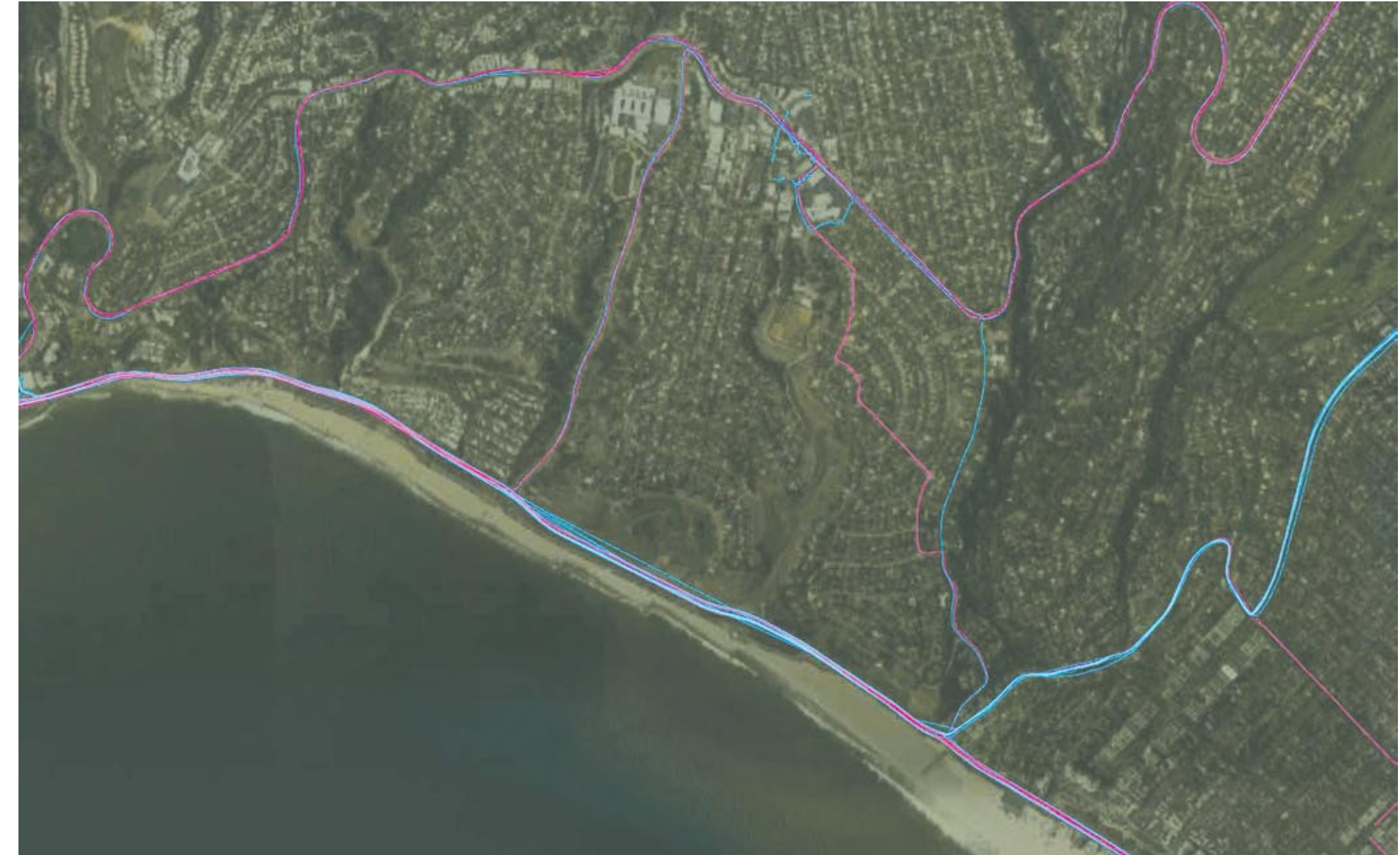
While current GPS systems can update your route in real-time-based, they cannot replace the experiential knowledge that we have of our cities. Future GPS systems may leverage our driving history while providing alternative short cuts through shared user data. For example, research studies have shown that a driver’s final destination can often be predicted based on the first few turns that we make.

Knowing how we travel provides an opportunity space for GPS systems to promote discovery and exploration. By inverting the functionality of GPS, these future systems that get you “lost” may invite the user to experience their city in new ways.

Finally, Fawn’s memory of this “short cut” was sparked only after she was able to see her commute through an image. Visualizing our idiosyncratic behavior, such as how we travel, can trigger memories and discussions between people. These “alternative” portraits, like this book, may prove marketable for GPS companies.

Further Discussion:

Are there short cuts in life?
When does a short cut become a long cut?
Is a short cut based on local knowledge?



THE LONG CUT

Fawn: That was the day of the fire. They wouldn't let anyone in, so I had to go up to Sunset and take it all the way across. That was not a shortcut.

GETAWAY SPACES

Musings:

Whether conscious or unconscious, we are constantly defining and redefining our perceptions of public and private space. The Getaway Space is our Xanadu, the place where we go to maintain our individuality or to recharge our batteries. We go to these places because if we were around the people we loved all the time, we may end up killing them.

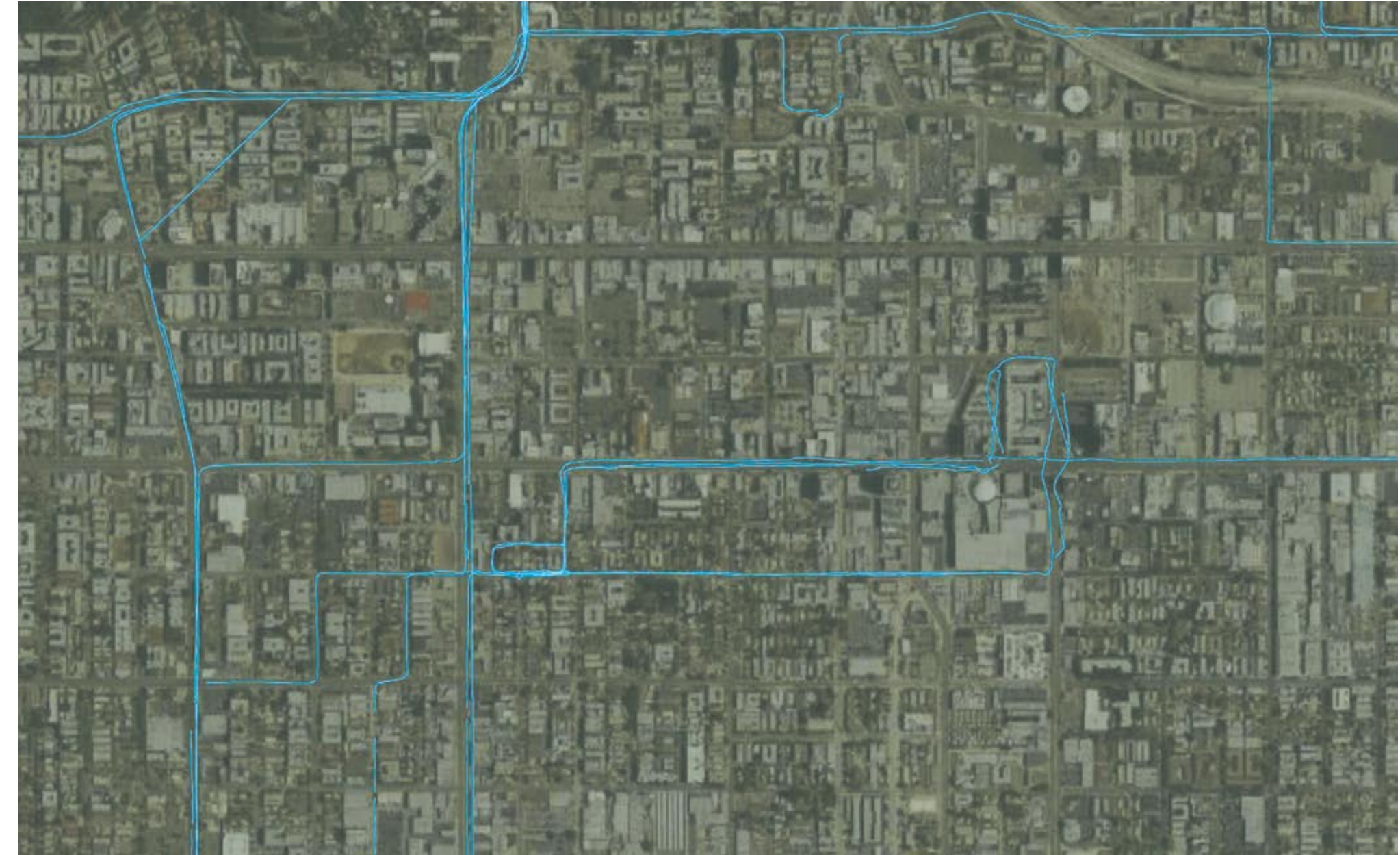
Speculation:

Current GPS applications like Buddy Beacon allow users to locate their friends in real-time. And while these new apps shed light into the potential for location-based social networking, they also remind us of the potential pitfalls of being physically accountable at all times. Thus, when it comes to our availability, it is often necessary for us to draw the line in our relationships.

Conversely, there are times when our significant others need to reach us. For example, Fawn often felt she was being ignored when she tried to contact Brennan on the phone- and he chose not answer. Her request to create a more anamorphic device that could express her frustration was dually noted.

Further Discussion:

Where do we go when we want to be left alone?
Is this a physical space or a journey inwards? Is chocolate involved?
Are there exceptions to your rules? Common, everyone has exceptions.



Buying Pot

Brennan: It's not like I need to be alone there but it's kinda of like my space. I know you are never going to come there. It's pretty good.

The Outlier

Musings:

Outliers are deviations from the norm. They remind us that we are not robots who follow routines but rather individuals who make impromptu decisions such as going to a local casino and playing poker until 2:30 in the morning.

These images also invert our traditional understanding of how we read maps. Lize Mogel, editor of An Atlas of Radical Cartography, notes that "maps allow us to locate ourselves compared to other things." With GPS imagery, people are less concerned about finding where they have been. To Brennan, "I know where I have been." Rather, GPS maps elicit interest in where others have been.

In this sense, outliers also raise questions of trust and accountability commonly associated with surveillance devices like GPS. Brennan: What were you doing right around where I work? Fawn: Why did you go down here?

Speculation:

Because of their ability to track and surveil, GPS systems often carry with them negative connotations. One only has to look at the language commonly associated with such devices: "tracking device," "surveillance" and "monitoring."

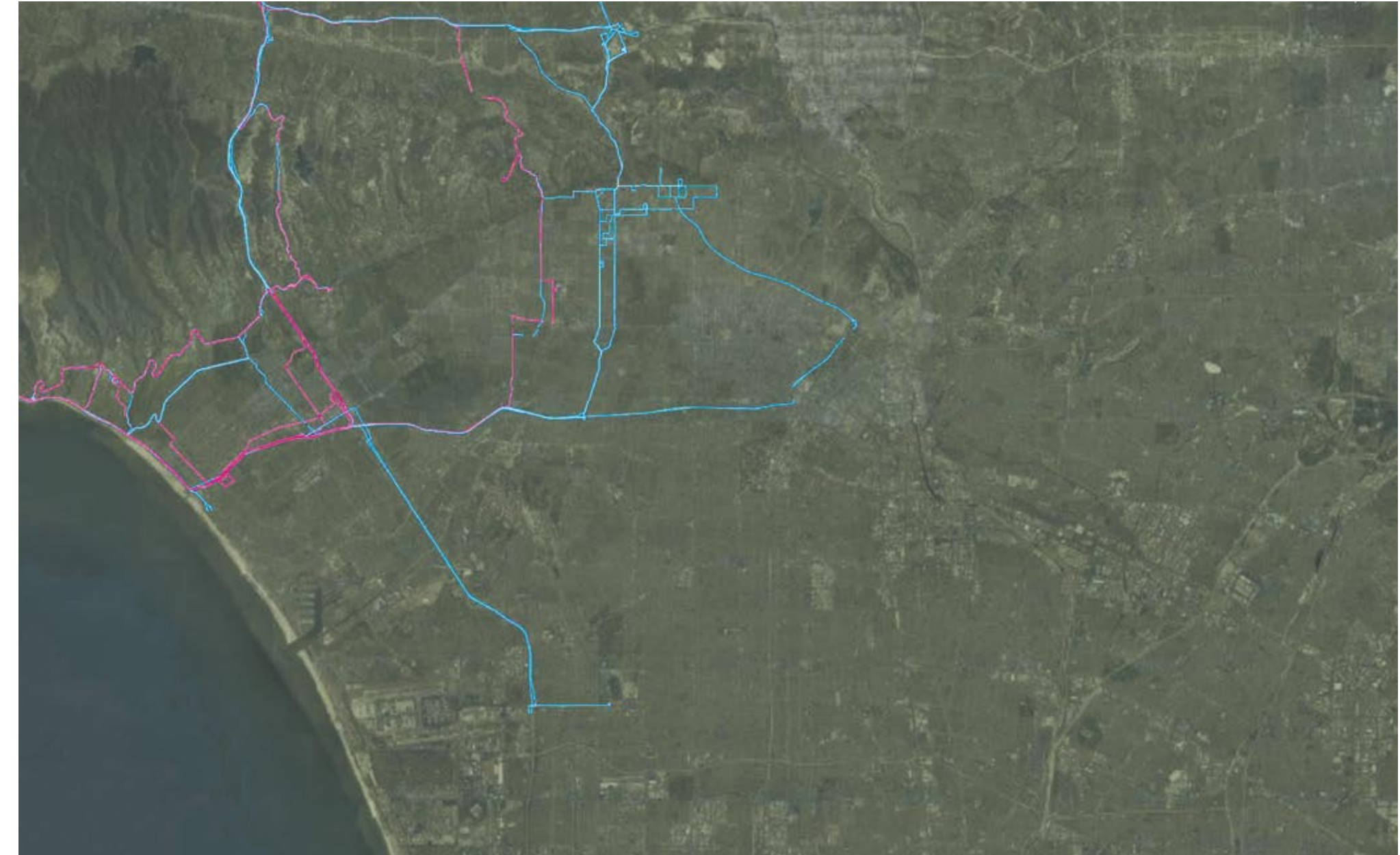
Again, the tactic of inversion may prove useful for understanding the potential of GPS systems. For example, instead of creating a "tracking device" we could create a "romance enhancer" that promotes positive interactions between couples.

On the other hand, a GPS system with attitude could use familiar warnings in these systems, such as "do not make an illegal turn," and goad you into breaking the law.

Finally, current GPS systems offer a variety of accents, yet fail to account for local knowledge such as how to pronounce places such "Los Feliz" and "Worcester" as the locals would.

Further Discussion:

What do we keep secret?
Tomato or Tomato
Actually, I won 350 bucks.



OUTLIER

Brennan: I am thinking I shouldn't have gone to Hollywood Park on GPS.

ONE PARKING SPACE, TWO CARS

Musings:

We all make sacrifices for those we care for. One parking space, two cars visualizes this act. And while many of these are selfless acts of love, they very often they reflect long-term negotiations and deal-making between partners that keep a relationship afloat. Examples include grocery shopping for lawn mowing, laundry for the occasional late night ice cream run, a night out with the boys for attending the boss's 40th birthday party.

Speculation:

It happens more than we admit. During our daily commute we either see, remember or are inspired by something we want to share with a loved one. We promise ourselves to bring it up later that night, only to forget seconds later.

Current GPS systems allow users to "photograph" or "tag" these positions. There is also growing number of Point of Interests (POI) downloads that will alert you when you are in the area of certain restaurants, speed traps and school zones. The possibilities are endless.

What is missing, however, is a designed object that expresses what is internalized in an externalized way. Sent to a shared database and visualized in the home, these memories could give familiar objects a new context for conversation.

Further Discussion:

Would you kill for love?

If one person cooks, is it the other person's responsibility to do the dishes?

What is pillow talk?



CARPORT

Brennan: This is Fawn getting her car up in the car port and this is me having to park on the street.

Off the Map

Musings:

While these images may visualize our idiosyncratic behavior, they illuminate the erroneous errors inherent in most technology. For example, it is hard to believe that Fawn, frustrated by her commute along the PCH, decided to drive onto the beach and into the ocean to avoid traffic. As Brennan has pointed out on more than one occasion, she is an asian, woman driver.

That aside, these errors raise ask what it means to be mapped. For example, there are people and places, such as immigrant communities, that are literally off the map. Some of these communities would prefer not to be mapped. Others feel completely marginalized by the country in which they live. This raises the larger question: Does something need to be mapped to exist?

Speculation:

Traditional GPS systems record data such as speed, mileage and location. Yet like the example above, there is a plethora of information that is simply not mapped. Does one's carbon emission not exist because it is not visible?

Using the same methods for calculating speed, mileage and location, future GPS systems may calculate a person's carbon footprint, the number of McDonald's pass or the last time you visited the house of friend. These alternative data sets maybe far more valuable and interesting to their users.

Further discussion:

Does something exist if it is not mapped?



ASIAN WOMAN DRIVER

Luke: What I also like are these mistakes. I am pretty sure you didn't drive over this person's house.

THE CRUTCH

Musings:

By his own admission, Brennan has no short-term memory. Before making plans, he has to check in with secretary, I mean wife, so that he is not double booked. While this level of co-dependency may be cute at the beginning of a marriage, I imagine that in time this act will grow old.

Often, those characteristics that allow us to fall in love with another person are often those characteristics that we grow to hate. Equally interesting are those personalty tics that we find annoying, and with the passing of time, soften and become idiosyncratic.

Speculation:

Current applications, such as Remember the Milk, allow users to send reminders to their cell phones. Paired with location-based technology, it is easy to imagine a GPS system that remind you to perform certain tasks in certain locations. For example, when passing a grocery store it may remind you to pick up, well, milk.

Perhaps a more interesting application, however, would move the co-dependent to the co-creative. For example, knowing that your path often resembles an elephant, future GPS systems may ask you drive a few miles longer to create a tail. Future GPS devices may move from a tool for functionality to a tool for imagination and performance.

Further Discussion:

What is something you love about your partner that you know hate?
(And vice-versa)
What is the more trendy word, co-creative or vetting?



REMEMBER THE MILK

Brennan: I remind you to remind me about stuff.

An aerial photograph of a city street grid is overlaid with several thin, semi-transparent lines. Two lines are red and two are blue. The lines start from the bottom left, travel generally north and east, then curve and loop back in various directions, eventually exiting the top right of the frame. The lines appear to represent specific routes or paths through the city.

Snap Shots

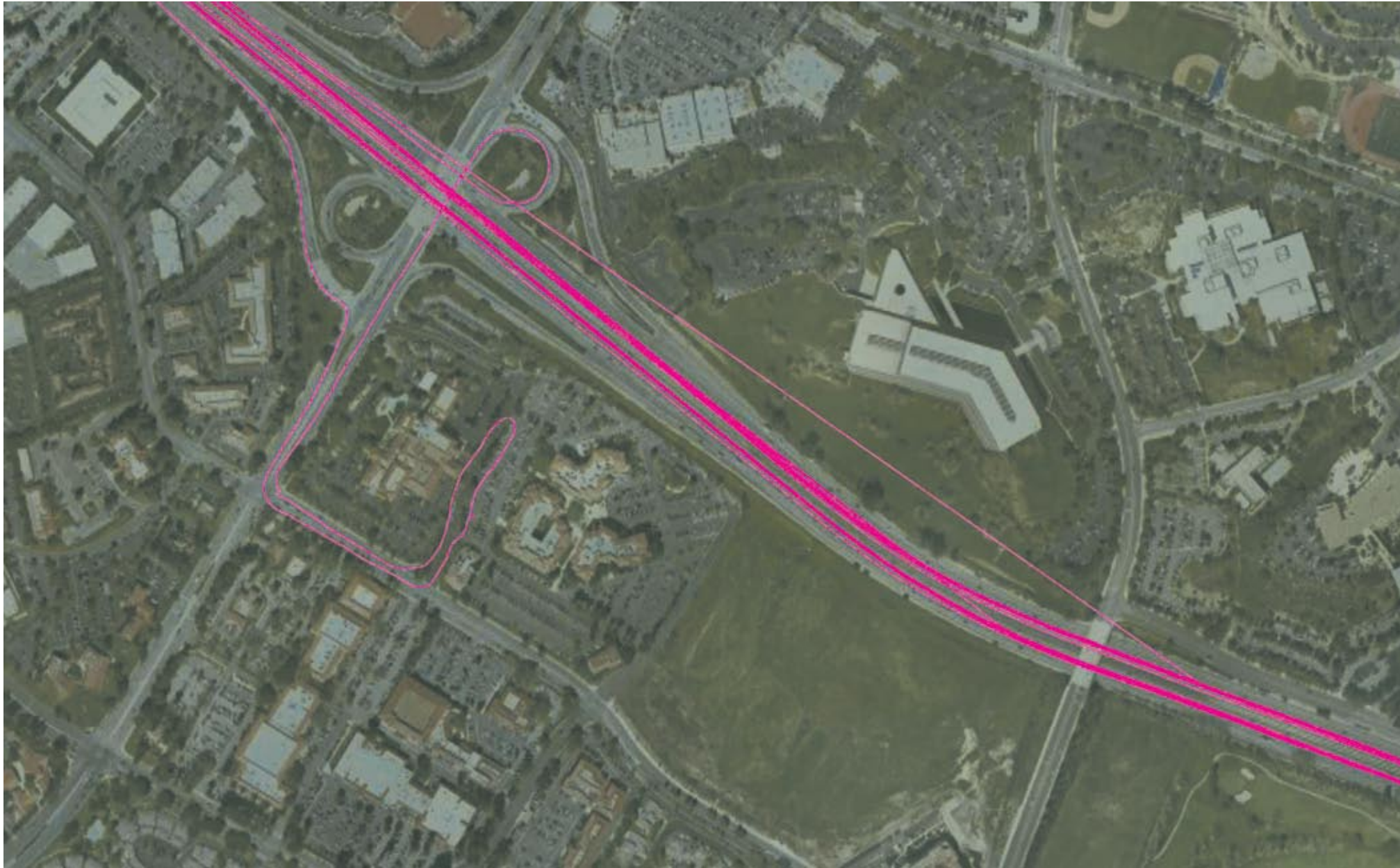
- Stopping for Gas
- Turnaround Point
- The Affair
- Another Day at the Office
- Antidotal
- Spacial

ABOUT

If "The Week" provided a macro view of Brennan and Fawn's comings and goings, "Snap Shots" provides a micro view. Particularly beautiful are those images where their paths appear together. These images suggest a shared adventure, a rendezvous or simply the LA way to travel: two cars going to the same location.

I, however, prefer a more serendipitous view where their paths may have crossed unconsciously. Whatever your take, these and other images in this section, offer glimpses into a larger backstory and are tools for the imagination.





Gas Stop



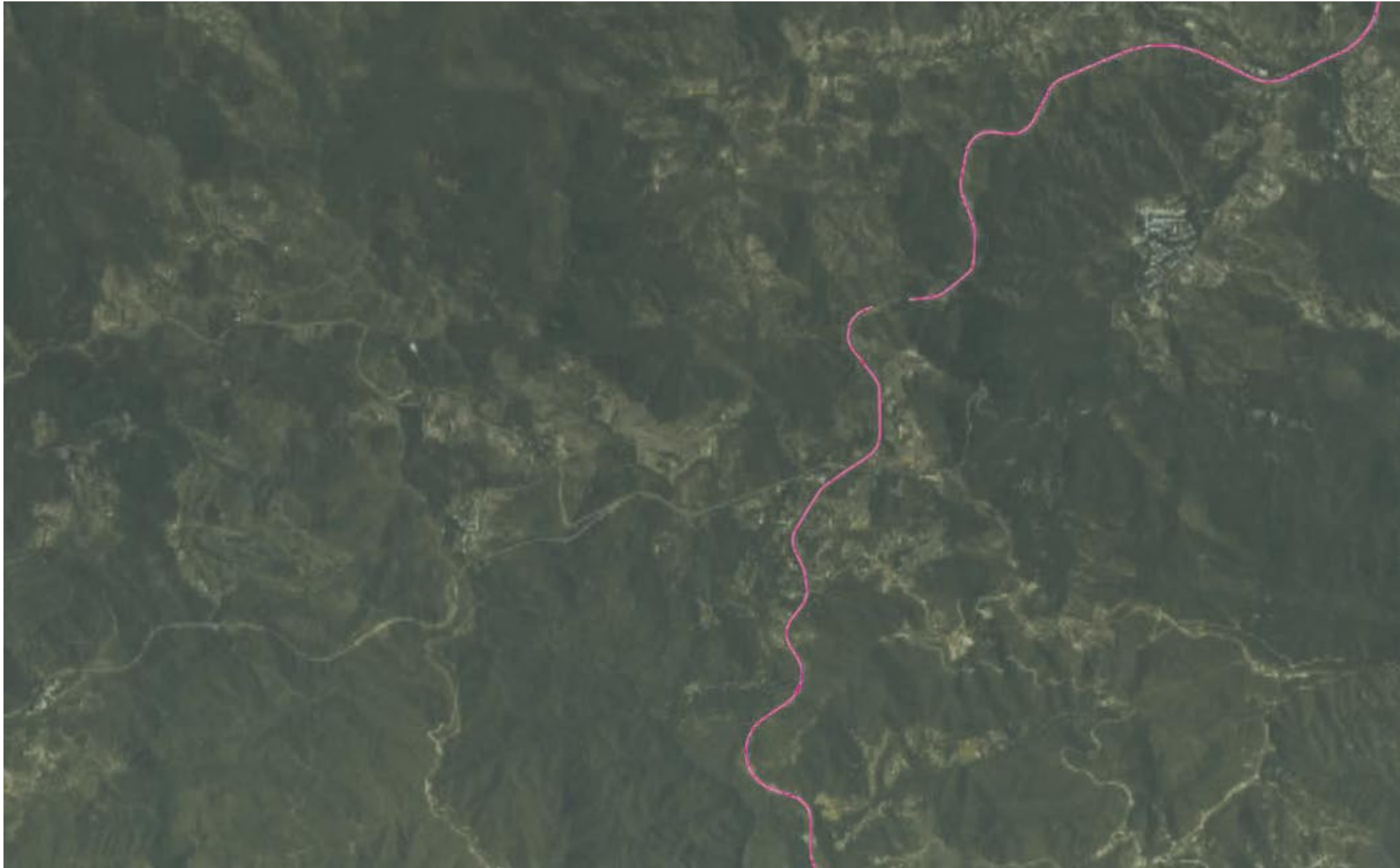
TURNAROUND POINT



THE AFFAIR



ANOTHER DAY AT THE OFFICE



ANTIDOTAL



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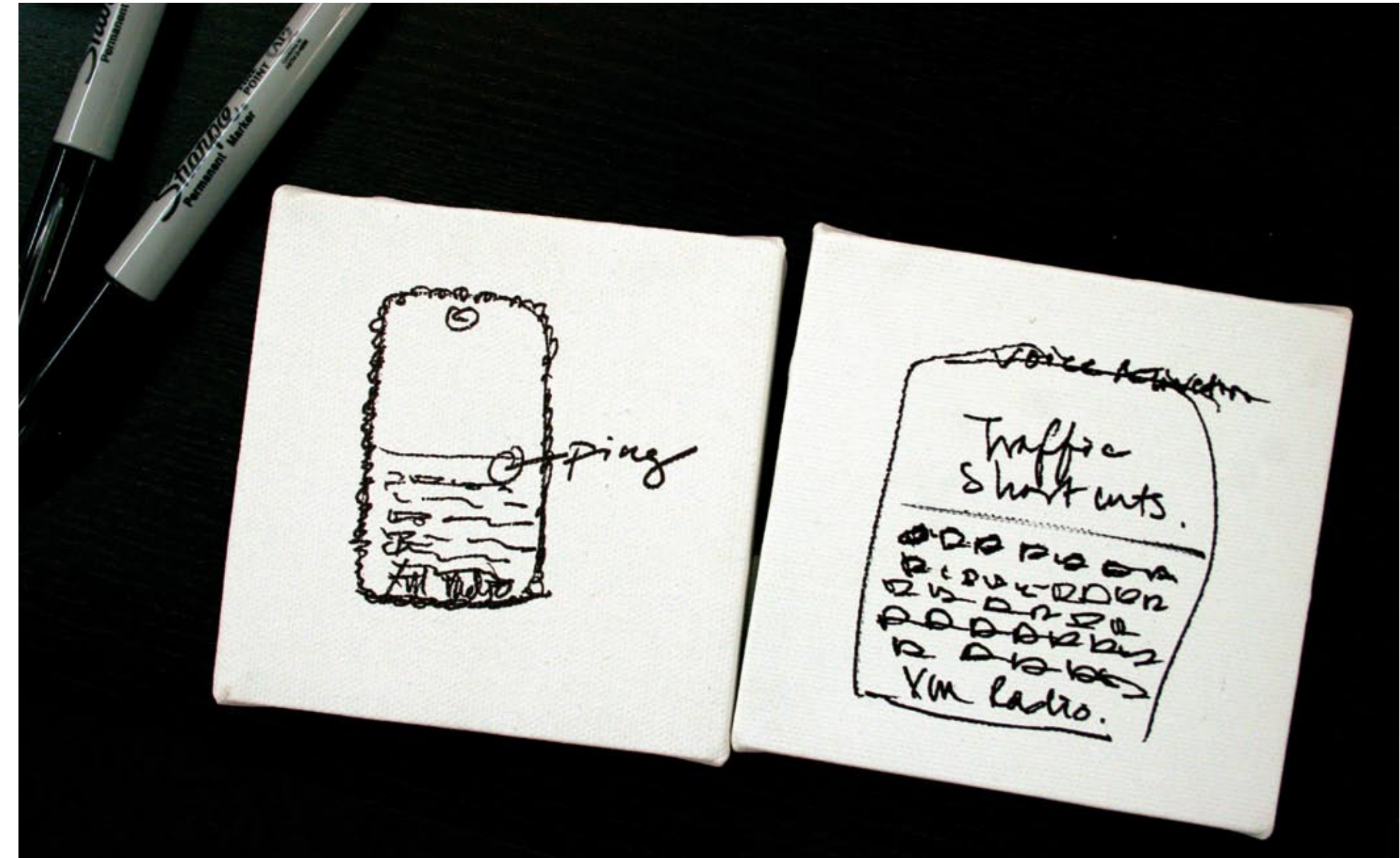
Scenarios

One
Two
Three

ABOUT

Using three different scenarios, this section imagines the practical applications of future GPS systems. In many way ways, these scenarios are direct reflection of the probe exercises, conversations and speculations generated between designer and participant.

Oddly enough, in design the future of GPS technology we decided to employ its existing form. This choice highlights our considerations of the the systems affordances while questioning its content. By looking at the grey area between functionality and imagination, it is my hope that this section opens the dialogue about how we live, how we communicate and how we move through space.



THE FUTURE OF GPS TECHNOLOGY

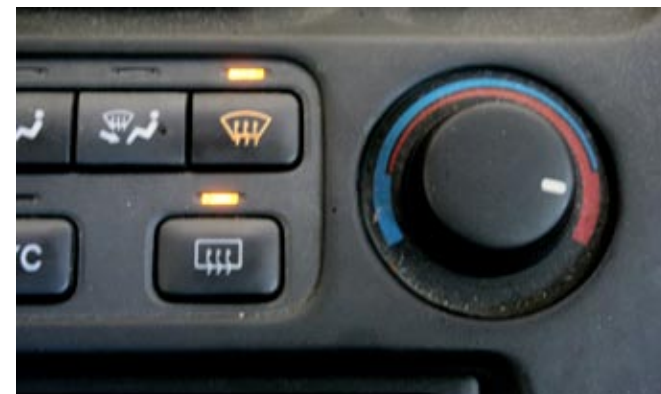
SCENARIO 1: GPS with ATTITUDE



1.1 Reminder Device: A mile into your commute to work, you receive a message from your future GPS system asking you if you turned off the oven, remembered your work badge and are wearing shoes.



1.2 Personal Pronunciation: A few miles later, you pass by the town of Los Feliz (Los Fell-leez) which has been personal programmed in native Angeleno.



1.3 Anticipation: As you reach the dreaded 134, you find yourself more irritated than ever by the compounding traffic. "Ahh, you bastard!" Your GPS device has devilishly turned up the heat in your car.



1.7 Smart Technology: As you head home from work, your GPS system has surmised that you have pissed off your wife. Knowing that you are headed to the grocery store, the system recommends a flower shop on the way.



1.8 Language: Stopping by the flower shop, however, requires that you make an illegal U-Turn. Instead of warning you about this turn, your GPS system goads you into breaking the law.



1.9 Reminder Device 2: While at the grocery store, your GPS device reminds you to also pick up milk and toothpaste. Having programmed these reminders yourself, you are secretly proud to have broken the cycle of co-dependency.



1.4 At work, you receive a dozen phone calls from your wife reminding you to pick up some groceries on your way home from work. You are too busy to answer.



1.5 By the twelfth call, your defense shield has been diminished.



1.6 Anamorphic Device: When she calls again, your phone (which had been put on vibrate) begins to ring. The ringtone, however, is that of a weeping child. Embarrassed in front of your colleagues, you are forced to answer.



1.10 Alternative Device: As you approach the door, you drop your keys. Using your GPS device as flashlight, you locate your keys and head home.

1.1 Brennan: *There is a one mile up that road that I could possibly turnaround, if it was going to happen, but literally I would have to forget my shoes, which is possible because I wear flip-flops in the car.*
1.2 Paso Robles, San Pedro, Van Nuys, Los Gatos, Alameda, Tiburon area also included as well as a personal favorite San Luis Obispo (San "Lewis" Obispo) for longer trips.
1.3 Brenan: *OK, I told you I am the most annoyed when I am getting on the 134 or on the 134. this is hell on earth. if you ever go there you will know that.*
1.6 Fawn: *I want it (the device) to be smart enough that even when he has it on mute it starts to ring.*

1.9. Brennan: *I remind you to remind me about stuff.*

SCENARIO 2: GPS THAT GETS YOU LOST



2.1 Anticipation: As you pull out of your drive way, your GPS senses that you are headed to work after your first few turns.



2.2 Knowing that you are actually a few minutes early, your GPS system decides to get you lost. Insisting that there is a traffic jam ahead, it offers you a detour.



2.3 Serendipity: As you pass through these seemingly unfamiliar streets you recognize a restaurant that you ate at when you and your wife first started dating. You press the photo button, which captures and stores this location.



2.4 Your systems also alerts you to a music shop that was recommended by ten other users on Yelp. You finally arrive at work, a few minutes late but with a new sense of the city (and dinner plans for Friday night).

2.2 From October 13 -17, Brennan left the house at the average time of 8:18 am while Fawn left at the average time of 8:19 am.
2.3 Brennan: *La Boheme. We used to go to that place all the time. Fawn: I miss that place a lot.*

SCENARIO 3: BACK TO THE FUTURE



3.1 Alternative Data: As you head down the highway, your GPS system flashes that it has been 2 months, 3 days, 6 hours, and 27 minutes since you last visited your sister's house. It also alerts you that you have just passed your 100 McDonald's since you began your commute early this morning.



3.4 Two months later, these messages as well as visualizes images of your commute are sent to your home. They act as a conversation starter, refresh memories and remind you to visit your sister more often.

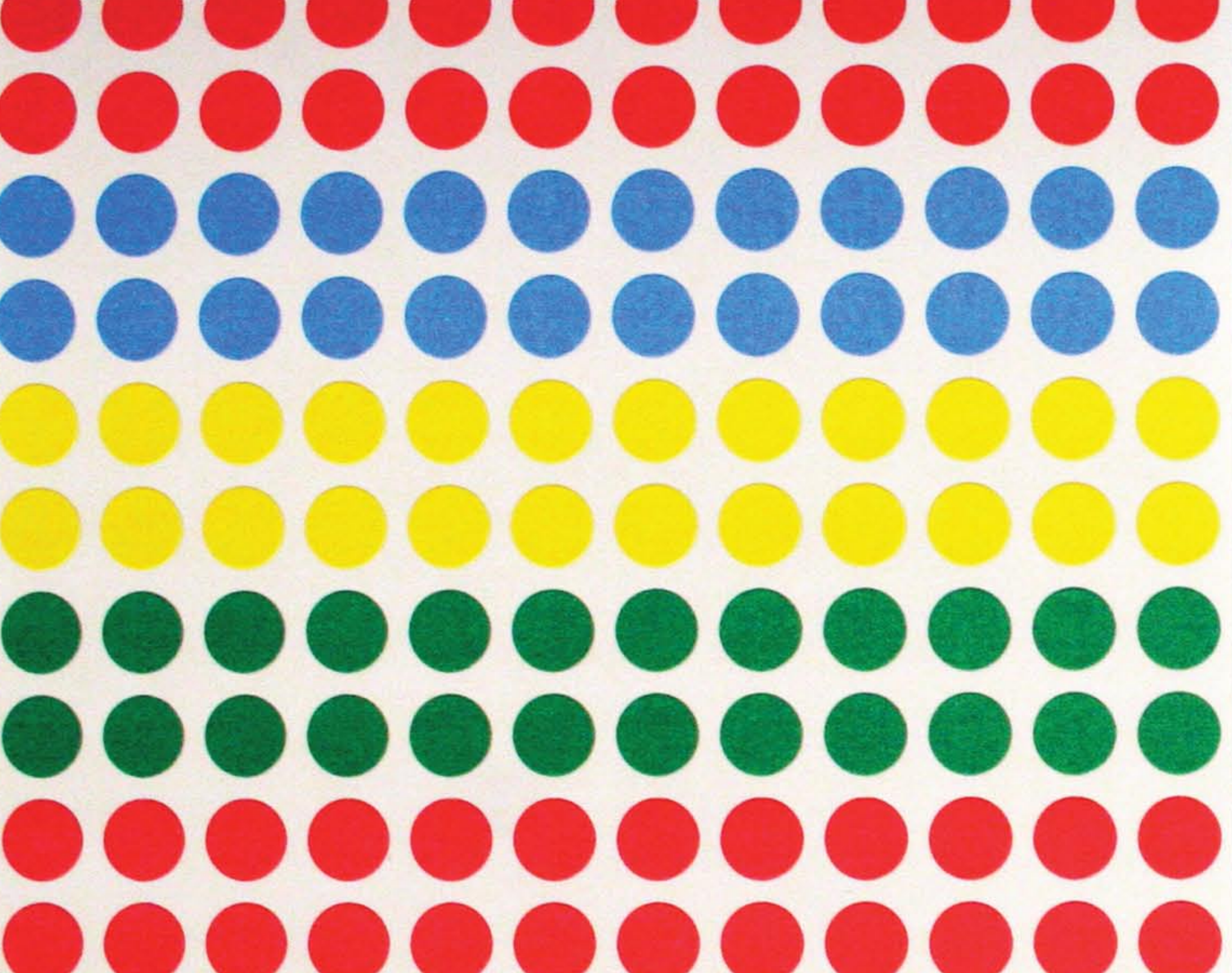
3.1 Fawn: *Yeah, I would like to spend more time with my sister.*
3.2 From October 13 -17, Fawn traveled an average speed of 79.5 mph while Brennan traveled at an average speed of 72.8 mph.



3.2 Reminder Device: Perhaps enraged by corporate America or because you naturally have a lead foot, you begin to speed. After exceeding the speed limit by 10 mph, you are sent a picture of your husband and child. You decide to slow down.

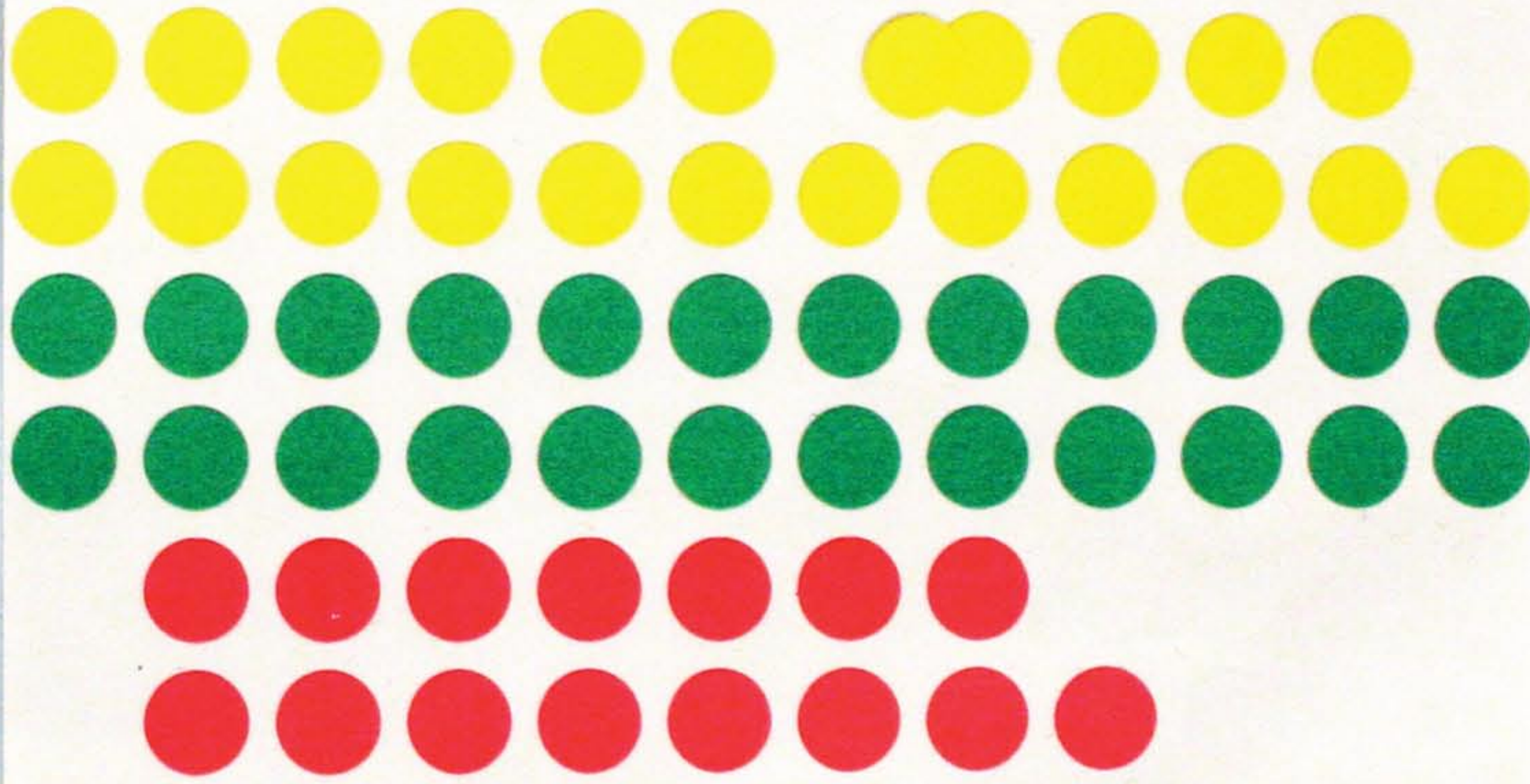


3.3 Feeling sentimental, you send a text message that will be sent to your husband's pillow at home.



Appendix

Daily Driving Report
Textalyser Results
In the News



Daily Driving Report For Fawn
Date Span: Friday, October 10, 2008 - Monday, October 13, 2008

Saturday, October 11, 2008

Departed From : [18027 COASTLINE DR, MALIBU, CA 90265](#)

Arrived At : [18195 COASTLINE DR, MALIBU, CA 90265](#)

Total Driving Time : 1 hours, 42 minutes, 42 seconds

Total Mileage Driven : 42.2 miles

Maximum Speed : 67.1 mph

Departed	Driving Time	Arrived	Location Arrived	Distance (Miles)	Stopped Time
12:09:28pm	28m:33s	12:38:01pm	CHARLES E YOUNG DR N, LOS ANGELES, CA 90095	11.0	54m:58s
01:32:59pm	00m:49s	01:33:48pm	CHARLES E YOUNG DR N, LOS ANGELES, CA 90095	0.1	3h:45m:54s
05:19:42pm	21m:09s	05:40:51pm	18189 COASTLINE DR, MALIBU, CA 90265	11.0	1h:51m:10s
07:32:01pm	18m:03s	07:50:04pm	1954 11TH ST, SANTA MONICA, CA 90404	6.2	24m:42s
08:14:46pm	13m:24s	08:28:10pm	11347 LA GRANGE AVE, LOS ANGELES, CA 90025	4.2	2h:04m:06s
10:32:16pm	20m:44s	10:53:00pm	18195 COASTLINE DR, MALIBU, CA 90265	9.7	11h:05m:42s

Sunday, October 12, 2008

Departed From : [17937 PACIFIC COAST HWY, PACIFIC PALISADES, CA 90272](#)

Arrived At : [18191 COASTLINE DR, MALIBU, CA 90265](#)

Total Driving Time : 1 hours, 31 minutes, 57 seconds

Total Mileage Driven : 62.6 miles

Maximum Speed : 76.4 mph

Departed	Driving Time	Arrived	Location Arrived	Distance (Miles)	Stopped Time
09:58:42am	37m:48s	10:36:30am	674 N MOORPARK RD, THOUSAND OAKS, CA 91360	28.5	10m:24s
10:46:54am	08m:35s	10:55:29am	CAMINO DOS RIOS, THOUSAND OAKS, CA 91360	3.1	5h:07m:10s
04:02:39pm	31m:27s	04:34:06pm	23844 PACIFIC COAST HWY, MALIBU, CA 90265	23.1	42m:26s
05:16:32pm	14m:07s	05:30:39pm	18191 COASTLINE DR, MALIBU, CA 90265	7.9	14h:56m:10s

Monday, October 13, 2008

Departed From : [18290 PACIFIC COAST HWY, MALIBU, CA 90265](#)

Arrived At : [18193 COASTLINE DR, MALIBU, CA 90265](#)

Total Driving Time : 2 hours, 3 minutes, 34 seconds

Total Mileage Driven : 85.1 miles

Maximum Speed : 82.0 mph

Departed	Driving Time	Arrived	Location Arrived	Distance (Miles)	Stopped Time
08:26:49am	47m:06s	09:13:55am	CAMINO DOS RIOS, THOUSAND OAKS, CA 91360	31.6	2h:58m:24s
12:12:19pm	08m:34s	12:20:53pm	2721 TOWNSGATE RD, WESTLAKE VLG, CA 91361	6.8	50m:16s
01:11:09pm	10m:25s	01:21:34pm	CAMINO DOS RIOS, THOUSAND OAKS, CA 91360	7.0	5h:18m:20s
06:39:54pm	57m:29s	07:37:23pm	18193 COASTLINE DR, MALIBU, CA 90265	39.7	-

What am I looking at? The following driving reports were generated by the LandAir Sea Tracking tracking devices. These devices, placed in the glove compartment of Brennan and Fawn's respective cars, recorded this data from October 11 - 22 2008. This data was later used to generated the Google Earth images found throughout this book.

Daily Driving Report For Brennan
Date Span: Saturday, October 11, 2008 - Monday, October 13, 2008

Saturday, October 11, 2008

Departed From : [18191 COASTLINE DR, MALIBU, CA 90265](#)

Arrived At : [18166 COASTLINE DR, MALIBU, CA 90265](#)

Total Driving Time : 1 hours, 0 minutes, 43 seconds

Total Mileage Driven : 23.0 miles

Maximum Speed : 54.1 mph

Departed	Driving Time	Arrived	Location Arrived	Distance (Miles)	Stopped Time
12:04:53pm	27m:56s	12:32:49pm	499 WESTWOOD PLZ, LOS ANGELES, CA 90095	11.9	1h:22m:07s
01:54:56pm	32m:47s	02:27:43pm	18166 COASTLINE DR, MALIBU, CA 90265	11.1	18h:42m:34s

Sunday, October 12, 2008

Departed From : [18179 COASTLINE DR, MALIBU, CA 90265](#)

Arrived At : [18170 COASTLINE DR, MALIBU, CA 90265](#)

Total Driving Time : 2 hours, 11 minutes, 44 seconds

Total Mileage Driven : 49.2 miles

Maximum Speed : 71.5 mph

Departed	Driving Time	Arrived	Location Arrived	Distance (Miles)	Stopped Time
09:10:17am	18m:39s	09:28:56am	OCEAN AVE, SANTA MONICA, CA 90405	5.8	1h:25m:33s
10:54:29am	59m:42s	11:54:11am	18191 COASTLINE DR, MALIBU, CA 90265	10.0	15m:24s
12:09:35pm	01m:52s	12:11:27pm	18189 COASTLINE DR, MALIBU, CA 90265	0.0	1h:39m:56s
01:51:23pm	00m:00s	01:51:23pm	18189 COASTLINE DR, MALIBU, CA 90265	0.0	33m:24s
02:24:47pm	37m:14s	03:02:01pm	4469 SAUGUS AVE, SHERMAN OAKS, CA 91403	16.0	23m:54s
03:25:55pm	-24m:-12s	03:01:43pm	4469 SAUGUS AVE, SHERMAN OAKS, CA 91403	0.1	44m:57s
03:46:40pm	06m:57s	03:53:37pm	4464 SAUGUS AVE, SHERMAN OAKS, CA 91403	0.0	17m:41s
04:11:18pm	00m:00s	04:11:18pm	4476 SAUGUS AVE, SHERMAN OAKS, CA 91403	0.0	13m:21s
04:24:39pm	00m:05s	04:24:44pm	15229 GREENLEAF ST, SHERMAN OAKS, CA 91403	0.1	1h:38m:06s
06:02:50pm	31m:27s	06:34:17pm	18170 COASTLINE DR, MALIBU, CA 90265	17.1	13h:53m:01s

Monday, October 13, 2008

Departed From : [17822 PACIFIC COAST HWY, PACIFIC PALISADES, CA 90272](#)

Arrived At : [18191 COASTLINE DR, MALIBU, CA 90265](#)

Total Driving Time : 2 hours, 9 minutes, 20 seconds

Total Mileage Driven : 54.4 miles

Maximum Speed : 72.1 mph

Departed	Driving Time	Arrived	Location Arrived	Distance (Miles)	Stopped Time
08:27:18am	50m:24s	09:17:42am	WARNER BROTHERS, BURBANK, CA 91522	25.2	9h:15m:28s
06:33:10pm	1h:17m:52s	07:51:02pm	18187 COASTLINE DR, MALIBU, CA 90265	29.1	37m:42s
08:28:44pm	00m:06s	08:28:50pm	18191 COASTLINE DR, MALIBU, CA 90265	0.0	14m:13s
08:43:03pm	00m:58s	08:44:01pm	18191 COASTLINE DR, MALIBU, CA 90265	0.0	-

Daily Driving Report For Fawn
Date Span: Tuesday, October 14, 2008 - Thursday, October 16, 2008

Tuesday, October 14, 2008

Departed From : [18189 COASTLINE DR, MALIBU, CA 90265](#)

Arrived At : [18195 COASTLINE DR, MALIBU, CA 90265](#)

Total Driving Time : 1 hours, 23 minutes, 24 seconds

Total Mileage Driven : 71.3 miles

Maximum Speed : 78.3 mph

Departed	Driving Time	Arrived	Location Arrived	Distance (Miles)	Stopped Time
08:20:46am	43m:05s	09:03:51am	CAMINO DOS RIOS, THOUSAND OAKS, CA 91380	33.2	9h:45m:30s
06:49:21pm	40m:19s	07:29:40pm	18195 COASTLINE DR, MALIBU, CA 90265	38.1	12h:44m:42s

Wednesday, October 15, 2008

Departed From : [17949 PACIFIC COAST HWY, PACIFIC PALISADES, CA 90272](#)

Arrived At : [18197 COASTLINE DR, MALIBU, CA 90265](#)

Total Driving Time : 1 hours, 26 minutes, 35 seconds

Total Mileage Driven : 70.1 miles

Maximum Speed : 76.4 mph

Departed	Driving Time	Arrived	Location Arrived	Distance (Miles)	Stopped Time
08:14:22am	41m:13s	08:55:35am	CAMINO DOS RIOS, THOUSAND OAKS, CA 91380	36.7	9h:20m:37s
06:16:12pm	45m:22s	07:01:34pm	18197 COASTLINE DR, MALIBU, CA 90265	33.3	13h:13m:35s

Thursday, October 16, 2008

Departed From : [18137 COASTLINE DR, MALIBU, CA 90265](#)

Arrived At : [18195 COASTLINE DR, MALIBU, CA 90265](#)

Total Driving Time : 2 hours, 12 minutes, 39 seconds

Total Mileage Driven : 93.6 miles

Maximum Speed : 80.8 mph

Departed	Driving Time	Arrived	Location Arrived	Distance (Miles)	Stopped Time
08:15:09am	40m:29s	08:55:38am	CAMINO DOS RIOS, THOUSAND OAKS, CA 91380	34.9	3h:19m:05s
12:14:43pm	06m:06s	12:20:49pm	22 BRAZIL ST, THOUSAND OAKS, CA 91380	2.4	56m:47s
01:17:36pm	07m:53s	01:25:29pm	CAMINO DOS RIOS, THOUSAND OAKS, CA 91380	3.3	5h:24m:55s
06:50:24pm	44m:01s	07:34:25pm	2373 ROSCOMARE RD, LOS ANGELES, CA 90077	35.1	36m:31s
08:10:56pm	19m:12s	08:30:08pm	ALLEY, LOS ANGELES, CA 90064	9.2	56m:19s
09:26:27pm	14m:58s	09:41:25pm	18195 COASTLINE DR, MALIBU, CA 90265	8.8	10h:38m:33s

Daily Driving Report For Brennan
Date Span: Tuesday, October 14, 2008 - Thursday, October 16, 2008

Tuesday, October 14, 2008

Departed From : [18150 COASTLINE DR, MALIBU, CA 90265](#)

Arrived At : [18166 COASTLINE DR, MALIBU, CA 90265](#)

Total Driving Time : 2 hours, 0 minutes, 25 seconds

Total Mileage Driven : 53.0 miles

Maximum Speed : 72.1 mph

Departed	Driving Time	Arrived	Location Arrived	Distance (Miles)	Stopped Time
08:29:50am	1h:14m:26s	09:44:16am	WARNER BROTHERS, BURBANK, CA 91522	25.9	9h:56m:24s
07:40:40pm	45m:59s	08:26:39pm	18166 COASTLINE DR, MALIBU, CA 90265	27.1	11h:27m:36s

Wednesday, October 15, 2008

Departed From : [18162 COASTLINE DR, MALIBU, CA 90265](#)

Arrived At : [18166 COASTLINE DR, MALIBU, CA 90265](#)

Total Driving Time : 1 hours, 55 minutes, 28 seconds

Total Mileage Driven : 59.1 miles

Maximum Speed : 75.2 mph

Departed	Driving Time	Arrived	Location Arrived	Distance (Miles)	Stopped Time
07:54:15am	41m:29s	08:35:44am	6703 DE LONGPRE AVE, LOS ANGELES, CA 90028	20.2	40m:45s
09:16:29am	19m:11s	09:35:40am	WARNER BROTHERS, BURBANK, CA 91522	5.0	6h:05m:39s
03:41:19pm	17m:01s	03:58:20pm	2250 N ONTARIO ST, BURBANK, CA 91504	5.7	4h:46m:08s
08:44:28pm	37m:47s	09:22:15pm	18166 COASTLINE DR, MALIBU, CA 90265	28.2	10h:52m:37s

Thursday, October 16, 2008

Departed From : [18164 COASTLINE DR, MALIBU, CA 90265](#)

Arrived At : [18166 COASTLINE DR, MALIBU, CA 90265](#)

Total Driving Time : 2 hours, 25 minutes, 13 seconds

Total Mileage Driven : 60.6 miles

Maximum Speed : 70.8 mph

Departed	Driving Time	Arrived	Location Arrived	Distance (Miles)	Stopped Time
08:14:52am	1h:08m:59s	09:23:51am	WARNER BROTHERS, BURBANK, CA 91522	25.2	9h:08m:18s
06:32:09pm	03m:26s	06:35:35pm	141 S AVON ST, BURBANK, CA 91505	0.7	21m:34s
06:57:09pm	38m:47s	07:35:56pm	2377 ROSCOMARE RD, LOS ANGELES, CA 90077	15.2	34m:42s
08:10:38pm	22m:49s	08:33:27pm	11929 W PICO BLVD, LOS ANGELES, CA 90064	9.3	53m:48s
09:27:15pm	11m:12s	09:38:27pm	18166 COASTLINE DR, MALIBU, CA 90265	10.3	10h:48m:26s

Daily Driving Report For Fawn

Date Span: Friday, October 17, 2008 - Sunday, October 19, 2008

Friday, October 17, 2008

Departed From : [18150 COASTLINE DR, MALIBU, CA 90265](#)Arrived At : [18195 COASTLINE DR, MALIBU, CA 90265](#)

Total Driving Time : 2 hours, 34 minutes, 23 seconds

Total Mileage Driven : 104.8 miles

Maximum Speed : 80.2 mph

Departed	Driving Time	Arrived	Location Arrived	Distance (Miles)	Stopped Time
08:19:58am	39m:28s	08:59:26am	CAMINO DOS RIOS, THOUSAND OAKS, CA 91360	37.3	9h:53m:27s
06:52:53pm	1h:12m:09s	08:05:02pm	8562 APPIAN WAY, LOS ANGELES, CA 90046	46.5	34m:39s
08:39:41pm	15m:28s	08:55:09pm	CBS TV CITY, LOS ANGELES, CA 90036	4.3	1h:05m:43s
10:00:52pm	27m:18s	10:28:10pm	18195 COASTLINE DR, MALIBU, CA 90265	16.7	10h:17m:10s

Saturday, October 18, 2008

Departed From : [18047 COASTLINE DR, MALIBU, CA 90265](#)Arrived At : [18191 COASTLINE DR, MALIBU, CA 90265](#)

Total Driving Time : 1 hours, 19 minutes, 24 seconds

Total Mileage Driven : 31.9 miles

Maximum Speed : 74.6 mph

Departed	Driving Time	Arrived	Location Arrived	Distance (Miles)	Stopped Time
08:45:20am	23m:53s	09:09:13am	499 WESTWOOD PLZ, LOS ANGELES, CA 90095	14.6	7h:06m:48s
04:16:01pm	55m:31s	05:11:32pm	18191 COASTLINE DR, MALIBU, CA 90265	17.3	1days 15h: 15m:21s

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Time Leaving for Work:	8:19:25 am	8:18:38 am
Time Returning from Work:	7:57:30 pm	9:02:51 pm
Total Work per Week:	44h:13:40	40h:02m:14s
Total Time Away from the House:	11h:47m:27s	12h:56m:23s
Total Mileage:	85.0 miles	58.9 miles
Average Speed:	79.5 mph	72.8 mph
Total Driving Time:	1h:56m:07s	2h:15m:32s

Data Collected from October 13 - 17, 2008 (Typical Work Week)

Daily Driving Report For Brennan

Date Span: Friday, October 17, 2008 - Sunday, October 19, 2008

Friday, October 17, 2008

Departed From : [18162 COASTLINE DR, MALIBU, CA 90265](#)Arrived At : [3819 W CENTURY BLVD, INGLEWOOD, CA 90303](#)

Total Driving Time : 2 hours, 47 minutes, 16 seconds

Total Mileage Driven : 67.4 miles

Maximum Speed : 73.9 mph

Departed	Driving Time	Arrived	Location Arrived	Distance (Miles)	Stopped Time
08:26:53am	1h:00m:06s	09:26:59am	WARNER BROTHERS, BURBANK, CA 91522	27.6	3h:49m:49s
01:16:48pm	03m:41s	01:20:29pm	ALLEY, BURBANK, CA 91505	1.0	15m:02s
01:35:31pm	03m:36s	01:39:07pm	116 N KENWOOD ST, BURBANK, CA 91505	0.5	36m:43s
02:15:50pm	06m:31s	02:22:21pm	WARNER BROTHERS, BURBANK, CA 91522	2.0	1h:51m:36s
04:13:57pm	27m:53s	04:41:50pm	5686 FRANKLIN AVE, LOS ANGELES, CA 90028	6.8	17m:00s
04:58:50pm	26m:29s	05:25:19pm	8564 APPIAN WAY, LOS ANGELES, CA 90046	5.9	5h:23m:34s
10:48:53pm	39m:00s	11:27:53pm	3819 W CENTURY BLVD, INGLEWOOD, CA 90303	23.6	3h:25m:27s

Saturday, October 18, 2008

Departed From : [3829 W CENTURY BLVD, INGLEWOOD, CA 90303](#)Arrived At : [18166 COASTLINE DR, MALIBU, CA 90265](#)

Total Driving Time : 22 minutes, 22 seconds

Total Mileage Driven : 18.4 miles

Maximum Speed : 74.6 mph

Departed	Driving Time	Arrived	Location Arrived	Distance (Miles)	Stopped Time
02:53:20am	22m:22s	03:15:42am	18166 COASTLINE DR, MALIBU, CA 90265	18.4	1days 7h: 39m:39s

Sunday, October 19, 2008

Departed From : [18105 COASTLINE DR, MALIBU, CA 90265](#)Arrived At : [18162 COASTLINE DR, MALIBU, CA 90265](#)

Total Driving Time : 2 hours, 7 minutes, 14 seconds

Total Mileage Driven : 62.4 miles

Maximum Speed : 77.7 mph

Departed	Driving Time	Arrived	Location Arrived	Distance (Miles)	Stopped Time
10:55:21am	30m:43s	11:26:04am	5648 FRANKLIN AVE, LOS ANGELES, CA 90028	30.7	29m:29s
11:55:33am	11m:10s	12:06:43pm	5189 HOLLYWOOD BLVD, LOS ANGELES, CA 90027	3.9	39m:45s
12:46:28pm	26m:34s	01:13:02pm	6711 DE LONGPRE AVE, LOS ANGELES, CA 90028	5.2	52m:39s
02:05:41pm	58m:47s	03:04:28pm	18162 COASTLINE DR, MALIBU, CA 90265	22.6	17h:28m:32s

Monday, October 20, 2008

Departed From : [18122 COASTLINE DR, MALIBU, CA 90265](#)Arrived At : [18164 COASTLINE DR, MALIBU, CA 90265](#)

Total Driving Time : 15 hours, 27 minutes, 0 seconds

Total Mileage Driven : 0.4 miles

Daily Driving Report For Fawn
Date Span: Monday, October 20, 2008 - Tuesday, October 21, 2008

Monday, October 20, 2008

Departed From : [18195 COASTLINE DR, MALIBU, CA 90265](#)

Arrived At : [18193 COASTLINE DR, MALIBU, CA 90265](#)

Total Driving Time : 1 hours, 27 minutes, 31 seconds

Total Mileage Driven : 71.3 miles

Maximum Speed : 77.1 mph

Departed	Driving Time	Arrived	Location Arrived	Distance (Miles)	Stopped Time
08:26:53am	43m:07s	09:10:00am	CAMINO DOS RIOS, THOUSAND OAKS, CA 91360	34.6	10h:17m:08s
07:27:08pm	44m:24s	08:11:32pm	18193 COASTLINE DR, MALIBU, CA 90265	36.8	12h:11m:11s

Tuesday, October 21, 2008

Departed From : [18021 COASTLINE DR, MALIBU, CA 90265](#)

Arrived At : [2583 MORNINGSIDE ST, PASADENA, CA 91107](#)

Total Driving Time : 2 hours, 24 minutes, 6 seconds

Total Mileage Driven : 109.2 miles

Maximum Speed : 82.6 mph

Departed	Driving Time	Arrived	Location Arrived	Distance (Miles)	Stopped Time
08:22:43am	37m:06s	08:59:49am	CAMINO DOS RIOS, THOUSAND OAKS, CA 91360	30.7	8h:41m:03s
05:40:52pm	59m:12s	06:40:04pm	18195 COASTLINE DR, MALIBU, CA 90265	36.5	2h:57m:21s
09:37:25pm	03m:12s	09:40:37pm	18112 PACIFIC COAST HWY, MALIBU, CA 90265	0.8	29m:19s
10:09:56pm	00m:13s	10:10:09pm	18189 COASTLINE DR, MALIBU, CA 90265	0.2	10m:27s
10:20:36pm	44m:23s	11:04:59pm	2583 MORNINGSIDE ST, PASADENA, CA 91107	38.9	-

Daily Driving Report For Brennan
Date Span: Monday, October 20, 2008 - Tuesday, October 21, 2008

Monday, October 20, 2008

Departed From : [18164 COASTLINE DR, MALIBU, CA 90265](#)

Arrived At : [18166 COASTLINE DR, MALIBU, CA 90265](#)

Total Driving Time : -15 minutes, -20 seconds

Total Mileage Driven : 52.3 miles

Maximum Speed : 75.2 mph

Departed	Driving Time	Arrived	Location Arrived	Distance (Miles)	Stopped Time
overnight	-28m:-12s	03:04:48pm	18158 COASTLINE DR, MALIBU, CA 90265	0.4	17h:28m:03s
08:32:51am	1h:00m:35s	09:33:26am	WARNER BROTHERS, BURBANK, CA 91522	26.6	3h:49m:06s
01:22:32pm	05m:20s	01:27:52pm	201 S CALIFORNIA ST, BURBANK, CA 91505	0.9	7h:14m:14s
08:42:06pm	33m:57s	09:16:03pm	18166 COASTLINE DR, MALIBU, CA 90265	24.8	10h:44m:44s

Tuesday, October 21, 2008

Departed From : [18012 COASTLINE DR, MALIBU, CA 90265](#)

Arrived At : [99 STEWART ALY, PASADENA, CA 91107](#)

Total Driving Time : 2 hours, 49 minutes, 6 seconds

Total Mileage Driven : 100.7 miles

Maximum Speed : 77.1 mph

Departed	Driving Time	Arrived	Location Arrived	Distance (Miles)	Stopped Time
08:00:47am	52m:36s	08:53:22am	298 S LIMA ST, BURBANK, CA 91505	36.2	5h:21m:58s
02:15:20pm	41m:13s	02:56:33pm	18166 COASTLINE DR, MALIBU, CA 90265	26.0	6h:28m:42s
09:25:15pm	12m:13s	09:37:28pm	18189 COASTLINE DR, MALIBU, CA 90265	0.7	25m:56s
10:03:24pm	1h:03m:01s	11:06:25pm	99 STEWART ALY, PASADENA, CA 91107	37.7	48m:54s
11:55:19pm	00m:04s	11:55:23pm	99 STEWART ALY, PASADENA, CA 91107	0.0	7h:47m:58s

Textalyser Results

The complete results, including complexity factor, other features of Fawn's interview on 10.25.08.

Total word count :	1247
Number of different words :	490
Complexity factor (Lexical Density) :	39.3%
Readability (Gunning-Fog Index) : <i>(6-easy 20-hard)</i>	5.4
Total number of characters :	12891
Number of characters without spaces :	6533
Average Syllables per Word :	1.37
Sentence count :	216
Readability (Alternative) beta : <i>(100-easy 20-hard, optimal 60-70)</i>	78.4

Textalyser Results

The complete results, including complexity factor, and other features of Brennan's interview on 10.25.08.

Total word count :	1824
Number of different words :	683
Complexity factor (Lexical Density) :	37.4%
Readability (Gunning-Fog Index) : <i>(6-easy 20-hard)</i>	6.9
Total number of characters :	19110
Number of characters without spaces :	9895
Average Syllables per Word :	1.4
Sentence count :	246
Readability (Alternative) beta : <i>(100-easy 20-hard, optimal 60-70)</i>	72.7

What am I looking at? On October 25, Brennan and Fawn came to Art Center to complete activities that included drawing what they think their world will look like in 10 years, mapping their experiences in Los Angeles and designing a futuristic GPS device (see page 8-9). This "interview" was recorded, transcribed and processed through the website www.textalyser.net.

Saturday October 11, 2008

In the News

For first time, scientists predict arrival of asteroid

Austrian right leader Joerg Haider killed in car crash

'All My Children' actress Eileen Herlie dies at 90

Golden Gate to get suicide net

Magic Johnson calls accusation by talk show hosts 'stupid'

Dodgers try to get even with Phillies

Former track star Tim Montgomery gets 5 years for heroin

Bush says G-7 'will do what it takes' to ease economic crisis

European markets plunge amid massive selloffs

Slump in exports turns Asian tiger into pussycat

Sales of safes grow as economy slides

Palin abused her power, legislative inquiry finds

Sunday October 12, 2008

In the News

Napa County wildfire forces evacuations of over 100 homes

Japanese businessman Kazuyoshi Miura found dead in jail cell

Florida blows out LSU

Texas shows best side to Oklahoma

Big Ten: Penn State routs Wisconsin, 48-7

After some misgivings, he got 'W.' down to a T

Peru gets new prime minister

Monday October 13, 2008

In the News

Columbus Day closures

Homeless man lighted on fire identified as John Robert McGraham

2 die in downtown Los Angeles drive-by shooting

Eagles...40 49ers...26

Dodgers jump ahead, 6-1, thanks to big first inning

Rams...19 Redskins...17

Cardinals (OT)...30 Cowboys...24

Trillion: It's now the new billion

Dogs rule: 'Beverly Hills Chihuahua' No. 1 again

Fed OKs acquisition of Wachovia

McCain weighs new tax strategy

Howard Stern loses listeners – and influence – on satellite radio

Paul Krugman wins Nobel economics prize

Europe leaders agree on bank rescue plan

N. Korea to resume dismantling

Tuesday October 14, 2008

In the News

3,000-acre Camp Pendleton wildfire spurs evacuations

Brush fire contained in Newport Beach

Marek fire causing major traffic problems in the San Fernando Valley

11-year-old boy is one of two shot dead near L.A. Convention Center

Rays overpower the Red Sox, 9-1

Phillies get the jump on Dodgers, 2-1

Tony Romo breaks finger

Venture fundraising down 5.5% in the third quarter

Mitsubishi closes \$9 billion investment in Morgan Stanley

Wall Street soars as government pledges bank aid

Survival rates climb for two heart valves

John McCain casts himself as underdog

Florida congressman facing sex scandal

John McCain to unveil new economic measures

What am I looking at? The above news headlines occurred during the study from October 11 - 22 2008. In retrospect, it is interesting to see how some of these stories evolved through time as well as where we were when these events occurred. There is some no so subtle advice about relationships. Theses headlines can be found at www.latimes.com/2008/oct.

Wednesday October 15, 2008

In the News

Malibu youth camp remains under boil-water order

Fire closes parts of 210 and 118 in the San Fernando Valley

Pasadena woman facing eviction may have killed herself

Pacman Jones suspended indefinitely from NFL

Shane Victorino does it all for Phillies

Bush announces 'unprecedented' step to address financial crisis

Apple unveils line of laptops

Judge OKs \$24 million for cats, dogs sickened by pet food

In defense of the toaster, and more

JAY-Z AND A CLASSIC

She's in a relationship but flirting with co-worker

Working out their issues

Supreme Court clears way for Georgia execution

Federal deficit hits record \$455 billion

McCain calls for 'voter fraud' inquiry

Oil falls below \$78 on recession fears

Thursday October 16, 2008

In the News

Bonding with a mate changes brain chemistry, researchers find

Ryan O'Neal, son Redmond charged with felony drug possession

Downtown L.A.connector for light-rail lines debated

Nancy Reagan hospitalized with broken pelvis

Cowboys' Romo reportedly may be able to play Sunday

Emotional ride thrills the Phillies

California Realtors forecast lower home prices, rising sales in 2009

Paramount to reduce films, staff

Google G1: A real iPhone competitor

New stimulus package might be next in federal effort to gird economy

Her boyfriend cheated but wants to marry her

Breath of rarefied air at the Getty

Cheney treated successfully for abnormal heartbeat

McCain, Obama duel in caustic debate finale

'Joe the Plumber' becomes a national fixture

Last Titanic survivor sells mementos to raise cash

Friday October 17, 2008

In the News

Fatal motorcycle, truck collision closes Santa Ana Freeway lanes

Carmen Rocha dies at 77; waitress credited with introducing L.A. to nachos

Memorial planned for homeless man

President signs rail safety act

Reward offered for return of Santa Ana High plaques

Boston refuses to go quietly

Cowboys' Romo throws in practice

Chicago Blackhawks fire Denis Savard as coach after 4 games

Office vacancies up, rents down

Google revenue up 31%, profit up 26%

Citigroup posts loss of \$2.8 billion

Oil plummets on big jumps in crude, gas stocks

He wants romance, wife wants just sex

Thoughts from Joe the Plumber

British couple in Dubai get prison term

Israeli soldiers shoot, kill Palestinian in West Bank

Saturday October 18, 2008

In the News

Alcohol may speed up age-related brain shrinkage

Former director of UCLA's Willed Body Program pleads guilty in cadaver scheme

Levi Stubbs, lead singer of the Four Tops, dies at 72

SWAT standoff at Jefferson Park home

Westminster dog owner convicted after pit bull bites mailman

California unemployment holds steady at 7.7%

US stocks open lower after housing data

UPS raising rates

Andy Dick pleads guilty to drug charge

Japan to join Security Council

Sunday October 19, 2008

In the News

Sesnon wildfire 100% contained

'Soul Train' creator Don Cornelius arrested

Teenager shot in head, wounded in Boyle Heights

L.A. County deputy fatally shoots man

Man shot to death after party in South Los Angeles

Texas opens at No. 1, USC at No. 5 in BCS standings

Penn State puts away Michigan to end streak

Malibu allows 50, but gets 51

Federer and Nadal lose in Madrid

US Airways offers LAX to New York trip for \$237

Four types of absinthe in Paris

Affluent in midlife, with a bleeding investment portfolio

Charlie Kaufman's 'Synecdoche, New York' and a Michel Gondry discussion

John McCain compares Barack Obama's policies to socialism

Tina Fey, meet Sarah Palin

Muqtada Sadr urges Iraqis to reject U.S. troop deal

Monday October 20, 2008

In the News

'Mr. Blackwell,' 86; compiled 'worst dressed' celebrity lists for nearly 50 years

Police find pipe bomb in Long Beach residence

Britney Spears trial jurors struggle to reach a verdict

3 killed in plane crash on Santa Catalina Island

The benefits of exercise for cancer patients

Redskins...14 Browns...11

Rams...34 Cowboys...14

Giants...29 49ers...17

Thinking globally about latrine duty

Colin Powell backs Obama

Campaigns ramp up with 16 days to go

Farrakhan calls for a 'new beginning'

Police: Arkansas TV anchorwoman attacked in home

Taliban seizes bus, executes two dozen riders, Afgan officials say

Tuesday October 21, 2008

In the News

Suicide rate in U.S. is up

Woman gets 1.5 years for running brothels

Rudy Ray Moore dies at 81; comedian and filmmaker influenced rap and hip-hop

Today is the deadline for California voter registration Proposition 2

200 sex assault cases pass prosecution deadline before LAPD tested DNA kits

Cowboys' Pacman Jones enters alcohol treatment center

Tiger Woods returns to Torrey Pines ... as a caddie

Favre's denial about tipping Lions ring hollow

China less likely to buffer world crisis as its economy slows

September home sales up 65% from last year in Southern California

Women left on sidelines of video game revolution

Obama to take family break

A lesson about Prop. 8

Joe the (belittled) Plumber

21 die in riot at Mexico jail

Iraqi fishermen pull in a boatload of trouble along with their catch