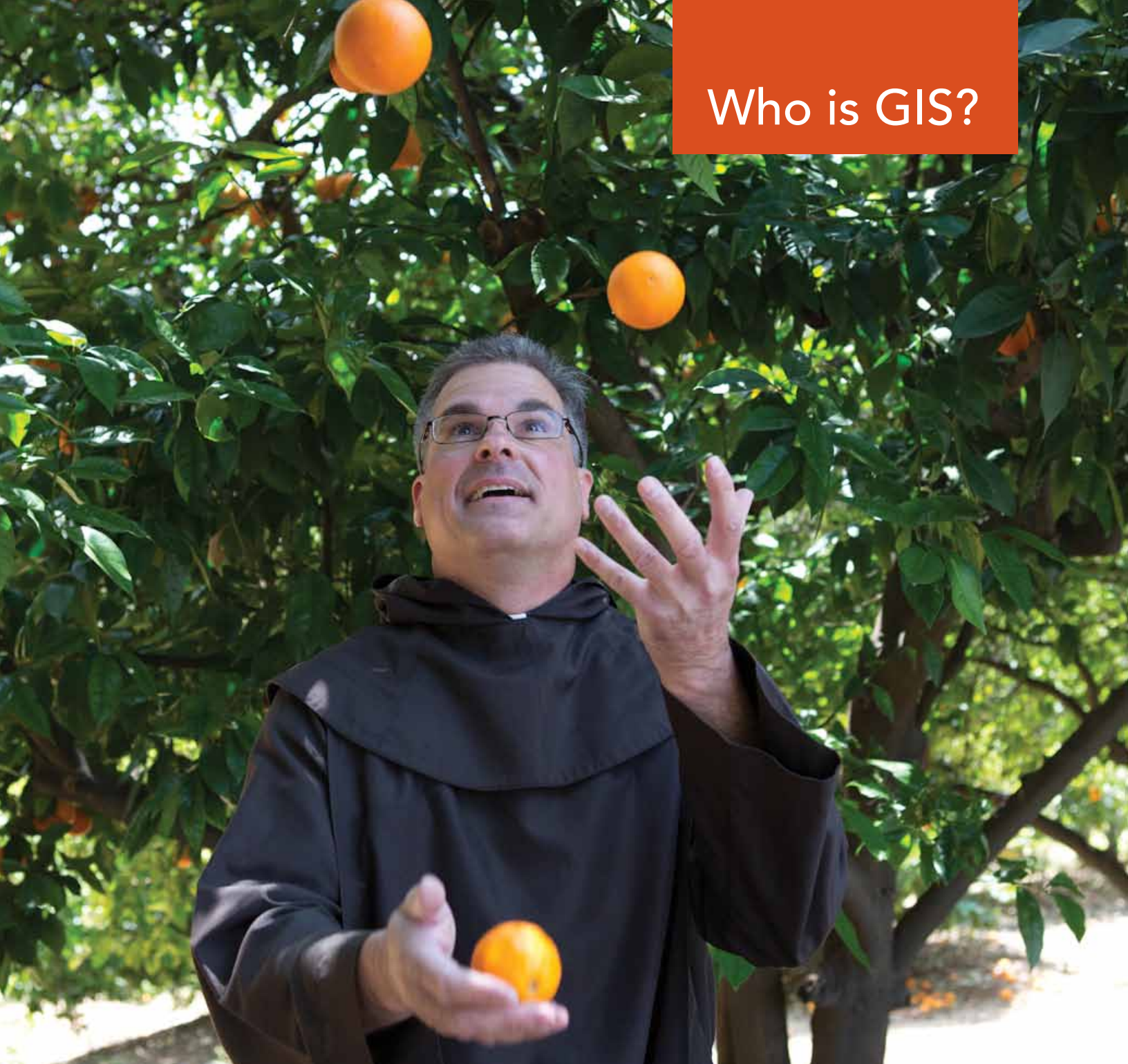


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Father James Zakowicz is.

A Carmelite priest, Father James built a map of his church grounds to help him identify problems that need resolving. "I was getting phone calls all the time. 'Father James, we got a water main leak out in the groves somewhere! Do you know where to turn it off?' Uh, no. So I thought, I got to start mapping this thing out."

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Jesusa Romero is.

Romero, a GIS analyst for Riverside County, California, intended to study astrobiology in college. "But my dad said, 'Why would you focus on space when you can focus on our problems here on earth?' That changed my whole outlook. I started looking for that human component. I took a GIS class and thought, I think this is it."

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Roland Martin is.

A GIS engineer, he analyzes terrain data. "Ever since I was a little kid I would design maps, rather than drawing pictures of people or flowers or landscapes. Even my doodles from my university years, I'd randomly draw a freeway intersection."

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