

Encounter

Western India

An outsider talks trash

After nearly a week marching across western India to honor the ideals of Mohandas K. Gandhi, foreigners and locals gathered in a circle for evening conversation.

One outsider ranted about trash Indian marchers had been dropping along the road. An Indian educated in the United States stepped forward.

“When this harping on garbage dumped on public places is done by foreigners, it rankles,” the man said. He then railed against carbon emissions by Americans that disproportionately foul the planet.

Someone in the back of the crowd chimed in: “I don’t think Indians need any more white people telling them how to live.”

TOM HAINES

Globe-trotting

Notes from our blog

For women golfers only

The Carolinas are sufficiently south of here that golf is playable into late fall, and a couple of South Carolina resorts are offering deals specifically for women foursomes. Wild Dunes Resort, 20 minutes from downtown Charleston on the Isle of Palms, has two standout golf courses. Its Putt and Pamper package includes three nights’ accommodations, one round of golf on each of the Links and Harbor courses, breakfast daily, a 50-minute massage per person, and a Burt’s Bees gift basket for \$164 per person per night, based on four people staying. Visit wilddunes.com or call 888-778-1876 for more information.

The Palmetto Dunes Oceanfront Resort on Hilton Head Island is offering the Girlfriends’ Golf Getaway package, which includes four days and three nights for four in a resort villa, two rounds of golf at your choice of three championship courses, court time at the Palmetto Dunes Tennis Center, a massage, and a one-day bike rental. The package starts at \$189 per person per night and is valid through November. Visit palmettodunes.com or call 800-827-3006 for more information.

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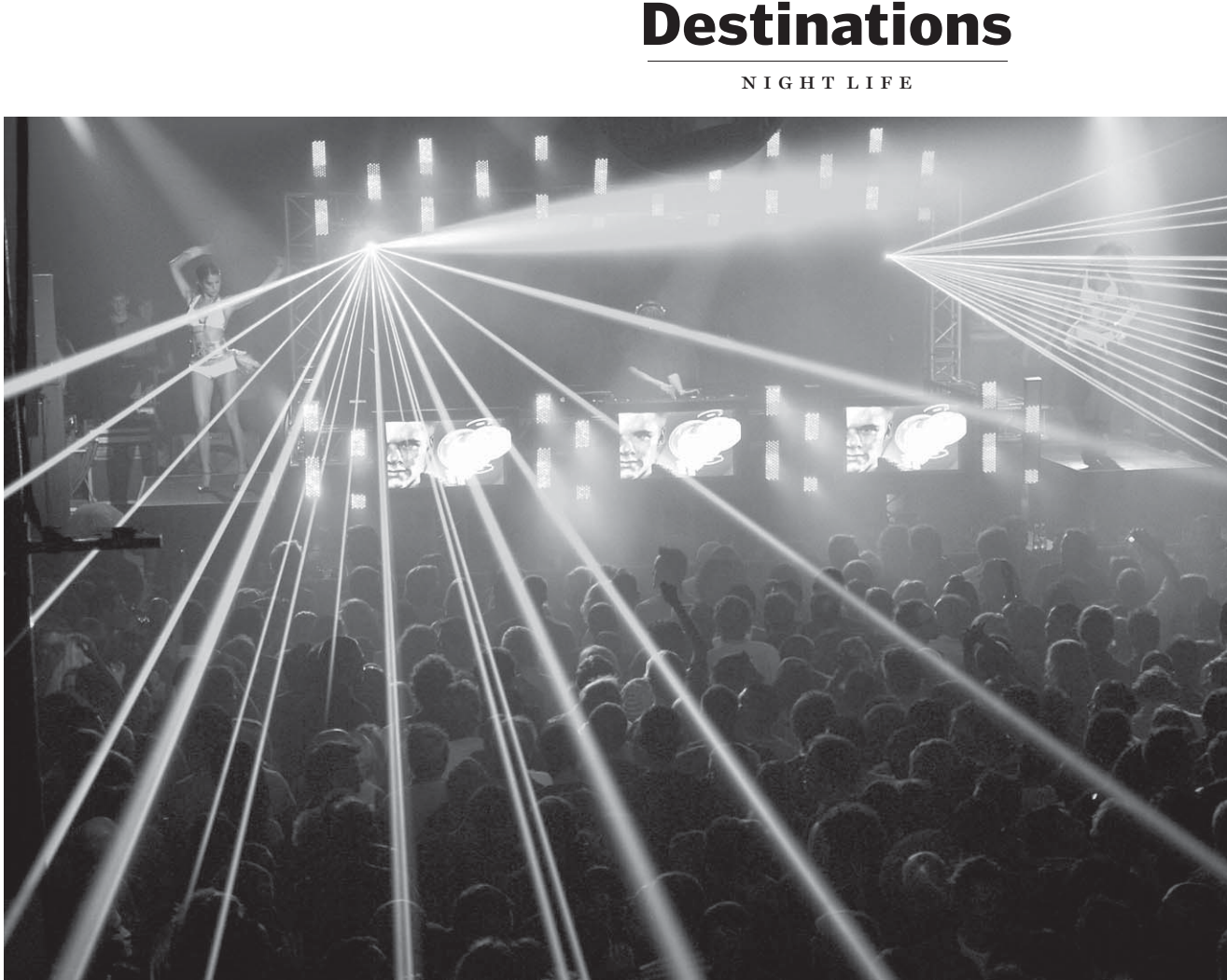
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Gearing up

Sending out an SOS

If disaster hits, whether you’re back-country hiking, sailing offshore, or stranded in a blizzard, the MicroFix Personal Locator Beacon (PLB) may ensure your survival. This slim, handheld device, made by ACR Electronics, has built-in GPS technology and a unique identification number (registered only to you) that helps rescuers pinpoint your location worldwide. In an emergency, just point the PLB’s antenna to the sky and push the red button. The MicroFix sends a distress signal to satellites, which relay your coordinates to your local search-and-rescue crew. It sells for \$600 at REL.com, or you can get its cousin, the ACR TerraFix, for \$450 (including a \$50 rebate).

KARI BODNARCHUK



The four-day Amsterdam Dance Event features more than 700 DJs and live acts at 34 clubs throughout the city.

So you think you can dance?

OCT. 22-25
AMSTERDAM
Amsterdam Dance Event: No amount of Red Bull, espresso, or chocolate can prepare you for the Amsterdam Dance Event’s nonstop onslaught of partying. The four-day conference and music showcase is stuffed with more than 700 DJs and live acts appearing in 34 clubs all over the city. Some of the highlights include a performance by the British duo Groove Armada, a night with the band Lamb in a special disco inferno evening (“Burn, baby, burn . . .”), and Amsterdam’s very own production and DJ team of Kraak and Smaak. There are also parties headlined by Armin van Buuren, Audio Bullys, and Layo & Bushwacka. This is not a gathering for the faint of heart. Many parties start at 10 p.m. and stretch until 6 the following morning. Event tickets are sold individually. amsterdam-dance-event.nl.

OCT. 24-25
LONDON
Festival New Orleans: Perhaps it is a bit extravagant to travel to London to experience the sounds and flavors of New Orleans, but with sets from Big Easy stalwarts Buckwheat Zydeco, Dr. John, and Allen Toussaint, plus food demonstrations and tastings, the party will be a colorful slice of Louisiana. The festival is timed to coincide with a New Orleans Saints/San Diego Chargers exhibition game at Wembley. Who knew Brits were interested in American football? The festival is free, but VIP passes are available for big spenders. *VIP packages range from \$105 to \$193. The O2, Peninsula Square.* theo2.co.uk.

THROUGH NOV. 1
LIVERPOOL
The Beat Goes On: The World Museum in Liverpool celebrates the city’s musical accomplishments with an in-depth exhibition on its rock bands. The city proudly boasts a

lineage of bands that includes the Beatles, Gerry and the Pacemakers, Frankie Goes to Hollywood, Dead or Alive, and the Zutons. The exhibition tours through memorabilia such as John Lennon’s suit jacket from the Beatles’ 1964 tour and the bedspread from Lennon and Yoko Ono’s Montreal bed-in. That’s all quite nice, but where are the “Frankie Say Relax” T-shirts? The museum and the exhibition are free. *William Brown Street, liverpoolmuseums.org.uk*.

NOV. 15
GHENT, Belgium
I Love Techno: Staged in a large exhibition hall with multiple clubs, this annual gathering has outgrown its name, and features many more styles of dance and electronic music than throbbing techno. This year’s lineup includes a live set from Hot Chip, plus Justice, Digitalism, Dusty Kid, and Richie Hawtin. Tickets are \$83. \$66. . *Flanders Expo, Maaltekouter 1.* ilovetechno.be.

THROUGH OCT. 19
LONDON
The Story of the Supremes: OK, so the Victoria and Albert Museum’s “The Story of the Supremes” exhibition isn’t exactly night life, but it is truly fabulous and features more than 50 outfits worn by Motown’s biggest charting trio of the 1960s. The dresses, from Mary Wilson’s personal collection, show how the band was styled to adapt to the turbulent and ever-changing 1960s. Admission is \$9. *Cromwell Road, vam.ac.uk*.

PLAN AHEAD
JAN. 19-20
SUNRISE, Fla.
South Florida Folk Festival: They may not be the first band that springs to mind when you think of folk music, but British invasion stars Chad and Jeremy headline the South Florida Folk Festival. Also featured are Mason Williams (he of “Classical Gas” fame) and the Kennedys. Tickets are \$35 for each day, or \$60 for the weekend. On-site camping is also available. *Markham Park, southfloridafolkfest.com*.

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Where they went

NAMIBIA

WHO: Roger and Marilyn Berg, 67 and 64, respectively, of Plymouth.

WHERE: Namibia.

WHEN: Three weeks in April.

WHY: For the wedding of their nephew, Steven Neri, formerly of Kingston, to a woman from Namibia. They traveled there with Steven’s parents, Alan and Ellie Neri, of Kingston.



Roger and Marilyn Berg in the Namib Desert.

LOCAL GUIDES: “Steven had been stationed in the Peace Corps for two years in northern Namibia near Angola,” Marilyn said. The Bergs decided to attend the wedding then travel with the Neris, including Steven and his wife, Magano. (The newlyweds now live in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.) “That made things easy for us because for them it was familiar country,” she said.

NICE RECEPTION: They stayed at a hotel in Ondangwa, the closest town to the wedding. “In Namibia there are 4,000 miles of paved road, 40,000 of unpaved roads. Magano’s family lives about 13 miles off any road,” Roger said. “We were picked up in a Land Cruiser. The way there was sandy but with some greenery and a lot of water holes. The village was a collection of homesteads and the father, a local leader, had gotten electricity and water and a cellphone tower, and he built a school for 700 children.”

TASTES LIKE . . . The Americans were treated to several days of welcome and wedding rituals held at the family’s compound, including songs, chants, and traditional dances. “One day we went to a few different home sites and watched people catch chickens for the bride and groom,” Marilyn said. The wedding was held in a Lutheran church, “from when a bunch of Finnish Lutherans came here

hundreds of years ago,” Roger said. The ceremony was in both the local language and English, Namibia’s official language. At the reception, Roger nibbled on dried caterpillar snacks, thinking they were something else. “I’ve since read they’re 60 percent protein,” he reported.

NIGHT LIFE: After the wedding, the three couples spent more than a week traveling. They made several stops to watch wildlife, including Etosha National Park. “It’s one of the best places for wildlife in South Africa. We stayed there, at Okaukuejo Resort, and they had a flood-lit watering hole to see the animals at night,” Marilyn said. “We saw a family of rhinos, a herd of zebra, wildebeest, and five male lions. I felt like I was on a National Geographic photo shoot.”

SEEING RED: Also amazing were the red sand dunes of Sossusvlei, said to be the world’s largest, rising to 985 feet. “They were breathtaking,” Roger said. “We climbed one for a bit, but slogging through the sand isn’t my idea of fun.” They took a jeep tour through the barren Dead Vlei, a famous desert area scattered with ancient trees. “It was gorgeous,” Marilyn said. “They looked like skeletons.”

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Rave

In Missouri, locks of love

INDEPENDENCE, Mo. — For the past 50 years, hairdresser Leila Cohoon has been acquiring strands of the hair of famous folk, including George Washington, Abraham Lincoln, Harry S. Truman, Marilyn Monroe, and Elvis. She also developed a passion for anything decorated with hair, such as wreaths, jewelry, and even furniture.

As her collection grew, she opened Leila’s Hair Museum in a tiny strip mall. Clearly this showplace of 300 wreaths and 2,000 pieces of jewelry made from human hair is no regular folk art museum.

A century ago hair wreaths were family keepsakes embroidered with dates of birth, weddings, and deaths. Women created them by weaving strands of hair around a wire into delicate shapes and embellishing them with seed pearls, ribbons, strips of baby clothes, and satin from wedding dresses.

Scenes on jewelry pieces were painted with hair that had been mashed into a powder then mixed with acrylics. One brooch, a remembrance piece, depicts a man standing by his wife’s grave under a weeping willow tree woven from her hair.

Many of the pieces are astonishing; all are poignant. Cohoon tells visitors that her fondest wish would be if all the people whose hair she has in her museum would return from the dead for a chat.

Leila’s Hair Museum, 1333 South Noland Road, Independence, Mo. Tues.-Sat. 9 a.m.-4 p.m., adults \$5, seniors and children under 12 \$2.50, hairwork.com/leila/, 816-833-2955.

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A remembrance brooch depicts a tree made of a woman’s hair.

Psychics, ghouls, gourds accompany the chill fall air

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Inns and hotels across the country are getting ready for Halloween, with events throughout October and beyond.

Real Deals ■ Five inns in the Sunapee, N.H., region are offering Halloween events Oct. 24-26.

A Psychic Medium Spiritual Weekend will be held at the Inn at Pleasant Lake in New London with rooms starting at \$155 and events from \$35. Visit innatpleasantlake.com or call 800-626-4907.

At the Blue Acorn Inn in Sunapee, families can decorate a trick-or-treat bag, carve a pumpkin, bob for apples, and join a pumpkin lighting. Rooms start at \$100, and the cost is \$25 for all activities. Visit blueacorninn.com or call

603-863-1144.

The Candlelite Inn in Bradford will feature psychic Catherine Gibson for tarot card readings and ghoulishly good desserts and other treats throughout the weekend. Prices begin at \$343. Visit dleiteinn.com or call 888-812-5571.

At the Rosewood Country Inn in Bradford, the accent will be on scary stories by a professional tale teller, along with a buffet. Room prices start at \$129 a night, and the Chilling Tales for an Autumn Evening buffet and story session costs \$39 a person. Visit rosewoodcountryyinn.com or call 800-938-5273.

Things will be milder at the Inn at Danbury, which will celebrate autumn’s bounty with a Local Harvest Breakfast & Craft event on Oct. 25. The breakfast will be freshly made from area products, and

the handicraft session will draw its inspiration from the season. Rooms begin at \$102 with snacks included, with the price for the breakfast/craft session to be announced. That Sunday, a five-course Oktoberfest Wine Dinner will be \$69 a person. Visit innatdanbury.com or call 866-DANBURY.

■ The Luxe Hotel Rodeo Drive calls its package the One-Way Ticket to Hell, but some might consider it heavenly. The one-night package includes accommodation and transportation to the Halloween Carnival costume party in West Hollywood on Oct. 31, where you can don a costume and party with 300,000 celebrants. Also included are a Halloween amenity, a glass of wine or cappuccino, and continental breakfast for two. Prices start at \$329 per night on Oct. 31,

with additional nights starting at \$229. The offer is available Oct. 31-Nov. 2.

Visit luxehotelrodeodrive.com or call 310-273-0300 and mention code ONE-WAY. For Carnival information, go to visitwesthollywood.com/things-to-do/halloween.

■ Two nights in New York add up to a Wicked Weekend, according to NYCTrip.com. The package for Oct. 24-26, which begins at \$880, includes a stay at the Sheraton New York Hotel & Towers, orchestra or front mezzanine seats to the musical “Wicked,” admission to the cast party after the show, and other amenities. Visit nyctrip.com or call 877-692-8747.

When not included, hotel taxes, airport fees, and port charges can add



GRANITE STATE VACATIONS

October’s customary glow awaits.

significantly to the price of a trip. Most prices quoted are for double occupancy; solo travelers will usually pay more. Offers are subject to availability and there may be blackout dates. Richard P. Carpenter can be reached at carpenter@globe.com.