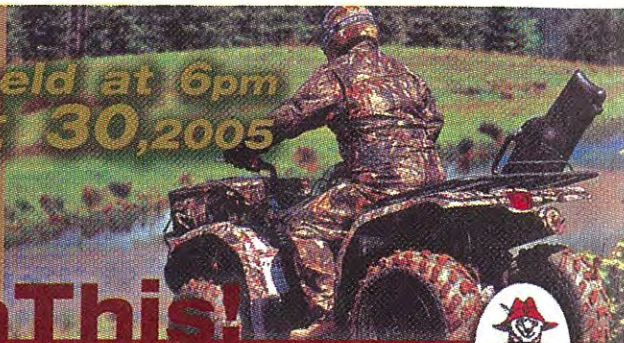


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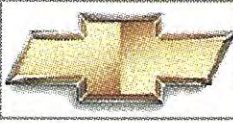
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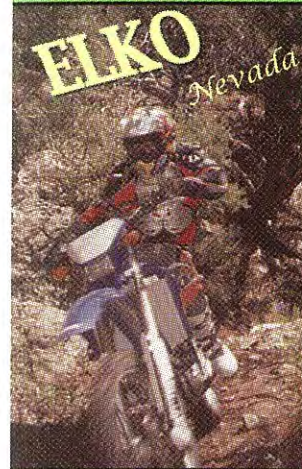


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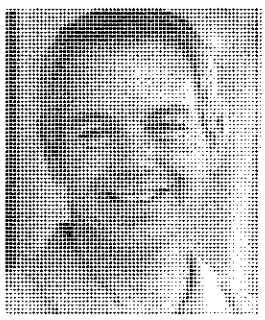
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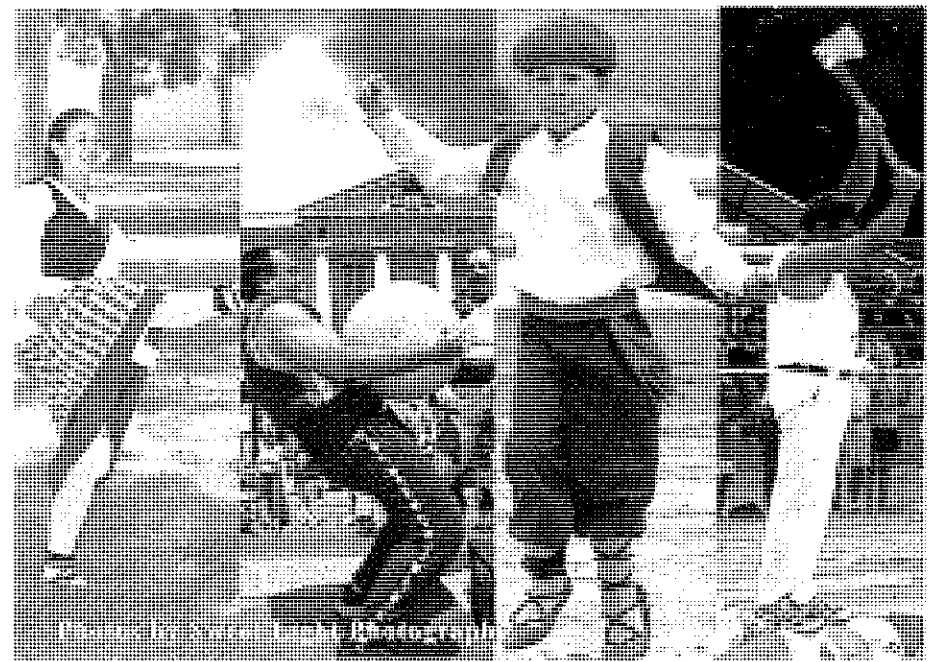
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Please take the time to read this years program, as it includes interesting stories about the bombing of Guernica and the Tree of Guernica. We have also included pictures of our local performers from last years Basque Festival throughout.

Thank you for your participation and I hope you enjoy a safe and fun-filled weekend of events.

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Schedule of Events

Friday, July 1, 2005

6:00 p.m. "Running From The Bulls" - Downtown Elko . We will be starting in front of Stockmen's Hotel and run west to 4th street, south to Silver Street and back.

Festival "Kick-off" - In front of the Stockmen's, Featuring Basque Dancing, Weightlifting, Wood chopping, Music and Food.

9:00 p.m. Street Dance or join us at the Basque Reception at Duncan Little Creek Gallery at 516 Commercial St.

Saturday, July 2, 2005

10:30 a.m. 5K Run starting at Elko County Library.

11:00 a.m. Parade - Starting Downtown Elko. The parade starts in front of the Crystal Theatre on Commercial Street, goes west to 3rd Street, North to Idaho Street, East to 12th Street, North to the Elko County Fairgrounds.

1:00 p.m. Elko County Fairgrounds, "Old Country" games (\$6 entry fee or \$15 for families, children under 12 Free).- Chorizo Eating Contest, Athletes performing Dancing, Music, Food. Enter in the "Running From The Bulls" \$20 entry fee.

6:00 p.m. Handball Semi-Finals - Elko City Park Fronton

9:00 p.m. Public Dance at the Basque Clubhouse, 1601 Flagview Drive. \$10 Entry.

Sunday, July 3, 2005

10:30 a.m. Shepherder's Bread Contest - Judging - Elko City Park.

11:00 a.m. Holy Mass - Elko City Park.

12:30-2:00 p.m. Basque Picnic - Elko City Park including Dancing, Weightlifting, Wood Chopping, Jota & Irrintzi Contest.

3:00 p.m. Handball Finals - Elko City Park Fronton.

Monday, July 4, 2005

7:30 a.m. Basque Festival Golf Tournament, \$40 Entry Fee.

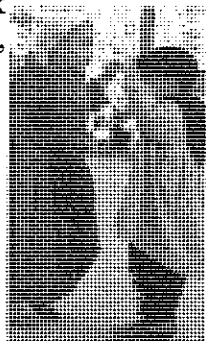
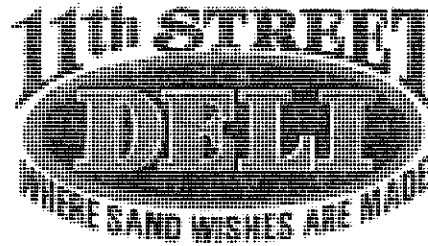


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Basque Relay Saturday, July 2nd

A tag-team approach; before a team member may begin a task he must be tagged by his teammate that has finished his part of the relay. For the 3 man relay team they need to do the following; 1. Chop 3 logs. 2. Lift the granite ball 5 times. 3. Lift the 250 cylinder 1- time. 4. Carry the 104 pound weights walking 400 feet. 5. Place 20 cans into a basket. 6. Pole vault a bail of hay twice. 7. Lift 5 times the man weight 21 feet high. 8. Do "junklo" 10 times.

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- First Place - \$100
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The senior weight carrying is open to those over 16 years old. The contestant will carry 208 lbs on a 100 foot course. The contestant to carry the weight the longest distance wins. Permission release forms must be signed by parents in order to participate in this event.

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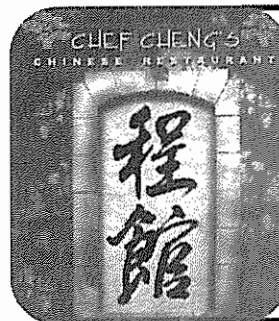
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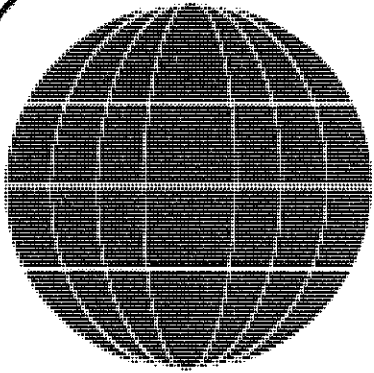
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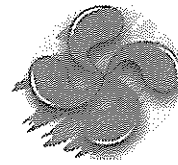
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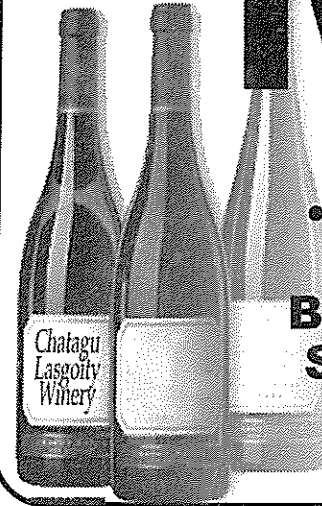
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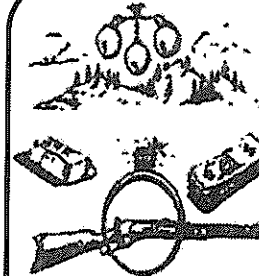
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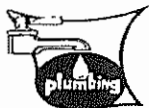


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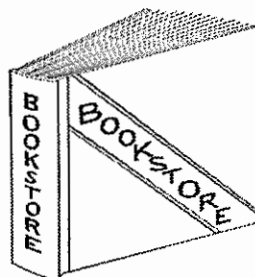
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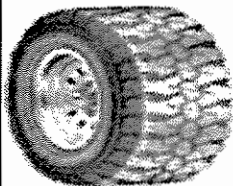
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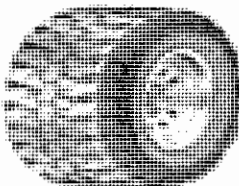
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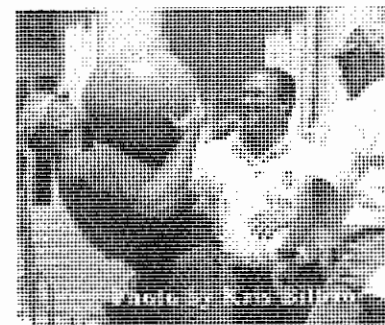


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Some of those that join us today were yet to be born and others lived through those dreadful days. These people represent a group of hard working people that help the Elko Basque Club whenever they are needed just as they did in their homeland whether it was on the farm, in the restaurant or as a teacher in exile. Just some of the names include Mercedes Lostra, Mary Etcheberry, Lucy Etchegaray, Estefania Yanci, Ana Mari Arbillaga, Jess Lopategui, Ramon Zugazaga, Ignacio Torreladay, Igancio Ezquivel, Jose Martiartu and others I'm sure have much to tell also and I hope they join their neighbors and family on the float as we salute them.

The Tree of Gernika that stood strong, untouched and proud at the time of the bombing became ill and was recently replaced by a relative. Just as that tree, these Basques and their families make us proud to call them citizens of Elko. "Bakea denokin", may peace be with all of us.



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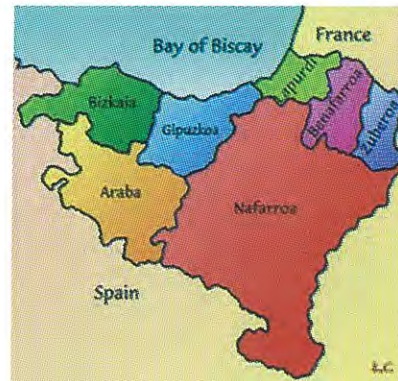
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The Basque Country

The Basque Country is a nation in southwestern Europe. It is currently divided between two states: France and Spain. Our country is located on the coast of the Bay of Biscay, on both slopes of the Western Pyrenees that separate Spain and France.



The Basque Country is the territory which is historically, ethnically and culturally Basque. Spanish and French may call Basque Country (Pays Basque, País Vasco) only to a portion of the country, not the whole nation. Nevertheless, Basques conceive their country as embracing the area of the traditional seven provinces: Bizkaia, Gipuzkoa, Araba and Nafarroa on the Spanish side, Lapurdi, Nafarroa Beherea and Zuberoa on the French side.



These provinces are divided among three politico-administrative structures. Two are within the Spanish State: the Basque Autonomous Community (formed by Araba, Bizkaia and Gipuzkoa, blue on the map above) and the Autonomous Community of Navarre (Nafarroa alone, yellow on the map). The three provinces within the French State (red on the map) are not autonomous. They form, along with Bearn, the french department of Pyrenees Atlantiques (capital Pau, in Bearn), which is part of the region of Aquitaine (capital Bordeaux).

The Basque Country is a little nation: just 20.864 sq. km and 2.9 million people. Only 650,000 of them speak basque, mostly in the Spanish side (only 70.000 in the French side). There is another minority language in the Basque Country: Occitan; several hundred people (or a few thousand) speak Gascon and Bearnais dialects of Occitan in the french side of the Basque Country. The Basque name of the Basque Country is Euskal Herria.

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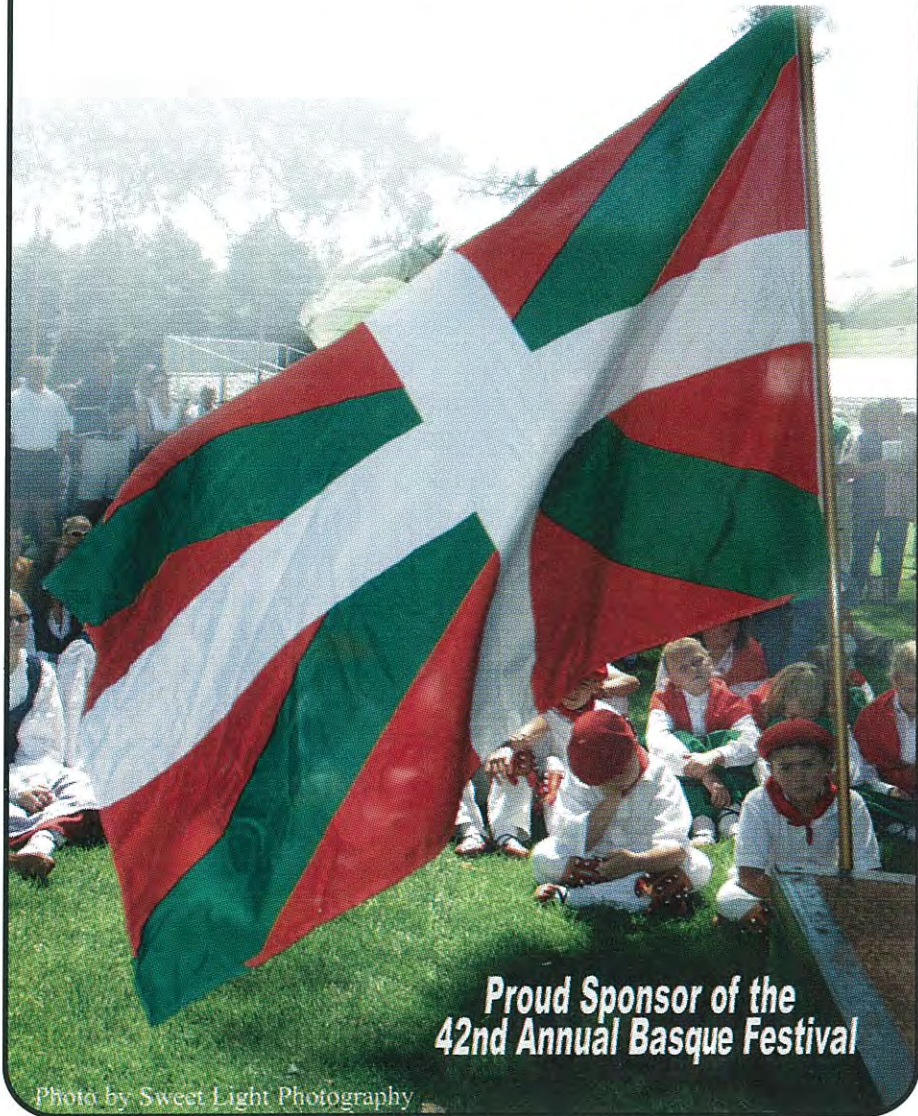
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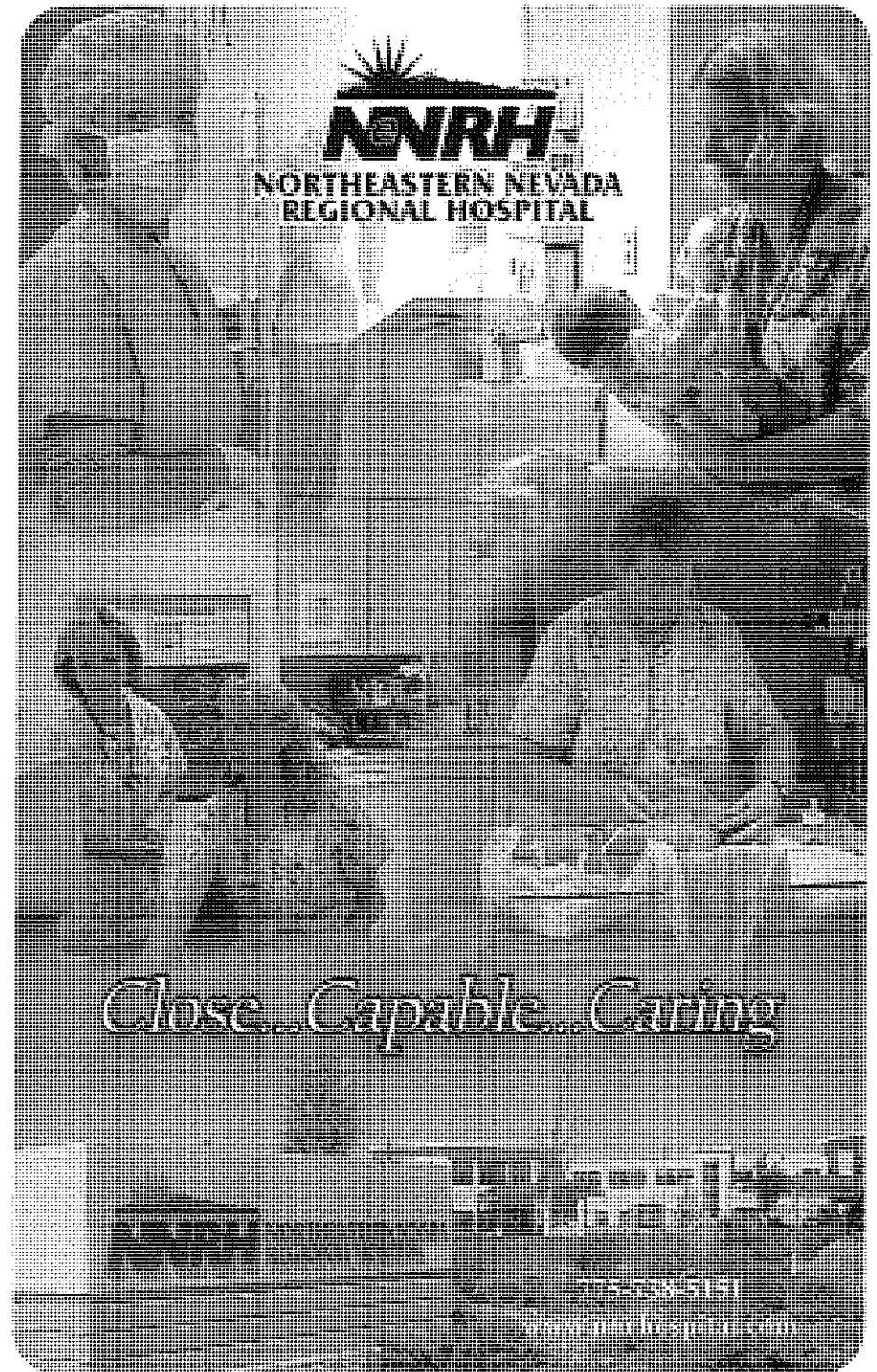
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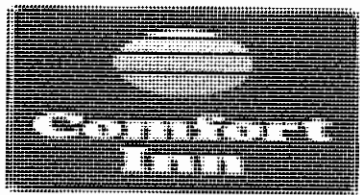
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THE LAUBURU AND ITS SYMBOLISM

Imanol Mujica, a Basque intellect, who wore the Lauburu in his heart, like many of us, gave a conference about the Lauburu's symbolism on May 25, 1968 in Bogota, Colombia. Here is an excerpt of that evening, illustrating Mr. Mujica's search for a theory or the truth of the Lauburu.

"The Lauburu (or 4 headed cross), is the oldest Basque coat of arms, that distinctly raised victorious banners for the "vardulo", "caristio" and "austrigon" tribes during the early part of the Basque history (200 years BC.). Previous to that time, the Basque emblem may have had naturalistic, religious and philosophical meanings as expressed by numerous authors. It may have also had a cosmic, astronomy, meteorological or anthropomorphous expression for the Basque pagans at that time. What is certain is that when the roman troops reached the Basque area, the Lauburu was a Basque ensign and used at that moment as a war banner to defend the territory that was being threatened by imperial legions.

Could this four headed emblem have something to do with the unity and continuity of the Basque people? Fifteen to twenty centuries later the Lauburu may have regained its authentic meaning given by the Basque people. This can be seen from its usage on door lintels, on the beams in the "caserios", on the "kutxas", on family coat of arms, on Basque furniture and particularly on the "argizayolas" of the hermitages and on the tombstones.

This symbol has been adopted by the Romans and the nazis in its linear form, as a sign of brute force and modern barbarity. The Emperor Augusto took the emblem from the Pyrenees to Rome as a symbol of false triumph over the Basque troops. The Emperor Constantino christianized the symbol identifying it with the Cross of Calvary. The nazis misused it to promote their totalitarian party.

Mr. Mujica believes that the Lauburu symbolizes mankind, made up of four elements: Form, Life, Sensibility and Conscience.

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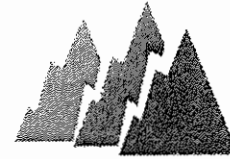
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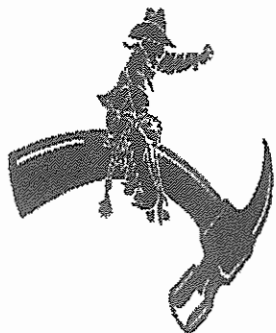


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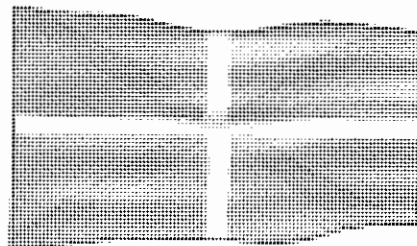
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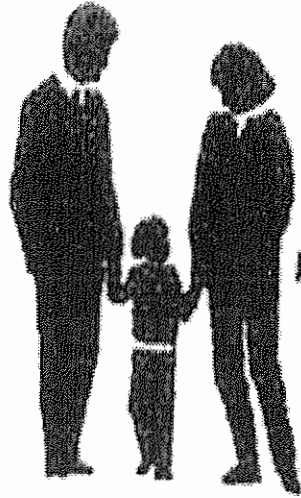
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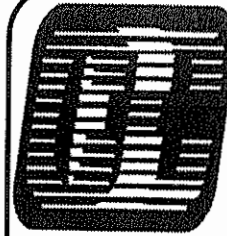
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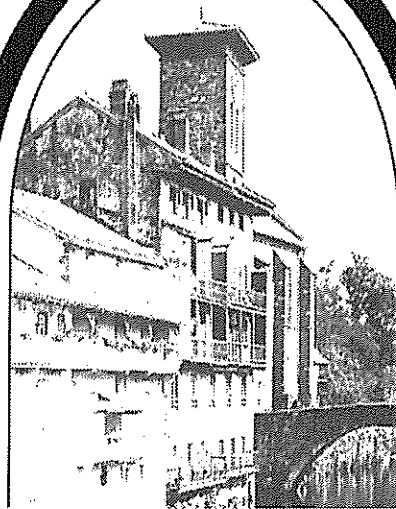


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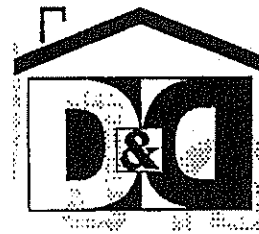


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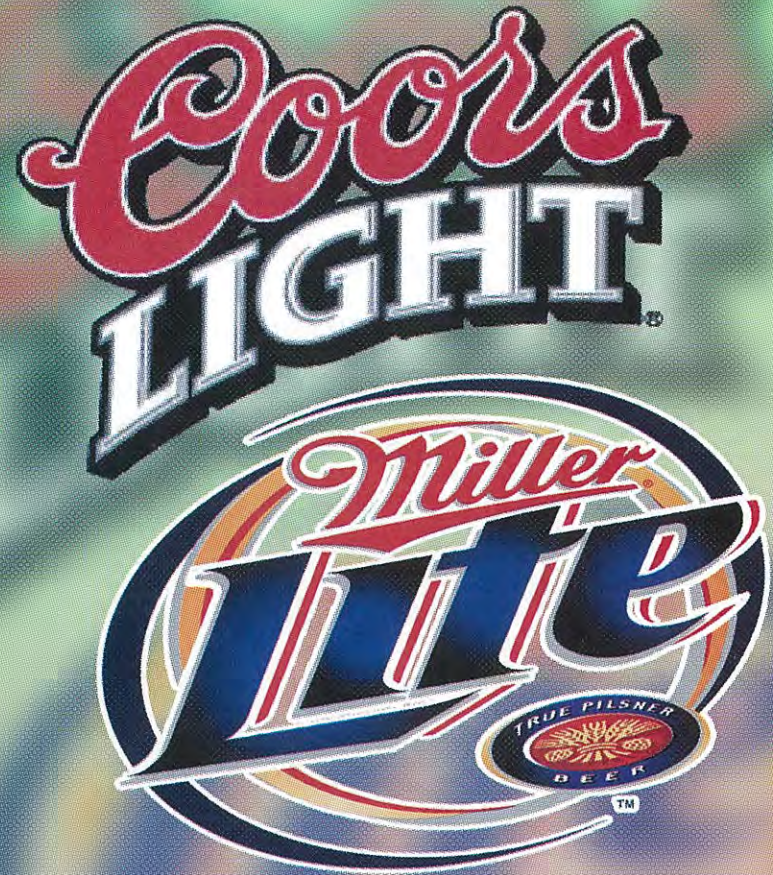
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The Tree of Gernika Mural Elko, Elko County, Nevada

On the east end of the Elko City Park, next to the Northeastern Nevada Museum, there is a handball court. In the early 1990's, a local artist, Anna Urrizaga, painted a mural of the "Tree of Gernika." on a wall adjacent to the hand ball court easily visible from Idaho Street.

While you are visiting Elko during the 42nd National Basque Festival stop by to admire the history and symbolism of the Basque heritage.

The Tree of Gernika is a blessed symbol for the freedom of the Basque People. The Basque settled in Elko in the late 1800's to tend sheep herds. The Basque are honest, hardworking and dependable people that are proud of their heritage.



The Condor Legion was assigned aerial missions throughout Spain, as Nazi Germany's prime contribution to Francisco Franco's forces. It would appear that the motivation of this particular attack was simply to terrorize the civilian population and to demoralize the Republican side. For the Luftwaffe, the bombardment was a test of what it would take to completely destroy a city. In a sense Guernica was an experiment that would come to fruition in the Blitzkriegs of World War II. At the Nuremberg Trials, the then-marshall of the Luftwaffe, Hermann Göring declared: "The Spanish Civil War gave me an opportunity to put my young air force to the test, and a means for my men to gain experience." In addition, the bombing occurred shortly after the capture and lynching of a German pilot who had been downed at Bilbao. The attack had raised the anger of his colleagues.

The bombardment of Guernica rapidly became a world-renowned symbol of the horrors of war. It inspired one of Pablo Picasso's most famous paintings, known simply as Guernica. The display of this painting at the Spanish Pavilion during the 1937 World's Fair in Paris both reflected and enhanced the symbolic significance of the event.

The painting was a symbol for Basque nationalism during the Spanish transition to democracy.



Picasso's depiction of the bombing of Guernica



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The Tree of Gernika



The Tree of Gernika is, without any doubt, the most universal symbol of all Basque people. The tree that provided shelter or shade for the early Assemblies of the Seigniorship of Biscay has become, in time, the symbol of the permanence of a nation and its institutions against the historical ups and downs that the Basques have experienced in their existence as a community.



The Tree of Gernika has spread beyond the geographical limits of Biscay to become a reference point for the whole of Euskalherria. As a symbol that links our past and our present, it currently witnesses such special events as the taking possession and swearing into office of the Lehendakari (President of the Basque Country) or the Diputado General (Prime Minister of the Territory).

A commemorative plaque remembers the words used in 1936 by José Antonio Agirre, the first Lehendakari of Euskadi, which have become the protocol formula for carrying out this swearing into office.

The bombing of Guernica

The bombing of Guernica was an aerial attack on April 26, 1937, during the Spanish Civil War by the German squadron known as the Condor Legion against the Basque city of Guernica. It was the first aerial bombardment in history in which a civilian population was attacked with the apparent intent of producing total destruction.



Even before the bombardment, Guernica was a place of great significance to the Basque people. The Biscayne assembly traditionally met there under an oak tree, the Gernikako Arbola.

The bombing was actually a sequence of attacks by German and Italian forces, the first joint military operation between Nazi Germany and Fascist Italy. They came with such rapidity that from the ground the impression was of almost continuous bombardment over a period of hours.

The attacks created a firestorm and destroyed nearly the entire town. Three quarters of the city's buildings were completely destroyed, and most others were damaged. Among the few buildings spared were the arms factories of Unceta and Company and Talleres de Guernica and the Assembly House (Casa de Juntas) and the Oak. The bridge, the overt target of the early Italian attack, survived.



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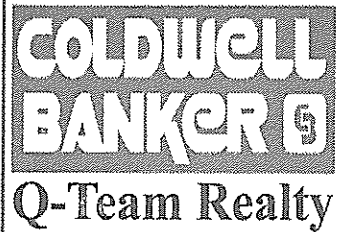
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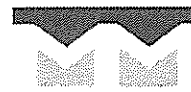
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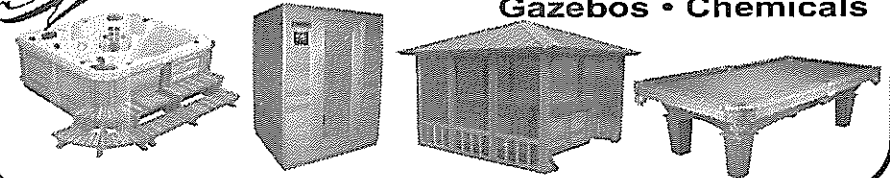
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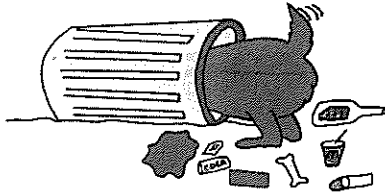
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