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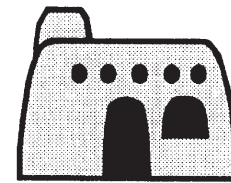
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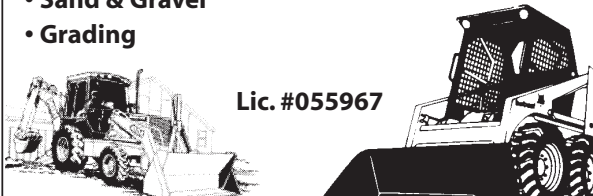
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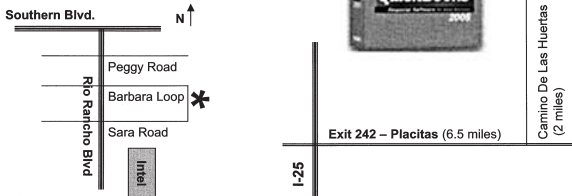
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—GARY WILLIAMS

On my visits to Casa San Ysidro in Corrales I had always admired the handmade *carreta* that stood in the courtyard. I thought this would be a great project to do in wood, and the perfect place for a *carreta* would be the portal at Coronado State Monument. Since I am a blacksmith, I would be able to make a number of old-style woodworking tools and refurbish some that I had collected over the years. This was an opportunity to create a large project without any metal in it at all. This would test my woodworking skills and my ability to use old style woodworking tools such as axe, adz, draw knife, etc.

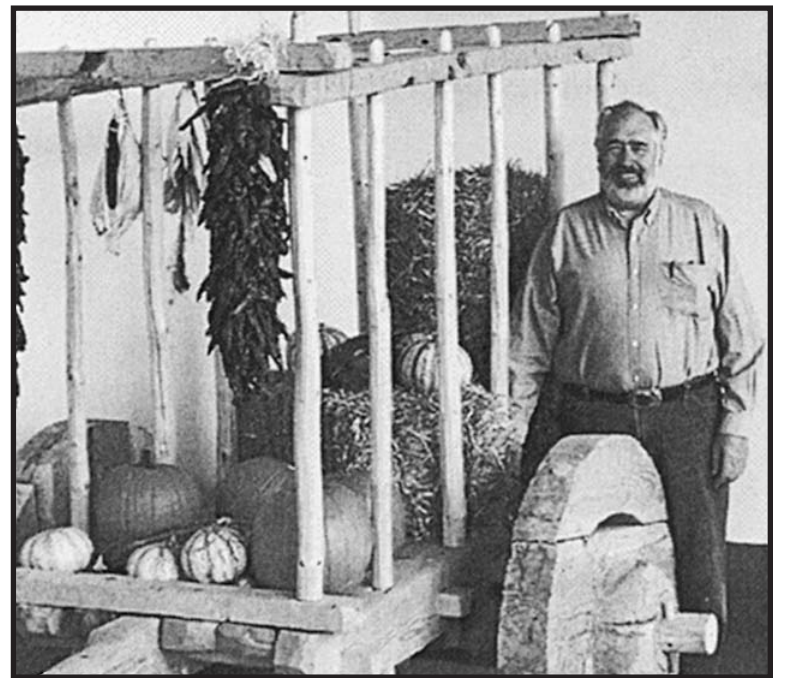
I drew up plans for a *carreta* and presented them to the directors of Friends of Coronado Monument and to Scott Smith, the Manager of the Monument, and requested funding to purchase the lumber for the *carreta*. Both the board of directors and Scott approved the project. The Friends of Coronado Monument provided the funding and Scott provided the transportation to get the rough sawn lumber to the Coronado Monument site.

Traditionally the *carreta* was made of cot-

tonwood. Since the early explorers and settlers never strayed too far from water, there was always a plentiful supply of cottonwood. When cut young, cottonwood is a very durable wood for this type of vehicle. Unfortunately, I had no access to cottonwood so I made the *carreta* from pine. All of the lumber was sawn to over-sized dimensions so that each piece could be hewn to the appropriate size using old style woodworking tools. The challenge was to get all the pieces to fit together and to make a set of wheels that would turn without a lot of friction.

I soon understood that a *carreta* was the perfect freight wagon for the southwestern frontier. A basic cart could be made using only an axe and a chisel. A freight vehicle traveling on "unimproved" roads or no roads at all needs to be pretty durable. The *carreta* is perfect for this. If any part of the vehicle breaks, it can be disassembled in less than 10 minutes, a new part made and put in place, and you could be on your way again.

It looks very cumbersome but is, in fact, less than 800 pounds, quite well balanced, and can carry a wide variety of loads. The



Gary Williams with his wooden *carreta*

*carreta* was the primary vehicle in New Mexico during the 16th through the early 19th century, and continued to be used into the early 20th century.

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## Data: losing my religion

- 25—Percent of the nation's "megachurches" (Protestant churches with attendance of at least 2,000) located in the West in 2005
- 178—Number of megachurches in California (most in the nation)
- 0—Number of megachurches in Wyoming
- \$7.2 billion—Combined yearly income of U.S. megachurches
- 829—Number of religious adherents out of every 1,000 people in Utah (second in the nation)
- 349—Number of religious adherents out of every 1,000 people in Oregon (lowest in the nation)
- 5—Number of Western states in the bottom 10 of that list (Arizona, Colorado, Nevada, Washington,

Oregon)

- 48—Percent of people in the West who said that religion had a "very important" role in their lives (lowest among the nation's regions)
  - 83—Percent of people in the West who believe there is a God (lowest in the nation)
  - 62.4—Percent of Utahns who were Mormon in 2004 — an 8 percent decrease from 1989
  - 2030—Year that Mormons will no longer be a majority in Utah if that trend continues
- Sources: Hartford Institute of Religion Research, Association of Religion Data Archives, Gallup, 2006, *Salt Lake Tribune*, 2005.

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## Grandpa's Jokes

An old man and a young man worked in office next to each other. The young man had noticed that the older man always seemed to have a jar of peanuts on his desk. The young man loved peanuts.

One day while the older man was away from his desk, the young man couldn't resist and went to the old man's jar and ate more than half the peanuts.

When the old man returned, the young man felt guilty and confessed to taking the peanuts.

The old man responded "That's okay ... since I lost my teeth, all I can do is lick the chocolate off the peanut M&Ms."

Q: What did the fisherman say to the magician?  
A: "Pick a cod, any cod."