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"AS LATE AS 1869, Eastern magazines refused to print stories about Yellowstone, for fear that travelers' claims of natural geysers and steam vents were simply wild exaggerations."

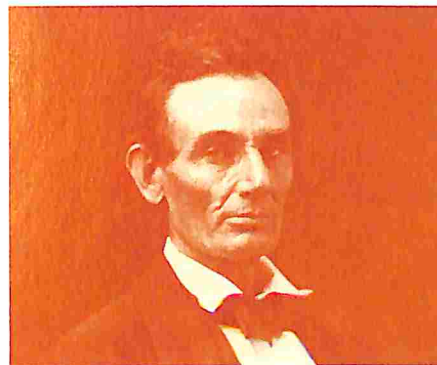
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68 Diane Arbus looked upon circus performers as near mythic figures.



60 The explosive Kansas-Nebraska Act of 1854 brought Abraham Lincoln back into politics.

40 ROCKING THE CRADLE

At a dig in a remote corner of Iran, an archaeologist has found evidence of an ancient, literate civilization he believes may be older even than Mesopotamia

BY ANDREW LAWLER / PHOTOGRAPHS BY MOHAMMAD ESLAMI-RAD

50 MEDICINE FROM THE SEA

Scientists leave no urchin or barnacle unturned in their search for marine creatures that may yield new treatments for cancer, asthma and other ailments

BY KEVIN KRAJICK / PHOTOGRAPHS BY JEFFREY L. ROTMAN

60 THE LAW THAT RIPPED AMERICA IN TWO

Intended to quell hostility over the issue of slavery, the Kansas-Nebraska Act, passed 150 years ago this month, instead increased the likelihood of Civil War

BY ROSS DRAKE

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A new exhibit and the release of personal papers renew the debate over Diane Arbus' unsettling photographs—and her place among 20th-century artists

BY TESSA DECARLO

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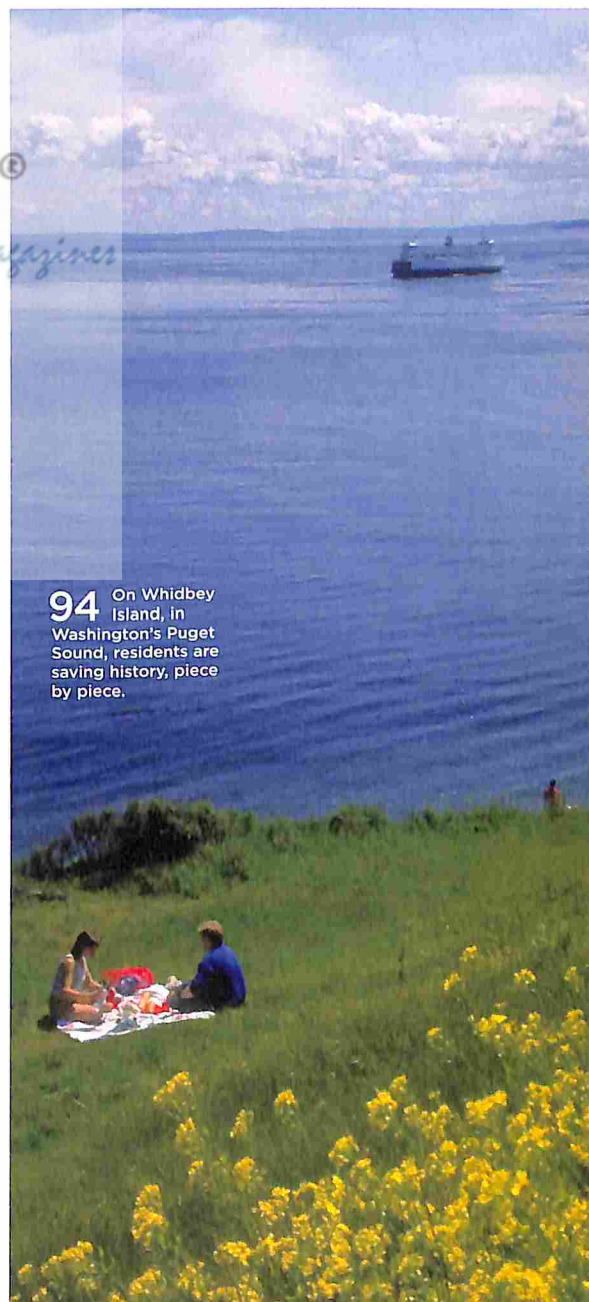
96 O'KEEFE COUNTRY: SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

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100 BEFORE THE MAST: CAMDEN, MAINE

ON THE COVER A worker at an archaeological site near Jiroft, in southeastern Iran, sweeps away sediment from the remains of a mud-brick structure that one researcher says may be 4,500 years old.

PHOTOGRAPH BY MOHAMMAD ESLAMI-RAD / GAMMA



94 On Whidbey Island, in Washington's Puget Sound, residents are saving history, piece by piece.

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EIGHT PERFECT PLACES FOR HISTORY, HIKING OR JUST HANGING OUT, INCLUDING YELLOWSTONE! MAINE! AND, YES, IOWA!

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IRAN'S LOST CITY

Does this newly discovered site hide secrets of civilization's earliest days?



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