they cross an extremely narrow arête not visible from below. There is roughly 1000 feet of air on either side. Most of the route is somewhat loose 4th class.

JOHN M. CLIMACO

Utah

Corn Dog, Park Avenue, Arches National Park. On December 20, Cameron Burns and I climbed the Corn Dog in the Park Avenue area. The tower sits on an extremely narrow, sandy base. While we were on it, we had the feeling it might topple over at any moment. A pitch of 5.6, A1 was required to reach the base of the tower. The tower had no true cracks and the rock was extremely soft, typical of Arches sandstone. Drilled baby angles and a few 5-inch bolts allowed us to pat the summit with our hands. We dared not stand on the summit because it was composed of loose sand. (II, 5.6, A1.)

STEPHEN PORCELLA

New Mexico

New Routes in New Mexico, 1991-3. In January, 1993, I made several new ice climbs around Questa, New Mexico. Luke Laeser, Mike Lyons and I climbed *Eskimo Pie* (II, WI 4+/5, A0; 3 pitches), one of the finest ice routes in the state. It rises above Highway 38, opposite the Moly Corporation Mine. We three then climbed a one-pitch route, *Hershey Squirts* (I, WI 4+). The second pitch never formed enough ice to allow climbing. Then Michael Horan and I climbed *Droplet* (I, WI 2) on the north side of the highway. Unreported from March, 1991 was the first ascent of *Church Rock* (II, 5.9+; 2 pitches), a prominent New Mexico landmark, by Mike Baker, Bob Rosebrough and me. Later, on the second ascent, Rosebrough placed two drilled angle pitons on the second face pitch, which were not used during the first ascent. Laeser and I climbed the tower *King Rudi*, near Ghost Ranch, on April 18, 1992 after several days of effort (III, 5.8, A2). Laeser and I made what we believe was the first ascent of *Bennett Peak,* (III, 5.8, A1) in the Four Corners area on August 8, 1992. Our route started up a gully on the west side of the main summit of this huge plug south of Shiprock. We then rappelled into a couloir and climbed a pitch to the three main summits. The peak is described in Herbert Ungnade's *Mountains of New Mexico*. Last year, I reported a route by Baker and me on Ford Butte's south summit. The first ascent of the north summit had been made by Mark Dalen and a partner in 1971. Laeser and I climbed the first route on the east side of *Venus Needle* in September, 1992 (III, 5.9, A2+; 2 pitches.)

CAMERON M. BURNS

Idaho

He Devil Peak, East Ridge, Seven Devils Mountains. On July 24, I climbed He Devil Peak by following the crest of the east ridge from the He Devil-She