They went on climbing along the ridge that connected their peak to Cerro Natividad and completed the first ascent of the latter (also 5500 meters). They then descended to the high plateau between the two former peaks and the long Olivares chain. On the 29th, they made the first ascent of a peak in that chain that they named Cerro Olivares Norte (c. 6000 meters, 19,685 feet). It is seven kilometers west of Cerro Negro Aspero and wholly within Argentine territory. Another group, F. Pascual, R. Pereira and I, reconnoitered the Quebrada de las Trancas and attempted Nevado de Pismanta (5400 meters) but a storm forced us down. On January 16, 1991, we explored the Quebrada de San Lorenzo and placed a camp at 4300 meters. That same day, my two companions made the first ascent of Cerro Bifurcación (5223 meters, 17,135 feet). I repeated the ascent the next day. Finally, on January 20, again alone, I made the first ascent of the very fine rock pyramid of Cerro de la Fortuna (4376 meters, 14,358 feet), which I climbed by the north side.

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Aconcagua South Face. On January 3, I managed to climb the south face of Aconcagua on the direct (Messner) route, solo, in 15½ hours. It took another 5½ hours to descend the normal route. I was the only climber to do the direct route in the past two years. Three other parties were successful in December, 1990 and January, 1991 on the original French route: Japanese in four days, Koreans in five days and a solo Chilean in four days.

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Aconcagua, Ascent by the Youngest Female. Nerea Ariz, daughter of the well known Spanish climber, Gregorio Ariz Martínez, climbed to the summit of Aconcagua by the normal route on January 3. At the age of fourteen years and eleven months, she is the youngest female to have climbed to the highest point in the Americas. She matched the record set by American Richard Garret who ascended Aconcagua in the summer of 1984 when he was also fourteen years old.

Cerro Agua Negra, 1990. A very fine route, the southeast ridge of Cerro Agua Negra (5484 meters, 17,991 feet), near the international pass of the same name, had been attempted four times in the 1960s. Climbing alone, Roberto Pereira of San Juan managed to overcome all obstacles and reached the summit in the late afternoon of November 2, 1990.

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Cerro Imán from the Southeast. Miguel Beorchia and local hillman Roberto Vega approached by the Arroyo Caserones and on May 17 made the first ascent of the southeast face of Cerro Imán (5467 meters, 17,938 feet). The mountain