

There was previously only one aid pitch, and the gear is mostly fixed in this section. (IV or V, 5.10d.)

PATRICK BRENNAN

Third Pillar, East Edge of Mount Dana Plateau, Tuolumne, 1990. In September, 1988, Miguel Carmona and Eric Klosterman climbed the first three pitches of this line on the pillar, which is drawn on page 47 of Reid and Falkenstein's *Rock Climbs of Tuolumne Meadows*. There were no signs of other climbers on these pitches and no bolts at the base of the headwall, where they turned back, not having enough gear or time to attempt the headwall. Carmona, a Spaniard living in Los Angeles, came back with me in September, 1990 and we reclimbed the three pitches. Upon arriving at the headwall, we found two anchor bolts at its base and another bolt 30 feet higher. The bolts were close to a good crack and not necessary. The line up a thin knifeblade crack showed no signs of having been climbed. At the top of the fourth pitch, we found two more anchor bolts close to a good piton crack. There is a drilled hole higher up the pitch. We continued up the line and completed the pitch to the base of the summit tower. Two more pitches of 5.9 mixed with aid got us to the top. (IV, 5.10b, A2+.) The route starts up a right-slanting ramp just right of the obvious dihedral at the base of the pillar. We are not sure if the first ascent was done previously. We don't claim ours to be the first and we don't know who placed the five bolts. The line is very esthetic and worth doing.

ALOIS SMRZ

"Four O'Clock Rock," 1991. In June of 1991, we did a route on the rock buttress north of the north buttress of Three O'Clock Rock, for which we suggest the name, "Four O'Clock Rock." We reached it via the Square Creek Pass Trail. The route begins on the extreme right edge of the formation and follows cracks and seams, with occasional face moves, on the right side of four pitches. The third pitch has two variations and the last pitch finishes in a widening crack with a small tree in it. Protection is bolts, small camming devices and nuts. (II, 5.10b.)

ROBERT COBB and SCOTT PRESHO

P 3129, Northeast Buttress. On November 7, Chris Breemer and I arrived at the base of Mount Morrison to find its north face out of condition, or at least out of condition for us. Rather than to go home without accomplishing anything on such a warm fall day, we decided to attempt a route on P 3129 (10,266 feet; .7 mile northwest of Morrison). We chose the easiest looking line, the northeast buttress, and climbed seven rock pitches of varying looseness and difficulty, the hardest being 5.4. The fourth and fifth pitches are the highlight of the climb as



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Photo by Steve Porcella

**Cameron Burns on the CORN DOG,
Arches National Park, Utah.**

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