

Ledge on the Shield/Magic Mushroom routes. We were stopped by the second pitch off this ledge, an A2 knifeblade corner. Having failed to free this, we continued to the top, aiding the next pitch too. In total, we freed 32 consecutive pitches. The route has 14 pitches of 5.12 and three of 5.13, making it the hardest free climbing to date on El Capitan. On top on June 13, we were met by rangers, who cited us for having used a power drill to place bolts, and we were eventually fined \$185 apiece. Out of 47 bolts we placed, only one was on the original Muir Wall route. All bolts were placed ground-up style, and we tried not to change the climbing for anyone aiding the route. We feel that all bolts will be happily clipped, and the only complaint will be that we didn't place enough.

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*The Nose, El Capitan, First One-Day All-Free Ascent.* In September, Lynn Hill one-upped her first free ascent of the Nose on El Capitan done a year ago in four days, climbing the entire route in a 23-hour push (VI, 5.13b). An article on this achievement appears earlier in this *Journal*.

## California—Sierra Nevada

*Climbs in the Sierra Nevada.* The Sierra high country experienced a great deal of climber activity during the summer of 1994, but little energy was expended on new routes. The 1993 publication of *Sierra Classics* may have inspired climbers to plan trips into the back country to bag previously uncelebrated gems. As the word spreads about the quality of newly climbed routes, fewer climbers may cue on the older classics. Of course, there is the challenge of finding a fine new route. At least a couple of the following routes may deserve to be awarded classic status in the years to come. Thanks to R.J. Secor and others who sent me the following information, some unreported from some years back. *Black Pyramid*, East Face: first ascent in August, 1979 by Kevin Rivett and David Babich. This route (I, 5.7) climbs the featureless wall to the left of a prominent, loose crack in the center of the east face. After three pitches, it goes fourth-class to the top. *Mount Tyndall*: first ascent in 1994 by Daniel Roiman, Gus Benner and Sergio Aragon. This route (II, 5.6) ascends the face of sound rock between the chute on the east face and the buttress of the northeast arête. They ascended the middle of the face toward right-facing layback cracks to the north face and class-3 scrambling. *Matterhorn Peak*, The "Maze:" first ascent by Roitman and Aragon in 1994. The route (II, 5.6) ascends the face to the right of the east couloir. The right (northern) side of the face is steep and smooth and the left is relatively broken. The Maze ascends the broken face, getting its name from the many variations possible. *Obelisk*, "Poultry in Motion:" first ascent by Ellen Holden and R.J. Secor on September 25, 1994. This route (II, 5.7) ascends the knobby face between Los Pollos Locos and the