



Mount Bradley, with the Bourbon Bottle Route indicated.  
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fourth day and descended the western slopes of Bradley rather than rappel our route. This descent got us to the Backside Glacier, on the opposite side of Mount Bradley from our Base Camp. The interminable posthole through Pittock Pass to the Ruth Amphitheater and back down the Ruth Gorge to our Base Camp took 36 hours to complete. We graded the route 5.8+ A1+ to illustrate the absurdity of rating alpine objectives.

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*The Incisor, New Route.* It was reported that Eli Helmuth climbed a new route on the Incisor with three clients in the spring. The 700-meter climb, which started with a hidden 45-degree névé couloir to reach the crux, followed the northwest face. The crux was 70-degree mixed climbing that led to a 40-degree snow/ice slope and the final sharp arête to the summit. (*High Mountain Sports* 173)

*Mount Bradley, South Pillar.* It was reported that in 1995, Austrian Andreas Orgler climbed the 1200-meter south pillar of Mount Bradley over five days in July at a grade of VII+ and A3 with partners Neswabba and Wusther. He was awarded the *Piolet d'Or* for this climb. (*High Mountain Sports* 167)

*Mount Wake and Surrounding Peaks, Various Ascents.* "L'équipe jeunes" of the Fédération Française de la Montagne et Escalade (FFME) enjoyed an expedition to Alaska last spring. Their objective was Mount Wake (2774 m) in the Ruth Gorge. They arrived at base camp on April 29 and started climbing some impressive ice gullies. On the Werewolf Tower, Manu Guy and Manu Pelissier established a fine route, *Freezy Nuts* (800 meters, IV/4), while Manu Lestienne, Mathieu Desprat and Fred Salles climbed an ice route on Mount Wake itself, naming it *Wake Up* (900 meters, IV/5). But the team's main target was a five-kilometer long, still-unclimbed ridge of Mount Wake. The young Frenchmen completed the ascent on May 12 to 13 in a continuous 37-hour effort, climbing without bivy gear and with only a minimum of food. Before the final push they made two attempts, fixing some of the 60 pitches. The descent took 10 hours. The 1500-meter high route involved sections at a standard of 5c, A1, 90° and some intricate route finding. They named the route *Pilier de la Tolerance*.

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