

the first five. The last two pitches consist of a slightly overhanging three-inch splitter crack that runs for nearly 60 meters. All belays are equipped with good bolts and/or fixed pins. With four ropes fixed, we spent one night on the wall on a huge heavily foliated ledge at the top of pitch 8. The bottom half of the route is almost all aid, requiring much thin nailing; it consumed the better part of two days. We feel the grade (V) is a conservative rating, and the aid is of a high standard.

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## COLORADO

### BLACK CANYON OF THE GUNNISON

*Hallucinogen Wall, Solo Ascent.* It was reported that Amanda Tarr soloed the Hallucinogen Wall in the Black Canyon of the Gunnison over five days in June. This was the first female solo of the route. (*Climbing* 171)

*North Chasm View Wall, Link-up of Stoned Oven and Air Voyage.* It was reported that Jeff Hollenbaugh and Mike Pennings linked up *Stoned Oven* (5.11c) and *Air Voyage* (5.12a), both on North Chasm View Wall, in a day, freeing everything apart from the 5.12a offwidth on *Air Voyage*. The pair managed the 3,000 feet of climbing by beginning an hour before light and finishing an hour after dark. (*Climbing* 170)

### GORE RANGE

*Peak C, New Route.* On August 9, Benny Bach and I climbed an eight-pitch, 5.7+ route on the north face of Peak C in the Gore Range. The incessant rain of the summer of 1997, supposedly a side-effect of the El Niño weather phenomenon, left the face extremely wet. We know little of the history of this impressive face but suspect our route was mostly new.

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### ROCKY MOUNTAIN NATIONAL PARK

*Long's Peak, The Diamond, Smash the State.* Between May 15-20, Ken Sauls and I made the second ascent of *Smash the State* (VI- 5.8 A5) on the Diamond of Long's Peak. Jim Beyer made the first ascent of this route in April of 1988, solo. Doug Hall and Ken had discussed doing the route, but Doug was killed in an avalanche in January, 1997. When Ken invited me to join him, it appealed to me as a memorial ascent for Mr. Hall, whose great spirit I will never forget.

We started hiking close to noon on Thursday, May 15. We carried all of our gear in one (large) load. We arrived at Chasm View at about 9 p.m., set up the ledge on a boulder and crawled in for a very windy night. At about 10 a.m., we made our way to the rappels for the descent to Broadway. We roped up for three pitches across Broadway to the base of the route, fixing lines and then ferrying our loads across.

The first pitch went quickly. We hauled up our bags, then Ken set off on the second pitch, leading about one-third of it, then rapping back to help set up the ledge. A good night's rest and Ken finished up the second pitch through steep roofs and corners. The difficulty (A3) is