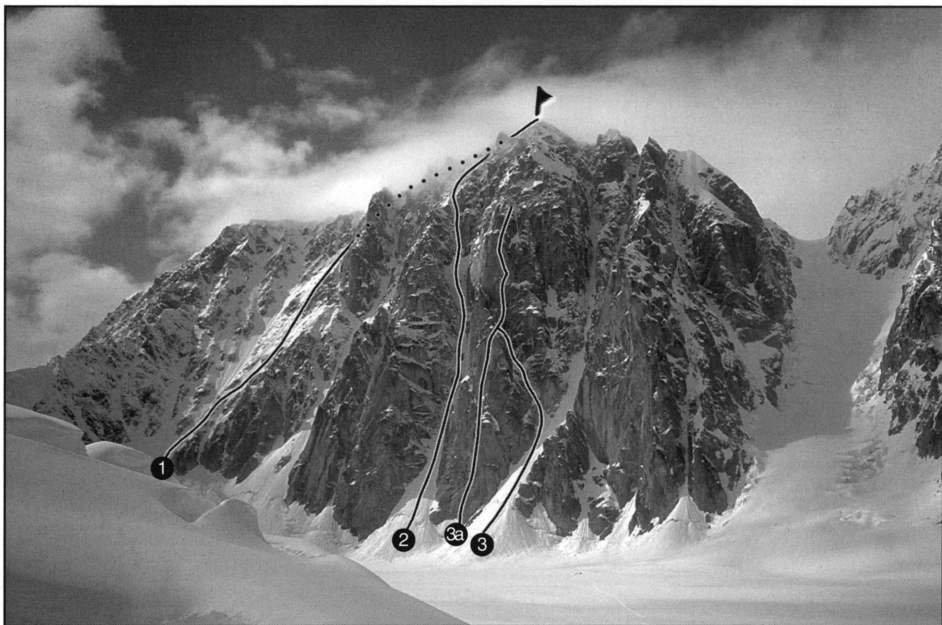


*Mt. Hunter, North Buttress, The Knowledge, New Route.* Britons Jules Cartwright and Ian Parnell climbed a new route, *The Knowledge* (Alaska Grade 6), on Mt. Hunter from May 25-June 6. The route shares some pitches with the *Moonflower Buttress* route, but is primarily an independent line. A full account of their climb and Parnell's superb year appears earlier in this journal.

*Peak 8,920', East Face, First Ascent.* Smith Curry and I landed on the Thunder Glacier with few plans and knowledge of the area. On the flight in, we scoped out the West Buttress of Hunter, but an active serac thwarted our desire to do the route. Still lacking a plan, we proceeded to climb the highest peak along the ridge leading up to the west buttress of Mt. Hunter. Two thousand feet of snow climbing from the south and 1,000 feet of ever-steepening ice brought us to the summit of Peak 8,920' via the east face. We narcissistically assumed the peak was unclimbed and named it "Sugar Mountain" after the snow conditions of the summit ridge.

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*Thunder Mountain, South Face, New Route.* In June, Jim Donini and John Bragg reunited after 25 years (the pair had not climbed together since the first ascent of Torre Egger in 1976) to climb a new route on Thunder Mountain's south face. The central rock spur, sometimes referred to as the "Lightning Spur," was climbed to a midway point above a steep rock buttress, before weather forced them down. They left a gear cache before retreating, and accessed



The south face of Thunder Mountain from the Tokositna Glacier, showing: 1. Barlow-Hornby (1993). 2. Dream Sacrifice (Hall-Ramsden-Lewis, 1997) (this was also the site of the Daly-Donini epic in 1999. See 2000 AAJ, p. 206). 3a. Initial attempt, Bragg-Donini (2000). 3. Line of continuous ascent, Bragg-Donini (2000). P. 10,600' is the subsidiary summit to the left (with the top hidden in clouds) reached by Kearney-Mascioli in 1983. JIM DONINI