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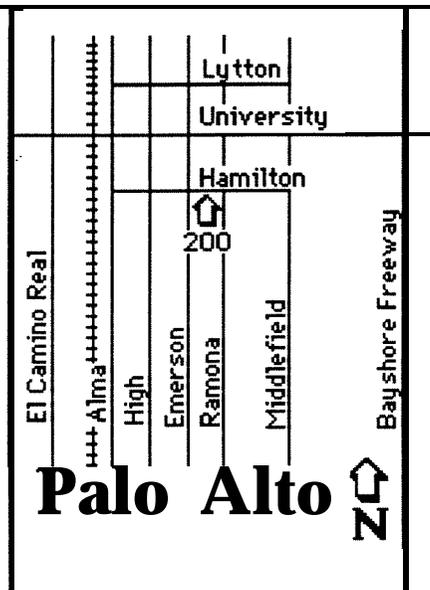
DATE: Tuesday, June 11

TIME: 7:30 p.m.

PLACE:

The Pacific Mountaineer
200 Hamilton Avenue
Palo Alto

PROGRAM: "Trekking to Everest Basecamp," by Greg Mushial. Follow the traditional southern approach to Everest through the Soiu -Khumbu region, past colorful Sherpa villages and some of the highest and wildest peaks on the planet.



Onward, Christian Bonnington!

Onward, Christian Bonnington, of the A.C.G.

Write another page of Alpine history

He has climbed the Eiegerwand, he has climbed the Dru--

For a mere ten thousand francs, he will climb with you:

Onward, Christian Bonnington, of the A.C.G.

If you name the mountain, he will name the fee.

Like a mighty army, faithfully we plod

Treading in the footsteps Bonnington has trod

From the Diretissima loud Hosannas! ring--

Grave, where is thy victory, O death, where is thy sting?

Onward, Christian Bonnington, joyfully we sing,

Down with McNaught-Davis, Bonnington for King.

Live transmission will commence shortly after ten

From the Kleine Scheiegg and the Alpi-Glen.

Do not miss the spectacle, you can watch for free:

Bonnington is on the wall, Tune in on B.B.C.

Onward, Christian Bonnington, of the B.B.C

Fighting for survival, and a token fee.

When they climbed the Eigerwand, those two gallant men

They received a message (sent) from Number Ten:

Well done chaps, MacMillan said, Victory was your due;

Well done, Christian Bonnington, the Fuhrer's proud of you

Onward, Christian Bonnington, hallowed be thy name,

Digging out a belay in the halls of fame.

-- Tom Patey

(Editor's note: Eugene Miya mentioned this poem last month, and, serendipitously, I just managed to come across it at a time when I was desperate for something to fill a hole on the front page.)

Upcoming outings

June 8-9

MATTERHORN PEAK

12264 ft., Class 3

Leader: Aaron Schuman

(415) 494-3299 h, before 9:00 pm

(415) 3351901 w

wear your pairt-spattered beret and pack your sax - we're climbing the mountain that stirred the souls of the Beat Generation in Jack Kerouac's novel "Dharma Bums." We'll hike about five miles cross country up Horse Creek from Twin Lakes (near the town of Bridgeport), camp at the headwaters, and ascend the third class East Couloir to the summit.

June 15-16

DUNDERBERG PEAK

12,374 ft., Class 2

EXCELSIOR

12,446 ft., Class 2

Leader: John Ingvaldstad

(408)259-3399

Early season conditioning trip. These are the two highest peaks in the Hoover Wilderness. We'll car camp at Twin Lakes.

June 22-23

MT. BALDWIN

12,614 ft., Class 2

BLOODY MOUNTAIN

12,544 ft., Class 2

Leader: Cecil Magliocco

(408)946-1238

These two Class 2 peaks are in the Convict Lakes area, offering fairly easy access for an east-side trip.

Anyone surreptitiously working on the SPS list of peaks should note that Baldwin and Bloody are indeed on the list.

June 22-23

VOGELSANG PEAK

11,516 ft., Class 2

FLETCHER PEAK

11,408 ft., Class 2

Leader: Butch Suits

(415) 964-4227

Fit beginners are welcome on this

loop trip through Yosemite's Cathedral Range. From Tuolumne Meadows, we hike up the Rafferty Creek Trail to camp near Vogelsang Pass. After climbing the peaks, we hike out via Lyell Canyon. Twenty miles round trip. Co-leader wanted.

June 29-30

HALFDOME

class 2

Leader: jeff Klopotic

(408)395-9307

The classic hike. Eighteen miles and 4,400 feet of elevation gain. We have a campsite in the valley for Saturday night. We will day hike it. Meet at Happy Isles at 7 a.m. Saturday.

June 29-30

HIGHLAND PEAK

10,935 ft., Class 2

REYNOLDS PEAK

9,679 ft., Class 2

Leader: Roger Crawley

(415) 3218602 h

(415) 324-2721 x470 w

Car camp at beautiful Silver Creek Campground on Hwy 4. An easy three-mile walk up Noble Creek Canyon, then a direct, relentless, steep, exhausting scramble 4,000 feet to the summit. For Sunday, Reynolds Peak is easier and features a pleasant cross-country hike and a short, enjoyable, airy final pitch to the top. Co-leader wanted.

July 20-21

MT. DADE

13,600 ft., Class 2

Leader: Peter Maxwell

(408) 737-9770

Co-leader: Kelly Maas

(408)279-2054

At over 10,000 feet, the Rock Creek trailhead gives a great start to this peak, which is located adjacent to, and only 115 lower than, Mt Abbott, the highest of the Sierra crest in this region. The walk in is only about five miles, making for a

leisurely, exciting and not to be missed trip.

July 27-28

RED AND WHITE MOUNTAIN

12,850 ft., Class 2

Leader: Cecil Magliocco

(408)946-1238

We'll use the McGee Creek Trailhead on the east side for this moderate trip. Ice axes may be necessary, in which case this would become a private trip.

Aug. 10-11

MERCED PEAK

11,726 ft., Class 2

Leader: Debbie Bulger

(408)457-1036

The highest peak in the Clark Range, site of the first living glacier discovered in the Sierra Nevada (by John Muir himself). From the Mono Meadows trailhead, 15 miles and 4,000 feet of elevation gain to base camp. (We also lose 1,000 feet.) Sunday, another 2,700 feet to the summit and back out. Plan on rising early.

Aug. 16-18

MATTERHORN PEAK

12,262 ft., Class 2

Leader: John Ingvaldstad

(408)259-3399

Most Matterhorn climbs originate at Twin Lakes. We'll be starting instead from Green Lake, crossing into Yosemite at Virginia Pass, which will give us an opportunity to climb Virginia Peak and Whorl Mountain (both Class 3) on the way. Three-day weekend

Private trips

Private trips are listed this month on page 4.

Mountain notes

This just in

The supermarket tabloid, The Sun, reports that Nepalese military explorers have discovered a hidden UFO base near the summit of Mt. Everest, manned by a pair of eight-foot Bigfoot aliens.

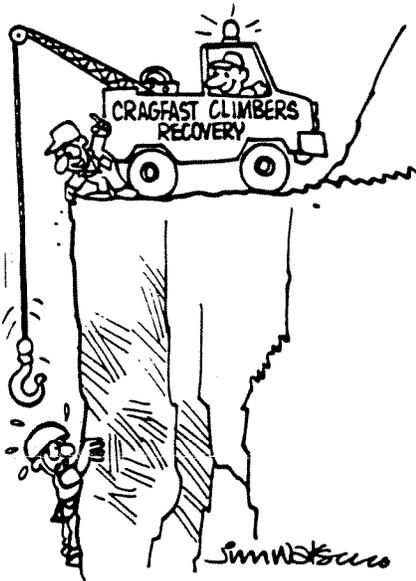
"For years we have been telling the world that alien spaceships were landing and departing on Mt. Everest," explained General Teeva Lobsang, who headed the Himalayan expedition. "No one will be laughing any longer, now that we have proof. The two yetis we captured were air traffic controllers for an entire UFO fleet."

No word if this is the same Everest spaceport revealed two years ago in the Weekly World News and illustrated by a picture of Ama Dablam.



noying, but-if our favorite tabloid is to be believed-life-threatening, as well.

A recent edition of the Weekly World News (by now you've gotten a good idea of our reading habits) carried the story: "HUBBY'S SNORING KILLS HIS WIFE!" "A quote from the doctor said it all: "A sudden



thunderous blast from her sleeping husband caused (the wife) such a start that her heart simply gave out on her," a doctor is quoted as saying.

The husband, a 286-pound Austrian plumber, had his snores measured at 80 decibels, or about as noisy as a jackhammer. Later, the doctor was quoted as saying: "We can only recommend that people forced to sleep with violent snorers get help-and get it on the double."

The moral for us: you can never be too careful when choosing your tentmate.

Castle Rock

In January, the parking fee for "day use" at Castle Rock State Park went from nothing to \$5. But that's not what has people steamed. The problem is that the parking lot holds

only 40-50 cars. On days when it's full-and it happens often-the only alternatives are to park along Skyline Boulevard and risk a \$21 parking ticket, or turn around and drive home.

If this affects you, consider writing to State Assemblyman Dan McCorcodale.

Rescue me

Rescue workers in Yosemite were on the verge of needing a rescue themselves recently after 14 major emergencies in less than a week stretched them thin.

They had to contend with the car that plunged into the runoff-swollen Merced River near Bridalveil Falls, killing three people; a man who died of a heart attack on the Yosemite Falls trail; a climber who broke his leg in a fall near Nevada Falls; a rafting accident that left one person dead and two others clinging to rocks in the river; a fatal climbing accident; a missing hiker, a woman hit by falling rock; a man suffering cardiac arrest; a woman suffering a seizure; a hiker with a broken leg; and several overdue climbers.

Now you know

Q: Who was the first person to climb Everest twice?

A: Sherpa Nawang Gombu, who summited in 1963 with American Jim Whittaker and again two years later with an Indian expedition.

Today's quote

"The mountains are fountains of men as well as of rivers, of glaciers, of fertile soil. The great poets, philosophers, prophets, able men whose thoughts and deeds have moved the world, have come down from the mountains--mountain-dwellers who have grown strong there with the forest trees in nature's workshops."

-John Muir

ZZZZZZZ

If you've ever suffered through a night with a tentmate who snores like a diesel train, pay attention. It turns out that snoring can be not only an-

Private trips

Private trip are not insured, sponsored or supervised by the Sierra Club or the PCS. They are listed here because they may be of interest to PCS climbers.

June 15-17

Caliente Mountain
5,000 feet, Class 1-2
also Carrizo Plain Backpack
Leader: Steve Tabor
(415) 357-6585

A unique dry lake, Chumash Indian pictographs, pronghorn antelope and dramatic geomorphology highlight this Desert Survivors weekend car camp, 260 miles from the Bay Area. Those wishing to stay over Monday can attempt Caliente Mountain.

June 22-23

MTS. MACLURE AND LYELL
Leader: Eugene Miya
(415) 961-6772

This is a Sierra Register Trip (not a PCS outing). It will be a trip to bolt down summit registers and check conditions. Requires use of an ice ax or SAG-ski poles. Maximum of 4 people.

June 21-23

GABBS VALLEY RANGE BACKPACK
Leader: Steve Tabor
(415) 357-6585

A fairly easy Desert Survivors backpack in a subdued range in western Nevada, 350 miles from the Bay Area. Features include a "redrock canyon," some springs, lots of cattle and sagebrush.

June 29 - 30

KEARSARGE PASS
Leader: Kelly Maas
(408) 279-2054

A fast-paced trip into the heart of the Sierra. I haven't decided on the climbing objective(s), but might end up around Center Basin at the head of Bubbs Creek Two openings on a

three person permit. If interested, give me your climbing suggestions. Possible peaks include Center, Stanford, University, East Vidette, etc. Maps: Mt. Pinchot and Mt. Whitney 15' quadrangles.

July 4 - 7

MONO PASS
Leader: Kelly Maas
(408) 279-2054

Explore the Mt. Abbot area at a fast pace, with climbing objectives TBD. I'm open to suggestions. Possibilities include Mills, Abbot, Gabb, Bear Creek Spire, etc. The high trailhead is at Rock Creek, and my permit is for two people-yes, that includes me. Lots of neat Class 3 and/or Class 4 climbing at 13,000 feet. Maps: Mt. Hilgard 7.5' and Mt. Abbot 15' and 7.5' quadrangles.

July 4-7

MT. DARWIN
13,830 ft., Class 4
Leader: Peter Maxwell
(408) 737-9770
Co-leader: John Baltiera
(415) 853-1921

"Darwin, the giant of the Evolution country," says Roper, "has no walk-up route, and has thus attracted the attention of many Sierra mountaineers." Including us. We will also explore quite a lot of the amazingly scenic Evolution Wilderness. Participants must be proficient with ice axe and crampons.

July 4-8

MT. INYO
PAT KEYES CANYON
Leader: Marty Dickes
(415) 482-4159

This is for strong hikers with plenty of resolve. It includes a one-day 5,000-foot ascent in hot weather, and that doesn't even include the climb of Mt. Inyo. A Desert Survivors trip 340 miles from the Bay Area.

Aug. 3-4

MONO LAKE CAR CAMP
Leader: Steve Tabor
(4 15) 357-6585

A recent volcanic cone, the outlet of cool, refreshing Rush Creek, great vistas and strange tufa towers highlight this weekend Desert Survivors car camp.

Aug. 9-11

MIDDLE PALISADE
14,040 ft, Class 3
Leader: Aaron Schuman
(415) 494-3299, h before 900 pm
(415) 335-1901, w

This three-day trip starts and concludes at Glacier Lodge, above the town of Big Pine. The first day we'll hike up the South Fork of Big Pine Creek, with a camp at or above Finger Lake. Day two is our long and challenging summit day. We cross the Middle Palisade Glacier (ice axe recommended), then engage in a long continuous rock scramble to the summit plateau. Previous Class 3 experience and ice axe self-arrest training is required of all participants.

Aug. 16-18

MT. CLARENCE KING
12905 ft, Class 5.4
Leader: Aaron Schuman
(415) 494-3299, h before 9:00 pm
(415) 335-1901, w

From the Onion Valley trailhead, near Independence, we'll zigzag over Kearsarge Pass, then down into Sixty Lakes Basin for our base camp. Day two we'll climb long Class 2 and 3 slopes to the summit block. The climax of our climb is a highly exposed class 5.4 move to the tiny mountain top. To participate on this trip, you must be skilled at roped climbing, belaying and rappelling.

The Armchair Mountaineer

MY CLIMBING library is not a great library. I prefer to use the public library instead, but my favorite beginner books are the two classics by Colin Fletcher: **The Thousand Mile Summer** and **The Complete Walker** (now in its third edition).

The first details Fletcher's 1958 walk of the length of California long before it was a fad to hike the Pacific Crest Trail. In fact, Fletcher completely avoided the High Sierra for Death Valley and the White Mountains.

"Walker" is Fletcher's how-to book. Spawned from "Summer," this book not only gives instruction, but also some great philosophy. Some of the footnotes are real gems, and a complete section is devoted to quotes for contemplative walkers. I have not found Fletcher's more recent books quite as good as these.

For other books: any classic book by Gaston Rebuffat (many perversions of his name: Ghastly Rabbitface, Rabbitfat, etc) is beautifully illustrated by the photographer Pierre Tairraz. Another French alpinist, Lionel Terray wrote the classic **Conquistadors of the Useless**. (It can sometime-s be found in used book stores under its American edition title, **The Borders of the Impossible**.) Terray was perhaps the best alpinist on Herzog's Annapurna expedition.

Another great older alpinist is the Italian Walter Bonatti who has written about great days and the heights. Discover his array of books at libraries.

Chris Bonington reigns supreme among the English climbing writers. From his first book, **I Chose to Climb** to his most recent book, **Chris Bonington, Mountaineer**, readers will find a sensitive man who questions his role in life as a young man (graduated Sandhurst).

He finds it at the end of the first book and starts his search in subsequent book as the archetypical leader of modern expeditions to Annapurna, several Everest expeditions, and lightweight expeditions to the Himalaya.

These books betray some of my biases. Flinn asked me for some suggestions of climbing humor. Humor is a particular tough topic, because it requires some advanced pre-existing knowledge. W. Bowman's **The Ascent of Rum Doodle** is one classic spoof on expeditions and Whippersnaith's **The Night Climbers of Cambridge** are two interesting books. The latter is hard to come by; Doodle was recently reprinted. Both are difficult to appreciate unless you have read some expedition narratives, but they are both fun.

Climbing cartoons are one form of humor which do not require advanced knowledge. Fortunately, climbing was endowed with one excellent illustrator: Sheridan Anderson. Unfortunately he passed away due to illness a few years back. His cartoons were collected by climber Joe Kelsey in **The Climbing Cartoons of Sheridan Anderson**. A funny book. The illustrations are collected from his various illustrations in magazines and journals, Royal Robbins climbing textbooks and more. (They are also shamelessly ripped off from time to time in SCREE — editor.) Anderson also wrote a fine book on fly fishing entitled **The Curtis Creek Manifesto**.

A special book to me isn't about climbing, but is a romantic nonfiction story. Kenneth Brower, the son of onetime Sierra Club Executive Director David Brower, has written a fascinating book entitled **The Star Ship and the Canoe**. It's about the contrast and similarities of nuclear physicist Freeman Dyson and his canoe-building son George Dyson.

If you are interested in more topical literature, several climbing and mountaineering journals and magazines exist. I personally cannot

recommend any of these in good conscience. I suggest scanning these in a store unless you absolutely must buy some specific issue.

I think the best is the Sierra Club's own journal **Ascent**: fine articles, no ads, and high standards for both writing and photography. It's edited by Steve Roper and Allen Steck. Unfortunately, it comes out infrequently (multiple years between issues).

The American Alpine Journal is the premier state of the American climbing art. Most climbs in this journal are beyond the typical PCSer, and usually try to push the climbing state of the art.

Also available are the publications **Mountain** (maybe a little too British); **Climbing** (Colorado); **Summit** (new management, but the closest to PCSers, as it was originally published in California); and **Rock and Ice**, attempting to legitimize sport climbing as an activity around the world. Noted for its topos.

There are many others. **Backpacker** has a decidedly East Coast slant, but it has an occasional article on climbing or skiing. **Outside** has occasional articles on climbing, typically very well written.

Some of the better old and defunct publications included **Off Belay** (Pacific Northwest regionalism, but useful); **Mountain Gazette** (okay, I admit, I subscribed to this rag. It was fun while it lasted.) But the all-time classic piece in my library is a rare copy of **the Vulgarian Digest**.

A climbing partner who sits of the American Alpine Club Expeditions Committee made a very good observation on taking literature on expeditions. He pointed out that light fun reading like *The Lord of the Rings* is too easily and quickly read when you are stuck in a tent waiting out the weather. Instead, take those harder-to-read classics which will keep you involved. He suggested books like Joyce's *Finnegan's Wake*. He named a tower on one of his expeditions to the Hindu Kush: Wake-N-Fin.

— Eugene Miy

Sneakers defeated on Fremont, but knock off Harlan

ON APRIL 28, the Sneak Peak Section (SPS) planned to climb Fremont Peak (3,171 feet) from the bottom, rather than drive up the long road to the summit. Maybe we'd find some cannon balls from John C. Fremont's attack on the Mexicans in Monterey in 1848.

Starting near site of the Battle of Natividad, we tried to get permission from the Jim Barden ranch, as the ranger in Fremont Park said, "Oh, yes, people hike up to Fremont Peak all the time from the bottom and they start at the Barden Ranch, no problem."

We drove the long road to the ranch house, past a lot of No Trespassing signs. Many cars were parked out front. An old Ford pickup had a bumper sticker that said "God bless John Wayne." After I saw that I told Popeye Iacocca to keep real quiet about the Sierra Club. He said he'd say we were real estate agents wanting to measure the distance from Fremont Peak to Mt. Diablo.

After a brusque "No, we don't want any hikers today" from the snotty "chip on her shoulder" girl, we got to talk to the owner's daughter. Friendly and sporting a red Stanford sweat shirt, she also said "No, we don't want any hikers, due to cattle drives," and the usual B.S. about cows and hikers.

Popeye got her to say "No, we don't want any hikers" six times. I was proud of him and my fellow SPSers.

Undaunted, we tried another route up Gabilan Creek, only to find it was all fenced off (electrical fences) with very serious "No Trespassing" signs due to heavy strawberry field plantings (and possibly dope under the sycamore trees.)

We would have made a mad dash for the summit, but it was already 10 a.m. and Fremont Peak was 15 miles away up the Cherry Tree Ridge and

Rocky Ridge route. We were beaten by Fremont Peak.

This is the first time the SPS Guerilla Warfare Section has been turned back since the first SPS climb on Mission Peak in 1969 (before the famous peak was inside a park.)

I yelled: "Let's grab Mt Harlan while we can!"

Mt. Harlan is an unclimbed peak north of the Pinnacles and south of Fremont Peak, with an elevation of 3,262 feet. My AAA map showed a "Mt. Harlan Road," so off we went after refueling the Popeyemobile in Hollister.

We parked at 1,000 feet or so and walked up the steep road. Fiesta flowers were everywhere. Too bad the Americans won the 1848 war. Violets were in bloom and flowers carpeted whole hillsides.

After an hour we came to a locked gate and the usual gringo hype: No Trespassing signs. We SPSers simply ignore these. I always remove as many as possible and put them on my fireplace mantle at home, like battle monuments from our guerilla warfare days.

Uh oh. Three black bulls, right along the road. I had to explain to Mr. and Mrs. Popeye the difference between a bull and a cow. Many SPSers are so computer-mesmerized by the video screen glare that they have lost the ability to tell a bull from a cow!

I can recall teaching Sierra Club single leaders on a recent trip to Sunol Peak how to tell the difference. I'll postpone the explanation here, but if any of those computer people are curious, give me a call or see me at the next meeting (ask for Raoul Mocho.)

We passed the bulls, then a mine, an old hunting cabin, modern trailers for a vineyard and, at the road end, a well-maintained redwood house. Luckily, we sneaked around them all. A castle-like lime kiln was admired by all-99 percent intact. Incredible. We saw two wild turkeys and a big buck deer, plus signs of bobcat.

A real wilderness exists on private lands, away from the trail sign

and golf course mentality of the local Bay Area parks. Here on private land we had no trails, no signs, no boundaries, no water fountains-only freedom to climb the peaks and sneak around the owners. I'll take private property climbs any day! Down with parks, long live freedom to roam and freedom from rangers and fees.

We were off the map now, all on our own in a sea of Diablo Range vastness. Up a ridge, check out two hills-no summit. Drop down, follow a rough road to a high point to the south-no summit, no benchmark. Follow the ridge east-nothing. I knew I was on a high point, but no markers at all. All of a sudden Mrs. Popeye sees a pile of granite rocks half submerged in mud.

This is it: a preColumbian cairn! We built it up a bit to 1991 standards, left a film canister, signed in and left. Great day: a hike of the decade in a sea of wildflowers.

— Raoul Mocho (not Macho)

Editor's note: Mr. Mocho enclosed a very detailed diagram of the Mt. Harlan climb. If anyone wants to see it, contact SCREE. (Bonus points to anyone who can identify the PCS member whose real first name is Harlan.)

Yosemite in winter: no Winnebagoes or dirt camping scum

MOST PEOPLE believe Yosemite National Park is to be visited only during the spring, summer or fall. Winter campers love to take advantage of these dirt campers. They leave a very peaceful and beautiful Yosemite for us to enjoy.

We took advantage of this to ski from Badger Pass out to Dewey Point the weekend of April 6 and 7. Our group consisted of Ron DeLoach, Tom Fmsier, Kelly Maas, Gary MacKenzie, Craig Payne, Charles Schafer, Kai Wiedman, **Chris** (please see next page)

(con't from last page)

MacIntosh (assistant leader) and Ray Stafford (leader).

Several campers learned that it is much different skiing with a full pack: one can go downhill much faster, it's harder to make stops, more difficult to make proper turns and almost impossible to get up after a fall!

While only a few of our group had ever snow camped, all wanted to stay another day to enjoy the weather and immense vistas.

— Ray Stafford

Up Ventana's Mount Carmel the long way

O N APRIL 13 we set out to climb Mt. Cannel the long way, from the Los Padres Darn. Before breakfast we met a brushwhacker who told us that his trail maintenance crew had just finished the path from the dam up to Big Pines camp, and that next they were going to clear up to Ventana Cone.

Talk about luck! We were preparing to crash through the thicket like drunken rhinos, but the chainsaw brigade rolled out the red carpet for us instead. We could even see their rake marks on the dirt in places.

It took most of a thirsty Saturday to reach our camp at the surprisingly moist headwaters of Danish Creek. (Bill assured us that the locals pronounce it "Dinesh Creek".) After dining on the grossest camping dinner ever - balloon slices in synthetic sauce - and resting under the stars, the tyrannical trip leader, as obsessed as Ahab, woke before there was enough light to read his watch.

Everybody who was going to the summit had to get going now! When the lingerers finally rubbed the sleep out of their eyes, they found a mess of half eaten breakfasts on the picnic table.

For the most part, the hike went tickety-boo. The final mile, though, a

spur trail from the summit of Devil's Peak to Mt. Cannel, was overgrown with manzanita I knew somehow I was going to be able to wrap this story around those inebriated creatures of the veldt! For the three of us who got to the top, there were stunning views of the azure sea, complete with a supertanker crashing through the surf like a drunken orca, and the Point Sur lighthouse bleating out its warning.

Our return was swift and uneventful. We concluded the outing with the traditional enchilada supper. We need recommendations for a new restaurant in Cannel!

Our party consisted of Charles Schafer, Nina Poletika, Lenore Cymes, Bill Rausch, Mike Shields, Andre Des Rossiers, and your faithful reporter, Aaron Schuman.

— Aaron Schuman

Spring corn skiing at Forestdale Creek on Memorial Day

O VER MEMORIAL Day my wife, Jeri, our two dogs and I visited one of the best, most accessible and least appreciated spots for aficionados of spring corn snow skiing.

It's the Forestdale Cirque near Carson Pass. The trailhead is only 3 1/2 hours from Mountain View, and the route into the cirque is gentle and short--perfect for beginners or overloaded snow campers.

Above the lake in the cirque are some of the tastiest bowls you'll ever find--many extending all the way to the Sierra crest. It's possible to get in runs of 25 turns or more on terrain ranging from easy to scary.

I'm giving away my favorite "secret" spot because we need more x-c'ers in there to keep out those who ignore the "No snowmobiles" signs. Joe Bob says check it out.

-- John Flinn

Classifieds

SEE YOUR AD HERE: We will publish classified ads here free for PCS members or those wishing to advertise to them. Please let us know when you've sold/bought/connected with it.

WANTED: Short ice tools, to buy, lxx-row, trade or rent. Needed for June 26 through July 7. Contact John Flinn (415) 968-2050 or Kai Wiedman (415) 347-2843.

ROOMMATE WANTED. Watch the 49ers practice! Take Lite Rail! Walk to Great America (and save on parking)! Short drive to Alviso! Male/female, non-smoker, no pets, to share a 3bedroom/2 bath townhouse in Santa Clara. Fireplace, vaulted ceilings, private patio, pool, quiet, single story. \$400/mo. Phone (408) 970-0760 after June 15 (or 732-0814 before June 14) and leave a message. Tim Hult.

CLIMBING PARTNER WANTED. I'm in the Phoenix area for the next several months and would like to do some peaks or rock climbing with anyone who might be passing through and can stay for a Fri. Sat, Sun trip into the wilds of the

Grand Canyon State. I have a rental car and lodging. Phone me at (602) 732-2002 Mon-Thurs. Tim Hult

TREKKERS DESIRED to join PCS members Warren Storkman and Roger Crowley on a 28-day trek in the Kanchenjunga area of Nepal in October 1991. Warren will book the trek through the reliable Nepal Himal Treks, Ltd. Land costs will be low because we avoid U.S. booking agent costs. Call Warren at (415) 493-8959 or Roger at (415) 3218602.

HOUSESITTER AVAILABLE: Frank King of the (in)famous RCS is available for housesitting for 1991. If you need someone to take care of your house, apartment, plants and some pets, please call. Days: (415) 926-2296. After 7 pm.: (415) 265-1710.

BACKPACK WANTED: Looking to buy a used internal frame pack in good condition. Am interested in something similar to a North Face Inca Trail that fits a 5-foot-6-inch woman. Lenore Cymes. (415) 857-0599.

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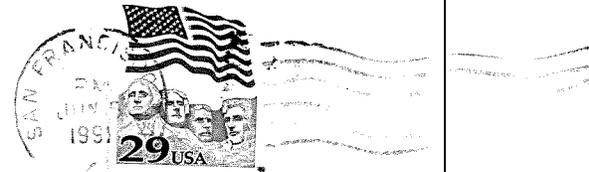
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