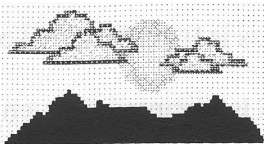


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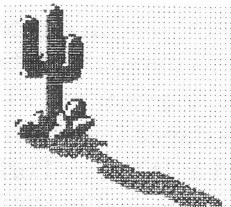
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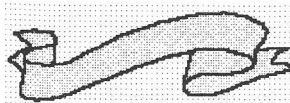


Summer is almost over. Let's go hiking! The weather has been sizzling the past few months, but good times are ahead. We have some great hikes planned. We'll start off loosening our legs on an easy Laguna hike in September, then rev up our engines in October and November with four weekend backpacks: Santa Rosa Ridge traverse; Hellhole Flat; Carrizo Gorge; and the feared 8000-foot hike on the Outlaw Trail. I CAN'T WAIT!

Wanda Zack and Jim Sugg are going to start a series of Saturday hikes. These hikes will probably average 10-12 miles; most people would call them moderate. This fills in the gap between my strenuous hikes and the easy hikes of the San Diego Hiking Club. Thank you, Wanda and Jim. We now have all levels of hiking in San Diego on a weekly basis.

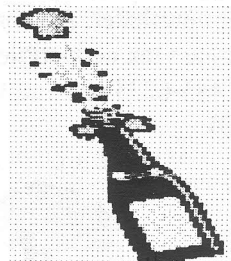


HIKER OF THE MONTH



The hiker of the month for SEPTEMBER is JOHN McCULLY. John is the new editor of the "Desert Sage", the publication of the Desert Peak Section (DPS) of the Sierra Club's Angeles Chapter. John has given the Sage a fresh direction since taking over two issues ago. He worked for Apple Computers a while back, where he wrote the original "MacWord" software program. Then, convinced he wanted to start enjoying life more John moved out west. Here he took his early retirement and began hiking the desert. John is a DPS list finisher and former chair. The feat I will always bow to him for is dayhiking PICACHO DEL DIABLO. I think Big Picacho is the hardest three day trip I've done and he did it in one day. My hat's off to you, John.

"Congratulations, John and Gail"



The hiker of the month for OCTOBER is GAIL HANNA. Gail, a past winner of the HOTM for her orienteering skills (May 92) is giving back to hiking by volunteering her time and effort to maintain the trails. (Elsewhere in this issue are details regarding trail maintenance on the Cutca trail and the PCT in the Llagunas. Please read it and hopefully you will be inspired too.) As we speak, Gail is climbing Mt Baker in Washington with the HOTM pole. She also had it with her when she climbed Rainier last year. (That little piece of wood gets around, doesn't it?) Gail is a DPS and HPS list finisher. Thanks, Gail.

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