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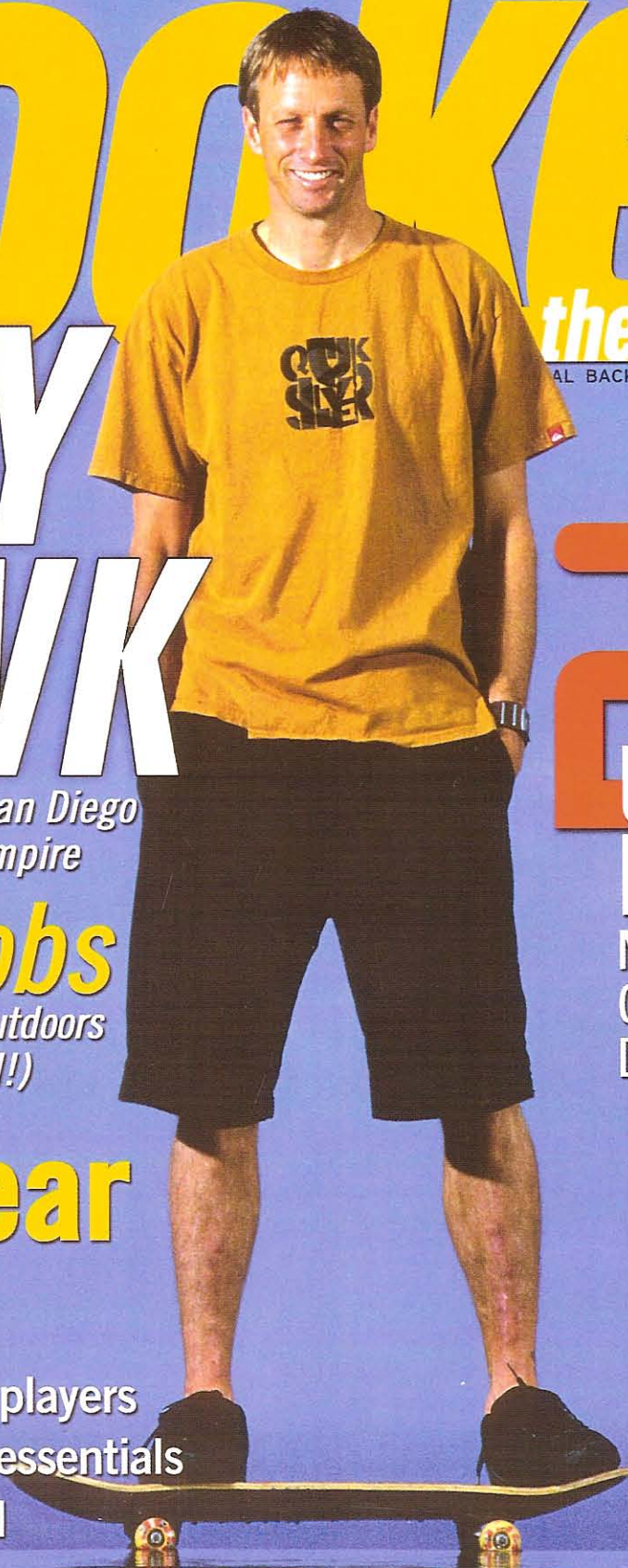
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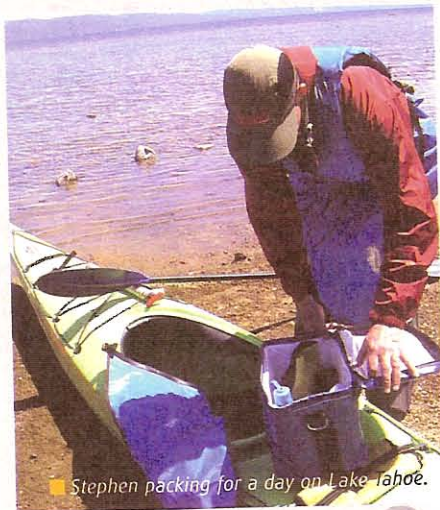


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Stephen packing for a day on Lake Tahoe.

# California paddlin'

**LAST APRIL**—after spinning our wheels at the **Sea Otter Classic** cycling extravaganza in Monterey, California (650-364-7612; [www.seaotterclassic.com](http://www.seaotterclassic.com))—we headed up the coast to **Point Reyes National Seashore** (415-464-5100; [www.nps.gov/pore](http://www.nps.gov/pore)) and traded in pedals for paddles. The place to kayak here is Tomales Bay, which lies inside the nefarious San Andreas Fault. The folks at **Blue Waters Kayaking** (415-663-1743; [www.bwkayak.com](http://www.bwkayak.com)) gave us the local paddle beta for all abilities: Novices poke around the tidal flats at the south end of the bay, intermediates head north toward Hog Island and hardcores hit the open ocean at the foot of Point Reyes Lighthouse.

Next, we hopped onto I-80 and headed to the crystalline blue waters of Lake Tahoe (elevation 6,229 feet), where we stayed at the **Cal-Neva Resort** (800-CAL-NEVA [225-6382]; [www.calnevaresort.com](http://www.calnevaresort.com)). This classy casino is steeped in history. You can straddle the state line in the lobby, enjoy the famous Circle Bar, where former owner Frank Sinatra sipped martinis with mobster boss Sam Giancana, and see the tunnel built to facilitate Robert Kennedy's clandestine visits to Marilyn Monroe's dressing

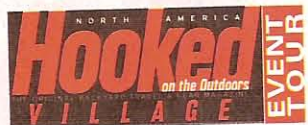
room. In the morning, we rented boats from **Tahoe City Kayak** (530-581-4336; [tahoecitykayak.com](http://tahoecitykayak.com)), put in at the Commons Beach down the street and meandered along the shallow shoreline.

It was still early in the season, with water temperatures in the low 40s, when we paddled the Golden State, so we were glad to be wearing **Simms' Gore-Tex Paclite Rain Pants** (\$160; 866-585-3570; [www.simmsfishing.com](http://www.simmsfishing.com)) and splash top **Pullover** (\$170). The company has long been known for its fishing gear, but these shells rival anything on the market. We also donned **Keen's** stylish—yet—functional **Hood River sandals** (\$85; 510-522-8254; [www.keen-footwear.com](http://www.keen-footwear.com)). And, we kept our beverages cool and extra layers dry with **Seattle Sports' 19-quart Frost Pak** (\$40; 800-632-6163; [www.seattlesportsco.com](http://www.seattlesportsco.com)) soft cooler and nifty **Cyclone Tapered Dry Sack** (\$37) shaped to fit the boat.

Get wet with the East Coast Hooked crew in person this fall at the **American Whitewater Gauley River Festival** (866-BOAT-4-AW [262-8429]; [www.americanwhitewater.org](http://www.americanwhitewater.org)), September 24-26 in Summersville, West Virginia. Or track us down at [www.ruhooked.com](http://www.ruhooked.com).

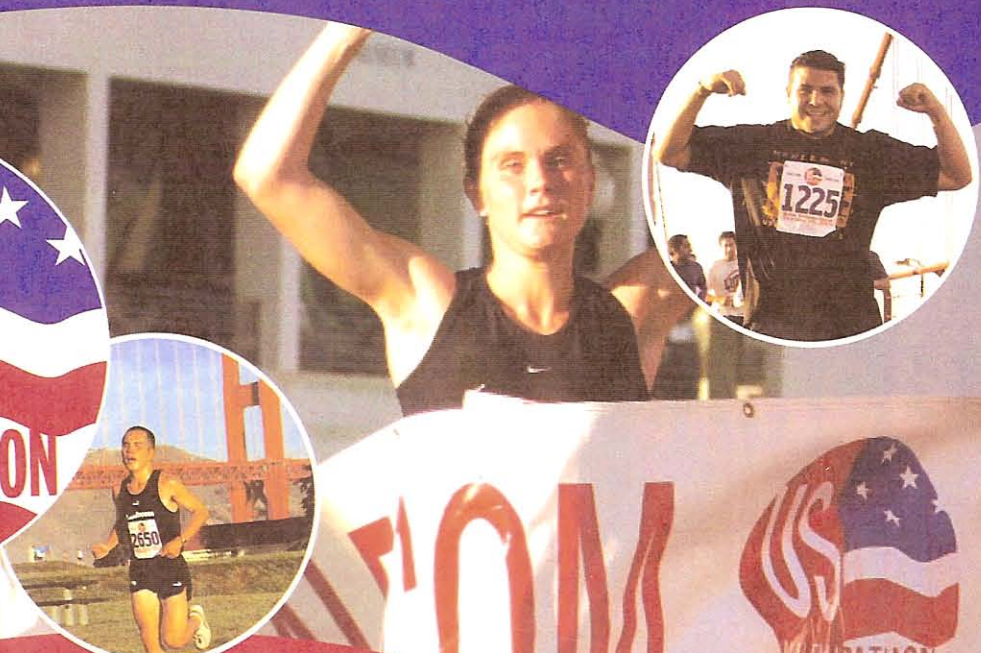
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