CLIMBS AND EXPEDITIONS

Beginning on Tarzan Ledge, the first two pitches climb the challenging face above with bolt protection. The third and fourth pitches take on in sequence a double series of roofs and faces. Bolts protect exposed climbing on the third pitch. The fourth ascends a steep headwall just right of the large overhang to easier face-climbing above. The route is difficult and continuous with the crux moves on the first pitch. NCCS II, F11.

DAVID BLACK, Buff Alpine Club

Tombstone and Seraph. In September, my brother Jonathan and I climbed a 350-foot spire known by the locals as "The Tombstone." This wide spire can be seen, looking south off Highway 70, about 15 miles east of Green River. After a 30-minute drive on dirt roads, we were standing below the narrow north face, admiring an unbroken hand-crack up a steep corner. After bouldering out the first overhanging moves, Jonathan began jamming and belayed me midway up the crack. I grunted up the second pitch as the crack widened (F10). The final pitch (F6) led us to the Tombstone's virgin summit. NCCS III, F10+. Unreported from several years ago was the ascent of an unclimbed pinnacle just south of Moab on Highway 163. The pinnacle lies just off the road at a rest stop called "Hole in the Rock." NCCS I, F7, A2.

BRIAN SMOOT, Unaffiliated

Tucapit, West Face, Kolob Canyon, Zion National Park. Bill Forrest and I made this climb in early June. The west face route on Tucapit follows the prominent crack splitting the face of the buttress left of center. A more indefinite crack lies to its right. We approached via the north fork of Taylor Canyon and walked an hour and a half from the trailhead to the foot of the climb. There are eight sustained pitches of mostly free climbing, except for pitches 2 and 3, which are more aid than free. At the fourth pitch the climb eases and provides a variety of climbing through chimneys and over several interesting roofs. Friends are useful for protection and aid throughout the climb. A highly recommended route. NCCS V, F8, A2.

WILLIAM MARCH

Montana

North Trapper Peak, Northwest Face, Bitterroot Range. Persistent tales of bad rock, an unappealing approach and a horrendous descent seem to have kept crowds off this peak's 4000-foot northwest face, the largest in the range. In late July Jim LaRue and I were pleasantly surprised to find a route well worth the trouble with fairly good rock in all the places that counted. Ten 165-foot pitches up the left of two prominent ribs on the lower face and seven more on ledges beneath

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