

on the second buttress system on the left as you enter Little Canyon. On the Tombstone, a second route, *Tres Gatos* (II, 5.11, A0), was put up by Cassidy and Wiggins. It is on the far right side of the west face in a shallow left-facing corner leading to a large roof. Just north of Moab, on Monitor Butte, Cassidy and Wiggins climbed the right side of *The Plank* (II, 5.9, A0). On the same landform, the team was joined by Peter Gallagher for the first free ascent of the original route. Cassidy, Wiggins and George Hurley climbed *Stand and Deliver* (II, 5.11, A0) on Merrimac Butte a few miles north of Moab. The route ascends a right-facing flake/crack in the middle of the face. On the same landform, Cassidy, Gallagher and Wiggins teamed up for the first ascent of *Keel Hauling* (II, 5.9). The route ascends an obvious left-leaning system on the south face, directly below the summit. It is the left of the two diagonalizing lines seen from below. *Lawnchair Lizard* (III, 5.8, A3) was put up on Aeolian Tower by Katy Cassidy, Art Wiggins and Earl Wiggins. The route starts on the north ridge of the tower. It diagonals up and right to a belay below a straight-in crack that splits the Entrada Sandstone cap-rock. In the remote Harrah Pass region south of Moab, Robert Warren and Max Kendall climbed *Attila's Thumb* (II, 5.11) on the prominent Mitten and Thumb formation visible from much of northern Canyonlands National Park. In Hatch Wash, Warren and Steve Johnson climbed two new routes on the Crows Foot formation. *The Bovine* (I, 5.10+) is just right of the Raven route ascending to the notch of the prominent Wingate tower. *Raven* (II, 5.11) is the first crack system right of Bovine on the Crows Foot. Nine new routes were established in the La Sal Mountains, southeast of Moab. They were climbed by Ken Trout, Andrea Stoughton, Paul and Linda Siebert and Sonja Paspal. They are below the first bridge reached when you drive the La Sal Mountain road south from Moab. The climbs are all in the solid 5.10 range.

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*Canyonlands National Park.* This preserve of 527 square miles is in the heart of the Colorado Plateau. Most of the region is remote and inaccessible to all but the most diligent wilderness explorer. Although climbing continues to gain in popularity over much of the Southwest desert, ascents in Canyonlands National Park are increasing in number at a much slower rate. Nevertheless, when *Desert Rock*, the first climbing guide to the sandstone climbs of the Colorado Plateau, was published by Chockstone Press in late February 1988, there were barely 50 routes established in the park. Now, less than a year later, the number totals better than six dozen. The following new climbs may be referenced to access information in *Desert Rock* or detailed topos, equipment lists and approach data may be obtained by writing to Eric Bjørnstad, 137 North Main Street, Moab, Utah 84532. In the Chesler Park area of the Needles district of the park, Robert A. Kookan and Al Hymer established *Crack of Many Colors* (I, 5.9). Several new routes were put up by Tom Thomas and Gil McCormick in the remote Maze district of Canyonlands. On the Pinnacle landform, the team made the first ascent of *East Tower* (5.11-) and *West Tower* (5.11-) as well as *The Little Toe*

(5.11-). These towers are designated as the Pinnacles on the Fiddler Butte USGS topographic quadrangle of the Maze. Thomas climbed *Bagpipe Butte* (II, 5.10, A3) solo. Katy Cassidy and Earl Wiggins climbed *The Grand Blast* (5.11) on the west prow of Grand View Point in the Island-in-the-Sky district of Canyonlands. Four routes were pioneered on Another World Wall, on the right before the first switchback of the Shafer Trail. The ascents made by Paul Turecki were *Poetry in Motion* (5.10c), *Objective Factor* (5.10d) and *Sweet and Sour* (5.11a). In the same region Pete Gallagher and Max Kendall climbed *Super Glob of the Desert* (5.10+). This is just east (uphill) from the park boundary fence as one approaches the park on the Potash Road (State Highway 279). The Taylor Canyon area remains popular with Moses now having been climbed over a hundred times. Charlie Fowler and Sue Wint climbed the fourth route to the impressive 600-foot summit of the tower when they did *The Promised Land* (IV, 5.10, A3+). The route ascends the formidable overhang and continues in a direct line to the summit. Between Moses and Zeus, the *Ark* was climbed via its north face by James Garrett, Dave Anderson and Will Gilmore (5.10), establishing the first ascent of the long-overlooked diminutive tower. Four routes were put up by Bret Ruckman and Gary Olsen at Point Bottom and Saddle Horse Bottom on the road from Horse Thief Trail to Taylor Canyon. *Smokin' Deal* (5.10), *Marlboro Cig* (5.10+), just right of Smokin' Deal, and *Seoul Games* (5.10+), a prominent west-facing dihedral above the road just right of Marlboro Cig. *BFE* (5.11) was also climbed by the team and is at the park boundary at Saddle Horse Bottom.

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*Castle Valley.* Layton Kor, with his wife Joy, teamed up with Calvin Lee and Jerry Tomasso for the 1147th ascent of *Castleton Tower*. The stout 400-foot Wingate Sandstone monolith has the distinction of being the most popular tower climb of the desert. Kor's ascent in the fall of 1988 was his first return to Castleton since his first ascent of the spire in 1961 with Huntley Ingalls. Kor has since returned a number of times to continue reviewing his visionary pioneer ascents of the formidable sandstone walls of the Southwest desert. Paul Turecki and Nancy Pfeiffer made a two-pitch variation to the north-face route (5.11c). This climbs free the original Dunn-Snively aid-route with free-climbing variations around the old aid placements. Charlie Fowler made the first free solo of Castleton Tower. A new route was put up on the *Sister Superior* group by James Garrett and Anderson (III, 5.10). It ascends the west face of the widest tower north (left) of Sister Superior's main summit, well left of the Jah-man route. Perhaps one of the most important climbs in recent years in the northern canyon country is *Ascended Yoga Masters* by George Hurley, Earl Wiggins and Katy Cassidy (III, 5.10, A0). The route ascends the southwest corner of Parriott Mesa in Castle Valley, about 20 miles east of Moab.

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