

(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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