

on the King Fisher. Also in the spring of 1993, Chris Kalous and Rob Van Aernem made the second ascent of *Death of American Democracy*. They took 6 hours on the first pitch and 2½ days for the whole ascent. "We both thought it was an incredible route," said Kalous, "with so few bolts for the ground covered." Mike Baker, Leslie Henderson and Zach Merritt climbed a major new route on Echo Tower, *Emotional Grafitti*, (V, 5.10, A4). They approached as for the north-chimney route, traversed on a ledge to the west and a two-bolt anchor, ascended a pillar that moves onto the south-face arête and finished on the southwest face via an obvious crack system that took them to the summit.

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*Fisher Towers.* Betsi McKittrick, Jimmy Dunn and Peter Banfield climbed with a top rope *Little Hoodoo* (5.9+), near the Cobra Hoodoo. *The Tapeworm* on the south face of Echo Tower was climbed by Brian Warshaw and Brad Jarrett (5.8, A3, 6 pitches).

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*Moab Area.* A relatively new climbing area is known as *Culvert Canyon*. It is located ten miles down the Potash Road (State Highway 313) just beyond the trailhead for Corona Arch. At the right corner of the canyon, up Wingate sandstone walls, are *Finger Food* (5.9) and *El Nacho* (5.9), both climbed by Todd Marder and Millie Birdwell; *Corner* (5.11), *Power Cosmic* (5.11c) and *Round Head Ruckus* (5.9), all three climbed by Tom Gilje and Bob Novellino. Numerous other routes have been established on both the east and west walls. In *Long Canyon*, 14 miles down the Potash Road, Craig Luebben and Lisa Grenard climbed a prominent three-tiered crack corner (5.11) on the south side of the canyon. On the right side of a pillar on the prow of rock on the left side of the entrance to Long Canyon, *Done Loubin* (5.11, 4 pitches) was climbed by Jimmy Dunn and Luebben. This is perhaps the first route in Long Canyon that reaches the rim. *Off* (5.12b) was put up by Luebben and Topfer Donahue. It is on the left side of the pillar on the left wall just inside the canyon. The route climbs Off Fists, then Off Width and finally Off Fingers. On the opposite (north) side of the entrance, 150 yards beyond Jug Handle Arch, *Porcupine Flake* (5.10) was climbed via its left side by Dunn, Luebben, Donahue and Doug McQueen. Further up the canyon on its north wall, Lisa Hathaway and Luebben put up *Blood on the Tracks* (5.12). *The Dragon's Lair* (5.11), up Long Canyon between Nacro Dancer and Nacro Line, was climbed by Luebben and Greg Murphy. Galen Rowell and John Lurtig ascended *Mustang Man* (5.11d-5.12a), a finger crack. This route is 100 yards left of Hot Toddy and Tequila Sunrise. In the Cirque of the Climables, down *Kain Creek*, Luebben, Dunn and Novellino climbed *Leave Your Purse At Home* (II, 5.11a, OW, 3 Pitches). *Surface Tension* (5.11+, 1 pitch) was climbed by Linus Platt. *Moonlight Spire* (II, 5.9, A2, 3 pitches) was climbed by Steve Anderson and Bill Duncan. This

tower is within the Horseshoe Rincon, across from the Potash Mine and was reached via Hurrah Pass down Kain Creek, southwest of Moab.

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*Tusher Canyon, Moab Area.* On October 23, Brian Takei and I climbed *Walden's Room* (II, 5.10, A1, 3 pitches) on the House of Putterman. We left only one point of aid on this fabulous, new, 220-foot butte. On October 30, Luke Laeser and I climbed *Putterman's Outhouse* (5.9, A1), a new, 60-foot, previously unclimbed tower. That same day, we two climbed *Putterman's Pinkies* (5.10), a beautiful 80-foot crack climb. Luke Laeser and I did three one-pitch climbs on the Aiguille du Putterman, which rises at the intersection of Highways 313 and 191: *L'Offwidth du Putterman* (5.9) on November 13, *Putterman Pour Tout* (5.9) and *Putterman au Printemps* both on November 19. On Easter Sunday, Tom Sherman and Jim Angione climbed *The Golden Book* (II, 5.8, A3) near Echo Pinnacle, the last formation on the south wall.

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*More Moab Area Climbs.* Jay Smith and his wife Jo climbed *King Crimson* (5.11, 2 pitches) in the spring. The route is at the far right edge of the south face of Parriot Mesa. Also on the south face, the farthest left splinter crack, just right of Yoga Master, *A Fat Crack Named Desire* (5.11, 4 pitches) was climbed by Keith Reynolds and Bob Novellino. Rob Slater has now climbed all the routes on the *Fisher Towers* and the *Mystery Towers* listed in the Bjørnstad *Desert Rock* climbing guide. Other ascents in the Mystery Towers were second ascents of climbs first done in October 1969 by Bill Forrest and Don Briggs: *Gothic Nightmare* (IV, 5.8, A3, 5 pitches) by Slater, John Sherman, Mike O'Donnel and Al Torrisi in May 1993; *Pink Pussycat* (5.9) by Slater, Torrisi and Jim Bodenhamer in November 1994; *Doric Column* (IV, 5.9, A2, 5 pitches) by Steve Bartlett and Chip Lee in April 1992 (third ascent in June 1992 by Slater and Sherman); *The Citadel* (IV, 5.7, A3, 5 pitches) in June 1992 by Slater and Sherman. Torrisi, Slater, Bodenhamer and Barry Roberts climbed *Cubic Sister* (5.11, A1) in November 1994. This is the first tower right of Baby Sister in the Sister Superior group. *Junior Buttress of the Convent* (IV, 5.10, A2, 4 pitches) was climbed by its south ridge by Slater, Bodenhamer and Bruce Hunter.

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*River Road Area, Dolofright, Spring 1994.* Along River Road, between Moab and Castle Valley and above Big Bend between Mile Markers 7 and 8, rises Dolomite Spire. It was first climbed with aid by Layton Kor, Joy Kor and Kordell Kor. It received its first free ascent this year. Tom Gilje and his wife Julie climbed *Dolofright*, a three-pitch route on the southwest arête of Dolomite Spire. It is reported to be sporty, with 25-foot runouts between bolts and wired stoppers behind flakes. The route has no moves harder than 5.11a but was given