

ers left of the Altar, and are the names given by the rangers. The Witch Head (5.10, five pitches) was climbed via the west face. This is the huge formation just right of the Sundial.

The Sundial (5.10+, seven pitches) was the last of the towers we climbed. Originally traversing across the east face, we attempted a route on the south face. After two death pitches on the horrid Whitecap sandstone, we retreated and climbed a route on the northwest face to the summit, thus having made the first ascents of all of Towers of the Virgin. We believe that water possibly exists in two pools year-round, the first beneath the south face of the Altar Of Sacrifice, and the other (and more likely) in a deep slot beneath the north face of the Sundial in a previously unexplored valley.

RON RAIMONDE

*West Temple, Gettin' Western.* On April 30, Andrew Nichols and I made the third ascent of *Gettin' Western* on the east face of the West Temple, one of the biggest walls in Zion.

In 1990, Brad Quinn and Darren Cope made the first ascent of this proud line. Several efforts over eight days eventually brought them to the summit. (Darren's uncle made the first ascent of the West Temple in the 1930s.) In 1993, Doug Hall and Doug Byerly made the second and first free ascent, an outstanding effort that included a crux pitch of 5.11 thin hands crack with minimal protection behind a hollow flake. Doug and Doug spent two days ascending and descending the route.

Andrew and I set off at midnight. Slightly lost, we climbed three pitches through a rock band to gain the lower flanks of the east face. We arrived at the base of the wall at about 4 a.m. and started climbing. The first 1,500 feet offers hard climbing on steep cracks (many 5.10 pitches with the occasional point of aid). By 2 p.m., we were eating lunch under a huge pine tree that sits on a ledge at about mid-height. Climbing the upper half of the route was somewhat like gardening, for the steep walls were covered with various types of plants, grasses and trees. They all offer good handholds. By 8 p.m. we pulled onto the top of the route.

We spent the night on the shoulder of the West Temple. In the morning, we set off for the main summit. The descent proved to be devious and very dangerous. Many loose blocks abound on the upper flanks of this proud sandstone mountain.

JONNY ALLEN, *unaffiliated*

*Right Twin, Paca-Lolo Dreams.* From October 15-October 20, Brad Bond, Bryan Smith and I climbed a new route, *Paca-Lolo Dreams* (V 5.9 A3-, seven pitches) about 350 feet right of *Peyote Dreams*. The climb begins in a 5.9 hand crack that had been climbed previously. Another pitch of free climbing and a pitch of aid gain the base of a major corner with a hand crack. This corner pitch is shared with *Lost in Transit*, a route that begins to the right of *Paca-Lolo Dreams*. After the major corner, three quality sustained aid pitches climb some splitter thin cracks. We placed six anchor bolts and six aid bolts in addition to drilling two incomplete holes for aid. I would encourage subsequent parties to complete the drilling of the two holes on pitch 5 and fill them with half-inch angles. No bolts were placed at belays shared with other routes (i.e., the first pitch and the corner of *Lost in Transit*).

BOULOS AYAD, *unaffiliated*

*Temple of Sinawava, Soul Craft.* On December 12, Karen Hilton and I completed the first ascent of *Soul Craft* (VI 5.11 A4+) on the steep wall left of the *Monkeyfinger* route. In