

Indian Creek, Various Activity. In Indian Creek, there is ever more development, little of which gets reported. Previously unreported is *Sports Page* (5.10), climbed by Steve DeFino and Jonathan McCue. The route is approximately 200 feet down the Newspaper Rock Nature Trail at the #7 marker post. On Reservoir Wall, Jay Smith and Dave Medera established two new routes. *Shattered Faith* (5.11a, 190') climbs a left-facing corner with a couple of roof pulls and is the second corner system left of Steve Hong's *Thank God for Pods*. *Goddamn* (5.12b/c) ascends a corner to a splitter crack just right of *Thank God for Pods*. In April, on Meat Wall, approximately 100 yards right of *T-Bones Tonight*, Carol Ciliberti, Will Gilmer and James Garrett established *No More Meatloaf* (5.11). The route is 25 feet right of *Camping Under the Influence*. A short chimney with a small roof marks the start of the climb.

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Valley of the Gods. In March, on the Seven Drunken Sailors formation, Mike Baker and Leslie Henderson established *Borracho Grande* (5.9 C2, two pitches, 180').

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Zion National Park

Zion, Various Ascents. A major route was established across from Angels Landing, between Weeping Rock and Touchstone. *Beyond the Pale* (VI A3 5.11a) was begun by Mike Baker and Leslie Henderson and finished by Baker and Chris Ducker. *A Future With No Days* (VI 5.8 A2+) was established by Ben Folsom and Lance Bateman. The route climbs a line between *Angel Hair* and *Empty Pages* on Angels Landing.

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The Sentinel, Brown-Eyed Girl. In late April, a certain Montana boy (who wishes to remain anonymous) and Joel Nolte climbed a new route on the north face of the Sentinel formation, in the Court of the Patriarchs. *Brown-Eyed Girl* (V+ 5.8 A3+) follows thin, bottoming cracks and seams up the left side of the steep, shield-like headwall. Not to be confused with the beautiful but (sadly) bolted crack to its right, our route has holes only for belays and for the crossing of blank terrain.

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Traverse of West Temple and Towers of the Virgin. On the spring equinox, Dan Stih and I made a complete traverse of the West Temple and the Towers of the Virgin. The idea materialized while making the first ascents of the towers in the winter of 1997. Dan and I originally climbed Altar of Sacrifice straight on, during a four-day push, fixing ropes and hauling as far as the plateau. Once on the plateau, we climbed each of the towers in succession. The following summer we planned a lightweight alpine-style traverse of the towers, including the West Temple, which would be used as a staging point.

In March, Dan and I climbed the Southwest Ridge of the West Temple (II 5.5) and made five rappels from trees and bushes into the hanging valley between the West Temple and the Sundial. We then made an exposed fourth-class traverse across the east face of the Sundial