

Utah

Fisher Towers, various ascents. Spaniards David Palmada and Esther Ollé established a route to which they gave the unprecedented rating of A6+ (the standard aid scale tops out at A5+). Their route, Look Out! Danger, took 13 days and climbs the northwest face of the Titan in 11 pitches. They drilled on one blank section, but did not bolt any belays.

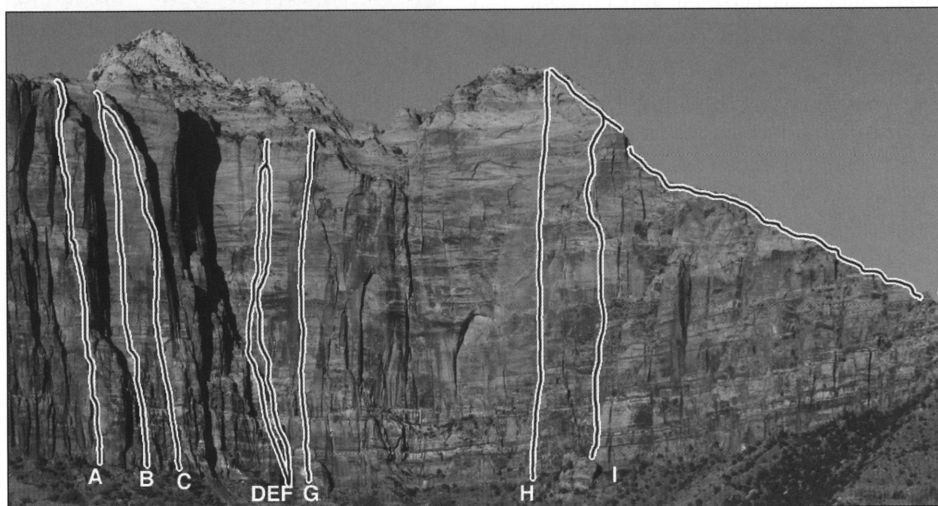
On the south face of King Fisher, Jeremy Aslaksen and Paul Gagner put-up Weird Science (V 5.7 A4 R), which begins 50' left of Death of American Democracy. The route took four days and, according to Aslaksen, ascends "a very thin series of seams/corners and blankety-blank."

Over the course of a few trips that included a 50' ledge fall and a broken foot, Jason Haas and Rob Pizem freed each pitch of West Side Story (9 pitches, 5.12c R), for the first free ascent of Cottontail. Haas later returned (foot healed), and freed every pitch on lead.

ZION NATIONAL PARK

Mt. Kinesava, Tatooine. In February Joe French, Zach Lee, and Caleb Padgett found, equipped, and freed a fantastic crack system on the south face of Kinesava. The route is the farthest left of the established routes (left of Arrakis), and a few bolts in a slightly overhanging di-himney mark the start. It is characterized by one continuous crack that rarely opens up to anything larger than hand-size. There is a comfortable bivvy for four atop pitch five. The upper buttress is reminiscent of Moonlight. Wherever the crack pinches off, face holds appear. The route is well equipped for speedy ascents and is sure to be a classic desert free-climb. Tatooine (15 pitches, IV 5.11).

NATHAN BROWN



Mt. Kinesava, south face: (A) Tatooine. (B) Arrakis. (C) Jolly Green Jam Crack. (D) & (E) Lhasa and Free Lhasa (unclear where they split). (F) Shake That Bear. (G) King's Corner. (H) Plumb Line. (I) The Millennium Falcon. (J) Cowboy Ridge. *Bryan Bird*