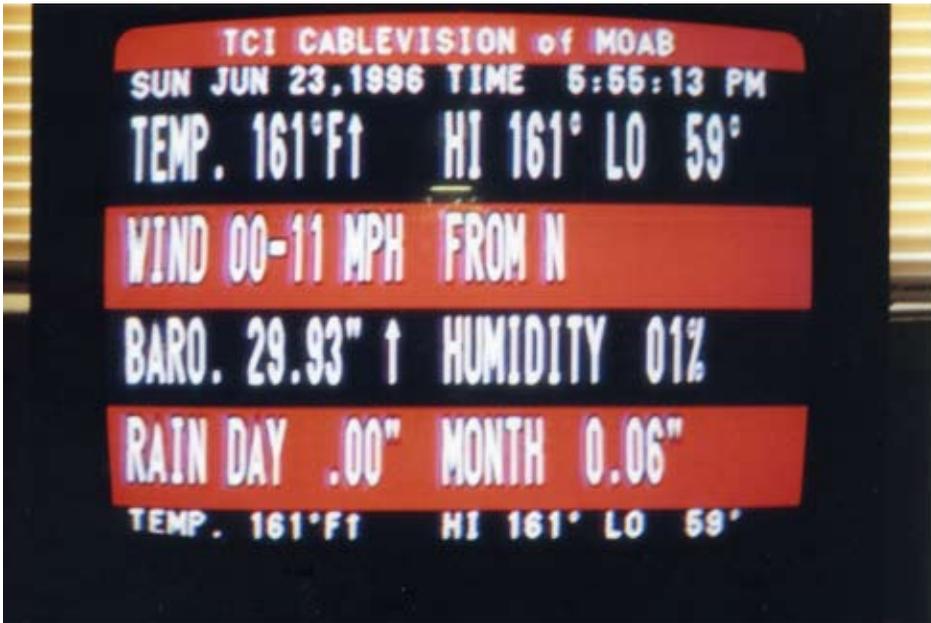


THE TELLIN' TAKES ME HOME

REMEMBERING THE CANYON COUNTRY...#3

By Jim Stiles



PROOF THAT GLOBAL WARMING began 15 years ago. The screen never lies. According to Moab's Channel 6 scanner, temperatures were already getting a bit uncomfortable as far back as 1996.

Somebody bring me another popsicle.



MAYOR TOM...

"New Moab" might believe that "Mayor Dave" has presided over the town since the late Triassic Age, but in what now seems like a different world, TOM STOCKS wore the mayor's badge for 16 years.

Colorful and controversial (we once got into a choking contest at Dave's Corner Market over a Zephyr story), Tom donned his yellow T-shirt every four years and won four consecutive terms...still a record.

You may have loved him or loathed him, but Tom Stocks was never dull.



THE BEGINNINGS OF THE WATER PARK...

Recently my hero JENNIFER SPEERS did it again. She bought the unsightly King World Water Park and is in the process of restoring the scarred hillside. Here is a shot of the water park from more than a decade ago, when the water slide was in the process of being installed.

Who says you can't reverse history?

*And I'll sing about an emptiness
the East has never known,
Where coyotes don't pay taxes
and a man can live alone,
And you've got to walk forever
just to find a telephone.
It's sad,
but the telling takes me home.*

* "THE TELLIN' TAKES ME HOME"

By Utah Phillips

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THE END OF THE CANYONLANDS CAFE...1993

For decades Moab had three greasy spoon cafes where Moabites gathered to debate the issues of the day. The Canyonlands Cafe met its demise in 1993. The Westerner Grill followed a couple years later. Only Milt's Stop n' eat survives...

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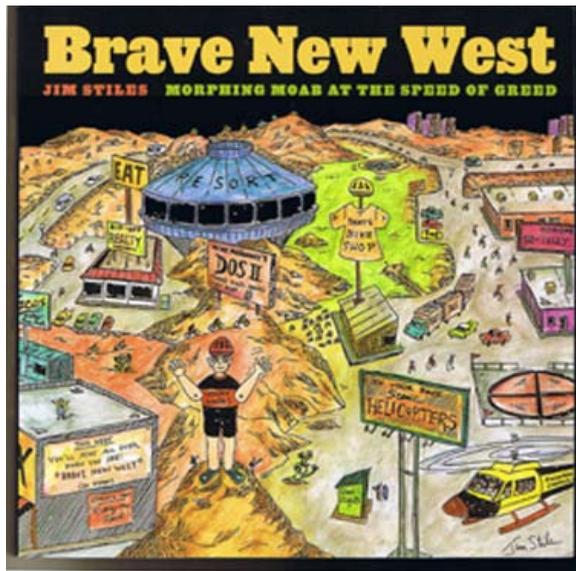
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"Jim Stiles holds up a mirror to those of us living in the American West, exposing issues we may not want to face. We are all complicit in the shadow side of growth. His words are born not so much out of anger but a broken heart. He says he writes elegies for the landscape he loves, that he is "hopelessly clinging to the past." I would call Stiles a writer from the future. Brave New West is a book of import because of what it chooses to expose."

-- Terry Tempest Williams
author of - RED -
Passion and Patience in the Desert

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