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..... Moab, Utah

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Mr. Hugh M. Miller, Superintendent
Southwestern National Monuments
Coolidge, Arizona

Dear Hugh:

This part of the country has at last been favored with a little sunshine and the past three weeks of heavy fog have left us with a greater appreciation of the Moab sunshine. It seems that every time I boast a little in the report about our fine climate the weather man does all he can to make me out a prevaricator. We are about to pack our extras and start for Coolidge so you will probably have heard all there is in this report before you ever get a chance to read it.

Our house has been, literally, "sold from under us". Moab is to have a new modern tourist court and the builders elected to pick our present place of residence as the most likely location in town. We are glad to see this much needed improvement come to Moab but are having a hard time finding a place to live.

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By Henry G. Schmidt, custodian
Moab, Utah

Travel this month, 44

Travel to date, 704.

Weather

Every time I brag a bit about the climate or the fine weather we usually enjoy in this section of the country, we get a good dose of the kind of mark we don't care to advertise. The past month was dull and very damp, with 90% fog, 5% rain, 4% snow and 1% sunshine. The only unpleasant elements lacking were high winds and dust storms. The weather man blames our plight on a pocket of stagnant air that is present in this region but predicts that the recent warm spell will precipitate this air pocket

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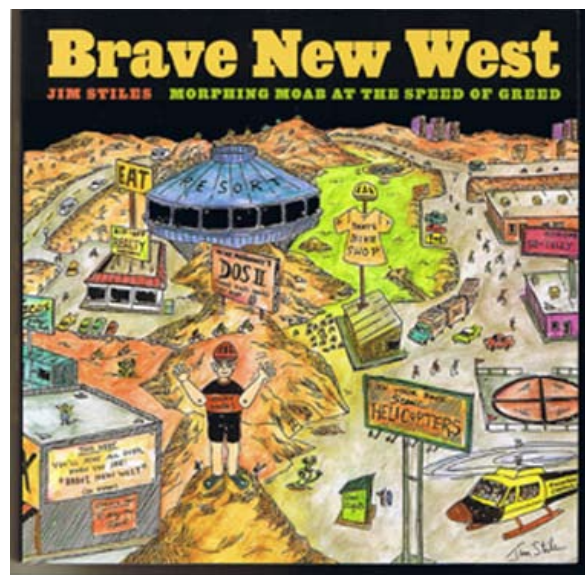
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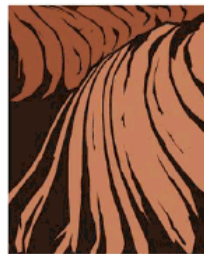
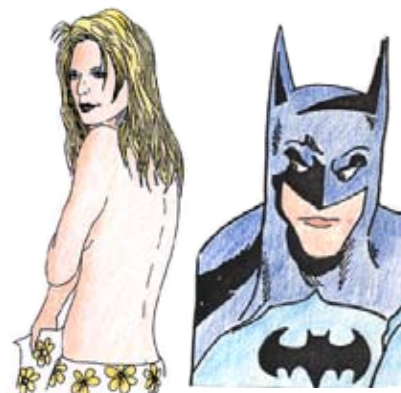
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