

winnowed for Whistling Season 11 Feb. '03

Shyanne wdn't review videos in black-and-white (or w/ subtitles)

--roadside white crosses: starry sky, as if full of them (on Blackfeet resvn)

Mariah?
--~~Tam~~ photographs white crosses by moonlight, eerieness as in ~~And~~ Ansel Adams' Hermosa pic.

Drought summer of '85: Montana was stopped in its tracks. Farming and ranching were having awful year, coal sales were down, Gt. Falls and Butte and Anaconda hit with unemployment, timber was down; not even much tourist traffic by the time we came home, July 10.

--in Gt. Falls, in Rainbow Hotel lounge empty at lunch except for the 2 of us, on table were little cards with ~~sucker~~ smiley face and saying, I'm optimistic about Great Falls. A bad sign, C and I agreed.

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see w/ Twin S Springs

veterinarians noticing higher incidence of dogs w/ kicked-in ribs during hard times. (Mary Clearman Blew's interview in Talking Up a Storm)

The Freeman, so called, cooped up in (a hut) in the Missouri Breaks,

reported by Dave Walter 12/96 (and I think we saw it last summer, too):

"sign on U.S. 93 near Ronan--The Cappuccino Cowboy--A Coffeeshouse"

sweatshirt that read: "Alcohol and gas don't mix, but gas alone isn't a bad drink."

--Jean Godden column, Seattle Times p. B1, Sept. 18, '96

in Montana, "gun control means a steady trigger finger"

from Mariah "misc." filecd

Time changes at either end of Montana (Pac. Zone to west, Central to East)
 , and coming in from the West they lost an
 hour.

THE MONTANIANS

use Montana's license plates:

the license plates read 56 now (or whatever state's highest is), 00 county.

@ next table

the geezerville, (rest home? morning coffeeklatch such as in Log
Cabin in Choteau?)

A white cross along highway near Twin Sulphur Springs marks auto death of Mitch's first (high school) girlfriend.

sign in Townsend, MT: The Two Dagos
Java--Espresso

farmland near airports (Mitch notes): the meeting of...

The worst hair this side of Lyle Lovett.