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)

—Tam photographs white crosses by moonlight, eerieness as in 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.
veterinarians noticing higher incidence of dogs w/ kicked-in ribs during hard times. (Mary Clearman Blew's interview in Talking Up a Storm)
The Freemen, 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 Coffeehouse"
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"
Time changes at either end of Montana (Pac. Zone to west, Central to East), and coming in from the West they lost an hour.
use Montana's license plates:

the license plates read 56 now (or whatever state's highest is), 00 county.
geezer ville (rest home? morning coffee klatch 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.