

Psychic says cities safe from Skylab

The sky may be falling, but Sister Rose says Oregonians can breathe a sigh of relief; they won't be in the path of the falling debris.

Sister Rose, a member of the International Psychic Healing Center in Portland, says the fear over Skylab's fiery re-entry sometime Wednesday is over-exaggerated. Nothing will hit an Oregonian — and that's God's will.

"It is not going to fall here, you understand," Sister Rose says. "It will fall where God wants it to fall."

Where that will be, even the National Aeronautical and Space Administration (NASA) doesn't know just yet. The space agency said last week that the descending 77.5-ton space station will begin to enter the earth's atmosphere sometime between this evening and Thursday night.

When Skylab begins to fall, the area of danger from falling debris will be anywhere along an orbital path 4,000 miles long and 100 miles wide, excluding the North Pole and Antarctica. Most NASA predictions say the space station will crash somewhere across the African continent or in the Indian Ocean.

Sister Rose, however, says that prediction could be faulty. Skylab will fall away from any city where no one will see it, she explains.

"It will fall in the water or near the mountains. No one will be killed by the debris."

The International Psychic Healing Center deals mainly in helping people around the nation find out if they can be healed from every form of malady.

Only recently the center has dealt in calls from persons worried that they won't make it through the Skylab crash.

While some people worry about the falling space station, others around the nation have been selling Skylab repellent (it works because no one who uses it has been hit by a satellite yet) or painting targets on their houses and cars (the government couldn't hit anything it tried to anyway, they say).

The latest NASA prediction, which changed the date of re-entry from Friday, July 13, to today, says the space station should begin breaking up over the Northwest sometime in the evening and will finally hit the ground nearly 5,000 miles away.



Graphic by Tom Ettel

Renter program offers refunds

Renters should take particular notice of the packets from the Internal Revenue Service which should already have been mailed. The new homestead and renter relief program should not be confused with the homeowner renter tax relief program.

Bill Baine, Lane County assessor, says the application deadline for the program is August 1 with the refund based on the amount of tax paid.

There is an income ceiling of \$17,500 required for eligibility in the homeowner and renter

refund program, which is still in effect. In the new program, however, there is no income ceiling. Every renter is eligible and the refund amounts to 4.7 percent of rent paid, in addition to any refund received under the old program.

In the old program the maximum amount received is \$400, while under the new bill the refund ceiling is \$800.

If people don't receive the forms, they should contact the Eugene office of the Oregon Department of Revenue, says

Baine.

While homeowners should mail their forms directly to the Lane County Assessors Office, renters should mail theirs to the Oregon Department of Revenue.

Persons with questions about either program should contact the Lane County Assessors Office at 687-4314.

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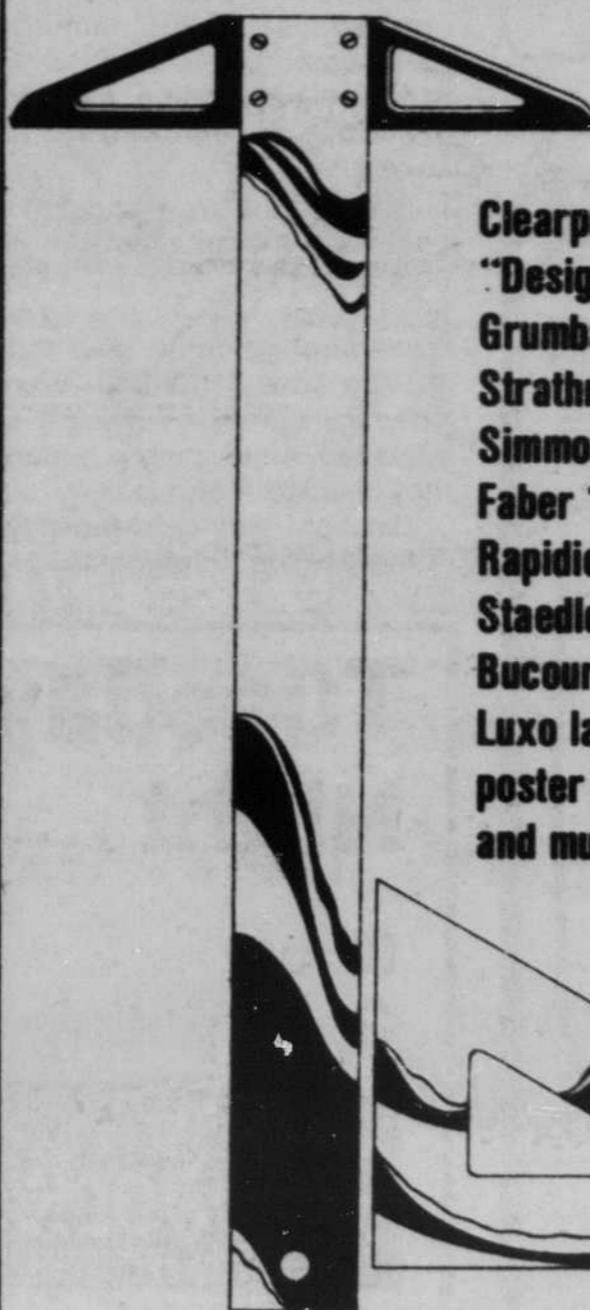
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