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**HHS spring program Thurs.**

Heppner High School band and chorus' spring program has been scheduled for this Thursday, May 7, at 7:30 p.m. at the high school gym. The program will include solos and duets as well as group participation. The program is under the direction of Kitty Coon, vocal, and Don Bryce, instrumental. The program is free of charge and open to the public.

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Monday through Thursday - 1 to 5 p.m.  
 Thursday - Story Hour, 10:30 a.m.  
 Thursday evening - 7 to 9 p.m.  
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 Saturday - 2 to 4 p.m.

**Animals, Animals everywhere**



It was "Animal Songs Galore" last Thursday at Heppner Elementary School as kindergarten through fourth-grade students entertained a full house of parents, teachers, siblings and interested onlookers with a rousing selection of songs about animals. The students performed under the direction of vocal instructor Kitty Coon and teachers/Cherry Webber, Judy Maas, Pat Edmundson, Donna Weed, Marilyn Post, Phyllis Payne, Mary Fleck, Millie Hanna and Karen Dubuque.

**From the other side—**

(Editor's note: The following letter, a periodic feature of the Gazette-Times, was written by Janet McElligott, a former lone woman who is studying at the University of Portland at Salzburg, Austria. McElligott was one of only 36 people in the U.S. chosen to participate in the overseas study program. An Ione High School graduate, she is the daughter of Jerry and Maryann McElligott, Ione.)

Several days before Easter my girlfriend, Lenora, wrote, "Why do you want to go to Rome Sunday? You never received a reply from the letter you wrote and do you really think that two girls from America are going to even get a glimpse of the Pope? Be realistic." Why be realistic? It had never been my motto before this time and most likely "realistic" is not a word I often apply, at least to myself. I seem to opt more for chance and "unrealistic" goals. The things that have happened to me this year haven't been ordinary.

During Christmas time I bumped into Natalie Tews (who's schooling in Norway this year) at the Munich train station, totally by chance. In February Lenora and I somehow finagled two tickets to the most prestigious European social event, the Vienna Opera Ball, and found ourselves being interviewed for a Texan newspaper. Later that night, while exploring the opera house, I wandered into the center box and was invited to stay. So why should seeing the Pope on Easter Sunday pose great obstacles?

I don't know how many of you remember Deacon Joe - he was ordained in St. Patrick's sometime last summer. When he learned I was going overseas he introduced me to a fellow seminarian who had grown up next door to Paul Marcinkus, who is now a bishop living in Rome.

In October I wrote to Bishop Marcinkus and asked if it would be possible to attend an audience with the Pope. I received a jovial note saying, "Let me know a couple days in advance and I'll arrange it for you." He also mentioned that audiences are held on Wednesday so that since I was in school, logically the best thing to do would be to come in May when school got out.

It struck me in Theology class, about the first week of April. Easter weekend, which was a four-day weekend, was three weeks away and I had no plans. Where would any good Catholic, only 20 hours away from Rome, want to be on the most important religious holiday? 660 Austrian schillings (seven cents to a schilling) away. So I wrote another letter.

I didn't receive a reply: Italian mail is famous for its speed, until Good Friday, two days before the great Sunday. We'd all but abandoned going. It was on Thursday that Leonora had written the note. When the letter came we hopped on our bikes, made a mad dash to the post, called Rome and made sure our tickets were being held by the Swiss guards. From there it was about a block to the bank for lire (Italian currency) and enough money for a train ticket.

Our train was to leave at 7:15 p.m. that night but due to the rearrangement of the Salzburg Bahnhof (train station) we missed our train and had to play "catch-up." It was a wonder we even reached Rome.

We arrived in Rome Saturday afternoon. (We'd hopped off the train for a few hours of shopping in Florence at the open-market.) The sun was shining and the birds chirping. Worn out from the long ride we'd decided on an early night and slept.

Our tickets read, "Scala" which means "steps." The altar was placed outside of St. Peter's Cathedral facing the open square with chairs on both sides for, I assumed, visiting dignitaries. According to my assumption (presumed it was correct) I was a visiting dignitary. I sat four chairs in from the right hand side of the altar. To my left three chairs sat two Polish priests, one who spoke English and I conversed with. The other was rumored to be the Pope's brother. (I'm not sure if he even has a brother.) At any rate we seemed to be in the heart of the Polish section. It was only later that I dwelled on the reason I was where I was - decided it must have been my IQ. The Polish aren't said to have much there either.

The Mass was beautiful and the Pope was so close I had to focus my camera. Not quite what I had expected but I couldn't have asked for more. Thanks Father Joe! I owe it all to you!

Love,  
 Janet

**Julie Grieb elected OSU senate officer**

Julie Grieb, Lexington, has been chosen senator for the school of agriculture for the 1981-82 school year at elections held recently at Oregon State University. Included in the election were 34 student senators, as well as Memorial Union student activity officers and senior class leaders. Grieb is a freshman at OSU.

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**Wheat earmarked for food reserve**

Secretary of Agriculture Bob Bergland recently said four million tons of wheat owned by the Commodity Credit Corporation will be used to constitute the nation's first food security reserve. "With this action, we have realized a goal set by the Carter Administration to create a reserve which should help guarantee that this country will be able to meet its priority food aid commitments to developing nations. It will help to ensure that the United States is a dependable supplier of food aid even in years of short supply," Bergland said.

Legislation to create such a reserve was introduced in 1978, however, it was not until last December that authorizing legislation was passed by the Congress and signed by the President.

"Wheat from this reserve will be used only for food aid and then, only when the domestic supply of wheat is so

limited that sufficient quantities of wheat cannot be made available for disposition under P.L. 480 programs," Bergland said. "This insulates the security reserve from the marketplace and prevents the stored wheat from depressing commercial grain prices when supplies are more readily available."

The United States has been a major source of food aid to developing countries during the past 25 years. During that time, the United States has provided more than \$27 billion worth of commodities to help meet food needs of these countries.

Between 1973 and 1975, when world grain supplies were in short supply, the United States cut back on its food assistance to meet commercial demands just when the need for food aid was abnormally large. The food security reserve will help permit this nation to maintain food assistance programs when supplies are short.

Bergland said "Maintaining a regular level of food aid is also important to the economic well-being of U.S. agricultural producers and the economies of both the United States and recipient countries," Bergland said. "We know from past experience that many nations that have received significant quantities of food aid have become major commercial customers of U.S. agricultural products."

The CCC has already acquired the four million tons of wheat comprising the reserve as a result of direct purchases from producers and assumption of contracts cancelled by the suspension of sales to the Soviet Union. A small portion of the reserve—300,000 tons—can be used under Title II provisions without regard to domestic supply availabilities to meet urgent humanitarian relief in developing countries suffering a major disaster.

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