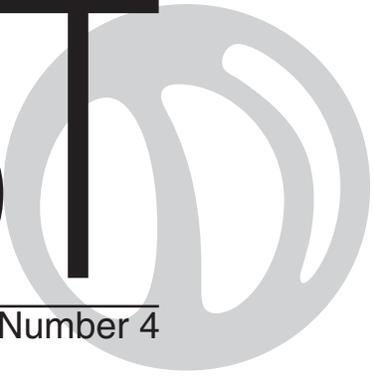

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[SC] I have been reading the past three issues of the apa with interest but I have once again fallen behind in responding. I apologize for my recent lack of participation. I appreciate your patience.

■ Brief comments on #206

[SC] Thanks to **Jae** for another peculiar, but appropriate, cover. I enjoyed **Jerome's** essay on the Merovingians. The reference to them in the *Matrix Reloaded* sailed past me, but I appreciated the history lesson. **Greg** was steamed about the Administration lying to us, which seemed pretty obvious to me all along when they repeatedly refused to provide credible evidence of Iraq's WMD threat. I was impressed by his recounting of their busy social schedule in July and August. **Georgie** wrote in more detail about their trip to the State Fair. I have been to the Iowa State Fair, but never to Wisconsin's. Being only an hour away from us, we should make to effort to go some year. Georgie asked about the current batch of Democratic hopefuls. Most of them supported the war in Iraq so I consider them losers at once. I don't trust Howard Dean, he reminds me of Bill Clinton. Dennis Kucinich is probably the most attractive candidate from an ideological standpoint, but when we saw his brief appearance on the *Daily Show*, he was a total dud. Hard to see him standing a chance. And I never support Generals for President. At this point in time, I haven't seen anyone worth getting excited about. **Kathi** wrote encouragingly about the Atkins diet which Jeanne and I are currently eyeing. We may be in touch, Kathi, for those recipes you perfected. The Wiccan Wedding sounded like a fine time. **Velma** wrote a harrowing description of her trip home after the lights went out. That must have been scary. **Soren** had a scary time during the blackout, too. It would have been hard to be safe at home only to worry about your partner getting home safely from Manhattan. Thanks to both of you for writing about your experiences. We were thinking of you as we followed the news updates. Congratulations to Soren on his singing. I know what stage fright feels like and I applaud anyone who can conquer it to do something fun. **Paul** offered welcome insights into the state of the Iraq war, which are largely still accurate three months later. He also offered more provocative thoughts on America's military track record since WWII, which I largely agree with. His comments drew a few responses in subsequent issues, but relatively little feedback on his equally interesting piece on golf and equally tough assessment of Tony Blair's government. This was a really meaty issue, and one I expect to be referencing back to for some time to come. Bravo Paul. Welcome back to *Turbo* to **Don**, who will no doubt drive some folks crazy with his hand written zines, but who wrote compellingly about the rough time he's had lately. I find his stuff both fun to read and refreshing for its basic honesty. I enjoyed **Hope** and **Karl's** vacation piece especially because Jeanne and I had visited Rocky Mountain National Park a few years ago and your description reminded me of the good time we had there. Thanks also to **Vicki** for her description of what she did when the lights went out. We are relieved everyone got safely through the experience. In your comment to us, I hope you are right about Ken MacLeod coming to America in the future.

■ Brief comments on #207

[SC] Fabulous cover by **Jeannie Bergmann**. I continue to be amused by each and every installment of the latest news from Comrade **Jerome**. I was struck again by the power of **Lisa's** writing in her very fine piece on her trip to Boothbay Harbor. **Andy** took us on an entertaining walk in the "Issaquah Alps" area. **Don** describes his recent run of bad luck, but lightens his sad tale with whimsical draw-

ings. **Kim** describes his commute to Plymouth to work these days. Let's hope that doesn't last long, what a pain in the ass that must be. **Jim's** zine is an entertaining hodgepodge of activities. Good luck with the band, Jim. **Ruth** weighed in with a thoughtful comment to **Lisa** and an update on Mia in jail. Ruth, I hope you have found a decent job by now. It sounded like you had some good possibilities. **Greg** starts out with a completely appropriate rant about the EPA bending to pressure from the Administration and the death of a child as a result of religious abuse. He continues with a rundown of their busy social activities which so often sound like great fun. Greg also gave us another positive perspective on the Atkins plan. We're about sold. I have to read the book about it next. Thanks to **Georgie** for the nicely detailed review of APT's Hamlet, which we missed this year. We also enjoyed *Open Range* which I felt was a surprisingly thoughtful character study. I am a great fan of good Westerns. **Maureen** returns to *Turbo* to bring us up to date on her busy life. And news of a new cat! I can't believe they got another cat, but the cute picture helps to explain how that happened. It's too bad Maureen and **Paul** aren't living over here where we could spoil them rotten with invites and attention, but the down side of that is (in case they haven't noticed from reading the apa) all anyone would ever feed them over here are slabs of meat and cheese and platefuls of eggs, as everyone gradually switches over to the Atkins diet. The food may be better right where they are. Lonely, but at least not hungry. **Jae** writes about TorCon. I always like to read convention reports, but I can't say I cared about missing WorldCon this year. Even the photos in this month's Locus didn't make me miss it, but I'd really have enjoyed visiting Toronto. It is one of a handful of North American cities I have always wanted to see. Thanks for taking us to both, Jae. **Jeannie** is next with a very red zine. I am very sorry about your loss of DSL access, Jeannie. We just got it this year and I am afraid that I am totally and completely addicted to it. I don't know if I would be able to go back to dial up. Let's hope you don't have to wait years to get it back. **Tom** brings up the rear to confirm (99%) the purchase of their new house. Congratulations.

▣ Comments on #208 Business

[SC] It looks like our membership is standing at about 15 regular members with two possible new members, Margo and Hal/Ulrika. We could use a few more people. I recently attempted to recruit a new couple, but they declined in the end. I have a few more possible candidates, but I encourage everyone to be alert for good potential members.

▣ Lisa Freitag

[SC] I always love travel stories and your travels across the country last summer were truly extensive and entertaining. Thanks for taking us along for part of the ride. I was surprised that you concluded that the problems you noticed with the American Niagara Falls area were the fault of the park. I seriously doubt the park had anything to do with it.

I am a little embarrassed to admit that I have never visited Iowa's capital building. I have only seen it from a distance.

▣ Kim and Kathi Nash

[SC] Kathi, our condolences on the death of your father.

▣ Velma deSelby Bowen

[SC] Congratulations to both of you on your third anniversary and for continuing to pursue singing.

▣ Vicki Rosenzweig

[SC] Good news about Andy's job. Let's hope your job interview turns out as well.

Thanks for the Albacon report. Sounds like you had a lovely time in a lovely place.

▣ Jae Leslie Adams

[SC] I wanted to tell you what a good job you did running down a short history of alternative membership/submission arrangements *Turbo* has experienced over the years to **Jim** and **Ruth**. The reminder was much needed. I'd forgotten about some of those examples. It pays to check back through the archives from time to time to see just where we have already been.

In your comment to me on the true origin of the 21st of the month deadline, I guess you have become the keeper of *Turbo* history now. There aren't many folks around who have complete runs of the apa to look back and check the facts. Arrr.

▣ Paul Kincaid

[SC] Wonderful piece on Warren Zevon. I have a general familiarity with his work, though I only own one of his albums. He was relatively popular with college audiences and Madison was a city he visited regularly. His shows here were always well attended and enthusiastic. He will be missed.

I hope you feel free to write more about music here in *Turbo*. I think *Turbo* has historically hosted many excellent pieces about music and I usually end up learning a lot and adding to my music collection.

Greg Rihn

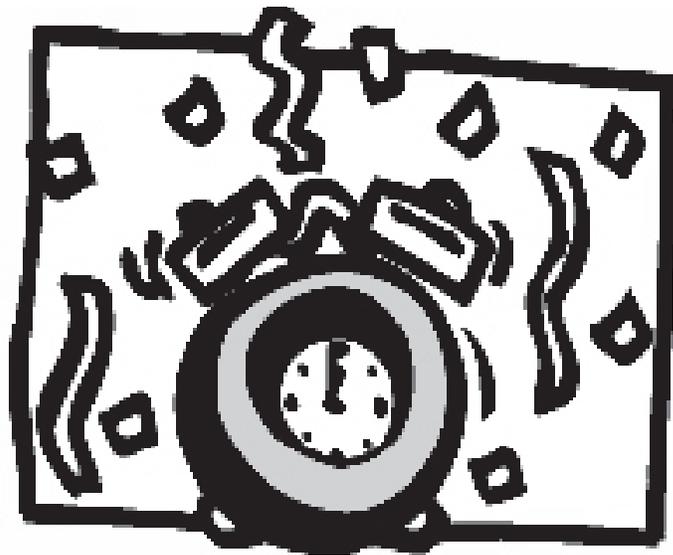
[SC] Congratulations on the newer car. Our Sable is a similar vintage to your old one. Ours is a '93 with over 120,000 miles. We'd also like to get something a little newer. We are ready to settle for any color as long as it isn't beige.

We also attended that last performance of *The Tempest*. It was such a perfect fall evening, cool enough to keep us huddled under our coats and blankets, Jeanne sipping hot chocolate with butterscotch schnapps and me with my coffee and brandy. The actors were in fine form. This was my second experience with this play at APT. I especially liked Ariel and the set design this time, but I think I slightly preferred overall the earlier production I saw.

Thank you for your fine response to **Andy** on WisCon.

Georgie Schnobrich

[SC] Jeanne and I were both shocked and saddened by the news that you may also be losing your job of 19 years at the library. We know how happy you were there and it is terrible that you have to give it up. We hope your trip to Ireland helps the pain of this loss.



New Year's Eve Party

at Jeanne & Scott's house

8 pm till you give up!

**Supper will be served
shortly after the midnight Ruckus.**

There will be plenty of snacks and beverages.

The only rule: no confetti!

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