

# Turpitude



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Time has passed quickly for me during these past three months ~ sorry that I have not got anything in SLANapa. You know how it is, when nothing seems to happen and even the mailing comment hooks seem woefully dispersed.

My youngest daughter, Rebecca, got married. She and her boy friend of some years eloped without anyone's knowledge; quite a surprise for us. My other daughter, Jenny, hosted a reception for her in Portland, Oregon. It was well attended by lots of friends and family. I was particularly pleased that the groom's family flew out from Utah to be there. Nice people with a farm/ranch background; they were very personable. Russ, the groom, is liked by all of us and we are delighted to have in officially in the family.

Frank and AnnaJo came down for it, giving me MY friends to talk with when I got a bit reclusive. Thank

you for coming, Frank; you were a big help to me!

Christmas arrived with snow and bad weather. Many of the Family that were going to come to Stayton for the holidays could not get here, so we had a pretty quiet time of it. Which was fine. Ryan, my two year old grandson, was there, expending energy as if it were infinite. We had a great time with him. He liked opening presents. He had the most fun with the cardboard boxes and the round tubes from wrapping paper.

Ned: I blame the commanding officers of the facilities for the disgusting reality of DVA accommodations. I cannot believe that they did not have the manpower to keep things painted, cleaned, and devoid of vermin. It does not surprise me that the Bushes were not aware of the troubles. Our DVA units here in Oregon are over-used but still kept reasonably clean

and appealing. They could use more doctors but much good work gets done.

I, too, was surprised that Obama won in the primaries. I did not vote for him at the presidential election, but I wish him well. He could be just what we need or a disaster; I fervently hope for the former. I rather miss going to a voting booth; we have mail in voting here. Perhaps he can even run the Patriot Act back to a Constitutional level.

Jerry: For someone who wasn't going to mention politics, Obama shows up throughout your zine. I'm glad. Please continue. I hope that you political folks in the apa will keep us posted on how well he does as President.

I, too, don't watch the current television cycle. I suppose I miss a lot, but there just isn't time for TV. I used to spout that I watch a lot of movies, but even that isn't true any more.

Matthew: Did you get exposed to Red Dwarf at home? Cousin Dale gave me VHS tapes of it and we learned



to appreciate it a lot. You may have missed it then, but we had great fun with it. // I have enjoyed FACEBOOK more than I expected I would. It is fun to send a quick note to friends ~ and get one back!

Bob: It sounds like you're getting right into the college whirl. Good luck. My children all made it through, almost entirely on scholarships and loans. The loans are proving to be a great obstacle to them, but they certainly spared the family tremendous expenses, expenses that we likely could not have met. // I must say I enjoy your movie reviews. They put me in mind of a great book I just discovered, "A Literary History of the United States" by Barrett Wendell. It was written in 1907, but has all the crust of a 2009 book. He is quite short tempered on his reviews and has many comments that lead the reader to think. I liked the book so much that I also bought a volume of his letters; very good reading.

Dale: Well do I remember the days of "before the computer"! I didn't get near so much done. I admit that having one has cut down on my reading time, but I am soooo much more connected with people that it is worth it. Take Facebook for example; every morning I have five or six messages from friends and I like that. It makes me feel that I am not wholly a recluse.





I am certainly grateful for your recording of so many interesting-looking sitcoms. I have it in the back of my mind that if the day came when I would want to watch some “regular” television, I could just bop over to your humble abode and borrow a DVD or two. I get much pleasure from this and am saved a lot of work. Thank you. // “Surrender, Dorothy” for December was quite a piece. Your mailing comments expose such wrath, disappointment, and rage that I am overwhelmed. // I am beginning to change my mind on queer marriage. Having the fiction of “proper behavior” die will only change things for a few of us who live in a dreamworld, and what does that matter. The tides of culture will be controlled by the mass of people.

Dee: What do you mean that you have learned to “watch shows on the internet”? I’m all for finding ways to easily watch shows and perhaps even download them, but I do not know what is available or how it is available. Is this what you mean? // 2008 being the year that it was meant no Christmas gifts, except to our grandson, Ryan. Saved a lot of money and worry.

Gary: Your review of Chicago makes me wonder if I am a dull lad. I liked it a lot. There was a good variety of songs, there was not a complicated plot to distract, and the characters were more than cardboard but not too complicated.

