



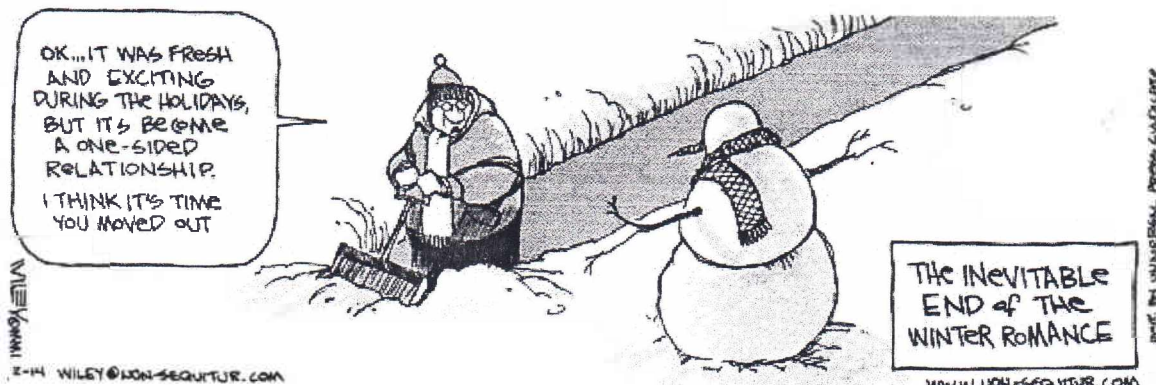
Home with the Armadillo #46 is brought to you by Liz Copeland of 3243 165th Ave. SE, Bellevue WA 98008. Phone number is 425-641-0209. Email is received at lizc@nwlinc.com. Done in March 2001, for SFPA 220.

It's been a hectic couple of months. I finished the quilt that's on the cover, the Seven of Cups. The finished size is 24x36 inches which we picked as giving the same ratio as one of the major deck publishers uses. I still have The Magician to finish, and this spring, now that it's finally here, is being a particularly bad allergy season. So, this is a teensy string saver of a zine.

I wanted to do a zine this time to let everyone know about the SFPA Jinx. See, last zine, I mentioned that winter was over. A few weeks later, we had 5 inches of snow. I also talked about getting a technical job and we promptly had so many layoffs in dot com companies that there are thousands of programmers out of work and looking for jobs. My chances: zilch. So, I wanted to warn people not to discuss things that are mere possibilities or you too might suffer from the SFPA Jinx. This means that I won't be talking about what I have in the works right now either.

So, what can I talk about? Well, we had Allie's 16th birthday and she got a tattoo. This was the alternative to a belly piercing which our acupuncturist said would mess up the energy flow. Instead, she got 2 orchids on her right hip in the back.

We also lost one of our cats. Holly, who was probably at least 14, developed cancer although it wasn't detectable for weeks after she started losing weight and becoming lethargic. We ended up having to put her down when it reached the point that she wouldn't leave the bed even to get food. She was obviously in pain although she never got grumpy with us. A sweet kitty for the whole time we had her.



Sheila Simonson - Lark series

Larkspur, Skylark, and Mudlark are the first 3 books in the Lark series. Reading a series in a gulp as I sometimes do is a test of fire for an author. Any little annoying writing mannerisms will be obvious. Ditto any serious defects in writing skill. Sheila Simonson passes with honors. I enjoyed each of these books and am getting the next 2 out of the library asap. Lark, the main character, starts out owning a bookstore in a small town on the California/Oregon border. Her mother is a poet of national prominence, her father is a history professor and she was an Olympic basketball player. Good character development, decent plots, excellent settings. (California, London, Olympic peninsula) recommend to those who like an intellectual mystery with interesting conversations.

In the Garden of Iden, Kage Baker

thanks for the recommendations. Interesting mix of history and sci-fi, lots of room for development. First in the series.

The rest of the series is also good. She continues to develop the characters and extend the basic storyline in an interesting way.

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