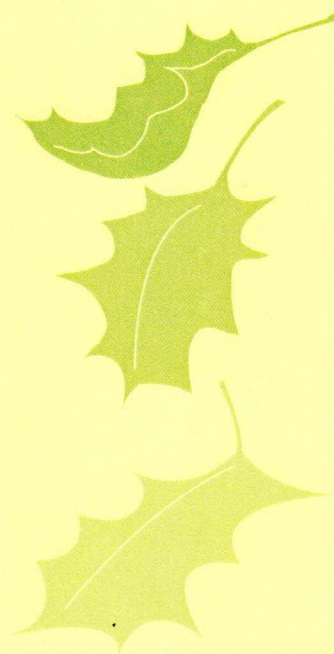


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My quilt, Where's my Mommy?, made it back home in time for me to finish stitching down the edges of the buildings and then be rushed off to the opening exhibit in Cary, North Carolina. It will be there until February 27th. We got a list from the curator via email that I have pasted in below. She hasn't said yet which quilts will go to Barcelona, but I am crossing my fingers and hoping. I'm also looking forward to seeing the exhibit in Portland this summer.

The touring exhibition of AMERICA: From the Heart, consisting of 125 of these incredibly moving quilts, will open in Cary, NC at the Page-Walker Arts Center tomorrow. Other venues already committed to show the tour quilts are shown below:

- ❖ Patchwork & Quilt Expo -- Palacio de Congresos, Barcelona, Spain -- April 4-7 (selections from the exhibit only)
- ❖ Spring Quilt Market -- trade show with this exhibit and the Bernina Fashion Show open to the public -- Kansas City, Bartle Hall -- May 17-19
- ❖ NYQuilts! -- important regional show at Russell Sage College in Troy, NY -- June 8-9
- ❖ Embellishment -- Oregon Convention Center, Portland Oregon -- July 18-20

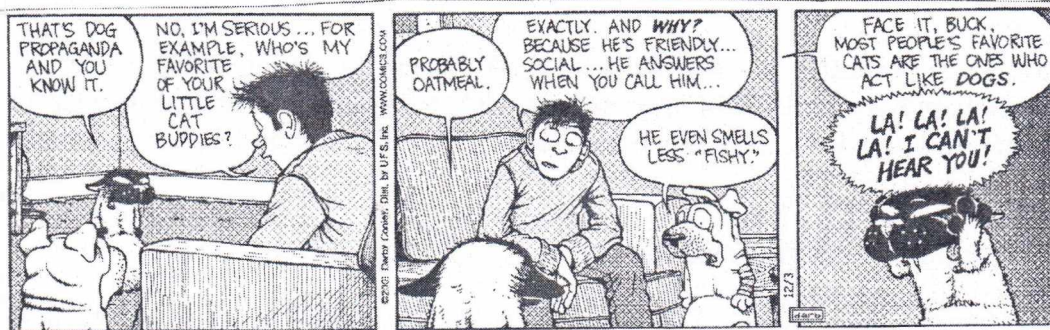
This is the good news this month. The bad news is that we had some unexpected expenses, which put a big hole in our budget, and we will probably be spending all our vacation money on taking Allie to visit colleges. So, no DSC. I am very disappointed and will try to find some way to finance the trip back east, but right now, it doesn't look very good.

Reviews

Kiss of Shadows by **Laurell K. Hamilton** is a very good book. I enjoyed it tremendously and I'm glad to see that she's branching out from her Anita Blake books. It takes place in the same universe as the Blake books, where vampires, zombies, werewolves and other assorted creatures actually exist. But this book deals with the faeries. Allie says the beginning part, which is sort of film noir, takes too long to set up, but we agree that once past that, it's a wild ride. It's also obviously the first in a series as we are left with a lot of unresolved issues, but that's okay, the book is a good read on its own and I like series. And in a few years, I'll have 2 Hamilton series to reread. Oh, boy, what fun.

10 Things I hate about you is one of those films that I wouldn't have seen without Allie being here and urging it on us. It turns out to be a very good update of the Taming of the Shrew with a good sense of humor and good casting. Worth seeing. And a good soundtrack. Even if they did film this alleged Seattle high school in Tacoma...

The Job starring Dennis Leary is a TV series that I would never even have heard about without Hal being around. He's started us all watching it and it is funny. I'm amazed that they cram the whole thing into 30 minutes. Check it out if you liked Hill Street Blues, or you like Leary. Some bizarre stuff happens but it all seems very plausible when it's happening.



Mailing Comments on SFPA 224

The Southerner/JOEff

I hope the first class dues thing works better than the accounts did. The accounts weren't such a problem when it was only a couple of people but with this many people, it got to be a real pain to keep track of.

The New Port News/Brooks

"This is a family apa, George, we really don't need to hear about a werewolf rubbing his front on a tree..." I guess this means I need to stop reviewing the Laurell K. Hamilton's books because they are definitely not family book. Why our local library lists them in the Young Adult section is beyond me... I guess they assume only teenagers would be interested in horror type things.

Allie and I took a jewelry class once which had a something very similar to a Dremel with a foot pedal that controlled the speed. It was used for polishing the metal while making jewelry.

Spiritus Mundi 186/Lillian Okay, I gotta ask, what's in the 40 tubs that Rosy had to move? I've only heard of using barrels for china. But tubs, that's new to me.

You should check out www.imdb.com for info about movies and quotes from them. Reviews, quotes, cast listings, etc. all in one webpage.

You're surprised that Raphi is making college plans? I'm going to be spending free time this year taking Allie around to visit colleges. She's a senior in High School next year. And just tonite, I answered the phone and it was Joe, with a really deep voice asking for her. She's going out to have coffee with him tonite. I don't know if it makes you feel old, but I'm definitely feeling middle aged. Of course it was made worse by having one of Jeff's coworkers and his girlfriend over for dinner and realizing that she was 22, only 5 years older than Allie. If I'd had Allie when I was 25 rather than thirty, she'd be the same age. Face it, we're getting old.

No problem with you publishing the webpage address for my quilt in Challenger. I'm actually pleased to have it seen. This is the first quilt I've had juried into a show.

The orca pig joke is because there are orcas living in the Puget Sound and they are a big deal locally. Ergo, Seattle pig transformed into a diving orca. Maybe you have to live here...

JJ doesn't really know about the Hugos. But he loved the movie and has read the last 2 Harry Potter books by himself. Of course, he's using the books on tape from the Books for the Blind and Dyslexic people. I'm making him follow along in the book and it seems to be helping his reading skills.

JJ uses a miniature recorder for keeping track of his homework assignments at school. He and Allie used it to do a radio show at the zoo the day after he got it.

AaaaYiii/Lillian I actually liked the expansion of Arwen's role in The Lord of the Rings. It gives more depth to Strider's role, and besides, she's quite a nice bit of eye candy.

Peter, Pan & Merry #40/Schlosser

Putting cottage cheese in mac&cheese is a low fat modification to the basic recipe. I generally don't like low fat versions of comfort foods so I skip those types of recipes.

"...I see no problem with a children's book winning a Hugo. One 'complaint' that I find a bit more compelling is the question of it's being fantasy and not SF."

Haven't other fantasy books won the Hugo? Certainly, fantasy stories have won before. I'm thinking particularly of Harlan.

"In thinking a bit more about vampires and symbols, I wonder if the cross might truly be the only valid symbol. A Magen David, for example is not really a 'holy' symbol in the same sense at all." In the Anita Blake stories, the Jewish equivalent of the cross is a miniature Torah because the star is a cultural symbol rather than a religious one. I'm tempted to write and ask her what Wiccans use.

Maybe it's my German blood showing, but I like doing cheese toast with bacon for breakfast. It's not quite deli meat and cheese on bread but it seems fine to me.

Handcuffs and Peanut Butter/Copeland

Oops, I guess I forgot to mention the trip to Las Vegas. I really enjoyed the trip especially the baking in the sun by the pool. We need to get the photos of the Luxor developed. And the next time, I'll go to Penn & Teller with you.

Comments 13/Hughes

I am so jealous of you seeing the Northern Lights in Georgia. We have yet to see them in either Seattle or Alaska.

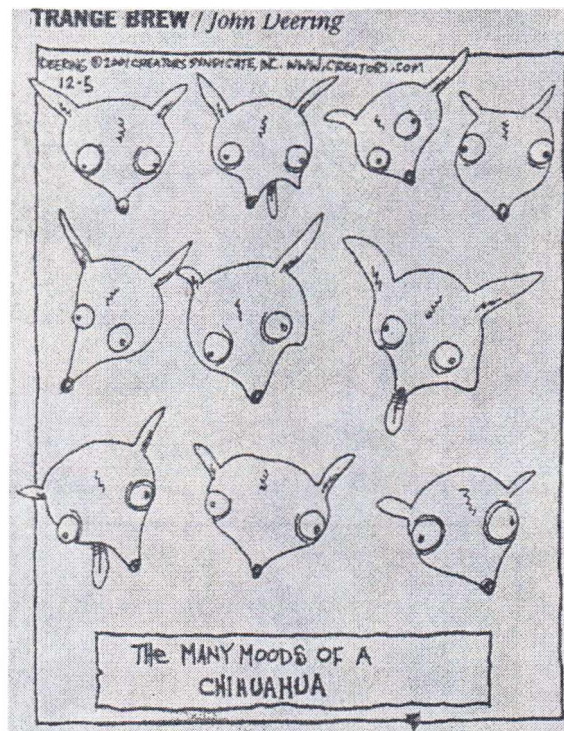
Thanks for the photos of Guy and Rosy getting married. I wish we'd been able to go but we had other family obligations.

We get the ladybug plague in the fall too. They crawl all over everywhere and a few of them get inside. Someone said it was because it was the end of their life cycle. We get the ladybugs in the fall and in January we get these little things that look a lot like mosquitos but aren't. They swarm and dozens come in after dark. We ended up vacuuming them off the ceiling this year.

The worst cell phone offense I've witnessed was a guy in the movies in the row in front of us who decided that the movie was slow, so he was going to check on the kids and called out during the movie. I wanted to hit him over the head with something.

Yngvi is a louse/Weisskopf

I'm glad you weren't stuck in the Atlanta airport forever. We were stuck there for more than 6 hours once when Allie was about 6 months old. That was rough, especially when I started running low on disposable diapers... It was made worse by my having packed my contact lens case and solution in my suitcase so by the time we made it San Francisco my eyes were killing me. And then my shampoo had loosed itself all over the bathroom stuff in my bag.



And that's it for me this time. Sorry for skipping some of you but I'm out of time...

