

Trivia Quiz

Dear Wendell Wagner Jr and others, we really did mean it when we said no correspondence will be entered into, owing to the unreliability of our sources!

- A 36 They have all written for Star Trek.
- A 37 SF PIs.
- A 38 Clifford Donald Simak; Ursula Kroeber Le Guin; Philip Kindred Dick; Vonda Neel McIntyre; Joan Dennison Vinge.
- A 39 The all involve the destruction of the world as we know it.
- A 40 They were all written by Harlan Ellison. "I knew she was a virgin because she was able to ruffle the silken mane of my unicorn." ("On the Downhill Side") "He drank ice crystals laced with midnight and watched their world burn." ("Kiss of Fire") "In the third year of my death, I met Piretta." ("The Time of the Eye")

Note: For question 35, the answer referred to the editor of *this fine publication*; Ian Robinson. (He was too shy to put his own name in, so we thought we'd do it for him!)

Emily McLeay and Sonja Jackson

Don't miss out!

The Australian Science Fiction Foundation (created to administer the funds of Aussiecon One) has postcards signed by the Aussiecon One committee, and size 16 Aussiecon Two T-shirts for sale. Also, There's a special issue of *The Instrumentality* for Aussiecon Three available at the end of the Melbourne Science Fiction Club table.

Correction:

The Virtual worlds demo and walkthrough will run at 12 noon today in Howqua 3.

Because the launch of the Awaba Virtual World for Australian schools has been postponed for perhaps a month, we will be having a demonstration of 8 virtual universes and as many virtual worlds as time allows. We hope to be able to have the audience chat (voice and text) to people in the virtual worlds, and may have some surprise celebrities in the worlds too.

Hurry!!

"Last Chance" to have your say about sense of community in science fiction fandom.

If you haven't already and want to let us know what you think about the sense of community in fandom, don't forget to fill out the questionnaire that was in your con pack and drop it the marked box at registration or at the research table in the dealers room. Remember if you have any questions about the research project Trish is at the research table everyday from 10am to 6pm.

PS If you don't want to fill out the survey please drop it back to the research table so that it can be recycled. Stay green!!

Stop Press

Fans have drunk the hotel out of Cooper's Sparkling, and around nine there was only one bottle of Redback left - there's still VB though, and Guinness...

It's a Wash!

If you're visiting from abroad, you've likely discovered Australia's plan for continued economic prosperity: encouraging you to have your accumulated laundry done by the Centra. I'm guessing that the hotel simply throws away your soiled clothes, uses your money to buy brand-new replacements, and pockets the difference.

Fortunately, an alternative exists: the Emerald Hill Laundromat at 286 Park Street in South Melbourne. It's open from 8:00 AM to 10:00 PM every day. You can get there, do your wash, and return in less than 2 hours—even if you stop to eat at the extra-friendly fish & chips shop on the corner. Actually, you could probably walk there and back in under 2 hours, but that might be a tad inconvenient while hauling a laundry bag. Besides, riding the tram is an opportunity for cultural enrichment. Here's a step-by-step description of how to do it.

Walk out the front door of the Centra and cross the tracks to the southbound tram stop. (Remember that trams, like cars, drive on the left.) Wait no more than 12 minutes for the #12 tram. Go to the big silver machine in the middle of the car and push the buttons for (a) 2 hours, (b) Zone 1, and (c) full fare. Then insert \$2.30 in any combination of coins. The machine will spit out a ticket; hold on to it for use on the return ride.

Just across the bridge Spencer Street turns into Clarendon Street. In less than 5 minutes you will cross Dorcas and Bank Streets. Pull the "stop requested" cord and get out at the next corner (Park Street). Go 2 blocks west (to the right), and there you are. (Should you see the Limerick Arms Inn going by the trolley window, you've overshot; get out at the next stop and walk back.)

After placing the plastic cup under the spout of the detergent machine, insert 20¢. The washing machine takes \$2.40—one \$2 coin and two 20¢ coins—and will be done in about 20 minutes. The dryers give you 10 minutes for each \$1 coin; 20 minutes did it for me.

On the way back, you have to hail the tram (still #12, but northbound) from the streetside stop and then walk across a traffic lane to board it. Traffic is supposed to stop for you, but look (right) anyway. Insert your ticket in any of the green validating boxes. Signal to get off as you're crossing the bridge. Voilà! An experience you can regale your grandchildren with.

By Richard S. Russell

Lost Property

For the first hour after the closing ceremonies tonight, the ConSec office will be open for the recovery of lost property.

SCI-FI TV SOLUTION

At the JMS guest of honour speech, someone expressed woe at the coming lack of US TV sci-fi shows - many are, or soon will be, closing.

ANSWER: Read a book!

Fondle an eBook today?

For those curios to meet a possible future, Dave Howell (from Alexandria Digital Literature) will have a Rocket eBook electronic book vendor available for fondling and comment at 11 am today in You Yangs Hall, immediately after the panel on electronic publishing at 10 in LaTrobe.

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