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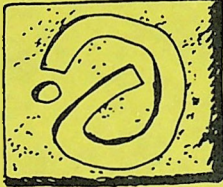
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Masson's *The Knight by the Pool* and Greg Egan's *Luminous* in the *Weekend Australian Review* March 20-21 1999. In the same issue, Damien Broderick reviews *The Pearly Gates of Cyberspace* by Margaret Wertheim and Stephen Jay Gould's *Leonardo's Mountain of Clams and the Diet of Worms*. Damien himself notes "Fans of the steam wireless will be excited to learn that the lovely Ramona Koval interviews me on this week's Books and Writing, 7pm Fri March 12 and repeated on Sunday. It's a pre-record, and they are getting the equally lovely Robyn Ravelich to read a couple of portions from *The White Abacus* - a felicitous choice, since I use 6 chunks of her little poetry book *The Black Abacus* as epigraphs through the novel. I get another bite at the mike at 10.15 pm on March 28, on David Busch's program on 3LO, where the take on *Last Mortal Generation* has a rather... religious... flavour, although not my part of it.

In Print

The Slow Glass Catalogue #122 lists the following Australian New releases: Ian Bone *The Puppet* (After Dark #35 Lothian), Justin D'Ath *Sniwt* (Allen & Unwin), Sara Douglass *Crusader* (Harper Collins). Victor Kelleher *Into the Dark* (Viking). Juliet Marillier *Daughter of the Forest* (Macmillan), Michael O'Hara *The Millstone* (After Dark #36 Lothian) and Stephen Higgins & Dirk Strasser *The Aurealis Mega OZ SF Anthology* (Chimera). *The Mega Oz Anthology* has caused certain concerns among some authors whose works appear in it, over its status and the publishing rights for the stories. Mark Halliday notes the release of his horror novel *The Walk-In*. Cherry Wilder reports "my story "The Dancing Floor", from the Jack Dann/Janeen Webb AussieCon anthology DREAMING DOWN-UNDER has been picked up for the Gardner Dozois Best SF Sixteen."

Bullsheet Media Watch

Terry Dowling reviews Dann & Webb's *Dreaming Down-Under*, Simon Brown's *Cannibals of the Fine Light*, Sophie

Fan Funds

The Guff Spotter's Handbook, giving details on the three GUFF candidates, is now available in Australia. It gives in depth answers to questions that probably never should have been asked in the first place. Delightful reading.

Travelling Fans

Damien Warman and Juliette from Adelaide made a brief visit to Melbourne earlier this month. Damien was participating in the Australian Go Tournament.

Ill Fans

John Bangsund is reported to be home and off the cigarettes. Bev Hope and David Arblaster have been alternating their hospital visits, David with a collapsed lung and Bev with thyroid problems. (I know they're recent newly weds, but this is taking togetherness a little far.) Meanwhile Gerald Smith reports "Womble has had to go into hospital. She has developed a bone infection in the toe beside the big toe on her left foot. For those who remember she had an infection in the corresponding toe on the right foot some

eight years ago and subsequently had the toe amputated. This time the infection has been caught earlier and, while there will have to be an amputation, it now looks like they might be able to limit it to the tip of the toe.

She went into hospital yesterday, Wednesday 17 March. How long she will be in depends largely on when they decide to operate. Last time she was in for a week after the operation.

She is in Royal Prince Alfred Hospital, Missenden Rd Camperdown in Page Ward 9, Bed 12. There is a phone beside the bed for incoming calls which she would happily receive. The telephone number is (02) 9515 5382."

Gerald further notes "The news is now far better than we could have hoped for a few days ago. Womble is now off intravenous and on to oral antibiotics. All going well she will now keep all parts of her body intact. She is sitting up out of bed and moving around - basically causing havoc for the nursing staff. The real hope is that she will be home by the end of the week. However, she will then have to stay off her feet for five to six weeks. That should be interesting."

Aussiecon Three

The Aussiecon Three Open Day was held on March 20th. Although workers outnumbered visitors, it provided people with a chance to put faces to people who had, until that point, been merely e-mail addresses. Authors Chuck McKenzie, Damien Broderick and Russell Blackford were noted attendees. Fan GoH Bruce Gillespie was there, as were many of the committee. Members of the Australian Science Fiction Foundation got the chance to continue their cataloguing of the Bill Wright Fanzine Collection, aided by Bill Wright. Sharon Nebel provided wonderful comestibles. Justin Ackroyd, Julian Warner and Alan Stewart played cards. The fourth *Voice of the Platypus* is now available.

Convention News

Force Three has announced its Guests of Honour Michael A Stackpole, Timothy Zahn, Don Bies and Iain McCaig. Along with the announcement come nomination forms for the Obies. The Armageddon Pulp Culture Expo have announced that Claudia Christian will be attending Armageddon in Auckland and Melbourne to sign autographs and meet fans. Entry to this event is on \$6 with a charge of \$20 for an autograph. Also attending is Star Trek DS9's Chase Masterson and comic writers Grant Morrison & Warren Ellis. Auckland May 29th/30th Melbourne June 5th/6th www.pulpexpo.com

Upcoming Conventions

Multiverse Battlestar Galactica 20th Anniversary *March 27-28 1999* Edmund Barton Centre 488 South Rd Moorabbin GoH Richard Hatch Special Guests: Sara Douglass, Kate

Jacoby, Paul Collins, Sean McMullen Full weekend \$60 Saturday \$40, Sunday \$35 PO Box 355 World Trade Centre, Melbourne, Vic 3005 <http://www.vicnet.net.au/~multivrs/multivrs@vicnet.net.au>

Icon *April 1-5 1999* 24 Annual Western Australian Convention The Metro Inn Canning Highway South Perth GsoH Jack Dann, Sean Williams, Janny Wurts Special Guests, Don Maitz & Janeen Webb, Fan Guest Dave Luckett GPO Box G429 Perth WA 6841

<http://www.swancon.iinet.net.au/>
ackerman@multiline.com.au

Conquest'99 Games Convention *2 April 2 - April 5* University High School, Story St, Parkville, Melbourne. Includes 30 plus hours of anime (Japanese animation with English subtitles) from M.A.S. Further details at

<http://www.anime.com.au/mas/VideoConquest99.htm>
Grail Quest *June 10-14 1999* Conference/festival centred on the legend of King Arthur. Sydney University \$200 Contact: Sophie Masson sophiemasson@bigpond.com or Cathy Simpson at grailq@healey.com.au

Friends of Science Fiction *June 13 1999* GsoH Aron Eisenberg, John Cook & Chuck McKenzie \$35 FSF members, \$45 for non members. Tickets available from FSF, P.O. Box 797 Fairfield, NSW 1860, (02) 9523 8385 or from Galaxy Bookshop Sydney and Phantasia at Penrith.

Force Three *June 12-14 1999* 3rd National Star Wars Convention Karralyka Centre Ringwood Vic GsoH Michael Stackpole, Timothy Zahn, Don Bies & Iain McCaig \$150 until 1/6/99. P.O. Box 427 Northcote Vic 3070 (03) 9416-8998 <http://www.imageworks.com.au/starwalking>

Aussiecon Three The 57th World Science Fiction Convention. *September 2-6 1999* World Congress Centre, Melbourne GsoH George Turner, Greg Benford and Bruce Gillespie. Special Guest J.M Straczynski. Aussiecon Three, GPO Box 1212K, Melbourne, 3001, Australia Attending \$225 Supporting \$45 Child in tow \$45

email info@aussiecon3.worldcon.org

<http://www.aussiecon3.worldcon.org>.

Spawncon Two The 38th Australian National Science Fiction Convention. *September 2-6 1999* World Congress Centre, Melbourne P.O. Box 215 Forest Hill Vic 3131 <http://www.vicnet.net.au/~sfoz/spawncon.htm>

Conquest 99 Reflections *October 1-3 1999* Special Guest Richard Arnold \$135 until March 31st, \$175 thereafter. GPO Box 1376 Brisbane Qld 4001. pbuddaaa@zip.com.au ph 0412-649-727

Chicon 2000 The 58th World Science Fiction Convention *August 31 to September 4, 2000* - Hyatt Regency Chicago IL GsoH Ben Bova, Bob Eggleton, Jim Baen, Bob and Anne Passovoy, Toastmaster: Harry Turtledove \$US135.00 for residents of North America \$US125.00 rate for bona fide residents of other continents P. O. Box 642057, Chicago IL 60664, fax: 312-946-3779 <http://www.chicon.org/>

The Millennium Philcon The 59th World Science Fiction Convention *August 30 to September 3, 2001* The Pennsylvania Convention Center & Philadelphia Marriott Hotel GsoH Greg Bear, Stephen Youll, Gardner Dozois, George Scithers Toastmaster: Esther Friesner. \$US 125 Attending until April 5 1999. Supporting \$US 40 Suite 2001, 402 Huntingdon Pike Rockledge, PA 19046 USA

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<http://www.netaxs.com/~phil2001>
GoH = Guest of Honour
O.C.P. = Other Commitments Permitting
tba= to be announced.

Events

Note that there is an annual calendar available on the Vicnet SF web site at
<http://www.vicnet.net.au/~sfoz/1999cal.htm>

N. S. W.

Southern Science Fiction Group *April 10* Book Crawl
10:30am at ABC Bookshop; 10:30 to 12:00 at Galaxy and
Abbey; 12:00 to 1:00 - lunch at Italian Restaurant in QVB at
bottom of escalators; 1:00 to - second hand book shops in
George and Pitt Street Postal Address 15 Shade Place
Lugarno (02) 9534-3595. elvey@mcme.com.au
Friends of Science Fiction *April 11* Lidcombe Catholic Club,
24 John St Lidcombe fsf@ncl.net.au P.O Box 797 Fairfield
NSW 1860 Phone/ Fax (02)9523 8385
A Star Wars Event *April 26* Phantasia SF & Mystery
Bookshop 443 High St Penrith NSW 2750

Queensland

Conquest *April 4* 10:00am Valentine Verses Virus & SGM
Red Cross Centre 409 Adelaide St Brisbane GPO Box 1376
Brisbane Qld 4001
New Alliance *April 4* PO Box 12083 Elizabeth St/BC
Brisbane Qld 4002
Vortex *May 2* Red Cross Centre 409 Adelaide St Brisbane
GPO Box 2004 Brisbane Qld 4001
Highlander Down Under *May 16* Red Cross Centre 409
Adelaide St Brisbane PO Box 198 Brisbane Albert St Qld
4002 sonjav@powerup.com.au

South Australia

Critical Mass *April 7* David Hansen Walter Jon Williams'
Metropolitan, City On Fire Writers Centre Adelaide PO Box
3355, Rundle Mall, Adelaide, SA 5000 dmw@pobox.com

Victoria

MSFC *March 26* Coffee, Cake & Conversation *April 2* No
Meeting, *April 9* Enterprise Discusses, *April 16* Coffee
Tasting, *April 23* British SF 8:00pm St David's Church
Hall 74 Melville Rd West Brunswick P.O. Box 212 World
Trade Centre Melbourne 3005
Friday Night Mob *March 26* *April 2* No Meeting, *April 9*
April 16 Anzapa collection, *April 23* Anzapa distribution 6-
7.30pm. Informal eating and nattering. Myers Cafeteria
Melbourne
Glen Eira - Ogaki Japanese Festival *March 27* 8pm Ghost in
the Shell Glen Eira Arts Complex Theatre, cnr
Hawthorn & Glen Eira Rds, Caulfield

<http://www.anime.com.au/mas/GlenEira.htm>
Australian Costumers Guild *March 28* Ross House in
Flinders' Lane Melbourne PO Box 322 Bentleigh Vic 3204
stilskin@netspace.net.au
<http://www.vicnet.net.au/~costume/>
Austrek *April 3* 2:00pm A.G.M. Collectibles Show & Tell St
Mark's Church Hall Cnr Canterbury & Burke Rds,
Camberwell GPO Box 5206AA Melbourne 3001 03 9489 8743
<http://www.vicnet.net.au/~austrek/>
austrek@vicnet.net.au
Nova Mob *April 7* 13 Frederick St Brunswick.
Skyforce *April 10* Melbourne Uni, Copeland Theatre,
Economics and Commerce Building 1:00pm to 5:00pm P.O.
Box 427 Northcote 3070 kryten@werple.net.au
<http://www.imageworks.com.au/starwalking.htm>
Australian Babylon 5 Fan Club *May 16* Noon A.G.M. Hall 1,
St Thomas Anglican Church Moonee Ponds Contact
xfive@ballarat.starway.net.au
<http://www.vicnet.net.au/~babylon5/> P.O. Box 610
Ballarat 3353 Phone: (03) 5334 6343 (Before 9pm)

Fanzines

Slow Glass Books Catalogue 122 Cheryl Louch for Slow
Glass Books GPO Box 2708X Melbourne Vic 3001.
International Revolutionary Gardiner 2 Judith Hanna &
Joseph Nicholas 15 Jansons Rd South Tottenham London N15
4JU U.K. jehanna@gn.apc.org and/or
josephn@globalnet.co.uk
Faros 1.oktobra 24, 26340 Bela Crkva, Yugoslavia
Vanamonde 298-302 John Hertz 236 S. Coronado St No 409
Los Angeles CA 90057 USA
The Force 33/34 Jan Wilson for Star Walking P.O. Box 201
Rosanna Vic 3084
The Guff Spotter's Handbook Clair Brialey & Mark
Plummer 26 Northampton Rd Croydon Surrey CR0 7HA UK
& 14 Northway Rd Croydon Surrey CR0 6JE UK

Electronic Zines

TommyWorld 45 & 46 Tommy Ferguson 40 Deramore Avenue,
Belfast, BT7 3ER, Northern Ireland
TommyWorld@net.ntl.com (01232) 293275 Archive:
<http://members.tripod.com/Tommyworld>

Web Changes

Many thanks to Erika Lacey who provided the following
changes to the Vicnet Web Links.

Dead Links

Kathryn Andersen

<http://connexus.apana.org.au/~kat/refract.html>

Kathleen Ager

<http://www.ecel.uwa.edu.au/~kager/homepage.html>

Moved

Julian Buczek

<http://members.xoom.com/buczek/>

Terry Frost
<http://www.netspace.net.au/~hlector>
 Erika Lacey
<http://www.tande.com/ozsf>
 Tony Plank
<http://www.netspace.net.au/~splints>
 amanda le Bas de Plumetot
<http://www.ozemail.com.au/~tabbycat/feathers/>
 Australian Writer's Web
<http://www.netspace.net.au/~splints>
 Blackwood Sf&F Writers' Group (S.Aust)
<http://www.merlin.net.au/~rbleckly/>
 Eidolon
<http://www.eidolon.net>

New
 Harbinger Magazine
<http://www.tande.com/harbinger>

Deadlines

Bullsheet #118	April 20 1999
Ditmar Nominations	March 31 1999
Guff Voting	April 5 1999
Duff Voting	April 11, 1999.
ANZAPA 187	April 16 1998
Obie Nominations	April 30 1999
Chandler Award Nominations	May 1st

This Fanzine Supports The Minneapolis in '73 WorldCon Bid and Ausstecon Three.

*Other Allegiances are still for sale.
 Heading Art by Sheryl Birkhead Other Art by Bill Rotsler*

Australian Science Fiction Calendar

April 1999						
Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
						1 ICon Perth
2 ICon Perth <u>Conquest '99 Games Convention</u> Melbourne	3 ICon Perth Austrek Melbourne <u>The West Lodge</u> Perth <u>Conquest '99 Games Convention</u> Melbourne	4 ICon Perth <u>Conquest Brisbane</u> <u>New Alliance</u> Brisbane <u>Conquest '99 Games Convention</u> Melbourne	5 ICon Perth <u>Guff Voting Deadline</u> <u>Conquest '99 Games Convention</u> Melbourne	6	7 <u>Critical Mass</u> Adelaide	8
9 MSEC Melbourne	10 Skyforce Melbourne <u>Southern SF & F Group NSW</u>	11 <u>Friends of Science Fiction</u> Sydney <u>Duff Voting Deadline</u>	12	13	14	15
16 MSEC Melbourne	17	18	19	20	21	22
23 MSEC Melbourne	24 Enterprise Melbourne	25 <u>Aust. Costumers' Guild</u> Melbourne	26	27	28	29
30 MSEC Melbourne						