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# NUMBERS OF THE WEEK

**1,425**

... bikers make up the membership of the SL motorcycle racing association group.

**26,481**

... residents have been served by the free Nissan Sentra vending machine.

**50**

... is how much a pair of virtual Adidas a3 Microride shoes cost - in 'Lindenberg dollars', according to the firm's press release.

## THE DAWN OF A NUDE-AY



THE bare cheek – a grieving attack of naked bodies at the C Rutabaga concert on May 28. Photographer Dylan Miles said everyone took it with good humour.

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By MANTA/MESSMER

VICTIM: JohnPaul Perway

# FBI CALLED OVER LANDBOT FRAUD

## LATEST LANDBOT VICTIM FILES A COMPLAINT WITH FBI OVER LOSSES

### THE FBI could descend onto Second Life as landbots strike once again.

A complaint has been filed with the renowned American Federal Bureau of Investigation by the victim of the latest incident, who claims he lost US\$1,000 to notorious landbot owner Landbaron Merlin.

JohnPaul Perway took action after becoming frustrated with Linden Lab's refusal to get involved in land disputes. He has urged other landbot victims to take a similar stance against Merlin.

"[LL] are not in the business of providing governance and law enforcement. However on the other hand, they shouldn't provide a means by which crooks can come in and abuse other people," he said.

### WALL OF SILENCE

Perway claims one of Merlin's programmed Landbots swooped when he mistakenly set the price of his land

far below its market value. His pleas for the return of the land were met with a wall of silence.

### BEGGING

Antibot Alliance member Sarah Nerd agrees with Perway's decision. "After months of begging and pleading with LL, and absolutely no concern or action by LL, I think legal action is perfectly acceptable when someone is losing thousands of US\$ to someone knowingly taking advan-

tage of others. Maybe this is what it takes for LL to take notice," she said.

Merlin and his alt Paper Olivier refused to comment this week, but not all residents believe he is in the wrong. Elex Dusk said he is legitimately taking advantage of other people's mistakes: "If we attempt to apply a fraud argument, there's no swindle, as the land baron didn't manipulate [the victim] to make a mistake while pricing/designating their land. And [they] did agree to the Terms of Service."



UNDER INVESTIGATION: Landbaron Merlin

NEWS BITES!

CONTROVERSY OVER SL ULURU

AN in-world depiction of Australian landmark Uluru, or Ayers Rock, on the Big Pond sim has recently become the subject of controversy. All images of the rock should be submitted to the native landowners for approval.

LAW AND ORDER: FROM SL TO RL

THE Vancouver Police Force held an employment seminar in SL this week to attract web-savvy RL recruits to help enforce law and order in the Canadian city.

LAB NEEDS HELP SAYS WAGNER

PHILIP Linden was interviewed by Information Week's Mitch Wagner this week. Wagner concluded that Linden Lab will need professional outside help if they are to succeed.

ICOMMONS IS COMING TO SL

THE iCommons 2007 Summit in Dubrovnik, Croatia, is to make a parallel appearance in SL. The three-day conference will look at the future of the free user-generated internet.



PROTEST: Residents gather to demonstrate against poverty

By REGIS BRAATHENS

VOICE OF PROTEST

PROTESTERS DEMAND ACTION ON EVE OF G8 SUMMIT IN RL DETERMINED demonstrators hoped to give RL world leaders a wake up call yesterday with a mass protest condemning world poverty.

A large crowd gathered on the streets of Frankfurt City to voice their support for the campaign against poverty, just days before the crucial G8 meeting in Germany. Despite the fear of violent RL demos, the SL protest, organised by German development aid agency NETZ as part of the RL VENRO 'Your voice against poverty' movement, remained peaceful.

TOUGH Around fifty ardent demonstrators waved the banners and shouted their support as members of NETZ gave live speeches calling for German Chancellor Merkel to get tough on world poverty. NETZ manager Ingo Ritz is confident that the message was put across: "We made it clear that everyone can do something against poverty. New people have taken this on board, and will hopefully do more in the future."

SL DEMOS The trend of demos in SL is likely to continue, according to organiser White-man Whitfield, with Thursday's event coming a week after the 'No to child pornography' protest organised by KidsSchutz e.V. He said: "With SL you can reach young people who would not normally demonstrate in RL. This event has generated publicity for the cause and shows that you don't always have to use the classical lobbying channels in order to inform people about conditions in the third world." Resident Nerica Maddaloni was glad to be a part of the grass-roots campaign. She said: "I think it's a great way to use our environment. On topics like world poverty, what better use of SL's technology."



NETZ MANAGER: Ingo Ritz

IS SL SUPPORTIVE?

By BILBO WINKLER LINDEN LAB'S REPLACEMENT FOR LIVE HELP, DUBBED THE 'SUPPORTAL', WAS INTRODUCED LAST WEEK. THE LINDENS HAVE DESCRIBED IT AS A KNOWLEDGE BASE OF COMMON PROBLEMS WITH AN INSTANT CHAT FEATURE FOR PREMIUM AND CONCIERGE MEMBERS. BUT WHAT HAVE ORDINARY RESIDENTS MADE OF IT? THE AVASTAR WENT TO FIND WHAT YOUR OPINION OF THE 'SUPPORTAL' IS:

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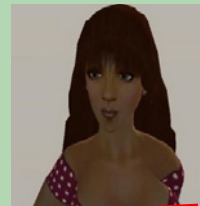


SM Tibaud runs a custom tattoo business

"I like that the Lindens are understanding that good support is a priority - and that what doesn't work is getting higher in their priorities."

"I tried it and I even got a reply!"

"Support in SL has been excellent. I currently have one issue under advisement by the Lindens which was actually resolved with the latest release. As for basic account holders, they do not contribute to the company - so it has no obligation to them."



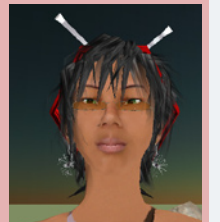
Tory Micheline is a self-professed 'low prim girl'



WarKirby Magojiro owns MagoTek Industries

"There's no feeling they have a million other things to do - I think it's a great idea. It allows premium customers to get the support we deserve for our money. I used the support system extensively before, and it was very poor... this is 1,000 per cent better."

AGAINST



Usagi Musashi builds and beta tests in SL

"Frankly the new system is confusing - when we need to tell LL when a sim is down, it's not easy to find at a moment's notice, and it's not always given they will reply ASAP. To be frank, I hate to see non-paying members being treated so bad."



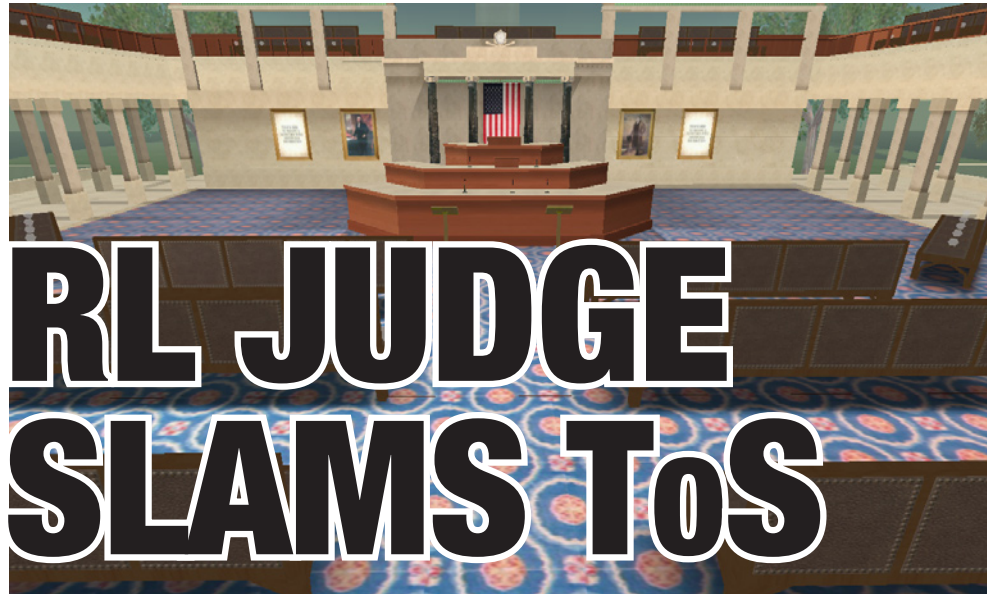
Sue Saintlouis owns the Atlantic Waves Club

"I'm not really happy about the changes. They fail to take into account the many of us who may not be a premium member but who are contributing to the SL economy. I am spending US\$60 per month to maintain this place... basic members were able to get live help in the past - and they have lost any support."



Rich Gaudio is a waiter and dancer at the Mojo Club

"I've had problems with the portal and with SL, and now it's even harder to get help. Before, you could get live help either via the website or phone. Now it seems only phone works - IF you can get through."



# RL JUDGE SLAMS ToS

**TERMS OF SERVICE RUBBISHED AS PHILIP LINDEN IS FORCED TO REMAIN A DEFENDANT**

**By LEIDER STEPANOV** LINDEN Lab's Terms of Service has been slammed as "one-sided" and not legally binding by a RL judge.

Eduardo Robreno ruled that Marc Bragg, known in SL as Marc Woebegone, could proceed with his case against the Lab for unfairly terminating his account. In a massive double blow for LL, Judge Robreno also refused to remove the name of chief executive Philip Linden's RL persona - Philip Rosedale - from the suit. Bragg, an American lawyer, had discovered a way to buy land in-world for far less than the market value, and he filed suit in Philadelphia in 2006 claiming that LL had thrown him out of SL, causing the loss of his virtual business.

The Lab had filed motions to dismiss the suit and compel Bragg to arbitrate his claim out of court as stated in the ToS, as well as to remove Rosedale's name. But dismissing the motions, Judge Robreno said: "Linden [Lab] presents the ToS on a take-it-or-leave-it basis. A potential participant can either click 'assent' to the ToS,

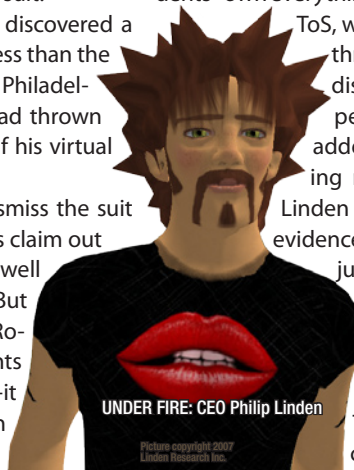
and then gain entrance to SL's virtual world, or refuse assent and be denied access.

"In effect, the ToS provide Linden with a variety of one-sided remedies to resolve disputes, while forcing its customers to arbitrate any disputes with them."

Controversy has arisen over the rights to virtual land, with many pointing out the contradiction between LL marketing which claims residents own everything they create, and the

ToS, which states anyone can be thrown out of SL at the Lab's discretion with no compensation. Judge Robreno added: "Neither in its briefing nor at oral argument did Linden [Lab] even attempt to offer evidence that 'business realities' justify the one-sidedness of the dispute resolution scheme that the ToS constructs in Linden [Lab's] favour."

The court case is set to continue.



UNDER FIRE: CEO Philip Linden

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# REST IN PEACE: AV'S BEST FRIEND

By ZELMO BOUCHER

**LAYING ANIMALS TO REST AT SL'S FIRST PET CEMETERY**

**FROM Spot the dog to Tabby the cat and Roger the rabbit - residents can now remember their favourite animals in SL's first pet cemetery.**

Animal Heaven is a peaceful garden of quiet remembrance in the virtual sky for RL pets who have sadly passed away. Residents can rent graves and erect a memorial, including plaques displaying pictures and inscriptions.

It was the brainchild of Anasta-

sia Blumenthal, Erich Merlin, Petra Brenner and Ralli Laval. Merlin said: "Each of us has had the sad experience of losing a pet - that's why we created Animal Heaven." It is the perfect place to share the sorrow of a lost pet, and have a place where it can rest in peace, he added.

Blumenthal said: "We wanted to use the possibilities of SL. There has been a lot of requests and interest, which has shown us that we satisfy the needs of many residents."

MEMORIALS: The pet cemetery

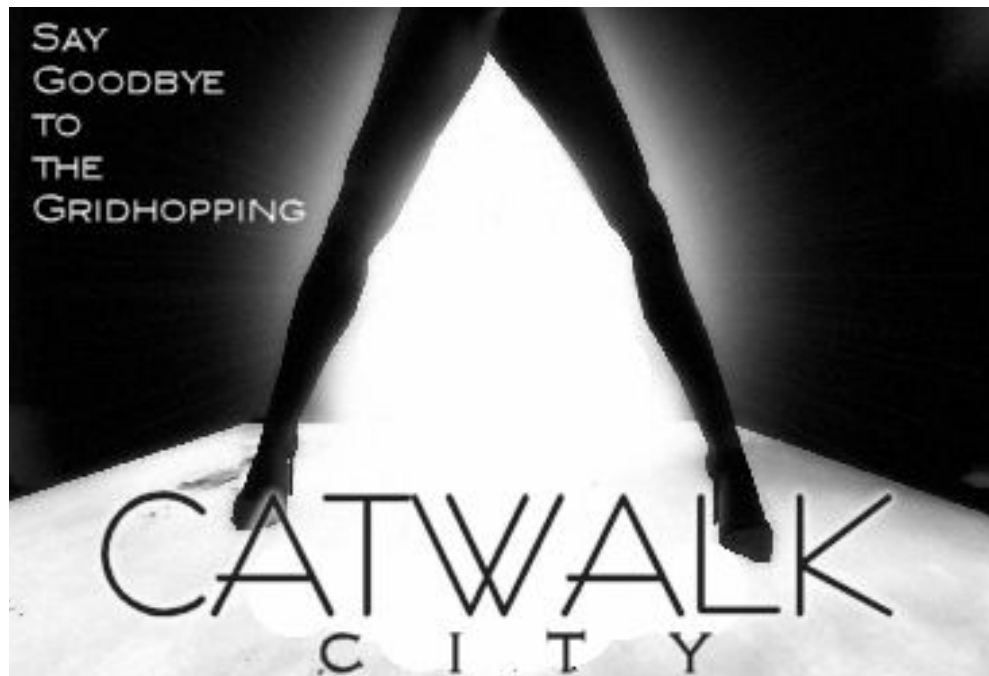


CALL-CENTRE PHIL: Hard at work!

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**"HAVE A NICE DAY"**  
 - Phil Linden had to take a shift at a call centre this week to afford his new headset, which cost at least US\$20 more from Linden Lab than elsewhere on the internet.

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## AGE VERIFICATION IS GOOD FOR SL

**Hey Regis,**  
 IN response to Gwyneth Llewelyn's article on SL verification, I've now read everything that I can find about the proposed process and even did some checking into Integrity and can find no potential 'bad' in what is being proposed.

As for Linden Lab using a third party, that is a very good thing as no one at LL has direct access to any of our information - only whether we're validated. The FUD that is being implied about race, religion, age, et al, is just invalid and paranoiac

at best. As for the cost, c'mon - it's \$L10. What's that in real life - eight cents?

What should be worrying adults is whether the av they're currently talking to is truly also an adult. It's typical behaviour for a 15-year-old to fake their way into the adult world, drop into a sexually themed sim, chat and possibly have SL sex with someone there and then go to school tomorrow and tell

their friends.

Eventually, that discussion gets back to an adult and the Lindens are contacted about a case of pandering and child pornography with your av's name attached to it.

With this proposed simple verification method, you'll stand a much better chance of relating to a real adult than with the current trust-based method. And, even if that 15-year-old comes up with a way to beat the system, the verification process should provide a solution for LL and SL users.

By Augie Dinzeo

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## NO POINT TO WITCH HUNT

**Hey Regis,**  
 PHILIP Linden talks a good line about freedom of expression, but when it comes to 'unpleasant' ideas like small avatars he folds.

The word for that is hypocrisy! For example, exactly what IS the 'simulated age' of an avatar?

When this whole Age Play fuss started I discussed this with a 50-year-old woman who is four foot tall in real life. She pointed out that

the real discrimination was not age but height! If you are four foot tall you MUST be a child - no debate allowed! I have had the opportunity to witness this discrimination first hand. At her sugges-

tion I adopted her persona in SL.

I can now bear witness to the pain she faces every day! Dumb things like having her 25-year-old daughter told to "make your child behave"!

It is easy to hunt down a scapegoat and blame that symbol for a problem. It's much harder to actually find out who is abusing children and stop it. It is nowhere near as glamorous, either.

By Karen Palen



## 'CLIMATE OF FEAR' IS WRONG

**Dear Regis,**  
 I WAS interested to read about the two artists who claim SL has developed a 'climate of fear' (issue 23).

Personally, I think they went over the top on this. Sure, I don't agree with a lot of the things Linden Lab has done in the past few weeks after all the child porn stuff, but really, I don't think for one second that I am being censored all the time while I am in-world.

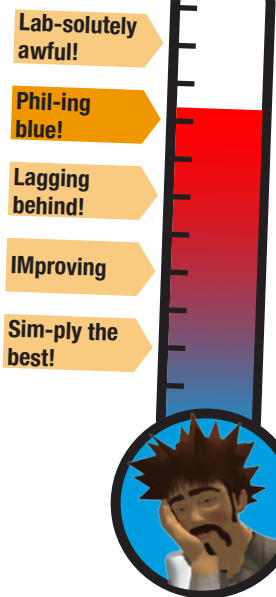
By J.M.



# REGIS BRAATHENS

## LIND-O-METER

THE Lab seemed to have ridden the wave of outrage over the 'special headset offer' scam when - BAM! Philip is under the cosh as the Briggs vs. Lab case goes into the next round. Here's your say:



## YOUR VERDICT:

### Phil-ing Blue!

"What a debacle. Did they think we haven't heard of Google?!" wrote D.M., (special offer scam). "Philip is in all kinds of trouble now - Braggs got him by the balls. I feel for him" wrote B.C.

## "BLAME IT ALL ON ME!"

PHILIP LINDEN COMES UNDER THE COSH AS HE DEFENDS THE TOS

**IT'S your world, your imagination, your property - but not if you break the rules of the ToS. Could all that be set to change?**

No doubt Philip is in a mess here - especially since he failed to get out of the judicial firing line. His famous 'Blame it all on me!' quote in his profile seems to have backfired on him. Yes, the case could prove costly for the Lab and we might see a string of other ejected residents following suit. And it's clear that the ToS is going to need a dramatic overhaul.

So what are the consequences? Should Bragg win, it may even strengthen residents'

rights to their property in Second Life, and ironically Linden Lab's position as well. With a judicial ruling as to the rights of ownership of virtual property, virtual business could get a boost as well. It's certainly a slap in the face for the Lab, and unfortunately one coming from someone who appears to have solely been trying to exploit the system for his own profit. The question that remains is, were Linden Lab within their rights to take Bragg's property that he had legitimately bought? Based on the ruling on Wednesday, it doesn't look good for the Lab on this one.

**PLEASE SEND ME YOUR COMMENTS:**  
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## AGE PLAY BAN!

**IF there was the slightest doubt left in any resident's mind - Age Play has now been OFFICIALLY banned.**

The clarification, banning real life 'avatar portrayals' of sexual acts involving children, is very welcome.

Despite coming a great deal later than it should have, Linden Lab have now sent out a clear message to those thinking they may still get away with it, that there is a zero tolerance policy on all Age Play.

## STOP WIND-GING

**THE criticism in some corners of the grid of the new WindLight software is unjustified.**

Whingers in blogs slammed it's gharish colours and unrealistic default settings, and claimed that the new lighting might upset the way

everything looks now. It's incredible such narrow-minded people bother with SL at all. When it's tested and modified, it will definitely enrich our virtual experience. SL needs realism and emotion, and this is a welcome step in that direction.



AFTER: Realistic clouds



BEFORE: Standard view

## L\$500 PICS OF THE WEEK

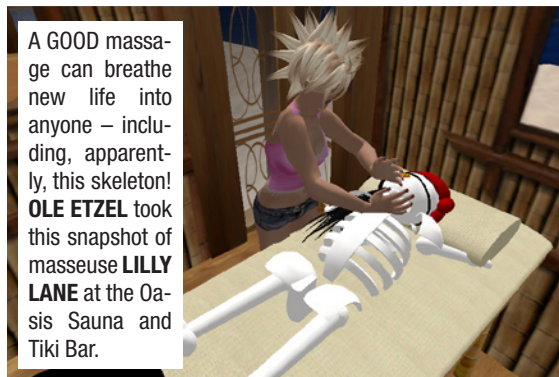
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WAS that a B Flat? **NEDEKO KOHIME** took this pic of death by guitar.



**XARA EPIN** has been banned from driving any vehicle on the land she shares with her roommate, who took this pic, after their near death experience with her newly-acquired scooter!



A GOOD massage can breathe new life into anyone - including, apparently, this skeleton! **OLE ETZEL** took this snapshot of masseuse **LILLY LANE** at the Oasis Sauna and Tiki Bar.



SL musician **ANAKIN GALLACHER** was spotted by **DYLAN MILES** at the **AL HOFFMAN** concert at the SL Festival Stage last Friday.



**POLYESTER PARTRIDGE** was proudly hugging this eggplant at a night screening in the Sundance sim on Tuesday May 29.

# VIRTUALLY BRANDED

SOME OF THE BIGGEST RL CORPORATE NAMES HAVE MADE AN APPEARANCE IN SL – BILBO WINKLER EXAMINES A SELECTION OF THE MOST NOTABLE:

## FASHION: ADIDAS



**DESCRIPTION:** The sports and fashion giant gained a lot of attention when it opened its shop in-world.  
**ARRIVAL:** September 2006  
**CONTENT CREATOR:** Rivers Run Red  
**METHOD:** Avatars can buy the a3 Microride shoe and test the product in dedicated training areas.

**THEY SAID:** Kirsten Keck is a corporate spokeswoman for Adidas. She said: "Our partnership with SL is testament to the ever blurring lines between digital and real world experiences, and the importance of both to our audience."  
**TOTAL TRAFFIC:** 1,157

**DESCRIPTION:** The General Motors Car Company launched the Motarati sim earlier in the year, with plenty of cars for test driving.  
**ARRIVAL:** February 2007  
**CONTENT CREATOR:** Millions Of Us  
**METHOD:** Free land giveaways to residents who create their own

builds, and encouraging people to get involved.  
**THEY SAID:** Atomic Bombast from advisors Campfire Media said: "Our goal was to create a community, and perhaps in doing so create positive feelings toward Pontiac as a whole."  
**TOTAL TRAFFIC:** 7,069



## HOTEL: ALOFT



**DESCRIPTION:** The Starwood Hotels offshoot is set to open in RL in 2008, but the chance of up-close customer feedback brought it to SL well in advance.  
**ARRIVAL:** September 2006  
**CONTENT CREATOR:** Electric Sheep Company

**METHOD:** Visitors could check out the RL proposal and make suggestions.  
**THEY SAID:** Cider Starbrook of Electric Artists said: "SL was a perfect place to launch the brand and gain consumer feedback before construction in the real world."  
**TOTAL TRAFFIC:** 2,126

**DESCRIPTION:** The world's biggest mobile phone company has an amusement park-style sim.  
**ARRIVAL:** February 2007  
**CONTENT CREATOR:** Rivers Run Red  
**METHOD:** The park-style environment has lots of activities, with low-key branding.

**THEY SAID:** Media relations manager Ben Taylor said: "The fundamental reason is that our customers are there, so we want to be there. It also allows us to cross different boundaries that we wouldn't be able to anywhere else."  
**TOTAL TRAFFIC:** 275

## TELECOMMUNICATIONS:



## FINANCE: ING



**DESCRIPTION:** The Dutch banking giant was present last year purely for research and development purposes, before making headlines with the Virtual Holland sim.  
**ARRIVAL:** April 2006  
**CONTENT CREATOR:** Rivers Run Red  
**METHOD:** ING teamed up with other

firms in the creation of Virtual Holland, promoting its own brand through being the prime sponsor.  
**THEY SAID:** Virtual Holland's Nanne Bos said: "We wanted something bigger and more successful than what is often just a building."  
**TOTAL TRAFFIC:** 1,960

# CRACKING THE VIRTUAL MARKET

DO RL COMPANIES BENEFIT FROM HAVING A PRESENCE IN SL?

By **BILBO WINKLER**

## Analysis

**THE rush of RL brands into SL shows no signs of slowing down, with in-world marketing still creating a buzz in business circles. BILBO WINKLER investigates what the benefits to firms are.**

In 2006, Business Week named having a presence in SL as the best idea of the year - but this week altered their stance, claiming several major companies were on the verge of leaving. Despite that, firms are still flooding into SL, including Sky News and Renault Italia last week.

### REWARDS

Mandy Salomon, author of 'Business in SL: An Introduction', says media coverage is often given as the reason for this. She said: "Big Business has reaped the promotional

rewards of positioning themselves within SL."

### VISIBLE BRANDS

Now, however, the novelty has worn thin. "It's too late to be one of the first companies in SL," said Piro Laval of Nexum AG, advisor to companies interested in the move. Brands have a launch and the press take interest, but the attention soon dies down. The crucial thing for corporations now is to get firms used to 3D platforms in the same way as the web in the 1990s. SL is a new channel for marketing, and brands need to be visible where people spend their time.

There are dangers such as losing control of promo-

tional material - as the makers of blockbuster Hollywood movie '300' found to their cost when avatars ran amok in promotional outfits for a funny video - or the risk of attacks and negative publicity.

### FUTURE

The most important fact for RL firms to remember is to respect and work with residents - a 'top down' and disengaged approach will almost certainly fail. Whether they are making any money back now is not the point - the key is learning for the future and avoiding being left behind.



## BIZ BITES:

### GRAND OPENING FOR KISS FM

KISS FM, the British pirate radio station turned international urban music icon, will throw a party next week to mark its entrance into Second Life.

### FIRM TO LAUNCH LS CREDIT CARD

A CREDIT card which deals in Linden dollars is set to be launched to happy shoppers in SL, with First Meta offering full-banking services towards the end of the year.

### RIVAL'S GROWTH

MINDARK, the company behind rival world Entropia, has confirmed a deal with CRD which could allow seven million concurrent users in 2008.

### BUSINESS DOCU

'DOING Business In Second Life' is the name of a new documentary film made in SL by marketing company Inside This World.

### SPARE PARTS

HONEYWELL, the global RL makers of aerospace, automotive and other mechanical parts, have officially announced they will create an in-world presence.



By MANTA MESSMER

# A-STAR GOSSIP THE WINNING TEAM

**ING RENAULT FORMULA ONE TEAM HITS SL**

**THE** thirst for speed in SL has moved up a gear last week with the launch of a top Formula One team's virtual island.

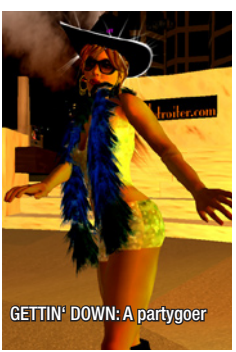
Team sponsors ING have linked up with Rivers Run Red to bring the brand into SL, with the sim offering a race track, garage and pit lanes. Racers can also experience the giddy heights of being a F1 celebrity by attending a press conference.



PRESS-CORPS: In the audience

RACING: The track

CELEBRITY: RL ING Renault driver Heikki Kovalainen



**MOTOWN'S FESTIVAL**

By MANTA MESSMER

**REVELLERS** at the first Detroit Life Electronic Music Festival (DLEMF) were spoilt for choice, with a selection of 15 DJ's from across the globe spinning their stuff.

DLEMF2007 was beamed into the new Detroit Life sim from RL along with streamed music.

GETTIN' DOWN: A partygoer

## HIPPY DAYS AT WOODSTOCK

**CLASSIC SIXTIES CONCERT RECREATED**

By SUZANNE GRAVES

**FAR out, man!** Woodstock Festival which took place at Le Nuage de L'Addiction on May 26. Peace and love were the order of the day at the



RIGHT ON: Psychedelic colours at Woodstock in SL

## SPOTTED!



**SUMAR MORGEN**, SL resident since 2004 and a shelter co-ordinator, was spotted at the Mel Cheeky concert at HIPS on May 28. Pic by Dylan Miles.

## A-STAR GOSSIP

# SWEDISH EMBASSY LAUNCHES

By TINA (PETGIRL) BERGMAN

DIPLOMATIC: The Swedish embassy

**THE** Swedish RL foreign minister was the star guest at a ribbon-cutting ceremony to open the country's SL embassy.

**Carl Bildt** appeared both as an avatar in-world and at a RL press conference which was streamed into SL at the event on May 30, and used virtual scissors to cut the ribbon at the Second House of Sweden on the Swedish Institute sim.

Among the guests at the event were **Satorin Vulcano** and Swedish musician **Natalie Moody**. A grieving attack by Danish SL residents didn't spoil the party mood.



SCISSORS: Minister Carl Bildt



CEREMONY: Cutting the ribbon

OPEN: The sim is launched



BUZZ: The newsroom



CROWDS: The waiting area

# SKY NEWS SL

**FIRM'S NEWSCAST IS A RUNAWAY SUCCESS**

By HONEY BENDER

**RESIDENTS** turned up in their droves in the hope of being in the audience for the first Sky News broadcast in SL.

According to the British broadcaster, more than 700 avatars queued up outside SL's first TV newsroom to witness Sky's coverage of the annual Hay literature festival. The recreation of the RL set allows visitors to sit in the presenters' chairs, read autocues and recycle their waste. Free televisions were given away, while some frisky residents stripped off for the virtual cameras.



# SWEET DREAMS

FILL YOUR DREAMS WITH THE CUTEST BEDTIME LOOKS. CUDDLE UP IN A SOFT SHEER NIGHTIE OR SOME SILK PYJAMAS - NOT FORGETTING THE IRRESISTIBLE FLUFFY SLIPPERS WHICH SING TO YOU AS YOU NOD OFF! *By ISABEL BROCCO*



**Hair with curlers**  
By Curl Up and Dye  
Inari (17, 207, 400)

**L\$200**

**Babydoll** By Nicky  
Ree - with matching  
panties  
Push Lambda (212, 61, 31)

**L\$300**

**Jamies PJs**  
By Mishcief  
Illusion (125, 153, 40)

**L\$150**

**Talking Kermit Slippers**  
By Blowfish  
Parce (110, 157, 22)

**L\$250**



**Hair Odette**  
By Deviant Kitties  
Deviant Kitties (118,  
180, 31)

**L\$175**



**Slipper-shoes**  
By Marabou  
Sylfie (35,3, 23)

**L\$250**

**Mens' bed-head hair**  
By Gurl 6  
Hairspray  
(178, 54, 0)

**L\$195**



**Mens silk pyjamas**  
By Simwear  
Lebeda (118,  
100, 25)

**L\$125**

**Cow slippers** **L\$50**  
in 14 different colours  
Atropos (197, 92, 31)



## Callie cLine's STYLE HOTLINE



### GO CASUAL FOR SUMMER

**BARE FEET AND SHORTS ARE THE WAY TO GO FOR THE HOT WEATHER**

**SUMMER is coming - for those of us in the Northern hemisphere, at least!**

That means bare feet, shorts, walks on the beach, running in the hills and all that other fun stuff. I love going casual in SL, mixing and matching cut-off shorts, jeans and little t-shirts. Going casual, doesn't need to be boring or blah - sometimes, less is more and occasionally little bits of your own style added to an otherwise boring pair of jeans and shirt can make all the difference.

One of my favourite things to add when

I'm in the mood is my princess' tiara.

Here I've paired it with a simple striped shirt and shorts, and a pair of sneakers. Without the tiara, the outfit looks OK, but adding it gives a bit of zing.

Some people use tattoos, piercings, lots of jewellery, glasses, or their favourite accessories to turn a shirt and plain old pair

of jeans into their own look, so when you're out this weekend, try going casual, be cool and add some not-so-predictable things to what you're wearing... you never know what you might come up with!



**CASUAL:**  
Callie in t-shirt and cut offs



**HOT:** Keep cool this summer!

### WHAT'S HOT!

#### FLEXI-SCULPTI HAIR

By CARRIE SODWIND

**NAUGHTY hair just got 'badder'.** Lost Therein has sculpted and styled, and come up with 'Nicole' - the first hair to combine sculpti and flexi, so that the long locks flow gloriously around the shoulders. It is available now in three colours at Naughty Island (Naughty 78, 107, 23) for L\$350. It will be worth every penny when you are the first one wearing the future hair of SL, and all your friends will marvel when your hair doesn't poke into your shoulders.



**NAUGHTY:**  
The new flexi-sculpti hair

## INVENTORY SNEAK PEEK ARMIN WIEFEL

By CARRIE SODWIND

#### Can't do without my... motorbike!

"I chose this motorbike as I already drive it in RL. The creator is Raver Bellow. The design is the best of the bikes I've found here, and easy to ride. It's not a chopper - there are lots of choppers in



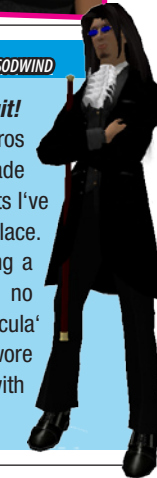
#### Loving my... sunglasses!

"I always wear these sunglasses, don't like to be seen without them. They are from PrimOptic. They were one of the first objects I bought here in SL. I like them, the design is very sophisticated, they fit well and I can change colours."



#### Digging my... Eros suit!

"The suit is from Eros Designs. it's well made compared to other suits I've seen here. I like the lace. It looks a bit like being a master vampire. I'm no Goth, but in 'Dracula' the main vamp wore this kind of suit - with blue glasses."

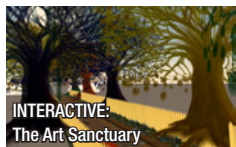


### ART GALLERY IN THE VIRTUAL SKY

By LIONILA LIGHTFOOT

A FAIRYTALE new art gallery in the sky will house 3D versions of work by Raspirit Heron.

The Art Sanctuary opens later this month, and will consist of two castles connected by a tree alley, which Heron formerly painted in 2D. Her work is spread across six floors, and the gallery is the first part of her vision to turn her art into an interactive experience.



INTERACTIVE: The Art Sanctuary

### HELPING OUT RL ARCHITECTS

A LEADING in-world architect is enlightening his RL equivalents about the benefits of using SL as a building tool.

Keystone Bouchard, founder of the 'RL architects in SL' group, said: "Clients feel that the finished RL house tends to look and feel almost exactly like it looks and feels in SL, it is almost spooky."



ARCHITECT: Keystone Bouchard

# STAR CRIBS

By LIONILA LIGHTFOOT

## BEACHIN' PAD

1



HOUSE:

Jellybean chills between palm trees in her private beach house.

This week's star:

**JELLYBEAN MADISON**

Born:

04/29/04

Activities:

Party queen

Home base:

Wildmutt

Style:

A beautiful two-floor open beach house.



2



INTERIOR:

Natural materials inside the house create a laid back atmosphere.

3



BALCONY:

Jellybean spends most of her SL time on the balcony chilling on jumbo pillows or dancing salsa with her closest friends.

4



BEACH:

She is always ready to challenge the waves in the ocean in front of her beach house.

## METRO CITY

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SUNSHINE COAST

OVERLOOKING  
THE GREAT BARRIER REEF

# Välkommen, Sverige!

## (Welcome Sweden!)



### The National Dress

The official Swedish National Dress. Female and male versions. Made in cooperation with the lovely Pandora Jensen (Panjen at Absence 182,91,24).



### The Garden Furniture

Typical Swedish garden furniture, made in different styles and colours, for instance pure white and a realistic used look.



### The Lucia

On December 13, 2006, I arranged the first virtual Swedish Lucia party ever, in SL of course. The event was produced in cooperation with Phreak Radio. Over 350 residents attended the party, listened to the Lucia songs and learned about travelling to Sweden.

Since the earliest days of SL, I have introduced a lot of what's special with Sweden. Except for the mosquitos:-) I have also actively run a group with a strong focus on everything that's Swedish. Today, the group – Swedish People in SL – is one of the largest, oldest and most active in SL.

It started out when I saw all other nationalities expressing themselves in SL. Whereas Sweden – my country! – seemed to be nowhere. From the very beginning, my goal has been to bring out the Swedish in the international melting pot that is Second Life.

The pictures in this ad show some of the things that I have done – together with a lot of different friends. The objects are all a gift from me to the residents of SL: just ask me and I will give you a copy.



### The Flag

Swedish flag, with colours and measures according to official Swedish flag regulations. Slightly shaded for a more realistic look, wafting in the Second Life virtual breeze.



### The Midsummer Pole

Traditional Swedish Midsummer Pole, with birch leaves (texture by Osprey Therain) and traditional Swedish flowers. Can be seen at my store in Verloren, Otherland, as well as in the Second Sweden archipelago.



### The Information

In all of my SL projects I have arranged for the visitors to learn more about Sweden, both our culture and IRL travelling. And I always try to communicate everything related to Sweden, to everybody.



### The Box

Everybody who joins my group will receive, at no cost, a box filled with a selection of the Swedish stuff made: with friends in SL – the National Dress, the Midsummer Pole, the Flag, etc.

Now, things are about to change. The official Sweden is finally making its debut in SL, with the Swedish Institute building, among other things, a Swedish Embassy and the spectacular Dalhalla outdoor concert arena.

I'd like to welcome Olle Wästberg (Olle Ivory), head of the Swedish Institute, and the rest of official Sweden to Second Life. I'd also like to offer my experience and my Swedish stuff. Finally, I'd like to express my hope that they, too, will share and build upon the open spirit of Sweden that I've always tried to maintain.

### Heja Sverige!

mvh/ Tina (PetGirl) Bergman



Visit my EXAKT stores at Verloren, Otherland, and Second Sweden – All things in the stores are made from fresh biodegradable prims.

BTW: Lovely Dana Bergson, Otherland CEO, and Johan Hedberg at Second Sweden sponsored this AD.

**Verloren (216, 30, 33) Second Sweden (72, 112, 24)**

## DESIGNERS IN THE SPOTLIGHT

**Briar Bellambi and Roberta Beauchamp**

**SL Birth Dates:**  
5/27/06 and 10/12/06  
**Famous for:**  
The new hotties in SL fashion design

By LIONILA LIGHTFOOT

**THE AVASTAR: How did you meet each other?**

**ROBERTA BEAUCHAMP:** Briar and I used to roleplay. We liked each other's outfits and it was a fashion relationship made in heaven.

**BRIAR BELLAMBI:** Opening a store in SL has been our dream for a long time. We are planning to make a collection together this fall.

**TA: How can people find the right style for their avatar?**

**BB:** I think people develop a connection with their avatar, and they know what their avatar likes and dislikes.

**RB:** Roleplay helped a lot. I made this persona and stuck to it. When you can love your avatar, you can love her closet.

**TA: How do you perceive style in SL?**

**BB:** The one thing about SL fashion that saddens me is how most women's fashion is centred on sexual appeal. Our clothes and accessories are for strong, empowered women.

**RB:** My sexy stuff is a backless dress or a deep V neck, I don't have many 'hoochie' outfits.

**TA: Should women have their personal fashion assistant?**

**BB:** I think that everyone should have their own personalised fashion. We used to take newbies all over SL, showing them our favourite shops.

**RB:** It is like our hobby.

We have helped out a lot of residents with style overhauls.

**TA: Tell us about your personal wardrobe.**

**RB:** I like having a wardrobe that shows how long I have been around. I get people asking me about Dazzle all the time.

**BB:** A lot of the stuff in my inventory you cannot get any more. I have two outfits from pre-flexi prims. They are totally SL retro.



# WHEELY GREAT!

By TINA (PETGIRL) BERGMAN

### LINC SteamChair Crate

Fully animated.

By Per Lagerkvist

Jeju (238, 151, 84)

**L\$599**



### Nautilus Bike

By Peel Bearcat

Ikebukuro (211, 86, 21)

**L\$200**



### The LOLO

Seven different colours - ride them with a friend. Optional helmets available.

By LOLO

The LOLO (17, 108, 21)

**L\$420**

### MDHU Mountain Bike

Scripting by Roberto Salubris.

Medhue Simoni

Tanglewood City (145, 91, 26)

**L\$500**



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# NEW SIMS

AN ENTRY FROM A FAMOUS FLOWER SHOW AND A MAJOR RL CAR FIRM ARE THIS WEEK'S NEW SIMS.

## CHELSEA



**THE Chelsea Flower Show and the Renault Twingo sprung into SL this week.**

Britain's most prestigious annual flower show may be over, and its sparkling array of horticultural treats gone, but one plot has been replanted in-world and is blooming in the grid's virtual soil. The British Daily Telegraph newspaper has recreated a scaled model of its German-inspired sunken garden in the Chelsea sim.

Those who prefer fast-paced thrills to stopping

and smelling the roses may be interested in the new sim on Renault Italia's island. SL builder Bruno Echegaray has created a site which gives visitors an interactive RL car dealership experience to promote the new Renault Twingo. Residents can customise their Twingo car and then road test it on the racing track, where experts are on hand to answer any questions.

## RENAULT TWINGO



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# MY TRAVEL TIPS

By **BILBO WINKLER**

**DAVE Attenborough owns the Trash Palace electronic music club.**

**THE AVASTAR: Which sims have you explored lately?**

**DAVE ATTENBOROUGH:**

Midian city, a realistic urban role play area in an apocalyptic style. Also Toxian City, a dark roleplay area where it's always that looks like good old Rome, are cool.

**TA: Where do you hang out and relax?**

**DA:** The Lost Gardens of Apollo, a beautiful and romantic place.

It's sometimes a bit cheesy, but I love cheesy things sometimes Also the Bayside Beach Club - a nice beach, in a well done sim.

**TA: Where do you party?**

**DA:** Back To Mine, a converted Cornish mine building which, by pure coincidence, sits on bedrock featuring a deep and rich seam of tunes, accompanying the beautiful sunsets on the beach here perfectly. It will lift your second soul.

**TA: What sims do you find the most creative?**

**DA:** The Wastelands, and Toxian City which feels like the 'Blade Runner' movie - I always wanted to be a cyperpunk.

**TA: What are your top tips for exploring SL?**

**DA:** Look at the profile of people that you like - mostly they have good tips in the 'picks tab'. Or do random teleports.



DARK: Toxian City



URBAN: Midian City

## TAKE YOUR PICK

Take a quick peek at the hot destinations in profile picks. This week: **BIKERS**



TARA ALLEN

**SLURGIS**

Lil Sturgis 1 (43, 93, 34)

The ornate temples perched on rolling green hillsides may entice tourists looking for an idyllic getaway, but the deafening roar of Harleys cruising the looping mountain roads into SL's ultimate biker town would soon send them packing.



RICHY USHER

**SILVER MOTORSPORTS COMPLEX**

Silver Island (152, 136, 22)

A grand day out at the motor races is proving as popular as ever and there are few better places on the grid for the SL speed freak than this venue. Either join the crowds for the NASCAR and drag racing or buy some wheels and burn rubber yourself.



SCOTT PETSHOP

**CALLETA'S HOBO INFOHUB**

Calleta (98, 214, 27)

If the SL property market is proving too pricey then why not join the economising hobos in Calleta, where you can make yourself a modest but cosy dwelling in amongst the boxes and burning oil drums of this abandoned shipping and railway yard.



For advice write to  
Randi Barracuda at:  
dearrandi@the-avastar.com

# DEAR

## GETTING TOGETHER WITH MATE'S EX CAUSES STRIFE

IS IT WORTH RISKING MY RELATIONSHIP WITH BEST FRIEND FOR HER FORMER HUSBAND?

*Dear Randi:* WHEN I met my first friend in SL, she was married to this great guy, but then ended up dumping him a couple of months later. Although I thought she had done him wrong, I agreed to be a bridesmaid at her second wedding which took place not too long afterwards. I remained

friends separately with both her and her ex, and after one thing led to another, he and I recently began dating. Now I feel I may have found the true love of my life! The problem I have is that she objects to the relationship, even though I can't see why. What should I do? — W.S.

*Randi says:* Situations like this always strike me as odd, but

it isn't all that uncommon. She sent her ex to the trash heap and then objected when someone else tried to claim him. What he does now is none of her business, particularly since she was the one who ended the relationship. Proceed with your new guy, and if she ends your friendship then you might be better off for it.

## GIRLFRIEND REFUSES TO SAVE FOR DREAM HOME

*Dear Randi:* MY girlfriend and I became engaged several months ago, and decided we would have a dream wedding and buy a nice home when we had saved up enough money. We agreed we would each contribute 50 per cent of the costs incurred for those things, and as of last week I had already saved my share. But when I asked her about hers, she said she had only managed to set aside L\$200. She has been hitting a casino almost every night, and keeps losing all her money in there. Should I take some drastic action to stop this? — C.D.

*Randi says:* That depends on how much you love her. It's possible she has a gambling addiction, and you must decide whether or not it is a deal-breaker for you. Tell her your feelings and give her a deadline to save a set amount of money. If she can't do it, you may have to walk away from all the trouble.

## OLD FLAME WANTS ME BACK BUT I'M TAKEN

*Dear Randi:* I RECENTLY broke up with my girlfriend, whom I met on both of ours' first day in Second Life. The break-up was actually quite friendly, even though it was her idea. I am now involved with another girl, with whom I have discussed getting married. But now my old girlfriend has started IMing me about getting back together with her. I don't want her feelings to get hurt again, but I have a new love now. How can I let her down without causing her too much pain? — P.M.

*Randi says:* This sounds like an extremely awkward situation for everyone involved. You may not be able to make your former girlfriend happy about it, but I think that you have to tell her the whole truth as clearly and gently as possible, that there is a new lady in your life and you aren't coming back to her. If she throws a fit, mute her.

# RANDI

The Virtual World's  
No 1 Agony Aunt

## MY BOYFRIEND IS A STRIPPER!

*Dear Randi:*

I MET an amazing guy in SL, a man who is as intelligent and charming as he is handsome. Since we live across an ocean in RL, we haven't spent as much time together in-world as I would like. He recently asked me to marry him and produced a big diamond ring. But

then he confided in me that he is wealthy because he is a stripper, and said he does not plan to quit after he marries. Should I say yes? — F.M.

*Randi says:*

He has apparently made a decision, and you must decide if you want him warts and all. Tell

him you would like to see him at work at the club. If he says yes, then go see what the fuss is all about. If you can handle it, become his fiancée. But if he won't let you watch him work, make a clean break.

## RANDI'S PHOTO CASEBOOK

SHARONE'S LOVE RAT DILEMMA: WEEK 1



# FONTANA 2.0



## SUMMER 2007

a new exhibition at the heldscalla foundation

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# THE GUIDE

TOP EVENTS AND ENTERTAINMENT

## THIS WEEK: LIBRARIES

CLASSICAL:  
Cybrary City



By GAETANA FAUST

## LITERARY HEAVEN

READ TO YOUR HEART'S CONTENT AT ONE OF SL'S LIBRARIES

**EXPAND your literary horizons with a tour of SL's best libraries.**

There's no better place to start than the Second Life Library on Info Island (89, 126, 34). There is a whole group of libraries on the same sim, and you can jump in a car to take an orientation tour of the island. Professionals will want to visit Cybrary City (131, 162, 24) to look at a host of interesting references at the Library Science Center, which is a beautiful neo-classical building and a great place to settle in for some reading. Grab a cup of java at the coffee bar up the winding staircase, and snuggle up in one of the comfy sofas with the reference material of your choice.

SL residents learning how to build

will invariably end up at the Ivory Tower Library of Primis in Natoma (209, 164, 27). It is undoubtedly the most comprehensive and user-friendly source of building information in SL. If scripting is your passion, visit the LSL Exhibition Library and Bookstore in Daydream SE Islands (222, 76, 21).

The Librarium in Abitibi (190, 25, 38) is a hub for all book lovers. Take a tome from one of several chests of books or click the sign to connect to a calendar of library-related events in SL.

Chilbo's Town Hall and Library (117, 240, 121) offers a Build Your Own Library Package that contains everything you need to set up your own in-world beacon of knowledge.

**ROOMY READING**  
CALEDON



While away those lazy days with a good book at this purpose-built reading room, which has all the home comforts you could want.

Where: Caledon  
(67, 66, 23)

**HOLOGRAPHIC HOST**  
BLACKLIBRARY



Don't be scared by the interactive hologram host!

Where: Hyperborea  
(93, 48, 25)

**READ, YOU MUST**  
SL LIBRARY



There's no better place to start, and you'll be greeted by a familiar face.

Where: Info Island  
(89, 126, 34)

6.1. - 6.7.

## DON'T MISS! –



## LIVE MUSIC

## HAVENS PARADISE

Solo acoustic rock musician Mankind Tracer will be live in concert at the grand opening of Havens Paradise.

**When:** June 7, 13:00

**Where:** Havens Paradise (66, 159, 32)



## DISCUSSION

## TALKING THE TALK

Take part in a US presidential discussion boasting an impressive roster of activists, actors, pundits and bloggers.

**When:** June 4, 07:00

**Where:** InWorld Studios (199,174,27)



## SPORTS

## SURF CLASS

A surf class will be held for all those wanting to learn how to ride those virtual waves.

**When:** June 2, 15:00

**Where:** Crab Island (135, 144)



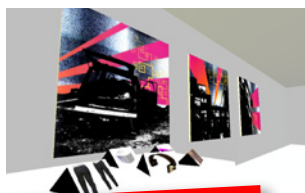
## LIVE MUSIC

## RELAY FOR LIFE

A 12-hour charity concert featuring Mel Cheeky and many more.

**When:** June 2, 12:00

**Where:** Eros Promenade (233, 219)



## ENTERTAINMENT

## HI FI'S OF THE 90S

The band release their 'Hard On' EP, paired with artwork.

**When:** June 3, 09:00

**Where:** Howelsen (70, 229)



## EVENT OF THE WEEK!

## BONFIRE 2007

The Colorado Technical University is to officially open its classrooms with the Bonfire 2007 24 Hour Music Festival at the House of Flames.

**When:** June 2, 12:00

**Where:** House of Flames (130, 68, 34)

## EVENTS OF THE WEEK



## LIVE MUSIC

## GAMELAN TUNAS MEKAR

The community orchestra will perform the indigenous music of Bali at the Multi Media Arts Center, including traditional temple music and more modern pieces.

**When:** June 3, 14:00

**Where:** Somerset (230, 200, 66)



## ART

## MY MULTIPLE HYBRIDSPACES

Artist lance Kanno will speak via live video stream about his show at DDesign Island, which explores the relationship between the web and space.

**When:** June 6, 13:00-14:00

**Where:** Cultureregion (198, 36)



## THEATRE

## VIRTUATER OPENING

Budding actors and culture vultures should head to the opening of the Virtuater for the debut of the 'Live Action Online Virtual Theatre'.

**When:** June 6, 01:00-02.30

**Where:** Atai (213, 14)



## EVENT OF THE WEEK!

## MONEY PROGRAMME

An episode of BBC show The Money Programme entitled 'Virtual World, Real Millions' will be simulcast into SL at the same time as in RL.

**When:** June 1, 12:00 and 13:00

**Where:** RiversRunRed (200, 123, 45)



## ENTERTAINMENT

## MERMAID PAGEANT

Mosey on over to the Mermaid Pageant in Shamrock to decide for yourself who the sexiest siren really is.

**When:** June 3, 19:30

**Where:** Shamrock (122, 193)

## WANT TO SEE YOUR EVENT HERE?

DO you have an event which you would like to see published in The AvaStar's Events section? If so, email us details at news-desk@the-avastar.com.



# How to...

Everything a newbie needs to know!

**RUN SL MORE SMOOTHLY ON LESS POWERFUL COMPUTERS**  
**IT can be difficult to run SL smoothly if you do not have the latest graphics card and computer.**

One of the signs of a computer being pushed too hard is when your avatar walks in jerky and hesitant movements. The first



SMOOTH:  
SL at 64 metres

step to take is to set your draw distance to a lower number, such as 64.

**JERKY**

To do this, click on Edit, Preferences, then Graphics. Look for Draw Distance and type in 64, as long as it is lower than the number there already. This will mean your computer does not display objects which are further away, saving the power and memory needed to do so. Another way to lower the prim load is to go to Edit, Preferences and then Graphics Detail. Make sure to uncheck Enable Bump-mapping and Shiny as well as



Enable Rippled Water, and set avatar rendering to Normal, Lighting Detail to Sun and Moon only and Terrain Detail to low. This should greatly reduce the jerky walking. Alternatively, if you're curious, set all the options mentioned above to On and take a look around the beautiful world you never knew existed before – just watch out for the lag!

ADVERT

## Rendezvous couple animator

featured at Muse Isle (89, 175, 28)



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# FREE PER VIEW

By PETRONILLA PAPERDOLL

**HAVE you been on holiday and want to show your SL friends what you got up to? Or do you have an old black and white movie you want to watch while all cosy with your virtual partner?**



If so, this week's freebie is a must have. FreeView is a free to copy open source viewer by CrystalShard Foo (Mew, 124, 132, 751). Its features include full parcel media controls for video streams, a web-based movie listing, a picture viewer mode with an image browser and loop function.

Simply rez it, click on it and fol-

low the instructions. You can easily change the screen size using the standard editing tools.

**FAVOURITES**

Normally, FreeView will open the dialogue menus for its owner, but if you wish to allow other people to change it and control the script, you can set it for a group, with specific instructions on SLGuide.com, which is linked from the menu. The site also contains a database to store media URLs for use with the FreeView player, and you can submit your favourites.

As for those holiday snaps – remember not to bore your friends with dozens of pics of the same thing!



FREEBIE:  
Where to pick up  
FreeView

## DO + DOS AND DON'TS – SHAPE - DON'T

By GAETANA FAUST

- + Right-click your avatar and select Appearance to modify your shape.
- + Play around with your proportions by moving the slider controls.
- + Wear a mesh (non-prim) skirt when adjusting shape settings if you're female as it could make your bottom appear large.
- + Adjust your shape if you've just acquired a new skin.
- + Consider changing your shape if your prim hair doesn't fit properly.
- Automatically move the sliders all the way up or down.
- Alter your settings without saving your regular shape or noting where the sliders started.
- Lock in your changes without viewing your av from all angles.
- Forget to keep everything in proportion, if you are trying to look real and natural.
- Feel you have to buy a shape. Adjusting it is quite simple.

## My First Day in Second Life

### FRIEND HELPED ME GET STARTED

**RESIDENT Beverly Broome only launched her second life in May, but has taken to SL like a duck to water.**

**How was your first day?**

It was a piece of cake – thanks to a good friend of mine who told me about SL in the first place. He welcomed me when I landed on the mainland and gave me a tour of his favourite places: a beach, the Botanical Gardens and a swimming pool at Shelter.

**COOL PLACES**

My friend also helped me to get rid of the 'newbie-look' and even got me a new hairstyle. In the evening we ended the tour at a live concert at Bliss Gardens concert stage, which really won me over. I had so much fun that I can hardly wait to log in again and discover other cool places and people in-world.



FIRST DAY:  
Beverly Broome



# "caLLieifornia" & "Dulce Dal Mare"

ready-or-not  
grand opening!

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# THE AVASTAR OF THE WEEK

## MOTEEVOLVER2 JACKS

MOTEEVOLVER2 JACKS IS A TIRELESS PARTYGOER AND MUSIC JUNKIE WHO RUNS THE MOTE EVOLVER RECORD LABEL.



By MANTA MESSMER

### PROFILE

NAME:  
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BIRTH DATE:  
12/06/2006  
PROFESSION:  
Record label owner  
ATTITUDE:  
Euphoric and electronic

**THE AVASTAR: What is your favourite place in SL?**

**MOTEEVOLVER2 JACKS:** Trash Palace in anyMOTION is an electronic music club with excellent live DJs, and is by far the best design in SL - all in concrete, great visuals, beautiful art and 3D art made by really creative people. Also

it's a rare club where you can play chess, Tetris or wash your clothes!

**TA: What would you change in SL?**

**MJ:** Technical issues like the maximum limit of people in a sim. It's really annoying when not everyone can enter a club or listen to the music.

**TA: How do you spend your time in-world?**

**MJ:** Dancing, meeting people, making music discoveries and then sharing them, and

supporting my husband Dave in his activities. I'm also working on my own secret plans that I can't reveal now, but which you'll discover soon enough if you love electronic music...

**TA: Which personal achievements are you most proud of?**

**MJ:** The organisation of the first birthday party of my RL record label Mote Evolver at Alpha Box. It was the first party in SL with Luke Slater, the international RL techno DJ

and creator of Mote Evolver.

**TA: What is the most precious item in your inventory?**

**MJ:** My dances, which I subconsciously tend to reproduce in RL! How weird is that?

**TA: If Second Life had a president, who would you vote for?**

**MJ:** A president has no real power and is just there to represent his country abroad. I think each resident already does the job, no?