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"Philip - you and everyone at the Lab must be proud of the part you have played, just as the residents are for creating it all.

"But forgive me if I have to remind you, that not all of SL will be celebrating this weekend."



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WRITE FOR THE AVASTAR

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NUMBERS OF THE WEEK

4

... years ago on June 23, Second Life opened to the public - happy birthday!

100

... are expected to attend the SLUK event in London this weekend.

400,000

... is the amount in L\$ which resident Rhonda Bosen claims she is owed after a casino owner refused to pay out a jackpot.

SAVE THE SL ENVIRONMENT!



MISS Roffo and Fang Roffo demonstrate over a section of pristine coastline that could soon be 'destroyed' by virtual development. Pic: Jengo Klaar

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LAB REFUSE TO CONFIRM EBAY 'BAN'

VICTIMS STILL WAITING FOR NEWS OVER EBAY L\$ BAN

By REGIS BRAATHENS

DESPERATE residents whose accounts have been suspended after buying L\$ on eBay say they are disgusted that Linden Lab has REFUSED to clarify the situation.

In a report two weeks ago, The AvaStar revealed that countless residents have had accounts suspended and lost thousands of L\$ after falling victim to an unofficial Linden Lab 'ban' on buying SL currency on eBay.

Despite an initial silence when questioned about the matter, a

spokesman for the Lab responded to The AvaStar's demand for an urgent response last week by saying: **"I'm meeting today with Catherine [Linden] to discuss this issue - I should have a response for you this afternoon."**



VICTIMS: Marietta Bailey and Chantal Odell

Yet ONE WEEK later, still no comment.

SCARED

The AvaStar did manage to get a response from Jean Linden, who seemed to know NOTHING of the ban which has left many residents scared they'll never get their account back.

"I do not believe that it is illegal - unless policy has changed recently", said Jean.

KICKED OUT

Yet as The AvaStar previously reported, the Lab's Live Support line have clearly been briefed differently: "I was told on the hotline that if I bought Lindens from eBay again, I

would be kicked out of SL for good", said Toto Bonetto, another victim of the Lab ban. The accounts of Chantal Odell and Marietta Bailey have yet to be reinstated, despite being closed over two weeks ago. One resident already waiting three weeks for her account to be reopened said: "It's outrageous. If it's illegal, they should have let me know before - or at least tell me now. **I'm disgusted that they have shown absolutely no concern whatsoever. And if I can't buy L\$ from LL because the system is down, where else do I go?"**

ORGANISING THE CELEBRATIONS

By MANTA MESSMER

SIGNPOSTMARV MARTIN IS IN CHARGE OF ORGANISING THIS YEAR'S SL BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS.

THE AVASTAR: Has there been pressure on you to make this year bigger and better than ever?

SIGNPOSTMARVMARTIN: You'd think there would be, but as SL grows, so does the passion of its residents and so naturally as time progresses, things do get better and better.

TA: How many do you expect to turn up?

SM: Lots and lots. It's too early to say but SL3B was about half the size of SL4B, and it had to be extended by a week to allow everyone a chance to see it.

TA: How much has SL grown up since its last birthday?

SM: As a platform, SL has changed little over the last year, it's the community that has grown more. Each day residents find new things to do in this ever-expanding world of ours.

TA: What will you be up to on the big day?

SM: Helping make sure everything goes smoothly.



IN CHARGE: SignpostMary Martin

CELEBRATE SL'S BIRTHDAY IN STYLE



SL02: How things were in 2004!

BY LEIDER STEPANOV

HAPPY birthday Second Life!

Our world turns four on Saturday June 23, and the hub of the festivities will be the week-long official Linden Lab celebrations across nine sims. So join in the fun, let your hair down and take a break from the ongoing problems which are affecting our world.

Elsewhere, Rivers Run Red are holding the SLUK event in London on Saturday, co-inciding with SL's birthday, with up to 100 people expected to attend. The official site includes two sims (one PG and

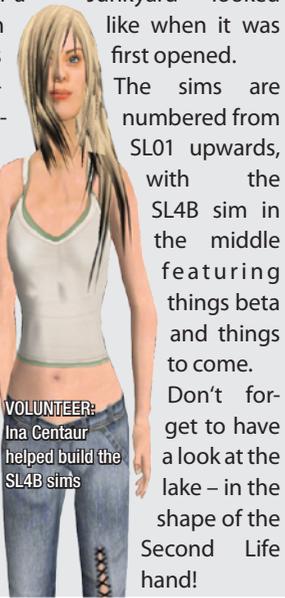
one mature) for each year of SL's existence since it opened to the public on June 23 2003. Some of the best builds to appear on the grid in each year are on show, with a Mercedes car with amazing textures and a reproduction of Shakespeare's Globe Theatre on display at the SL04 and SL04 PG sims.

Artists and musicians appearing during the week include Andromega Volare, DanCoyote Antonelli and Silverdrake Sparrow. You can also check out a rec-

rea- tion of what famous freebie store YadNi's Junkyard looked like when it was first opened. The sims are numbered from SL01 upwards, with the SL4B sim in the middle featuring things beta and things to come. Don't forget to have a look at the lake - in the shape of the Second Life hand!



YADNI'S: But how did it look when it opened?



VOLUNTEER: Ina Centaur helped build the SL4B sims

STILL A TEENAGER

SECOND LIFE IS GOING THROUGH PUBERTY AND STILL ADAPTING

ANALYSIS PHAM NEUTRA



FOUR years is a short life span in the real world. But time runs quickly in the metaverse - at least four times as fast according to our day cycle.

So perhaps SL can be compared to a 16-year-old? At 16, there are many changes going on - puberty is in full swing, the body is nearly fully developed but still adapting to hormonal changes. The soul is in turmoil, too, trying to find a new role in the world. **For some, the challenges on the path to adulthood seem to be impossible to overcome.** This is how SL might well feel.

CHALLENGES

There are three big challenges facing SL right now: technology, politics and competition. The first is felt by

all of us. SL is experiencing severe growing pains and parts of the infrastructure collapse regularly. The problems are so severe that even the steady growth has become erratic. New residents still enter in hordes, but many leave disappointed - as do some of the old ones. Politics and the society around us are also becoming very important. **During its childhood, SL was a happy anarchy, a crazy sandbox. It can't stay like that.** People are doing substantial in-world business now. The RL authorities have discovered us - and they don't like some of what they see. Which laws should rule our SL?

Finally, competition: **SL, as an open-ended, user created virtual world, has been without serious competition for most of its lifespan.** This will change dramatically. Users and corporations will have many more options soon. Will SL stay on top of the pile? Linden Lab and the residents have to tackle these challenges within the next year or two to lead SL into adulthood. This isn't an easy job. But despite its problems, it's a strong platform with a strong community. As I would say to an insecure teenager, I think its chances are better than 50 per cent.



TEENAGERS: SL is experiencing hormonal changes

PAST SL B-DAYS

By MANTA MESSMER

WILL SL's fourth bash be one to remember? The AvaStar looks at the last three to see what it has to live up to.

2004

Residents joined in the fun by creating floats for a 'Digital Pioneers' parade. Philip Linden made the first of his annual speeches before unearthing a time capsule buried a year earlier and left open for resident contributions.

2005

An enormous museum was created displaying a variety of large builds, historical photos and objects from the previous year's time capsule. The elusive Governor Linden put in a rare appearance.

2006

New attractions included a fashion show, a science fiction photo contest and a resident art show. Led by a giant cake, the official carnival procession returned. The star attraction was the Linden World float featuring various Lindens shouting and whooping to the crowds.



CELEBRATE GOOD TIMES: SL's 3rd birthday poster

TORLEY'S FUTURE VISION

LINDEN LAB CELEB TELLS THE AVASTAR WHAT SHE THINKS SL'S 8TH BIRTHDAY WILL BE LIKE

I THINK by the time of SL's eighth birthday, the celebration would be more for passionate enthusiasts who're well-versed in history, because by then, 'Second Life' as we know it will be very different.

Being speculative, we'll have a lot more decentralisation running on independent grids using LL-derived technology, but not overseen by us. So we'll have tons of folks who just don't know

where or when it all began, and at least in some ways (as the popular line of thought goes), the celebration will be more akin to how we observe the World Wide Web's birthday on August 6 today in the press.

NOVELTIES

With such accumulated history, there'll be a lot more nostalgia. We already have so much 'looking back, moving forward' for SL4B. I believe that in the future, there will be more gatherings for people who

finally meet offline who've been friends in SL for so long, and the platform (online worlds in general) will be so ubiquitous that the novelties of today will be commonplace, like what I dub 'digital water'.

One point of inspiration for me is the Photoshop conferences that Russell Brown (one of the true Adobe masters) holds - how he gets everyone in a room with computers and there's this warm, permeating liveliness about it all. That's certainly how I'd like to celebrate SL in the future, doing demos and showing off practical usages of how SL can make your first life better. It'll absolutely get more domestic, no question about it.



THE FUTURE IS BRIGHT
Torley Linden

THE VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

WHAT WILL SL'S EIGHTH BIRTHDAY PARTY LOOK LIKE?



Apple Pinkney:

"Honestly at this rate I don't think there will be one. I have been here over two years, and the Lindens are paying less and less attention to their customers. They are spending way too much time 'recruiting' millions of members that they simply can't handle."



Juel Resistance:

"SL will have more freedoms, and more people. It will be far more enriched as both a global marketing tool, and a beautiful community of artists who are prospering. Things can only get better."

"I think it will be bigger, and people will communicate with voice chat. The builds will of course be done with whatever cool features might be available then. I see the changes more in a deeper technical level, hopefully the result will be more people on a sim and thus a more crowded feeling."



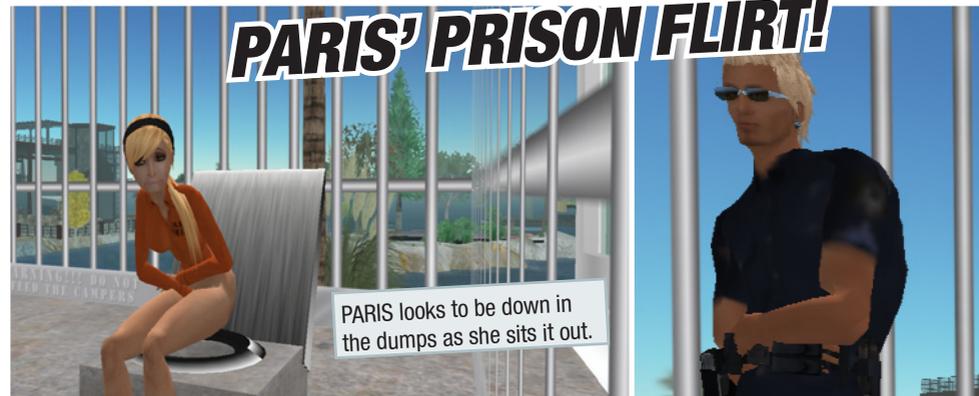
Tao Takashi:



Vivianne Oflynn:

"They will need eight candles on the on an eight-layer birthday cake of course. 'Apart from that it will look just the same, although they will probably need an octopus av to give out all the slices because so many more people will be there!'"

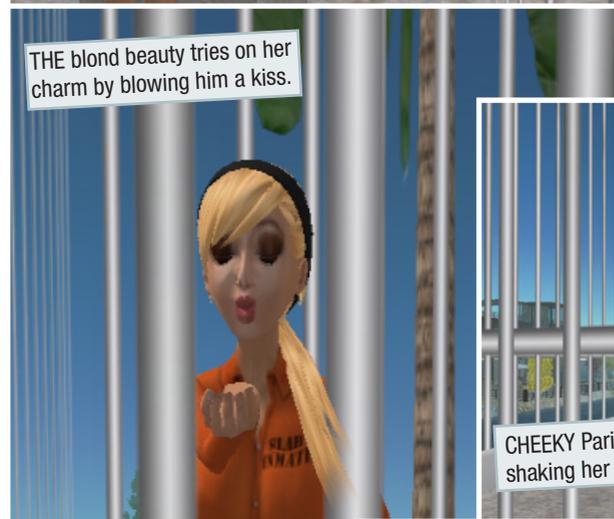
PARIS' PRISON FLIRT!



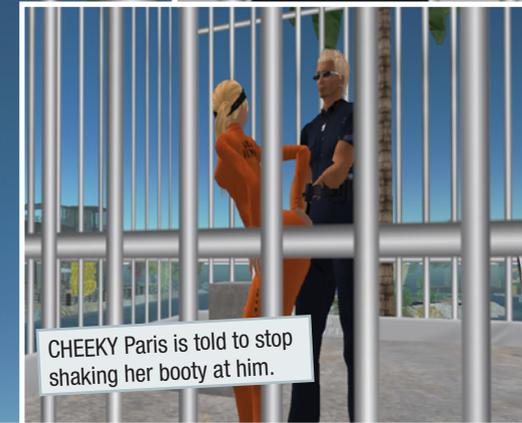
PARIS looks to be down in the dumps as she sits it out.



...but a handsome prison guard catches her eye...



THE blond beauty tries on her charm by blowing him a kiss.



CHEEKY Paris is told to stop shaking her booty at him.



BACKUP is called in a bid to keep feisty Paris calm.

By REGIS BRAATHENS

BEAUTY SHAKES ASS

FEISTY Paris Hilton Hoteling seemed to be loving her time behind bars in the SLAB jail this week.

The blond bombshell got to grips with the male policeman watching over her, blowing kisses and shaking her ass.

But the professional policemen were having none of the saucy temptress' cheeky behaviour.

NEWS BITES!

RATING RETURNS

THE Gendar Rating Radar, which allows residents to rate one another as 'nice' or 'nasty' for a L\$10 fee, has been launched by Gendar Web. It also gives the option to vote on which RL gender users think an avatar is.

PROTEST LETTER

A NEW open protest letter to Linden Lab about censorship has been posted online by frustrated residents. It urges LL to allow full freedom of expression in SL regarding depictions of a sexual and violent nature.

WINDLIGHT SET FOR 'TWEAKING'

RESIDENTS are being held in suspense as the new WindLight atmospheric technology has been put on hold for "tweaking" by Linden Lab following the First Look test viewing period at the end of May.

CENSOR FORUM

A POPULAR focus of last week's Second Convention was an interactive forum on SL censorship. ZATZai Asturias ran the show, discussing how the integration of RL politics and business had put SL under pressure from RL media attention.



THE Second Pride festival has been thrown into turmoil just days before it is due to kick off after a row over artistic fraud split the organising committee apart.

Four of the key players in the gay pride festival's steering committee have resigned in protest over claims that ideas were copied. The committee is part of Pride Festival 2007, which has raised more than L\$1million

Professional photographer Marisela Bouchard pulled the plug on an exhibition she had been preparing for weeks as an exhibit for the fourth annual event in SL, which takes place from June 24-30, saying her ideas were copied by others

on the committee.

HARD WORK

Bouchard, who photographs gay couples in SL, presented her idea for the exhibition, called 'Celebrating Couples', to committee chair Kris Mounier, who she claims then used the project for his own concept behind her back. She said: "I put in weeks of hard work for the cause. I thought one way to help promote gay pride would be to showcase and celebrate couples, especially since they are not celebrated in RL."

When she found out, she quit the committee, along with Snaper Strong, who was also the curator of the exhibition. He said: "It was out right slander. She was brutalised very

unfairly, and was even told by them (the committee) that she would only understand if she was gay."

IDIOCY

Several other committee members also walked out during the arguments which followed, including security manager and technician Traven Sachs. In his resignation letter, he said: "The growing idiocy I have observed in the past several days was the straw that broke the camels back. I wish you the best of luck with your festival.

"You're going to need it."



CURATOR: Snaper Strong

AV'S GOT TALENT!

WINNER: Tuna Oddfellow

NBC CONTEST WINNER ON HIS FUTURE PLANS

TUNA Oddfellow landed a spell-binding victory in NBC's 'SL: Avatar's Got Talent' contest - and plans to spend his L\$1million winnings on his career as a RL magician.

He beat off strong competition from other notable residents to land the title last week, and put it down to how audiences react to him: "The difference between someone doing a string of effects and someone getting a "wow!" out of a SL crowd has to do with performance."

Despite that, he recognises the part others had to play in his success by helping him to shape his avatar: "I'm a mash-up. Most people here are."

He added that the money he won will go towards his RL magic career, including new costumes, magic videos, promotions and some travel.

By DEEEEP WITTE



ADVERT

Advertisement for Purple Rose Jewelry & More. The ad features a large diamond ring in the foreground and a background image of a jewelry store. Text includes 'Purple Rose Jewelry & More' and 'Jewelry Super Store'. Location information: 'Located @ Babeli (180,178,23)'. A small logo for 'Purple Rose Jewelry' is in the top left of the ad area.



B-Day Phil: The AvaStar's Philip Linden blows out the candles

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BIG Phil takes a massive breath to blow out the candles. It's his tenth attempt - he hasn't worked out they're magic yet!

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L\$ PROBLEMS CONTINUE

Hey Regis,
IS anybody out there going to do something about the issue with Linden dollars?

Surely something must be done about this soon - Linden Lab promised to fix it by Monday, advised people to buy currency from the webpage and closed the subject on their blog - when buying from the webpage didn't work either. Many residents like myself have been

completely without funds now since Friday. We have rents and other stuff we need to pay, but the Lindens won't reply to complaints. The whole thing is a scam.

I have now been officially broke for a whole week.

By Sally Spark

L\$500 E-MAILS

WRITE TO:
 YOURMAIL@THE-AVASTAR.COM

Hey Regis,
I AM seriously upset at the complete failure of Linden Lab to solve the money problems.

It's crazy - how are they supposed to function as a business if they won't accept money from their own customers? Mind you, it's not the first time I have been bemused by the

Lab's actions. Not such a happy birthday after all.
 By Y.J.

HILTON HUMOUR

Dear Regis,
I LAUGHED my head off at the 'Paris Hilton' pics in last weeks AvaStar.

What a stroke of genius to put the spoilt little brat in the SL slammer!

For me, it just brought home how ludicrous a person she really is. Kudos to those involved with the pictures for showing that SL has a really good sense of humour.

I look forward to following her future exploits on the grid - who knows what she'll do next!

By Justin3 Humphries

GRAPHIC FAILINGS DRIVING ME OUT

Hey Regis,
I RECENTLY sent the following email to Linden Lab:

I have been a basic member of SL since December 2006. I have invested quite a bit of time and money in SL. I have been using a Gateway laptop with on board Intel Extreme graphics since first downloading the platform, and never experienced any graphic issues until downloading the 1.15 platform.

Since this release and subsequent updates, I have been consistently crashing out to 16 bit video on my laptop on a daily basis. As of this past week, I now receive a blue screen on a daily basis. This issue cost me a land sale that

I was in the process of making recently.

I filed a ticket on the JIRA, which was subsequently closed by one of your employees, with information that Intel graphics hardware is not supported. Upon further research, I discovered there is no helpful live support for basic residents.

I simply do not accept the fact that your company will only cater to a certain set of graphics hardware configura-

tions. All I can gather is that I must simply accept the fact that the hardware built into my laptop will never be supported. Although I will wait on a reply to this email, sadly I realise that there will probably be no response. I am ready to come to the conclusion that I will have to stop playing this game, and find other virtual entertainment to invest my time and money into.

By Weezul Weizhen



DISGRUNTLED: Wants out



REGIS BRAATHENS

LIND-O-METER

"OMG I'm poor!", exclaimed an AvaStar reporters at the editorial conference this week - as she still can't buy L\$ from the Linden Lab website. Can't pay her bills, can't buy, can't live. Here's your IM and email snippets:

Lab-solutely awful!

Phil-ing blue!

Lagging behind!

IMproving

Sim-ply the best!



LIND-O-METER

Phil-ing blue!

"I can't believe LL just shut off L\$ sales for the weekend and went home, leaving us helpless": H.B. "Do you know when I will be able to buy again? LL aren't responding": J.B.

NOT HAPPY FOR EVERYONE

I DON'T WANT TO BE A PARTY POOPER, BUT...

Dear Philip,
Happy 4th birthday!

Four years of hard work, four years of providing a place for people from all over the world to be creative, dream, escape, set up a V-business, make new friends and start relationships. You and everyone involved at the Lab must be proud of the part you have played, just as the residents are for creating it all.

UNHAPPY

But forgive me if I have to remind you that not all of SL will be celebrating this weekend. Residents who are battling against the lag and intermittent

crashing at the parties across the grid without their friends as the 50 people limit has been reached, people who are having to borrow L\$ from friends as they can't currently buy from LL, long standing residents who are having to enjoy the festivities through alts due to their real account password not working - they won't all be so quick to shout 'Happy Birthday'. And don't forget those residents currently suspended from the grid for buying L\$ on eBay and falling victim to an unpublicised Lab ban.

But enjoy this great day

PLEASE SEND ME YOUR COMMENTS:
regis@the-avastar.com

Philip, and everyone at the Lab as well. Everyone wishes you good luck. It's just, if you want us all to be here celebrating in four years time, then you better start acting now. So when the balloons have popped, the ice cream has melted and the children are put to bed - please start working on fixing this world. And that means on weekends too. Best regards, Regis

PRESIDENT REGIS

I WAS boosted when I saw that AvaStar of the Week Veronica2Vixen Devoix would vote for me as President of SL - "He is the people's independent voice of SL - I don't know who else can make a better president!" she wrote. With a gloating eye I turned to boast to the AvaStar reporter next to me. "Oh, haven't you seen, Leider Stepanov cut that bit out - thought she must have been joking!", he said. Darn that Stepanov.

LAZY PROTEST

PROTESTING in Second Life has become widespread in recent months, with avatars voicing their opinions against everything from Linden Lab to the G8.

Frankie Antonioni has now created a genius business model out of this new trend, for those who want to jump on the

protest bandwagon, but can't really be bothered to protest themselves. For a fee, Protesters r Us will protest for any group, regardless of the theme. You can simply book his band of protestors who will turn up and cause hell and thunder for any issue that is (clearly) very dear to you!

L\$500 PICS OF THE WEEK

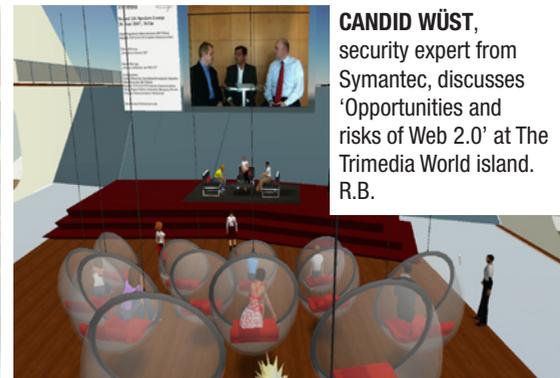
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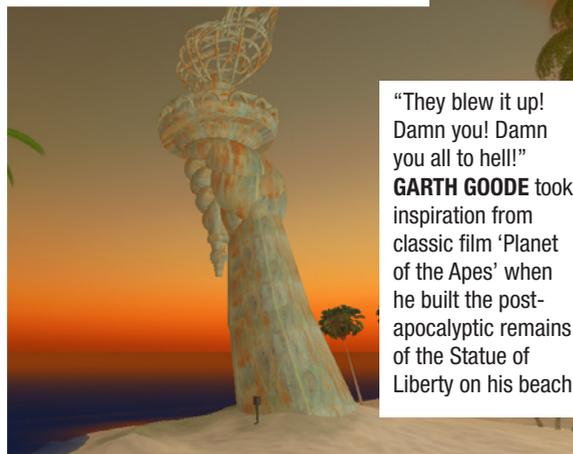
BEVERLY BROOME was impressed by the NYC Exhibit at the SL Premier Gallery of NYC in Poggiodomo.



Artist CERIA SEMPLE favours the surreal and fantastic - and just received a provisional RL art degree thanks to landscapes using textures she built and designed in SL.



CANDID WÜST, security expert from Symantec, discusses 'Opportunities and risks of Web 2.0' at The Trimedia World island. R.B.



"They blew it up! Damn you! Damn you all to hell!" GARTH GOODE took inspiration from classic film 'Planet of the Apes' when he built the post-apocalyptic remains of the Statue of Liberty on his beach!



These two residents were spotted going to extremes in editing their appearances by DYLAN MILES.

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BALANCING THE BOOKS IN SL

By MANTA MESSMER

KEEP YOUR SL BUSINESS IN THE BLACK WITH A NEW SERVICE

BUSINESSES in SL can stop worrying about paperwork and concentrate on creativity thanks to a new financial services company.

The grid has proven to be a fertile landscape for enterprising residents with business ideas, but many fail due to financial inexperience. Business veteran Kay Noble founded SL-account in May to help residents manage their accounts, allowing them to spend their time coming up with new ideas

rather than writing spreadsheets.

APPREHENSION

This week he announced that SL-account will offer auditing services, where accounts are checked and verified in order to build financially credible businesses. This is especially important for attracting investors and floating a company on a stock exchange.

Noble said that SL-account is aimed at in-world businesses of all sizes, but that despite an enthusiastic reception from residents, there is still some apprehension about making private account details available to the company.

"It is nonsense. I think that it will take some time before they trust SL-account, but I am patient.

"I am of those who thinks that SL can and will become the next generation of e-commerce, like a web 3.0."

BOOK BALANCING:
SL-account



BUSINESS VETERAN:
Kay Noble

AMSTERDAM SOLD - AGAIN

THE popular Amsterdam sim has been sold once again – months after a US\$50,000 eBay sale fell through.

3Dutch.com, a part of Dutch media company Boom BV, agreed a deal for the sim with creator Stroker Serpentine this week for an undis-

closed sum.

It is believed the deal is worth a similar amount to the one Serpentine agreed with the Nedstede Groep earlier this



SOLD: Amsterdam

year, which fell through due to a misunderstanding over content ownership rights.

3Dutch.com's Stefan Waydelich said: "With this acquisition, we can expand and build further one of the most exciting and entertaining platforms already out there on SL."

BIZ BITES: MUNICH SET FOR METAVERSE 07

THE biggest SL conference in Europe will take place in Munich on November 19 and 20. More than 50 sessions on business, technology and the community in-world will be held at the Metaverse 07 European Second Life Conference and Expo at the Forum der Technik.

RL FIRMS HIRING NOW IN-WORLD

MORE RL companies are taking an interest in using SL as a hiring platform, according to an article in The Wall Street Journal this week. Since TMP's job fair in May, companies such as Cap Gemini, McKinsey and Geek Squad, among others have given it a go.

BRAND SUCCESS

BIG brands in SL must offer more to residents if they want to succeed, according to business website Forbes.com.

VALUE INCREASE

A MEETING this week chaired by Mark Wallace of 3pointD.com will examine the implications of a rise in the value of virtual property and belongings.



A-STAR GOSSIP

UTOPIA'S TOP MODEL CONTEST HEAVEN

By DYLAN MILES

GORGEOUS UTOPIA SEES OFF COMPETITION

HADLEY Street Entertainment Complex resembled an Utopian paradise as the winner of the SL's Top Model competition was announced.

The gorgeous **Utopia Taira** emerged triumphant, beating **Teresa Campbell** into second place at the contest's climax on Saturday at

organiser **Jade Hoyer's** Club JaDa Kiss. Utopia, who built her shape from one of the SL starter shapes, said: "I like to build, so I would like to use it for supplies and eventually a small store."



SL GALORE AT 2ND CONVENTION

By CARRIE SODWIND
Pics by ZATZAI ASTURIA

RANGE OF ACTIVITIES ON OFFER EVERYTHING from discussions on security to sumo wrestling was on the agenda at the Second Convention last week.

The event was held at Artificial Isle, and also included live music and fashion shows. The official catwalk show, which took place on Saturday and was produced by **Caliah Lyon**, was one of the largest fashion events in SL. It featured 20 top designers, including **Simone** and **Canimal**.

Convention organiser **ZATZAI Asturias** is planning to hold the next event in September.



Pic by Paiwman Schnabel.

MIA MAXSTED took to the stage for a live open air concert at the sea stage at Quera last week, as part of her **Summernight Tour 2007**.



A-STAR GOSSIP

SUMMER SOLSTICE FUN

By PETRONILLA PAPERDOLL

RESIDENTS CELEBRATE WITH MUSIC FESTIVAL HUGE crowds in both SL and RL welcomed in the summer solstice at the European Festival of Music.

Performers took to the stage both in Rome and in SL on Thursday at the experience sim. Well-known Italian artist **Silvia Salemi** pre-

sented her new album at the climax of the festival's first evening, although the SL event focused mainly on up-and-coming acts like **Piorgiorgio Lucidi**, the **Dubzoic band** and **Mark Guillemot**. The event continued on Friday.



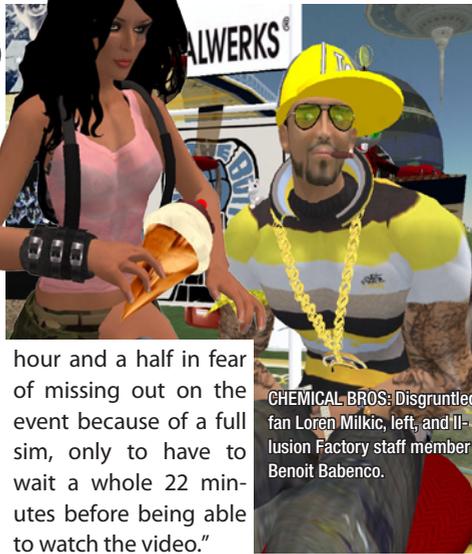
PHOTOGRAPHER **Becky Rawley** is exhibiting photos taken at the recent Fashion Victim Fashion Show, which was attended by 150 people. Rawley captured the faces in portraits now on display at Fand (138, 139, 99).

PHOTOGRAPHER: Becky Rawley

COMICAL BROS

ACT'S DISAPPOINTING SL 'EVENT' RESIDENTS endured another heavily-promoted but disappointing RL entertainment 'first' in SL.

Fans of British big beat duo the **Chemical Brothers** gathered at the Illusion Factory on Tuesday for the in-world premiere of the pair's new video, 'Do It Again'. But despite the visually impressive set-



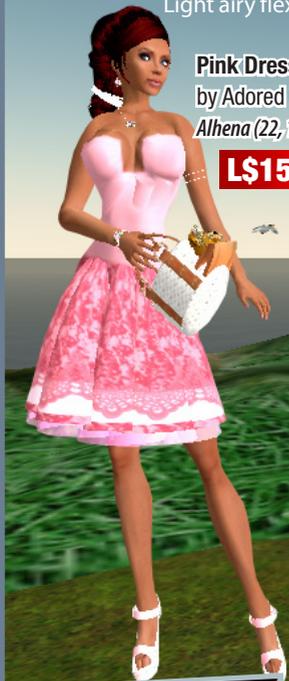
ting, many were left frustrated after the band failed to show up - without even an event host to ask what exactly was happening. Disgruntled fan **Loren Milkic** said: "I am outraged at being treated so unfairly. My love for Chemical Brothers brought me to sit here for an hour and a half in fear of missing out on the event because of a full sim, only to have to wait a whole 22 minutes before being able to watch the video."

CHEMICAL BROS: Disgruntled fan Loren Milkic, left, and Illusion Factory staff member Benoit Babenco.

SUMMER SHADES

By ISABEL BROCCO

The AvaStar has compiled three of the daintiest looks for a day out in the sun. Light airy flexi frocks, sun shades, and sandals... just don't forget the picnic!



Pink Dress
by Adored Clothing,
Alhena (22, 104, 30)

L\$150



L\$499
Summer Breeze Dress with Hat
by Callie Cline,
Lambda (172, 168, 22)



Dot Dress
by Frangipani
Desgins,
Iladil (157, 25, 74)

L\$230



L\$499
Color Change Rose set
Purple Rose, Babeli (111, 232, 25)



L\$170
Pearls set
Hillcrest Estates (115, 214, 25)



L\$350
Dice Jewelry set
Amour (112, 179, 30)



L\$400
Charisma Pink shoes
by Minx,
Shepherd (3, 44, 107)



L\$25
Purse
Oriental Express (90, 62, 28)



L\$50
Sunglasses in licorice
by Sinfulshades,
GurlyWood (67, 207, 21)



L\$175
Yorkie Puppybag
by Pampered Paws,
Awesometastic (117, 9, 51)



L\$100
Beach Shoes
by Caroline's,
Minna (224, 242, 27)



L\$250
Boho Sandles
by Shiny Things,
Shiny falls (198, 173, 37)

callie cline's STYLE HOTLINE



LADY IN RED

TURN INTO A ROUGE ROGUE THIS WEEK

I'LL be honest – red is not one of my favourite colours at all.

But at times, I just have to wear it! Who knows why, but after I put on this stunning estate jewellery set by Sue Stonebender, I had to find an outfit to go with it. After trying a gown, a dress and some fancy stuff, I opted for my red 'oi' boots, a nice basic black skirt, my army baby red camo shirt and some Gurl 6 pony tails (dolly) to show off the nice ruby earrings. I have to say, I loved this outfit! It is great to mix items in RL, and I thought why not try

that in SL too.

FUN

It's not like I own really amazing pieces like this in RL, but in SL, when you can own something that might have a RL value of US\$300,000, why not buy it and wear it in an unusual way? I'm having fun experimenting more and more in SL with colours I normally don't 'do', and it's creating a more fun experience. Sometimes, it's tricky even in SL to



FOXY: Red hot Callie

get out of the norms we set up for ourselves, and that definitely applies in fashion. I get IMs daily like "help me caLLie, I can't think of anything to wear!" So maybe we just need to try some different things from time to time, things we think we may not like, and who knows, we my just try it and look RED HOT!

WHAT'S HOT! CRAZY CORY!

By CARRIE SODWIND

TALK about wearing your heart on your sleeve. Lab CTO Cory Linden was spotted at iCommons this week head to toe in an array of fantasy items - a hotch-potch of symbols, each one of them giving a little insight into Cory. Instead of a devil and angel on her shoulder she has a cute teddy at one ear, and Darth Vader at the other. With her wiry blue hair, cute butterfly patched jeans, and cocked weapon at her waist she wears a battle between good and evil. Great expressive look!



@CORBLIMEY:
Cory with mini
Darth Vader and
teddy

INVENTORY SNEAK PEEK RHIANNON ROSSINI

By ISABEL BROCCO



I CAN'T LIVE WITHOUT...

"My marvellous shape. I had it custom made at Shapes by Zada. "They did such a good job with it – it was exactly what I had asked for."

AN ESSENTIAL PART OF ME...

"The tattoos on my legs. "These tats were a gift from a really good old friend Rit Tracer, and I just love them. They were made by the talented tattoo designers Beyond Tattoo."

I ALWAYS WEAR IT...

"This hair - made by H2L. Hayate Ewing is the designer. It is simply me, there's nothing more to say about it!"

IT'S VERY SPECIAL TO ME...

"My wonderfully detailed wedding ring by Burroughs Jewellery. I bought it when I got married in RL two months ago."



LACOSTE EXHIBIT

By Petronilla Paperdoll
PHOTOGRAPHY lovers flocked to the opening of an exhibition by Marco Manray this week featuring the six winners of the recent in-world modelling competition run by RL clothing firm Lacoste.

The renowned in-world photographer and AvaStar contributor, who specialises in virtual worlds, has snapped the three boys and three girls wearing the Lacoste Spring/Summer 2007 collection at the exhibition, mounted by Community Chest at Crao Beach.

Manray's photos not only document the intrinsic beauty of his avatar subjects, who emerged victorious from more than 500 entrants, but his artist's eye also studies their movement in space and the graphic impact of their whole outfit on the simple bright background of SL's blue sky. The result is an original dynamic approach which transforms the beautiful models into aesthetic icons of the metaverse. The exhibition will be on until June 28.



LACOSTE PICS: Marco Manray

STAR CRIBS By LIONILA LIGHTFOOT

TAO'S TOP PAD

ABOUT TAO TAKASHI:
 Born: 2/14/06
 Activities: Designer, machinima maker, podcaster
 Home base: Theta
 Style: His own personalised loft space



1 BUILD:
 Takashi lives in a community of SL developers where his self-built loft space is located.

2 MINIMALIST:
 The ground-floor conference room speaks a minimalist language which receives its ambience from naturally coloured windows.

3 INTERIOR:
 The clear cut Takashi design gets a touch of cosiness from the wood on floor and ceiling.

4 CINEMA:
 The flexible space quickly turns into a video log cinema for public presentations.

PUT THE BOOT IN



By TINA (PETGIRL) BERGMAN

THE STAR BOOT

Sexy Overknee Boots

With heel click sounds in 12 colours and fabrics. By Bax Coen

Rigi (97, 88, 37)

A fantastic first in SL - realistic sounds, precisely synchronised as you walk!



L\$800

A FIRST FOR SL

L\$199

Pink Buckle Boots

With mean fins coming out the front, available from !WRONG.

By Kaysha Sion

Tipsico (161, 166, 302)



L\$350

Leopard Calf Boots

From She's So Unusual Shoes.

By Rowan Carroll Swain (242, 142, 160)



L\$200

Bonny Anne - Pirate Boots Upper R By Estrelle Fauna Heavenly Soles (114, 33 30)

ADVERT

FASHION ART by



Fashion Art Pyramid, Ecstasy (189, 177, 22)
 Fashion Art Gallery, Cote azur (21, 87, 26)



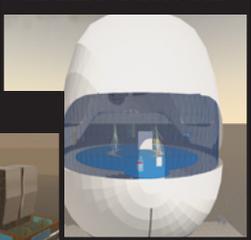
NEW SIMS

A DENTISTS, A TRADE FAIR, A GOVERNMENT OFFICE - JUST SOME OF THIS WEEK'S NEW SIMS

THOSE in need of a few virtual fillings can head to 'hmt', a new, first of its kind dental practice located on the island of Quist.

Also opened this week, Idee-Virtual island is a trade fair island where SL agencies can promote their services. Among them are SL Talk where German residents can send SMS to German mobiles whilst at the stand, and SL TV station L4You is also involved.

IDEEA-VIRTUAL



Synaxon AG, the German IT giant, opened its doors

this week right next to the impressive Virtual Museum of Art, which hosts Gottfried

DENTISTS



Other sims opening this week include Austrian E-Government platform HELP.gv.at. The large office will provide information and advice, and will enable communication with the 60,000 active Austrian SL residents. This Saturday, top fashion designer Neferia Abel's new Sim Ivalde will open.

IVALDE



Helnwein's collection. Synaxon is mainly interested in human resources in SL, aiming to find out whether the virtual world is a good place for recruiting.

SYNAXON



TAKE YOUR PICK

Take a quick peek at the hot destinations in profile picks. This week: ROMAN AVATARS



TRISH SHAN

ROMANCE ICE SKATING
Perfect Island (35, 90, 35)

If you can think of romance whilst ice-skating and not fall on your face, then you will find much to enjoy at this Perfect Island attraction, which manages the equally rare feat of being an ice rink in a tropical paradise.



AMAKA BONETTO

CLANGER'S INVENTIONS
Clangers Inventions (171,125,40)

In creating this sim, Clanger has opened up his mind to let out all the weird and wonderful things inside, creating a riot of clashing colours and head-bending patterns. It's a psychedelic wonderland you'll never forget!



TORIN GOLDING

FLAVIAN GLADIATOR ARENA
ROMA (119, 62, 27)

This popular attraction is for folks who yearn for an age when entertainment was simple and wholesome, when people crowded into an arena to watch two men armed with swords and a shield try and hack the other to pieces.

MY TRAVEL TIPS

By MANTA MESSMER

KANKER GREENACRE is a seasoned SL sailor and founder of the hugely popular Second Life Sailing Federation.

THE AVASTAR: Which sims have you explored recently?

KANKER GREENACRE: Paris 1900, the Sagittaria sims, Explorer Island in the new Sci-Lands archipelago... man, it's hard to keep up these days!

TA: Where do you hang out and relax?

KG: When I'm not sailing or golfing at Hollywood, I usually sit by my campfire in

Gray, just waiting for strangers to wander by.

TA: Where do you party?

KG: I spend my Friday evenings listening to Frogg Marlowe and Jaycatt Nico, drinking beer and singing along at home.

TA: What sims do you find the most creative?

KG: Nakama has some crazy cartoon architecture. The Burning Life and Relay for Life sims are always amazingly cool, but it's too bad they only exist for a few weeks out of the year.

TA: What are your top tips for exploring SL?

KG: I get the best travel recommendations from perfect strangers. I always ask people I've just met where they've all been in SL.



ADVERT

FASHION ART
PYRAMID
& MAZE

FASHION ART by
Julien

FRIDAY PARTY
AT 12:00 midday
IN OUR
MAZE
CLUB

FASHION PAINTINGS

Fashion Art Pyramid, Ecstasy (189, 177, 22)



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

DEAR

BROKEN PROMISES OF MY 'PERFECT' GUY



SUBHEAD

Dear Randi: I'VE been dating this amazing guy for about five months. He's funny and kind and I love him dearly! But over the last few weeks he has told me several times he's planning to take me out or give me a surprise, and then never shows. Today I invited him to a lovely evening dinner, but he's late again. He is logged on to an IM

site, but he's not responding. I don't want to break up, because otherwise he's perfect. What should I do? — A.R.

Randi says: If you don't want to break up with your dream guy, then you shouldn't. He quite secretive, and perhaps he has RL commitments he's not telling you about. Tell him how much you love him and ask why

he has been late so often. One unfortunate possibility, though, is that your feelings for him are deeper than his feelings for you and that he takes you for granted. One way or another, time will sort out the situation.

Can Randi help with YOUR problem? Ask SL's No. 1 agony aunt for advice by emailing dearrandi@the-avastar.com.

IS MY EX-MALE ESCORT HUSBAND BACK AT IT?

Dear Randi: MY husband had made lots of money as an in-world male escort before we were married in SL. He was running a gay club here, but although he has always insisted he isn't gay himself, he was making more money having sex with men than any of his employees. Although he still owns the club, he has promised me that he would stop turning tricks. But recently I have become suspicious he is back at it because of the way he has been acting. Should I confront him about this? — L.C.

Randi says: You need to have a talk with him, clarifying your original agreement. Make sure you don't accuse him of anything specific, but just ask him to promise he's no longer working as an escort. If you remain suspicious after a month, ask him again. If the answer doesn't satisfy you, it may be best to end your relationship. One of you might not be good enough for the other.

THE BREAST WAY TO IMPRESS HIS FRIENDS

Dear Randi: I HAVE a new boyfriend in SL who is as intelligent and talented as he is good-looking. We have done some in-world modelling work together, and we love to go out to clubs. He has always told me how beautiful I am, but one day last week he said he was disappointed with the size of my breasts. He wants me to make them bigger so that his friends will envy him. I created my avatar so that it looks a lot like my RL self and I am proud of that. Should I change for him? — P.D.

Randi says: He sounds like a cad to me. But if he's that wonderful to you, it may be time for a compromise. Design an alternate shape for yourself, with everything the same except for outsize breasts. And then tell him the only time he gets to see you that way is when you're alone together in the bedroom. That should satisfy him, but if it doesn't you may need a new boyfriend.

RANDI

The Virtual World's No 1 Agony Aunt

WILL SECRET SON PUT HIM OFF?

Dear Randi: I HAVE met the man of my dreams in SL, and he is planning to travel from his country to meet me in RL in the fall. I have a massive problem, however - I fibbed about my age in my profile, which says I am 25 in RL when I am actually 32. I didn't think this was a big deal at the time, but

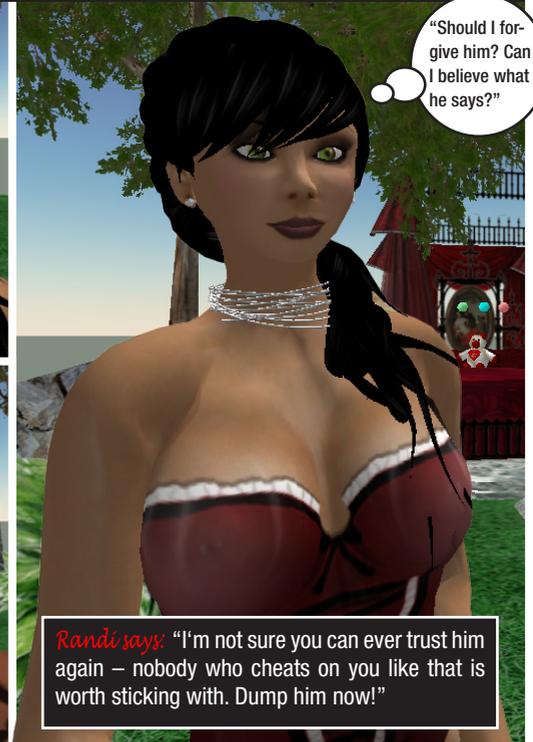
I also never mentioned that I have an eight-year-old son. I know he's going to find out my secrets. Should I tell him everything before he comes to visit? — F.S.

Randi says: That would be both fair and smart. You must come clean about everything, including an exchange of

very recent photos, before he wastes money on international travel. Just tell him that you weren't expecting to find an RL relationship when you put the profile together. The age thing shouldn't be a big deal, but if your motherhood bothers him perhaps the relationship should remain online only.

RANDI'S PHOTO CASEBOOK SHARONE'S LOVE RAT DILEMMA: WEEK 4

Sharone is faced with a hard choice...



Randi says: "I'm not sure you can ever trust him again - nobody who cheats on you like that is worth sticking with. Dump him now!"

RealSKIN



THE GUIDE

TOP EVENTS AND ENTERTAINMENT

THIS WEEK: CINEMAS

By GAETANA FAUST

THE SL-SILVER SCREEN



JAZZY:
The PalmVegas Theatre

TAKE A PEEK AT WHAT'S ON THE BIG SCREEN AROUND SL

YOU can enjoy a trip to the movies in SL as much as in RL.

The Film Link is one of many theatres at the Multi Media Arts Center (MMAC) in Somerset (228, 224, 66). Stop by on Wednesday nights for a film and discussion at the Midweek Movie Mingle. The MMAC is also home to the Hillside Drive-In Movie Theater in Chapala (222, 11, 65), currently showing an animated flick called 'Space Monkeys'.

If you're a lover of science fiction, catch a film at the Inspire Beach n' Chill Park in Shinda (110, 190, 25). It's an old fashioned drive-in, so you can snuggle up in a car and munch on some popcorn while watching a classic black and white film. You can see some of the best Machinima at the Susi drive-in/

fly-in cinema in Ochreous (178, 170, 132).

TOPNOTCH

Whether you park your car, land your helicopter, walk in, or fly in, this is the place to catch the works of local film-makers.

At the PalmVegas Theatre in the PalmVegas Region (133, 196, 22), mosaics, frescoes, and bas-reliefs help create the look of a richly-decorated old cinema, while an animated feature with a score of Brazilian jazz plays on the big screen. Serious film fans will enjoy the tranquil beauty of the screening room at Sundance Channel (102, 79, 42). The theatre itself is a faithful reproduction of a top-notch cinema, but it's set amid a landscape of trees and hills.

CLASSIC CINEMA

DJORKMAN THEATRE



Catch a fantastic movie from this elegant and stately cinema, with crystal chandeliers hanging from an ornately detailed ceiling.

Where: Djork
(163, 229, 22)

RUNDOWN CHARM

THE FALCON



Take in the red velvet curtains and a lobby full of movie posters.

Where: Downtown
(211, 28, 102)

HORROR HEAVEN

PHREEQ MALT SHOPPE



Don't forget to stop by the 50s-style diner for a burger and shake.

Where: Ride
(133, 191, 28)

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DON'T MISS! –



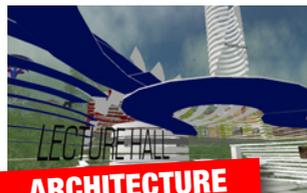
EDUCATION

STARTING A BUSINESS IN SL

This class gives a basic tutorial on starting an in-world business, from what service to offer to legal considerations.

When: June 23, 17:00

Where: Disturbing World (159, 79, 22)



ARCHITECTURE

TRACER'S TOUR

As part of Architecture Week 2007, The Tracer is giving a tour of the SL School of Architecture, talking about the architecture that SL has already generated.

When: June 24, 07:00

Where: Nitida (44, 22, 1)



OPENING

ECCENTRICITIES

Treats on offer include giant waves, blood fountains and a newbie virgin sacrifice.

When: June 24, 13:00

Where: Straminsky (184, 48, 502)



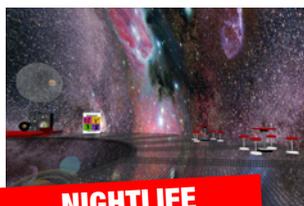
NIGHTLIFE

BALL DANCING

Learn to ball dance with a difference in SL with the gorgeous expert, Shion Chandrayaan.

When: June 26, 10:00-10:20

Where: Agape (129, 39, 23)



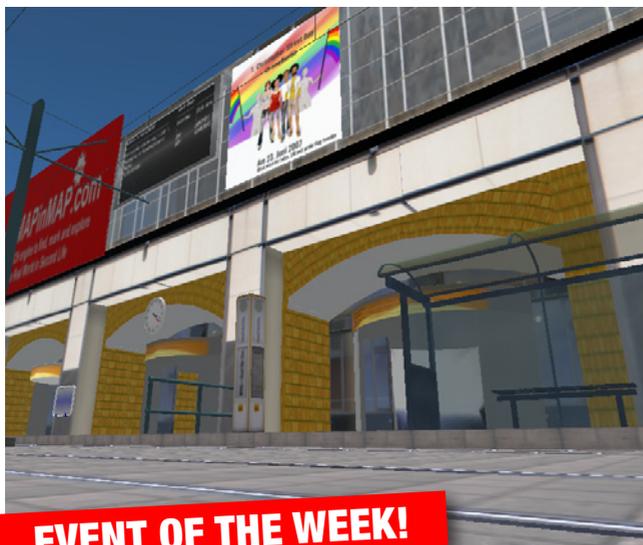
NIGHTLIFE

JAZZ FROM SPACE

Enjoy smooth jazz at the Spaceflight Museum's stunning venue.

When: 28 June, 19:00-21:00

Where: Spaceport Bravo (117, 66, 278)



EVENT OF THE WEEK!

CHRISTOPHER STREET DAY

The popular annual RL celebrations take to the SL streets for a lively parade, including an exhibition from Berlin's gay museum, live streamed music, a variety of stalls and the Pride Parade.

When: June 23, 06:00

Where: New Berlin (193, 184, 31)

EVENTS OF THE WEEK



DISCUSSION

HACKING INTEL

Intel Software's web scripting guru Kevin Pirki will host a discussion on the 'The Mashup Ecosystem'.

When: June 26, 16:00

Where: Intel Software Network (209, 127, 88)



EXHIBITION

SIGMUND FREUD

A successful RL exhibition about the legendary psychologist will now open in SL, and includes information portals and a visitors' centre across several islands.

When: June 28, 10:00

Where: Die Insel (158, 204, 24)



EDUCATION

SPACE AND MOVEMENT

WishYou Welles, a professor in astrophysics at University Paris VII, will give a talk entitled 'Space and Movement – the SL Experience'.

When: June 26, 12:00

Where: Ile Verte (26, 27, 28)



EVENT OF THE WEEK!

MANKIND TRACER

The musician will appear at up to 20 venues in just two hours from his base at Aden, to promote the Mankind Tracer New Artist Program which helps promising new artists.

When: June 23, 14:00-16:00

Where: Aden (130, 126, 42)



LIVE MUSIC

WENDY LEE

RL singer and songwriter Wendy Curtiss, who has opened for the likes of Faith Hill and produced four CDs of original material, will appear as avatar Wendy Lee.

When: June 25, 19:00

Where: Fishers Island (126, 143, 22)

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.



By Deeep Witte

How to...

Everything a newbie needs to know!

THROW A PARTY

THROWING a party can be a lot of fun - or a crashing horror!

First, decide on a time. If possible, use your own land, but if not, get permission of a land owner who will let you borrow or rent a place for the duration. If nothing else, you could host a party in a sandbox. Rez a nice place in the sky and be prepared to accept fly-by visitors!

If you're using your own land, consider your neighbours and whether the party will disturb them or spill over onto their land. Maybe invite them, too. Second, choose a theme - do

you just want a large dance floor or a nicely decorated area with lots of places to sit? Will there be entertainment and enough activities for your guests? Do you expect trouble? There are good reasons to have 'Building' disabled on the land, but people love showing off new things and may leave to show something to their friends, taking the party away with them. Try and keep the area as low lag as possible by asking your

guests to remove their HUDs and unnecessary items, particularly important if you have live performers. If you are expecting more than 40 guests, it may be a good idea to set up additional 'overspill' locations. Remember, a rehearsal and preview of your set up will help make sure everything goes smoothly!

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Slaggin'

"Bunny hunting"

ARTWORK:
ERMANNO SPITTELER

HI PETE... DID YOU HEAR ABOUT THIS NEW SIM? IT'S CALLED 'PRETTY GIRLS'!

SURE... IT'LL JUST BE MORE OF THE SAME - THERE'S ENOUGH PRETTY GIRLS IN SL AS IT IS.

REALLY? TAKE A CLOSER LOOK AT IT...

SEEN IT ALL BEFORE, EH? NOT SEXY BUNNIES LIKE THAT, YOU HAVEN'T!

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Freebies

SL's best FREE stuff!

THIS WEEK: FIT ALL YOUR ROOMS INTO ONE

By PETRONILLA PAPERDOLL

FINALLY, you are tired of being homeless in SL.

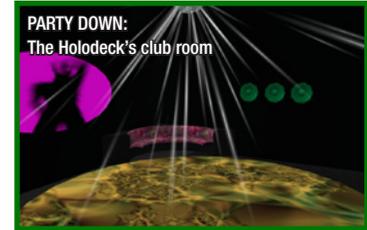
you a choice of ten different rooms, including a Japanese-style dining room. Each room has poseballs, animations and detailed furniture.

You can enjoy a romantic evening with your partner with the Diner for Two option, or choose the Moonscape and float around in space. Party time, of course, is always just around the corner - so rez the Club360 with free drinks, a dancing machine for 30 avatars and a VIP room.

For more info on the Holo-deck, visit the InfoRoom.

But as soon as you start looking around for the perfect house, you discover that your small 512 square metre plot is not big enough for all the rooms you want.

Now, however, you can have a library, dining room, bedroom and special warm hideaway and much more in your limited space thanks to the HoloDeck Demo 2.0, available at Kenora (96, 131, 521). Rez the object on your land, and you will see a grey box with a door and an empty room inside. Touch a white square on the wall and a menu will appear, offering



PARTY DOWN:
The HoloDeck's club room



SUNNY: The Florida room



LUNAR:
Petronilla explores the moonscape room

DO + DOS AND DON'TS OF SWIMMING - DON'T

By GAETANA FAUST

- + Get yourself a good swimming animation and HUD to have some watery fun.
- + Switch strokes in your HUD to try freestyle, backstroke and breaststroke.
- + Purchase some killer trunks or a bikini to swim in style.
- + Seek out one of SL's many beautiful beaches, pools and lakes to frolic in.
- + Use controls like arrow up and down to swim and Page Dn to dive.
- Buy a swimming animation that doesn't match the type of water prims you will use.
- Leave your regular AO on while swimming.
- Try to put on your swim animation while in a no-script area.
- Neglect to turn your swimmer off when you want to stop swimming.
- Forget to look under the water while you're swimming. It's a whole other world down there!

My First Day in Second Life

DESIGNER FALLINMY WEBB:

How was your first day?

As I wandered around aimlessly I came across a gaming joint where Sheltered Heart, renowned for her Bewitched Hair store, was hosting a game called Pizza. Lucky for me I was hungry and stopped to have a bite to eat. Soon we were on a bumpy road through SL that eventually led to a RL love affair.

What was your most embarrassing moment as a newbie?

Walking around in a corset for three days. In my defence it looked like a white t-shirt from behind. **What was your funniest moment as a newbie?**

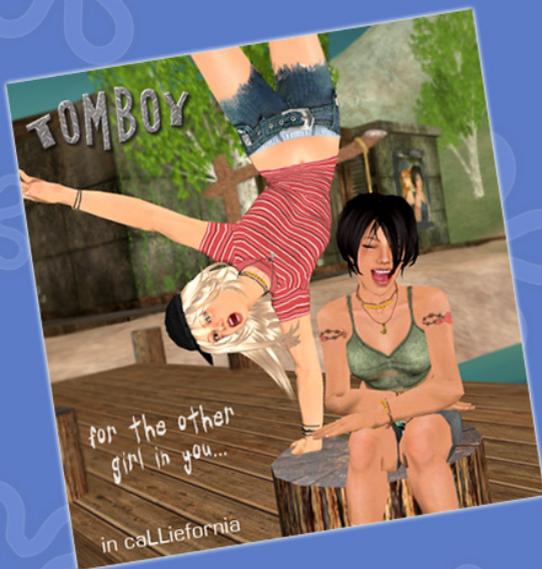
The time I morphed myself into a hairy, bow-legged woman, who looked like a troll. Her chest was endowed in such immense and low hanging proportions that it put National Geographic to shame!



FUNKY:
Fallinmy struts his stuff

"caLLieifornia" now open !!!

enjoy our beaches, shopping, rock club, and more



home of:
caLLie cLine
tOmbOy
mainLine
hatchie wear
"caffeine au
go-go"
maLiboo cove

THE AVASTAR OF THE WEEK

VERONICA2VIXEN DEVOIX

IS BEHIND THE EXTRAORDINARY PICS OF PARIS HILTON BEHIND BARS IN SL, FIRST REVEALED IN THE AVASTAR LAST WEEK.

By NAME

PROFILE

NAME: Veronica2vixen Devoix
BIRTH DATE: 8/30/2006
PROFESSION: Photographer
ATTITUDE: Feisty and cheeky

THE AVASTAR: What inspired you to do the Paris Hilton stunt?

VERONICA2VIXEN DEVOIX: I love the tabloids. I was watching TV and all they talked about was Paris. When I saw that infamous photo of her crying in the police car I figured that it would be hilarious

to do a parody of Paris in SL.

TA: What kind of response have you had?

VV: Many people have been laughing and telling me it was funny.

TA: What is your best feature?

VV: I love my eyes, they are very scary when I want them to be. And when they are normal it gives my av a bit of soul!

TA: What is your favourite place in SL?

VV: My favourite place of all is ROMA

(SPQR) (55, 159, 44). It has an ancient Roman theme, and everyone there feels role play is a very accentual part of the visit, with Apollo, Roman soldiers etc. They have a rich amount of information on each part of the city.

TA: How do you spend your time in SL?

VV: I love photography and taking picture of exotic places, and I love taking pictures of myself in different outfits.

TA: Which personal

achievements are you most proud of?

VV: I like helping newbies who don't have a profile pic, so I take them to the Dickens Free Photography Studio at Hwanung (104, 84, 451). It gives me pleasure to help them just the way I was helped when I was a newbie

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

VV: The Kick Butt Animator v1.0 - it doesn't let anyone touch me and it does Kung Foo on them if they try!