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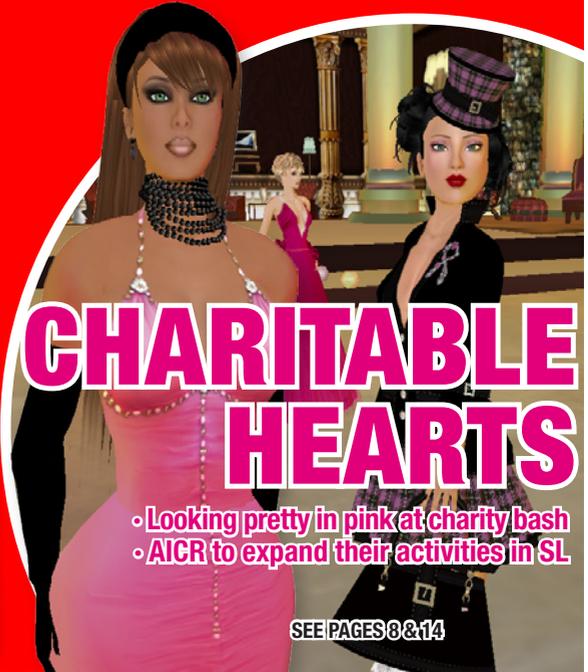
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NUMBERS OF THE WEEK

- 1** ... hour's extra sleep will be available on Sunday night for all avatars as daylight saving ends in California.
- 3** ... characters from US comedy The Office had avatars at a recreation in-world - which only stayed open for a few days this week.
- 23** ... countries were represented at the Virtual Worlds Forum, held last week in London.

A LINDEN FAIRYTALE



TORLEY Olmstead (better known as Torley Linden) has announced that he is moving in with his beautiful SL girlfriend, Ravenelle Zugzwang, in RL. Congrats!

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SL'S LATEST COPYRIGHT THEFT SCANDAL SET FOR RL COURT

By CARRIE SODWIND

THE lawyer representing six leading SL content creators in their lawsuit against an alleged in-world copyright thief says he is confident of victory.

Francis X. Taney, Jr, of law firm Buchanan Ingersoll and Rooney, was talking exclusively to The AvaStar after the designers filed suit against Rase Kenzo, American Thomas Simon in RL, in New York last week.

Kenzo is accused of copying designs from dozens of content creators. The designers behind the lawsuit include Stroker Serpentine,

who brought a similar case earlier this year, as well as Rebel Hope of RH Designs, Asri Falcone of Le Cadre, DoC Eldritch of DE Designs, Munchflower Zaius of Nomine and Nephilaine Protagonist of Pixel Dolls.

LEGAL ACTION

Taney said: "Linden Lab attracted people to SL in large part by telling content creators that they would own the content that they created or placed within SL. It should therefore come as no surprise to anyone, including the defendant,

that merchants would resort to legal action to protect their interests."

VIDEO GAME

Serpentine told The AvaStar there is enough evidence to win the case against Kenzo. He said: "Rase was an easy investigation. He left a trail of evidence."

But Kenzo was dismissive of the lawsuit, describing SL as "just a video game" in an interview with the New York Post this week. He declined to comment further until he had found a lawyer, adding: "I am not like Stroker, walking around with a lawyer in his pocket looking to sue everyone who pi**es him off."



LAWSUIT:
Stroker Serpentine

NO ACTION YET ON HARDCORE PORN

BY TRICK MERTEL

LINDEN Lab has still done nothing to enforce its ban on hardcore pornography in SL, despite being told about its presence in search results.

An investigation last week by The AvaStar revealed the SL search function is littered with hardcore pornography, clearly against LL's ban on 'adult content'. But a search for innocent-sounding terms such 'water sports' and 'free movies' returned results containing RL pornography. The presence of such images is a direct violation of SL's Terms of Service.

INAPPROPRIATE

In response to The AvaStar last week, LL stated that filing an abuse report would fix the problem. Yet days after submitting the abuse report, the inappropriate content was still there and has been joined by further material of a similar nature. In a generic response to the report submission, LL said: "We undertake a thorough investigation before finding resolution."

OFFICIAL COMMENT

WHAT do the Lindens really think about age play? Here is what they have said in the past:

January 2005: Robin Linden, SL forums: "What consenting adults do in private, however distasteful others may find it, is allowed under these standards [the ToS]."

May 2007: Robin Linden, public meeting: "We are working with lawyers to find out if it's possible to pass liability to land owners if they want to do something which is against the law in their country."

May 2007: Robin Linden, official blog: "If LL learns that someone is engaging in, advertising or promoting locations or activities involving the depiction of sexual or lewd acts involving minors, their account will be terminated, and we will cooperate with all appropriate authorities."

October 2007: Ginsu Linden, Virtual Worlds Forum 2007: "If someone is using SL or any other communications technology for an illegal purpose, those people should be investigated, right?"

October 2007: Lab statement: "LL is morally opposed to and has zero tolerance for child pornography, simulated or otherwise, within SL."



A TOP age players' haunt has been shut down by Linden Lab - but hundreds more have gone unpunished, an AvaStar investigation has revealed.

The Lab rushed to close the age players' haunt at the Wonderland sim on Thursday after a RL media report highlighted the activities of virtual paedophiles there. But an ongoing undercover investigation by The AvaStar shows the sim is the tip of the iceberg, with the Lab open to accusations it has not done

enough to combat the problem. Although the practice of using child avatars in sexual role play was banned by Linden Lab months ago, some residents are persisting in carrying out the horrific scenes in-world. A quick scan of the picks of members of groups such as 'Rape me', 'Sp**kface dol-lies' and 'School girls gone bad' reveals an underworld of sexual age playing sims.

One worried resident, who asked to remain anonymous for fear of retribution, tipped The AvaStar off that age players were using the Nemo sim.

NEGLECTED

But when she abuse reported it to the Lindens, they neglected to shut it down. Some seedy sims issue notecards saying that they do not accept age players, but searching the corridors of the 'Hard



Alley School Girls Gone Bad Detention Facility' revealed not only rape balls but also a man having sex with an a child-like avatar in a classroom.

But some action has been taken, with Linden Lab seemingly shutting down Wonderland following this week's investigation into age play and paedophilia undertaken by British TV channel Sky News. During the programme, broadcast on Tuesday, presenter Jason Farrell visited the playground at Wonderland where he claimed to have negotiated a price with a child avatar for sexual services, including torture.

UNDERCOVER

The investigations prompted the UK-based Child Exploitation and Online Protection Agency (CEOP)

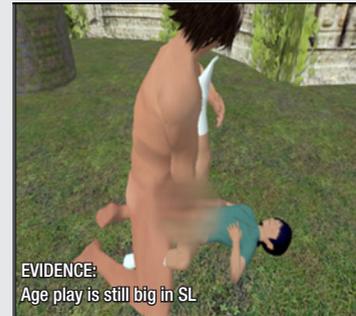


to take action. Jim Gamble, chief executive of CEOP, said: "We'll use undercover detectives as and when appropriate. We'll infiltrate these rings whether they are in SL, in chat rooms, using social networking environments, peer groups or outside local youth clubs in the real world.

"Virtual crime has real victims. My concern is that when they step out of the fantasy world they bring

that fantasy with them into the real world and they ultimately seek to act that out."

The Lindens have declared sexual



role playing with child avatars illegal, but they claim they are not responsible for finding it.

ILLEGAL

Earlier this week Ginsu Linden defended the Lab's strategy: "We don't have a police force, we don't run around and investigate people's personal identities and go to their houses and arrest them. But if someone is using SL for an illegal purpose, those people should be investigated, right?" Linden Lab issued a statement this week, saying: "At present, we have no firm evidence of wrongdoing from our own investigations into Wonderland nor

from our Abuse Report channel." But according to Sky News, a Linden Lab source on Thursday admitted to shutting d o w n the sim.



STRIKE SUCCESS

By MORRHYS GRAYSMARK

IBM workers in Italy have reached agreement with the firm after staging the first ever virtual strike in SL.

The workers downed tools in September and headed for the grid to demonstrate over pay cuts, attracting more than 1,850 people to protest alongside them. After initially refusing to negotiate with the workers, IBM bosses have now reached an agreement.

The sudden resignation of IBM Italy CEO Andrea Pontremoli earlier this months was apparently the reason for the change. The union will now propose the agreement to its 9,000 IBM members for their approval.

UNIGlobalUnion Oh, one of the organisers of the virtual strike, was in no doubt that it had helped put the workers' arguments across: "The protest in Second Life really helped tremendously." IBM Italy declined to comment this week.



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'MICKEY MOUSE' VERIFIES HIS AGE!

BY CARRIE SODWIND



RESEARCH: Jamie David

LAB'S NEW AGE SYSTEM IS EASY TO HOODWINK, SAY FIRST USERS
AGE verification has been dismissed as a mockery by residents who passed the system's test with spoof identities like Mickey Mouse.

Linden Lab's introduction of identity verification (IDV) in August to help prevent minors from accessing adult content was greeted by many parents with a sigh of relief.

FALSE

But serious questions are now being raised about the controversial system provided by American company Aristotle. The voluntary test requires the SL user to give identifying information such as a driver's license, passport or national ID card number, as well as personal details. Aristotle then cross-checks the information against existing databases. Jamie David, who has been researching the issue for three months, said he passed the IDV by entering fictional details - his avatar

name, a made up address in Thailand, 00000001 as a driving licence number, and a false date of birth. He said: "There have been others who claimed that they got through without providing any ID information at all. It cannot work." Resident Chmarr Walcott told The AvaStar he had even heard of someone passing the IDV under the prank name and details of the fictional cartoon character Mickey Mouse. Although the IDV has not yet been officially launched, the beta test has been available on-line for almost three months for certain residents such as landowners. The Linden's say they are working on the issue. Jeska Linden said: "The age verification system has not been publicly launched yet, so I'm not sure what the final version will include. Our goal is to allow as many countries as possible access to the verification system."

NEWS BITES!

KATIE LEAVES SL

A TEENAGE whizzkid who created the revolutionary Ajax Life viewer has announced she is leaving SL. Katherine Berry, 15, cited various reasons for her decision, including the departure of her friends and Linden Lab neglecting the teen grid.

CSI SLIMS DOWN

A FAILURE to attract the expected thousands of new avatars through its CSI: NY show has led to CBS slashing its involvement in SL. The television company had 440 sims in use last week but that has been reduced to just 32.

PRYING INTO FRY

ONE of the UK's most famous comedians, Stephen Fry, has admitted in a newspaper article he is a secret SL user. But he discouraged residents from searching for his avatar: "You'll never find me, so don't look."

BNT HACK SHOCK

BNT Financial customers were shocked to discover this week the bank had been hacked and had lost \$200,000. The incident happened weeks ago, but had been kept quiet for publicity reasons.

CHARTING SUCCESS

TOP RL MUSIC STARS SET TO STORM SL AS PART OF CHARITY'S NEW FUND-RAISING DRIVE

By CARRIE SODWIND

FAMOUS RL music stars could be lining up to perform in SL thanks to a major charity.

In-world fund-raising by the Association for International Cancer Research (AICR) has proved so successful, it is planning to massively expand its SL presence - and may bring celebrities in-world in a bid to boost its profile. More than US\$1,530,000 has already been raised in two charity auctions, where buyers were bidding

for dates with avatars.

AICR group member Kristopher Tenk, who is currently designing the charity's new island, told The AvaStar that live music events form part of their future plans. He said: "Some of the bands AICR are in talks with are chart artists - and may bring celebrities in-world in a bid to boost its profile. More than US\$1,530,000 has already been raised in two charity auctions, where buyers were bidding

ists that are very well known." He added that the new island would include community residential pads, a live concert venue and an information centre about cancer research.



PLANS: Kristopher Tenk



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NO DEFENDING SL BANKS

Dear Regis, IT never ends.

Recently I lost L\$50,000 from a bank. But this wasn't any bank. This bank had been in-world for months, and was run by a respected member of the SL community. Most of all, he was a friend. Or so I thought. An investigation into his RL revealed that he is not who he appears. He is being sued and investigated by the Attorney General of his state for

'fraudulent activities'. It saddens me to no extent. You may recall one of my letters a few issues back defending Ginko. Now my mind is changing. I doubt few, if any, banks in SL will not eventually scam their own investors. I remember when JT Financial was just a little bank, now it is the biggest in SL. Are they the next Ginko? Let's hope not. Right now I am floating on my last few L\$. I am probably going to have to close my photography studio just to minimise expenses. Maybe even my restaurant that I've worked on since December 2006. All my dreams, up in smoke. I'm not looking for tissues and hugs. I'm simply warning all the residents of SL - watch out.

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By Alex Richardson

L\$500 E-MAILS

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TAKE ACTION OVER PORN

Hey Regis,

THERE is way too much hardcore porn in SL and I'm sick of it.

I was pleased to read the story about your investigation into porn search results in last week's paper. Recently, I was telling a RL friend about SL, singing its praises about being the future platform for all virtual communication. While using the search function during my demonstration, a

hardcore pic flashed up on the screen inviting me to communicate with her in a fairly intimate way, judging by the anatomy she had a hold of. My friend quickly made comment about the wonderfully open and free channels of communication available in SL.

If we are to build up the reputation of SL as a serious virtual platform, we must clean it up first. Linden Lab seem reluctant to

take any kind of stand against these types of problems, so it's up to the residents and news sources like The AvaStar to keep the discourse open until something gets done.

By N.C.

PORN WOES:
How The AvaStar reported the story last week



SORT IT OUT OR WIFE'LL KILL ME!

Dear Regis,

IT'S great you guys highlighted the hardcore porn in search issue.

It pi**es my friends off, and it pi**es me off no end when I try search for something like 'movies' and I get confronted with tons of hardcore porn. Imagine my wife walked in on me! Sheesh! And it must be so simple for Lindens to get rid of. Perhaps now with this added attention they will. Come on Lab!

By M.A.

OUT TO SCARE THE LINDENS

Hi AvaStar team!

THANKS for the excellent Halloween special! It's awesome to see how many people went to so much effort to prepare for and celebrate Halloween. Some friends and myself decided to go scare some Lindens, in the name of The AvaStar of course! Went round to Governor Linden's place - but unfortunately he wasn't there. So we scared some furies there instead! Haha. Look forward to Xmas!

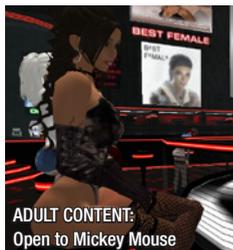
By MelaMia Minelli



LEIDER STEPANOV

A MICKEY MOUSE SYSTEM FOR SL

WELL, so much for the age verification system. Maybe it is too early to pass judgement, but it is a worrying sign when residents are claiming to have undertaken the verification process using names such as 'Mickey Mouse' (see page seven). I have been dubious about the system provided by American company Aristotle ever since it was announced. It just smacks of the Lab bowing to legal concerns in the US, and I don't believe it will improve SL. While I understand LL taking steps to ensure it stays within the law, I also believe an effective age barrier is a must. To paraphrase Regis Braathens last week, I'd love to believe the Lab will listen to the residents and sort age verification out. But I'd also love to believe Arsenal will win the treble this year.



ADULT CONTENT: Open to Mickey Mouse

WE MUST ACT TO STOP AGE PLAYERS MOVING INTO RL

LATEST AGE PLAY SCANDAL BRINGS BACK SOME HORRIFIC MEMORIES

WONDERLAND - a word to send shivers down the spine of those who remember an internet child pornography scandal in the late 1990s.

Back then, police across the world joined forces to smash an international paedophile ring, which went under the name of the Wonderland Club.

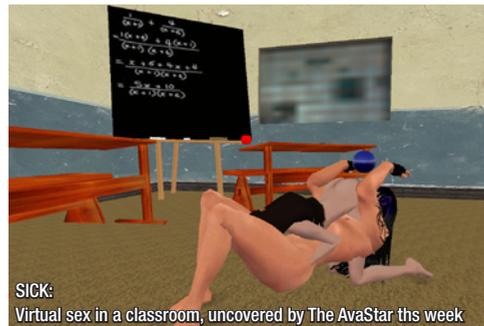
HORRIFIC

The word resurfaced once again this week, when it was revealed that age players were using a sim of the same name to carry out their sick deeds.

I'm certainly not trying to suggest that the sim and the horrific events of ten years ago are linked in any way. It is merely an ironic reminder that age play is not just harmless fun, that it can lead to much, much worse.

Since the news broke this week, the RL media have happily been lampooning SL. None

of this is new, of course, but some of the people they have been trotting out to spread doom and gloom to the TV cameras have actually had a point. Sky News reporter Jason Farrell spoke to an expert who



SICK: Virtual sex in a classroom, uncovered by The AvaStar this week

warned that although men who take part in age play may think they would never make the leap to RL, it is in fact a real danger.

CONFIDENCE

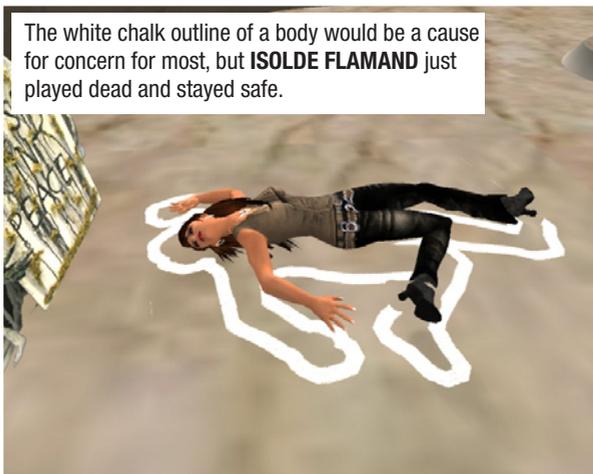
As always, the RL media leave a lot to be desired - Farrell managed to consistently refer to SL's parent company as Lindon Lab in an article on the Sky News website, hardly a way to instil confidence in his

reporting. But his story, and the information uncovered by The AvaStar during our investigation over the past few weeks, has revealed that age play is still alive and kicking in SL. We shouldn't

be surprised, the dark hand of paedophilia has touched almost all of the internet. But we must do something now, before we find ourselves with a bigger scandal - that of age players taking their sick, sordid pastime out into the real world.

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PICS OF THE WEEK
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The white chalk outline of a body would be a cause for concern for most, but **ISOLDE FLAMAND** just played dead and stayed safe.



Even feline Mayan goddesses have to work for a living - like this one cleaning steel! Pic by **DALINIAN BING**.



A beautiful ceremony overseen by **ASHLYNNE POOLE** saw neko lesbians **ALISON HAMSUN** and **CLEOPATRA DIONE** married at Club Nekko earlier this month. **P.B.**



GRID CAM WINNER!

CLARRICE CINQUETTI captured all the horror of 'The Ring' at the Devil's Labyrinth sim.

META-NEWS:

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ACTIVE FACEBOOK

ACTIVE Worlds has released an application to enable developers to build virtual worlds on Facebook. 'Active Worlds 3D Avatar and World Explorer' will allow elements of virtual worlds to be incorporated into websites.

NEW CITYSCAPE

EVERYSCAPE has launched The Real World Online as an interactive map featuring the cities of Boston, New York, Miami and Aspen. The project will provide an experience of walking around a city.

VIRTUAL HOME FOR RL ANIMAL RIGHTS GROUP

By COYNE NAGY

AN American animal rights group has announced it will launch a presence in There.com.

The Humane Society of the United States (HSUS) will initially sell t-shirts, but organisers hope to engage with residents to promote its aims in the future.

A spokesman for HSUS, Steven McVeigh, said it

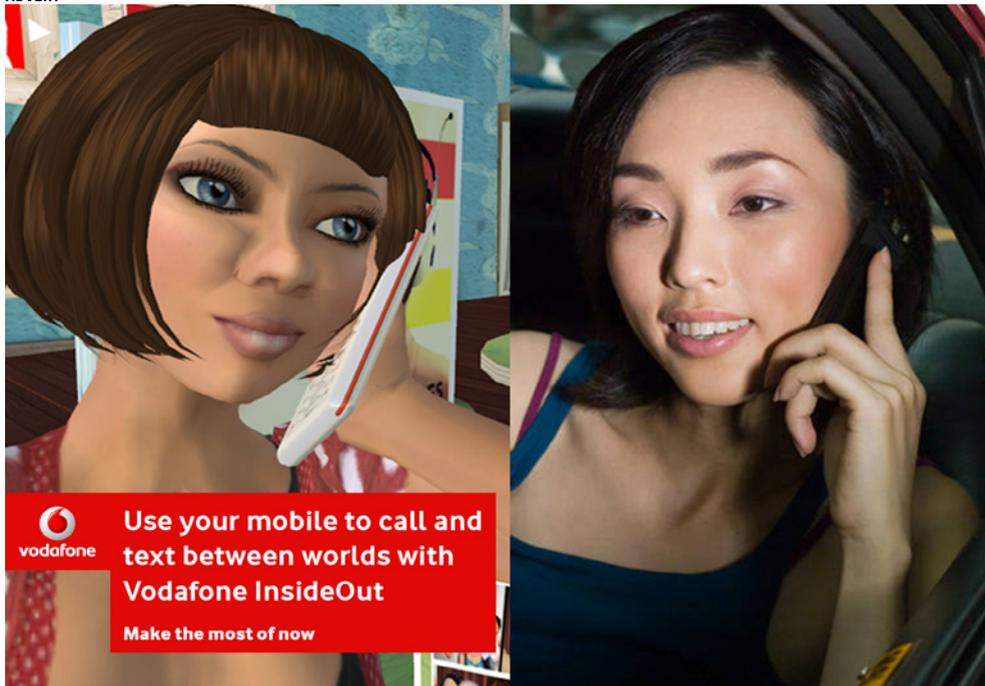
has good connections with older people but the younger demographic is important and the age of the average There user is only 22.

COMMUNICATION

He said: "It was a whole new audience that we weren't even speaking with. Instead of a fundraising goal, this is really just a communication play to let people

know we're in there." Subsidies have played an important role in the society's entry into There, according to McVeigh. He added: "We're covering their costs to transfer our HSUS images onto their merchandise and the minor fees to develop some store-fronts. We're not buying an island or anything like that."

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FIGHTING SL'S COUNTERFEITS

NEW PATENT OFFICE SHOULD HELP PREVENT COPYRIGHT THEFT IN SL

By COYNE NAGY

BITTER disputes over intellectual property in SL could soon come to an end thanks to the Second Life Patent and Trademark Office.

The project is the creation of resident FlipperPA Peregrine and RL business consultant Michael Eckstein, and they want to see details of all intellectual property developed in-world registered at the office. There is no RL legal power behind the move, and Peregrine insists they do not wish to be seen as a government or authority, but they hope they will be able to help creators defend their rights and educate people about copyright and trademarks.

THEFT

In recent months a number of copyright scandals have hit content creators in SL, with the latest seeing six residents taking legal action against avatar Rase Kenzo for allegedly selling copied items.

New content can be registered with the Patent Office either privately or in the public domain and a time stamp will effectively prove who made items first in the event

of a later conflict.

Peregrine explained the reasoning behind the office: "Not a day goes by now where I don't hear of a problem of intellectual property theft. Some people seem to think that anonymity gives them the right to steal, as we've seen with the World Wide Web." Popular designer Nicky Ree welcomed the move. She said: "Anything that works constructively to help safeguard the intellectual property rights of honest, hard working content creators deserves attention and a study and hopefully things will improve."



PLEASED: Designer Nicky Ree



SECURITY: FlipperPA Peregrine

BIZ BITES:

MY RL, YOUR SL

SVEN Neumann, CEO of MyrI.com, has announced at the Virtual Worlds Forum in London that he wants his social networking platform to connect SL to other virtual worlds and the internet.

IBM STILL INTO SL

A TOP IBM executive has reaffirmed the firm's commitment to using SL for business purposes. Grady Booch said in a recent interview that SL offers much better interaction for meetings than video conferencing and can cut travelling expenses.

BLUE SKIES AHEAD

RESIDENTS can now monitor RL flight details on a near real-time display in SL thanks to British firm Daden Ltd. The project will reproduce the airspace above Los Angeles International Airport at the Dadenprime sim.

FUTURE DESIGNS

TECHNOLOGY giant Alcatel-Lucent is hosting a contest in SL for residents to look into the future and design wireless communication devices which could be used in 2017.

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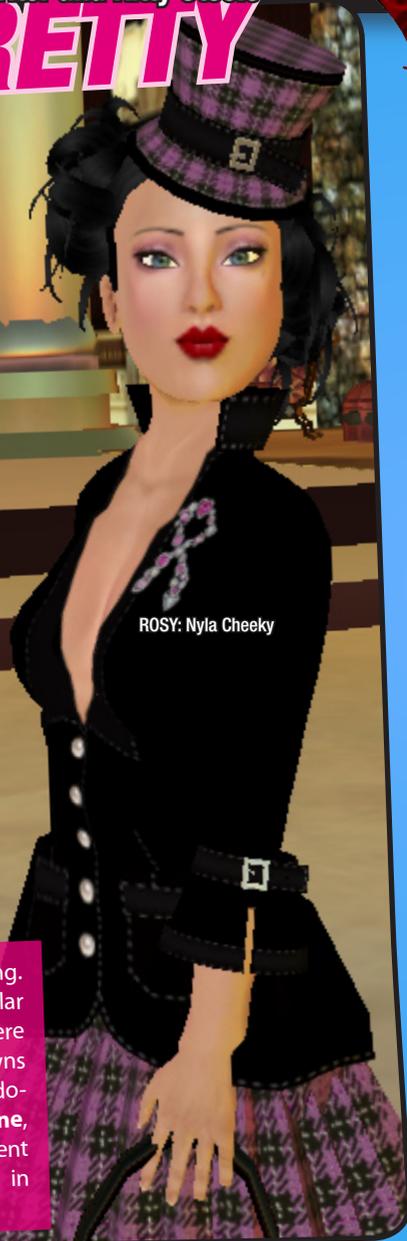


A-STARS gossip with Isabel Brocco, Babu Writer and Kitty Otooler

LOOKING PRETTY IN PINK!



FABULOUS: Autumn Thatch



ROSY: Nyla Cheeky

By **KITTY OTOOLE**
SOME of SL's most beautiful avatars donned pink outfits to raise money for a breast cancer charity. The Pretty in Pink gala included a charity auction featuring pink lots, which

inspired frantic bidding. Among the most popular items up for grabs were limited edition gowns and a pink Pontiac, donated by **Callie Cline**, which helped the event raise over L\$200,000 in just two hours.

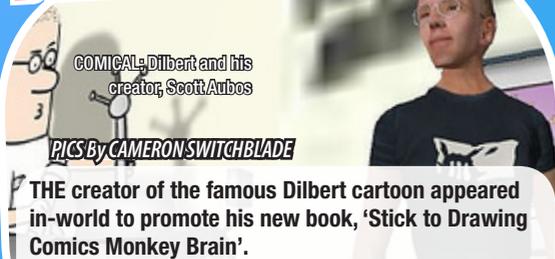


HORNY DEVIL: Bianca Darling

Divinely devilish

By **HONEY BENDER**
A 'GOOD versus evil' catwalk show was the highlight of ASpiRE!'s Halloween bash on Saturday. It was a chance for the models to show off clothes by their own favourite designers. Among those at the bash was ASpiRE! CEO **Bianca Darling**.

DILBERT'S DADDY



COMICAL: Dilbert and his creator, Scott Adams

PICS By CAMERON SWITCHBLADE

THE creator of the famous Dilbert cartoon appeared in-world to promote his new book, 'Stick to Drawing Comics Monkey Brain'. Scott Adams, in SL as avatar **Scott Aubos**, was giving one of only two book signings. He answered questions from guests at the event on Tuesday at the Kula 4 sim, and they were also able to beat the writer up using violent pose balls. Posters and a RL copy of the book were given away.

REBEL, REBEL

By **ISABEL BROCCO**
REVOLUTION was in the air as a new line of elegant women's wear was marched into the spotlight. Designer **LeeZu Baxter** was showing off her new line at the Revolution Fashion show on Saturday at the Centro Italia sim, sponsored by EFA. Baxter, a designer in RL as well, said: "What we want to offer is the complete shop experience of clothes, skins, shoes and a male line."



HOT STUFF: LeeZu Baxter's design

Masked mischief



DRESSED UP: Posh Slade

Pics by **ANESSE STINE**
WHAT a way to mark your birthday in style! Designer **Steve Hansen** held a Grand Masked Ball at the Timherry Island sim on Saturday for his RL birthday. With the guests protected by the anonymity of their masks, they certainly got up to plenty of mischief.

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STAR CRIBS

BY TRICK MERTEL



RICHARD HAWLEY

Job: RL Musician
Home base: Mute
Style: Sheffield shabby
About: The AvaStar has obtained an EXCLUSIVE sneak preview of the renowned RL musician's pad! Hawley will give an invite-only live performance and Q&A at 18:00 SLT on November 8 at Mute.



1 LIVING ROOM:

A TYPICAL Sheffield town house, crammed with personal items, including an interactive jukebox and the star's favourite foods.



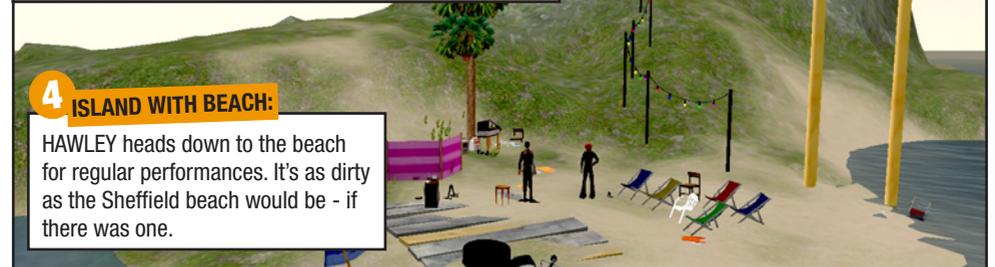
3 BACKYARD:

THE clothesline contains clickable Hawley t-shirts of different colours that visitors can take away with them.



2 BEACH:

WANNABE Hawleys can pick up a copy of his guitar and a playing script to imitate their favourite performer.



4 ISLAND WITH BEACH:

HAWLEY heads down to the beach for regular performances. It's as dirty as the Sheffield beach would be - if there was one.

THE IT GIRL

BY CARRIE SODWIND

FOR she has come very far since she joined SL in April this year. The Budweiser Select Lingerie model winner has a classy reputation, thanks to her sophisticated up-town style.



Collar by Last Call, From the Arachne outfit, **Dazzle** (68, 11, 27), **L\$500**, **Wish Gown by Nicky Ree**, Constellations in White Deco, **Deco** (86, 97, 34), **L\$680**, **Hair by Marly's**, Existentialist in blonde, **Envy** (138, 85, 22), **L\$100**, **Gloves by Masks & Feathers**, Feather trimmed in blk, **Yass** (60, 249, 301), **L\$129**, **Lashes by CAKE**, Deco, **Cake** (128, 43, 24), **L\$100**, **Cigarette by Foxy's Smoke Shop**, Alyssa Diamond studded bitchstick, **Manhattan Beach** (92, 33, 272), **L\$225**, **Earrings by Paper Couture**, Round diamond circle drop, **Barcola** (80, 125, 26), **L\$180**

Hair by ETD, Eva in Blonde, **Hairspray** (158, 38, 0), **L\$150**, **Shirt by LicoLico**, Ribbon Ribbon in black, **LicoLico** (192, 88, 27), **L\$100**, **High-waisted trousers by Artilleri**, From the Ferrera set in grey, **artilleri** (93, 123, 26), **L\$220**, **Boots by Paper Couture**, Semi in black, **Barcola** (80, 125, 26), **L\$100**, **Bracelet by Frangipani Designs** Black Pearl & Silver Cuff, **Iladil** (155, 114, 351), **L\$60**, **Earrings by Goth1c0**, Gemmed black thorn, **Gemmed** (180, 234, 23), **L\$150**, **Gloves by Tete a Pied**, Leather in black, **Nouveau** (197, 149, 23), **L\$100**, **Bag by Paper Couture**, Boulevard in noir, **Barcola** (80, 125, 26), **L\$95**



Hair by ETD, Sofia in blonde, **Hairspray** (158, 38, 0), **L\$150**, **Silk Mini dress by Last call**, Jana in fuschia, **Dazzle** (68, 11, 27), **L\$250**. **Silk Mini dress by Last call**, Jana in fuschia, **Dazzle** (68, 11, 27), **L\$250**, **Necklace by Paper Couture**, Dahlia Suit set in turquoise, **On SL Exchange****, **L\$350**, **Earrings by Paper Couture**, TreTreasure in turquoise, **Barcola** (80, 125, 26), **L\$50**, **Ring by Paper Couture**, Bee, **Barcola** (80, 125, 26), **L\$200**, **Manicure by Nyterave Studio** Shiny Fuschia, **Nyterave** (46, 144, 509), **L\$100**, **Bag by Tete a Pied**, Gold Paillette Clutch, **Nouveau** (197, 149, 23), **L\$100**

Callie Cline's STYLE HOTLINE



MAKE SURE YOU GO GREEN

A QUICK TRIP TO THE NEW REZZABLES SIM AND YOU'RE SET TO GO!

IT'S so easy being green!

I had loads of fun putting this little outfit together. It's a combo of prizes I won at the new Rezzables Carnival of Doom. If you die, you go to 'hell' and they even give you prizes - so try to die if you go...

PRIZE

So, to go green, I wore my Greenies t-shirt and a pair of my hot pants with a little fun skirt



FUN: Callie goes green

I made, some old Canim-al socks, and then the prizes I won as accessories. I had on the v o o d o o doll necklace, the dead chick-en belt, and the green slushy stuff that makes you vomit out green everywhere! Oh, and for an extra green touch, I added my caLidescope bright green eyes... and don't you love the green balloon with

the saw in it? I have not had so much fun at a sim for a long, long time, and it inspired me to wear this outfit afterwards, because I had to find a way to display all my prizes and I HAD to wear my Greenies shirt!

FREAK

So while everyone is talking about being green for the planet and all that, I say, this is my contribution to being green!!! I sure received a lot of comments while walking around like this, maybe I look like a freak, but it's SL so who cares!

WHAT'S HOT!

BIANCA DARING

BY CARRIE SODWIND

THE queen of ASpiRE! modelling agency, Bianca Darling, has the daring to look - in her own words - "absolutely insane".

Dressed up in a raver-meets-biker outfit, she was getting down to work as normal on her island. The electric blue hair, primary colour palette of her eye-shadow, and indigo



DARING: Bianca Darling

tattoos, were a wicked contrast to her dominatrix tight leather. Not many have the charisma or the attitude to pull this mix of styles off.

HIT OR MISS

Successes and flops from this week's new fashion releases.

By CARRIE SODWIND



MISS: Pretty N Punk

MISS: NOT a pretty site from Pretty N Punk (Biopunk 78, 201, 43) - a hairy chest exploding out of a tight orange t-shirt. There's a nice logo on the back, but layering it with an under-shirt is recommended. L\$75.



HIT: 1846

HIT: IF you keep chest exposure subtle it can look fantastic. DoC Eldritch proves it with his unusual new outfit, '1846'. L\$395 for all the pieces (DE Designs 104, 135, 38).



MISS: Chummy

MISS: TALK about making your hair stand on end! Unisex hair is all the rage at the moment, but Eat Rice's new short style, 'Chummy', is so spiky it is verging on sharp. L\$200 at Siam (146, 173, 29).

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NEW main store ENVY (79, 42, 22)

INVENTORY SNEAK PEEK

By CARRIE SODWIND

NATHALIE DUCATILLON OF GOODBUY

I ADORE THIS...

"... ring by designer Lassitude and Ennui. I have had a ring just like this one in RL before, and it meant a lot to me. Unfortunately I lost it, and it really upset me. So when I glimpsed this ring in SL, I grabbed it instantly."

I FEEL WICKED IN MY...

"... black PVC by DragonFly Designs. I love rock and metal music. At the beginning of my time in SL I spent most of my time in rock clubs, where I met some of the nicest people in SL. And mostly, during that time, I wore these trousers – so that's how everyone there knows me."

I WOULD DIE IF I LOST MY...

"... long auburn hair by Analog Dog. No one can help but simply fall in love with this hair. It falls so naturally and shimmers in such a handsome colour. My boyfriend Stacx absolutely loves this hair, and always combs through it."



GET PUMPED UP



By TINA (PETGIRL) BERGMAN

~*ZHAO*~ „MIABELLA“
By Melanie Zhao
Kasba (15, 188, 640)

L\$500

S.Olbers 'Flimsy'
In black and white
By Sven Olbers
Vanilla Isle (239, 238, 22)

L\$330

SM Diablo
Stiletto
By Sylfie Minogue
Sylfie (11, 47, 28)

L\$400

L\$275

Pumps Confined-Elegance Pink
With bling effect and sexy walk A0.
By Awori Cassini
Far Away (99, 157, 23)

L\$298

SLASH! Angel Heels Black Pumps
By Dig Dollinger
Germania Nightlife (235, 44, 28)



MY TRAVEL TIPS

BY TRICK MERTEL

KIM Anubis is a long-time SL resident, content creator, and owner of a SL development company, The Magicians. She is also the co-author of Creating Your World: The Official Guide to Advanced Content Creation for Second Life.

THE AVASTAR: Which sims have you explored recently?

KIM ANUBIS: A few sims I've explored lately are Hakata, Spaceport Bravo, Almaden, Wish, Dreams, and Raglan Shire.

TA: Where do you party?

KA: I've been to some fun parties recently – a book release party at Serenite, a barbecue

and art show at Livingtree, and a masked ball celebrating the demolition of the Opera House at Intemptesta Nox.

TA: What sims do you find the most creative?

KA: The beautiful Avaria sims are a good place to meet unusual avatars.

TA: What are your top tips for exploring SL?

KA: When someone mentions an interesting location, be sure to write it down. Check The AvaStar, forums, blogs, news articles.



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NEW SIMS

THIS WEEK: WINTER SPORTS AUSSIE-STYLE, MOBILE PHONES AND INDIAN INNOVATION.



BY TRICK MERTEL

THE Australian Bigpond archipelago has spread further into the SL seas with the instalment of Pondagon.

It is a brand new residential ski resort for the winter, with a ski lift and a few downhill slopes to chose from. Free skis and snowboards are on offer, and a public

the works.

Mobile phone giant Orange has followed rivals such as Vodafone into SL with a two-sim forest playground unveiled last week at Orange 1. The activities on offer include building and texture classes, as well

Wipro Technologies, has come in-world at Wipro Innovation Isle. The non-descript design layout features a learning centre, a cafe, a recruitment station and a basketball court. More



ski lodge is rumoured to be in

as wider SL tours. The company says it has a commitment to community development and involvement. Indian IT giant,

significant than the bland design is simply the virtual presence of the Indian company, in an industry that is increasingly shifting towards the South Asia region.



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DEAR

I'VE FALLEN FOR MY RL STEP-BROTHER!

GIRL DISCOVERS SL BOYFRIEND IS HER RL STEP-BROTHER - BUT WANTS MORE!

Dear Randi: I RECENTLY made a shocking discovery. My SL boyfriend is actually my RL step-brother! At first, when I met him I wasn't interested because he is 'family'. But I saw his login screen one day when I was at his house and I was absolutely amazed to discover his alter ego was in fact my SL boyfriend! It turned out to be

more than coincidence. He told me recently that he had always liked me and thought SL would be a good way to get to know me better. I like him a lot, and would consider moving our SL relationship into RL, but is that really a good idea? - D.G.

Randi says: It needs a lot of consideration as there may be some serious objections, particularly amongst your friends and family. If you grew up together rather than meeting in your teens, people will be more likely to object. But then it's your life, so if you like him, then by all means continue to date in SL. But if you take it to RL, then it would be best to keep it secret until you're really sure about the relationship.



STOP CRYING OVER EX AND MOVE RIGHT ON WEDDING PROPOSAL IS HARDER THAN IT SEEMS

Dear Randi: I'VE been dating the same woman in-world for over a year, sharing our deepest secrets and thoughts about both SL and RL. I really thought I had found the love of my life. But about a month ago, she abruptly said she was leaving SL forever. She said the departure had nothing to do with our relationship, wished me well and then just disappeared. I have tried to contact her through a non-SL email, but it bounced back. I'm hurt and can't get her out of my mind. What should I do? — O.N.

Randi says: You don't have much choice but to take her word for it and move on. You are experiencing pain as it is just as real in a virtual breakup as in a RL one. Give it about a month, and then begin exploring your options with other women. But don't bring up the past relationship unless you're asked, and then don't rattle on about it. Nobody wants to be the 'rebound girl'.

Dear Randi: THE girl I am dating is amazing - she's beautiful, smart and sweet and we laugh at the same things. We've just got on so well since the word go. Last weekend, we attended the wedding of a pair of close friends, and the ceremony was beautiful! When it was over, I decided I wanted to marry her in a fancy SL wedding. But we have never discussed marriage. I want to surprise her with a proposal. But I've never done it before so I'm not sure what's right. What would you say is the best way to do it? — J.T.

Randi says: She's probably wondering what has taken you so long! Take her back to the place you first met. Buy some new clothes, get her the best ring you can afford, and write down what you want to say in advance. Then tell her how amazing she is and that you would like to share her Second Life with you. And best wishes for a long and happy marriage!

RANDI

The Virtual World's
No 1 Agony Aunt

LOVE RAT WANTS WIFE BACK

Dear Randi: MY SL wife is very angry with me, and really it's for good reason. Last Saturday I signed on after a night of drinking with some friends of mine in RL, and for the first time since I signed up, I picked up an escort and brought her to our place for a night of wild sex. My wife, who had said she was going to be away all weekend, suddenly materialised in the bed next to us to surprise me. She certainly

managed that, but now she says she is deciding whether or not she wants a divorce. That was the only time I have cheated on her, and I have definitely learned my lesson. How can I get her to forgive me? — H.C.

Randi says: You need to give her some time, although you should apologise profusely and tell her how much you love her. If she doesn't dump you right away, then you

should thank your lucky stars. It looks as though your wife understands that people make mistakes, and it might just be the case that she needs to take some time to allow things to heal. Assuming she agrees to take the relationship back to the point where it was before your misdemeanour, I think you need to make things up to her. Ask her to renew your wedding vows, and this time, keep them.

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THIS WEEK: MESSAGE BOARDS

BY PETRONILLA PAPERDOLL

A MESSAGE board is the perfect way for store owners to keep their customers informed.

A good one to use is the Billing Board by Apotheus Silverman. It looks like the board you find in an average RL office, but it is fully moddable. It can host anything you like, whether it be objects, photos or cards. Simply touch it, say "new billboard" and drag the object into the board. It will appear as a one-prim piece of paper with a red pin. Click on it and your host will

have the stuff. Grab it at Paperdoll's Freebies (Oyster 54, 129, 87).

If you need a tool to give a visible, specific message, you can use the free ones found at Lava Inside (Payens 137, 176, 751), in two different sizes. Inside the board, there is a notecard. Simply write in a few lines and then you're done - your message is ready. You may need to watch out for the amount of prims, although if the message is important, it is worth the space.



DO +

DOS AND DON'TS OF LIVE MUSIC

BY PETRONILLA PAPERDOLL

DON'T

- + SHOW your appreciation to the artist - your feedback is important.
- + Leave a tip both to the artist and the venue owner to support their efforts in helping you enjoy SL.
- + Support independent musicians by visiting their website and, if you like the music, buy CDs and mp3.
- + During the concert, use IMs instead of open chat for private communication with friends nearby to avoid disturbing others.
- FORGET to type in a slash (/) before your words when the music is playing to avoid typing noise (or disable the typing animation).
- Let the typing noises of others ruin your night - reduce noise in the Sound menu in Preferences.
- Disturb people with the noise of your camera - in the Client menu, choose Quiet Snapshot to Disk.
- Shout out "What's going on here?" if you happen to pop in.

My First Day in Second Life

HOCKEY PLAYER HONORIA PAINE:

By Trick Mertel

THE AVASTAR: HOW was your first day?

HONORIA PAINE: I spent a short time at Info Island but quickly discovered Jericho Hill and the hockey rink.

TA: What was your most embarrassing moment?

HP: My landlady taught me how to modify my new skybox home. Then suddenly, I watched myself plummet toward the ground knowing I had just deleted half the skybox because I forgot to re-link things.

TA: What's the funniest thing that happened?

HP: I tried downhill skiing for the first time over at the Weather Channel sim. I accidentally headed down the more difficult ski lane and quickly found myself stuck in a tree. Suddenly I heard the loud speaker yell out an avalanche warning. In my panic I made a sharp turn and found myself at the bottom of a lake with my skis still attached. Maybe water-skiing is more my style.



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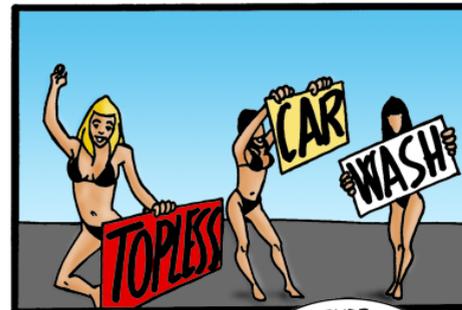
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THIS WEEK: HAUNTED HOUSES

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DARE YOU SPEND THE NIGHT?

BY GAETANA FAUST

OMINOUS:
Octoberville



BE TERRORISED AT ONE OF SL'S SPOOKY HAUNTED HOUSES

FOR anyone who missed out on Halloween, don't worry - there is still plenty to scare you in SL! Start your spooky sojourn at **Octoberville** in the PixelTrix sim (159, 105, 22). The screeching meows of a black cat greet you as you slowly climb the hill and screams can be heard as you enter the haunted house. Many macabre sights wait silently behind hidden doors if you dare to search for them. At Canterbury (129, 118, 38) visit **Haunted Isle** to see a shiver-inducing mansion and a spirit-filled cemetery. Watch ghastly couples twirl around the dance floor in the ballroom and see bookcases floating weightlessly across the library. Try spending the night at the

October Country Hotel (78, 198, 65) - if you dare. You are likely to be unnerved by the petrifying screams in the lobby and the dark décor whether you spend the night in the honeymoon suite or in the study.

ESCAPE

At **Liquid Heat** in Tahiti (205, 241, 52) there is a haunted cave, where visitors can plunge down to a river of flowing, molten-hot lava and emerge in the middle of a mysterious cornfield guarded by scarecrows. Finally, wander for hours around the **Devil's Labyrinth** in Rivata (177, 177, 45). The maze seems endless as you stroll down the seeping stone passages seeking escape and maybe a prize at the end.



Watch a possessed child's head spinning around like a top while a horrifying tea party takes place. Where: Salutaris 3 (213, 227, 34)

THE POETRY OF HORROR MASQUE OF RED DEATH



Sink into the midst of a gory Edgar Allan Poe story while spectres lurk in every corner, the perfect spot for the dark tale. Where: Kress (183, 88, 642)

GHOSTLY GOINGS-ON BENTHAM MANOR



If it's ghosts and spectres you are seeking, you'll find them here in quantity. Where: Sevenfold (197, 131, 169)

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Q&A

ASK LINDEN LAB

'SL questions day' features the Linden Lab CFO, John Zdanowski. He will be attending an hour long Q&A in-world open to all residents, with live video streaming.

When: Nov. 4, 11:00

Where: Petunia Island (128, 67)



LIVE MUSIC

WENDY CURTISS

Wendy's voice has been described in various quarters as strong, jazzy and soulful. It should make for a good set in a funky, intimate club.

When: Nov. 8, 13:00-14:00

Where: Biologic (225, 17, 22)



ART & CULTURE

PRE-RAPHAELITES

Favourite pre-Raphaelite painters are on show in this exhibition, including Monet and Rembrandt.

When: Nov. 3, 12:30

Where: Leelight (70, 72, 660)



FESTIVAL

POVERTY AND AIDS IN AFRICA

Join the crowds for 48 hours of art, culture, music and dance. All proceeds go to Africa.

When: Nov. 4-6

Where: Africa (194, 137, 29)



CHARITY

SPEED DATING

Meet someone new and help a charity, with proceeds going to animal protection in Montana, US.

When: Nov. 4, 11:00-14:00

Where: Frolic (182, 90)



EVENT OF THE WEEK!

FIREWORKS DISPLAY

Join in the British Guy Fawkes Night festival, marking a failed attempt to blow up the English Parliament, at the old Imperial Canal Front.

When: Nov. 5, 15:00

Where: Babbage Square (167, 15, 23)

EVENTS OF THE WEEK

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LIVE MUSIC

KORI TRAVANTI

The performer will entertain the crowd at the Amp venue with songs from her forthcoming album, entitled 'Trillium'.

When: Nov. 3, 18:00

Where: Moon Park West (172, 187, 679)



DANCE

SECOND LIFE BALLET

The dance company will perform 'Windows', with original choreography by Inarra Saarinen and a score by Louis Volare. Chat with the dancers afterwards.

When: Nov. 7, 17:00-18:30

Where: IBM 10 (14, 179)



ENTERTAINMENT

LAGUNA PARTY

Strip off your clothes and head down to Laguna Nude Beach to check out the première of a hot new video - as well as all the flesh on display.

When: Nov. 3, 12:00 & 22:00

Where: Laguna Bay (213, 212, 22)



EVENT OF THE WEEK!

GIDEON KAPPLER

As part of the grand opening of Infotainment Island, Gideon Kappler plays classics from Bach, Beethoven and Brahms.

When: Nov. 4, 12:00

Where: Infotainment Island (172, 24, 32)



NIGHTLIFE

COSTUME PARTY

Fiddler's Country and Western Club will play host to the party, so dress up in your red and white finest to win prizes.

When: Nov. 3, 01:00-03:00

Where: MIA (124, 129, 20)

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INTERVIEW

The AvaStar: What is your best feature?

NEFERIA ABEL: My vintage clothes wardrobe. I have a passion for historical fashion, and my collection gets bigger every week.

TA: How do you spend your time in SL?

NA: Making clothes. I also go to concerts now and then since I run concert events on Ivalde island.

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

NA: I have a cameo choker that I couldn't live without. A friend of mine made it. I love cameo chokers both in RL and SL.

TA: What's your funniest sex story?

NA: Once I teleported Brumm Bricklin, my SL partner and RL husband, into a deserted sex place just before we logged off. When we logged on again, we were surrounded with naked people doing nasty things. He was very embarrassed.

TA: If SL had a president, who would you vote for?

NA: Brumm, because if he won I would become the president's first lady! He might not like the idea, as he can't stand too much attention, but for me it would be awesome.

AVA - ID CARD

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