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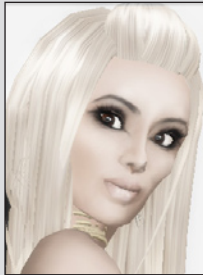
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By CARRIE SODWIND &
REGIS BRAATHENS

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Talented... Ginny Talamasca

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YOUR MAIL
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Dear Philip,
I'm writing to you as a fellow SLer, a resident, even a friend. I admire what you have done for SL so far - but mark my words, if you don't start listening to the community, your world of SL may well crumble around you.



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NUMBERS OF THE WEEK

8.7 ... million shares in BNT have been seized by Shaun Altman, who is liquidating the assets of the collapsed Ginko Bank

11 ... million registered users should be reached by November 19 at the current rate of growth

750 ... words about how to make SL sweeter is all you have to write to win a four day trip to Arizona - more info at the Splenda sim

... AND YET MORE BOTS



PINALEILA Palen was one of many AvaStar readers to spot dozens of zombie bots in devious sim owner's skyboxes around the grid.

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"I REALLY THINK LL WILL LAUGH"

LIVID DREAMLAND MANAGER SAYS LAB WILL LAUGH AT COMPLAINTS

By **CARRIE SODWIND & REGIS BRAATHENS**

THE manager of Dreamland has launched a stinging attack on the Lab due to its failure to eliminate in-world grieving - but says he expects the Lindens to just laugh in his face.

In a notecard that went out earlier this week to citizens of the top real estate company, Dreamland, Master Quattro urged residents to let their anger be known to Lab supremo Philip Linden. "Only a massive outpouring of disgust against this apathy or a class action lawsuit will convince Philip Rosedale to help us", wrote Quattro. The business manager

lambasted the Lab for its inability to put an end to "abusive racial, ethnic and gender attacks" by grievers, even accusing Lindens of "full aid and abetment" in attacks.

DAMAGE

Talking exclusively to The AvaStar, Quattro revealed that he has yet to receive a response from the Lindens and warned of the damage the Lab is doing to SL. "Imagine if you were IBM and those racial and religious slurs were spammed all over your sims and your employees were subjected to the abuse. Would IBM think twice about staying in SL if no action was taken?"

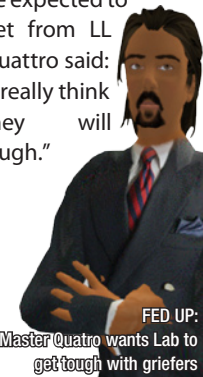
"It has definitely gotten worse and the attacks are more vicious each time. This last one included disgusting slurs against blacks, jews and gays. It's become anarchy" he said. Quattro slammed the Lindens for disregard-

ing SL residents and warned that such in-difference could spell the end of Linden Lab. "The individual means nothing to LL any more. They have grown to deal only with threats. But will LL survive if they are hit with a major lawsuit?"

"The CEO needs to spend time listening to customers, not a huge amount, but enough to show he cares." Quattro has long called for estate managers to be given better tools to deal with attacks, including the option to return all objects in an estate to an owner. But asked what response he expected to get from LL Quattro said: "I really think they will laugh."



UNDER FIRE: LLsupremo Philip Linden



FED UP: Master Quattro wants Lab to get tough with grievers

NEWS BITES!

WINDLIGHT OUT!

THE long awaited re-release of Windlight has prompted mixed reactions from residents. One mac user reported performance loss of two thirds, while others were impressed with its ability to make SL a more realistic, and prettier experience.

SEXGEN IN COURT

A TEXAN teenager, 19, accused of being sexGen bed thief Volkov Cattaneo, missed a RL court deadline this week. Frank Torley, lawyer of the plaintiff, is now petitioning for a default verdict and damages of over US\$2,000 plus legal fees.

SL ON YOUR NOKIA

RESIDENTS may soon be able to log into SL using a Nokia mobile. A portable SL client is being developed for the new N810 handset, currently in the beta testing phase.

JAZZ HERBIE UP

JAZZ great Herbie Hancock will launch his new album 'The Joni Letters' in SL. Verve Records and Universal Music Germany are holding a contest on Pangaea Island inviting fans to submit a remix of a new Herbie track.

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LAB'S "AMAZING ABILITY TO IGNORE EVERYONE"

FORMER TEEN GRID STARLET SPEAKS OUT AGAINST LAB

By LEIDER STEPANOV

FORMER teen grid prodigy Katharine Berry has hit out at the Lindens, claiming they have an "amazing ability to completely ignore everyone".

Berry left the teen grid last month in frustration at the failure of the Lab to solve the serious problems she felt existed in SL. The 15-year-old British schoolgirl, who invented the revolutionary AjaxLife software, SL's first web-based viewer, says she will return in-world if LL responds to her calls for action.

LOST

But she told The AvaStar this week she thought that was unlikely to happen: "They're messing things up, at least partially because they don't listen to people. If you want to know why they won't, you'd have to ask them - my own

theory is that they don't want to hear. That's as a company - having met some of them, as individuals they're good people. Something just gets lost in the company - it's less than the sum of its parts."

DISTANT

But Katharine did predict that the teen grid would continue in its current format: "I don't think it'll close and just boot us all out - but it is probable that it'll be re-

placed with something else. Blue Linden has publicly stated plans to produce an all-ages grid in the not incredibly distant future."

But she added that simply merging the current grids was not an option: "They couldn't do it, given recent media outcries about paedophilia and such. That said, they have this amazing ability to completely ignore everyone, so they may do so anyway."



SL PRESIDENT?

LAST week, The AvaStar asked whether SL needs a democratically-elected government with a president at its head. Here analyst ALEX1 RICHARDSON gives his response:

INVENTORY loss, TP problems, excessive downtime - all of these problems plague SL, yet Linden Lab rarely listens. What would solve this? Perhaps a president? Maybe residents could elect a spokesperson, an 'ambassador' to the Lindens.

AMBASSADOR

Here is one scenario - once every year, any resident can vote for a person to become SL's 'resident ambassador'. Obviously there would be certain restrictions, such as requiring voters to have been in-world for at least six months to prevent fraud, and allowing premium users or landowners an extra vote. But do residents think it would work?

Renowned builder Barnesworth Anubis said he would vote for Jack Linden, whereas resident Thomas O'Connell said: "You'd probably need a resident council or congress rather than a president."



By HONEY BENDER

LAST CALL:

Ginny Talamasca is hailed as one of SL's greatest designers (Far Left) Pic of Ginny by Starley Thereian

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DEATH OF TOP DESIGNER SPARKS TRIBUTES FROM SL FASHIONISTAS

SHELL-SHOCKED fashionistas were coming to terms this week with the sudden passing away of one of SL's finest designers, Ginny Talamasca.

News that the man behind Ginny's avatar had died spread like wildfire across the grid and sparked an emotional outpouring from the fashion community. Close friend Ally Geer, President of ASpiRE! Modeling Agency, talked to The AvaStar about the loss of the man behind Dazzle Haute Couture & Last Call.

"Ginny was a special designer who made the most beautiful and stylish clothing. He was so very helpful and kind from day one to me and always gracious. He had a way of making you feel special and valued. From his '<3's and his calling everyone 'Punkin' he showed that he truly cared. The last time I spoke to him in-world was at The Blue Note where he told me that he had named an outfit after me. It was a true honour. I will miss him greatly. He impacted SL in a way that few other designers have, or ever will."

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MODEL: "I WILL NEVER BE HER"

By GARRIE SODWIND



ROAD TO RECOVERY: Satine Heart

SATINE HEART NEEDED RL TREATMENT AFTER BECOMING FIXATED WITH HER AVATAR

AN in-world model who needed treatment for severe anorexia has admitted her avatar triggered her refusal to eat.

Satine Heart's remarkable story comes after The AvaStar revealed last week how some residents are in danger of developing RL eating disorders after becoming obsessed with their avatars. The tall and skinny Satine had to leave her successful modelling career when her RL typist was diagnosed with anorexia, where sufferers refuse to eat.

She spent a month in a residential treatment centre, where it took her 45 minutes to swallow just two spoonfuls of rice.

ATTENTION

While SL was not the only reason why Satine stopped eating, she said she used her avatar as a benchmark target for her RL weight, and described SL as "a tool that I can use to create my goals". She said: "I think SL encourages me more because you can create what you want to be and reflect your ideals."

Satine's stick-thin avatar, which attracted attention from men and in-world fashion labels, became a fixation for her RL typist. She refused to eat for two weeks and says she lost so much weight that she was under 100 pounds, considered to be below the healthy weight for a ten-year-old child. But she is now back in SL and is as active as ever. She has joined two in-world anorexia help-groups, and has advice for other girls in the same situation:

"I think they should not get too lost in the fantasy of SL and they need to remember that it is all a fantasy." Ultimately, though, Satine admits she is not totally cured of the disease: "When I have had a bad day and I have gone up a pound I will log in to SL and look at my av and tell myself : 'you will never be her'."

• **You can access information and advice about eating disorders from websites such as www.eatingdisordersarena.com.**



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LAB'S AGEPLAY RESPONSE:

“LIKE A BUCKET OF WATER ON A RAGING FIRE”

POST TO CLARIFY AGEPLAY RULES MUST BE ACTED UPON - RESIDENTS *By CARRIE SODWIND*

RESIDENTS have expressed relief after Linden Lab issued a statement to help stamp out the burning problem of in-world Ageplay, but say more action is needed.

The Lab responded to mounting in-world and RL media pressure following revelations of Ageplay in SL in recent weeks, by publishing clearer and tighter rules to define and deal with the problem. But whilst the move was welcomed by members of the group 'Avatars Against Virtual Paedophilia', Venus Visconti said she is disappointed that it has been so long in coming. "Right now it's like a bucket of water on a raging fire... and they don't enforce their rules anyway" she said.

In the eyes of many residents,

the Lindens are only giving knee-jerk responses to outside media pressure and don't aim to enforce their regulations. Visconti added she would like to see much tougher action taken such as IP bans and real life prosecutions, instead of just suspended accounts.

VIOLATE

Ken Linden's blog, posted on November 13, stated firmly that **any avatar caught performing sexual activity with or as an avatar appearing to represent a minor would violate Community Standards.**

The blog post also included new tighter rules such as making it illegal for child avatars to stand in proximity to "sex beds" or other "sexualised" graphics, scripts or objects.

However, Ken Linden clearly stated that there won't be a crackdown on child-like avatars, which came as a relief to many kid residents uncertain about their situation since the Ageplay controversy first broke. Rene Erlanger, the owner of a child skin store, 'Body Shape', said that the child-av industry is booming: "Since May I would say I have trebled my original sales - especially over the last two months. I am making significant revenue. I see it as expanding market, not a shrinking one."



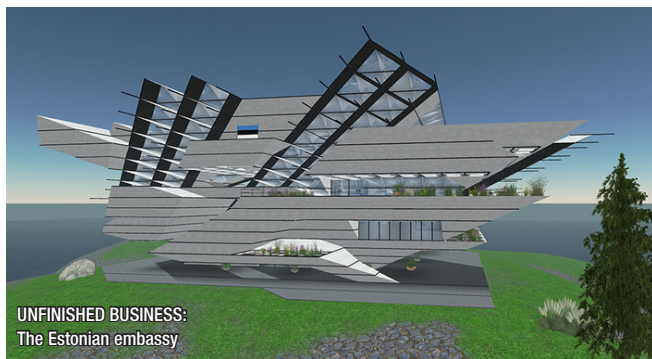
BOOMING INDUSTRY: Rene Erlanger says child-avs are becoming even more popular



UNIMPRESSED: Venus Visconti wants to see tougher action taken against Ageplayers

EMBASSY PLANS DELAYED

ESTONIA SET TO OPEN VIRTUAL CONSULATE BY NEW YEAR, SAYS GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN



UNFINISHED BUSINESS:
The Estonian embassy

By HARUKI MANAMIKO

ESTONIAN officials have denied that the opening of the country's planned virtual embassy in SL has been delayed because of technical problems.

The embassy was due to have opened on November 11 to mark the 89th anniversary of the Baltic state's Ministry of Foreign Affairs, but it has been postponed to an unknown date. The ministry's press secretary Lauri

Matsulevits told The AvaStar that the delay was merely a result of clashes with other events in the department's calendar: "We want to bring all the necessary people including Estonian Foreign Minister Urmas Paet to the opening party, but he has a very busy schedule. There are no other problems."

Matsulevits added that the embassy would be open before the New Year. Countries such as Sweden and Australia also have cyber consulates in SL, and officials in Estonia hope their project will enable them to introduce some famous Estonians in-world.

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MILES AHEAD:
Thommas Miles can't believe his luck

TENSE FINALE SEES WINNER TAKE HOME HALF A MILLION LINDEN DOLLARS

BUDDING film writer Thommas Miles came through a nerve-wracking finale to scoop the L\$500,000 prize in Weltbild.de's film script competition.

A star-studded jury of film buffs and critics including German TV presenter Bettina Cramer and film director Rainer Matsutani, aka avatars Bettina Loire and Randall Masatada, gave their

live verdicts on the four short-listed entries. The hopeful authors, Orpheus Kurosawa, Awie Apfelbaum, Thommas Miles and Vivan Jackalope, all waited with baited breath in what was a tense atmosphere on Weltbild island, as the jury gave their verdict to each individual work.

HUMOUR

Awie Apfelbaum was all smiles after receiving lavish praise for her script 'Blow up' from TV star Bettina Cramer: "My favourite! Today and tomorrow, reality and fiction intelligently coupled, thoughtfully done with a portion of humour. Wonderful!"



But Weltbild's Tilmann Auer slammed its lack of SL orientation, and said: "It's missing the link to SL a bit – only the connection

through the flexibility of changing avatars can be made."

SUSPENSE

The jury retired backstage to reach a verdict as the voting went down to the wire. With the very last jury member's vote, Miles' work 'White Spot' scooped the prize. Back on stage the audience were waiting in suspense, with Vivan Jackalope screaming "I'm biting the table...aarrggghhh!" before the final announcement was made to rapturous applause and the popping of champagne corks. Speaking to The AvaStar afterwards, Thommas said he would probably use the money to start a development programme for script writers in the USA. Now Weltbild are looking for budding young actors to act in the filming of 'White Spot' in-world. The first casting session will be held on Weltbild island on 23 November.

A SHOW OF RESPECT

RESIDENTS GATHER IN REMEMBRANCE AT ROYAL BRITISH LEGION MEMORIAL *By KITTY OTOOLE*

SOMBRE:
Residents pay their respects at the Cenotaph



REMEMBRANCE Sunday was marked in-world with a two minute silence at a specially-commissioned sim to honour the fallen in RL.

Poppy Island was created by Rivers Run Red for the Royal British Legion to raise awareness of their work supporting servicemen and women in the UK and beyond. The island is in the shape of a poppy and textured throughout with poppy petals, and a reconstruction of the Cenotaph war memorial stands at the centre.

It was the focal point of the event last weekend, where many avatars gathered together for the silence to remember those who died on the field of battle in all conflicts including both World Wars.

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CHILD AVS ARE IMPORTANT

Dear Regis,
I READ one of the letters on the Your Mail page in the latest issue, and I had to scoff.

It was about the 'banning' of child avatars. Does this person have any common sense? There are well over 10 million accounts in SL, 3-5 million log on once a month. What are we going to do? Hire cops, detectives, investigators? If we ban child avatars it

will make SL not only free, but now a police state. Most child avatars don't have sex, it's just the one or two that spoil the bunch. Take MySpace awhile back, the media picked up on a few paedophiles using it and reported constantly on it. Child avatars can bring joy to people in SL who never had children

in RL, or homosexual couples who cannot adopt in RL.

Or maybe someone never had caring parents, maybe they never spent time with them, like my dad... ever think of that? So before you make sensational claims based on your own selfish wants and preferences, why don't you consider the good

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By A.R.

MY STRIPPER WAS A BOT!

Dear Regis,
Thanks for the article last week about the zombie bots - I was conned recently and now I know how! The problem had been bothering me for months, and after reading the article everything suddenly made sense. Mystory started when a friend of mine took me to a strip club for the first time a few months ago. I really enjoyed it and went back several

times, usually tipping the girls and the club for the entertainment. I became a bit suspicious when none of the girls would ever return my messages, and after a few weeks I gave it away and used my time for other things. After reading your article I realised that my dancing girls weren't real people at all. They were in fact just bots, put in place to con me out of my money and time. It cheapened my

experience and made me feel stupid.

Without people like you guys, a lot of these dodgy practises would go unchecked. The bots could potentially ruin SL or at least degrade it. Three cheers for the AvaStar for being on the ball with this one. Let's clean up SL and make these dodgy club owners answer.

By D.V.
Editor's note: Glad we could help - that's what we are here for!

ZOMBIE BOTS RUIN SL IMAGE

Dear Regis,
Last week I got a shock. A friend of mine IM'd me saying "Martin, come check this out, you've got to see this!". As I TP'd over I was hoping to see something fantastic, an innovative project, a cool design or something. Instead, I landed next to a sea on a sim with 65,000 sqm parcel and 75,000 traffic. Next to me should have been another 50 avatars according to the sims statistics. But there was nobody there. Then she said, look under the sea - zombie avatars! No money chairs, no camping, just fake avatars as traffic donkeys.

FARCE

I hate such cheap tricks that ruin statistics and the image of other sims. It hurts those who put hard work into their popular locations, (such as Laguna Nude Beach and Laguna Bay) and generate genuine traffic. A top 20 without the real sims with the top traffic (such as Apfeland and Phat Cat's lounge) is a farce and tarnishes SL's image.

By Martin Mounier



REGIS BRAATHENS

A SICK JOKE

I was shocked to get news from an AvaStar reader that Hard Rust has declared his sims are supporting the 'Coats for Kids Foundation' this Christmas. How does the owner of the School Girls Gone Bad D-Home sim, caught at the centre of the AvaStar's age play investigation two weeks ago, have the guts to do that while he still has sex balls in classrooms where child-like avs play? It's got to be a sick joke.

LIND-O-METER

Verdict: Phil-ing blue

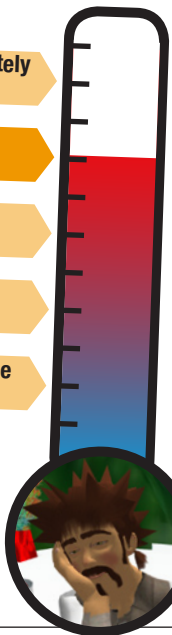
Lab-solutely awful!

Phil-ing blue!

Lagging behind!

IMproving

Sim-ply the best!



CARRY ON LIKE THIS AND THERE WILL BE NO MORE SL

A FRIENDLY LETTER OF WARNING TO THE CEO OF SECOND LIFE

Dear Philip,
We've had our differences in the past. I've lamented your lack of action over griefers, I've criticised you over your handling of the ban on gambling, I've hit out at you for ignoring the resident's concerns about the problems with the grid, I've demanded you explain why you didn't give residents any warning about impending VAT charges, and I've slammed you for not doing enough to eradicate Ageplay in SL. But now I'm writing to you as a fellow SLer, a

resident, even a friend. I admire what you have done for SL so far - but mark my words, if you don't start listening to the community, then your world of SL may well crumble around you. Just read some of the pages of this newspaper - active SL figures such as Master Quatro and Venus Visconti are far from happy. Even young Katharine Berry is fed up with your lack of caring for what residents such as herself have to say. Of course you need to work on big plans for the future - but you

may not have one if you carry on like this.

Yours, Regis

PLEASE SEND ME YOUR COMMENTS:
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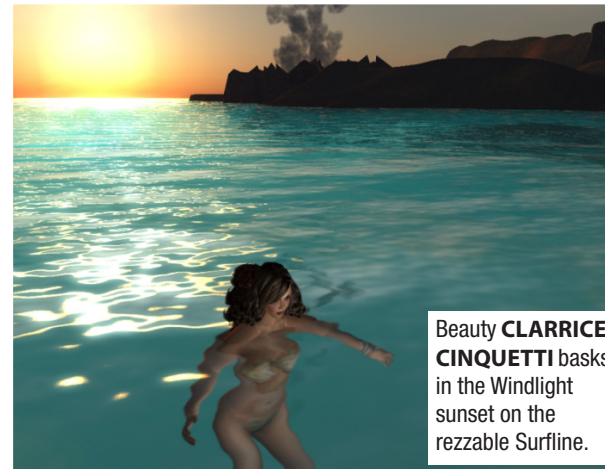
BY KEN D LINDEN

WHEN you have a problematic piece of news, like a blog post on Ageplay, it is best to bury it under other useless posts.

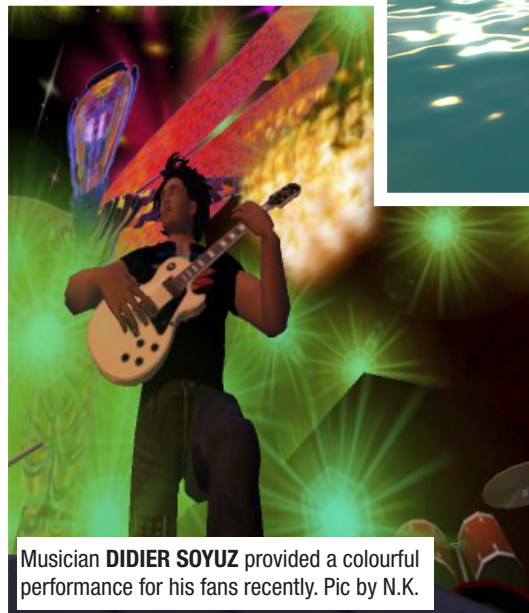
Here's an example I did this week: Just before going home time at 17:10 on Tuesday, I posted my 'clarification of policy disallowing

Ageplay'. I waited a little bit (28 minutes) to not arouse suspicion, then quickly got Bridie to post about the new viewer, Jeska 3 minutes later on 'New search' and then Torley 3 minutes after that on 'How to use search'. Tada! You've buried your bad news. Next week: How to... ban casinos

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Beauty **CLARRICE CINQUETTI** basks in the Windlight sunset on the rezzable Surfline.



Musician **DIDIER SOYUZ** provided a colourful performance for his fans recently. Pic by N.K.

Pastrami Linden, the head of the WindLight team, at Bridie's House, just after the WindLight re-release was announced. This pic was taken by **DAEDALUS YOUNG**.



Eagle-eyed AvaStar readers **NATASJA KOENKAMP** and **MARTIN MOUNIER** both spotted yet more zombie bots at the Skin Oasis sim. Pic by M.M.

META-NEWS!

THE AVASTAR KEEPS YOU UP-TO-DATE WITH THE LATEST NEWS FROM THE METAVERSE

WOW GROWING

VIVENDI, owner of the popular MMORPG World of Warcraft, has posted a 19% increase in sales for the third quarter of 2007. The company also reported the world now has over 9.3 million users.

GEEKS FROWN

PC WORLD readers labeled Virtual Worlds boring and voted them as among the 10 biggest annoyances on the web. But in a poll on the Mashable blog, virtual worlds were listed as the biggest contributor to the web 2.0 bubble.

HABBO BURGLAR CAUGHT!

By TRICK MERTEL

A 17 year old was arrested by Dutch police in Amsterdam this week for allegedly hacking into and stealing online items from the virtual world Habbo Hotel.

THIEF

The teenager was alleged to have stolen property from fellow users of Habbo Hotel, a popular global Internet community amongst teenagers, where users can create their own

hotel room with furniture they have bought with Habbo credits. The thief is said to have stolen items of furniture amounting to a total value of 4,000 Euros. The Habbo Hotel user hacked into other user's accounts and moved their inventory into other hotel rooms, before selling the furniture on.

ACCUSED

Four other 15

year-old Habbo Hotel users have been questioned in the case, although none have yet been charged.

It is the first time the Dutch police have arrested anyone accused of virtual burglary.



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METaverse '07 SET TO BE A HIT

NETWORKING, BIG NAMES AND ENTERTAINMENT AT CONFERENCE

By REGIS BRAATHENS

METaverse07, the SL and virtual world conference, will take place in-world next week.

The bad press surrounding SL in recent months has meant that ticket sales for the RL event were much lower than expected. But whilst the RL convention has now been postponed to spring 2008 to run parallel to the Webinale'08, conference organisers Software and Support Verlag and SL experts Bokowsky and Layman decided generously to run the event in-world - for free. Residents will now be able to take part in the conference held on IT Republic island on November 19 and

20. The line up includes big names such as land mogul Anshe Chung, Fiona May, project manager at Sun Microsystems, and Jean Linden, LL's director of international initiative.

GALA

The two-day conference will also feature the official Metaverse07 Gala on AvaStar Island, to allow guests to network and party together. The bash, which is open for all residents and starts 11:00 SLT on 19 Nov, will have a performance by the Global Metaverse Orchestra, a 'Pure Fashion' show featuring new collections by Bianca Foulon and Digit Darkes and ASpiRE! models as well as top DJs live on the decks.

BIZ BITES!

CASH FOR GOODS

LINDEN dollars can now be bought with RL cash after German based Crafty Studios Game Development teamed up with UKash to create Bulido. UKash, an online cash payment service popular in Europe will use Bulido as a link into SL, appealing to those residents who do not use credit cards to buy L\$.

IT'S NOT A GAME

CALLING SL a game harms the reputation of its economy, warned speakers at the Metanomics event this week. The panel, largely made up of RL business people, said that Linden dollars must not be regarded as a fictional currency. IntlLibber Brautigam, CEO of Anca-pistan Capital Exchange, said that he didn't regard US dollars as being any more real than L\$.

NEW METACARD

A NEW Metacard credit card scheme has been launched by First Meta. Approved customers will be able to buy virtual goods from participating vendors, and be charged a flat rate of 0.13% interest on their purchases. Merchants will pay a handling fee, as they do in RL.

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

FELIZ ANIVERSARIO!



By CARRIE SODWIND
SL'S favourite shopaholic Ana Lutetia held a big bash to mark her first rez day.

The prominent blogger has a catchy style which has brought her fame across the grid. SL celebrities were among the residents who turned up to the party on Sunday at the Portucalis sim, including Gwyneth Llewelyn, Steven Hansen and Lux Yao. Ana said: "I had an amazing evening. Lots of people showed up that in this past year have made my SLife very special. Hope that everyone had as much fun as I did."

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THEY CAME TO PARTY: Guests celebrate Ana's rez day

BEAUTIFUL AND BRAINY: Top blogger and fashionista Ana Lutetia celebrates one year in SL

Nuclear stuff



SHAKIN' HER BOOTY: Nicky Ree



NEW: Nuclear Boutique

By ISABEL BROCCO

FRIDAY'S opening of Nicky Ree and Arikiniui Adria's Nuclear Boutique attracted a lot of eager onlookers keen to get their hands on some wonderful gifts.

It meant a packed sim as residents and shopping-lovers headed for the event at Zurich City on Friday in their numbers.

A BANGING DISPLAY!

Pics CHOCHIL COLLAS

THE Rock am Eck party saw German avatars enjoy live music and a big fireworks display to mark the launch of a new sim.

A rock festival which happened 20 years ago in the city of Koblenz was part of the festivities to mark the official opening of the SL replica at the Deutsches Eck sim. Partygoers danced into the night after the fireworks.

LARGING IT: Angel21 Ferraris & Conny Quaggy



Erotic poetry a hit

By PHIL SPACKLER

THE Poetry and Pixels Art Music Festival provided a wonderful showcase for residents to show off their creative talents.

There were more than a dozen hourly performances at the Coconut Grove sim on Saturday with art, songs and poetry. Grace McDonough performed some great blues rock, and Rose-Drop Rust even managed to crash the grid after reading some erotic poetry. The event is hosted every month, and venue owner Tammy Connolly said: "The whole purpose of our gallery is to promote the arts of all types in SL."

BLUES ROCKER: Grace McDonough



12hr party for charity



By ISABEL BROCCO

ORGANISERS: Ted1 Kamachi and Ariel Linguian

CONTEST HOTS UP!

THE SL Illustrated calendar contest heated up on Sunday, with 88 avatars reaching the finals on November 24. So many spectators tried to get in to see the action, which included DJ Serdam Mendes, the organisers had to increase the amount of sims in use. Ted1 Kamachi said: "We were caught a little off guard!"



PARTYING FOR A GOOD CAUSE: Kirsty Oherlihy (left)

By ISABEL BROCCO

RESIDENTS partied non-stop for 12 hours to raise money for the Children in Need charity campaign on Sunday.

Joining the group to take part in the event at Taff's Bar and the Euphoria Club cost L\$20, which went to the charity run by British broadcasting giant the BBC.

MUSE

By PAOLO BADE AND ISABEL BROCCO

PHOTO shoots are an everyday part of the SL fashion world. Both models and photographers must present themselves well in this competitive industry. The AvaStar takes a look at a private moment shared between a photographer and his muse.



ISABEL BROCCO IS WEARING:

Dress 'Wolven Moonlight' by Zorena Deckard, L\$200, *Dark Eden* (109, 234, 31), Retro fur by Ookami Ningen, L\$200, *Crimson* (94, 209, 23), Shoes 'Isabel' by Zhao, L\$450, *Kasba* (15, 185, 639), 'Countess' by Diversity Hair, L\$175, *Dacham* (73, 145, 48), Jewelry 'Scheherezade' by Shiny Things, Necklace L\$1,000, Earrings, L\$300, *Shiny Falls* (173, 181, 37)

PAOLO BADE IS WEARING:

Striped Sweater by Made Men, L\$350, *Made* (95, 171, 26), Hair 'Tamed' by Influence, L\$350, *Naughty Island* (82, 112, 23), 'Celeste' glasses by primOptic, L\$299, *Terra Toulouse* (99, 155, 28)



callie cline's STYLE HOTLINE



DON'T BE BORING - TRY IT!

SL FASHION KNOWS NO BOUNDARIES - YET TOO MUCH IS ORDINARY

SOMETIMES fashion can be just plain boring. Have you been to the mall lately in SL? What is going on?

With all the options for us out there, it seems that often, many of us get caught looking for the 'new', 'hot' look.

This is supposed to be a world where we can do and be anything we want, but often I hear from designers and customers, "what's in?" From the fashionistas to the everyday gal, there is a struggle to get the new 'in' thing, like those that rush to buy sculpties which often rez as big balls or 'rock crystals'. And one

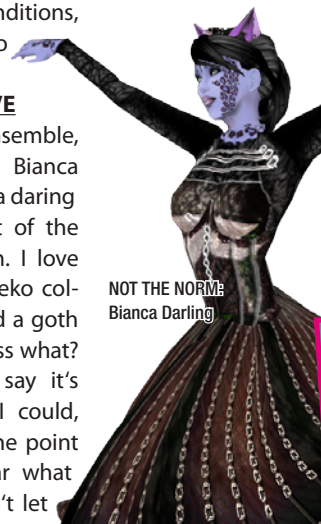
is often left wondering, what's the point?

The good news is, YOU CAN MAKE YOUR OWN FASHION STATEMENT! We exist in an international world with NO weather conditions, - there are no boundaries!

CREATIVE

This little ensemble, modeled by Bianca Darling shows a daring expression out of the everyday norm. I love the mix of a neko coloured skin, and a goth dress, and guess what? NO ONE can say it's not 'in'. Well I could, hahaha, but the point is, it's SL, wear what you want. Don't let

anyone tell you what's in - unless they are paying your tier, or account IT'S YOUR SL, so have fun, be creative and see where your dreams take you!



NOT THE NORM!
Bianca Darling

WHAT'S HOT! BACKS AND TATS

By CARRIE SODWIND

GOWNS exposing long spines adorned with tattoos are the latest in glamorous party wear.

At the First Impressions fashion show on Tuesday, hostess Una Ewing wore a starry red dress and topped it off with a star tattoo on the crown of her spine.

She was not the only one among the crowd flashing a lot of skin. One guest wore a dress that was cut right down to the buttocks to show-off a stunning Japanese tattoo.



TAT'S BEAUTIFUL: Una Ewing and guest

AVASTAR FASHION COMP



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IM Carrie Sodwind in-world if you would like more details.



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INVENTORY SNEAK PEEK

By ISOLDE FLAMAND

RASKELLA CANADEO OF BLOOBERRY

I CAN'T BE WITHOUT MY...

"...pet dragonet, Dalah, who was designed by Wynx Whiplash of Wynx's Whimsical Wonders. I also have a raven and little sculpted mouse by the same designer. My dragonet can even breathe fire. I've had her almost a year. Pets are a part of my RL, so I wanted pets in my SL too."



I ALWAYS WEAR MY...

"...Lollies from Shiny Things, designed by the fabulous Fallingwater Cellardoor. These come in ten colours, and some really cool combos like these in 'grapeberry'. I especially love the little buckle detailing."



I LOVE MY...

"...Inuus wings by Kala Bijoux from Material Squirrel. They give me a sort of fallen angel look. Flying looks so much better with wings. They come with a HUD and can do some cute tricks. I wear them all the time, but they are set to disappear when I'm not flying. I just fell in love with these and never got any others."

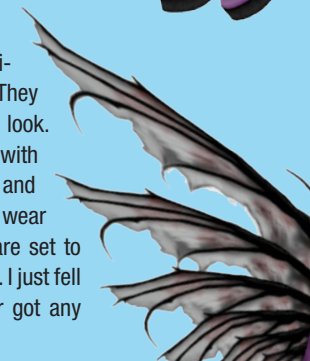


TABLE-TOP SALE



By TINA (PETGIRL) BERGMAN

Eileen Gray Side Table

By Fade Languish
Cult (87, 172, 26)



L\$80

EXAKT Black Table

By PetGirl Bergman
Verloren (209, 11, 34)



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L\$75

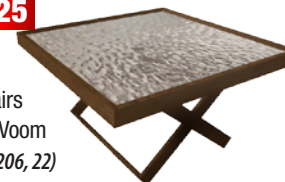
Aqua 50s Table

By Usul Eros
Foxfield (30, 140, 30)

L\$125

JAG Table

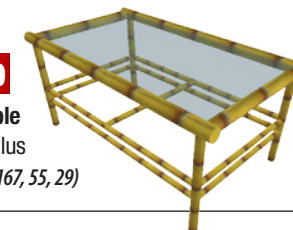
includes two chairs
By Jag Voom
Fantasy Land 3 (147, 206, 22)



L\$300

Bamboo Table

By Siggie Romulus
WaterWorks (167, 55, 29)





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NEW SIMS

THIS WEEK: RL BOOK PROMO, THE CLEVELAND LIBRARY, VRANKEN CHAMPAGNE & SPANISH JOBS

LUXURIOUS:
Only for 'Rich Idiots'



CHAMPAGNE FOR RICH IDIOTS

By TRICK MERTEL

RL PUBLISHING house **Blue Wave** is following the trend of in-world book promotion at its new **Rich Idiot** sim.

Rather than going for an all-out PR offensive, the new residential sim will develop over the next few months into the launch platform for a book called 'Why is this idiot rich and I'm not?' by Robert Shemin. Events will be-

Cleveland Public Library, one of the biggest in the US, has opened its doors to virtual bookworms. It contains a playable avatar-sized chess board and a gallery in the shape of a huge camera. Visitors can also check an exhibition that showcases the RL library's collection of historical chess pieces.

fact that it's tough to sell a product without a taste test. A walkway leads to a suspended diamond shaped pyramid, where inside a door leads to one of eight sky boxes.

InfoEmplo, a Spanish recruitment company, offers a main

CLEVELAND LIBRARY



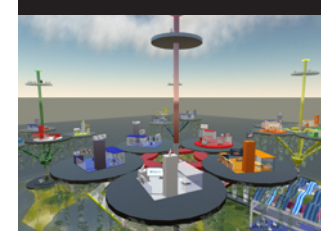
gin around Christmas, building towards the March 2008 launch of the book.

VRANKEN DIAMANT



The latest luxury brand to appear in-world is champagne producer Vranken Diamant. The sim entertains visitors through a journey, distracting from the

INFOEMPLEO



hall for public addresses at its new sim, along with more casual meeting areas. Towering above the ground are four tall pillars, which hold platforms dedicated to 16 RL companies scouting for new recruits.



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DEAR

MY SHAME OVER AFFAIR WITH MARRIED WOMAN

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I HAVE FALLEN IN LOVE WITH HER, BUT SHOULD I GO WITH MY OTHER GIRL INSTEAD?

Dear Randi: WHEN I first came to SL I never thought anything like this could happen. But I have fallen in love with a married woman. I know it's wrong of me to love her, but she's so beautiful and sweet I just can't help it. I feel badly about having the relationship and am thinking of breaking it off to avoid any more complications. Mean-

while, I have another girl who says she's there for me if I ever get over my married girlfriend. Should I just drop my married lover and settle for second best? — H.Q.

Randi says: Sometimes going with what you have turns out to be a good decision. But what's your hurry? Feelings are feelings, and it's OK to love

anyone you want as long as you don't act on it. But if you've made a woman cheat on her husband, you should be feeling guilty about it. As far your admirer is concerned, she deserves all of you if she gets any. So make sure you are completely away from your married lover before taking up with the other girl.

MY EX WANTS ME BACK BUT I'M ALREADY TAKEN

Dear Randi: I BROKE up with a girl about a month ago, having dated her since my first days in SL. Although we had had many arguments, our parting was amicable. Recently I have become involved with another woman and proposed marriage, and she says she wants to think about it. But just last week, my old girlfriend began IMing me, saying she wants to get back together. I don't want to hurt her feelings, but I must let her know I'm unavailable. What should I do? — L.C.

Randi says: Tell your old girlfriend the truth about your situation. If your current love is stalling about your proposal, perhaps the knowledge she has some competition out there will spur her to make a decision. If she decides she isn't interested after all, perhaps you should go back to your first girlfriend. But don't lie to either one of them, and don't cheat with your ex while you're still involved with your current love.

MIND-BLOWING LESBIAN SEX HAS CONFUSED ME!

Dear Randi: I HAVE had a boyfriend in-world for several months, and at first, our relationship was exciting and wonderful. Recently, however, it just feels as if things have become stale. A couple of weeks ago, when he was away from SL several days because of a RL job assignment, one of my best girlfriends told me she had a crush on me and propositioned me. I had never thought of myself as lesbian, but the experience I had with her was mind-blowing! Since I didn't cheat on him with another man, did I really cheat? — I.E.

Randi says: Of course you did! I think you should just keep quiet about it, but if he does ask or finds out about it some other way you shouldn't lie. Perhaps you really do like women, and if that's the case you should gently break off the relationship with him and proceed from there. But telling him you have already cheated would make the situation even worse.

RANDI

The Virtual World's
No 1 Agony Aunt

SHOULD I LIE ABOUT MY OLD AGE?

Dear Randi: I JOINED SL soon after it opened, looking for something to take my mind off things after my RL wife of 42 years passed away. I didn't let on to anyone about my RL age, and soon I formed a friendship with a girl who says she is at university and is 19 years old. The only age I have given

is 'over 40', while I am actually 76. She says she has no interest in an RL relationship, but wants me to marry her in SL. If I did, would I be doing wrong? — N.R.

Randi says: Not if you haven't deceived her, and since she knows you're all grown up by anyone's standards I don't see

any problem. She knows you're an older guy, and perhaps she admires your strength and wisdom. I'm sure your ego is getting a big boost by being with a college girl at your age. Since she doesn't want to take it to RL, I say you should marry her here and enjoy every minute of it!

RANDI'S PHOTO CASEBOOK

WHEN WOMEN FALL
IN LOVE, WEEK ONE:

A singles night at a popular girls-only club...



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Freebies

SL's best FREE stuff!

THIS WEEK: **OBJECT REZZER**

By PETRONILLA PAPERDOLL

A MESSY inventory is a problem which afflicts nearly every avatar - there are just too many great freebies out there to collect!

One piece of advice is to drop everything you don't use regularly but can't bear to throw away into a box, and then simply keep that instead. But how can you then retrieve one item from the box without copying everything back into your now-spotless inventory?

There is a great freebie solution at Adriana Caligari's (Sami 9, 83, 36) called the Object Rezzzer, which looks like a rough ba-

sic prim. Drop any objects you need into it, touch the prim and you will see a blue dialogue box with all the things it has inside. Select one, and it will rez near the prim.

SIMPLER

You can put the script inside an object to wear like a bracelet, so you always have your favourite gadgets with you. Remember that the objects' names have to be shorter than 24 characters. Although it doesn't work



for clothes, you can leave a large part of your inventory inside a single little ball, making your second life that much simpler.

DO + DOS AND DON'TS OF VIRTUAL JOB FAIRS - DON'T

By TRICK MERTEL

- + Dress your avatar appropriately.
- + Don't look like a raw newbie.
- + Bring a copy of your current RL resume, as companies will want to know about the RL you.
- + Arrive on time. Punctuality is important both in RL and SL.
- + Set a good first impression, so you can get started on the right foot.
- + Research prospective employers thoroughly before you approach them at the fair.
- Talk too much in the interview. Questions are OK, but overstating yourself can be dangerous.
- Use bad language, be polite.
- Multi-task. Talking with your friends in IM while in an interview can be obvious and gives a bad impression.
- Talk about salary straight away.
- Forget you're in SL, and go for a job on the other side of the RL world which you can't take up.

My First Day in Second Life

MUSICIAN TAKAMURA KEIKO

By TRICK MERTEL

THE AVASTAR: What did you get up to on your first day?

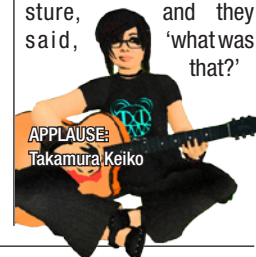
TAKAMURA KEIKO: Fixing up my av and learning the ropes. SL is like RL in that you just have as much fun as you can.

TA: What was your most embarrassing moment?

TK: I've done some pretty stupid things that I would never admit to today. If I did, my boyfriend would lock me in a cage. And, no, that's not one of the embarrassing things I did.

TA: What was your funniest moment?

TK: Me and my friend were at home when the downstairs neighbours came back. They were a couple of BDSM lesbians who were both probably dudes in RL. They didn't quite have the hang of the poseballs, and the one with the strap-on had trouble positioning herself behind the other. After an excruciatingly awkward amount of time fiddling, she finally worked it out. I played my 'Applause' gesture, and they said, 'what was that?'



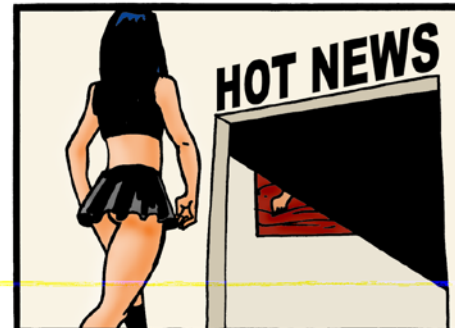
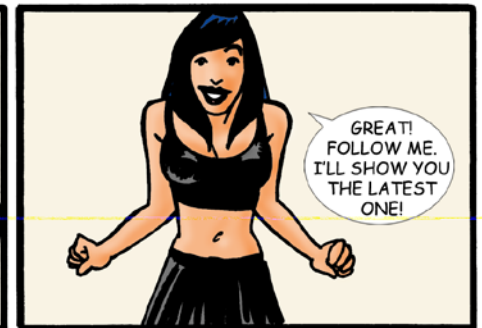
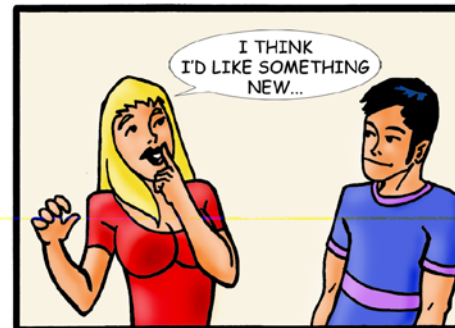
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TOP EVENTS AND ENTERTAINMENT

THIS WEEK: VINEYARDS



GREAT WINE IS AN UNFORGETTABLE EXPERIENCE - EVEN IN SL

EXPERIENCE a rich, complex glass of wine in a glorious SL setting at a sun-drenched vineyard, surrounded by green vines bursting with grapes.

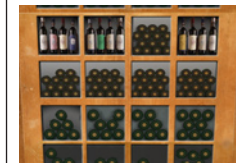
Start at the **Old Farm Vineyard** in Kochoomo (55, 246, 57) which has a tiny tasting room for sampling this year's produce, and you can pick up a bottle of Chateau Kochoomo for your wine cellar. Hang out at the sleek tasting bar at **Arnaldo Caprai** in Horan (151, 38, 58) or grab a seat on one of the comfy sofas and talk about your favourite vintage while checking out the photos of Italian wineries that line the walls.

Many couples have wed at the spectacular **Cobblestone Vineyard** in Blooms (64, 167, 35). The

reception hall is impeccable, with its crystal chandeliers and white draperies overlooking the vineyard beyond. A bed and breakfast for guests is nestled in among the vines, and has a charming gazebo for a private wine tasting.

Channel your inner wine snob at the **Virtual Wine Bar and Academy** in Al Tang (96, 155, 66). Sip, swirl, swish and spit as you try out some of the local vintage and learn a little something about wine in the process. Stock up on wine for your own collection at **Agrikona** in Holymoly (142, 114, 24). You can purchase huge wine casks for ageing your own vintage, or pick up a rack full of bottles to display in your own home.

A FINE VINTAGE STARBROOK VINEYARDS



The tasting room is set up as a mini ballroom, so take a twirl around the bottle-lined venue.

Where: Scepter Isle (100, 70, 24)

SPECTACULAR WEDDING COBBLESTONE VINEYARD



Wedding ceremonies can be held surrounded by grapevines at this beautiful location.

Where: Blooms (64, 167, 35)

ROMANTIC SETTING VALENTINE VINEYARDS



A quaint chapel overlooking rolling green hills houses a tasting room.

Where: Valentine Vineyards (122, 187, 49)

11.16. - 11.22.

DON'T MISS! —

All times are given in SL Time



SPORT

SAVAGE SOCCER

Come and watch the annual Worcester Polytechnic Institute RL machine vs machine soccer match - shown live in SL.

When: Nov. 17, 05:00-08:00

Where: SolidWorks World (123, 48)



GAMES

PRIMITIONARY MARATHON

Pit your wits against other contestants in a lengthy game of Primitonary, the SL version of Pictionary, over the Thanksgiving weekend.

When: Nov. 23, 11:00 - Nov. 25, 12:00

Where: Asim Zahra (185, 179, 27)



FASHION SHOW

NUCLEAR PARTY

The Decadence Collection from Nuclear Boutique will be unveiled at a fashion show and party.

When: Nov. 17, 12:00

Where: Archipelago Wild (209, 30, 250)



BOOK LAUNCH

ENTREPRENEURS WELCOME

Author GreeterDan Godel launches 'The Entrepreneur's Guide to SL'.

When: Nov. 18, 12:00-15:00

Where: dAlliez (216, 58, 31)



LIVE MUSIC

SWEDISH SOUNDS

Swedish pianist Ross LeShelle plays jazz, lounge and folk music.

When: Nov. 18, 12:00

Where: Second Sweden 3 (165, 152)

CONFERENCE



EVENT OF THE WEEK!

METAVERSE07 CONFERENCE AND PARTY

Residents can attend the Metaverse07 conference for free in SL. Keynote speakers include Jean Linden and Anshe Chung along with a host of other top names. The official party will be hosted on AvaStar Island.

When: Conference, Nov. 19-20, 12:00-18:00 / Party, Nov. 19, 11:00

Where: IT Republic (129, 22, 49) / The AvaStar (128, 128, 0)

EVENTS OF THE WEEK

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EXHIBITION

EXHIBITION LAUNCH

A party will launch an exhibition of historical rock photos of MEI, an Italian music publication. The event will be hosted by MEI creator Giordano Sangiorgi.

When: Nov. 19, 08:00

Where: Experience (189, 160, 31)



FASHION

ARABIC SHOW

Enjoy an Arabic-themed show featuring belly dance silks and '1001 Nights' clothes. Paisley Beebe will play live afterwards.

When: Nov. 17, 12:45

Where: Isles of Intrigue 3 (153, 183, 701)



OPENING

ALEXA

The replica of the giant RL shopping mall in Berlin will launch with a grand party, including a fashion show and live music.

When: Nov. 19, 10:00

Where: Berlin newBERLIN 3 (72, 101, 34)



EVENT OF THE WEEK!

SPIRAL TRANCE

Don't miss the award winning RL rock band making their virtual world debut. Make sure you get there on time for the one-hour show.

When: Nov. 21, 20:00-21:00

Where: Mens Depot (38, 158, 40)



SPORT

GOLF CHAMPIONSHIP

Participants will compete for the coveted Rock Invitational Open Championship, while SL's rich and famous socialize at the Playhouse of the Holly Kai Golf Course.

When: Nov. 18, 14:00

Where: Hollywood (179, 236, 21)

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THE AVASTAR OF THE WEEK

By PAOLO BADE



TITANIA BRACKEN

TITANIA BRACKEN IS THE CO-OWNER OF TEMPTATIONS CLUB AND VILLAGE, THE SL WEDDING SHOW AND MALL AND THE TEMPTRESS ESCORTS AGENCY.

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NAME: TITANIA BRACKEN

BIRTH DATE: 4/8/2007

PROFESSION: Club and mall owner

ATTITUDE: I can offer friendship, fun and help

INTERVIEW

THE AVASTAR: What is your best feature?

TITANIA BRACKEN: My sense of humour. You need humour with some of the people you meet, and Second Life isn't fun without it.

TA: How do you spend your time in SL?

TB: I work a lot, but if I'm not at the club I'm constantly updating things, getting new furnishings, building (badly) or just exploring.

TA: What would you change in SL?

TB: I would abolish VAT (Value Added Tax) for people in the EU. And I would increase the prim allowance on land. Sometimes there are just not enough prims to go around, especially for the shops out there with so many great items that you can buy.

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

TB: My hair, because I don't like being bald! Other than that, my two rabbits which were gifts from a friend.

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

TB: [RL British comedian] Peter Kay. Boy, the place would be crazy with him around!