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By **CARRIE SODWIND**  
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3

... books about SL have been written by Italian Mario Gerosa, with the latest, 'Virtual Renaissance', to be released in January.

27.8

... per cent of residents in an Avastar poll think Lindens get too much criticism. But 16.7 per cent think they should be sacked!

1.5m

... SL users have logged in for more than 60 minutes over the past 60 days, according to Lab figures.

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THE beautiful waters of SL's seas are crystal clear in Clarrice Cinquetti's picture - but can the Lab's other new feature, search, be as successful? See page 7.

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STROKER AIMS FOR SECOND COURT WIN

By COYNE NAGY



SL DESIGNER VICTORIOUS IN ONE RL COURT CASE, AND SETS SIGHTS ON WINNING ANOTHER SL sex mogul Stroker Serpentine has won a RL court case over in-world copyright theft - and has now set his sights on another.

He is one of six residents suing avatar Rase Kenzo for copying their items in-world and selling them on for profit. This week they offered to settle the case with Kenzo, Thomas Simon in RL, if he paid them a total of US\$7,000 in costs and damages. He refused, claiming he could not afford it, although he is likely to face a much bigger bill if he loses in court.

DEFAULT

But there was better news for Serpentine yesterday after he won a similar case by default. He had sued avatar Volker Cattaneo for copying and selling his SexGen bed. Robert Leatherwood, named as Cattaneo's RL typist, declined to respond

to court papers and as a result the case has been awarded to Serpentine by default.

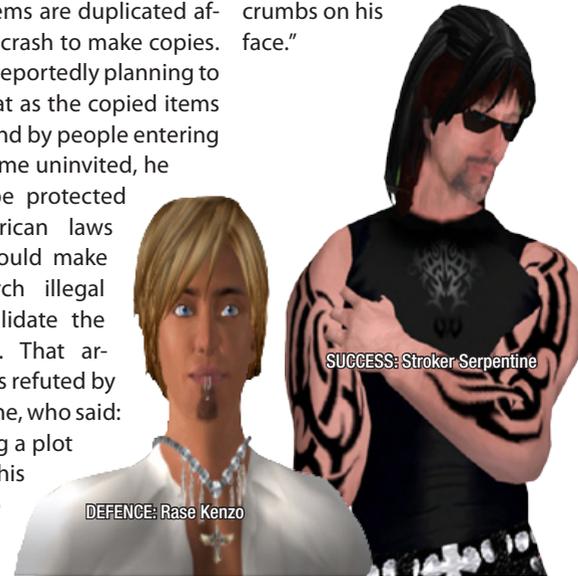
EVIDENCE

He can now focus his attention on Kenzo, who is alleged to have used an in-world loophole where items are duplicated after a sim crash to make copies. Kenzo is reportedly planning to argue that as the copied items were found by people entering his SL home uninvited, he should be protected by American laws which would make the search illegal and invalidate the evidence. That argument is refuted by Serpentine, who said: "Attaining a plot next to his 'c h o p s h o p' a n d

zooming in on his activities? He will be laughed out of court.

CRUMBS

"It would be no different from me using a pair of binoculars in real life. He got caught with his hand in the cookie jar and crumbs on his face."



# SL MADE ME WANT TO ADOPT IN RL!



FAMILY SCENE: Mynekogirl Ansett with her 'children', Karalynn MyMillan and Riri Morigi

By CARRIE SODWIND

## ADOPTING IN SL HELPED ONE WOMAN CONQUER HER ANXIETY ABOUT HAVING KIDS IN RL

LOOKING after a child avatar in SL has inspired one woman to take the life-changing decision to adopt in RL. Mynekogirl Ansett conquered her anxiety about having kids through caring for two virtual 'children', and will visit the city of Hatsukaichi in Japan next year as she looks to adopt from a country she has close family ties with. Her story is likely to be controversial, with many critical of child-like avatars in general

following recent age play scandals. The American, lead singer of the in-world band BIRD and an organiser of SL charity events, had never thought about adopting until a friend opened an agency on the grid. CARE She said she agreed to adopt in SL because virtual 'children' can be more critical of her ability as a parent: "A RL child cannot say to me that I am a messed-up parent. However, a SL child

can." Soon she was 'taking care' of Karalynn MyMillan and Riri Morigi. FAMILY "Neither Karalynn or Riri talk in that kid-die talk. They talk like young adults and I like that so when it comes to just talking to them, I started having fun. It's great to watch a movie together as a family and joke about it. I am single in RL and I live alone." H e r

experiences have changed Mynekogirl's life dramatically, and she added: "I had a less than stellar childhood. I was too afraid to adopt in RL. But now, my colour has returned to my world. I'm so happy again."



PROUD SL MOTHER: Mynekogirl Ansett

# FIGHTING AIDS AND HIV

SUFFERER TO USE WORLD AIDS DAY TO PROMOTE SL AS A PLATFORM TO FIGHT THE DISEASE

By CARRIE SODWIND

AN HIV sufferer has praised SL as a platform for helping to fight the disease, as the grid gears up for World AIDS Day on Saturday.

ChaCha Beidermann runs an in-world support group for victims of AIDS and HIV, the virus which causes it.

### DEDICATED

She has so far been frustrated by the lack of support networks on the internet, but says she is dedicated to seeing SL used by more people with AIDS and HIV in RL: "It is more personal and emotional than regular chat.

People can hug you and you see something happen." ChaCha is hoping to further her cause at Saturday's event, which will unite sufferers from around the world as several sims hold events dedicated to the conditions, which afflict millions across the globe. There is already a lot happening

in SL, with two new sims opening this weekend for care and information about AIDS, and a comprehensive SLHealth Wiki-pedia also under construction.



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# SLOOGLE IT!

SL EXPERT FIRE CENTAUR REVIEWS THE NEW SEARCH FUNCTION



## WHAT is the web's most powerful tool?

That's easy - search. What do you do when you need info fast? You Google it, and within seconds you have an answer.

The good news is that the people at Linden Lab are now trying to give us our answers more quickly in SL, as they've realised that the current search is no longer viable given the size and complexity of Second Life.

### REVAMPED

Last week, the Lab rolled out a release candidate for a better search function in SL, and so far, it looks pretty good. If you download the new first look viewer, you will get a glimpse at what is in store for us. When searching under the 'All' tab in Search,

you will notice that its user interface has been totally revamped. Results are no longer in an eye-strained and colourless list, but displayed with beautiful HTML. Beneath the fancy pictures, there is also an excellent new functionality. When searching for objects, for example, there is now a box which can be checked which says 'Show in Search'. It means that all individual items for sale will be directly searchable through the SL website.

### POWER

And even better, when Google is through tinkering with the feature, anyone searching in Google will also be able to retrieve the data. That's some serious power.

So what does this mean for privacy?

### CONSIDERED

Many of you may be smashing your keyboards against your screen by now, but don't worry too much, Linden Lab seems to have considered this carefully, and it has been noted on the official blog that "this information [search results] is not tied to your real life identity and is the same information that anybody could see with a free SL account".

What many residents will like best about the new search, is that the results are much more organised, and easier to scan through quickly. Overall, the new function is a great addition to the virtual community.



PROMISING: The new search interface

## NEWS BITES!

### SL'S NEW RECORD

SL reached a new record for peak user concurrency with almost 58,000 residents in-world at one time. The mark was set on November 25 at 2pm SLT, with more residents than ever enjoying a virtual Sunday afternoon on a reportedly stable grid.

### DESIGN A TROPHY

THE Ewing Design Awards will take place on January 15. Organised by the Ewing Fashion Agency, there will be a chance not only to design the best clothes, but also to create the trophies to be presented to the winners.

### KOINUP CASH IN

ITALIAN firm Koinup have launched a broadcast system which allows SL users to post content to their hosting service in just one click. Pictures, slide shows and articles can be directly transferred from in-world to being available to everyone on the net.

### INDY LOGO DEAL

THE Indiana Motorsports Association has agreed a deal with Teller Motorsports Park to use IMA logos on tracks and merchandise in-world.

# A STAND-UP SIM

FRENCH COMEDY HITS THE GRID AT NEW SIM DEDICATED TO HUMOUR

BELLY LAUGHS:  
The stage

COMEDY GENIUS:  
Florence Freschi

By TRICK MERTEL

**STAND-UP** comedy came to SL this week with the launch of the 'Juste pour rire' sim.

Famous French comedian Florence Foresti was in-world as avatar Florence Freschi to cut the ribbon on the new sim,

which is totally dedicated to humour. More than 25 residents watched her snip before she crossed over to a press conference in Nantes, France, where she spoke both to avatars back at the Juste pour rire sim and

the RL media. Comedy fans will be able to attend regular stand-up events at the two theatres on the island as part of the build up to the Festival de Nantes Atlantique, to be held at Nantes in April next year.

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By COYNE NAGY & VERONICA2VIXEN DEVOIX

SUPERSTAR: F1's Timo Glock battles it out with SL drivers

# LINING UP ON THE GRID

RESIDENT RACER WINS ROARING FINALE TO SCOOP THE DEUTSCHE POST GRAND PRIX TITLE

**TWELVE SL racing driver wannabes battled it out with RL Formula 1 star Timo Glock at the Deutsche Post Grand Prix yesterday.**

The 12 residents had fought their way through a competitive qualifying heat to make it to the final after posting the fastest lap times. That won them the right to race against each other and Lennard Ewing – the avatar of rising F1 star driver Glock - on the big day.

### TRIUMPHANT

After an intense battle at Picasos Landing, the sim beside the German firm's Post Island which hosts the race track, Rebekka Robbiani emerged triumphant. She said it was a great feeling to have won: "It's unbelievable, my heart is still beating really fast. I felt it had stopped the whole time I was near the finish line."

She also battled Glock, who is set to become F1's new superstar having signed up to race for the Toyota team in the 2008 season. And for winning, Rebekka won two VIP tickets to the Hockenheim track in Germany to see the first race of the German Touring Car Masters.

Seph Swain and Jerome Knaller finished second and third respectively, and all the runners-up down to tenth picked up L\$20,000 for their efforts. The event was held to promote the Deutsche Post Speed Academy, which helps young drivers into professional racing.



VICTORIOUS: Winner Rebekka Robbiani with Seph Swain and Jerome Knaller

# STAND AMONG THEM

PAYING TRIBUTE TO THE DEAD WITH A NEW AND UNIQUE DESTINATION ON THE GRID

By **KITTY OTOOLE** A UNIQUE way for residents to celebrate the lives of lost loved ones has opened in SL.

Tribute Island Memorial Park is the brainchild of Nikk Huet, and features installations dedicated to the dead. From soldier and scientists to politicians and Hollywood stars, all are lovingly remembered through monu-

ments and interactive displays. The project, funded by Associated Northcliffe Digital, has been created to commemorate the lives of those who have died within living memory. Some of the exhibits, like the military tributes are on permanent display and are especially poignant, with each headstone featuring the name of a British serviceman or woman killed in recent conflicts in Iraq and Afghanistan.

### MEMORIALS

Huet said: "Three hundred soldiers are just a number until you can stand amongst them." There are also other contrasting memorials, such as a time-travelling 'Tardis' dedicated to former Doctor Who actor John Pertwee as well as a recreation of the Princess Diana Memorial Fountain.



MOVING: Tributes to fallen soldiers

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## MARC SPELLS WOE FOR SL

Hey Regis, I WAS really disappointed to read in the last issue of your paper that Marc Woe-begone is leaving SL.

I don't know and have never met Marc personally, but his exit is an ominous warning sign for the future of SL. If someone doesn't stand up and take leadership of SL, something the Lindens refuse to do, then important residents like Marc will lose interest and move

elsewhere, and SL will slip into decline.

In the article Marc mentions that he thought Linden Lab are in over their heads. Technical issues still seem to affect the grid on a daily basis. The famous Lab non-interventionist policy is also starting to wear thin, and I believe someone needs to step

missing role of SL leader. I'm not suggesting Marc is the man for the job, but his presence, along with other notable residents, is important in maintaining the world's standards. Without a leader, SL will continue to meander along without purpose, and one of the newer virtual worlds will lure key residents

like Marc and turn SL into a forgotten virtual wasteland.

By M.B.

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## WORLD CAN BE A FORCE FOR GOOD

Dear Regis, IT was great to hear that young Ronnie Jimenez Jr is doing well after his operation ('Brain op boy saved by aunt's SL appeal', Issue 49).

It still seems incredible in this day and age of medical wonders that a boy's family can be forced to seek help raising funds for a life-saving medical procedure, but I digress. What I really wanted to say was that this is an example that shows SL can be a force for good as well as bad.

## RONNIE RESTORES FAITH

Hey Regis, I JUST wanted to write in and say how heart-warming I found the article about young Robert Jimenez's operation in your paper last week.

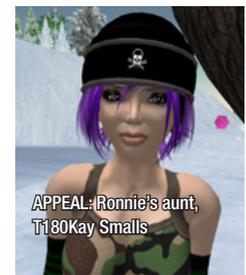
It restores my faith in the SL community as a group of good-willed people. I have noticed that the young residents seemd to be more self-centred these days. This is apparent in the abundance of shopping malls and

beauty pageants that now litter the grid. When I was a newbie, SL seemed far less commercialised and self-orientated. There was less branding and residents seemed more open minded.

And when I read that residents pitched in and helped the family afford the life saving operation, it reminded me of old times. SL could become such a strong force in RL if it was used properly.

I hope that residents young and old can enjoy and appreciate the unique community that they are apart of and help make SL realise the potential power it has to do good.

By W.I.



APPEAL: Ronnie's aunt, T180Kay Smalls

I don't want charities to start descending on SL seeing it as a potential source of income - I think the sheer number of different charities and fund-raising 'opportunities' in RL puts many people off donating - but it is clear that the kind of people who inhabit SL are usually the kind which look out for their own.

Little Ronnie has my best wishes, and I hope he is the first of many instances of our world coming to the assistance of those in RL who need our help.

By Alfred Schroeder



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# LEIDER STEPANOV

## WHY WE'RE MOVING INTO OTHER VIRTUAL WORLDS

### A BRIGHT FUTURE

**THE AVASTAR IS EXPANDING, BUT WE WILL STILL BE NO.1 FOR SL**  
**WE** at The AvaStar gives me the perfect opportunity to tell you, the readers, why we feel expanding The AvaStar into other worlds is the right thing to do.

#### EXCITING

Joe Frisino had obviously heard the news that we plan to expand into other virtual worlds as well as SL, when he wrote an email into us this week.

And it seems he wasn't happy about it. He wrote: "I read that The AvaStar will soon expand to cover other virtual worlds. If that is the case I will stop reading it. I have no interest in other worlds and have limited reading time." First off, thanks to Joe for writing in. But it also

gives me the perfect opportunity to tell you, the readers, why we feel expanding The AvaStar into other worlds is the right thing to do.

There are plenty of other worlds out there, some of which boast high numbers of residents. Some may even come to challenge SL's position as the pre-eminent virtual world, in time. But the metaverse is always expanding, and even the Lindens have revealed they are working on creating a 'universal avatar' - one which can move from world to world.

We have had a wonderful first year at The AvaStar, and we feel

that now is the right time to move into other worlds. It is an exciting development for us, but it doesn't mean we will neglect SL in the future - far from it.

We are still the best tabloid in SL, and soon will be in the rest of the metaverse as well! So Joe, don't worry - you may not care about other worlds, but we still care about you.

• We are still looking for reporters to write for us from other worlds. If you are interested, email us at [newsdesk@the-avastar.com](mailto:newsdesk@the-avastar.com).

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## 'TIS THE FREEBIE SEASON

**CHSITMAS is approaching fast, as it tends to do at this time of the year, and I have my Advent calendar all ready to go in RL.**

And this year, you can also enjoy our top Advent calendar in SL as well, where we will give you some great freebies from the best in-

world designers. You need to be a member of the AvaStar Readers' Group to pick up the goodies, so join today!



**IT'S official - AvaStar can help make you a millionaire!**

OK, that's an exaggeration, but it was still nice to hear from Dieudonnee Beaumont this week.

Some weeks ago, Dieudonnee sent in a pic which was published on our Pics of the Week page - and earned herself L\$500 in the process. But instead of frittering her cash away, the budding entrepreneur decided to invest it in her future. The result? The @rte Dieu store at the Odessa Renowned sim, which will have its grand opening at the weekend, where she is hoping to attract some special guests.

#### TOP SNAPS

Good luck to her, I'm sure all will go well. And it only goes to prove what can be done with an interesting pic! So if you fancy landing yourself L\$500 and then perhaps even your own shop, send us in your top snaps to [yourphotos@the-avastar.com](mailto:yourphotos@the-avastar.com).



**GRAND OPENING:**  
Dieudonnee's shop



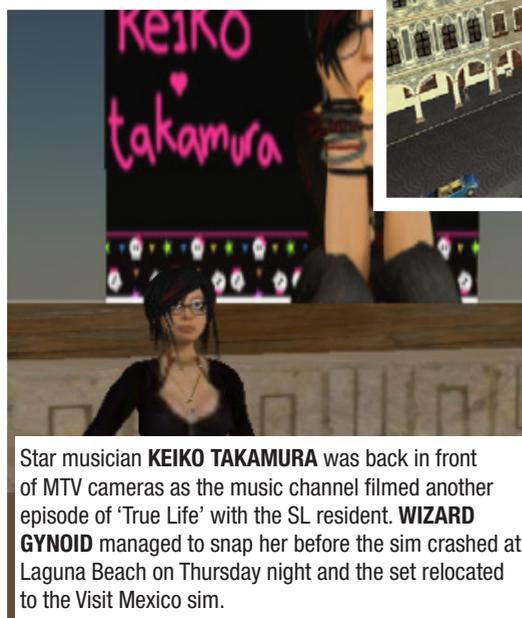
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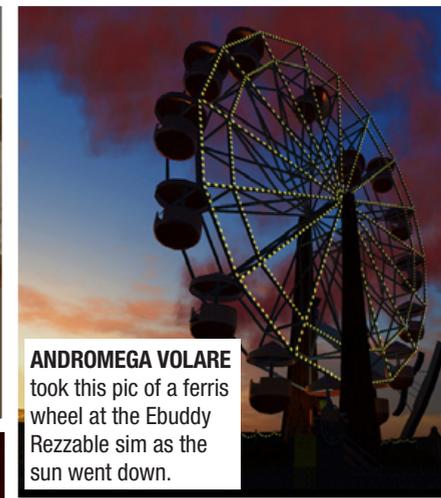
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**SAMANTHA LAMONT** enjoyed exploring the beautiful buildings of the recreation of Prague, capital city of the Czech Republic.



Star musician **KEIKO TAKAMURA** was back in front of MTV cameras as the music channel filmed another episode of 'True Life' with the SL resident. **WIZARD GYNOID** managed to snap her before the sim crashed at Laguna Beach on Thursday night and the set relocated to the Visit Mexico sim.



**ANDROMEGA VOLARE** took this pic of a ferris wheel at the E buddy Rezzable sim as the sun went down.



Don't lie there too long, people might think the worst! Pic by **ISOLDE FLAMAND**.

# META-NEWS!

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

## IGIE CASE MOVE

VIRTUAL property dealer Internet Gaming Entertainment is trying to move a court case brought against them by a group of World of Warcraft users concerning the MMPOG from Florida to California.

## MAGI TESTING

COOKIE Jar, the producers of Canadian kids TV show Magi-Nation, have revealed plans to open beta testing of a new virtual world called 'Magi-Nation: Battle for the Moonlands' in December.

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# SAILORS TRAIN VIRTUALLY

By COYNE NAGY

**THE US navy have announced plans to use virtual worlds to help train their sailors for battle.**

Senior officers are presently looking for a contractor to provide what is described as "a highly interactive, PC-based human, social and culture behavioural modelling simulation tool to support training for military planners for handling

insurgencies, small wars and/or emergent conflicts", although there is no time scale.

### POTENTIAL

Virtual worlds have already been used in many RL fields to give simulated experiences but the US military is now beginning to grasp the potential which exists in the metaverse. A research team

from the Office of the Director of National Intelligence is currently using a project called A-SpaceX which features avatars, while the army is in negotiation with Forterra Systems over a training system.



IN THE NAVY: Virtual worlds set for training role



THE YEAR OF THE AVATAR: Chinese worlds on the rise

# CHINESE WORLD THREAT TO SL BUSINESS

## MAMMOTH PROJECT COULD CAUSE PROBLEMS FOR BUSINESS OWNERS

By COYNE NAGY

**SECOND Life business could come under threat from an ambitious Chinese plan to dominate the virtual world scene.**

The China Recreation District is set to be come the largest virtual world in existence, with the Chinese government setting aside an astonishing 80 square kilometres of land in the capital Beijing for the project. It could eventually have a serious impact on businesses in SL. Stoner Jenkins, who owns shops in the Cryophile sim, warned of potentially dire consequences: "I think it will slowly crush the SL economy. China simply has too much power in business - they will crush anyone around them simply because of the quality and power they can bring. They can simply take over SL if they want." CRD, which has official government backing, aims to create a business park for firms to sell their RL products in virtual worlds. There are concerns that if users move to dif-

ferent worlds, or if large firms give away freebies in SL to promote real products, smaller SL business owners could be forced out.

### RECORD

Jenkins added that he was concerned over the influence the Communist Chinese government might have on the future of virtual worlds through CRD: "I, as an American, cannot watch a country that has a [human rights] record like that slip into another world like anyone else." China already has several virtual worlds under development with HiPiHi, which is similar to SL, being the best known.



FEARING THE CHOP: Stoner Jenkins

## BIZ BITES:

### EURO JOBS IN SL

A VIRTUAL job fair was held on Wednesday to attract workers to Luxembourg. Gax Technologies was the firm behind 'Working Worlds' which featured more than 2,000 registered candidates from around 50 countries.

### OFF THE WAGON

BOSSSES at Dutch beer company Heineken have admitted they considered launching a presence in SL but decided against it. Spokesman Marco van Veen said the presence of other beer companies and the age of users persuaded them to stay out.

### CONDO DREAMS

THE Global Condo Centre has been busy drumming up business in its first weeks in-world. The project allows potential RL buyers to walk through a number of designs, and locations featured include Dubai and India.

### NO MIDAS TOUCH

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## GORGEOUS GUYS, BEAUTIFUL BABES



HOPEFULS: Sachse Barbosa, left, and Silke Lilliehook.



CONTEST: The Bol sim

By COYNE NAGY

RESIDENTS flocked to the Bol sim this week to take part in a contest to find SL's most beautiful avatar.

Organised by online sales company Bol.de, the competition was inundated with entries, and the final 50 battled it out this week to be named the winner. \*\*\* eventually claimed top spot, and with it the chance to take

over the role of 'Trixi', the automated virtual shop assistant, on the Bol.de website for two weeks. There were also iPods and gift vouchers up for grabs. One finalist, **Silke Lilliehook**, said the contest was worthwhile: "I find it good that more Germans are always being born into the world and through this confidence we can get to know each other."

### SPOTTED!



RUTHED: Lotte Linden

**POOR old LOTTE LINDEN** - look at that awful 'Ruthed' hair. And the helpful Lotte was struck down by the dreaded avatar affliction during her own Q&A session!

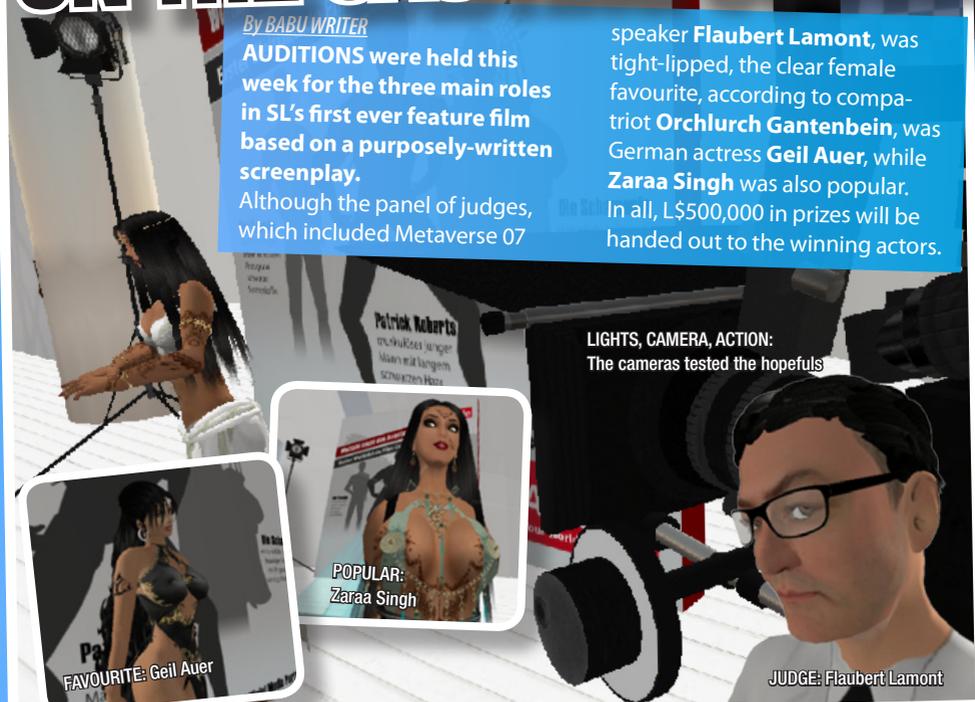
## ON THE CASTING COUCH

By BABU WRITER

AUDITIONS were held this week for the three main roles in SL's first ever feature film based on a purposely-written screenplay.

Although the panel of judges, which included Metaverse 07

speaker **Flaubert Lamont**, was tight-lipped, the clear female favourite, according to compatriot **Orchlurch Gantenbein**, was German actress **Geil Auer**, while **Zaraa Singh** was also popular. In all, L\$500,000 in prizes will be handed out to the winning actors.



LIGHTS, CAMERA, ACTION: The cameras tested the hopefuls



FAVOURITE: Geil Auer



POPULAR: Zaraa Singh



JUDGE: Flaubert Lamont

### Dolly's done

By ISABEL BROCCO

THE SL Illustrated Calendar competition came to a climax on Saturday amid confusion. **Dolly Mathy** emerged as the winner, bagging a cool L\$25,000 and appearing as Miss January in the calendar. The Purple Moon won the event was somewhat overshadowed by sim problems and confusion over the voting.



MISS JANUARY: Winner Dolly Mathy

### Crowning glory



ON SONG: Norma Falta

By PHIL SPACKLER

THE former managers of the now-closed **Three Lions pub** opened their new venue on Sunday. **Kendra Fallon**, **Prad Prathivi** and **Bailey Longcloth** will host events like live acts, DJs and open mic nights at the Crown and Pearl at the Oropesa sim. The launch kicked off with a performance from **Norma Falta**.

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**EXPERIMENT** with accessories to add flair to your usual look.

Honestly, I personally get a little bored by a lot of fashion (my own included!) and so often I'm most excited when I think outside the box or have a 'happy accident' - meaning dragging the wrong piece of clothing on me.

**MISH-MOSH**

Fashion is one of the most expressive ways we have to communicate - you can make any kind of statement you want. One way to do it is with accessories. Try mixing items that you would never normally mix. This outfit is

a mish-mosh mash-up, that I LOVED putting together. From the 'conductor's hat' and mice-infested boots to the estate ruby earrings (to match the blood on the necklace) and the umbrella that rains by touching it, along with the lovely black diamond ring, this outfit's accessories definitely had me singin' in the rain!

I also love the army jacket with the lace socks... well, the whole thing just works for me. Walking around people were asking, "ooh where did you get that" about almost everything!



SINGIN' IN THE RAIN: Callie's new outfit

**WHAT'S HOT!**

**STRAP UP N' STRUT**

By CARRIE SODWIND  
PLATFORM heels with ankle straps are definitely rivalling boots in popularity this season.

For the ultimate in shoe-fetish, footwear designers are rivalling each other for the naughtiest, most detailed and eye-catching pair of buckle-up stilettos. Add that extra touch of dominatrix, and invest in a pair with a metal heel or match them with a leg tattoo.

They might break the bank, but you won't have to risk breaking your back!

POPULAR: Flower shoes



RISQUE: Metal heels

**HIT OR MISS** Successes and flops from this week's new fashion releases. By CARRIE SODWIND



HIT: Beads

**HIT:** If you are going to do the sexy librarian look, you have to get it right. This jumper/skirt outfit by K.O. Designs in colombia (64, 57, 26), L\$185, does not

beads brighten up the dark months. The snowflake design, at L\$250, is fussy and over-priced, but the small glass Christmas tree balls on a gold chain, L\$150 at Malra (45, 86, 66), is a winner.



MISS: Jumper and skirt



HIT: Ice skates

**HIT:** Deep mid-winter has come early thanks to designer Megg Demina's traditional ice-skates with laces and a delicious fluffy ankle-warmer, at L\$300. Head over to Dreamworld East (183, 194, 21).



callie cline

# HOT DAWGW

FROM CITY-CHIC POODLES AND BIG-EYED PUPPIES TO HANDBAG SIZED CHIHUAHUAS AND ELEGANT DALMATIANS, DOGS ARE THE ULTIMATE STREET ACCESSORIES. LET YOUR FURRY FRIEND SPEAK FOR YOUR STYLE.

By **BIANCA FOULON**

**MODEL: ABYGALE CARTER**

**Skin MM Dark** by Minnu Palen, *Glam World* (118, 136, 23), L\$1,150, **Dress BBBM Bloodseeker** by Evelyn Edelman, *Envy* (102, 74, 22), L\$450, **Penelope hair** by Aleri Darkes, *Dacham* (22, 153, 702), L\$175, **\*bbb\* Bag** by biancaF, *Addictive* (171, 184, 23), L\$130, **Shoes** by Digit Darkes-Paris Boot Base V 1.4, *Dacham* (22, 153, 702), L\$400, **Female Maltese Pup** by Carrie Tatsu, *Skynx* (160, 65, 22), L\$470

**Skin MM Dark** by Minnu Palen, *Glam World* (118, 136, 23), L\$1,150, **Chika hair** by Aleri Darkes, *Dacham* (22, 153, 702), L\$175, **Autumn of 1969 in tangerine** by Marleen Vaughan, *Envy* (138, 105, 22), L\$700, **Fiore sandals** by biancaF *Addictive* (171, 184, 23), L\$160, **Dalmation** by Main Store @KanazawaSLing, *KanazawaSLing* (89, 101, 22), L\$299



# ROMANS DISCOVERED SL BEFORE LINDEN LAB!



WEDDING BLISS:  
Tania Juran and Hiperit Giha

**LONG ago in the mists of time the Romans discovered Cream Island (120,107,23) and settled there, long before Linden Lab.**

How do I know this? Well, specialist archaeologist teams have been busy during the past few months excavating the ruins discovered by Tania Juran and me, Hiperit Giha as we wandered through a mystic woodland while courting one day. I remember the date well - July 1, 2007 as Tania made such an impression on me that on December 1 we will open Cream Island (120,107,23) to share our romance. Recently, we celebrated our love in a stylish wedding at Dragon Inn, with Kim Seifert singing live at the reception. I say that I if you've never been to a Kim Seifert concert, you haven't lived. It was awesome! In fact, when Tania and I open our Cream Island Sim there will be a place for concerts and I am already booking them up to March next year. We have also found the remains of a medieval town complete with a

castle overlooking it. Tania has been busy ensuring the castle takes on a modern theme for two floors of fun-filled dancing.

### ROMANCE

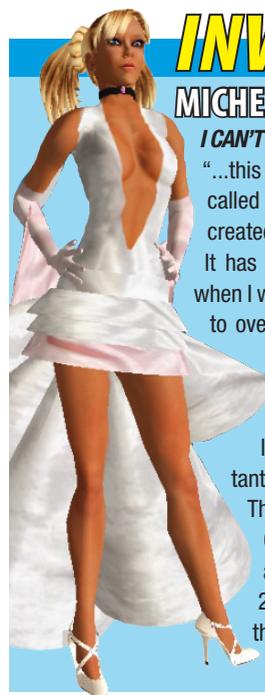
Full of energy and enthusiasm, Tania runs differently-themed contests regularly with prizes for best male and female outfits. Tania is busy putting the finishing touches to another exciting club with VIP rooms hidden under... well, you'll have to explore for yourselves. Suffice it to say that the Mystic Wood gives way to a Romantic Lovers Meet, and other delights await you as well.

Tania says: "Are you looking for romance? Boys, girls will not tell you what they want when you romance them nor will our girls but here our dancers will show you! Girls, the Chippenhunks would be put in the shade by our male dancers." Group notices are sent out in six major languages. Ready for fun? We certainly are! Come discover yourself.

# INVENTORY SNEAK PEEK

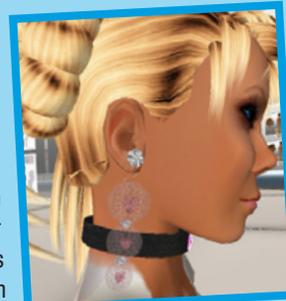
By ISOLDE FLAMAND

## MICHELLE MARGETTS OF THE CRYOGEN CLONING FACILITY



**I CAN'T LIVE WITHOUT...**  
"...this futuristic dress called Material Girl created by Alex Elytis. It has such an impact when I wear it - it's hard to overlook. The short skirt at the front really shows off my legs, which is tantalising for guys. The store is called Glamour Girls, and I have over 20 outfits from there."

**IT WAS LOVE AT FIRST SIGHT...**  
"...with these earrings from the vault at Ricx. They are a limited edition design. I think they are simply adorable, and they go with so many things in my inventory. I've had them for over a year. The designer has put such hard work into them and it really shows."



**I ADORE...**  
"...my white shoes created by Lightwave Valkyrie. I wear them with everything because they have such great details. I especially love the row of tiny straps and buckles."

# CHRISTMAS TIME



By TINA (PETGIRL) BERGMAN

**Red Candle Christmas Tree #2**  
By Tequila Tapioca  
Wisteria (128, 148, 23)

**L\$209**



**L\$425**

**Luxury Christmas Tree**  
By Carrie Grant  
Fauna (61, 108, 21)



**L\$300**

**Christmas Tree**  
With colourful lights and ornaments  
By xTrojan Ramos  
Ramos Designs (95, 49, 25)



**L\$300**

**Red Xmas Tree**  
With decorations  
By Teizus Miles  
Born (124, 231, 41)



**L\$40-50**

**Xmas Tree**  
Changes into different colours  
By Vircha Kerouac  
Uberto (189, 51, 74)



# MY TRAVEL TIPS

By TRICK MERTEL

**DOLMERE TALAMASCA** is a talented musician, whose recent project 'Basstastic Perversions' features bass guitar with vocals.

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

**DOLMERE TALAMASCA:** I dropped in to Northpoint and Basilisk recently. I was also at PodShow Island and Artropolis.

**THE AVASTAR: Where do you hang out and relax?**

**DT:** I look for the most quiet corner in which I can build, script and IM. The Shelter in Swinside is my home away from home away from home.

**THE AVASTAR: Where do you go to party?**

**DT:** I play live music sets of a sort in various party locations. SoHo, The Merry Prankster, Purgatory, and Los Arboles are lovely places where folks are known to gather and enjoy themselves.

**THE AVASTAR:**

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

**DT:** Epione - Rose Petal Creations is amazing. There are fun games and beautiful wares for sale.

**THE AVASTAR: What are your top tips for exploring in Second Life?**



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by Good2 Go

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"I have a lot of fun creating immersive interactive experiences for avatars. Some have been based on real world fun, and others I could never do in the real world. This is one from the real world."  
Good2 Go

**Ponderama 25,145,38 (PG)**

# NEW SIMS

THIS WEEK: FLYING PINK ELEPHANTS, POLITICAL DISCUSSION, UNI EXPANSION AND AN EX-COUNTRY



BIZARRE NEW SIM: TOSHIBA

By TRICK MERTEL

**THE new sim from Japanese electronics giant Toshiba features the bizarre sight of a flying ship with a pink elephant escort.**

Inside the 190-metre long vessel at **TOSHIBA** is a stylish lounge offering private viewing booths. The latest entry in a growing list of major firms from the Land of the Rising Sun looks fantastic,

The sim is part of a marketing campaign for Toshiba HD products called 'A New Digital Odyssey', and the lounge will show CGI moves as part of the image festival.

There is also a pool table, air hockey tables and the board game othello. Be warned, though that the panels are only

build contains sandboxes, function rooms, and an exhibition space, all of which are open to students and the public alike.

### WELCOMING

Despite **Czechoslovakia** not existing as a single country in RL any more, a new sim of the

### CZECHOSLOVAKIA



same name has opened promising to be a starting point for Czech and Slovak residents in SL. It offers advice for newcomers and a few freebies, and the snow-covered main square is very welcoming.



POLITIK LAND

like all things Japanese, but it falls down with the lack of communication to the visitor.



ALEXANDER BEACH

in Japanese. Ivy League university Princeton has expanded its island group with the opening of the **Alexander Beach** sim. The pragmatic



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# DEAR

## GIRLS DON'T WANT TO BE MY SWEETHEART IN RL



### I GET PLENTY OF WOMEN IN SL - BUT NONE WANT TO MAKE THE LEAP INTO RL

**Dear Randi:** I HAVE had an ongoing problem which has been an issue ever since I joined SL over a year ago. I don't seem to have any trouble meeting women in-world, and I have had several long-term relationships here. But my real dream is to take an SL love relationship into RL, and unfortunately the women I have met so far will

have nothing of it. I don't understand the difference, but I can't seem to bring any of them around to my way of thinking. What do I need to do to turn my avatar girlfriend into my RL wife? — T.C.

**Randi says:** Failing some sort of magic powers, you probably won't be able to do it unless your lady was in on

the idea from the beginning. The women of SL don't want to take relationships into RL for many reasons. In RL they might be married, 20 years older than they say, 100 pounds heavier than they say, or they might even be men. It's not impossible, but you're going to have to tell them your intentions very early in the relationship!

## OBSESSIVE BOYFRIEND REFUSES TO TRUST ME

**Dear Randi:** MY boyfriend is becoming a big problem, as he doesn't trust me. When we first met he knew I was a successful model who sometimes posed nude or semi-nude in front of male photographers. He has many fine qualities, but seems to be an obsessive type. Every time I leave the house, when I get back he demands to know where I was and who was there. I have been faithful ever since we first met, but he doesn't believe me and I'm getting tired of it. Should I dump him? — R.B.

**Randi says:** Absolutely. The problem is not you, it's him. You are obviously beautiful, smart and talented or you wouldn't be doing well in your job, and he should have known what he had when you first met. My sense is that if you were average-looking and poor he still wouldn't trust you. The guy has issues you should not have to deal with. Show him the door.

## I LOVE MY MAN BUT I WANT BAD BOY THRILLS

**Dear Randi:** FOR weeks now, I've worried about something. For most of my time in SL, I have dated – without promising to be exclusive – a sweet, sensitive, intelligent guy who adores me. But a month ago when he was away for a few days, I met a bad-boy type from another country who really excites me. Things progressed with him very quickly. But when my first boyfriend returned I remembered how much I love him, too. Is it possible to love two guys at once? — S.D.

**Randi says:** Of course, but it does complicate things, doesn't it? You don't say how far things "progressed" with the new guy, but if you really didn't have a commitment with your first love it wasn't cheating. Now you need to be honest. Tell your new guy about your ongoing relationship and see how he reacts. If he doesn't leave, you must tell your first guy about the new one. If they both stay, then for now you have two beaus.

# RANDI

The Virtual World's  
No 1 Agony Aunt

## I GAVE IN TO BOSS SEX DEMANDS

**Dear Randi:** AFTER I joined up for SL, I found a low-paying job standing around in a tuxedo saying hello to people. The lady who owns the business took an interest in me, and after I had worked there for month she said she would triple my pay if I had sex with her. I agreed and she wasn't

terrible, but I really have no further interest. My problem now is that she said she wants me again and will just fire me if I don't go along. How can I say no and keep my job? — H.N.

**Randi says:** Simply put, you can't. It's obvious that she is guilty of sexual harassment, but there don't seem to be

any laws in SL to protect you. And what you did wasn't very smart, either. Dress it up any way you like, but you engaged in prostitution and now you are learning a hard lesson. You need to go in immediately and quit your job, mute your former employer and never engage in that behaviour again.

## RANDI'S PHOTO CASEBOOK WHEN WOMEN FALL IN LOVE, WEEK THREE:



# Slaggin'

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# Freebies

SL's best FREE stuff!

## THIS WEEK: FACE LIGHTS

By PETRONILLA PAPERDOLL

HAVING a light shining on beautiful objects in SL helps to brighten up a dark virtual night.

one of twin lights in different colours. Choose your favourite, and invisible spheres of light will enhance your beauty when you wear it.

So how about lighting up yourself? A face light is actually the last trend for in-world VIPs and supermodels, but it can add a touch of glamour to every fashionable avatar with a demanding nightlife by making you stand out from the crowd.

It's more than a simple gadget - even an experienced SL photographer can profit playing with different angles and shades. And it is transferable, so it is possible to give it to your favourite model as well as to your best friend as you embark on a crazy and glamorous SL night out.

Hidden in a deep cave at Bougainville (107, 34, 232) is not only one, but 47 different face lights, created and distributed for free by Lierac Dagger. The pack contains lights in 11 colours, a series of single lights with three different attach points and

## GLAMOROUS



## DO + DOS AND DON'TS OF ROLE-PLAY

By CARRIE SODWIND

DO

DON'T

- + Listen to the role-players to get a feel for their style of speaking
- + Be inventive and avoid making repetitions.
- + Make it clear who you are role-playing straight away.
- + Develop your character by creating a background and a personality for to make chat more interesting.
- + Ask any questions that you have about the role-playing sim in IM or role-play language.

- = Break out of character unless you have a very good reason to.
- = Parrot back the same things or style that others are speaking in.
- = Become involved in something you don't understand... especially in a Gorean Kingdom!
- = Talk about real life. Role-playing is escapism.
- = Be too serious about your role, remember it is just fiction and just for fun.

## Surviving Second Life

### PHOTOGRAPHER DAEQUIX SCARBOROUGH

By Trick Mertel

**THE AVASTAR:** What problems did you have as a newbie?

**DAEQUIX SCARBOROUGH:** I found myself getting bored. After coming from on-line gaming worlds, the SL mantra of 'it's your world, make what you want of it' didn't cut it for me, and I was close to ending my SL avatar's life.

**TA:** How did you survive?  
**DS:** I'd think of any word, for instance 'flower', and search places for it, and then visit. I found myself wandering into a few odd circumstances. It's amazing how quickly one learns that being a cute little pink kitten in Gor is a no no! Design quickly became a central part of my lifestyle here, and I also took up photography.

**TA:** What tips would you give to newbies?

**DS:** Attend a live music concert. Explore. Don't be afraid to ask questions. Search or ask on the forums for 'interesting places' and strike up a friendly conversation with others.



WORD GAMES:  
Daequix Scarborough

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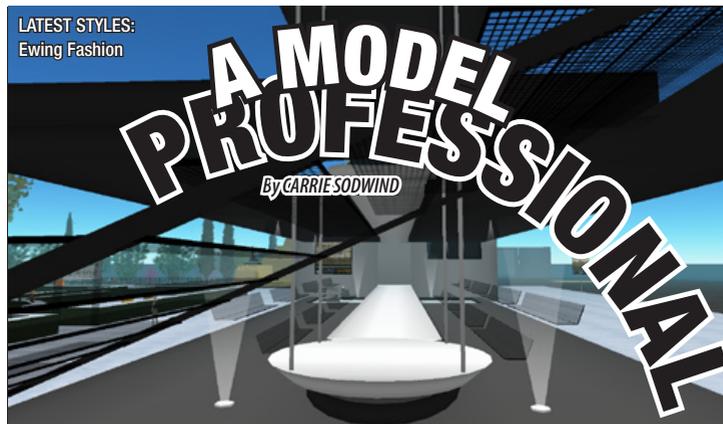
LAND of HOPE

# THE GUIDE

TOP EVENTS AND ENTERTAINMENT

## THIS WEEK: CATWALKS

LATEST STYLES:  
Ewing Fashion



FROM JEANS TO HIGH FASHION, STYLE IS EVERYTHING IN SL

**FASHION trends are moving faster than ever in SL, with new releases hitting the shops all the time.**

The only way to stay in the picture is to keep your eye on the catwalk. Ewing Fashion Agency has one of the most technically impressive catwalks in SL at the **Ewing Fashion District** in the Ischia sim (136, 127, 298). The stage is two tiers high to maximise audience capacity, with an elevator between the floors. In total contrast to this vogue-style minimalist catwalk is the luxurious red carpet catwalk at **Lovers Escapes** (76, 107, 46). The stage is at the foot of the romantic medieval-themed sim, and is best suited to costumes or elaborate designs for special occasions.

For something a bit alternative, head over to the informal garden catwalk at **Ambergris Deadly Fashions** at Knot (230, 139, 67). The stage is made to look like a trimmed hedge, and the grassy surrounds with a friendly bar make it an unpretentious option. Models in need of jazzing up their runway performances should check out quirky modelling runway stands at **The Opposition** in Endicott (242, 69, 130). The **Joysco Convention Center** (Convention Center 125, 122, 22) is a professional large-scale venue for shows, which can hold huge audiences. An atmospheric catwalk can be found at the **KSG Agency HQ** at MotorCity Alpha (109, 76, 25). It also provides designers with models.

**EASTERN PROMISE FUSION**



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Where: Goldensands (34, 209, 22)

**MODEL CLASS ASPIRE!**



Home to one of the biggest modelling agencies in SL, with a black stage and pink floral detailing.

Where: ASpiRE Isle (111, 94, 26)

**WHEN IN ROME BEST OF SL**



Modern, sleek and trendy, the venue hosts the work of Italian designers.

Where: Galveston Isle (20, 241, 25)

11.30. - 12.6.

## DON'T MISS! —

All times are given in SL Time



## ART &amp; CULTURE

## BOOK TRIVIA

Do you have a good knowledge of literature trivia and want to prove it to the rest of the world? This book quiz could be just the place for you.

**When:** Dec. 1, 12:00

**Where:** Triglav (104, 245, 84)



## OPENING

## AMA GI COFFEE LOUNGE

The cool, laid back lounge launches with a party, with free coffee and champagne on offer while you mingle with the beautiful people.

**When:** Dec. 1, 13:00

**Where:** Ama Gi (134, 113, 22)



## NIGHTLIFE

## ROCK OPERA ON ICE

Skate around the ice rink while the sounds of rock opera Tommy give you some extra momentum.

**When:** Dec. 2, 13:00

**Where:** Cavettaz (220, 61, 37)



## LIVE MUSIC

## ASTRIN FEW

The classically-trained guitarist and singer will dazzle the audience with jazz and soul music.

**When:** Dec. 3, 20:00

**Where:** Chapala (241, 51, 66)



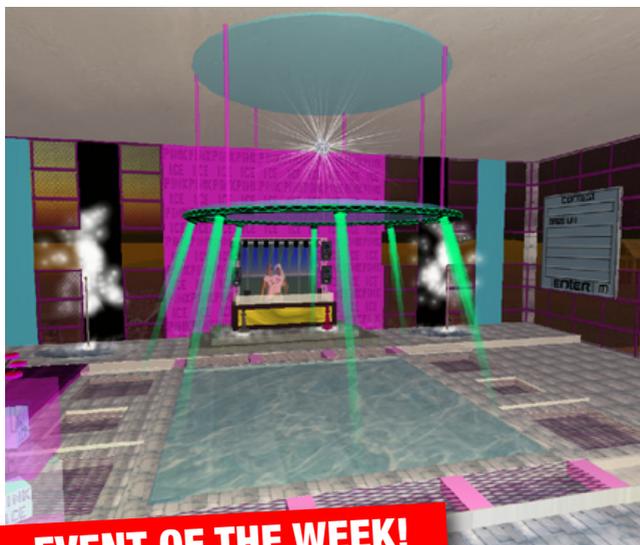
## OPENING

## ASPIRE! RADIO

The new SL radio station launches with a massive party featuring fashion, DJs and prizes.

**When:** Dec. 2, 15:00-17:00

**Where:** ASPIRE Isle (113, 94, 26)



## EVENT OF THE WEEK!

## PINK ICE

The pink-clad new nightclub launches with a 'James Bond'-themed party, with prizes on offer for the best-dressed avatars as well as plenty of entertainment.

**When:** Dec. 4, 12:00-16:00

**Where:** Ingvar (139, 113, 45)

## EVENTS OF THE WEEK

All times are given in SL Time



## NIGHTLIFE

## ENSYNCE DANCE TROUPE

Start your Christmas revelry a little bit early with this dazzling dance show. The troupe will perform their new routine to Christmas hits past and present.

**When:** Dec. 3, 06:00

**Where:** French Quarter (125, 238, 23)



## LIVE MUSIC

## SCARLETT ROUX

The singer is a relatively recent addition to the SL music scene, but is fast becoming very popular. Her gorgeous voice has just a hint of a southern drawl which adds something to the love songs.

**When:** Dec. 2, 19:00

**Where:** Imperfects (70, 206, 21)



## CHARITY

## ESCORT AUCTION

Escorts will be auctioned off to the highest bidder, with all the proceeds going to the Autism Speaks charity. There will also be dancing, DJs and prizes for the best costume.

**When:** Dec. 6, 19:00-22:00

**Where:** Paw Paw (226, 70, 118)

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# THE AVASTAR OF THE WEEK

By PAOLO BADE



# LU CORONET

RL JOURNALIST, LU CORONET HAS PUBLISHED AN ITALIAN LANGUAGE BOOK CALLED 'EASY GUIDE TO YOUR FIRST SECOND LIFE'

### AVA - ID CARD

NAME: LU CORONET  
BIRTH DATE: 11/20/2006

PROFESSION: Writer  
ATTITUDE: Dreamer

### INTERVIEW

**THE AVASTAR:** What would you change in SL?

**LU CORONET:** Many people will not take it very well, but I would propose to give up making 'No Transfer' items. I mean, I agree if a creator or a designer sets his work as 'No Copy', but if I pay for it, it should be OK to pass it to someone else. I do not find it totally fair.

**TA:** What's your funniest sex story?

**LC:** A friend told me that the first time she had sex with a newbie he couldn't work out how to attach his 'instrument'. If I imagine the scene it makes me laugh. First times in bed can be tricky - even in virtual worlds!

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

**LC:** I am very attached to my skin, but in particular to my freckles. They give that touch of innocence that is essential to my personality. And I am also proud of my hair collection: I think I have more than 500!

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

**LC:** I hope we will never give SL a government or something that official. If there is one, I hope it will be a woman.

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