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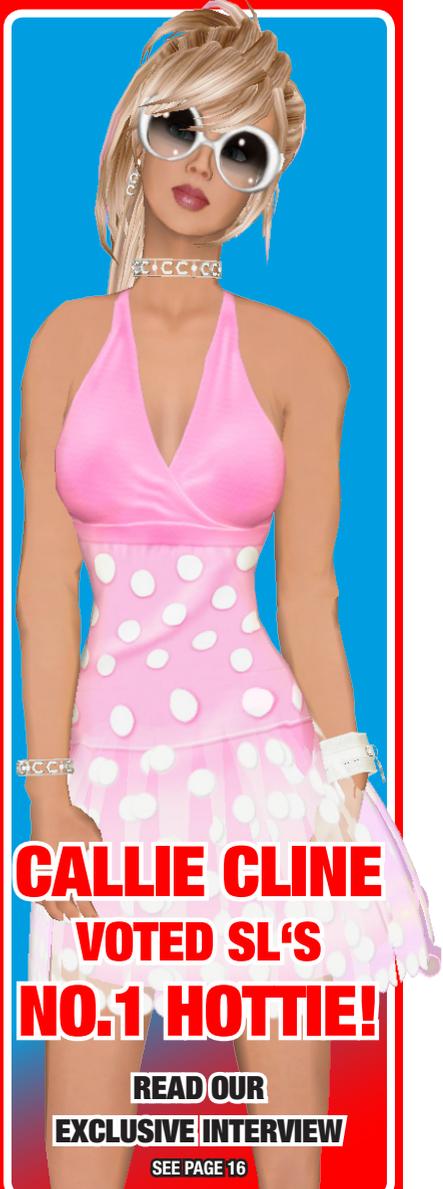


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NUMBERS OF THE WEEK

380

... residents attended 'Walk the World' in SL on Sunday to raise funds for the Fight Hunger campaign.

14

... winners of the Microsoft challenge won the free use of 900 square metres of land in Coders Cove until November.

40

... fans can win a chance to meet Bruce Willis in SL. Eight tickets can be won here: www.livefreordiehard.com/secondlife.

IMPORTANT STEP FOR SL ART



ART fans no longer need to fly the globe to see the works of world famous artist Gottfried Helnwein. All are now on display in his VMOA museum. See page 20

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CHILD PORN PROTEST

By MANTA/MESSMER



PROTEST: KidsSchutz members

DEMONSTRATING RESIDENTS DEMAND ACTION FROM LAB

OUTRAGED residents fed up with Linden Lab's dismal failure to stamp out child porn are set to stage mass demonstrations.

Robin Linden admitted last week that efforts to find the German paedophile at the centre of the scandal have been futile. Now shocked residents have been forced to take on the responsibility of kicking out child pornography and Age Play themselves. Following calls for a crackdown against child pornography in last week's AvaStar, a

series of large-scale demonstrations are set to take over much of SL on May 24.

ABUSES

Sigi Kid, the SL founder of 'KidsSchutz e.V', the RL German child protection institution behind the organised protests, is desperate for more awareness of the menace and wants to encourage residents to report abuses. "It will send a clear signal of what the majority of the German community really think about it and that [they] are not willing to accept or to sidestep any kind of child porn", he said.

The creators of the new Berlin sim, YOUseeMEin3D, told The AvaStar last week they had formed the 'Stop Child Pornography' group, and urged the community to take action against child abuse in SL. The scandal has caused fury among residents from all corners of the globe. French resident and 'Stop Child Pornography' member Le-

murién Boa is worried the negative RL reports could tarnish the reputation of SL. "The scandal is very serious and makes me concerned about SL's survival. LL needs to encourage all users to take responsibility for fighting paedophilia in SL." Linden Lab have yet to release any further details regarding their efforts to locate the paedophile still at large in SL.



ACTIVIST: Lemurién Boa

RADIO STATIONS UNDER THREAT

THERE are dozens of in-world radio stations. Among the most popular are:

PHREAK RADIO

Affiliated with Phreak Isle, it is one of SL's best-known stations.

SLTUNES.COM

This station provides music and more as well as sponsoring the Lost Link Island beach club.

STAR FM

A recent addition to SL, this RL German station plays a healthy variety of rock.

GRID RADIO

One of the biggest radio presences in SL, Grid is a station, equipment hire merchant and a hangout for fans.

DEUTSCHES SL RADIO

A popular German station which plays a mix of techno and other electronic music.

WAVING GOODBYE TO SL RADIO?



FACING AN UNCERTAIN FUTURE: Radio stations in SL

By **BILBO WINKLER**

RADIO fans staged a 12-hour protest this week against a proposed hike in royalty payments which they say will ruin stations in SL.

The Save Internet Radiogroup partied non-stop during Saturday's protest, in response to the proposals by the US Copyright Royalty Board (CRB) to raise prices by up to 1,200 per cent.

That increase, some residents say, will be a death sen-



RENEGADE OWNER: Bannock Ogg

tence for many small-scale SL radio stations.

The party took place in Winterfell, and featured six different DJs. Earlier this year, the CRB announced it was raising the royalties that internet radio stations have to pay to RL artists and labels to 0.1 US cents per listener per song - an increase that will be backdated to 2006. That in turn will prove almost impossible for many small, independent radio stations to cope with.

UNFAIR

With the majority of such

stations based in the US, many residents fear sims will have to switch to larger, more corporate stations. Synn Mounier from Save Internet Radio said: "This would make many small webcasters have to shut down, which makes us lose most of the choices we have." Synn added that the new rules would be unfair on broadcast-

DEFIANCE

"I agree that royalties should be paid to the artists, however, making a small radio station pay revenue that they don't have is just plain greedy. It is like

demanding that a person with no income pay income tax.

"How far in the future will it be before live DJs in clubs are charged per song they spin?"

There was a mixture of defiance and resignation amongst small station owners. Bannock Ogg is the founder of SL station Renegade Radio, which broadcasts to less than 100 people at a time. He said: "If they come to me and say you have to pay X amount, I will, but I'd

want them to charge every household in the world for playing music at parties. If you go to a party and play your music you're broadcasting. We just do it online - in a game."

DEADLINE

There is one ray of hope for radio lovers in SL. Two US senators introduced legislation last week aimed at overturning the CRB's decision, while the deadline

for payment has been pushed back to July 15. If the attempt fails, American broadcasters have two months to try and convince the courts of their importance to the Web and SL.



THE VOICE OF THE PEOPLE ARE THE PROPOSED CHANGES TOO DRASTIC?

Former member of Warp Radio group

"Since I'm Norwegian and these changes apply mostly to the US from what I can understand, I'm not really sure."



Susn Flanagan:

Mall manager and radio 'channel surfer'

"It's not a good idea. They would kill the non-profit radio stations here as well the minority radio stations we have. SL is not all



Ginger Cazalet:

about business - it's also about having a good time."



Layla Slade

Radio station owner

"I don't believe it's necessary - but I need to see how it applies in my country since I'm not in the States."



Pepper Rich:

Radio listener

"Pfft they're crazy! No one's gonna go for that!"



RADIO FREAK: Taco Rubio

PHREAKING RADIO FEES!

TACO RUBIO is the owner of Phreak Radio, one of SL's biggest stations.

THE AVASTAR: How would the changes affect you?

TACO RUBIO: They would dramatically increase my licensing expenses - forcing me to raise advertising rates significantly. We'll be able to stay open, but it will cost us a lot.

TA: Is it likely to affect lots of sims?

TR: SL-wide, this will have a huge effect. Some sims play SL-centric radio (like mine), but many more use large internet radio companies - many of which would go out of business.

TA: What would the knock on effects be?

TR: This would not just affect US listeners, as many US-based stations will be forced to close. There is still hope - both branches of the US congress are considering laws to reverse the rate hike. I encourage anybody who enjoys internet radio to visit www.savenet-radio.org.

NEWS BITES!

MADELEINE PLEA

'MISSING girl' signs are being posted across the grid for Madeleine McCann, the British girl who disappeared from her parents' holiday home in Portugal. The appeals for information are aimed at SL's strong Portuguese population.

AIDS PATCHES

RESIDENTS are being encouraged to contribute patches to a giant quilt being made to honour AIDS sufferers. The Memorial Quilt will be a focal point of the opening ceremony for this year's in-world Pride Festival.

DEMOCRAT IN SL

PRESIDENTIAL candidate Mike Gravel's SL headquarters, created by Polish builder Cezary Fish, were opened this week. The former Senator becomes the first 2008 Democratic candidate with an official in-world HQ.

GRIEFING HITS SPANISH SIMS

POLITICAL tensions boiled over amongst Spanish residents this week, with representative from both the Popular Party and Socialist Party accusing each other of grieving attacks.

ALL FOR A GOOD CAUSE



DESPIITE ONLY RAISING L\$, SL CHARITIES ARE VERY WORTHWHILE

CHARITIES are springing up all over the grid. BILBO WINKLER went to find out if they really can make a difference to RL problems.

THANKS to the efforts of hundreds of residents and the backing of a major RL charity, the Walk the World event managed to raise US\$1,090 last weekend.

Although it's not to be sniffed at, that amount of money is a mere drop in the ocean for a global organisation like Fight Hunger. So if Linden dollars just aren't worth enough in RL, are the hours charities spend collecting them worthwhile?

ENTHUSIASTIC Fight Hunger, and other major charities with an in-world presence like the Red Cross and

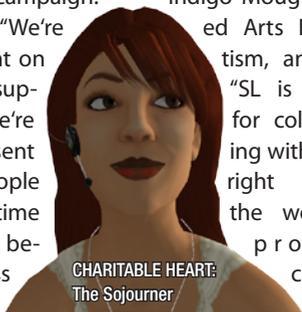
the American Cancer Society, would say yes. Fight Hunchke from Walk the World said they need to be here to raise interest. "In developed countries you have lots of charities, and people tend to get tired of events, but here people are enthusiastic since it's a new approach."

SUPPORT There are also plenty of willing volunteers in SL, according to Sunny Swain of the Danish Red Cross, who organised the recent Hug For Life campaign.

He said: "We're dependent on people's support - if we're not present where people spend time then we'd become less relevant."

Yet it's not just about funds or awareness raising. Charities are realising SL offers new horizons. The Sojourner founded Shockproof to help stroke survivors like herself find a new life and value, and she says her work would not be possible in RL. "There are more obstacles in your way to using skills from your pre-stroke life, but here it's about who you are and what you will attempt." A lack of restrictions can be a benefit to charities.

Indigo Mougin started Arts For Autism, and said: "SL is perfect for collaborating with others right around the world to promote causes!"



CHARITABLE HEART: The Sojourner



GWYNETH LLEWELYN

FUTURE IS BRIGHT

GWYNETH LLEWELYN, SL VISIONARY AND AVASTAR ANALYST, THIS WEEK RELEASED HER APPRAISAL OF THE MAIN IN-WORLD ISSUES. HERE IS A SUMMARY OF HER ANALYSIS:

VOICE

Voice is due to launch in the next release on May 23, and will remove the final layer of anonymity in SL. No more pretension of being someone you're not. Sorry, 'immersationists' - you're out of this game.



VOICE: As used on the beta grid

AGE VERIFICATION

LL will rely on the community for flagging content that is mislabelled, and abuse-report it. But many residents are uncomfortable with third party companies validating their RL data. So what will the impact be? A few residents will leave SL, but the real impact will be in how people use content. At the end of the day we'll have a PG and politically correct landscape, with 'ghettos' where the few validated adults can enjoy themselves.



AGE VERIFICATION: For access to adult sims

SCULPTED PRIMS

LL has been clever - this system will make SL look better while keeping the 'prim economy' in place. It will mean much richer content. The downside? 'Sculpties' are almost impossible to do on a trial and error basis. You'll need a professional 3D modelling tool and a deep knowledge of how to use it.



SCULPTED PRIMS: Like the SL sun

SCALABILITY

Cory Linden and her team will soon present a paper on the future of SL. They have been tracking down the problems of a decentralised grid, and have realised that a new and radical model needs to be developed from scratch. Unlike any other metaverses, LL is looking at a way to decentralise the grid to enable parts of it to be run by other people and organisations, for the future success of SL.



SCALABILITY: Cory Linden

OPEN LETTER

The 'Luddites' have come back - demanding that current bugs are fixed before any new features are added. But LL is working to please them, with 72 per cent of their developers working to fix bugs. SL is unpredictable, and it's impossible for LL to see what impact changes will have on the grid.



OPEN LETTER: Author Cristiano Midnight



PORN KING:
Phil showing off some bling

PHIL GOES UNDERCOVER

DRESS PHIL UP!
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BLING bling - this is how Philip Linden might look going undercover to make sure adult sims are complying with the Lab's new age verification rules.

SL GRAFFITI RULES OK

BY DEEEP WITTE

SIM owners across the grid are bracing themselves for a wave of graffiti after the release of a new spray can tool.

But AmyShaftoe Chevalier, who created the 'Graffiti' tool, insists she wants it to be used for art and not grieving. Taggers can spray their work onto any flat surface in any sim. The tags avoid auto-returns and can only be removed by sim owners. With a motto of "do art, not spam" AmyShaftoe is convinced the security of the product will prevent it from being abused.

"Let me point something out about griefers and spammers: I hate them. They cause harm to this system. And this tool is not for them." Sim owners can block graffiti by putting up a prim called 'NoTaggingSign', but AmyShaftoe has asked for leniency so no one creates a more griefer-friendly spray can to avoid the restrictions.



TAGGING:
AmyShaftoe Chevalier and some graffiti

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WELCOME TO EUROPE, SL!

LINDENS SPOT ON

Hey Regis, LINDEN Lab has got to face the facts, SL has left San Francisco harbour and is sailing across the sea to Europe.

The US may have given birth to their virtual baby and nurtured it through its first few years but it's all grown up now and wants to be where the action is - and that's on the dancefloors and beaches of France, Germany, Spain etc with all

us wild crazy Europeans! I hope this will mean that we'll be getting more European-centric benefits, like more European Lindens, more events revolving around GMT and not having what we can and can't do dictated to us as much as happens now. It was at least good to

see Phil hanging round the German beer gardens and soaking up the local culture in The AvaStar last week. So does that mean he is scouting out places to set up new European Linden Lab headquarters or is he just on the hunt for his virtual problem child so he can give it a telling off and get it on the next

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flight back to California!
By Justin3 Humphreys

Dear Regis, THIS week, my parcel and apparently several entire regions were subject to a grieving attack, as an invisible 1024x1024x100m prim prevented anyone from reaching ground level. Upon sending in an abuse report, including details of the offending object, it was removed in a matter of seconds! With all the beefs about what the Lindens do and don't do, I wanted to be sure to let you know about something they did right and very, very well.

By Idai Diqui

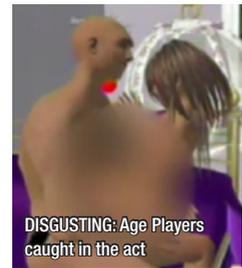
HOW DO LINDENS SLEEP?

Hey Regis, CHILD pornography - is there anything more disgusting? I'm glad German cops are getting onto this, but I'm disappointed that LL are doing so little.

According to you guys, they are doing barely anything at all. Although I am sure there is some stuff going on behind the scenes that we don't know about, you probably had a right to stick it to them if they don't tell us what

is being done. I know it's hard to balance freedom on the grid with governance, but if images of child porn are being traded on servers that LL are providing, well, how do they sleep at night? We

can't wait for German police to solve this. I have the feeling that could be more problematic than it sounds. The point is, kids are abused, which is way bad, and we all look like major perverts in our RL lives - also way bad. I'm not a pervert, and I, like my SL friends, are sick of people thinking SL is only about sex, let alone paedophilia. Come on Lindens, help everyone out here.



DISGUSTING: Age Players caught in the act

AGE RUMOURS I HAVE heard bad rumours about the company Linden Lab are employing to take charge of the age verification. Many of my friends are worried that if they give up their details, then they will not be safe. I don't think it is true, but so many people are really angry about this. Since LL banned Live Help, they have cut off communication and that does no good for rumours.
By Jinjer Beerbaum

By P.R.



REGIS BRAATHENS

LIND-O-METER

IN the wake of the uproar surrounding the child porn scandal, the Lab desperately needed to steady the ship last week. The Lind-o-meter takes a look at how YOU think the Lab has fared.

Lab-solutely awful!

Phil-ing blue!

SL-atisfactory

IMproving

Sim-ply the best!

SMILING: Phillip Linden



YOUR VERDICT: IMproving

Plans for a new SL support portal have been well received. Reader Alfred Schroeder wrote: "Good on LL for this. It seems fair - let's hope it works better than the last one." Confusion over missing alts was quickly cleared up - keep it up Philip!

A SAD FACT OF LIFE

CHILD PORN IN SL WAS INEVITABLE - NOW IT'S UP TO US TO FIGHT IT

UPROAR over the child pornography scandal has led media critics to slate Second Life.

There is no question that the discovery of child pornography in SL is shocking and deeply sad. But are we really surprised?

TARGETED

The internet has long been abused by paedophiles trawling chat rooms to befriend unsuspecting minors and create networks to exchange sick material. It is a sad fact of life - and it was only a matter of time before SL

would become a target for perverts.

BLOW

It may come as a blow to those idealists who dream of creating a Utopia here - but let's face it, SL is in many ways not that different to RL. Sex, business, politics, crime - it's all here just as in RL, the positives and the negatives.

ACTION

But the difference is, each one of us in this community still has the chance to strongly influence the development of our world.

And the reaction to the child pornography scandal from the community has been excellent. Residents have unanimously agreed on a zero tolerance policy and that action

must be taken now.

SUPPORT

It is clear Linden Lab, who have often proven to be inept, unable or 'too busy' to tackle the problem, need help from the community. That's why those residents taking responsibility and action against child pornography must be applauded. We must support the demonstrations, groups and moves being taken to boot this menace out of SL.

SUPPORT SYSTEM LOOKING GOOD

A NEW tiered SL Support Portal is set to be launched next week - and it sounds like a well-planned system. The portal will replace live help and will give many extra benefits to premium and concierge accounts over basic ones. And that's a very sensible decision.

With only concierge account holders having access to a dedicated phone line, support will be faster and better. LL is a business and has realised it needs to help the people that pay their bills. The only question is, why didn't they reveal their plans when they scrapped live help?

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PROTEST: German residents take action into their own hands

L\$500 PICS OF THE WEEK

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RUN for cover! OLE ETZEL took a snapshot of this scary-looking crocodile seemingly about to gobble up this unsuspecting girl.



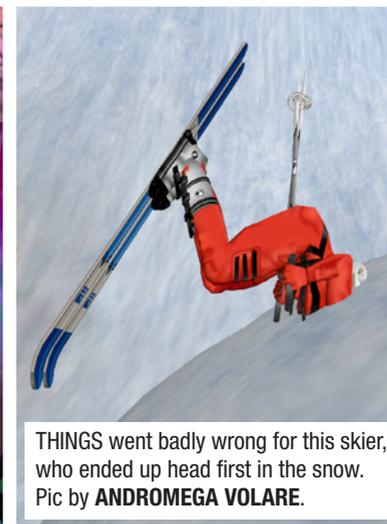
LIAISON NEO LINDEN was snapped at the AskPatty launch recently. Neo showed up after the performance of 'The Show Must Go On', part of which featured a dance with tiny avatars - hence Neo surrounded here by 'tinies'. ANON.



THE emergency services were quickly on the scene of this road accident, pictured by COMPUTE OH.



LHORENTO NURMI took this pic of DION GEIGER, who runs a club called Venom - and ended up L\$500 better off thanks to The AvaStar.



THINGS went badly wrong for this skier, who ended up head first in the snow. Pic by ANDROMEGA VOLARE.

THE FUTURE OF MEETINGS

By **BILBO WINKLER**

BUSINESS meetings in SL may soon be easier when a range of applications which are standard in RL are introduced in-world.

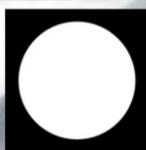
i3D Inc have developed 'The Collaboration Suite', a batch of tools being tested in beta version. Meetings in SL can now include an interactive whiteboard, a slide show with Powerpoint capabilities and a low-prim blackboard. The

tools and the meeting itself are controlled by a Meeting HUD. "We want to get more test sites up and running", said company rep Navillus Batra. The key is to create easy-to-use tools for RL businesspeople, he added. "We need to provide a sense of the familiar with tools that people are used to, then expand on the unique potential that SL and the 3D Internet can offer."



POTENTIAL: Navillus Batra from i3D

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WSE VALUE HITS L\$1 BILLION

By **CARRIE SODWIND**

EXCHANGE PROSPERING DESPITE ROCKY START, SAYS FOUNDER

THE World Stock Exchange is worth more than L\$1 billion just two months after a difficult start, according to its founder.

It now boasts 3,172 registered traders and 54 SL companies, whose combined worth, or market capitalisation, is the equivalent of US\$4 million – despite only opening on the fourth attempt following technical problems. The company was also hit by accusations from JP Strauss, CEO of rival exchange Virtual ComEx, that false rumours had been

spread about his company.

GROWTH

But now WSE chief LukeConnell Vandeverre said the progress of the stock market had exceeded all expectations. He is also optimistic over the WSE's future, with the forthcoming introduction of the World Internet Currency (WIC). He said: "The WIC will drive further economic growth that will provide increased land value and more jobs, along with new and exciting in-world applications and services."



FOUNDER: LukeConnell Vandeverre

SUCCESS: Traders on the WSE floor

Ace Baker, from Sun Media Consultants, a company listed on the WSE, said: "The WIC will make everything really pick up in the next month."

RL JOB SEEKERS USING SL

By **CARRIE SODWIND**

CONGLOMERATES including software giant Microsoft were looking to hire residents for RL jobs at a fair this week.

The unique three-day event, hosted by in-world net-

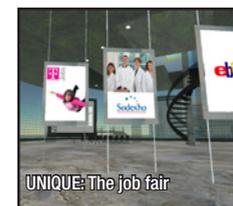
working company TMP, also involved HP, T-Mobile, eBay, Verizon, and Sodexo.

Organiser Moors Link said: "There are great advantages to using SL as a platform for hiring." Genx Recreant joined SL

to make contacts at the fair. "Hiring in SL gives unique insights into personality through avatar analysis."



JOBHUNTING: Genx Recreant



UNIQUE: The job fair

BIZ BITES:

SL IN YOUR XBOX

XBOX 360 users may soon be able to access SL from their machines, according to Microsoft Game Studios sources.

GM RATINGS

VAUXHALL, the UK arm of the General Motors auto company, is sponsoring a new rating guide to let SL residents choose their favourite places in-world.

CUSTOMERS ARE ALWAYS RIGHT

WIRECARD Bank have opened up an in-world branch, complete with avatars trained in the art of customer service.

ENTREPRENEURS

TO GET SL CASH

A FUND has been set up by GFC Holdings for entrepreneurs with ideas but no money. "A lot of people are looking forward to investing in SL", said founder Hamburg Yalin.

LINDENS NAME

AGE CHECK FIRM

INTEGRITY Services have been named as the company who will provide age verification services in SL.



A-STAR GOSSIP

WALKING TALL

AVATARS WALK THE GRID IN AID OF RL HUNGER RELIEF *By JENZZA MISFIT*

RESIDENTS from across the grid donned their walking boots to trek SL in the name of charity.

Hundreds took part in the Walk the World event on Sunday, which was organised by Fight Hunger. US\$1,090 was raised during the walk, where participants were sponsored to follow a route. Organiser **Fight Hunchke** said: "It

was our first experience in SL and it was wonderful."

WALK FOR HUNGER: The event underway this week



WALKERS: Hortencia Corleone and Awssoonn Rawley

HOSTESS: Nyna Slate

CELEBRITY B'DAY



MANY happy returns to **DANE ZANDER**, best known for creating the Lost Gardens of Apollo, who turns three on May 23.



OWNER Chatnoir Tangerine (front), dancer Scarlet Springvale (front) and guest Nexus Dot (left).

THROUGH THE LOOKING GLASS

PARTY MARKS LAUNCH OF WONDERLAND MALL *By JENZZA MISFIT*

AN Alice in Wonderland-themed entertainment and retail area opened last week with a party.

The Wonderland Mall and Black Cat Club includes a unique 'tube'

teleport system to the many levels which are housed up in the sky. Black, red and white were the colours for the launch, and guests dressed accordingly to create the look of a giant chessboard.

SPOTTED!



DESIGNER **Canimal Zephyr** was recently spotted by AvaStar reader Dylan Miles while hard at work in her own store, putting up her new swimsuit collection.

SECRET LIFE OF HENRY VIII

By CATERO REVOLUTION

LEGENDARY English king Henry VIII appeared at Renaissance Island last Sunday.

In fact, it was resident **Henry Taney** who dressed up as

the 16th century monarch for a screening of the Show-time programme 'The Tudors'.



A-STAR GOSSIP

LANG LANG HITS THE RIGHT NOTES

By ZELMO BOUCHER

FAMOUS RL PIANIST WOWS THE CROWD AT UNIQUE CONCERT

STAR RL pianist **Lang Lang** gave a sneak preview of his new album at Pangaea Island this week. He played a selection of music by Beethoven at the event, which was hosted by Life 4-U TV. It was the first time a professional classical musician has performed in-world. His album features the composer's piano concertos numbers one and four. Life 4-U president **Harley Kohime** said he was delighted with the large attendance.



ENTHRALLED: The crowd look on



TINKLING: Lang at the piano



MOTOR CITY SIM OPENS

By BABU WRITER

DJ: ElevatorMan Tripsa



DANCING: The party

A SKYSCRAPER roof was the setting for the launch party of Detroit Life, the 'Motor City inside the Metaverse'.

Well known RL DJs Mike E. Clark, **MEC Graves** in SL, and Kevin Saunderson, aka **ElevatorMan Tripsa**, provided the house and techno music at Tuesday's event.

GLAMOURCATS AND VOLATILES

By HONEY BENDER

THE Glamourcats and Volatiles photography exhibition opened at the King Has Fallen Gallery in Sonata this week.

The exhibition, was created by TwoSpirit Productions artist **Sysperia Poppy**.



GLAMOURCATS: Party guests

SL SUPERSTAR!

WHAT A HOTTIE! VOTED NUMBER 95 IN THE MAXIM HOT 100, **CALLIE CLINE** IS MAKING REAL AS WELL AS VIRTUAL PULSES RACE. IN AN EXCLUSIVE INTERVIEW WITH THE AVASTAR, THE GORGEOUS SL CELEBRITY TALKS ABOUT FASHION, FANS AND BEING HOT.

By REGIS BRAATHENS

THE AVASTAR: How do you feel being one the hottest 100 people in the world?

CALLIE CLINE: It's exciting, strange, and mind blowing! I mean a 'virtual girl' next to people like Angelina Jolie, Cameron Diaz, Penelope Cruz... that really says something about the future of virtual worlds!

TA: What is it like being a designer, fashion columnist and celebrity in SL?

CC: I really love the creative aspect of SL. I adore my customers and interacting with them. I've also met some very talented and great people in the design world. I also totally love writing my column for The AvaStar, it's a way to be expressive about SL fashion! But being known as a celebrity now is sort of a weird concept for me. I don't feel like a celebrity.

TA: Do you get a lot of fans and people recognising you?

CC: More than they used to! I do have some super fans, and they are just super sweet gals. I had a stalker once too, haha... but they don't bother me anymore. Mostly everyone I meet is very nice.

TA: What's the strangest thing a fan of yours has ever said to you?

CC: "Would you mind if I just follow you around all the time but never talk to you, cuz I don't wanna bother you."

TA: Who are your favourite SL celebrities?

CC: Feri Beckenbauer, Barnesworth Anubis, model Ally Geer.

TA: What's your all-time favourite outfit?

CC: Hmmm, lol, wow that is hard! Probably my platform creepers with knee socks, a black mini skirt, my retro kitty belt, my Ramones t-shirt, one of my rainbowas, and as much fun jewellery as I can attach, with braids and my princess tiara!



HOT: Callie Cline, above, and her entry in MAXIM Hot 100 (USA), right

CALLIE CLINE

PROFILE

BIRTH DATE: 07/10/05

STATUS:

Designer, columnist, SL celeb

HANG OUTS: Her private sim and the new beach club on Motorati Island

ATTITUDE: A regular girl who loves to "create, imagine, encourage & dream"



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SECOND LIFE GURU
Second Life—a 3-D virtual world that's imagined, created, and owned by its online residents—was launched in 2003 and now boasts nearly five million inhabitants around the globe. Never taken part in the madness? Isn't she reason enough?

'FIRST DATE FASHION'

LOOK SMART AND PAY ATTENTION TO DETAIL, BUT DON'T GO OVERBOARD OR SPEND TOO MUCH MONEY!

By ISABEL BROCCO



CASUAL

Hair by Deviant Kitties
Deviant Kitties (175, 168, 23)

£175

DESIGNER

Leather necklace
Ramos, Ramos Isle
(229, 88, 35)

£75

JEWELLERY

Bracelet and earrings set
Canimal (190, 103, 26)

£100

CHIC

Skin tight dress
WhiteStar Chartruese
(163, 59, 23)

£50

TOTAL: £450

SMART

Polo shirt
DE Designs
(204, 133, 30)

£125

FADED

Low rise jeans
Ubercrummy & Kitsch,
Sipiwesk (62, 187, 386)

£95

CUTE

Shoulder bag
Sunset arts
(179, 212, 29)

£125

TOTAL: £295

INVENTORY SNEAK PEEK ANJO MIRABEAU

By ISABEL BROCCO



I CAN'T DO WITHOUT...

"I have chosen this satin and ribbon cocktail dress by Elka Lehane purely because it makes me feel really pretty. I would love to have a dress like this in real life. I also love the way that the fabric moves."

I CAN'T DO WITHOUT...

"These shoes by Estrelle Fauna called Sophie go really well with it. I love the piping makes me feel really contrast and the overall shape, they're beautiful."



I CAN'T DO WITHOUT...

"I always wear this hair by Mcgeeb Gupte called Forever-Beach Blonde. I love the color and texture, but I added bangs just for a personal touch!"

I CAN'T DO WITHOUT...

"This vest is called Grandpa's XMAS Vest, and it's nicely designed. I love the detail and the buttons. It's by Elka Lehane."



WHAT'S HOT!

POLKA DOTS

By CARRIE SODWIND

POLKA dots are so cute and 50s. This week The AvaStar spotted a gorgeous 50s-cut red dress with white polka dots, which moved beautifully with the pleated flexi-prim fabric. You'll be overcome with the dottiness in 50s diner style store 'artilleri' this season. The finely detailed spotted belt with a plain white t-shirt is an absolute must.



50S STYLE: Polka dots



CUTE: With flower



CLASSIC: White t-shirt

VAN GOGH IN 3D

EXACT 3D replicas of RL masterpieces are the latest experience for art aficionados in SL.

Milan Brynner and his design team are responsible for the project, which is based at the Virtual Starry Night sim (Luctesa 134, 187, 66). It opened in March on renowned RL painter Vincent Van Gogh's birthday, with a range of his still lifes and landscapes. Visitors should always set SL to midnight to fully enjoy the colours of his work.

EXPERIENCE

Scenes from the masterpieces have also been built on the sim, so visitors can walk into the 'Yellow House' or take a seat at the 'Cafe Terrace at Night'. Over the coming months, more of Van Gogh's work, and that of other famous painters such as Rembrandt and Vermeer, will be explored. Brynner said: "No one ever said that art should be presented in a frame on a wall in museum only. Van Gogh would have appreciated this because art is about bringing people an experience."



3D: Van Gogh's 'Yellow House'

STAR CRIBS By LIONILA LIGHTFOOT

REVOLUTIONARY PAD



LOCATION:

The house was designed by Catero's female flatmates, his girlfriend Roberta Beauchamp and Briar Bellambi.

THIS WEEK'S STAR: CATERO REVOLUTION

Born: 11/13/06
Activities: Men's fashion blogger
Home base: Kaprun
Rooms:

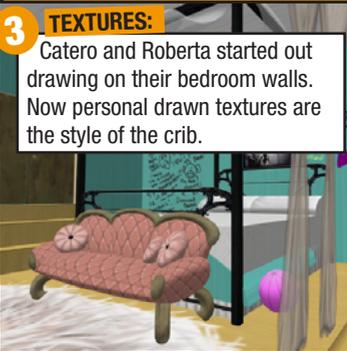


Fashion junkie Catero lives it wild in a classy crib with two female flatmates.



ATRIUM BAR:

The key words to the parties in the atrium bar are boas, underwear and any kind of hard liquor.



TEXTURES:

Catero and Roberta started out drawing on their bedroom walls. Now personal drawn textures are the style of the crib.



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CAVE:

The fashion-addicted community has a chill out dress room behind a waterfall.

DESIGNERS IN THE SPOTLIGHT
Skimi Mission

SL Birth Date: 1/16/06
Famous for: Designing European prefabs

By LIONILA LIGHTFOOT

THE AVASTAR: What are you working on at the moment?

SKIMI MISSION: I am working on a sequel to Rothenburg in the same Middle Ages style, and then a module with two big shops, as well as a cafe or a bar. In summer I'm going to then develop a totally new concept, in a different European style.

TA: How can people who buy your prefabs give them their own identity?

SM: It of course depends on

how prepared the person is to put in the effort! The prefabs allow space for your own creativity, while mentality also plays a role. For example, the old town of Kasada has its own island, and they managed to make it very popular within a short period of time, by involving the people of the city. I like stuff like that. Life in SL isn't so different to that in RL - whoever tries to rule by themselves, whether its a country or a mall, probably won't be

so popular.
TA: Do you think big RL design companies could be successful in SL?

SM: Companies like that can come into SL with relatively little costs. If they also have designers who see more in SL than just a new market, it could work.

TA: Will you ever do custom works again?

SM: Well, never say never. I find projects in which I need to work in a team with other people uninteresting - that's just me. There also can't be more than one person making decisions. Last but not least, real custom projects are not cheap - we're talking about RL loans here. I get annoyed when people try and rip you off.



ON A MISSION: Skimi



MIDDLE AGES: The Rothenburg sim

KITCHEN KITSCH



By TINA (PETGIRL) BERGMAN

SL Hoover
Vacuum cleaner
By Kim Zwiers
c00tersland (102, 46, 33)

L\$100



Espresso/Coffee Machine
Makes your favourite kind of coffee on demand
By Cornelius Sloat
CORN (125, 144, 22)

L\$500



L\$195

***REZ* TIKI - Cocktail Blender**

Comes in four flavours including Banana Daquiri

By Sally Seattle
Deco (200, 42, 21)



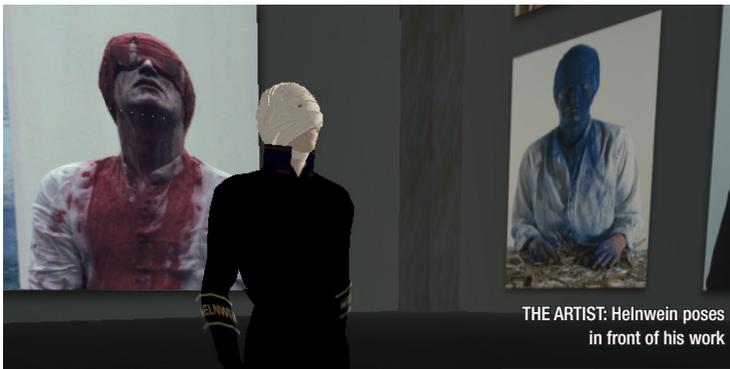
Coffee Maker
By Susan Ramos
Ramos Island (78, 94, 38)

L\$75



L\$325

Blender
With start/stop button
By DavidDM Therian
Kitchen Korner (207, 37, 42)



THE ARTIST: Helnwein poses in front of his work

HELNWEIN EXHIBITS IN-WORLD

BY **BILBO WINKLER**

A UNIQUE virtual museum on a massive scale opened in SL this week.

Star and sole exhibitor Gottfried Helnwein answered questions to fans for five hours at the opening ceremony of the Virtual Museum of Art on May 17.

The VMOA is unique as it allows residents to view all of his works in one place - something impossible in RL as his dark and brooding pieces are spread out across the world, from the San Francisco Museum of Modern Art to the Modern Art Museum of China.

MASSIVE

Gallery owner Frank Milland said he plans to increase the museum from 200 to 1,000 RL works.

"I'm a fan of Helnwein's work, and I recognised that this here is a great opportunity to show his work in a way that isn't possible in RL."

PARK MAKES A SPLASH

SHOPPING, GAMES AND WATERSPORT AT THE BLUE OCEAN BAY SIM

AN adventure park water sim launched with a splash on Saturday, with fireworks and a big party.

Blue Ocean Bay also includes a shopping mall, and the stores on the upper levels were full of shoppers on Saturday. From there, many climbed into the large ball and dropped down cascading chutes to the dock area, which offers boat and windsurfing rentals.

Slippery Enzyme was among the residents who had a go on the mouse wheel, slipping on his 'Rat' avatar to add a bit of realism. Music on offer included jazz topside, and techno at the underwater club.

By **SKYCAT RANGER**



FUN: Cascading chutes

EXERCISE: The mouse wheel

TAKE YOUR PICK

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

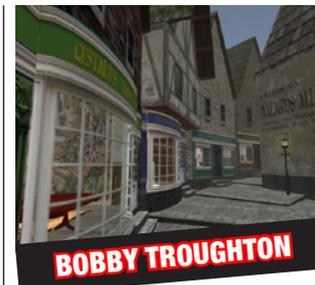


JACQUELINE TRUDEAU

INTEMPTESTA NOX

Intemptesta Nox (174, 251, 50)

The Phantom of the Opera is here... so residents with a passion for the classic Gallic tale, or just a taste for Gothic romance, should keep their eyes peeled on the cobbled streets of this atmospheric sim.



BOBBY TROUGHTON

WIZARD'S ALLEY

Oahu (211, 225, 34)

Enter the magical world of Harry Potter by taking a Sunday stroll through the black art boutiques of this Ye Olde English thoroughfare, before cooling off with a butter beer in the Leaky Cauldron.



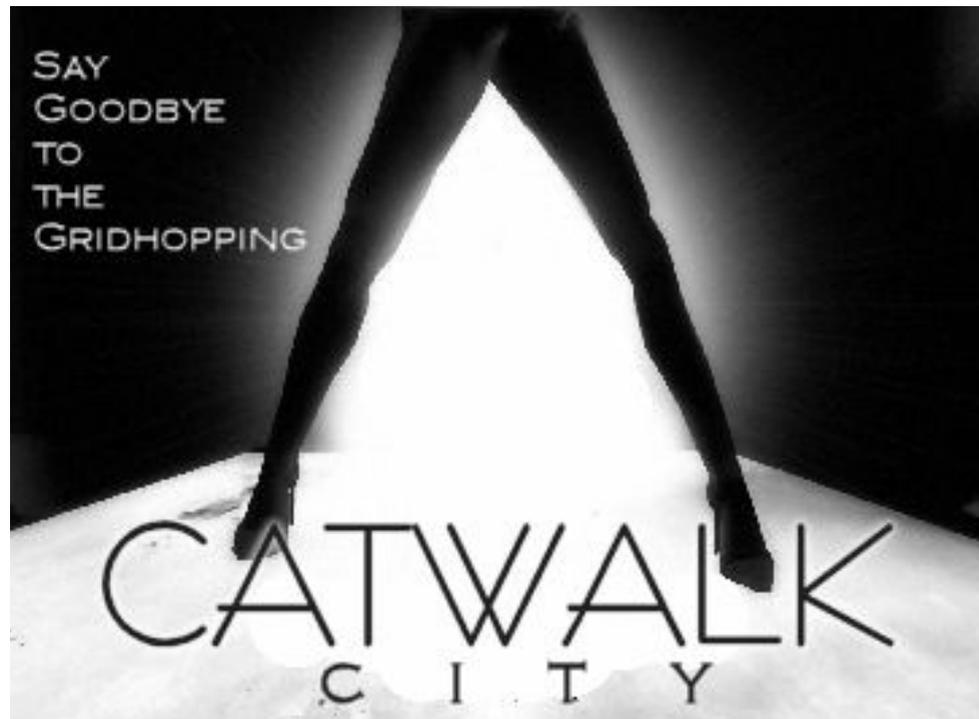
KANKER GREENACRE

FAIRCHANG ISLAND

FairChang Island (133, 93, 56)

Whether it be in a speedboat, yacht or hovercraft, there are many ways to circumnavigate the central island of this water sim, but it's just as good a place to drop anchor and soak up some sun on deck.

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DEAR RANDI



CHEATING HUSBAND

EX-WIFE TEMPTED MY MAN AWAY - CAN I EVER TRUST HIM AGAIN?

Dear Randi: I WAS married in SL on St Valentine's Day, and the highlight of my time here had been the first time I saw my husband at the beachfront home he built just for me! But I knew he had an ex-wife, and he recently admitted that while I was on a ten-day holi-

day away from SL he cheated on me with her. It's hard to put into words how hurt I am, but I still love him. How can I trust him again? — R.T.

Randi says: The trust may come again, but it will take some time. When you became his wife, you obviously

expected exclusivity in the bedroom and he has broken your trust. The two of you are going to have to have a long and frank talk. If you really still love him, give him one more chance. But if he cheats again, you'd be a fool not to kick him to the curb!

RANDI'S PHOTO CASEBOOK WEEK 4

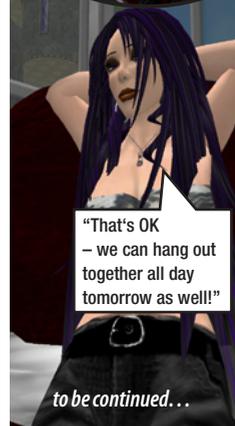
Kath's problems are growing by the day...



"That Angel is starting to come between me and Kath."



"Hi Angel, sorry I'm late."



"That's OK - we can hang out together all day tomorrow as well!"

to be continued...

POLITICS RUINING MY DREAM GUY

Dear Randi: I RECENTLY met a guy in SL who seemed to be the man of my dreams. We spent every night chatting and going to dance clubs. But last week he asked me to attend a political meeting with him, and although I have never had much interest in politics I went along. I paid close attention at the meeting and didn't like much of what I heard. Can I have him without the politics? — D.J.

Randi says: Tell him you aren't interested in going to any more meetings and leave it at that. Don't get into a political argument with him, just say you were bored at the meeting. If he wants to go to another one, tell him to go and enjoy himself while you spend some quality time shopping with the girls.

BOYFRIEND'S GIRL ALT SHOCK

Dear Randi: MY new boyfriend is a great-looking, sweet, intelligent guy who knows more about SL than anyone else I have met. But I recently discovered he leads a double life. He told me he has a female alt who was once an escort and is now a successful model. He says he isn't gay and doesn't want to be an RL woman, but does enjoy the attention men pay 'her'. What should I do? — G.K.

Randi says: Process how you feel about the whole situation and then tell him in no uncertain terms. If you're uncomfortable with his double life, tell him so and insist he drop the alt before your relationship proceeds. But if you can handle it, just play along. SL is a place to explore, and he must be fulfilling a need.

FONTANA 2.0

SUMMER 2007
a new exhibition at the heldscalla foundation

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THE GUIDE

TOP EVENTS AND ENTERTAINMENT

THIS WEEK: AQUARIUMS



TAKE A PADDLE THROUGH SL'S INVENTIVE AQUARIUMS

RELAX and enjoy your second life by visiting an aquarium.

Art and water collide at Oyster Bay Aquarium and Sculpture Garden in Oyster (27, 176, 82), so check out the artwork and the cafe and then teleport up to the aquarium. You'll feel like a scuba diver as colourful schools of fish surround you. As you walk through the underwater tube, you'll encounter seahorses, sharks, and ethereal jellyfish.

PERSONAL

Make a stop at D'Oracle the Incompetant Oracle at Olympia's Land of Weirdness in Green (182, 224, 22) before heading to the Aquagon, a strange and wonderful aquarium you can walk into, to see some underwater animals

up close and personal. Raidensoft and Kink Inc. in Medvedgrad (243, 44, 74) has a very cool aquarium design surrounding its telehub that is definitely worth a look.

EXPLORERS

You can't imagine a bigger fish tank than the Cave Rua Water Gardens in Rua (183, 155, 25) where you can step right into the sea and swim with the fishes. This underwater world goes on and on, providing hours of fun for under-sea explorers.

Load up on fish and plants for your very own aquarium at Splash Aquatics in Gooruembalchi (132, 215, 77) or browse the extensive collection of tanks and fish at Something Fishy in Kishijoten (58, 33, 22).

DUCKS FOR THE HOME
B&B AQUARIUM



A wide variety of tanks, fish and accessories for your home aquarium, as well as scripted birds, ducks, swans and flamingoes for your pond.

Where: Hyeoja (184, 41, 51)

GIANT OCTOPUS AHEAD
INSULA MARIS ZOO



Feed the turtles, frogs and crabs while the octopus stares back at you.

Where: Insula Maris Zoo (116, 185, 28)

FISH UNDER YOUR FEET
ROOKERY BAY



Check out the manta rays through the glass below your feet.

Where: Rookery Bay (88, 103, 23)

5.18. - 5.24.

DON'T MISS! –



DEMONSTRATION

SOLAR ACTIVE

Come along and support this event at the Guardian Shop to help raise funds for the Solar World organisation.

When: May 20, 05:00

Where: Baden Wuerttemberg (46, 31, 22)



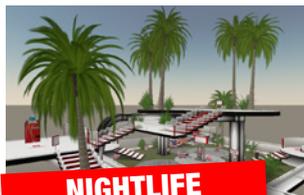
SPORTS

FOOTBALL FEVER

Come grab an animation and some boots, bring a few friends and take part in the three-on-three football – that's soccer – competition.

When: May 18, 18:00

Where: Tanglewood City (153, 82)



NIGHTLIFE

COKE VIRTUAL THIRST CONCERT

Coca Cola hold a user generated concert featuring Rich Desoto and Grace Buford.

When: May 21, 17:00

Where: Crayon (167, 83)



ENTERTAINMENT

LIVE GEISHA GIRLS

The most beautiful Geisha girls come together to perform the traditional Japanese art.

When: 20 May, 11:00

Where: Lythria (172, 145, 47)



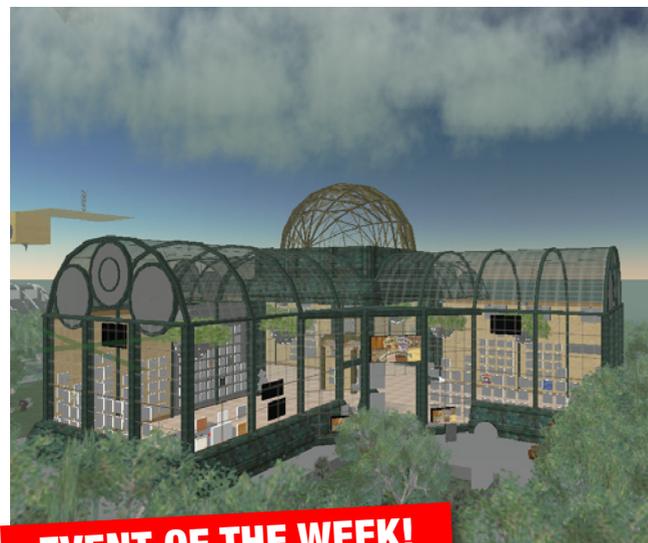
ART

MARION RICKENBACKER

Marion Rickenbacker discusses her landscape photos.

When: May 20, 13:00-14:00

Where: Cetus (214, 9, 39)



EVENT OF THE WEEK!

STORMING LIVE MUSIC

After creating a storm of interest in SL, professional singer Angel Storming will light up the Lily Pad Lounge, performing jazz, rock, and blues.

When: May 21, 21:00

Where: Clyde (124, 165, 32)

EVENTS OF THE WEEK



ENTERTAINMENT

DATING PARTY

The Mundo Dating Corner opens with a dating party as well as an auction, featuring dates with stars from Dutch reality TV as prizes.

When: May 21, 10:00-13:00

Where: Drop Zone 1 (187, 74)



SPORTS

TENPIN BOWLING

A tenpin bowling venue opens up this weekend with a big competition. There will be L\$11,000 worth of prizes up for grabs for the lucky winners.

When: May 20, 11:00-14:00

Where: Redux SE (96, 197)



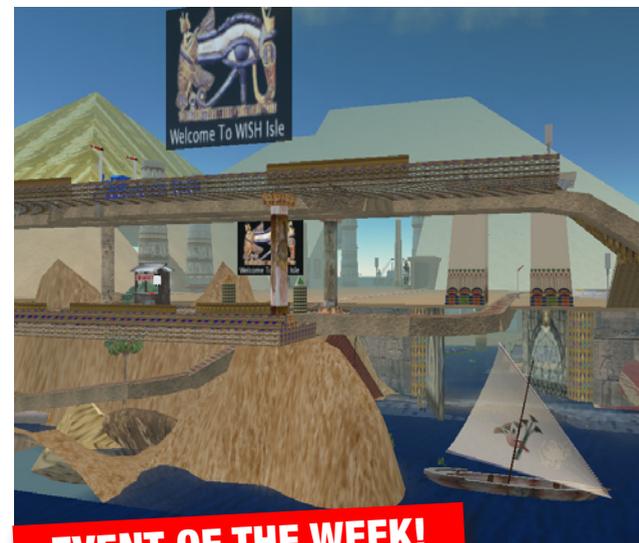
FASHION

SUMMER GEMS SHOW

The Atlantis Modelling Agency will host their 'Summer Gems' fashion event to welcome in the sunny season.

When: May 19, 12:00

Where: The Rainforest (242, 106, 296)



EVENT OF THE WEEK!

BOOTYLISCIOUS

The new Egyptian-themed Wish Isle hosts the first in a series of fashion show events, with the Bootyliscious Designs of Shelly LeMay.

When: 19 May, 15:00

Where: Wish (111, 155, 31)



OPENING

THE TANLINES

A huge 8,000 square metre-pool next to the Blue Moon and Red Sun clubs launches with a party, where there will be fun water games and good music.

When: May 9, 12:00

Where: Otaki Gorge (58, 188, 70)

WANT TO SEE YOUR EVENT HERE?

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How to...

Everything a newbie needs to know!

LEARN HOW TO CREATE MORE ACCURATE BUILDS USING NUMBERS

BUILDING 'by numbers' produces work of the highest quality.

In-world builders can use aids like Skidz Primz, programs to put temporary scripts on objects which aligns them or they can fish out a calculator and go to work the old-fashioned way. But what does it mean to build by numbers? There are two ways to build things. For exam-

ple, if you are creating a skybox, you might build the floor first, by creating a couple of large flat pieces and positioning them until they look right, and repeating it until the floor is big enough. A similar process will help you put up walls.

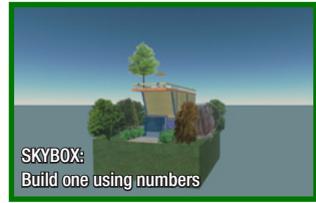
PERFECTION

That's the trial-and-error way to achieve a good-quality skybox. To make it perfect, you need to use numbers. This can be complicated so visit one of the many expert classes in SL.

Put simply, however, it works something like this: when making a floor, hold down the Shift key and move the floor up,

which creates a copy. Right click on that copy, select Edit, click on the More tab and then choose Object. This will bring up a list of numbers. Adding 90 degrees

to the rotation number, for example, will rotate a piece so it is perpendicular to the original piece. Ta da! Building using perfection.



SKYBOX: Build one using numbers

ADVERT

Rendezvous

couple animator

featured at Muse Isle
(89, 175, 28)



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A NEW CHAPTER

My First Day in Second Life

By PETRONILLA PAPERDOLL

MANY avatars feel the need to leaf through virtual pages, with successful book fair events in Second Life proving the popularity of reading in-world.

There are elegant and refined tools which can help you publish a book of your own, but if you want to start for free and test your abilities before buying a more expensive system, you can choose one of three free empty structures.

You can find the 3D Prim Book by Issarlk Chatnoir for L\$1 at Gnubie (Indigo 226, 52, 31), and Book 2.1 by Rasah Tigereye and the KDC Book by

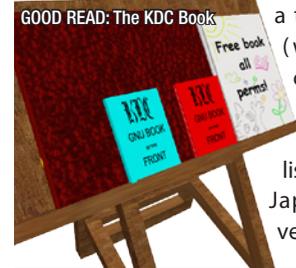
at Yadni's Junkyard (Leda 210, 29, 55). Each book structure has pages which turn when you click it. To open and close the book, click on the front or back cover. They display pictures rather than text, so any text you want to put in will have been included in the pictures.

STYLE

Publishing a book is not for everyone – you will probably need to have some experience of SL building tools. If you need some help, choose the 3D Prim Book or Book 2.1 – the first comes with a detailed notecard, and the second has step-by-step instructions inside the main script.

In simple terms, you need to upload one texture for each page, all of the same dimension. Make sure you name them so they are in the right order, then drag and drop the textures inside the object.

Remember to pay attention to texture permissions, and choose the book that suits your style best.



Kyrah Abattoir (which comes in English and Japanese versions)

DO + DOS AND DON'TS – MONEY - DON'T

By GAETANA FAUST

- + Get a job. It's the best way to make money in RL and SL.
- + Hunt for money trees when you are new. They're easy to find and a fun way to score some cash.
- + Camp while you are AFK to earn some easy Linden dollars.
- + Buy L\$ if you need to. The exchange rate is pretty reasonable, in real terms.
- + Search for a decent job in the Classifieds.
- Beg others for money. It's rarely effective so keep your dignity.
- Bother spending your entire time trying to camp for L\$. It can get very boring after a while.
- Forget to apply your RL skills to making money in SL. If you can write, take photos or create, you can sell your creations in-world.
- Assume that only sleazy occupations are available to you.
- Try to gamble your way to a fortune.

CELLANDRA ZON IS THE CREATOR OF CZ DESIGNS.

How was your first day in SL?

I was hooked from the first hour. There was this musical quartet where you could hop on and it would animate you to sing. I got three other people to hop on with me and we sang a quartet together.

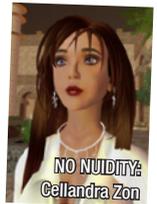
Describe your most embarrassing moment as a newbie...

I was given a pair of shoes in the newcomers' plaza. I put the folder on and immediately lost everything. I was standing next to a sign that said 'No Nudity Allowed' and here I was totally naked.

What was your funniest moment as a newbie?

When my best friends and I went to the newbie centre. My friend Long, dressed as a frog avatar, hit on all the girls that walked by. He would try to get them to kiss him so he could turn into a prince. I was in pain from laughing.

Finally, one woman kissed him and he turned into... Snoopy!





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THE AVASTAR OF THE WEEK MEL CHEEKY

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By MANTA MESSMER

PROFILE

NAME:
Mel Cheeky
BIRTH DATE:
01/30/2006
PROFESSION:
Singer-songwriter
ATTITUDE:
Cheeky and cheery

THE AVASTAR: What is your best feature?

MEL CHEEKY: In a physical sense, my smile for sure. I'm always smiling, laughing and joking - even when I'm not really in the mood to.

TA: What is your favourite place in SL?

MC: Up until recently it was MCEstates. I

loved living there with all of my friends, but then my friend sold the sim. Now I am amongst great friends once again on the 'Crazy sharks' sim. Not only are they wonderful people, but they have an amazing live venue! The owners - Dan and Cat Octavia - believe in keeping live music free, and that's something I truly believe in.

TA: What would you change in SL?

MC: I think for reasons of sanity, people should be limited to 5 hours a day!

TA: How do you spend your time in SL?

MC: Most of my best friends seldom come to SL any more, so I generally just come in to play a show or to support other live musicians.

TA: Which personal achievements are you most proud of?

MC: My son! He's the

most amazing person. He's almost ten. It's amazing when he repeats things I say.

He has Asperger syndrome and has some difficulties with social interaction, communication etc. He's just beginning to understand how jokes work.

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

MC: I couldn't live without my HUD scan. I'm also partial to my guitar.

