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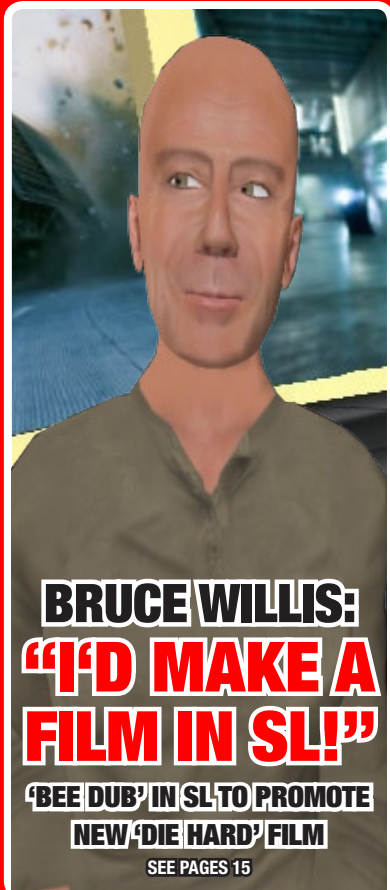


**BY CARRIE SODWIND**

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NUMBERS  
OF THE WEEK

7,000,000

... users have now signed up to Second Life - well, at least there are now that many registered accounts!

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... shows are being broadcast on the new SL TV Channel 'Life 4 U' from Brave New Worlds.

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... Intel GMA950 graphics cards will reportedly support SL - despite being the standard in the new MacBooks.

## LET'S ALL HATE THE G8!



PIC By DAEDALUS YOUNG

A PROTEST on Wednesday organised by SL Netroots against the G8 summit in RL started at Governor Linden's mansion before moving to the stage in Pooley.

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RESIDENTS LOSE  
ALL IN EBAY BAN

## MANY THROWN OUT OF SL FOR BUYING LINDEN DOLLARS ON EBAY

By REGIS BRAATHENS **UNWITTING residents have been kicked out of SL for buying L\$ on eBay without any warning from Linden Lab.**

Chantal Odell said she was devastated and "close to tears" this week when she learned she had been booted out. Having received just L\$6,000 of the L\$10,000 she bought on the internet auction site, the Lab closed her account without warning or explanation.

## ANGRY

"You build yourself an existence here, invest lots of time and money and then this - it makes me so angry at Linden Lab," she said. Odell has lost thousands of L\$ as well as sentimental items, and is not sure she will ever recover them.

Countless other residents have also had accounts terminated due to their dealings on eBay. Marietta Bailey, who bought L\$10,000 this week only

to find her account suspended an hour after she received her money, said: "It's a disgrace. The way that the Lindens have handled this is unbelievable. Why don't they blog about this so we know what the rules are? Obviously they don't want people buying on eBay as they don't earn anything from it."

## THREAT

Toto Bonetto, whose basic account was suspended for three days, was forced to phone the support helpline for premium members to plead with them to listen to his case.

Bonetto, who only received

L\$26,605 of the L\$50,000 he bought on eBay before being banned, managed to get his account reinstated. He said: "I was told on

the hotline that if I bought Lindens from eBay again, I would be kicked out of SL for good. Now I've lost thousands of L\$, as I can't ask the eBay seller to transfer the rest of the money."

No one from LL would comment.



DEVASTATED:  
Marietta Bailey and  
Chantal Odell

## NEWS BITES!

## BULLYING RIFE

BULLYING is as rife in SL as in RL, according to research from the University of Nottingham in the UK. Professors set up a focus group to discuss the problem of grieving.

## NOVEL IDEA

A NOVEL set largely in SL is due to hit bookshops in July. ANIMA, by resident Dalian Hansen, concerns a fired programmer who hacks into the virtual world and uncovers a secret that will change humanity.

## DJ FULL-TIME

DJ Doubledown, a RL disc jockey who has been making waves at in-world events, has made SL gigs his full time occupation.

## PASSWORD MESS

PASSWORDS of numerous accounts were reset last week without an immediate explanation from the Lindens, although an encryption reworking has since been blamed.

## ENO-THER EVENT

FAMOUS musician Brian Eno is launching his new '77 Million Paintings' art exhibition in SL and RL later this month.



**BRAGG VS LAB:  
THE STORY SO FAR**

By PHAM NEUTRA

LAST week, a US judge refused Linden Lab's motion to dismiss a claim filed by Marc Bragg in the ongoing dispute about some of his land deals.

Bragg, Marcus Woebe-gone in SL, bought land at the Lab's auctions for a quarter of the usual price, and resold them at a huge profit. LL detected his scheme, and banned him from SL – and all of his (second) worldly possessions were confiscated without compensation.

**UNFAIR**

Bragg, a RL lawyer, filed suit against LL in 2006, claiming his assets had been unfairly taken away. The case is ongoing, and the latest developments saw Judge Eduardo Robreno last week throw out LL's motion that because Bragg had agreed to the ToS, he should be compelled to arbitrate his claim out of court. Judge Robreno described the ToS as

one-sided, and refused to take Philip Rosedale's name off the lawsuit.

**UNDER FIRE:**  
Philip Linden

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**RL JUDGE'S RULING WILL AFFECT ALL VIRTUAL WORLDS****ANALYSIS  
PHAM NEUTRA**

**JUDGE Robreno's recent decision will be good for Linden Lab, according to Pham Neutra.**

THE reason for last week's ruling by Judge Robreno was, in layman's terms, that the ToS might not be a binding contract because the customer doesn't have the chance to use services, like those Linden Lab offers, without accepting an unfair contract.

And it is unfair – because the ToS gives the term 'property' an interesting ring in SL. Do you really 'own' what someone else can take away at any time?

**PRECEDENT**

LL's ToS might be acceptable for a game, but not for the budding 3D internet. This is why I find this decision (not a final judgment) sensible and very promising for the future development of virtual worlds.

While it might be argued that it was OK for the Lab to stop Bragg and take away the land, it was not a just decision to punish him by confiscating his property, which amounted

to a substantial RL sum. This set a bad precedent for everyone doing business within SL because LL behaved like a feudal ruler.

If the final ruling is similar, it would not only affect SL and LL, as valuable goods can be owned in nearly every virtual world out there. Times will be harder for companies like LL in a future where users have at least a chance to appeal certain decisions made by the 'gods' of these worlds. In the long run this will further the growth of SL and other worlds because it makes investing less risky for a larger class of entrepreneurs.

By CARRIE SODWIND

UNITED PROTEST: Angela Ge &amp; Jazhara Keon (See unitedprotest.mine.nu)

**LAB U-TURN  
OVER BAN****UPROAR AND CONFUSION OVER BAN THREAT FORCES U-TURN**

**LINDEN Lab have made a dramatic U-turn and backed down from their threat to outlaw large swathes of SL.**

Gorean and BDSM communities were among those who feared they may be targeted by a Lab crackdown on 'offensive behaviour' outlined in an official blog entry by Daniel Linden on May 31.

**BACKTRACK**

But this week, two other senior Lindens – Robin and Mathew – seemed to backtrack completely by telling residents that nothing would change.

Daniel Linden's blog post stated that certain types of content and activity, including "depictions of sexual violence... and other broadly offensive content", could result in the "termination of accounts, closure of groups, removal of content and loss of land."

Many residents were worried about the vagueness of the threats, especially those

involved in consensual slavery or bondage.

But in a dramatic U-turn, Mathew Linden admitted at Forum BDSM five days later that the Lab did not intend to act on it: "Please don't believe the hype about a LL crackdown or anything like that... as I say, nothing has particularly changed." His words were backed up this week by Robin Linden at her office hours. During the meeting, Alexandra Rucker asked: "It seems to be deliberately left vague, with no apparent desire to make the positions more clear, Robin." Robin responded: "True, Alexandra."

**FRUSTRATION**

Her comments were met with frustration by residents spurred into action by the post. Jazhara Keon is behind United Protest, which brings together groups under the banner of freedom of expression in SL. She said: "It seems after Daniel's post as if the whole BDSM, Gor and furry community is about to be expelled on the base of 'sexual and violent explicit content'."



**TRASHED:**  
The JaDa Kiss club after the vandalism



By CARRIE SODWIND

## MODELS GET THEIR HANDBAGS OUT AS FIGHT OVER SL'S NEXT TOP MODEL EXPLODES

**A FORMER finalist in a top in-world model competition has been accused of trashing the organiser's club after failing to win.**

Jade Hoyer claims Tillie Ariantho vandalised Club JaDaKiss with pictures of herself amid the fall-out from the SL's Next Top Model contest – despite the pair being long-time friends.

Ariantho, who built the club for Hoyer and even rented her the land, supposedly trashed it after learning she had not progressed beyond the last four. She has this week denied the accusations, and pronounced herself upset that her friendship with Hoyer seems to be over.

The winner of the competition, due to be announced on June 16, will earn L\$25,000, a modeling contract and a professional photo shoot.

### RUDE

NightStalker Dagger is a devoted fan of the contest and has been following it from the outset.

He said

"When she found out she threw a fit... and began making rude comments about the other models."

The next day, an enormous picture of Ariantho was plastered on a wall at Club JaDa Kiss.

Nightstalker added: "No one could believe it, everyone at the club was freaking out."

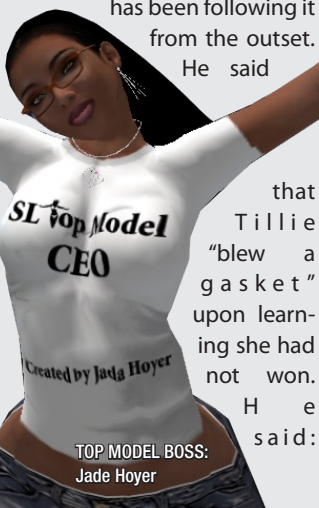
Tillie was reported to LL."

Ariantho told The AvaStar this week: "Jada doesn't trust me a bit, after all I did for her. I gave up defending myself today."

Hoyer, meanwhile, has ended all of her contact with the model.

She said: "Tillie had access to edit my objects, and the day after I eliminated her from the house she said she wanted to raise her rent charges."

that Tillie "blew a gasket" upon learning she had not won. He said:



TOP MODEL BOSS:  
Jade Hoyer

# 'SECRET' AUDITIONS

NBC'S 'AMERICA'S MOST TALENTED' SHOW IN SL SHROUDED IN SECRECY

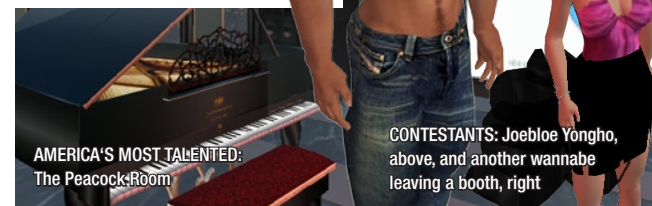
By BABU WRITER

**STARRY-EYED wannabes flocked to take part in SL auditions for NBC's 'America's Most Talented' show, which were carried out in great secrecy.**

Residents seeking their 15 minutes of fame visited booths all over the grid in the hope of catching the eye of the show's producers. Security was tight as the main auditions were held at the glamorous Peacock Room at NBC's HQ on June 5. Although the locations was posted all over SL, NBC's Quirky McArdle told at least one visitor that the event

was closed. The press were also banned from the sim.

Among the hopefuls who did manage to speak to The AvaStar, however, was Joebloo Yongho, who said he had a lot to offer: "I'm kind of funny... and I guess I am eye candy." A public event is scheduled for June 13.



AMERICA'S MOST TALENTED:  
The Peacock Room

CONTESTANTS: Joebloo Yongho, above, and another wannabe leaving a booth, right

## ISTITUTO DI CULTURA IN SL

By PETRONILLA PAPERDOLL

**ITALIAN culture has been given a boost in-world by the arrival of the Istituto Italiano di Cultura (IIC).**

As an official branch of the Italian Foreign Affairs Ministry, the IIC is devoted to the

promotion of Italian culture abroad and has a presence in 90 RL cities as well as SL.

In an interview with The AvaStar, the ministry's general director Gherardo Oh said: "It's a showcase for our RL activity, but we hope that the SL IIC can give us access to a broader public."

"The unique, rich Italian cultural

heritage is not like a precious archaeological find inside a museum. It must lead us to generate new ideas, and interact with new stimulating experiences."

The in-world IIC will look at new technologies, industrial design and products like Ferrari using interactive methods.

Contemporary art and the Italian language in particular will be promoted by the new branch of the IIC.



FOREIGN AFFAIRS MINISTRY:  
General director Gherardo Oh



# ... AND THROW AWAY THE KEY!

PASS THE NAILFILE:  
Convict Phil

**POOR old Phil** If things continue to go against him in the courts, might he have to get used to wearing orange jumpsuits and seeing bars on the windows?

**DRESS PHIL UP!**  
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## CHECK OUT THOSE 'SCULPTIES'!

A HORSE'S head and a Tazmanian Devil were among the winners in Linden Lab's sculpted prim contest.

Also successful were a pair of skulls – cunningly named 'Skulptity' – a

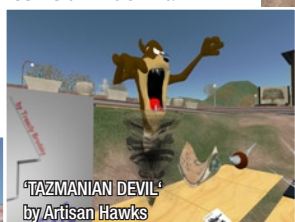
silver statue of 'Diana the Huntress and a whole horse.

The winners, announced this week, will be on display for a month at the Luna and Coelacanth sims before

being added to the SL inventory library, and their creators will receive a RL t-shirt.



'HORSE HEAD' by Zazu Zenovka and DonPain Babenko



'TAZMANIAN DEVIL' by Artisan Hawks



'SKULPTITY' by Locke Cardway



'SCULPTIE HORSE' by Nomasha Syaka

## your mail @ YOURMAIL@THE-AVASTAR.COM

### BITTEN BY A FASHION BUG

Hey Regis,

**SL offers a wide variety of fashions.**

But none of them is matched by SL itself. For some weeks I seemed to have been infected by a mysterious SL bug. When the bug hits, parts or all of my body are covered by the surrounding textures. I can try to do whatever I want: relog, clear cache, change clothes – but the new look given to me by the mysterious SL

bug stays. The effect is puzzling – sometimes I look like I'm wearing a jacket with palm trees and blue sky – a perfect match for relaxing at the beach. Next time I look like I'm wearing a black voodoo-style costume – a perfect outfit for the darker places in SL.

I was deeply shocked when the

bug hit me the first time. Nothing helped. I thought about creating a new avatar. With time, I have learnt to enjoy the surprise when others see me dressed in 'buggy-style'. They ask me: "Wow, are you wearing some kind of Holo-shirt? Where did you get it? I want to have one, too!" Maybe

LL should enter fashion with their 'mysterious bug designs'.

By Mura Tomsen

**L\$500 E-MAILS**  
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### SL PASSWORD OUTRAGE

Dear Regis,

**IT'S an outrage!**

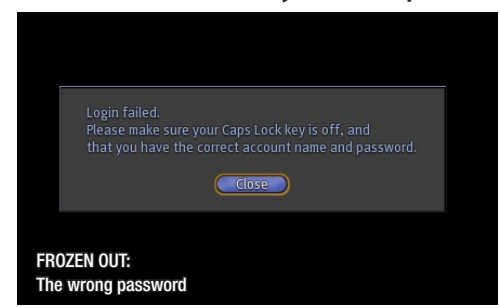
I've been in SL since February. A few days ago, Linden Lab asked me to verify my password as I logged in. It didn't work. I tried to change the password but that also didn't work, although I correctly answered the security question.

Support for basic members has been cancelled. I've now not only lost my account, but my clothes, my

furniture, my skin, my body and my money. Everything that I have built up in SL with my own hard-earned money. Linden Lab don't care at all or bother with

the basic members, and so the community has to look after itself. I can usually take back any faulty software, but here I'm just being cheated.

By Anna L Shepherd



FROZEN OUT:  
The wrong password

### IT'S NOT RIGHT - LANDBOT VICTIM

Dear Regis,

**IN response to the article entitled 'FBI called over landbot fraud' (issue 24), here is my reply to what was said by Elex Dusk:**

Hi Elex, let me ask you a question. If you dropped your wallet in RL and I grabbed it up before you could bend down and pick it up is it therefore now MY wallet? If I keep it, along with your cards and money, is that legal?

By JohnPaul Perway

### MAKE RANDI MORE RANDY!

Hey Regis,

**JUST wanted to say thank you so much for the re-vamped Dear Randi!**

OMG I'm LOVING her new hair do, and the new layout looks pretty spanking tidy! Me and my girlfriends think Randi is awesome, she gives great advice. It's just great to see her get two pages to espouse her wisdom! As for the casebook, keep it coming! Any chance it could be even more randy the next time around?

By P.F.



# REGIS BRAATHENS

## LIND-O-METER

PROBLEMS with logins due to password resets, accounts closed due to an unofficial Linden policy on eBay, stipends not paid, search down... Here's your view:

## A 'BROADLY OFFENSIVE' WITCH HUNT IS BREWING

NEED FOR CLARITY OVER LAB BAN THREATS BEFORE PANIC SPREADS

Dear Robin,  
What on earth is going on?

You instructed Daniel Linden to post on the LL blog about a crack-down on offensive content.

You asked the community to notify the Lab about any content deemed 'broadly offensive' so that sanctions including account closure can be handed out as punishment to offending parties.

You then backtrack at your office hour saying that no new position has been taken at all. You have caused panic in BDSM and Gor communities fearing a ban. Now you need to

come out and give us clarity.

Don't get me wrong - you have asked us to help you keep SL safe from child pornography and Age Play - and in this we are fully supportive.

But asking residents from diverse cultures, backgrounds and countries to report anything they deem broadly offensive in order to get it banned, is tantamount to a witch hunt.

We respect that you have no easy position - you want to safeguard both LL and SL. But you need to clarify the situation before it spirals out of control.

Best regards, *Regis*.

PLEASE SEND ME  
YOUR COMMENTS:  
[regis@the-avastar.com](mailto:regis@the-avastar.com)

### SO NOT HELPFUL

ROBIN Linden was "so" not amused as residents brainstormed what they deemed 'broadly offensive' at a meeting with the Linden bigwig this week:

JK: "I find this bumping broadly offensive."

AR: "I find grieving broadly offensive."

SS: "I find offended people broadly offensive."

NF: "perhaps clarity is broadly offensive."

ROBIN LINDEN: "That's so not helpful."

### NBC GOON GAFF

THE banning of our reporter from the NBC sim for photographing the auditions this week, was a case of corporates getting a little big for their virtual boots.

A brainless security guard with clearly no more than

a pea sized virtual brain locked up Babu Writer and banned her from the sim for taking photos of the 'secret' auditions.

Only when she sent an abuse report did the NBC spokesperson send an apology and sheepishly lift the ban.



Lab-solutely awful!

Phil-ing blue!

Lagging behind!

IMproving

Sim-ply the best!



### VERDICT:

Phil-ing blue!

"Why do LL blog about new orientation areas? I want to know when they will bother sorting out the password mess!" F.H.

"It's a disgrace LL didn't warn people about buying on eBay." F.W

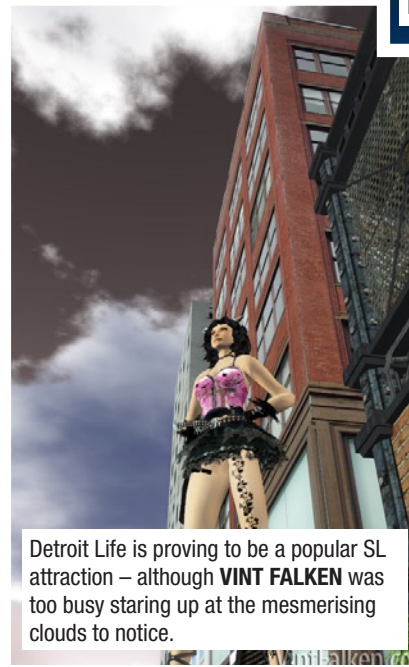
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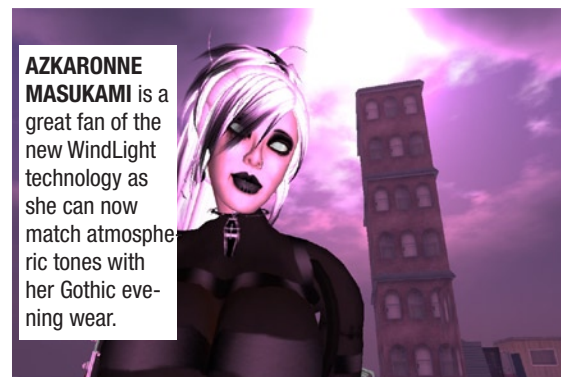
THE RECENT ARRIVAL OF THE ATMOSPHERIC SIMULATOR WINDLIGHT HAS PROMPTED SNAPPERS IN SL TO TAKE NOTICE OF THE WONDERS NOW FLOATING AROUND OUR HEADS.



A disastrous night spent lost at sea did at least have some reward for **ANDROMEGA VOLARE**, as the sunrise that guided him home also provided a breathtaking picture.



Detroit Life is proving to be a popular SL attraction - although **VINT FALKEN** was too busy staring up at the mesmerising clouds to notice.



**AZKARONNE MASUKAMI** is a great fan of the new WindLight technology as she can now match atmospheric tones with her Gothic evening wear.



**RAUL CRIMSON** was not in the mood for the exotic cocktails and samba dancing at a lively beach party, instead preferring to sit and watch the beautiful sunset.



# A WORLD OF VICE

WRITING'S ON THE WALL:  
Red light districts are  
good for SL

## VIRTUAL PORN AND GAMBLING A PLUS FOR SL

**PORNOGRAPHY and gambling are good for SL, according to a media monitoring agency.**

Max Kalehoff, Vice President of Marketing for Nielsen BuzzMetrics, said: "The underworlds of porn and gambling are likely to go down in history for making some of the greatest contributions to emerging virtual worlds, including SL."

"It seems inevitable that the activities, cultures and people behind such ques-

tionable worlds as gambling and porn will continue playing an important role in the advancement of technology, media and marketing platforms - for the rest of time."

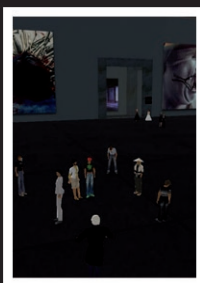
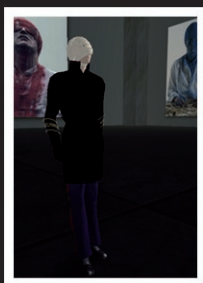
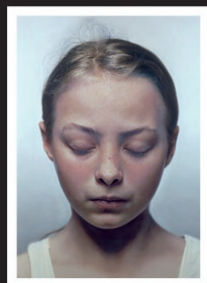
Not everyone accepts the amount of smut in SL. Mikki Zheng founded the Just Say No to Porn group. She said: "Just because a sim has been designated mature doesn't mean its inhabitants will be happy to have pornography staring down at them."

By BILBOWINKLER



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# BOOST FOR SL CONSUMERS

TRADING STANDARDS ORGANISATION ARRIVES IN SL By BILBOWINKLER

**CONSUMERS in SL can now rest a little easier with the arrival of the trading standards organisation TÜV, who set up their first in-world office in Saarland this week.**

The Technische Überwachungsverein, or Technical Monitoring Association, have worked as independent consultants providing testing, certification, qualification and market access services across the globe for over a century in RL.

In recent times the TÜV has focused on IT - in particular internet security, virus protection, spam and data protection. The company sees SL, a place with its fair share of shady business dealings, as the next logical step. Firms wanting to carry the TÜV seal can ask for it themselves, before undergoing

the rigorous quality checks the firm requires before handing out its certificates of approval.

## APPROVAL

Secondstone Merlin, who works for the Bonn-based TÜV subsidiary Tekit, said there was a need for such services in-world.

"We've heard about land scammers and other swindlers, and we want to be able to give out our TÜV seal of approval to the genuine traders... 80-90 million EU citizens see TÜV as the seal that holds trust, and we want to be where our customers

are."



# DNB NOR TAKES THE PLUNGE

By MOFERAI MOORE

**NORWAY'S largest bank has become the latest RL financial institution to take the plunge into SL.**

The DnB Nor bank headquarters recreate Norway's coastal areas and fjords, and visitors can take a cruise on a fishing vessel, go wind-

surfing or ride a whale. Most traditional bank services, however, are not yet available. Facilities on the island point

mainly to the bank's traditional websites.

According to the bank's Sparre Ferraris, more security issues need to be addressed if customers are to let their avatars do their RL banking - although SL has potential as a tool for in-house activities like employee training.



## BIZ BITES: CHINESE WORLD LIKE '3D EBAY'

A 3D 'eBay' is how the Chinese virtual world being created for the Cyber Recreation Development Corp has been described. Set to be launched by Entropia makers Lindark in 2008, it will focus on business and "avoid politics", according to Associated Press.

## CNN SUMMIT TO INCLUDE PHILIP

CNN International will be broadcasting the 'CNN Future Summit: Virtual Worlds' on June 13, featuring a panel including Lab CEO Philip Rosedale and Wikipedia founder Jimmy Wales, amongst other notable speakers.

## 85 SL BRANDS

K ZERO, a UK research company, has put the figure of brands in SL at exactly 85 - defining them as companies with a high awareness globally.

## LITTLE FUSS AT COMCAST SIM

COMCAST, a US telecommunications giant which specialises in broadband internet provision, opened its sci-fi themed sim last week with minimal fanfare.



A-STAR GOSSIP  
Jenzza Misfit

By CARRIE SODWIND

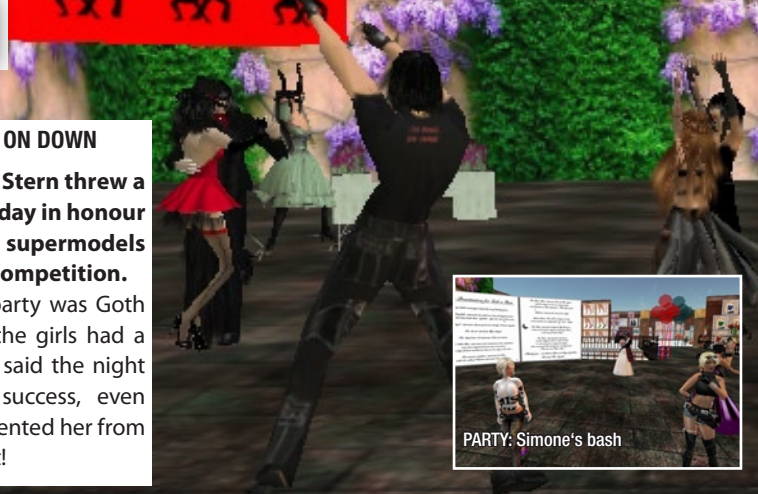
## TOP MODELS PARTY ON DOWN

**DESIGNER** Simone Stern threw a huge bash on Monday in honour of the glamorous supermodels taking part in her competition.

The theme of the party was Goth and Glam, and all the girls had a good time. Simone said the night was a wonderful success, even though the lag prevented her from seeing her own shirt!

## A-STAR GOSSIP GOTH AND GLAM

HOT: Dancing the night away



PARTY: Simone's bash

## CELEBRITY B'DAY

A BELATED happy birthday to amphibian musician **FROGG MARLOWE**, who turned two on Wednesday.

## KISS ON THE SL AIRWAVES

**RADIO STATION BLASTS OFF IN-WORLD**

By JENZZA MISFIT

**DANCE** music radio station **KISS FM** held the grand opening of its new island this week.

The event for the Berlin-based station included a concert and party, with music ranging from hip-

hop to reggae. Siss Truss, event producer and one of the sim's lead builders, was joined in the DJ booth by several of KISS FM's RL DJs.



HIP HOP DANCER: Chilla Villota

PRODUCER:  
MP Masala

## SPOTTED!

**SOLO** rock musician **Mankind Tracer** was spotted by reader **Samantha Lamont** at the Vibe, where he plays rock covers from the 1970s onwards every Tuesday.



## BBC DOGO LAUNCHED IN SL

**THE BBC** launched a documentary about **SL** in front of a small group of residents last week.

An episode of the

broadcaster's **Money Programme** called 'Virtual World, Real Millions' was shown to avatars at the **Rivers Run Red** sim.



## A-STAR GOSSIP DYING TO MEET BRUCE - HARD

**HOLLYWOOD STAR ARRIVES IN SL TO PROMOTE HIS LATEST FILM - EVENTUALLY!**

**LEGENDARY** Hollywood actor **Bruce Willis** wowed residents at an in-world appearance to promote the latest in the blockbuster **Die Hard** movie series.

Willis, appearing as avatar **Bee Dub**, certainly made a movie-star entrance – having pushed back the time of the event by nearly five hours, he still managed to be two hours

competition winner **Medusa Merlin**, the wait was well worth it. Willis answered if he would consider providing the voice for a machinima film, he said: "Absolutely... I have been in a couple of films that have been on the cutting edge of new technology. As long as the quality and the content were up to

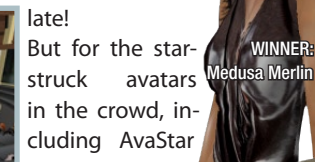
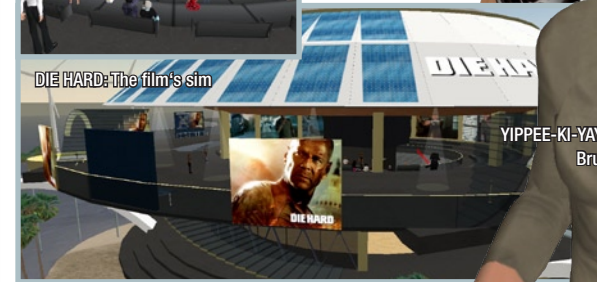
par I would consider it." Medusa said meeting Bruce was amazing: "He is very smart and his voice is so deep and sexy!"



WAITING: An expectant crowd

DIE HARD

DIE HARD: The film's sim

WINNER:  
Medusa MerlinYIPPEE-KI-YAY: Hollywood heartthrob  
Bruce Willis, aka Bee Dub

## 24-HOUR PARTY PEOPLE

By DYLAN MILES

### COLORADO TECH UNIVERSITY SIM LAUNCHES WITH A BANG

**A 24-HOUR party** helped the **Colorado Tech University** sim launch in style.

Musicians including **Kurt Jano**, **Linder Paine** and **Tone Uriza** performed

at the Bonfire 2007 festival last week. **Konny Kembla**, the driving force behind the event, said: "I think everything worked out very well, we had a great line-up on both days." The stage area was

transformed into outdoor classrooms for the university afterwards.



MUSICIAN: Linder Paine

DRIVING FORCE:  
Konny KemblaPARTY:  
Revellers enjoy the musicIN THE CROWD:  
Jaynine Scarborough



# STYLE TIPS FROM THE TOP

STUNNING ISABELLA SAMPAIO'S STYLE REVEALED BY THE AVASTAR! By ISABEL BROCCO AND CARRIE SODWIND

MISS L'OREAL SL, THE STUNNING ISABELLA SAMPAIO, WAS SPOTTED SHOPPING IN LAST CALL BY DAZZLE HAUTE COUTURE. SHE WAS WEARING A MEDITERRANEAN SEA BLUE DRESS, WHICH REALLY COMPLEMENTED HER STRIKING BLUE EYES. THE AVASTAR FINDS OUT HOW TO SHOP SAMPAIO STYLE.

**TIP:** Match the dress colour with your eye colour. Your eyes will appear bolder and deeper.

**TIP:** Choose a dress in one strong colour, but with interesting details like a bow or textures like lace or embroidery.

**TIP:** Delicate jewellery and shoes should complement the colour of your dress.



DRESS: COLETTE BY SIMONE! L\$195

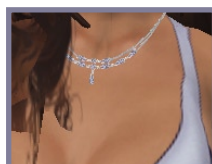
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L\$200



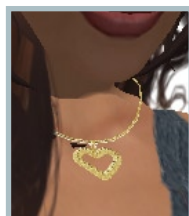
Jewellery:  
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ED, PhatLand (74, 134, 27)

L\$300



Dress:  
VIXEN Nicki Ree  
Nicky Ree's Boutique,  
Plush Lambda (169, 17, 22)

L\$400



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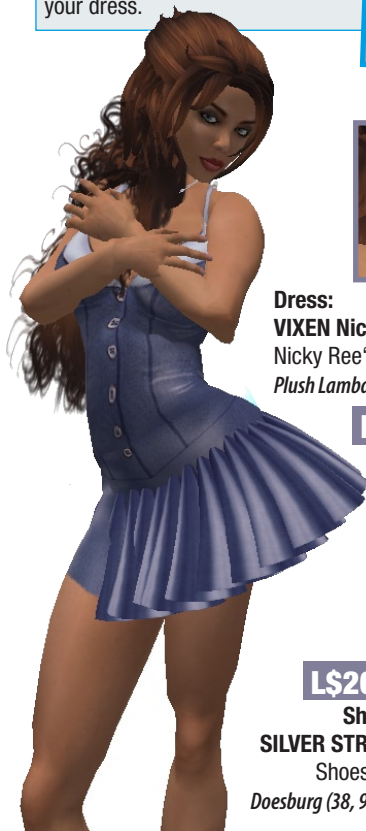
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Mixers, San  
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L\$175



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SILVER STRAPS  
Shoes Inc.  
Doesburg (38, 97, 31)



callie cline's

## STYLE HOTLINE

### FASHIONABLE FANTASY

TRY GOING FOR A MORE OUTLANDISH LOOK THIS WEEKEND

**THERE are so many choices available to us in SL when it comes to fashion, and most of the time I lean towards a more realistic look.**

If I do go 'fantasy', I go all the way with a full space suit costume or fairy outfit or something. Often, I like to add one piece of fantasy to a regular outfit for a fresh approach to 'everyday' wear.

Butterfly wings are one of my favourite things to add, because there are so many amazing wings in SL, from fully scripted supercharged techno types to these

softer, almost flower-like ones I have on.

#### GOWNS

I have a small collection and when I show up in an outfit with wings on, I'm always getting "ooohs" and "oh I want to try that!"

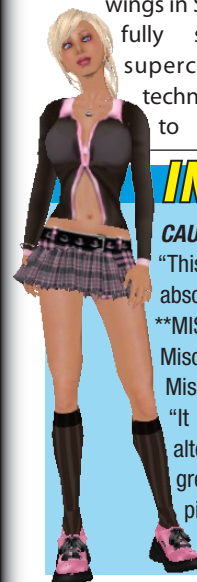
This outfit was fun for a few reasons... I took the most distressed jeans I know of (from Bare

Rose) mixed it with my limited edition gown top which was made from a piece of 17th century fabric and put on some 'blingy' big diamond studded jewellery.

I also love to mix wings with gowns, and swimsuits too! Mixing them with lingerie makes you look like a Victoria's Secret lingerie model so that can be fun, too. So this week, get some of your favourite pieces and fly free with your fashion... see you in the air!



FANTASY: Magici Callie



## INVENTORY SNEAK PEEK KIRSTEN CORLEONE By ISABEL BROCCO

#### CAUSING... MISCHIEF!

"This outfit is one of my absolute favourites. It's \*\*MIS\*\* Think Pink by Mischief. I basically love Mischief!

"It works really well altogether and looks great with my pale pink glittery eye make-up."

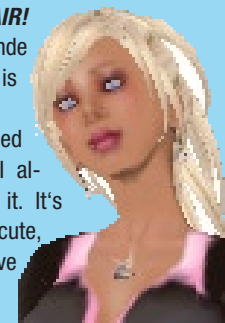
#### LOVING MY... PINK SHOES!

"I love these fantastic glitter pink shoes, they are Oxfords by Shiny Things. I just absolutely love pink, and I also love glitter, so try and guess why I bought these!"



#### NEVER WITHOUT MY... BLONDE HAIR!

"This blonde hair by ETD is just great. "It is called Ginny and I always wear it. It's casual and cute, and I just love it."



## WHAT'S HOT! VINTAGE LAST CALL

By CARRIE SODWIND

IT was the Last Call at Ginny Talamasca's store last week.

Wednesday was the last day of her huge sale in which she sold off over 70 of her marvelous outfits at a bargain L\$100 each, before they disappeared from the SL shelves for good. It's very satisfying to know you own a limited edition piece.

If you got there in time... wear it!



BARGAIN HUNTER: MapycR Roffo in 'Right Said' by Last Call

**UNDERGROUND  
ITALIAN ART IN SL**

By PETRONILLA PAPERDOLL

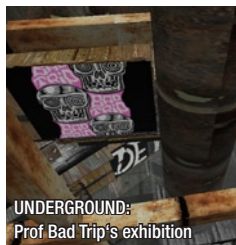
AN exhibition devoted to an experimental Italian artist helped to launch a new sim this week.

Prof. Bad Trip, aka Gianluca Lerici, is a protagonist of the underground Italian art scene. His work is now on display at Decoder (118, 221, 2).

The exhibition uses acrylics, xylographies and drawings with lysergic portraits to suck visitors into a vortex of astonishing colours and shapes, up and down the floors of a semi-destroyed factory which represents the metallic remnants of a post-industrial world.

**NAKED LUNCH**

The project has been created by Gomma Chaplin and Axellor Zinner, and the SL event was accompanied by one in RL at the Italian city of Milan, where Prof. Trip's book 'Larte del Prof. Bad Trip' was presented. It includes Trip's interpretation of 'Naked Lunch' by William Burroughs.



UNDERGROUND:  
Prof Bad Trip's exhibition

# STAR CRIBS

## APRIL SUNSHINE

By MANTA MESSMER

**1 TEA HOUSE:**  
Sake and tea are served here whilst geisha girls entertain the guests.

**ABOUT APRIL CORDEAUX:**  
Born: 05/17/2006  
Activities: Artist and proprietor  
Home base: Karyukai Japanese Tea House  
Style: An authentic Kyoto-style parlour

**2**

**BATH HOUSE:**  
April enjoys unwinding in the hot springs of the minouri bath house.

**3**

**SHRINE:**  
Down the path and through the Tori gate is the Shinto nature shrine, where April prays and makes spiritual offerings.

**4**

**SKYBOX:**  
April's private sleeping quarters are open and minimalist and offer a wealth of natural light from the large skylight.

## DESIGNERS IN THE SPOTLIGHT

### Lislo Mensing

SL Birth Date:

11/26/2006

Famous for:

The ultra-realistic new Munich sim

By BILBO WINKLER

**THE AVASTAR:** Where did the idea for Munich come from?

**LISLO MENSING:** I am sure that people in SL need a place where they can feel at home - in an environment based on a real and attractive place. And the one I know is Munich.

**TA:** Is the city an exact representation?

**LM:** It's a genuine version of the inner city, although we don't have quite enough room for everything. We took a selection,

and we're now going to build 220 buildings that will together recreate the real Munich feel. Whoever knows Munich will recognise it and find their place. And anyone who only knows SL-Munich then decides to come here one day will be able to say, "this looks just like in SL".

**TA:** What else do you have planned for Munich?

**LM:** Munich won't become an architecture museum for tourists, but a living community. Above all, that means we want action in this city! The theme

is culture and 'joie de vivre' - we have lots of beer gardens and cafes, and I want as many events as possibly - from

ditional dance to raves. And if we get support, there's so much more, such as the English Garden or, of course, Oktoberfest.

**TA:** What are your favourite builds in SL?

**LM:** It's hard to pick one. It's often the little tricks that make the difference. I like Illusion Factory and Svarga, the living island. I'm fascinated by the work of Ollie Kubrick as well as a big fan of fashion and SL dances, and also like the work of my own people, as I watch them help Munich grow a little each day.



REALISTIC:  
The Munich sim

## OLD MACHINES!

By TINA (PETGIRL) BERGMAN



TINA'S  
MUST-HAVES



Avalanche Gramophone  
By Alfonso Avalanche

L\$75

Morse keyboard set  
By Manji Nishizawa  
Ikebukuro (240, 65, 21)

L\$200



SZ Harbor Telescope  
By Suzanne Zeluco  
Caddo (74, 169, 22)

L\$300

Antique Drill Press  
By Jessica Ornitiz  
silent sparrow (31, 188, 25)

L\$100





## NEW SIMS

TAKE A LOOK AT THE MAGNIFICENT SL REPLICA OF  
THE GEMÄLDEGALERIE ALTE MEISTERA MASTERPIECE  
FOR WORKS OF ARTCHERUBS:  
'Sistine Madonna' by Raphael

By PETRONILLA PAPERDOLL

GRAND: The staircase at the  
Gemäldegalerie Alte Meister

## RECREATION OF GERMAN GALLERY HITS THE RIGHT NOTES

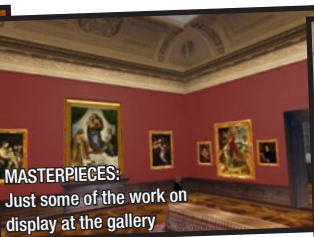
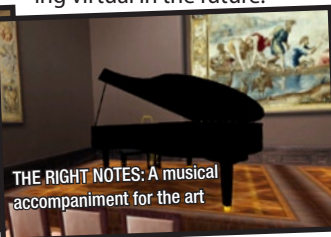
EVERY one of the 750 masterpieces on display at the renowned Gemäldegalerie Alte Meister are now available for public viewing in SL. The highly impressive reconstruction of the neo-Renaissance style Zwinger Palace in Dresden, Germany, allows visitors to admire the works of Raphael, Titian and Rembrandt

among others.

All the rooms of the building have been reconstructed to scale, with the intricate work giving a perfect sense of space. The sim (Dresden Gallery 9, 128, 26), which opened last month, contains works by Italian, German, Dutch, French and Spanish artists such as Raffaello's 'Sistine Madonna',

Giorgione's 'Sleeping Venus', Rembrandt's 'Self-Portrait with Saskia' and Vermeer's 'Girl Reading a Letter'. Visitors can find out more information on each painting by clicking on them.

It is a prestigious breakthrough for SL and could well lead the way for more RL museums going virtual in the future.

COUNT MORITZ OF SAXONY:  
By Jean Marc NattierMASTERPIECES:  
Just some of the work on  
display at the galleryTHE RIGHT NOTES: A musical  
accompaniment for the art

## MY TRAVEL TIPS

By BILBO WINKLER

JAID Marsi is a photographer and creator of The Tiny Adventures of Fox and Wolf.

THE AVASTAR: Which sims have you explored lately?

JAID MARS: Avilion. It's a medieval community with castles and grand ballrooms, knights and magical creatures. It's a great place to explore. Also Ubuntu - the plains of Africa



with their Acacia trees, scorched earth, wild animals and a sunset you have to see.

TA: Where do you hang out and relax?

JM: It's either Pillow Talk at ground level, floating on a raft, watching squirrels scurry about, or it's at home... here be dragons!

TA: Which sims do you find the most creative?

JM: Zero Point at Kelham, although it's difficult to describe. It's a place that would normally only exist in your imagination. Icarus too - there is so much to see and do here. You can take a tour on a dragonfly, visit



Hades, or Heaven, take a dip in the jungle pool, go dancing, or discover the hidden areas. It's a great place to revisit as there's always something new to explore each time.

TA: What are your top tips for exploring SL?

JM: If you're out shopping or whatever, just go outside and have a look around. I walked outside of one store and discovered I was in a rain forest with temple ruins!

## TAKE YOUR PICK

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



HOKENJIDAI KU

Nakama (182, 26, 21)

This traditional feudal-era Japanese enclave nestles in a tranquil quarter of the four-cornered Nakama sim, and with its atmospheric low rise wooden shacks and lanterns it contrasts wildly with Kawaii Ku's garish anime next door.



LUNARA

Lunara (68, 169, 40)

Despite the high density of windmills in this rustic medieval kingdom, a Sunday stroll down its leafy walkways is surprisingly calm, and offers numerous attractions including dragons, knights and a pair of revolving clogs.



LOST FUREST

Sables d'Alliez (112, 167, 23)

The Lost Creatures of SL have found an ideal home in the similarly directionless Lost Furest and these beautiful tropical islands offer sanctuary for all furies and wandering avatars. A lost galleon has even dropped anchor here.

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

DEAR



## HOW CAN I TRUST MY WIFE AFTER HER FLING WITH EX?

**SL MARRIAGE WAS GOING PERFECTLY - UNTIL MY WIFE TOLD ME WHAT SHE HAD BEEN UP TO**

*Dear Randi:* I HAVE been married in SL for a few months now, and until recently I couldn't wait to get to my keyboard to spend time with my gorgeous in-world wife. We are still very much head over heels in love, and we have an honest and open relationship. She told me not long after I met her that she has an ex-husband here in

SL, but that she had nothing more to do with him. Recently, however, she admitted that she had cheated on me with him once about a month ago when I couldn't go into SL for several days. She told me all about how sorry she was and how it would never happen again. How can I trust her? — E.J.

*Randi says:* It may take a

while. That kind of hurt can go deep. If you're sure you want to continue the relationship, have a long private chat with her. If she promises you it won't happen again, take her back and try to forget the indiscretion. And make sure you have an email address from which you can communicate with her if you can't be in SL!

## ABOUT TO GET MARRIED - BUT STILL A VIRGIN!

*Dear Randi:* I'M dating the most amazing girl I have ever met in SL, and we are planning to get married in the fall. We love to go dancing together and kiss passionately under the stars, but we have not had sex yet. She always compliments me on being respectful to her, but what she doesn't know is that I'm a virgin in both SL and RL. I'm afraid of how she'll take the news. What's a good way of telling her that I have no experience? — N.C.

*Randi says:* Tell her straight up! Just make sure you do it in a private situation. Most girls would be honoured to know that they are a guy's 'first'. Odds are she isn't a virgin as well, so don't ruin anything by asking her for details of her sexual history. When the time comes, whether it's before or after the wedding, let her take the lead. The night could turn out to be very special for you both.

## BOYFRIEND IS UNAWARE OF MY HOSTESS PAST

*Dear Randi:* I RECENTLY gave up a life as a stripper and escort, and soon afterwards I met a wonderful newbie who is head-over-heels in love with me. I feel the same way about him, but all I have told him about my previous SL work life is that I was a hostess in a club that went out of business, and he is completely in the dark about all the sex that goes on in-world. My ex-boyfriend was manager of the club I used to work at, and he's now threatening to tell my new boyfriend everything about what I used to do. How can I stop him? — D.D.

*Randi says:* You can't. So tell your new guy you once slept with hundreds of men, but now you want to be with him exclusively. He'll appreciate your honesty, and might be thrilled that you know what you're doing in bed. If he were to drop you for telling him the truth, you'd probably be better off without him anyway.

RANDI

The Virtual World's  
No 1 Agony Aunt

## SLEEPING WITH THE BOSS

*Dear Randi*

ABOUT eight months ago, I landed what I thought would be a really fun in-world job with a great SL company. I dreamt of becoming a supervisor and earning a bit more money, and one day the vice president of the firm offered me a fantastic promotion if I would accom-

pany him on a date and have sex with him. I agreed reluctantly and was duly promoted, but he keeps pestering me to have more sex with him even though I'm now married. What should I do? — S.L.

*Randi says*

You shouldn't have had sex with him in the first place, but

that's done now. Tell him clearly that it's not going to happen again and that you will inform the company's president if he persists in badgering you for it. If you're fired or need to quit, it would be worth your while to tell everyone who will listen that the ship is full of rats, so to speak.

## RANDI'S PHOTO CASEBOOK

SHARONE'S LOVE RAT  
DILEMMA: WEEK 2

One girl just isn't enough for Dante, who hits the mean streets of SL...



"Phwoaar! How much are you sexy?"

"Hi gorgeous! Give me L\$250 and I'm all yours for 15 minutes."



"That was amazing!"

"Almost as good as with Sharone!"



"You weren't so bad yourself - in fact, I've got a friend who might like to join in, if you fancy more fun."

"A three-some? That sounds great!"

"As long as Sharone doesn't find out!"

to be continued...



## METRO CITY

WELCOME TO METRO CITY, YOUR FUTURE HOME  
IN SECOND LIFE

VISIT NIAGARA FALLS AND RODEO DRIVE  
AND TAKE A BARREL RIDE OVER THE FALLS!

FOR DARKER SOULS OUT THERE  
NIAGARA TUNNEL AWAITS.

# WHY PAY EXPENSIVE TIER?

## MONTHLY RENTAL NO TIERS

RESIDENTIAL HOMES IN THE  
WHITSUNDAYS  
NOOSA HEADS  
SUNSHINE COAST

OVERLOOKING  
THE GREAT BARRIER REEF

# THE GUIDE

## TOP EVENTS AND ENTERTAINMENT

### THIS WEEK: LATIN AMERICA

SPECTACULAR: Xibalba Maya

By GAETANA FAUST

## GO LOCO IN ACAPULCO

SALSA YOUR WAY THROUGH SL'S LATIN AMERICAN SCENE

**TAKE a break from the ordinary and spend a day exploring Latin America in SL.**

A terrific place for Cuban music is La Habana Beach Club in Ceirnon (50, 167, 38). There's a tiki bar, lounge, and a big dance floor under the stars. The Vodou House Museum in Bluenose (97, 179, 94) is a great place to see artefacts from Haiti's history. Flags, art, and historical photos tell the story of this rich culture in animated style. Interesting and beautiful works of Mexican art are available for purchase at azteca in Meyonohk (214, 196, 89). Posters and screens are adorned with reminders of Mexico's historical and artistic legacy. Take a trip to the Drama Llama salsa bar in Shaea (235, 90,

25). This authentic Mexican cafe is a must-see destination for dancing, drinking tequila, and living 'la vida loca'. Enjoy a restful cup of java at the sophisticated Cafe Colombia at FRANCE Midi Pyrenees (205, 145, 22). It's part of an area called Conexion Colombia, which also includes a gallery with art and photographs from Colombia and a seaside spot for salsa. To cap your travels off, see the spectacular temple at the Xibalba Maya exhibit in Info Island II (29, 208, 23). It is well worth the effort to climb the towering stone structure, and from there you can drop down into the gallery space, as this is just the start of what will eventually be a full-fledged Mayan museum in SL.

### AUTHENTIC RUGS SUNQUEEN'S



Visit SunQueen's Mexican Furniture Warehouse for authentic Mexican furniture, colourful woven rugs and carefully carved chairs, tables and beds.

**Where:** Madhupak (97, 193, 419)

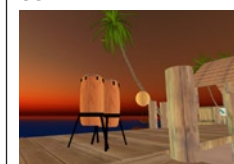
### BRIGHT COLOURS SAN MIQUELITO



Wander the maze of narrow streets and discover local pottery and art.

**Where:** Solway (129, 225, 29)

### HEAVENLY HAVANA CUBA



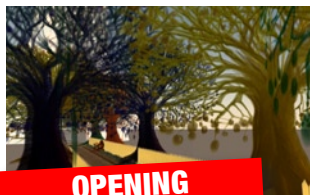
Salsa the night away with a rum and coke and enjoy the Havana experience.

**Where:** Rosewood Gardens (236, 200, 23)



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## DON'T MISS! –



## OPENING

## ART SANCTUARY

The grand opening of the Art Sanctuary, a 'fairytale' new art gallery in the sky with 3D versions of RL work by Raspirit Heron.

**When:** June 10, 12:00

**Where:** Hardangerfjord (100, 40, 316)



## ENTERTAINMENT

## THE SHOW MUST GO ON

A variety show which has been a year in the making opens at the SLL Pantheon Performance Hall, with up-to-the-minute audio enhancement.

**When:** June 9, 16:00

**Where:** Info Island II (101, 25, 25)



## CHARITY

## ART IN THE GARDEN GALA

Join in the fun with live music and plenty of art, all in aid of Muscular Dystrophy.

**When:** June 10, 12:00

**Where:** Bellatrix (232, 165, 21)



## LIVE MUSIC

## DROP ZONE

Enjoy the reggae beats at this club night, which will also include a skydiving competition.

**When:** June 9, 13:00

**Where:** Lafew (95, 140, 500)



## FASHION

## FASHION SHOW VICTIMS

A massive show with 12 designers, including clothes from hyasynth Tiramisu.

**When:** June 9, 15:00

**Where:** Cetus (229, 83, 53)



## EVENT OF THE WEEK!

## MILL POND FOLK FEST

Enjoy 15 hours of live music performed by 40 musicians – including 13 new Canadian performers - on three stages across two sims. Ten artists will also be displaying their unique SL art.

**When:** June 8, 15:00

**Where:** Mill Pond (179, 135, 2) and Stone Hill (51, 120, 22)

## EVENTS OF THE WEEK



## CONFERENCE

## SECOND CONVENTION 2007

The convention is an opportunity for people to come together to see the SL community they otherwise might not have discovered.

**When:** June 14-16

**Where:** Artificial Isle (201, 112)



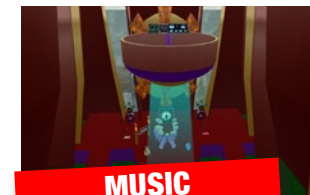
## ENTERTAINMENT

## GERMAN COMMUNITY MEET

Slinside.de and YOUseeMEin3D.com will hold a gathering of the German SL community at Berlin's Alexanderplatz, both in-world and out.

**When:** June 9, 12:00

**Where:** New Berlin (128, 128, 0)



## MUSIC

## THE INVISIBLE BAND

Whether you can see them or not isn't the point, just come along and hear them play their wonderfully original take on space-rock music.

**When:** June 15, 15:00-16:00

**Where:** Eson (238, 229)



## EVENT OF THE WEEK!

## MS FLY

Help the fight against multiple sclerosis by soaring around SL during the week-long event. Using your special MS Cape, scour islands for digital tokens to help in your hunt.

**When:** June 10, 09:00

**Where:** Illusion Factory (85, 89, 162)



## EDUCATION

## PIRATES!

Ahoy mateys! Join the SL Maritime Historical Society for an evening of piracy – or at least an educational meet on all things pirate-related.

**When:** June 13, 20:00

**Where:** Andorra (54, 97)

## WANT TO SEE YOUR EVENT HERE?

DO you have an event which you would like to see published in The AvaStar's Events section? If so, email us details at [news-desk@the-avastar.com](mailto:news-desk@the-avastar.com).



By  
Deeep Witte

# How to...

Everything a newbie needs to know!

## MAKE THE MOST OF WATER ON YOUR SIM

**WATER is a major part of the landscape in SL – and it is easy to manipulate into exactly the form you want.**

The water depth on each sim is set by the land owner, who could put their land entirely under water if they wanted to. The default water depth is 20 metres, which will match the oceans around the sim. This can be changed, from zero – basically no water at all – all the way up the scale. If it is changed, however, it may make the surrounding water look strange, as the ocean backdrop and most other sims are set at 20 metres.

Creating a pond or other inland water is a bit different. The land must be lowered below the water line, or the water line raised above the land. Linden water cannot be scooped out and put in a lake on top of a mountain, for example. If a sim is set for a water level of 20 metres, no Linden water will ever go higher than that. It stays only at the depth the sim owner sets. If you want water in a mountain lake or waterfall, you must build the water from a created

object and use textures and animations to make it look real or buy it from a store.



ADVERT

**FASHION ART PYRAMID & MAZE**

**FRIDAY PARTY AT 12:00 midday IN OUR MAZE CLUB**

**FASHION PAINTINGS**

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



# Freebies

SL's best FREE stuff!

By PETRONILLA PAPERDOLL

## THIS WEEK: SECOND LIFE SOUNDS

**IMAGINE you are alone in your beautiful SL home, lying under a nice free Linden cypress and swaying slightly in the SL wind.**

What kind of sounds can you hear? If you don't live near a big noisy club, the only sound is the wind itself. But you can easily get your hands on better - and free - sounds. You can try Apotheus Silverman's Environmental Sound Effects, in a double version, while Shoreline is a scripted prim that generates realistic lake shore sounds. Suburbs includes eight sounds from birds and insects, and they change from day to night, according to default light effects. If you use Kex Godel's Ambient Outdoor Sounds v1.2 you can switch between day and night sounds by yourself, clicking on a box. Both gadgets are customizable, just play with the script.

You can also play with Sound Prims by Storm Thunders (Seomna 222, 248, 72). Simply drop the sounds you want to hear into the prim. You get the scripts too, so if you want, you can add them to your own objects, together with your favourite sound.

If you're unsure about scripting, try the Day and Night Environmental Sound - Birds Effects by Lonewolf Switchblade (Spinach 92, 44, 507). You can't configure it, but for L\$1 you will have more than 15 birds singing in your virtual paradise.



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## DOS AND DON'TS OF FREEBIES

By GAETANA FAUST

DON'T

- + Pick up freebies at newbie-friendly locations like Yadni's Junkyard.
- + Seek out clothing, furniture and lots of other fun items at no cost.
- + Use search to find places which are giving stuff away.
- + Look for Lucky Chairs, which give away a free gift if your name starts with a particular letter.
- + Give away copies to friends and newbies you meet if your freebies are transferable.

- Keep every freebie you get - delete or give away stuff you don't use.
- Think you can sell freebies you pick up.
- Forget to try high-end shops. They often have great freebies.
- Get your whole wardrobe from freebies. Mix in some higher end stuff like hair and shoes to get rid of that newbie look.
- Buy before you try. Grab a free demo of hair, boats, etc.

## My First Day in Second Life

**SL ARTIST AND PREFAB STORE OWNER ESCH SNOATS:**

**How was your first day?**

I remember walking into people constantly as I had low bandwidth. It also didn't help that I was in extreme awe of what I was seeing, so I didn't learn the fine art of releasing the arrow keys when lag hit.

**What was your most embarrassing moment as a newbie?**

Walking around Newbie Island not being able to find the exit, followed closely by accidentally wearing a prim box on my head.

**What was your funniest moment as a newbie?**

After I opened my prefab store I found a couple hanging around in the 'fence and gazebo' area. I noticed that there was someone sitting on my

fence with a giant penis! Once I reminded him it was a PG sim he removed it... but I still had to burn the fence after they left.

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## THE AVASTAR OF THE WEEK KIANA DULCE

KIANA DULCE IS AN SL BEAUTY WITH HER OWN STORE, AND A NEW SIM IN COLLABORATION WITH CALLIE CLINE.



By **BILBO WINKLER**

### PROFILE

**NAME:**  
KIANA DULCE  
**BIRTH DATE:**  
7/18/2005  
**PROFESSION:**  
Designer and shop owner  
**ATTITUDE:**  
Cool and stylish

**THE AVASTAR: What is your best feature?**

**KIANA DULCE:** Everyone comments on my beautiful feet. They love my webbed toes and how I can constantly change the shape of them for each pair of shoes.

**TA: What is your favourite place in SL?**

**KD:** Shyone Lehane's studio, which is about

creating, learning and opening my mind to the possibilities.

**TA: How do you spend your time in SL?**

**KD:** Designing, marketing, collaborating, working on my sim, decorating my store and house. I also try to spend time with my close friends to keep me from going bonkers. Well they try, but it might be a losing battle.

**TA: What would you change in SL?**

**KD:** I would have to start the change with

myself since I am part of SL. We all have room to grow and SL plays a big role in finding out who we are and what we can be in a world that is new in a virtual sense. Change takes time... but for me, what I am learning is patience.

**TA: Which personal achievements are you most proud of?**

**KD:** Learning Photoshop was a huge accomplishment for me, but I guess I would have to say starting my shop and watching it grow, pushing

myself to become more than I thought was ever possible. There have been challenging times - but life is like that in general.

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

**KD:** I really admire quite a few people in SL... but I'd have to hear their view on many issues before I could even begin to decide whose name I would choose. Personally, I prefer to be my own voice in a world unlike any other.



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