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... storeys make up the new Accessibility Center for education on disabilities which opens at HealthInfo Island on September 9.

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... in US\$ each month sponsors a RL child at the Second Life Virtual Orphanage and Child Sponsorship Program.

253

... prims make up each ambulance at the new NHS London sim, created by the British National Health Service.

## REMEMBERING 9/11



A RECONSTRUCTION of the Twin Towers in SL will be dedicated to the victims of 9/11 on the sixth anniversary of the attacks. See Events on pages 32-33.

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EVERYBODY HATES CHUNG-FU  
DUMPING: Boycott Anshe Chung

By CARRIE SODWIND

# ANSHE CHUNG-FU CHOPS SL PRICES

MILLIONAIRESS LANDBARON ANSHE CHUNG UNDERCUTS MARKET WITH CHEAP GOODS

**SELF-PROCLAIMED RL millionairess Anshe Chung has enraged in-world designers by flooding the market with L\$10 goods.**

The land baron's company Anshe Chung Studios (ACS) is paying in-house artists to create objects such as furniture to sell for L\$10 each, vastly undercutting other designers. Chung was even given her own section at slexchange.com, although it was removed after the scheme provoked an uproar.

In a post on her personal blog, Chung revealed the project, called '10LINDENS', is designed to change the SL economy into a competitive big business world, with objectives similar

to RL firms such as Wal-Mart or Ikea. She wrote: "We decided to make SL more competitive and more accessible to players by providing high quality products at prices that allow SL to remain competitive in the long run."

#### STUNT

Other designers, however, are fearful the project will spell the end not only to their businesses, but the whole culture of SL. Luxurious Althouse said: "Cheaper doesn't mean better, but it does mean more people will purchase it. At this rate, SL will become Anshe Chung Universe. Before you know it this little stunt

turns into everyone cutting everyone else's throat."

Another designer, Tanner Devonshire, said the scheme would promote a culture that will kill SL as it is today. The protesters have formed a group called 'Boycott Anshe Chung', and demonstrations against the dumping prices are set to be held soon at OnRez Island during a merchants' event.



NEWS BITES!

BIG BRO MAKING FURNITURE IN SL

FOLLOWING on from SL Big Brother, Endemol Virtual is offering a L\$1m first prize in its new Design Me furniture contest which is set to start soon.

A SAMBA BEAT

THE number of residents in SL from Japan and Brazil has soared in recent months, with only the US now ahead of the two countries.

RL IN SECONDS

REALISTIC avatars could soon be created in ten seconds as the i-Fashion Clothing Technical Center of Konkuk University is experimenting with new 3D-scanning technology.

WHO OWNS SL?

THE word 'owned' has been removed by Linden Lab from the claim on its website that SL is a "3D online digital world imagined, created and owned by its users".

CHATT-ING NOW

RL banking giant ING has created a cosy Asian tea house for chatting and sharing ideas. The Cha Lounge will open soon on the Our Virtual Holland sim.



NEW hope has been given to heartbroken relatives searching for

missing people in RL thanks to an in-world campaign.

Three-year-old Madeleine is featured on the ground floor. The SL community rallied around to help the search for the youngster, as revealed by The AvaStar, an impact which helped show the potential support for the garden project.

British toddler Madeleine McCann, who made headlines across the RL world when she went missing from a holiday home in Portugal in May, is among the stories represented at the Garden for the Missing.

SUPPORT

The garden, owned and managed by Ronnie Rhode, is a new virtual home for hundreds of missing RL people. There are police profiles on display at the Remora sim for residents to look through, reflect on and hopefully recognise.



Ronnie, who runs the garden out of her own pocket, said she draws huge personal satisfaction and reward from the service she provides: "Once in a while I get to put a 'found safe' sign next to a poster. I believe four have been found safe since I started this. Hopefully we can place one on Madeleine's profile too."

50,000 ONLINE - BUT NOT HAPPY!



By COYNE NAGY BELEAGUED Lindens were given a massive boost this week when the in-world concurrency rate passed 50,000 for the first time.

The landmark figure, which shows the amount of residents in SL at any one time, was achieved on September 3, and goes some way to dismissing fears that SL will not prove able to support ever-increasing numbers of users.

STALLED

Some residents have argued that the issue, known as scalability, is a big problem for SL, as the figures had

stalled in the 40,000s for several months. When more users attempt to log in to SL than the grid can handle, performance drops and eventually residents log out as a result. This eases the pressure on the grid and allows quality to increase again. Higher peak performance levels suggest technological improvements have been made.

CRITICISM

It also hits back at some blog and RL media allegations that SL is an uninhabited wasteland. The Lab has previously faced a stream of criticism over the reporting of registered users, which

now tops nine million, even though they have never claimed the statistic was an accurate method of measuring SL's population.

RUINED

But not everyone is happy about the state of SL's scalability. Jenna Sterling, who rents out space on Azure Islands, said: "Linden Lab ruined it for the actual paying members when they made it free and flooded the site. They should feel more obligation to current 'paying' clients. "I wouldn't sacrifice quality for more clients - who wins? The extra avatars cause such lag we can't even enjoy doing anything because we can hardly move."



SL SHOPPERS GO FOR THE PLASTIC SL'S first ever credit card has been released by FirstMeta.

The RL finance company has invested thousands of US\$ in the creation of the virtual spending gadget. Since their launch in-world on July 31, 130 merchants are accepting the card, more than 120 residents are using it and several hundred transactions have taken place.

SAFE

Tyra Fierrens, co-owner of FirstMeta, said the card's success depends on encouraging consumption in SL on a large scale. She said: "We're already in discussions with several RL companies providing RL goods to start accepting L\$ and MetaCard payments."

Fierrens insisted that customers' RL money and information were safe as it is all encrypted, and added: "We're accountable to our RL investors to whom we have real legal liability should the company be engaged in any fraudulent activities."





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## NO ROOM IN THE INN FOR FURRIES!

By VISCOUNT LISLE



PROTEST: Enraged residents gather while one griefer spams the church with Super Mario pics

### PROTESTS AND GRIEFING BREAK OUT OVER RL CHURCH'S ANTI-FURRY POLICY

**A RELIGIOUS row has erupted over a decision to ban furries from a SL church, sparking three days of protest in-world.**

Notices were erected outside the recreation of the famous Cologne Cathedral in Germany informing virtual visitors they needed to be 'dressed' in traditional and suitable human form before being allowed to step foot inside. Furries and winged avatars were specifically prohibited in a notice placed outside the church on the Koelner Dom sim. The rules, similar to those

in RL, caused outrage among furries, with up to 50 residents at a time protesting at the sim this week.

**OFFENSIVE**

After discussions between protesters and sim creators Seminal 3D got heated, the Cathedral was subjected to two griefing attacks. One mindless resident showered the holy virtual site with offensive swastika symbols. Prominent blogger and furry Vint Falken, who was among the protestors, said: "Sorry, this is SL, not first life. If the church wants to enter, the church better ad-

just its rules to SL, not vice versa." The ban has raised the issue of how RL religions interact within SL. Toti Lowey, an active member of SL's Islamic community, said: "By having the same rules, you are helping to educate about the religion which is one of the main reasons a religion would come here in the first place."

**TOLERANCE**

But Carter Gaicobini, who owns Ir Shalom, the largest in-world synagogue, feels a certain level of tolerance is needed: "If a furry came to [Ir Sha-

lom] in a thong or silks, I would ask them to please change their clothing - but not change who they are." Seminal 3D bosses are now seeking guidance from the bishop of the RL church - but the firm's CEO Annie Milestone is sticking to her guns. "[There are] people who distinguish sharply between their second life and their first life. Here in Cologne, we built a region for people who want to live in SL but close to RL. So this is just two different region philosophies."

# AND THE WINNER IS...

MACHINIMA DOCUMENTARY ENTERED FOR NEXT YEAR'S PRESTIGIOUS RL ACADEMY AWARDS

By COYNE NAGY

**A MACHINIMA film shot entirely in SL could win a prestigious RL Academy Award next year.**

American TV channel HBO bought the North American television rights to 'My Second Life: The video diaries of Molotov Alva' for around US\$100,000. Set to be broadcast in 2008, it will also be shown at a cinema in LA in an attempt to see it nominated for an Oscar in the short animation category.

The film is a documentary which follows Alva on his explorations through the virtual world. Mul-

timedia director Douglas Gayeton is Alva's RL persona, and the creator of the film. He said the work is "something that helps people wrap their head around Second Life and understand it."



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## THOUGHT POLICE TO OVERRUN SL

**Mr. Braathens, You must be overjoyed. Your campaign to make SL more like RL is paying dividends. Voice, banning gambling and now age verification.**

Robin Linden's blog post suggests more to come: verification may be extended beyond age to gender, name and address. Who knows how long it will remain voluntary? We can look forward to having less anonymity in our dealings in SL than we do in RL. Of course, it may not come to this, but tellingly, the Lindens refuse

to draw a line in the grid and say, "this we will not cross". Then there are the unspecified threats to landowners who fail to 'voluntarily' restrict access to content that may run afoul of Linden's vague definitions. 'Broadly offensive' rides again. No doubt the grid will soon be overrun with self-appointed Thought Police, narking landowners to the Lindens. The best part of this latest measure is it will be ineffective. As many have

use their parent's ID more readily than their credit cards, as there is near-zero risk of getting caught.

I'm sure it's no coincidence the SL homepage slogan changed recently. 'A virtual world imagined, created and owned by its residents.' The word 'owned' seems to have got lost. Perhaps it will re-surface in Phil Linden's inventory. Without warning.

Maybe someone should start a pool on what the Lindens will take away from our second lives next. Oh, wait, that might be gambling! Can't have that.

Forever Unverified,  
**Alice Quine**

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## GIVE FALSE ACCUSATIONS THE BOOT



**Dear Regis, WITH reference to the boot thief ['Boot thief out!', issue 37].**

For all I know Bax Coen could be the thief, and not Panjomy, I don't really know. I am however upset that 12 malls decided to kick out Panjomy without any real evidence that she did indeed steal the design of the boots.

It strikes me as very odd to condemn someone like that, without evidence, and an act of ignorance from the mall owners. They should be ashamed of themselves for that, and many

didn't even refund Panjomy for the remaining rent. If that's their policy, maybe I should consider leaving the spots I rent in some of these malls. I am also concerned about the way Bax has deliberately dragged Panjomy's name into the mud. It could be construed as slanderous and not very professional. I think it's wrong that everyone is so quick to judge Panjomy without proof that she was the one to copy Bax's boots and not visa versa, just because it was Bax who accused Panjomy first. So shame on the malls concerned!

**By A.W.**



# REGIS BRAATHENS

## STILL GAMBLING

FOLLOWING a link on the Lab's spanking new SecondLifeGrid.net to a list of SL businesses on Wikipedia, I came across Bob Perry's Store: "Bob Perry's Store is a company which runs a store and a casino within SL." Now, if I was a Linden, I would have had a quiet word in Bob's ear that perhaps he might like to remove 'casino' from his business description. I'm not sure it would look great if word got out that gambling is still going on.

## LIND-O-METER!

This week: Phil-ing blue!

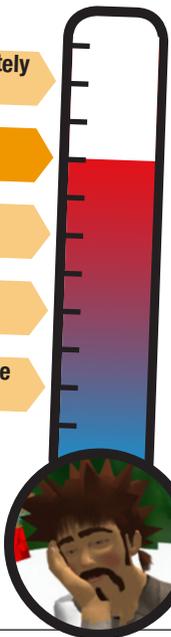
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# 'DON'T-GIVE-A-TOSS' ATTITUDE BACKFIRES

RL MEDIA BUFFONS SAY PAID ACCOUNT FALL PROVES SL'S DOOM

**THE drop in the number of premium accounts for the first time in the history of SL is the final nail in Second Life's coffin – according to RL media blockheads.**

Fresh-faced interns and cub reporters lumped with the task of monitoring SL have jumped on this latest news like maggots on roadkill. "Is this another step closer to the abyss for SL?" asked one article, stating that "market experts" feel vindicated in their judgement that the much-hyped platform was always

doomed. Right, well we at The AvaStar may as well start clearing our desks and wind the whole operation up then... or, alternatively we could treat this latest outpouring of misdeed with the contempt it deserves and get on with reporting on the exciting events of this ever growing virtual world.

### ATTITUDE

But blockheads aside, there are definitely lessons to be learned here. The drop may well be due to the clearing out of dead

accounts – but the fact that premium accounts aren't increasing as fast as they could, is largely down to the 'we-don't-give-a-toss-what-you-think' attitude taken by the Lab over its introduction of many recent decrees. That the grid is still laggy and full of bugs won't have helped either.

Philip Linden said at SLCC that quality of service is now top priority. But residents will want to see results soon – or else dead accounts or not, there will be a major exodus of premium members.

# LAB ID CHECK BOOB?

**COULD Age Verification be Linden Lab's biggest cock-up of all time?**

Many residents are claiming that in some countries it is illegal to give out your personal identification number to third parties. With the exact terms of how

exactly residents must verify themselves not yet set in stone, it's hard to say what will be illegal and what won't. But, with speculation rife that this first 'voluntary' verification rollout will soon be imposed on all residents, the consequences of

this possible error may be huge. Just imagine if suddenly all Canadian residents were no longer able to use SL – it certainly wouldn't do a lot for US-Canadian relations.

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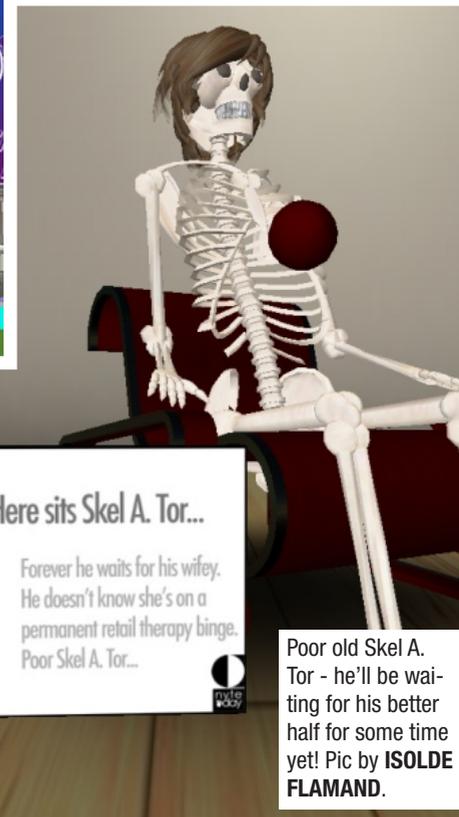
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**AMARYNTH EMMONS** is delighted to have been able to buy this horse for L\$2,000 with the money she earned by sending in her pics to The AvaStar!



**XORILLA** beware! This large monkey is ready to detonate, as pictured by **MELISSAANN MAJESTIC**.



**Here sits Skel A. Tor...**  
Forever he waits for his wifey. He doesn't know she's on a permanent retail therapy binge. Poor Skel A. Tor...

Poor old Skel A. Tor - he'll be waiting for his better half for some time yet! Pic by **ISOLDE FLAMAND**.



When the going gets tough, sometimes you have to shoot your way out of trouble - so says **ALBION SPITTELER**.

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# PAYING PATRONS AT A PREMIUM

BY COYNE NAGY

DISCORD: Protest against child porn earlier this year in an example of resident unhappiness with the Lab

**BAD QUALITY OF SERVICE CAUSES MANY TO DITCH PAYING ACCOUNTS**

**PROTESTS over the bad state of the grid have finally taken their toll on the Lab - as the number of premium account holders dropped for the first time EVER.**

Residents who paid to use SL slumped by six per cent in July according to figures released by the Lab this week, a loss of nearly 6,000 accounts.

**ADVANTAGES**

The finger of blame for the decrease has been pointed at SL's bugs and other problems associated with the Lab's service - as highlighted at the SLCC recently by Philip Linden himself. Gallery owner Paolo Bade is among those who have given up their premium status. He said: "I don't feel I

got value for money, absolutely not. I never benefited from the support advantages for the premium account. Now I just rent a small cluster of private sims for my gallery."

**ELDORADO**

Bade sees criticism in the RL media as having a negative effect on some residents, but lays the blame squarely on Linden Lab: "They presented SL as an Eldorado," he added. "I don't think many people can find a good life here and I don't see great enhancements in the last year, only a lot of troubles. I was expecting LL to make a step forward

in interaction but they only gave us the stupid voice feature instead."

**ARREARS**

Responding on the official SL blog to suggestions that the gambling ban may have affected the figures, Meta Linden said: "The most significant contributor... was the institution of a process to put on hold accounts that are in arrears with payment to us, and accounts on hold are not counted in the totals."



PREMIUM NO MORE: Paolo Bade

**BIZ BITES:**

**SL TECHNOLOGY GOES ON SALE**

LINDEN Lab are trying to cash in by separating the SL grid from the SL world. Organisations can now pay to host their own virtual world using SL technology and choose whether or not to connect to the main world.

**HUBLOT HUBBUB**

SWISS luxury watchmaker Hublot will launch its SL presence on September 12. Hublot Island will include luxurious bars, a marina and an exhibition area.

**STUDENTS ON COURSE FOR SL**

CORNELL University will offer a course for students interested in exploring and reporting on business and regulatory oversight in SL, run by Professor Robert J Bloomfield.

**SPEND A NIGHT**

THE Rixos Hotel Group has launched in SL with the aim of enticing residents to spend the night. The hotel will offer restaurants, bars, a game room, spa, swimming pool, beach honeymoon suites and a wedding chapel, for a cost yet to be decided.

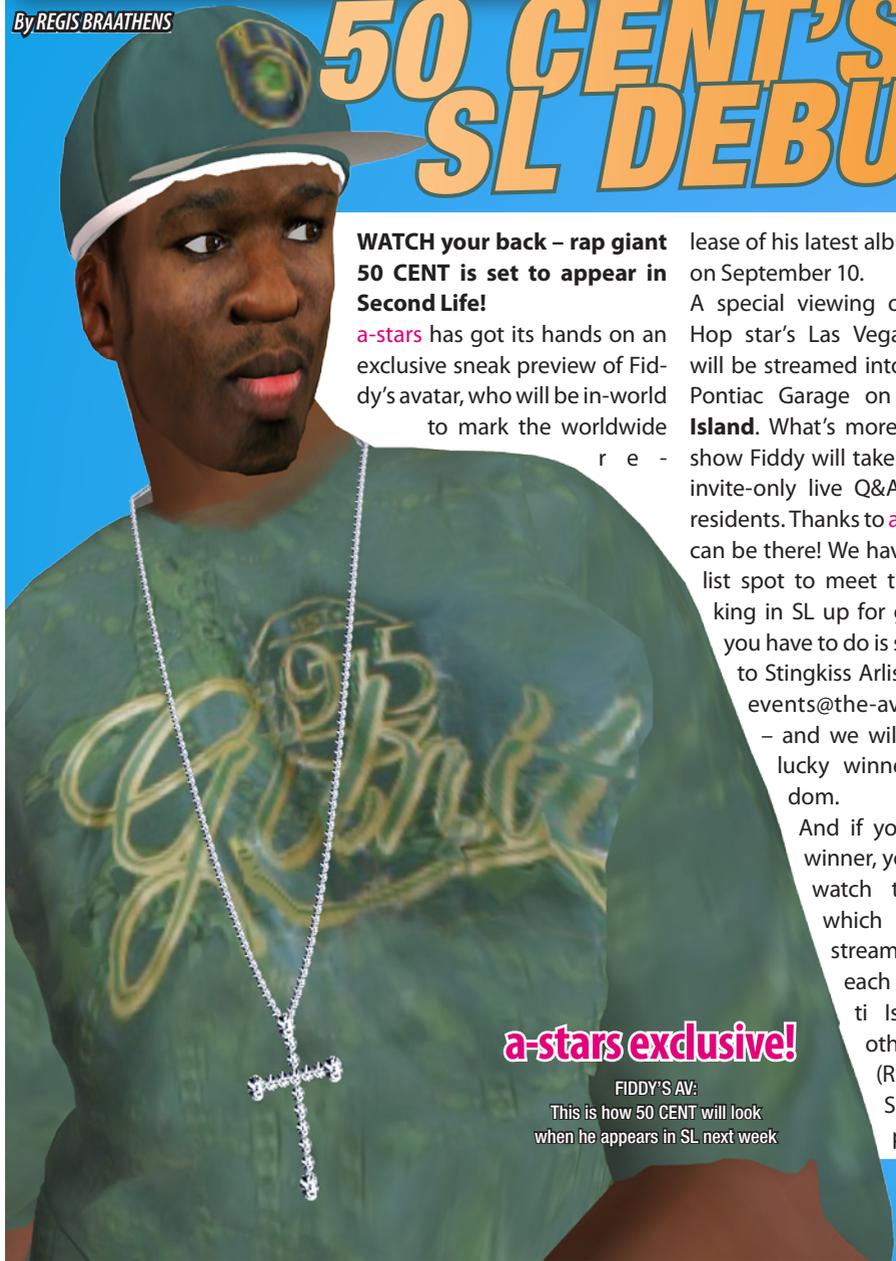
# a-stars



A-STARS gossip with Dylan Miles and Babu Writer

By REGIS BRAATHENS

## 50 CENT'S SL DEBUT!



**WATCH your back – rap giant 50 CENT is set to appear in Second Life!**

a-stars has got its hands on an exclusive sneak preview of Fiddy's avatar, who will be in-world to mark the worldwide

lease of his latest album 'Curtis' on September 10.

A special viewing of the Hip Hop star's Las Vegas concert will be streamed into SL at the Pontiac Garage on **Motorati Island**. What's more, after the show Fiddy will take part in an invite-only live Q&A with VIP residents. Thanks to a-stars, you can be there! We have a guest-list spot to meet the US rap king in SL up for grabs – all you have to do is send an IM to Stingkiss Arliss or email events@the-avastar.com – and we will pick one lucky winner at random.

And if you aren't a winner, you can still watch the event which will be streamed live to each of Motorati Island's six other sims. (RSVP 'Hosie Sheep' for a place)

**a-stars exclusive!**

FIDDY'S AV:  
This is how 50 CENT will look when he appears in SL next week

## JT is a pop flop

By RUDEY KIDD



**FEMALE avs** were screaming when RL star Justin Timberlake appeared in SL. Except the singer was not there at all, it was merely a screening of a concert, and most of the people at the OnRez sim went home unhappy with the lack of action at the event.



By KITTY OTOOLE

## Welcome comrades!

**MOSCOW** was reborn with a bang in SL on Saturday as a sim dedicated to the RL capital of Russia. The sim features a re-

plica of the famous Red Square, and the crowd at the launch enjoyed a rave and firework display to mark the grand unveiling.

## ... shhh!

... a Linden was seen late at night getting a Lap dance in Club Arsheba  
... a RL Lingerie company may be interested in signing Budweiser Select Lingerie Legends winner Scarlett Niven who appeared on a poster in The AvaStar last week, for a SL promotion

By BABA COEN

**SL's hottest girls** are queuing up for a place in the exclusive 12Avatars calendar.

The Tellus IV sim has been packed with stunners desperate to get in the calendar,

which will be printed in RL. SL celeb Callie Cline was also spotted at the glamorous opening party this week, fuelling rumours she will be entering the contest. The closing date is September 16.



## Phwoaar!

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# LEATHER & FEATHER

By BIANCA FOULON

FITTED leather is complemented perfectly by light fluffy feathers. SL fashion is about enjoying texture, so play around this autumn with exotic combinations in neutral colours:

L\$50

L\$130

Aby is wearing a male white leather jacket and belt from *Rhododendron Island* (190, 245, 22), biker leggings leather *Innisfree* (135, 53, 538) and a feather black fan *Sylvina* (240, 203, 40)

L\$600

L\$130

L\$299

L\$250

L\$400

Fiammetta is wearing a **Midnight Mimi** Leather Bath Cap *Envy* (138, 105, 21), jacket by **Orchid Paper Couture** *Barcola* (80, 125, 26), feather collar by **Bianca F.** *Kosrae* (111, 156, 22) and leather skirt by **Blaze** *Gourdneck* (104, 139)

Diletta is wearing a hat from **MadamGZagato** *New Paris* (130, 240, 35), a leather top by **Blaze** *Gourdneck* (104, 139) and a feather skirt by **Bianca F.** *Kosrae* (111, 156, 22)

L\$450

Abygale Carter

L\$300

L\$600

Aby is wearing leather jod-peos by **Bianca F.** *Kosrae* (111, 156, 22), shirt by **Angela Black Cat** (201, 228, 27), hat by **Ash & Diamonds Ge** (141, 216, 116) and interactive wings by **Omniel angel** *Winged Isl* (23, 111, 47)

Fiammetta Kidd

Diletta Claymore

# INVENTORY SNEAK PEEK

By HONEY BENDER

## SUMMER DEADLIGHT, MISS SL TROPICS

### LOVE MY...

"...Geisha Tattoo. I wear it as much as I can. It's from Etchd. I have this weakness for Asian aesthetics. My home is full of Japanese-style things and I've always dreamed about being a geisha to experience the culture and beauty of that old life-style. So now I wear a geisha on my back."

### I ALWAYS WEAR THESE...

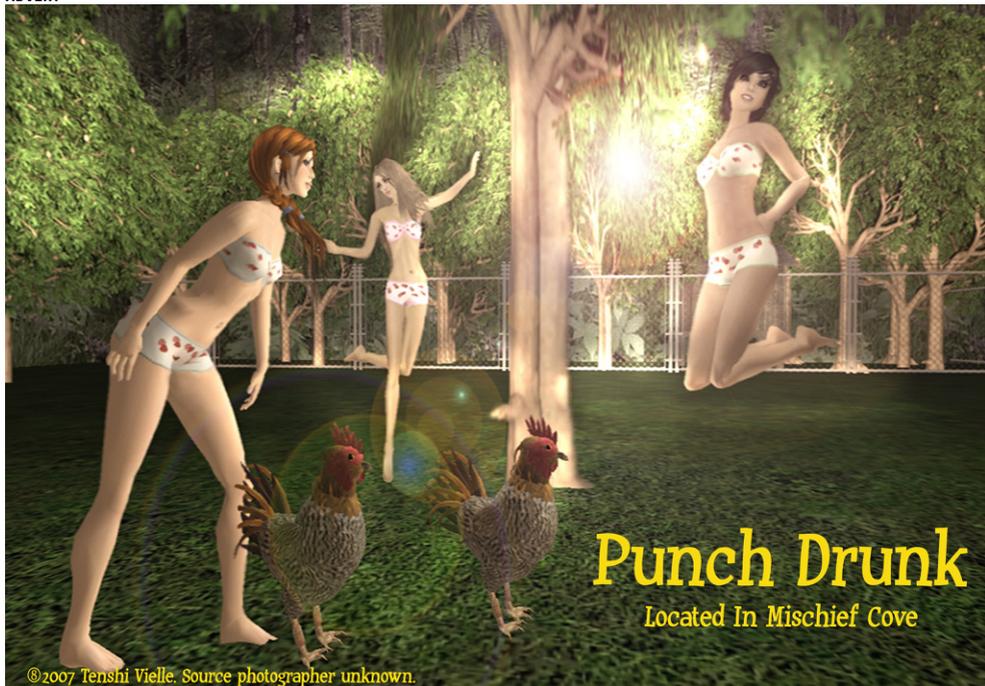
"...Tube socks. The sinistyle gym/tube socks go with a lot of outfits, with dresses, skirts and shorts. I usually sleep in a pair of them, it's comforting. I am forever buying new ones and I have some from American Apparel too. I even have some tube arm-warmers."

### A GIRL'S GOTTA HAVE SOME GOOD...

"...Boots. My Sinistyle Ripper Boots are my best boots ever. I love these especially because they are badass boots that look good with jeans tucked in and with tube socks and a mini. They just feel sturdy and comfortable to wear. Not so Miss SL Tropics maybe, but they are me."



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## Punch Drunk

Located In Mischief Cove

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# callie cline's STYLE HOTLINE



## MY LIL' BLACK NUMBER

EVEN IF YOU ONLY OWN ONE DRESS, MAKE IT A SLINKY BLACK ONE!

**NO woman's wardrobe is complete without a black dress!**

There is nothing that can get you out of a 'fashion pinch' like a black dress or gown. I cannot stress this enough.

If you're on a budget, you need a black dress, if you're rich, you need a black dress, if you can only ever buy one thing to wear to any

occasion in SL, get a black dress - although one with different lengths! Here I am wearing 'Sinful' by Rebel Hope, which comes with long, short and medium skirts.

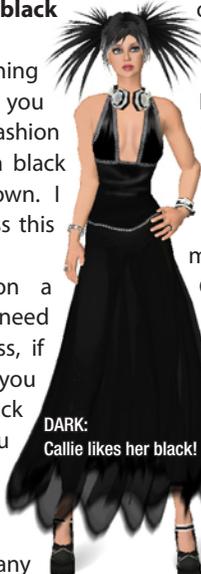
Consider it your canvas to ANY look imaginable. Beach party? No problem - wear it short, throw on some flip flops, put

a flower in your hair, done! Formal event? Wear it long, add a simple strand of pearls and black shoes, done! Rock event? Funk it out with some wild accessories, crazy jewellery or whatever your fancy, done! Business? Add some stockings, some nice hair, a bag and glasses and a jacket... done!

So from the beach to a ball, a black dress is a must have for any season. Winter, spring, summer or fall, the black dress is the 'must have' of all.

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DARK: Callie likes her black!

## WHAT'S HOT! BRASH N' BUSTY

By CARRIE SODWIND  
Pic by DYLAN MILLES

**SHE may have a big belly and bottom, but this brash and busty fashionista is proud of her lot!**

Swirly Cyclone of 'SL Fashion Victims' blog can be recognised instantly by her imperfect bold curvy shape, red lips and often lavish hats and hairstyles. Her brazen fashion sense matches her attitude. She is often seen smoking a fag, lifting her skirt, or exposing her belly - as she was spotted recently in Earthtones Boutique.



BOOTILICIOUS: Swirly Cyclone

# FUTURE FASHIONS

CHECK OUT THE TRENDIEST ITEMS ABOUT TO HIT SL STORES



L\$200

### Brigitte Bardot dress

By ICI Cannes  
Almost an exact replica of the renowned 70s silver mini-dress worn by french actress Brigitte Bardot.  
Baltazar (223, 152, 21)



L\$350

### Ayla rose

By SF Design  
There are plenty of fairytale ballgowns in SL, but this one has floral embroidery details which make it stand out.  
DEE (154, 72, 35)



L\$195

### Spike punk

By Sirena hair  
In electric it is the wildest and most real punk style seen here yet. Comes with face lightening.  
West Sunset (159, 50, 21)

By CARRIE SODWIND

DEVOTED TO FASHION



# MEAN MACHINES



By TINA (PETGIRL) BERGMAN

## KKC Road King Trike

By Micheal Kingsford  
Mega Resort (118, 179, 22)

**L\$650**



## BMW R50 Classic boxer

By Les White  
Misp (73, 236, 32)

**L\$500**



## Quad XRX2

By Apolon Obscure  
Royier (72, 46, 92)

**L\$300**



## Stormhound

In male and female versions  
By Susan Dangle  
Sesia (205, 213, 56)

**L\$1,500**



ADVERT

## Here they come...

...the best latex-clothes in SL – at affordable prices.

Not only in black - choose from a rainbow of 12 different colors. Combine the pieces any way you like.

Take a look – visit the **powers of creation**-store at Slustleria (225, 90, 27).

Models and their clothes (left to right):  
Jilly Book: black transparent latex-set (L\$ 500), black latex-underwear set (L\$ 100)  
Sky Santos: black "ochiraf" latex-set (L\$ 400)  
Viktoria Silvera: black latex-catsuit-set (L\$ 600)  
Lia Johin: black latex-top collection (L\$ 250), black latex-garters (L\$ 150), black latex-bodies (L\$ 300).



# NEW SIMS

THIS WEEK: A FRENCH LUXURY DEPARTMENT STORE, A REPLICA OF MANCHESTER AND A NEW HOLLAND

RENOWNED: Galeries Lafayette



By TRICK MERTEL

**THE renowned French department store Galeries Lafayette is offering residents the chance to win a dream RL holiday as one of the attractions of their beautiful island, Lafayette Beaute.**



There are four areas on the sim containing houses and gardens with Japan, Tanzania, Lapland and Polynesia themes. Visitors will find plenty to do on the sim, including a treasure hunt for pyramid pieces to win L\$100. Shopping is a possibility for the future, while the secret massage room is definitely a highlight - for anyone lucky enough to find it! Check [www.lafayette-beaute.moonda.com](http://www.lafayette-beaute.moonda.com) for details.

Elsewhere, marketing company BJL has recreated the British city of Manchester at the Mancunia sim. The realistic build is well rendered but there are no events announced yet.

Another RL replica has taken shape at the New Holland sim, which functions as both an info point for potential tourists and an interactive forum

## NEW HOLLAND



for the Dutch community. Bikes and boats are available free for hire.

Finally, the Dolphin Bay and Waterfront Resort opens on the Kenting sim offering enticing rental properties in a tropical beach setting.



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

# DEAR

## I'VE BECOME ADDICTED TO HAVING SEX IN SL!

STAR  
LETTER  
\$500  
send me a mail

**I'M SHAGGING TEN MEN A DAY IN SL AND I'M WORRIED I MIGHT LOSE MY JOB**

*Dear Randi:*  
ABOUT six months ago I started using SL when I was bored at work. After a couple of weeks I became really fascinated with the virtual sex possibilities and began having SL sex all the time. I'm now shagging over ten men a day in SL. I really enjoy it, but I'm worried that I've become addicted. Now men email

me all the time, and I find it hard to say no. I'm usually way more controlled and have never been very sexually adventurous. I don't want to quit SL and lose my new friends. What should I do? — P.B.

*Randi says:*

Your situation isn't that uncommon. I'm concerned you could be caught and sacked, as I have

seen that very thing happen before. You don't say if you have a husband or committed boyfriend. If you don't, you had best conduct your adventures at home, and perhaps you should join an SL escort service to pay some bills. If you do have a guy, then keep your adventures confined to SL.

Either way, be careful!

## MAN WANTS TO MEET LESBIAN STRIPPER IRL

*Dear Randi:* ALTOGETHER I have been in SL for over a year now, and in the last few months I have found lucrative work as a stripper. My best customer is a smart, funny guy who it turns out lives about an hour's drive away from me in RL. I have not told him my identity or anything about my personal life, but now he wants to meet in RL. What I haven't told him is that I am a lesbian and would have no interest in dating him. But he's a very nice man and I don't want to hurt him. What should I say? — B.S.

*Randi says:* Sometimes it's OK to lie, especially to spare someone's feelings. If you haven't exchanged identities or photos, as far as he knows you're the King of Upper Slobbovia. Telling him you are gay would mean you are actively uninterested in him romantically. But telling him you are married or have taken a vow of celibacy might even pique his interest.

## I'M CURIOUS ABOUT SEX WITH BISEXUAL

*Dear Randi:* I WORK for a large company here in SL. Recently a co-worker and I were shopping at this great little store we know, and were trying on our new clothes together in a changing room. I have worked hard on my look and have expensive skins, and when she saw me nude she started to gush about how gorgeous I am. She then let it slip that she is bisexual, and asked if I would come to her place some time to experience a sex bed together. I don't think I have any lesbian tendencies, but now I'm curious. Should I try it out? — D.G.

*Randi says:* That depends how comfortable you are with it. If you're interested, try her once in private after you get her promise not to 'kiss and tell'. But remember that you have the right to stop at any time. SL is all about fantasy, and there seems to be thousands of women who are lesbian here and interested only in men in RL.

# RANDI

The Virtual World's  
No 1 Agony Aunt

## ALT TWO-TIMING HER BOYFRIENDS

*Dear Randi:*

MY two alts both have really amazing boyfriends who don't know about each other. The other day, after a few drinks in RL, I tp'd to my boyfriend's house totally naked and did a little show. It wasn't till he laughed and said, "Who are you?" that I realized I'd gone

to the wrong boyfriend by mistake. But he totally loved it, and said he was tempted to cheat. I said I (as that alt) would meet him again. I think it would be fun to keep up the lie, but could I lose two boyfriends? — I.F.

*Randi says:* Probably not, as long as you keep your drinking

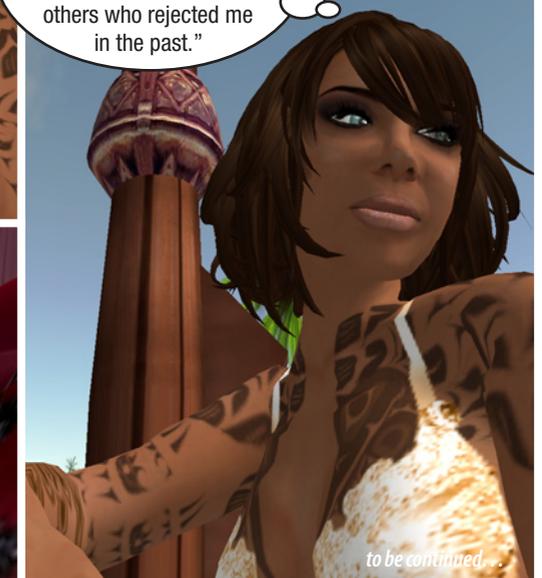
down before you hit the keyboard. Neither is going to find out unless you tell them. If you want to continue the fun, you could try to seduce the other boyfriend with the other alt and see how that goes. Some people take everything in SL as deathly serious, but if you don't, have fun having fun.

## RANDI'S PHOTO CASEBOOK RAFA'S RL DILEMMA: WEEK 2

"That was incredible, Helen, and it's not just the sex — I feel there is something more between us. I really want to see you again."



"I suppose I'll have to tell him my big secret - I can only hope he has a more open mind than all the others who rejected me in the past."



"Oh Rafa, that would be wonderful! I feel it too."



to be continued...



By Deeep Witte

# How to...

Everything a newbie needs to know!

## ... MAKE A SCULPTIE

**MAKING a sculpted prim, or sculptie, is easier than it sounds.**

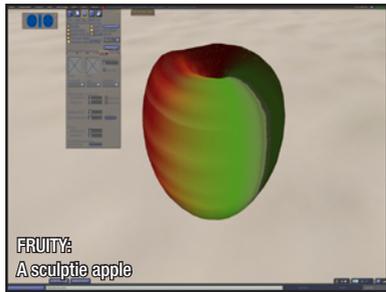
Right click on the ground and select Create from the menu. Draw a diagonal on the ground and an object appears. It is not a sculptie yet, so right click on the object and select Edit. Click on the More button to get the larger Edit box, then click on the Object tab and then Building Block Type. Select the triangle arrow and a drop down list will appear, so click on the Sculptured option and your object turns into an apple.

This is the default sculpture object - they all turn into apples to start with. Notice also that the Edit box has changed, there is now a texture picture under the Object tab which looks like a smear of colours.

The next step is to add colour.

Click on the Textures tab and then inside the colour box, and choose a square of your desired colour. You have just made a textured apple!

To enhance your sculptie, click on the object tab, then on the colours inside the Sculpt Texture box. Your inventory list will come up. Find a texture made especially for sculptures (it will look much like the apple sculptie texture here) and your object will change. For fun, you could pick any texture from your inventory, but be prepared to make a mess!



ADVERT

## "Second Life: A Guide to Your Virtual World" Release Party

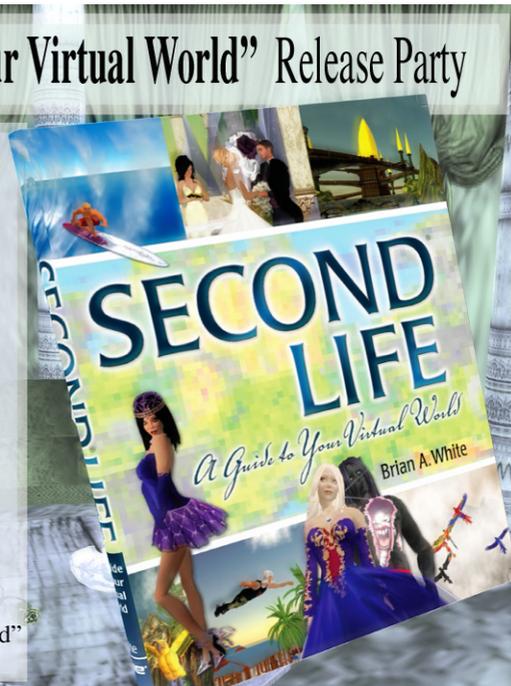
September 15th

11am-1pm PDT & 7pm-9pm PDT  
at Menorca 56/203/26

Both parties will feature:  
DJ Doubledown Tandino  
live musician JueL Resistance  
and author Brian A. White  
a.k.a. Ansel Gasparini

Gifts for attendees will include exclusives by  
Ginny Talamasca of Last Call,  
Dragontat Zagato of DMC,  
Colleen Desmoulins of The Loft,  
and a preview of

"Second Life: A Guide to Your Virtual World"



By PETRONILLA PAPERDOLL

# Freebies

SL's best FREE stuff!

## THIS WEEK: LEGENDARY SCULPTURES FROM STARAX STATOSKY

**TAKE up the unique opportunity this week to grab some sculptures by one of the best SL artists for free.**

Starax Statosky transformed primitives into amazing works of art until his apparent departure from SL in mid-2006. Although some speculate that he is still among us by way of an alt, there is no way of knowing for sure, so the best thing to do is sit back and enjoy his work. Oyster Bay

Sculpture Garden and the Crescent Moon Museum held a six-week rotating exhibit containing rare pieces with free versions of Starax classics entitled 'Hidden Starax'.

Crescent Moon owner Tayzia Abatoir said: "I'm excited that the world will have the opportunity to share in Starax's work."

Although the exhibition has now come to a close, all the Starax works which can be copied are still available - so take the chance to decorate your own personal space with a true SL art masterpiece!



## DOS AND DON'TS: MODIFYING PRIM HAIR

DO +

By GAETANA FAUST

- DON'T

- + Modify your prim hair to make it fit.
- + Use a pose stand to keep your head steady while you work on the hair. Most shops have one.
- + Select Edit to to change position, rotation and stretch when wearing the hair.
- + Adjust each individual prim to really customise your look.
- + Look for scripted features like bands or barrettes that change colour on command.

- Leave your prim hair in its original state. Modify it for the best look.
- Start editing before you take a safe copy. You may need it if you mess up badly.
- Play with the texture unless you really know what you're doing.
- Have hair that pokes through your head or moves into your body in a strange way.
- Even consider buying hair that is No Modify.

## My First Day in Second Life

By Coyne Nagy

NEW DESIGNER  
DREAMER WILDER

**The AvaStar: How was your first day?**

**Dreamer Wilder:** Trouble- some! I couldn't get past the login screen but when I first got started I got a job as an exotic dancer almost immediately, and it was the cost of exotic dance silks that gave me the idea to create my own clothing. It took me three months to learn how.

**TA: What was your most embarrassing moment?**

**DW:** I didn't realise people were speaking to me in chat. It must have seemed a bit ignorant! And like everyone I wore boxes until I figured out how to open them.

**TA: What was your funniest moment?**

**DW:** My friend was having a child in SL and we managed to leave her bump behind at a club I was working in, that was bizarre.



DRESS TO IMPRESS: Dreamer Wilder

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# HOT Slaggin'

ARTWORK:  
Ermanno Spitteler

"Honey, I'm home!"



WOW, BABY... YOU'RE REALLY AMAZING!



MMMMHH...

IS EVERYTHING AS YOU WISH?

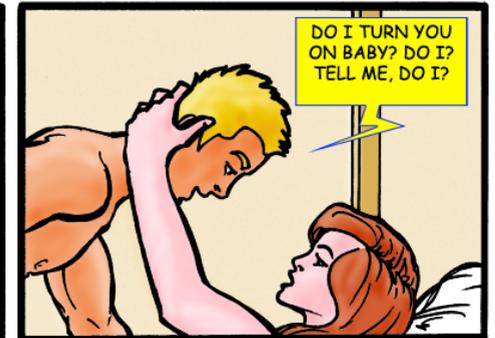


IT'S EVEN BETTER, BABY! IT'S LIKE YOU WERE REAL!



BABY, YOU LOVE HAVING SEX WITH ME RIGHT? YOU CAN'T GET ENOUGH OF ME, RIGHT?

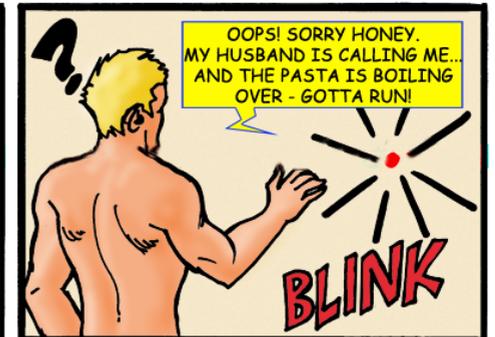
OHH... YES HONEY, OF COURSE!



DO I TURN YOU ON BABY? DO I? TELL ME, DO I?



YEAH, BABY... YOU'RE MAKING... SHARON HAVE YOU FINISHED MAKING MY DINNER?



OOPS! SORRY HONEY. MY HUSBAND IS CALLING ME... AND THE PASTA IS BOILING OVER - GOTTA RUN!

**BLINK**

# Jewelry Exposition

## 2007

### September 15 - 22

### 8 days. Over 80 jewelers.

For eight days, over eighty of Second Life's jewelry designers will be gathered in one place. Jewelry Exposition features everything from casual jewelry to wedding sets, from anklets to hairpins, from delicate Victorian pieces to chic modern accessories. Add to that designer-run events and classes, a treasure hunt, and an auction benefiting the American Red Cross, and it's an event no jewelry lover will want to miss.

Presented by OnRez.com  
<http://www.sljewelryexposition.com>

# THE GUIDE

## TOP EVENTS AND ENTERTAINMENT

### THIS WEEK: POETRY

SERENE:  
Shin Tao Haiku



## CHAPTER AND VERSE

IT'S NO SURPRISE THAT RESIDENTS HAVE TAKEN TO POETRY

**THERE** are moments when only an inspired piece of verse can adequately capture a mood or thought, and there are many places in SL to connect with like-minded poetic souls.

Visit the charming **Poetry Porch** in Selby (66, 233, 54) to snuggle into a wicker chair and read in the glow of bright Chinese lanterns overhead. On the last Thursday of every month, you can flex your own creative muscles by participating in an Open Mic Poetry night. A similar event takes place at **MMAC** in Somerset (230, 225, 66) every Monday at Cabaret Carlotta, with original poems along with musical displays of talent.

Enjoy the serenity of the **Shin Tao Haiku Retreat** in Ophelia (99, 188, 21). While you stroll around the peaceful grounds, don't miss the Library of Haiku, where you can

read the works of fellow SL residents, and also visit the Haiku Gallery featuring some great work. You'll find a cosy woodlands retreat at **Martian's Poetry Clearing** in Clinker (181, 137, 62). Browse the collection of fiction and poetry in solitary silence or drop by on a Thursday evening for the weekly poetry reading. At **Hypocrite's Crayon** in Bagheera (21, 61, 52), you'll encounter a treasure trove of poems as you stroll around the grounds. There are places for quiet contemplation and spots to chat with a friend over a favourite poem.

On September 8 there will be a party at **Asim Zahra** (185, 178, 27) to celebrate the release of a new anthology of verse by SL poets called 'Imagining Desire', and the festivities include readings from the book and dancing.

### FIRE THE IMAGINATION BLEEDING MIND



Enjoy a gallery of scrolling poems which are sure to fire your imagination and inspire some verse.

Where: Kishijoten  
(21, 116, 23)

### HOMEGROWN TALENT FAUST'S STUDY



Pick up a copy of verse by SL resident poet Phorky-ad Acropolis.

Where: Changmi  
(69, 60, 119)

### BURNING PASSIONS THE GLOBE THEATRE



Play 'Find the SL Writer' or have a look around Secundo's poetry lair.

Where: Cookie  
(74, 125, 24)

9.7. - 9.13.

## DON'T MISS! —

All times are given in SL Time



## FASHION

## ZHAO LAUNCH

Shoe designer Melanie Zhao hosts a lavish reception for fashionistas with a foot fetish to mark the opening of her new store.

**When:** September 7, 18:00

**Where:** Piccadilly Circus (34, 159, 25)



## FASHION

## FIRST IMPRESSIONS III

The third big catwalk event by Ewing Fashion Agency launches the new season of fashion and hair on Chocolate Runway.

**When:** September 11 11:00 - 12:30

**Where:** Amberaldus (1, 252, 466)



## ART

## THE MATTES

Famous artists Eva and Franco Mattes perform at Exhibit A Gallery.

**When:** September 8, 8:00

**Where:** Odyssey (21, 37, 24)



## DISCUSSION

## FROM GLOBAL TO LOCAL

CPD director Joshua Fouts chairs a panel discussion on virtual worlds, immigration and linguistic diaspora.

**When:** September 10, 12:15-13:45

**Where:** Annenberg Island (187, 67, 40)



## LIVE MUSIC

## LOUIS VOLARE

The performer is set to dazzle an upmarket crowd with his piano playing at the Mashooka Ballroom.

**When:** September 8, 20:00

**Where:** Devils Cove (109, 109, 22)



## EVENT OF THE WEEK!

## GAY RODEO

Join the fun at SL's first ever gay rodeo, a weekend of barrel racing, bull riding, music and dancing over two days. The two best-dressed party-goers will be crowned Rodeo King and Rodeo Queen.

**When:** September 8 and 9, 13:00

**Where:** Tanglewood (220, 108, 21)

## EVENTS OF THE WEEK

All times are given in SL Time



## FILM

## YI ZHOU

The young Chinese artist shows her short film entitled 'Avatars', as seen at the Venice Festival. Yi will be available with her avatar for questions afterwards.

**When:** September 10, 00:00-02:30

**Where:** StyleMagazine (125, 28, 20)



## FASHION

## GOTH SHOW

Goth fashionistas Raven Pennyfeather and Kaia Ennui roll out their fall collections while paying tribute to Gothic novel 'Letters from Beyond'.

**When:** September 8, 15:00

**Where:** Media World (171, 197, 36)



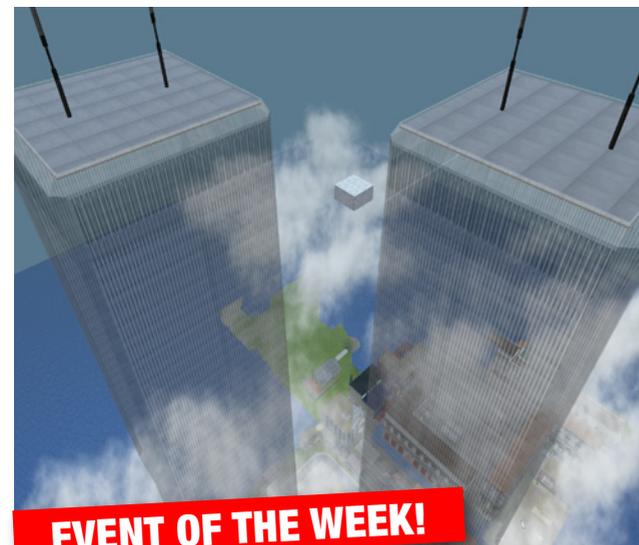
## LIVE MUSIC

## OPEN MIC

Stagebar hosts an open mic morning in a bid to attract more European artists to SL. Everyone is welcome and a stream can be provided.

**When:** September 10, 10:00

**Where:** Ochoen (144, 64, 58)



## EVENT OF THE WEEK!

## WTC MEMORIAL

A recreation of the World Trade Centre in RL New York will be dedicated to those who lost their lives six years ago and also to those who survived.

**When:** September 11, 10:00-11:00

**Where:** Celestial Requiem NYC (111, 120, 21)



## ENTERTAINMENT

## WHODUNNIT

A night of murder and mystery, where club patrons look for clues to try and guess which staff member is the culprit.

**When:** September 11, 09:00

**Where:** Reasonable Desires (114, 33, 23)

## WANT TO SEE YOUR EVENT HERE?

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# THE AVASTAR OF THE WEEK

BY GARRIE SODWIND



## NATURELLE SANTOS

*SL'S TOP BLACK MODEL HAS A PASSION FOR VINTAGE DESIGN, AND HER FUSION OF AFRO AND MOJO HAVE PROVED A HIT ON IN-WORLD CATWALKS.*

### AVA - ID CARD

NAME: NATURELLE SANTOS

PROFESSION: Model

BIRTH DATE: 10/5/2006

ATTITUDE: Afro vintage diva

### INTERVIEW

**The AvaStar:** What is your best feature?

**Naturelle Santos:** I think it's the ability to talk and feel good with anybody. It could be the most important person around or the last newbie - everybody has something interesting to tell.

**TA:** What's your favourite place in SL?

**NS:** It often changes, lately I'm in Torino Vera, an Italian sim. People go there looking for help and I love to explain SL.

**TA:** What is your biggest SL weakness?

**NS:** Laziness, I prefer to use my time here for pure enjoyment, while almost everybody else looks for business.

**TA:** What's your most memorable moment in SL?

**NS:** I will never forget my first fashion show. It was amazing, the feeling of really being on stage. I was so nervous my hand was shaking on the keyboard.

**TA:** Your most loved item inventory is..?

**NS:** ... my wardrobe! It contains the equivalent contents of a small African nation! And my shape, I created it so I'm sure it's unique.