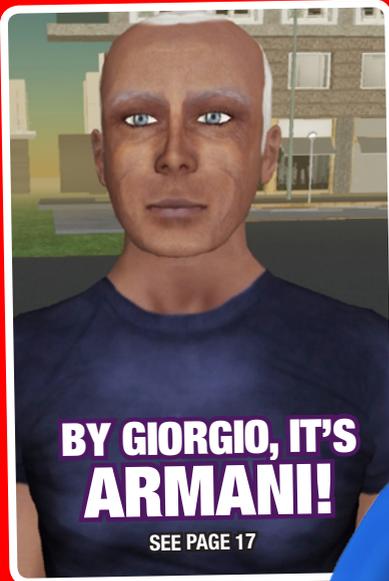


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VIRTUAL STRIKE ROCKS IBM



**Hundreds unite in protest
IBM meeting abandoned**

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... sims are hosting the action at Burning Life, SL's biggest festival, which comes to an end this weekend.

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... in US\$ has been awarded to Linden Lab and three other companies for research by the Library of Congress.

A BRAND NEW WORLD



REPUBLICAN presidential wannabe Newt Gingrich was the latest American politician to enter SL, but at least he had a realistic avatar! Pic by Pompo Bombacci

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IBM ON STRIKE!



PROTEST: Strikers have their say



NO RETREAT: A striker refuses to move when faced by a griefer

CROWDS GATHER TO SUPPORT STRIKE BY IBM WORKERS OVER PAY CUT

By MORRHYS GRAYSMARK

COMPUTER giant IBM was rocked by massive protests in-world yesterday as the first ever virtual strike took place in SL.

Everyday business at the company, which has one of the largest corporate presences in SL, was severely disrupted as more than 1,850 people from over 30 countries protested across the grid. The strike, organised by the RSU union, saw members of IBM's Italian branch walk out in a row over pay cuts. There has been no response from the shell-shocked IBM management

so far, but many of those who took part in the protest will hope it leads to success in RL. A meeting platform at the corner of four sims was set up to help teleport the vast numbers of protesters to multiple strike sites, and organisers said they were delighted with how the day went.

ABANDONED

UNIGlobalunion Oh said: "We didn't think it would be possible, but we managed to place our protest signs in some IBM locations in SL." At one point, striking workers even forced their way into an IBM meeting, which was then abandoned.

There were problems for the strikers, however - including grieving and some apparent spoiling tactics from IBM.

PROTECTION

"The owner of these islands changed the rights of the islands to protect us from attacks. But they chose an option that actually blocked all the scripts," Oh added.

Despite the problems, support for the union remained high. Ranjita Singh said: "I came because I'm a unionist, and I care about the protection of the rights of workers." IBM Italy declined to comment.

NEWS BITES!

OASIS OF MUSIC

FAMOUS British RL rock band Oasis have created a presence in SL to promote their new DVD release. The trailer for 'Lord Don't Slow Me Down' is only available in SL or at myspace.com.

A VIEW INTO THE FUTURE FOR SL

SL could become more accessible to blind and partially sighted people after the National Science Foundation awarded US\$90,000 to a project at the University of Reno in Nevada, which is working on bringing audio cues in-world.

MISSOURI JOBS

THE American state of Missouri's government has arrived in-world to advertise their IT job vacancies. A number of positions are available but applicants must be willing to relocate in RL if successful.

SL GOING DUTCH

THE latest Linden Lab metrics have revealed Holland has the most residents in SL per head of population of any country. Some 0.1 per cent of Dutch people are in-world.

DUTCH FURY OVER CHILD PORN RESULT

By COYNE NAGY

RL POLITICIAN'S ANGER AT LACK OF CHARGES IN AGEPLAY CASE

A DUTCH politician has reacted with fury to the failure of her country to press charges over child porn in SL.

Speaking exclusively to The AvaStar, Arda Gerkens, Socialist Party MP and IT spokeswoman, vowed to keep up the pressure on SL residents indulging in ageplay and swapping the sick images in-world. Despite previous reports that virtual child pornography was illegal in the Netherlands, the Dutch Prosecutor's Office now maintains avatars are not life-like enough to secure the convictions of those involved.

But Gerkens is refusing to give up the battle. She said: "I think it is a sign given by the public prosecutor that the law does not

yet give tools to prosecute virtual children having sex in SL. This means we will have to adjust this Act."

She also rubbished claims that ageplay was harmless, adding: "Paedophiles could feel legitimised to do the same in RL. We should always fight the suggestion that even virtual sex with children is acceptable. It is not."

Linden Lab had come under severe pressure to take action after the allegations emerged earlier this year in an investigation by German TV station ARD which uncovered ageplayers and RL child pornography in-world. The Lab denied having prior knowledge of il-

legal activity, and subsequently banned two residents over the issue and outlawed ageplay.

Robin Linden, speaking to The AvaStar this week, defended LL's stance of not actively seeking out and banning ageplayers, but only acting on resident complaints. She said: "We're not an investigative police force. We believe in working with the community to live up to the standards we've agreed on."

She also maintained the Lab had no need for a more proactive stance: "We haven't heard any complaints about our processes or policies."

SICK AGEPLAYERS: A scene from the shocking report by an ARD TV team



FURY: Arda Gerkens

HOPE FOR BANK SCAM VICTIMS

SL BUSINESSMAN STEPS IN TO HELP STRICKEN COMPANIES

By MORRHYS GRAYSMARK

VICTIMS of the Atlas Venture Capital scandal have been given hope by an in-world businessman who has promised to fulfil the collapsed firm's promises.

Monkey Canning, owner of Monkey Corporation, says he is stepping in to try and "make a difference" to the lives of people who have been ruined by the scam - sparked when AVC owner Jasper Tizzy disappeared from SL with millions of L\$. Among the victims were Lexus Davious and Xavier Hathaway, who lost all their RL savings when Tizzy vanished.

Canning, who already owns thousands of

shares in companies run by Tizzy, plans to sell Monkey Corporation to AVC to give it a solid base from which to operate. He said: "In a virtual world where no one seems to give a damn, with a scammer around every corner and behind every phantom tree, someone has to step up to the plate and make a difference."

SHATTERED

Canning said the way Tizzy handled the proposed Springboard Publications magazine company was typical of his behaviour: "Springboard was the next venture capital project for AVC. Tizzy pre-IPOed [the first sale of stock to the public] one million shares, rais-

ing L\$500,000. "But he kept the money and when he left he didn't reimburse the investors. Not only did he steal our money, but he sunk a company before it got started, and shattered the team's dreams." Canning is now trying to pick up the pieces, and has donated a plot of land tier-free.

He added: "The million pre-IPO shares will be honoured."

Candice Juran is the CEO of Crescendo Corporation, which used to provide advertising services to Tizzy, and she said being wary was the best way to avoid future scams: "Investors should never take anything at face value."



WANTED: A poster showing Jasper Tizzy meeting Philip Linden in RL



SCAM: HQ of The Bank

THE INSIDER

LILLANI LOWELL reveals the truth behind the rumours

THERE are a lot of people on the internet who fake death and illness.

Sometimes there is a miraculous recovery depending on how many people respond to the 'tragedy'. Munchausen syndrome, where the sufferer fakes death or illness, is anything but rare on the internet - and sadly SL is rife with the phenomena. There have been a half dozen situations in the last few months where SLers have died or have been diagnosed with terminally ill diseases. People who have been on the internet for a long time have heard these stories so many times they tune out when someone starts telling their sad tale.

BACKFIRE

Those who fake their Second Deaths are doing nothing but devaluing those who do have terminal illnesses or those who die tragically. A little piece of advice: when you start faking deadly serious things, do not be surprised if it backfires and kills the very friendships you needed attention from.



CON ARTISTS IN SL: TRUST AND SUFFERING

QUALIFIED:
'Certificates' in a SL office

By MORRHYS GRAYSMARK

THE RECENT IN-WORLD BANK SCANDALS ARE THE RULE, NOT THE EXCEPTION

MISPLACED trust has caused misery for untold numbers of residents in SL who have fallen victim to cons.

Whether it be financial, emotional or even medical loss, the nature of SL as a trust-based community allows con artists to take advantage. A high profile recent example was the case of Lexus Daviau and Xavier Hathaway, who told The AvaStar last week how they lost their RL savings when The Bank CEO Jasper Tizzy disappeared with their money.

But one of the most shamefaced attempts at conning residents out of their hard-earned L\$ was a group set up by Rayy123108 Mills shortly after the RL massacre at Vir-

ginia Tech University earlier this year, costing L\$300 to join.

HEARTSTRINGS

The group's title, 'Virginia Tech Donations Please', sums the scheme up. "My brother was killed his name was Jonathan Ross," Mills' profile says. "I will never be the same." There was no response from Mills to IMs this week. There are plenty of genuine charity efforts in SL, such as the Relay for Life campaign, but in the absence of RL regulations, it is harder to tell which is for real.

Other con artists aim to tempt pockets rather than heartstrings. Ulrico Alonzo, who claims to be a lawyer in RL, set up a group called 'SL Freelancers' which costs L\$1,000

to join. But his welcome notecard would seem to promote caution amongst would-be investors: "A lawyer with his suitcase can steal more than a hundred men with a gun." Ulrico did not respond to a request for information.

DUBIOUS

Con artists pretending to be medically qualified may pose the greatest threat of all. There are some genuine professionals, such as family practitioner Ren Stonecutter,

who said: "Any legitimate medical professional will make their credentials available to patients."

But there

are also more dubious characters, such as Victor Ventura, who claims in his profile to be "the first and only licensed SL shrink". He declined to provide any evidence of his professional status, and said: "Everything is based on trust."

The Lab's ToS may describe L\$ as a "fictional currency", but the losses suffered by residents at the hands of unscrupulous con artists are anything but fictional.



VICTIM:
Lexus Daviau

VICTIM:
Xavier Hathaway

WHERE IS HELENA?

TOP MODEL GOES MISSING FROM SL

THE mysterious disappearance of SL celebrity Helena Kirkorian has baffled her friends and caused a stir among hundreds of residents.

Kirkorian, a landowner, club host and successful entrepreneur, apparently closed her SL account and abandoned her businesses before vanishing into thin air without saying goodbye to anyone.

UPSET

The former AvaStar of the Week was last seen in SL on September 1, and the fall out from her disappearance is being felt. Her Paradise Lost club, which has 1,255 members in its group, has seen its business plummet, according to regular punters.

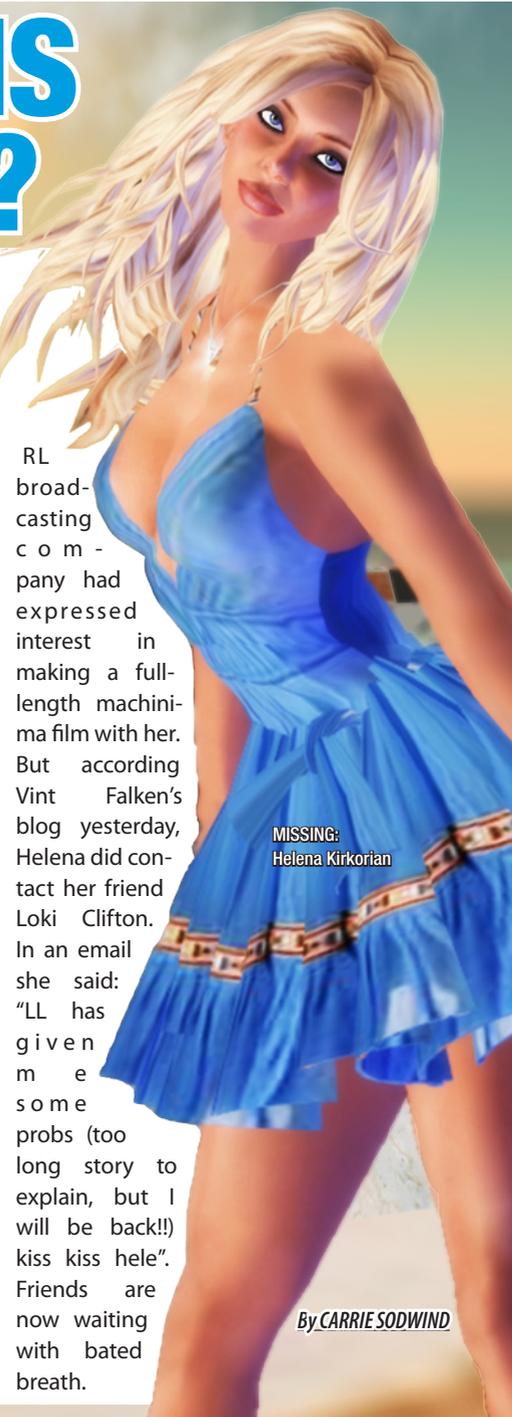
Petra Pennell, a dancer at Paradise Lost, said: "We are

all upset. I loved this club, I loved the atmosphere here and it's all gone with Helena."

BURNED OUT

Fellow landbaron Muli Basiat of Basiat Estates was the last to see Helena, but has heard nothing since. The model has not replied to any of her friends' e-mails. Basiat seems sure her friend will not be returning in-world, and is trying to help tie up loose ends she left. She said: "She burned out I suspect."

The mysterious disappearance has taken Kirkorian's friends, who describe her as "irresistible", completely by surprise. One, Rob Danton, who worked with her on many projects, said he was totally shocked that Kirkorian left at a critical point in her SL career – just as a



MISSING:
Helena Kirkorian

By CARRIE SODWIND

'COPY' TENSIONS RISE

By CARRIE SODWIND

DESIGNER HITS BACK OVER CHEAP 'RIP-OFF' SKIN CLAIMS
TENSIONS over claims of copyright theft in the cut-throat SL fashion world are increasing, with designers swapping accusations of being ripped-off.

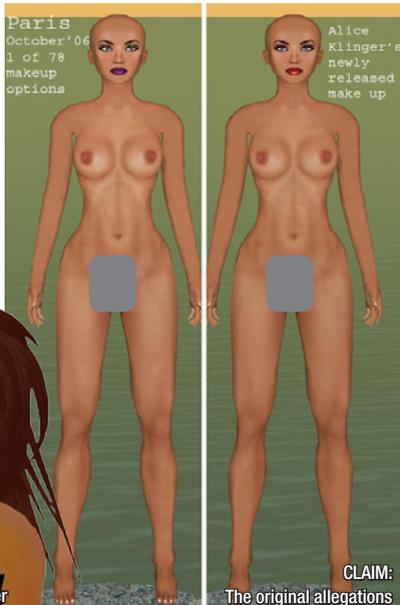
Following a spate of claims that small designers were copying their more well-known counterparts and selling the rip-offs cheaply, some are hitting back.

Alice Klinger was accused by Naughty earlier this month of copying their L\$3,200 'Paris' skin when she put a very similar object up for sale at L\$100. But she is furious about the claims

and insists she did not copy anyone's work, and only set the price so low to attract customers to her new store. She said: "I can prove that I own all my stuff legally. I also have copyright on all of my business. If the skin pictures were similar enough, I could even go slap a DMCA claim at Naughty for stealing my copy-righted work."



FIGHTBACK: Alice Klinger



CLAIM:

The original allegations

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SL BANKS NOT AT FAULT

Hey Regis,
IT ticks me off that people don't do their homework.

When Ginko Bank went down, they failed to realise they could have prevented it. When the gambling ban started suddenly, hundreds of casino owners withdrew their money, depleting cash reserves. So Ginko posted an announcement and the panic started. If people had just held their money there and

not withdrawn, Ginko may still be in SL, and you would not be trading bonds at the WSE for a tenth of their value. It is not Ginko's fault or the WSE's that so many people lost so much money. It is the general public's. Panic causes fear, and fear causes panic. It is a vicious cycle that is hard to stop.

Regarding last week's story on The Bank, the people like those you featured who lost their RL savings (thousands of RL dollars) could have split their money, invested a little in each bank, that way, if any one of them closed for some reason, they would at least not take a total hit. Also, and probably the most im-

L\$500 E-MAILS

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portant, don't put so much money into SL!

By Alex1 Richardson

BANK SCANDAL VICTIMS SUFFER

Dear Regis,
THANK you for your article regarding the recent bank scandal (see story entitled 'Another bank rip-off', The AvaStar issue 40).

I am sure many are wondering why we would invest our money in a Second Life Bank. Xavier [Hathaway] had been working with Jasper Tizzy since January 2007.

ENDORSED

Jasper has several web based businesses including galaxycommunities.com. Also, the debit card program was endorsed by Philip Linden at the recent Second Life convention in Chicago.

UNFRIENDLY

Because of these reasons, we had no reason to mistrust Jasper. And, as always, hindsight is 20/20. We realise we will never get our money back but our concern was for everyone else in SL. They call Second Life a 'game'. And sometimes, it is a very unfriendly game. Thank you for your article and for bringing light to this situation.

By Lexus Daviau

INVESTMENT A BAD IDEA?

Hey Regis,
THE story about Lexus and Xavier last week and the scam at The Bank made me so sad.

Here are good people determined to help SL grow and develop and then someone like Jasper Tizzy takes advantage of them. There is no place in the world for the likes of him and I hope they, and others who have lost out, do not lose faith with SL. SL is here to stay and

a blossoming financial sector will surely grow once we rid ourselves of a few bad apples. I dearly hope Lexus and Xavier manage to pursue Jasper in RL to recover their losses.

By L.S.



Dear Regis,
THE actions of Lexus Daviau and Xavier Hathaway prove a tax on stupidity is not necessary.

Idiots are more than willing to give away money of their own accord. There is a very good reason why people invest in SL - greed. Had they invested in a reasonable saving scheme, they would have nothing to worry about.

By C.U.



REGIS BRAATHENS

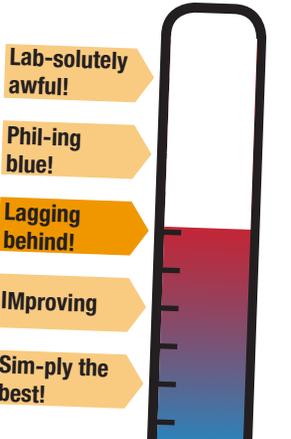
EGG ON YOUR FACE

GIORGIO ARMANI's visit to SL is yet more egg on the face of RL media muppets who claim that SL is of no interest anymore.

The legendary fashion guru obviously feels that SL is still exciting enough to set up his deluxe brand here.

At least one newspaper gives SL praise where praise is due - the renowned International Herald Tribune recently published an article: 'The AvaStar: Virtual lives, live-live gossip'.

LIND-O-METER



LACK OF ACTION OVER AGEPLAY IS SHAMEFUL

LINDEN LAB SHOULD PUT ITS MONEY WHERE ITS MOUTH IS

YOU may not be able to find it in search, but scratch the surface and you'll discover an underworld of sickos still playing out their sexual fantasies.

Ageplay sex is rife in SL - just as it was before it was banned in the so-called 'crackdown' on broadly offensive content.

SHAMEFUL

The fact that the Lab, as Robin Linden revealed to us this week, aren't pro-actively trying to boot this menace out of SL, is nothing short of shameful.

No doubt the paedophile who was handing out RL child pornography a few months ago is still at large, safe in the knowledge that as long as he keeps a low profile, he'll be OK.

MOCKERY

It's not only a complete waste of time banning something unless you are prepared to actively enforce it - it also makes a mockery of

the ban.

Of course, the community has to take on the responsibility of helping the Lab find these people, as when instances are reported, the Lab apparently does investigate.

But with the resources the Lindens have, surely they should be using them to kick out these ageplayers. And if Robin hasn't heard any complaints about their policies, she can take this as one to add to thousands of other residents who find it incredible that sexual ageplay is still allowed to go on.

SEEDY

What's more, if the Lab fails to take action soon, it runs the risk of confirming SL's seedy and immoral image in the RL media and ultimately scaring off new residents and businesses.

We can only hope that the Dutch prosecutors manage to get a law

passed on this subject. It's a great shame the Lab isn't helping them.

WHILE the old school computer game style avatars in There make SL's armies of barbies look photo-realistic, I do think There has many positives.

Being PG, it isn't of course every ageplayer's cup of tea - but it does make the world more appealing. Linden Lab could also take a leaf out of There's book by banning people for texture theft.

And while I haven't spent as much time in There as I'd like to, I'm going to be more in-world as The AvaStar will continue to bring you all the exclusive news from the metaverse.

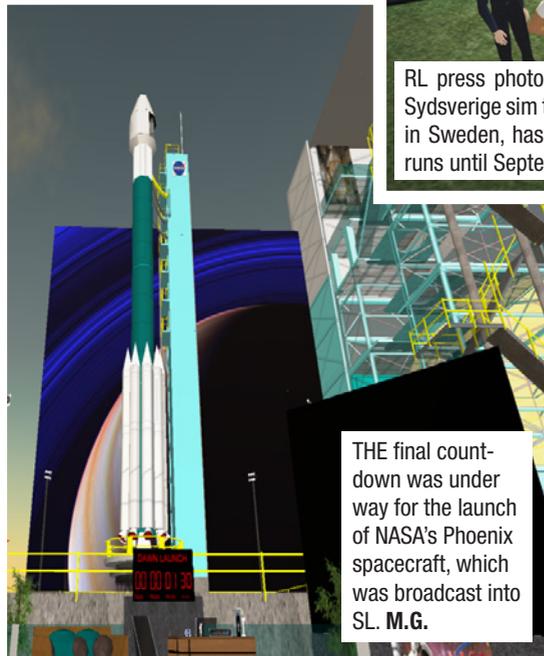
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L\$500 PICS OF THE WEEK

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RL press photographers were featured in an exhibition at the Sydsverige sim this week. Some of the work, from photographers in Sweden, has won international awards in RL. The exhibition runs until September 31. Pic by **TINA (PETGIRL) BERGMAN**.



THE final countdown was under way for the launch of NASA's Phoenix spacecraft, which was broadcast into SL. **M.G.**



THIS poor girl was left lying in a pool of her own blood at the Korea sim and no one seemed to care. Pic by **JENSEN SHEPHERD**.



BARIS DOVGAL has finally found some serious work in-world - he is a SLave in a mine! Baris, pictured here in a tiger swimsuit, takes home L\$500.

META BITES:

THERE.COM was created in 1997 and launched as a service in 2003, making it one of the most established Social Virtual Worlds.

With a strong user base creating content in-world, iThere is one of the big virtual world players in the quickly-expanding metaverse. Here we give you a glimpse inside the world of There:



RACING: There is about entertainment.



HANGING OUT: Chilling, playing and relaxing.



TALKING: Voice chat was an early feature and is more popular than in SL.



META-NEWS All the latest and exclusive news from the metaverse

MAKE A FEW RULES AND GET OUT OF THE WAY!

BOSS OF THERE.COM REVEALS HIS SECRETS FOR SUCCESS IN-WORLD

MICHAEL WILSON, the CEO of rival virtual world There.com, talks exclusively to REGIS BRAATHENS about what makes There different, what the future holds and how he deals with in-world problems.

Regis Braathens: What inspired you to create There?

Michael Wilson: Like almost all virtual worlds, it's inspiration was the Neil Stephenson's novel 'Snow Crash'.

RB: How does There differ from other virtual worlds?

MW: Unlike other virtual worlds, There was designed to be a social virtual world, which meant we focused on community aspects like groups, buddies, safety, events, etc. There takes socialising to the next level with a 3D experience and enables people to incorporate emotion and a much deeper level of expression and engagement than a 2D

experience. **RB: And There has managed to avoid the 'vice den' image of SL...**

MW: Yes, because we're a PG-13 environment you don't have to worry about pornography, virtual killing and gambling being part of the environment.

RB: Until mid-2005 There had about the same traffic as SL. Then SL took off. Why didn't There?

MW: At that time, we chose not to pursue marketing but to focus more on our members and on our product. We wanted a stable technology so members would have a good experience and keep coming back. We also developed our voice chat capability. We wanted to have the best product out there before we started to shift some of our attention to marketing.

RB: What's your strategy for There over the next 12-18 months?

MW: Our strategy is to continue to bring entertainment into our world. Thus far we have exciting partnerships with Capitol Music Group, MTV and Scion. We also have one with game developers Trilog Studios and are working with them to build more aspirational and game-like functionality into There to keep members entertained. At the forefront of our minds is always trying to make the experience even better for our members so we'll continue to work on new products and environments for them to enjoy.

RB: But working on new products doesn't always make for a better experience. Recently There has suffered money laundering, frequent updates and billing issues - what is the right balance between quality of service and quantity of features?

MW: In my view, serv-

ice always trumps features. After all, to some extent, the best "feature" a service can have is reliability. That's why we, from time to time, have moratoriums on new features and will use one, two, or even more release cycles to just fix bugs.

RB: With ThereFun Times you seem to support in-world media. Is that important?

MW: Just as in the real world, media of all forms, be it run by individuals, groups, or media and entertainment companies, is an important aspect of any virtual world community.

RB: You took a hard line with texture theft in-world to aid the designers. How much do you get involved with resident initiatives and disputes?

MW: Actually, as a rule, our attitude is "Make a few rules and get out of the way". However, one

of our rules is that we want people to respect intellectual property - everyone's intellectual property, from big companies to individual designers, so it should come as no surprise that we're taking a hard line with respect to texture theft.

RB: You helped set up eBay - are 3D virtual worlds the future of e-commerce?

MW: I think 3D virtual worlds may become appropriate for some types of e-commerce. For example, our experience with CMG has shown that virtual

worlds, music, fans, talent, and commerce are a good match. On the other hand, buying a new computer in a virtual world, not so much.

RB: How many users does There have?

MW: There has one million registered users.

RB: And how many unique and

active users?

MW: We don't differentiate.

RB: Will There be on top of the metaverse in five years time?

MW: I think using 3D worlds to interact will be as ubiquitous as instant messaging or email is today, and There, as one of the pioneers in this space, will continue to lead its expansion across all mediums and industry.

RB: What has amazed you most in There?

MW: One of my favorite stories involves a member with a disability who joined There.com in 2003.

He found he was able to participate in a lot of activities in-world that might otherwise be challenging. In addition, he was making great friends and helping to overcome the stereotype he often faced in RL. He even

formed such a close friendship with another member he moved to the west coast as his friend had offered to be his caretaker if anything happened to his family. To have a virtual world facilitate that kind of friendship is an invaluable thing.

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RL CELEBRITIES: There managed to attract the Beastie Boys in-world.



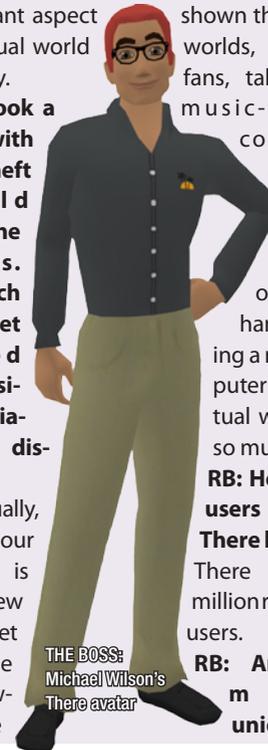
ROMANCE: Meeting a partner in-world is increasingly common - but you won't find sex beds here!



STYLE: Fashion is naturally also a massive part of There's community.



FUN: Like all worlds - it's about having a good time!



THE BOSS: Michael Wilson's There avatar

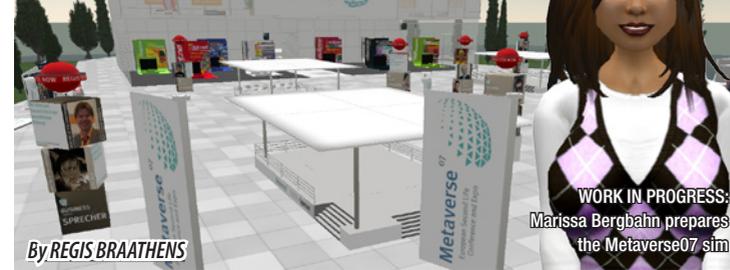


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“RL FORUMS ARE VITAL”



BRINGING SL'ERS TOGETHER IN RL IS IMPORTANT FOR DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCES may help dispel the bad RL press surrounding SL and show business managers the advantages of virtual worlds.

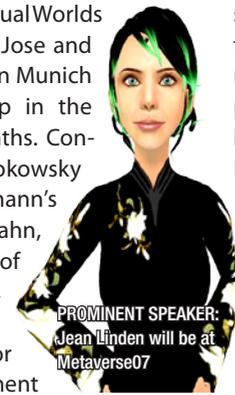
While reports of bondage-clad residents at the SLCC party in August did little to help SL's image in the outside world, the Chicago conference did prove a beneficial social and business event for the community, as well as revealing in-world developments to the RL media. Conferences are becoming more common with the IQPC Virtual Worlds Marketing Conference in London, Virtual Worlds Fall 07 in San Jose and Metaverse07 in Munich all coming up in the next few months. Content creator Bokowsky and Laymann's Marissa Bergbahn, organiser of Metaverse07, said: "It is important for the development

and professionalisation of the Metaverse and SL in particular to have a RL forum where residents can meet and exchange."

EXPERTS

Metaverse07, which takes place in Germany from 19-20 November, will be the largest in Europe. Its separate business, technology and community tracks offer a mix of keynotes from RL and SL bigshots such as Jean Linden and Anshe Chung and residents such as Laguna Nude Beach owner Martin Mounier. "We are trying to offer all groups something. Dreamland and Apfelland will even hold official user meetings with their residents as part of the conference," said Bergbahn.

Not all events have been so positively received, with the 'SL conference' in Berlin cancelled reportedly due to a lack of ticket sales. Bergbahn added: "The negative press about SL in the last weeks hasn't helped, but one shouldn't overestimate it."



BIZ BITES:

AIMEE'S MARK

FAMOUS content creator and designer Aimee Weber has trademarked her own avatar. Her name and the image of her avatar as it presently stands - complete with signature butterfly wings, pigtails and boots - are now protected by law.

FINAL FRONTIER

THE International Spaceflight Museum is moving into the real world in an attempt to increase revenue. It will start advertising sponsorship opportunities on eBay from October 1.

SL PHONE HOME

A GERMAN phone company is offering residents the chance to earn cash for calls. Calls can be placed through Telelinden's machines across the grid, and L\$200 is deposited into their account. The calls are paid for through the RL billing procedure.

BLOW FOR LAB

THE total number of hours spent in SL decreased by 185,000 to 23.5 million, according to Linden Lab's latest metrics. It is only the third time there has been a slump.

a-stars



A-STARS gossip with Dylan Miles and Babu Writer

LOVELY JUGGLY! GRAB SOME JUGS AT GIANT GERMAN BEER FESTIVAL 'OKTOBERFEST'

DANCING: Slip on some lederhosen or a dirndl

CHUG: Even the girls enjoy a 'mass' of beer

By BABU WRITER

OKTOBERFEST was officially opened in SL with celebrations at Neufreistadt, Muenchen City and OSRAM Island.

The traditional German festival, which started this week in RL as well, involves drinking massive amounts of Bavarian beer and runs until October 7. At Neufreistadt, a five-hour loop of Bavarian schlager music will be played along with live acts to sing songs and drink to. At the OSRAM sim residents can ride a giant wheel and other attractions - and listen to a band in the giant tent! Oktoberfest offers plenty of Bavarian tradition, not least the fantastic bust-enhancing traditional dresses 'Dirndl' and Lederhosen! And head down to Muenchen City for a chance to win 300 Euros to buy the goods in RL!

SIMPLY THE BREAST:
Gorgeous CDS organiser
Rose Springvale



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A BRAND NEW DAY:
Armani launches in SL

TOP DOG:
Philip Linden
dropped by
- after some
free designer
gear, perhaps?

LEGEND:
Giorgio Armani

RL fashion legend **Giorgio Armani** threw a massive event yesterday to mark the launch of his first virtual shop in SL. The Armani Via Manzoni sim mirrors his RL concept store in Milan, and gives residents the chance to experience it first hand. Appearing at the launch, Armani said: "I hope that we will be able to create the same sense of excitement in my Second World store as we do in our First World stores."

... and more Italian fashion

By BIANCA FOULON



DESIGNER:
Mattori Myoo

SEXY & STYLISH:
Naturelle Santos

ITALIAN island Fragrance had RL fashion talent scouts at their launch party on Monday.

The best fashionistas were picked to take part in a catwalk film, to be projected at the RL fashion week in chic Milan. Organisers say the island, run by Accenture and Moda e Tecnologia, hopes to combine fashion talent in RL and SL. RL designers **Mattori Myoo** and **Fashion Gregan** shared their ideas of using SL for fashion research.



CHIC: Only the most fashionable turned up

By ISABEL BROCCO

URBAN NEKO

NEKO is not just about ears and a tail.

With many stores devoted purely to neko style, the scene has developed its very own post-punk fashion range. Apart from ears and a tail, heavy boots and quirky attachments, like a mouse-trap on a belt, are essential.



EARS AND TAIL
by Jungle
Voodoo
Temenos
(155, 107, 108)
L\$300

HAIR
Kin-Amaunet
Red Highlights...
Glass Earth
(134, 186, 23)
L\$100

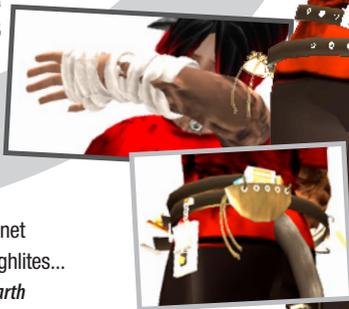
NECKLACE
From Dauntless
Dauntless (181, 62, 36)
L\$125

RED AND BLACK KITTY STRIPES
by Ravenwear
Ravens Requiem (53, 95, 27)
L\$140

CAT COLLAR
with personal tag by Calla
Callatropia (170, 114, 24)
L\$400

IKK! LOST KITTY SHIRT
Sterling Pointe (162, 223, 304)
L\$100

BROGEAR ARM WRAPPINGS
Isle OF Tharen (46, 154, 33)
L\$75



SURVIVAL BELT
by CatniP
Orcus (27, 87, 76)
L\$175

SEXY PUNK PANTS
by Gothic Dreams
Slustleria (98, 30, 28)
L\$300

BOOTS
by Harajukubox
Odessa Graceful (66, 7, 22)
L\$215

BOOTS
by Phenomenon
Beckett dAlliez (111, 124, 40)
L\$300

TATTOO
by FORM
Varado
(146, 164, 31)
L\$500



Callie Cline's STYLE HOTLINE



HELPING A WORTHY CAUSE

THERE ARE TIMES WHEN FASHION REALLY DOES NOT MATTER

I ATTENDED an event last week for the opening of the American Cancer Society sim. It was an event that really left me quite speechless and brought tears to my eyes a number of times. It was bitter-sweet, hearing the stories of many who lost precious loved ones to cancer and seeing

them live on, and pay wonderful tributes to those they lost. After the dedication of the sim, there was a fashion show with clothing done for Relay for Life. Those of us in the crowd watching decided to start removing our hair, shoes and any primms that caused lag. It was a sombre time, but so moving, and it

I was honoured to be around such amazing people, SLbrities and designers who's 'look' is so important to them, and to sit, bald and barefoot next to them as we watched the lovely designs grace the runway. So I guess the motto is, 'be fashionable as often as you can', but in the end, remember there are times when it's not about 'how cool you look'. Thanks to all who did such an amazing job, I love to see the fashion community give, and in such a sweet way.



BEFORE: Fabulous fashionistas

AFTER: A somber time

WHAT'S HOT! BOOT STRAPS

By CARRIE SODWIND

BUCKLE up before you strut because the hottest boots this season feature smart strap details. SL Top Model winner, Utopia Taira, was donning a pair of buckled boots when she was spotted shopping last week. SL boot designers are matching the harness-style buckles with a killer stiletto heel, giving the knee-high boots some urban attitude.

For a very handsome pair in tan or red, check out shoe store 'Minx'. The belt straps give these gorgeous knee-highs some real definition.



BUCKLED: Utopia Taira

HIT OR MISS

Successes and flops from this week's new fashion releases.

By CARRIE SODWIND

MISS: There have been some horror hair releases this week. SL is littered with enough 80s mullets, Ruths and grandma perms to build an island out of (Agh-hhhh Newbie Hair Island, perhaps). Therefore new releases like Miss Banks by Heroes and Heroines (Caledon Tamrannoch 165, 50, 32) and Brite by Tickled Pink (Chatouille 155, 129, 24) are only acceptable at Halloween.

HIT: Most of the time, SL jewellery is judged on the quality of its intricate details. That is part of the reason why it can be so expensive. However, the newest necklace at Daimonde (ANZUS 190, 71, 25) is simple yet elegant – typical of Valena Glushenko's minimalist style. Unusual jewellery doesn't have to come at a price.



MISS: Brite hair

MISS: It is hard to look at this new outfit by Caliente Express (First Meta 64, 109, 31), appropriately called 'Casual Lover', without noticing cleavage. You might be proud of your pair of helium balloons but try and keep them tucked in!



MISS: Casual Lover



HIT: Daimonde necklace

High Heels
==Merlin==





High Heels
==Merlin==



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INVENTORY SNEAK PEEK

BY HONEY BENDER

ALASKA METROPOLITAN OF OPIUM AND OWNER OF METRO MODELS



I CAN'T LIVE WITHOUT...
 "...this Animation Override from Torrid/Maitreya. It combines poses and walks from Torridwear and Maitreya. The animated 'runway style' poses from both creators are stylish and animate flawlessly. They look great. Torrid's AO has got some great landing and taking off poses, it's well worth checking out."

I ADORE...

"...Celestial Studios Classic prim eyelashes. They just add so much glamour to my avatar. They change the shape of my avatars eyes from a visual perspective and make her look sexier, more realistic. It might take a few minutes to fit prim lashes to your shape, but it's worth it!"

I ALWAYS WEAR...

"...eyes by Miriel Enfield in the Pacific colour. I can't stress enough how a nice pair of eyes can make your avatar look more life-like and personable, and Miriel's are the prettiest I've seen yet. Her vendors also let you choose your own permissions and the pupil size. How cool is that?"



HAVE A LIE DOWN



By TINA (PETGIRL) BERGMAN

White Tapestry Brass Bed
 With four anims
 By Tequila Tapioca
 Wisreia (68, 160, 25)



L\$625

Maple and granite bed
 Cafe Du Blonde
 By Maxwell Graf
 Grouse (138, 116, 134)



L\$350

L\$200

Sug's Rose Coffin
 By Suggie Liu
 Marmela (86, 52, 31)



L\$500

Purple Bed
 Add your own sit anims
 By Xandi Mars
 Del Sol (132, 66, 28)



L\$400

JDC Futon
 In pine and Burberry with cuddle poseball
 By Rubina Stanwell
 First Meta (18, 146, 26)



MY TRAVEL TIPS

BY TRICK MERTEL

NUSCHI MARTYNOV is a German bus driver in SL who has just released a RL guidebook called "Mit dem Bus durch SL".
THE AVASTAR: Which sims have you explored recently?
NUSCHI MARTYNOV: The last commercial islands I visited were the Ben and Jerrys ice cream sim and Plus, a German RL super-market.
TA: Where do you hang out and relax?
NM: My home sim is called Pixel Expo II, but bus drivers shouldn't stay at home in SL! I like Pangaea to relax - there is a cool music stream and quiet roads.

TA: What sims do you find the most creative?
NM: I prefer the privately owned sims. For example, Caledon is still fantastic, but generally I see more creativity in the avatars themselves. I find their outfits and animations to be more interesting than the immobile things in SL.
TA: What are your top tips for exploring SL?

NM: Grab someone with experience and squeeze them! Don't try to start alone. And maybe buy my book first!



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NEW SIMS

WHAT DO THE ITALIAN RENAISSANCE, GUANTANAMO BAY AND MANHATTAN HAVE IN COMMON? THEY'RE NEW TO SL!



MAGNIFICENT: The Basilica of Saint Francis

BY TRICK MERTEL

THE Italian renaissance comes to SL at Assisi, where an almost perfect reproduction of the famous Basilica of Saint Francis has been built.
 It is a scale replica of the RL original which, with a width of 250 metres, squeezes almost perfectly onto the sim. Multi-language HUDs offer an informative virtual tour of the grounds



Manhattan's playground for the rich and famous, the Upper East Side, has been recreated in SL at the new GossipGirl sims. It is a creative marketing pitch

sim is a part of the Italia Vera confederation.
 On a darker corner of the grid is the IML sim, which hosts a recreation of the controversial US Guantanamo Bay detention centre. It was built by students from two American universities to provide a platform for discussion around the topic.



It is a creative marketing pitch

of Warner Brothers and the CW Network to promote their TV show of the same name, which is based on a series of hit books.
 The SL wasteland sprawls further as a community of hobos appears at Fort Stygian. The



new post-apocalyptic settlement looks like something straight from Mad Max 2. Consisting of ramshackle houses made from salvaged debris, it's a place where only the strong survive.



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DEAR

WORRY OVER MY GUY'S SECRET DOUBLE SEX LIFE



HE IS SMART AND GREAT IN BED - BUT SHOULD I WORRY ABOUT HIS LADY ALT?

Dear Randi: I HAVE met a guy who seemed to be what I want in a boyfriend in almost every way. He's smart, stylish, kind, and a great listener. Recently we began sleeping together, and he is absolutely amazing! And I think we tell each other pretty much everything. But last week he let it slip that he has an alt, a lady who is

better-looking than I am and is a fairly successful model. He's talking about meeting in RL, and said he wanted to tell me about 'her' before we actually met. Should I stay away from him? — L.B.

Randi says: Not just because of the alt. It's an outlet that thousands of men are using here. I don't see much differ-

ence between presenting as the opposite sex and presenting as another species. It's just harmless fun. As always, make sure he does the travelling and that he pays for everything on the first extended date. When you meet, then you can talk about whether his gender-bending is just an SL thing or if it is a larger issue.

WIFE UNSURE ABOUT KIDS COMMITMENT WITH MAN

Dear Randi: MY husband and I have been married here for three months, and we have been wildly happy. We love going out dancing at formal clubs as well as dives, and attending all manner of concerts and discussions together. But recently he said he would like to adopt a child here, and he is pretty enthusiastic about it. I have no children in RL and am not sure how I feel about this - I'm quite in two minds. My question is, should I deny him his dream, or should I just keep quiet and go along with it? — R.G.

Randi says: Your reluctance is understandable since you have such little experience with children. And it's natural for you to want him all to yourself. My suggestion is that you agree to allow him to adopt a boy, and perhaps you will come to love his new friend. But you should not make a commitment to raise him unless you have completely embraced the concept.

GIRL SEEKS NO STRINGS ATTACHED SEX WITH EX

Dear Randi: MY first SL boyfriend and I had an amicable break up several months ago. He said that with all the attractive ladies here he didn't want to settle down with just one. We went our separate ways and both are now currently unattached. Recently I attended a bachelorette party with several girlfriends, and I was surprised to see he was the featured stripper! The sex was always great, and I can't stop thinking about taking him back to bed. I just don't want to get involved. What should I do? — B.H.

Randi says: It sounds as if you're looking for a 'friend with benefits'. If he is willing to go along under those conditions, then take him back under the sheets. Just don't make a commitment. One well-known aspect of SL is the ability to experiment sexually with no fear of pregnancy or disease. As long as neither of you is hurting anyone else, enjoy.

RANDI

The Virtual World's
No 1 Agony Aunt

SHOULD I REVEAL LOVE-RAT'S PAST?

Dear Randi: THE very best girlfriend I have in SL is in a heavy (and hot from what she tells me) relationship with my ex-husband, and they have announced plans to marry next month. He's a great conversationalist and very imaginative in bed - but during our marriage he was about as faithful as a stray dog! He cheated on me three times that I found out about, and no doubt countless others. He used to get escorts

and then try and say it is harmless fun! Now she wants me to be her maid of honour, but I don't want to participate if their marriage is going to be a flop. I would feel responsible because I know what a two-timing love-rat he is, and if I didn't tell my friend, I'm not sure she would ever forgive me afterwards. So Randi, should I tell her about his past history, or just go along and smile? — A.J.

Randi says: Perhaps you should do neither. You shouldn't talk to the bride, but to the groom. Don't ruin her day for her and don't sour her expectations. But talking to him about his intentions isn't gossip. Tell him that bygones are bygones between the two of you, but that if he ever hurts your friend there will be hell to pay - and it won't be pretty for him! Leave it at that, and don't mention it again.

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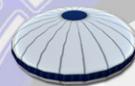
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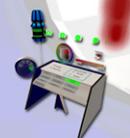
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Freebies

SL's best FREE stuff!

THIS WEEK: ONLINE PRESENCE

BY PETRONILLA PAPERDOLL

ANYONE who runs an activity or a business in SL will find an online indicator and a notecard taker are both must haves.

can find a free one by Piero Padar at Noyo (202,168, 43).

After a long search for a multi-function device, Freebies finally found a worthy free example - the Online Presence script by Blue Meili (available at Jirasan 74, 110, 291), available for free. All you need to do to use it is create a primitive, and then drop the script inside it.

People leaving a message for you simply need to type /99 before writing what they want to say. Alternatively you can write a notecard, drag it from the inventory and then drop it into the object.



TRANSPARENT

When you do, it will become a sphere with a nice particle effect, and will start working at once. If you want to see the particle effect at its best, add a transparent texture - you

DOS AND DON'TS: MAKING CLOTHING

By GAETANA FAUST

DO

DON'T

- + Go into appearance mode to design your own articles of clothing.
- + Select the fabric texture and colour of your choice to make your new shirt or socks one of a kind.
- + Consider creating your own textures to really customise your new and original look.
- + Pick a colour that suits your unique style.
- + Use the sliders to adjust the size, shape, and fit.
- Even try to make your own shoes unless you are an advanced builder.
- Underestimate the importance of using good textures. It's what separates good from bad clothes.
- Get out of appearance mode without saving your new clothing.
- Forget to change the name of your item from 'new jacket' to a more descriptive name.
- Become frustrated if you mess up. Just select Revert to go back.

My First Day in Second Life

By TRICK MERTEL

OROONIE OH is a music junkie, a DJ, a surfer in pro events and avid partygoer when she's not spinning records.

THE AVASTAR: How was your first day?

OROONIE OH: It's a bit of a blur, but I remember driving around on newbie island with a guy I had met from Poland. I was sitting on the bonnet of the car and we ran someone over. - it was hilarious!

TA: What was your most embarrassing moment?

OO: After a few days I invited the same Polish guy to a ballroom. I knew there was a kiss ball and I wanted to try it. I invited him and he got all flustered and said "I'm off to basketball". He ran away!

TA: Funniest moment?

OO: I was sitting on Glas-tonbury Tor in the middle of loads of fields in a wet-suit talking to a guy for hours. I had come from a beach and I didn't know how to get changed!



TURNED DOWN FOR A KISS: Oroonie Oh

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"CYBERSEX"... it available in-world. a completely private sunsets, and nights of true romance. Each park has a different theme where you can find tropical waterfront gardens, a mountaintop hideaway, a tropical reef, and even a holiday home! Come to Aroha Tahi and add some romance to your Second Life!

As if sex wasn't taboo enough, we now have to put the word cyber in front of it and make it sound like something from a novel by Neal Stephenson or William Gibson!

But as adult Avatars engaging in our Second Lives, cybersex should be a normal part of everyday life. When you get it right, it can be one of the most engaging, intensely satisfying experiences

Many SL couples in long-term relationships find their sex lives can become repetitive. This is usually because the animations and environment at home are always the same. It's easy to fall into the trap of having the same experience over and over... this soon becomes boring. Bored married SL couples soon become single! A new sim has been created to help couples have unique romantic experiences in

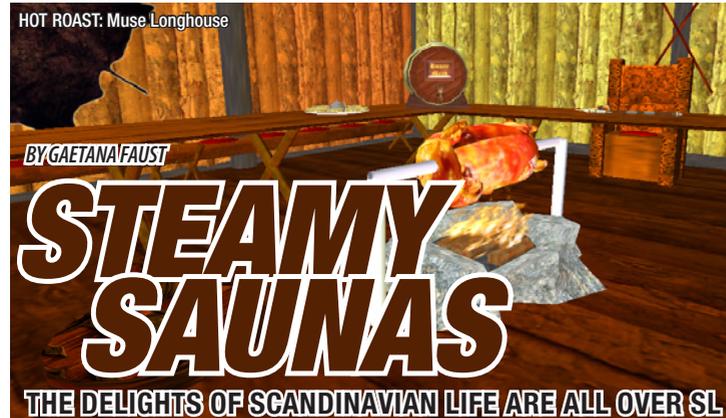
a completely private environment. Aroha Tahi (Siemens 33, 36, 26) is a series of private parks where lovers may reserve an entire parcel of land for a romantic evening. You control who is allowed in, and keep everyone else far away as you enjoy sensual poses, beautiful



THE GUIDE

TOP EVENTS AND ENTERTAINMENT

THIS WEEK: SCANDINAVIA



FROM fjords to picturesque fishing villages, you can find the finest facets of Scandinavian culture in SL to fire your imagination.

Monkey Town is a wonderful Danish village, and can be found in the sim of St Diabloux (153, 81, 42). The galleries and shops will capture your interest as you walk through the cobblestone streets. The Denmark sim (67, 215, 25) is home to **DK-Copenhagen**, where you can shop or visit a palace converted into a museum. Click the portraits to learn more about the history of Denmark.

Get a massage at a spa in **Second Sweden** (128, 200, 25) or enjoy a cup of coffee in the courtyard of the **Cafe Garden**. There is a large park for relaxing and picnicking, and some lovely buildings to explore and admire. Don't miss the

fantastic **Dalhalla** concert and meeting venue, set in a deep inside a valley of rock and punctuated by a soaring white canopy.

For a taste of life in medieval Norway, check out the **Muse Longhouse** in Al Tang (162, 13, 77). The furs on the walls and the roasting pig over the spit set the tone for experiencing the rustic life of a Viking in all its glory.

Take a refreshing break at the **Finnish sauna** in Kaunis (161, 81, 49). Rest up in the solitude of a tiny cabin in the middle of a wintry forest, or have a chilly bath in a natural stream. After you have finished your travelling, wet your whistle at the **Sputnik Bar** in Neptune (79, 14, 27). This minimalist lounge is the perfect place to meet up with all of your new Scandinavian friends for a drink and a dance.

ARE YOU FINN-ISHED? FINNISH SAUNA



Take a refreshing and invigorating break at the tiny cabin in the middle of a wintry forest.

Where: Kaunis
(161, 81, 49)

GOING APE MONKEY TOWN



Enjoy this wonderful Danish village with galleries and shops along cobblestone streets.

Where: St Diabloux
(153, 81, 42)

A DANISH DREAM WONDERFUL DENMARK



Experience life in a Danish city with a stroll through the quaint streets.

Where: Wonderful Denmark
(128, 128, 0)

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DON'T MISS! —

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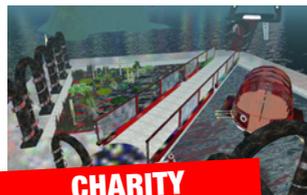
LAUNCH PARTY

TANGLEWOOD MANOR

The Manor launches with a gala Gothic party, featuring dancing, a costume contest and fireworks, beginning a month of activities for Halloween.

When: Sep 30, 15:00

Where: Tanglewood (180, 76, 45)



CHARITY

PINK FOR LIFE

ConceptSL and the Gustave Roussy Institute for Cancer Research will host a mixed-reality clothing exhibition and charity auction.

When: Oct 1, 09:00

Where: Elyseum (206, 43, 25)



LIVE MUSIC

LINUS RADFORD

The performer will play songs from his four albums as well as some of his favourite covers.

When: Sep 29, 21:00

Where: Transylvania (99, 23, 26)



NIGHTLIFE

NITEMARE ON BEACH ST

Dress like something from your worst nightmare at this spooky get-together.

When: Oct 4, 4:00

Where: Alohas (164, 157, 28)



OPENING

VIRTUAL CAMPUS KAMIMO

A joint project between three different universities to help further education in SL.

When: Oct 2, 15:00

Where: Kamimo Island (127, 127)



EVENT OF THE WEEK!

BURNING LIFE

The climax of SL's biggest festival is the ceremonial torching of the mascot, known to all as the 'Burning Man'. Be sure to bring some marshmallows.

When: Sep 30, 15:00-16:00

Where: Burning Life (Saon) (43, 20, 24)

EVENTS OF THE WEEK

All times are given in SL Time



DISCUSSION

SL TERRORISM

In the wake of last week's attack on a SL Mosque, have your say at the discussion at Kadarin Hall - but beware, the conversation is likely to be controversial.

When: Oct 2, 16:00

Where: Bunyip (104, 167, 67)



ART AND CULTURE

CALLIPYGIAN CHRISTENSEN

The SL photographer shows a selection of pictures based upon late 19th century landscapes at the close of her exhibition.

When: Sep 30, 08:00

Where: Antiquity Township (205, 169, 24)



LIVE MUSIC

BARAKADEMI BARZANE

The Rocking Stage Bar hosts the popular reggae and soul singer, who names Bob Marley and Bob Dylan amongst his musical influences.

When: Oct 3, 13:00-14:00

Where: Ichoen (144, 64, 58)

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THE AVASTAR OF THE WEEK

BY COYNE NAGY



SCHMOPHITT NERUDA IS A DESIGNER AND MANAGERESS OF THE
BLARNEY STONE PUB AT THE DUBLIN SIM.

AVA - ID CARD

NAME: SCHMOPHITT NERUDA PROFESSION: Designer and bar manager
BIRTH DATE: 10/5/2005 ATTITUDE: "WYSIWYG (what you see is what you get)"

INTERVIEW

The AvaStar: What is your best feature?

Schmophitt Neruda: My inventory. A place for everything and everything in its place - usually within an hour of acquirement!

TA: How do you spend your time in SL?

SN: Hanging out with friends, at home building or working - I run the Blarney Stone Irish Bar, schedule live music events there and I also make women's clothes.

TA: What would you change in SL?

SN: I would make account registration requirements stricter again, and I would give torus prims flexi option so I could make gigantic prim slinkies!

TA: What's the funniest thing you've seen in the bar?

SN: Me wearing a tiny little Japanese girl Haikara avi. I stood on the bar and someone paid me thinking I was a tipjar!

TA: What's the most memorable design you've made?

SN: Combat pants I made a few days ago.

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

SN: A gold locket necklace I bought from Lassitude and Ennui many moons ago.