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# SL HAVEN FOR LOVE CHEATS

By MORRHYS GRAYSMARK

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## IS THIS YOU?



THE AVASTAR was sent a photo of a couple getting to know each other better at our 1st birthday bash. If you are one of the pair, let us know - and win L\$1,000!

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By MORRHYS GRAYSMARK

SNOOPING AROUND:  
NYC Investigations owner  
Enkidu Recreant

## SUSPICIOUS RESIDENTS HIRE PRIVATE INVESTIGATORS TO SNARE CHEATING PARTNERS

**DETECTIVE agencies have their work cut out to keep track of the increasing number of residents cheating on their partners.**

SL has become a haven for love-rats, said one private investigator (PI), who is hired to find out whether or not a partner is being faithful. With sex cheap and readily available in SL, many men are tempted to find pleasure outside of their partnership.

### BUSTED

Pixieblonde Swindlehurst, owner of Pixieblonde Detective Agency, employs a staff of ten PIs. She was recently asked to determine if a guy was cheating on his girl: "He said he was going Christmas shopping for her. "He went straight to a strip club and propositioned a dancer in open chat. Busted."

And many love-rats often play out their seedy fantasies in the no holds barred virtual world. Enkidu Recreant, owner of NYC Investigations, said: "A guy came to see me to check if his slave was being true to him. She was not seeing any other guys or girls, but was regularly visiting a bestiality room and seeing a Great Dane."

### FLING

And SL has now become a haven for RL partners to have a virtual fling. "I had a girl visit me to ask to track and record another girl and her SL boyfriend," said Recreant. "It turned out she was a he, and was in fact the RL husband of the woman."

But tracking down love-rats is not easy. "PI work is a tricky and risky business," Recreant, added. "The biggest risk is that you are constantly flirting on the edges of the Terms of Service."

### EFFECTIVE

That hasn't stopped Jenna Ling, owner of Hot Chicas, from taking on, and cracking, plenty of big cases. She said: "The most effective thing is a good agent, not a good tool."



# SL WILL GROW GRACEFULLY IN '08

By CARRIE SODWIND

IT'S BEEN AN EVENTFUL 2007 FOR SL - HOW WILL 2008 TURN OUT?

**HOW will SL fare in 2008?**

The word from the Lindens seems to be that next year will be about growing old gracefully – without cracks and wrinkles.

According to a recent speech by Joe Linden, the Lab has prioritised a stable grid on their list of aims for 2008, something sure to be popular with a vast majority of residents.

You can see what prominent residents think will happen next year below, but did the celebrity predictions for 2007 in The AvaStar last year come true? Here is a quick recap:

- Rik Riel's wish for an in-world charity event to raise over US\$100,000 came true as Relay for Life made US\$118,000 for cancer research.
- Moo Money, who wanted to

see SL machinima up for RL awards, was over the moon when HBO bought the rights to Molotov Alva's film 'My Second Life', and put it up for an Oscar.

- Hip hop-loving Torley Linden has had a great year as well, with RL record labels and rap star 50 Cent in-world in 2007 - although SL has yet to be name-dropped in a top track.



**Fizik Baskerville, CEO of Rivers Run Red:**

2008 is the year of... "the Second Wave - how SL became the 3D web." **Predictions:** "A clearer separation of the 'game' and the 'platform' and more enterprise-led solutions with more companies using SL for global collaboration and as a business tool."



**Stroker Serpentine, owner of Eros Ltd:**

2008 is the year of... "cross platform compatibility and chaotic growth. Sim level aggregation based upon content, relevance and nationality." **Predictions:** "20 million residents by summer, expansion into Asian markets, alternative currency/payment options, and Linden Lab will partner with Google and/or Microsoft."



**Naturelle Santos, top model:**

2008 is the year of... "human rights. SL gives the amazing opportunity for communication between different races and ethnic groups." **Predictions:** "Free broadband for everybody, the defeat of lag, and quality over quantity."



**Master Quatro, ACS Dreamland community manager:**

2008 is the year of... "education. There will be an explosion of new educational facilities making use of SL for teaching." **Predictions:** "The world will recognise the 'green value' of virtual worlds thus reducing the use of non-renewable energy sources, and SL will expand to provide cross-platform opportunities into other virtual worlds."

# PORN STAR JENNA IN SL!

By CARRIE SODWIND

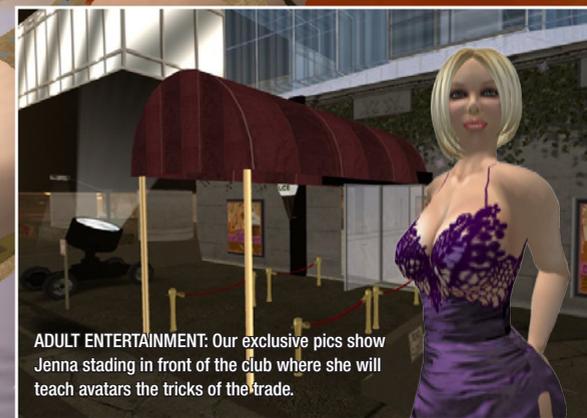
**PORN stars trained in-world by adult entertainment legend Jenna Jameson will be out to titillate the grid from January.**

The AvaStar has obtained exclusive pictures of the American porn actress and Club Jenna, her leading RL adult entertainment venue which she will open in SL across seven sims at CJ City on New Year's Eve.

CJ City will be one of the largest and most professional porn playgrounds on the grid, with themed role-play areas among the attractions. Jenna Jameson herself, who starred in porn classics like 'Private Parts', will be in-world to help find the right kind of avatar to work at the sim. She said: "I go through a very careful screening process and audition each girl followed by extensive hours of training."



HOT: Jenna relaxing in-world



ADULT ENTERTAINMENT: Our exclusive pics show Jenna stading in front of the club where she will teach avatars the tricks of the trade.



# REGIS BRAATHENS

## SOMETHING FISHY

I RECEIVED an email from a resident last week entitled - 'There is something fishy going on here'.

In it, the prominent SLer told me how he feared the Lab were winding up for a big policy change, as they had been keeping a low profile recently. "I bet they've got a special New Year's present lined up, like sorry, SL is now completely PG!" I fired off a few IMs to Lindens to see if I could get them to squeak, but to no avail. We'll just have to wait and see!

## LIND-O-METER

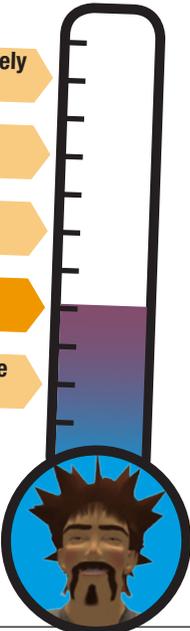
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Phil-ing blue!

Lagging behind!

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# ROLL ON 2008!

## APPREHENSION SURROUNDING SL'S FUTURE IS MISPLACED

2007 was the year of incredible growth - will 2008 be the year of lag and depression?

If the RL media headlines of the last few months were to be believed, then yes. But I never believe what I read in newspapers.

### MISLED

Last year did see an incredible and unexpected media hype that swept the globe - and that was bound to die out at some point, along with the misled dreams, aimless ambitions and miscalculated marketing schemes of RL companies and residents.

### ROSY

But as the dust settles, the anti-Linden Lab catcalls die down, and SLers are left to get on as usual, the future for SL is actually looking pretty rosy. The foundations have been built for steady growth, interesting synergies with other worlds are on the horizon, and

the Lab has (hopefully) learnt from its mistakes and growing pains.

### DEDICATED

So will 2008 bring positive change? Well, it will for The AvaStar. While Pontiac and AOL are going AWOL, IBM are shifting resources to their own virtual world and Electric Sheep are slashing their staff, The AvaStar will be just as dedicated to bringing you the best news and stories from Second Life as it was in 2007.

We are in fact stepping up our efforts even further, by switching from a PDF-based newspaper to an online site. This will help us get even more readers involved - and enable us to offer you the best SL stories every single day, as they happen.

### IMPRESSED

We are set to completely relaunch www.the-avastar.com, which until now has just been a place to download the paper, and I'm sure that you will be im-

pressed with the new look, content and user-friendliness of the site. Of course, you will still be able to access The AvaStar through your usual vendors in SL as well as logging on directly. We will be announcing the website launch to our group, 'The AvaStar Readers'. So to be the very first to find out when the site goes live, join the group in-world.

I look forward to another great year and on behalf of whole The AvaStar team, I wish all of our readers a great start in the New Year and a very prosperous, happy and healthy 2008!



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## GIVE RL NEW YEAR A MISS

Hey Regis,

FIRSTLY I want to say well done to The AvaStar - I love reading it every week.

But I wanted to share a more general dilemma with you all regarding the forthcoming holiday season. I have always prided myself on knowing where to draw the line between SL and RL but this coming New Year has left me in a pickle.

I have reasonable offers from my various friends and associates to hit the town and party but I think I would prefer to see in the bells with my online mates in SL. However I do not know how I could broach this subject with them without looking like a sad loser!

I worry they would think less of me for wanting to spend the big night in front of my computer and not in some overcrowded, rip-off bar. Am I alone in valuing the company of my SL friends enough to want to start the year with them? Or is it just that I am, in fact,

a bit of a saddo who should get out more? You decide...

By L.P.

## PHIL MUST TELL US CORY STORY

Dear Regis,

PHILIP Linden must clarify why he sacked Cory Linden.

Residents were in the dark for months about the future of SL, and then discover there wasn't just one vision of leadership but two! Now the captain seems to have crushed the mutiny amongst his officers he must tell his loyal crew, the residents, what course we are taking.

By E.T.

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# TRADERS SLAM NEW SL SEARCH

By GINGER CAZALET

**FUNCTION IS UNFAIR, SAY STORE OWNERS - BUT SHOPPERS LOVE IT**  
**IN-WORLD shop owners have slammed SL's new search function as unfair and over-complicated - but it has become popular with shoppers.**

The system was introduced in November and is still currently an optional part of the SL viewer for residents. But business owners have denied that the function has been improved in its latest version, and some claim sales have gone down drastically as a direct result. That has happened, they say, because of the inability of new search to show classified ads properly, preventing customers from teleporting directly in.

## KEYWORDS

It is also difficult to keep a listing on the first five pages of search, according to in-world store owner Dany Rhode, who said: "The new search



not only considers the classified fee, but also other factors like name and description of the parcel or object, which act as keywords to facilitate, supposedly, the sale of the products."

In order to boost their sales, some entrepreneurs flood search with the name and description of a parcel and rez numerous bogus and empty prims set for sale.

## THUMBS UP

Keywords are also spammed with



the object's details. Merchants who rely on vending systems such as JEVN are suffering, since keywords from products sold in them are undetectable by the new function.

But shoppers have given a thumbs up to the system, which uses technology adapted from internet search engine giant Google. Vheronica Shepherd said: "It is faster in terms of showing the results and is more functional since shoppers can see the price of the merchandise being sold prior to teleporting." She added that the interface was much more user-friendly than the previous version.

## IBM TO LEAVE?

By Coyne Nagy

**IBM has dealt SL a huge blow by creating its own virtual world for internal use amid security fears.**

The IT giant had been one of SL's biggest and most enthusiastic supporters. But while bosses have insisted they will maintain their widespread virtual property, currently spanning 35 sims, they will no longer use SL to host meetings, sparking fears of a total pull out.

Meetings will instead be held in their new 'Metaverse' world, open only to IBM employees. Although 'Metaverse' is not as complex as SL and has only a dozen commands - avs can dress, fly and teleport - the focus is on communication rather than aesthetics.

## POSITIVE

Michael Ackerbacker, an innovation manager at IBM, remained positive about SL but explained why a change was needed: "We did learn a lot in SL, but wanted to do a world here internally where we could talk about IBM things securely."

IBM's Chief information officer Mark Hennessey said: "If you want to make the most of these meetings they have to be confidential."

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# a-stars



A-STARs gossip with Isabel Brocco, Babu Writer and Kitty Otoole

## SL IS TOP OF THE (HIP) POPS!

By ISABEL BROCCO, BABU WRITER, KITTY OTOOLE & BABA COEN

COUNTLESS RL superstars have graced the pages of a-stars in 2007.

We have brought you EXCLUSIVE pics of the likes of US rapper 50 Cent and film legend Bruce Willis, as well as sports heroes such as F1's Timo Glock and Barcelona's Lionel Messi. We've also brought you Hollywood actress Mia Farrow and top singer Suzanne Vega, as well as all the pics from the best bashes and the top celebs from Second Life. And to top off a fantastic year, we are happy to reveal to you exclusive pics of adult entertainment legend Jenna Jameson, and some great shots of Shaggy's avatar. The top US rapper will be hosting a live Q&A to mark the release of his new single, 'Bonafide Girl'. a-stars will also be giving away five entrance passes to the exclusive event, so stay tuned for details coming soon on [www.the-avastar.com](http://www.the-avastar.com).



NEW ARRIVAL: Shaggy

RAP STAR: 50 Cent

DIE HARD: Bruce Willis

# VA VA VOOM

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**DoMoCo, Shadow wear**  
Open Zip Jacket,  
Chartreuse  
(73, 25, 29)  
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**Racing jacket**  
Drawmachine City  
of Sc Design,  
Sc Design  
(10, 118, 22)  
**LS\$219**

**Race Queen set, including jacket**  
Drawmachine mainstore,  
Sc Design  
(10, 118, 22)  
**LS\$799**



**Red Leathers from X2**  
Exotica Island  
(23, 161, 26)  
**LS\$350**

**Trousers with prim parts**  
Drawmachine City  
of Sc Design  
Sc Design (10, 118, 22)  
**LS\$299**

**Red Leathers from X2**  
Exotica Island  
(23, 161, 26)  
**LS\$350**

# VA VA VOOM

By ISABEL BROCCO

# HAPPY NEW YEAR!



By TINA (PETGIRL) BERGMAN



**Wedding Ring**  
By Lizziey Whittenton  
Where: (227, 126, 23)  
**LS\$1000**



**Tequila Shooters Party Platter**  
By Karamel Madison  
Kitchen Korner (198, 91, 42)  
**LS\$295**



**Both outfits by Blaze**  
(Blaze 68, 117, 22)

**Elegant Passion Premium set**  
Price includes the table and all the items on it. Sit and then touch the plate to eat. By DavidDM Therian  
Kitchen Korner (221, 37, 42)  
**LS\$955**

**Reca-mier Gold Chandelier (Standing Candelabra)**  
By SweetAbe Columbia  
Trevally (19, 219, 22)  
**LS\$235**



**Baby Grand Piano II**  
By Madame Thespian Underhill  
Clementia (107, 104, 38)  
**LS\$600**

**Maine Lobster Platter**  
By Casandra Jackson  
Voti (196, 43, 23)  
**LS\$400**



**Divivity Happy New Year 2008 Balloon Bouquet**  
By Vivianne OFlynn Minna (29, 128, 29)  
**LS\$129**





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# DEAR

## I CAN'T GET A GUY IN SL - PLEASE HELP, RANDI!

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WILL A MAKEOVER AND A MATCHMAKER HELP ME FIND MY VIRTUAL MR RIGHT?

*Dear Randi:* WHEN SL seemed to be all over the news about a year ago, I decided to take the plunge and sign up. A lot of people seemed to be interested in making money, but I came just for the social aspect. I really want to find a boyfriend and possibly take the relationship to RL, but I seem to have trouble hooking

up with anybody. I have had several first dates, but as yet no second ones. One of my friends suggested I should pay for a makeover and perhaps join a matchmaking service. What do you think? — B.T.

*Randi says:* You could do either or both. If you do the makeover, do it for yourself. Except for love, there aren't

many feelings better than that of feeling beautiful. Matchmaking services are a bit like rolling dice, but if you join one at least you can be fairly certain that the men there are serious about wanting a relationship. Perhaps you just need to learn how to show interest in a guy without showing too much interest, and that comes with experience.

## MY RL FRIENDS THINK I'M ADDICTED TO SL SEX THREESOME WAS GREAT BUT IT UPSET MY GIRL

*Dear Randi:* I'VE been a resident of SL for some time now, and I think I might be addicted to it. The best part for me has been the sex, and I find I sometimes spend as much as L\$10,000 a week on various escorts. Some of my off-line friends say they're worried about me, because as soon as I leave my RL job I can't wait to get home and sign on. I can afford the escorts and can't see how I'm hurting anyone. Does it sound to you like I have a problem? — D.I.

*Randi says:* Not unless you're running out of money or neglecting your RL job. And of course I do hope you're not married with children and neglecting your family. But as far as the escorts are concerned, it's much better to play with them online than in RL. There is no possibility of catching a nasty disease, no possibility of an unwanted pregnancy, and no possibility of getting arrested.

*Dear Randi:* I HAVE been in SL for six months, and have been dating the same girl for four of those. We have even talked about marriage, but aren't officially engaged yet. A few weeks ago she indulged a fantasy of mine when we invited another woman into our bedroom. I really enjoyed it, but the fact I did seemed to upset my girlfriend. I'm trying to talk her into doing it again, but she said she's absolutely not interested. I think she's just acting jealous. What should I do? — H.J.

*Randi says:* You should drop the subject, because the chance that she'll change her mind is close to zero. She did you a favour once, and doesn't want to do it again. Women tend to be more emotional about their sex lives than most men. So if you want to keep her, you have to be with her and her alone. If you must have other women, then do her a favour and end the relationship quickly.

# RANDI

The Virtual World's  
No 1 Agony Aunt

## PAL CREATED A LOVER FOR ME

*Dear Randi:* MY best friend and I hit it off from the day we came into SL together. We are partners in a successful business that is now doing so well, it has allowed me to quit my RL job altogether. My problem, though, has been that I want an SL boyfriend and haven't been able to find one, and I confided that fact to my business partner. A few weeks ago I met an amazing guy, and we started to go on dates

together. We even made love twice and it was very satisfying. Then yesterday, she told me my dream guy was her alt. She said 'he' likes me and wants to see me again. Should I be angry, or go along with it? — J.A.

*Randi says:* I don't think you should be angry with your business partner. She was a good enough friend to create a lover just for you when you told her you didn't have

one, and she obviously knew you well enough to know exactly what kind of man you would like. That is a sign that she really cares about you as a friend. Whether or not you go along with her offer to play again is up to you, however, and I don't think there is anything wrong at all with you if you decide to do so. SL is the perfect place to live out fantasies, and this one seems to be quite harmless.

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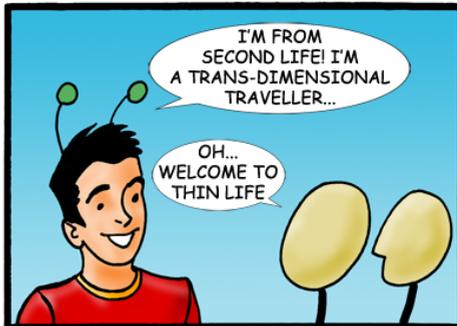
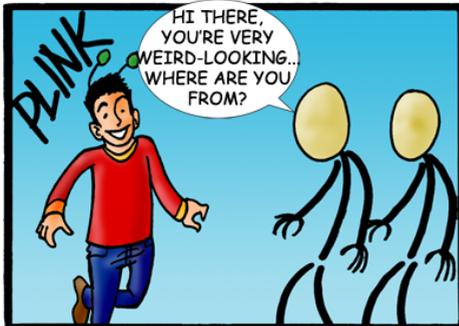
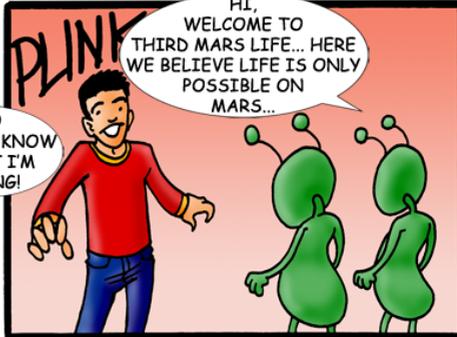
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# Freebies

SL's best FREE stuff!

By PETRONILLA PAPERDOLL

### THIS WEEK: SLURLBLOGGER

**JOTTING** down notes in SL can be a pain - you have to open your word processor or use the traditional pen and piece of paper combination.

Otherwise, you will end up clogging up your inventory with yet another notecard. But a freebie by Ordinal Malaprop will make your SL easier. It is a HUD called 'SLURLBLOGGER v0.4', and you can find it at Caledon (96, 32, 0).

### NOTES

By putting your mail address into the special notecard and then typing the proper code before words you say in chat, it is possible to send up to 20 different

notes directly to your in-box. The notes arrives together with the SLurl of the place you are, but it is possible to disable this function if you don't need it.

The tool also sends posts directly to your blog - a detailed notecard explains the slightly more difficult configuration process.

The blogger is perfect as a gift and it will be well-appreciated, but

remember to give friends a copy with empty configuration cards. If you send them the copy you are using, it will still have your e-mail address and/or the password of your blog inside.



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by Good2 Go

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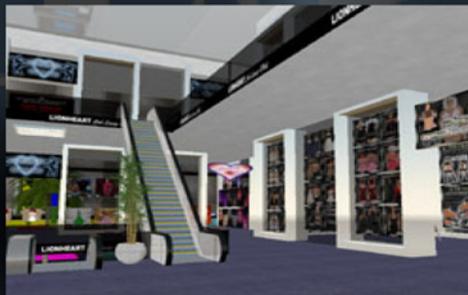


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## THIS WEEK: RACING ON THE GRID

TOP SIM:  
Silver Motorsports Complex  
Reset box BEFORE pulling into the pits. It will not start properly if you reset in either staging area when reset.



By GAETANA FAUST

ROAR YOUR WAY AROUND SL'S TOP OFF-ROAD TRACKS, RACE CIRCUITS AND SPEEDWAY

**IF you've always dreamed of winning the Indy 500 or working the NASCAR circuit, that dream can become reality in the world of SL racing.** The **Drive In** sim, along with its neighbours **Motorati, Ride, Velocity**, and others has an amazing array of motoring options. You can drag race along the many wide streets, take your monster truck around an off-road course. Stop by the **DirtField Raceway** next door in Motor (104, 88, 42) to see if your driving skills can handle the bumps and ditches of the dirt track. If you don't have a car, you will surely find the Mustang, Rolls Royce, or Formula 1 racer of your dreams in one of the many car dealers there. Take a pit stop at **Malt Shop in Ride** or stop by the lounge at **AskPatty.com** next door to get automotive advice for women, by women. **Silver Motorsports Complex** spans the sim of Silver Island (129, 121, 21) with its expansive race track. After watching the races for a while, stroll by the vendors whose wares run the gamut from monster trucks to souped-up vintage cars to (believe it or not) a tank that comes with a built-in dance floor. Check out **Mooz** (225, 39, 32) if you're a F1 or motorcycle fan, and pick up your racing gear at the **Finish Line** in Selby (208, 121, 55).

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**HANGOUT**  
PHREEQ'S DRIVE-IN



Take a break from driving to socialise at this drivers hangout. Where: Ride (160, 208, 28)

**F1 FANS**  
MOOZ



Nicely designed tracks ideal for beginners. Where: Mooz (225, 39, 32)

**TOP SPEED**  
FAIRGROUNDS



Hit top speed at this fast track. Where: Garage (67, 148, 42)

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# EVENTS OF THE WEEK

12.28. - 1.3.

All times are given in SL Time



**OPENING**

## CLUB JENNA

Porn star Jenna Jameson will hold a wild VIP members party on New Years Eve at her impressive seven-island wide porn sim.

**When:** Dec. 31, 13:00 and 21:00

**Where:** Club Jenna Island (128, 128)



**DISCUSSION**

## NATURAL DISASTERS

Join the debate about whether natural disasters are a message from nature telling mankind to stay out of the way.

**When:** Jan. 2, 18:00

**Where:** Bunyip (104, 167, 67)



**EDUCATION**

## NEW RESIDENT Q&A

Anyone who has followed up a New Year's resolution to join SL can find all the help they need at this session.

**When:** Jan. 1, 15:00

**Where:** Slate (66, 104, 31)



**EVENT OF THE WEEK!**

## NEW YEAR AROUND THE WORLD

Buckaroo Mu plays a 25-hour DJ set as he attempts to welcome in the New Year in every time zone across the world.

**When:** Dec. 31, 06:30

**Where:** Wildmutt (243, 189, 50)



**LIVE MUSIC**

## THE INVISIBLE BAND

The Invisible Band play a special festive gig at Pony Island, which has been converted into a fantasy ice world for the show.

**When:** Dec. 29, 14:00

**Where:** Pony Island (127, 130, 34)

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## INTERVIEW

**THE AVASTAR:** What is your role here in SL?

**JAZZ CALHERN:** My role is to help promote art in SL and develop my own artistic style.

**TA:** What is your best feature?

**JC:** I'm very proud of my gallery, Jazzworks.

**TA:** What is the main inspiration behind your work?

**JC:** To me, being a photographic artist isn't a hobby or a part-time job - it's a way of life. I never stop seeing beauty in everyday things such as trees, people, cities, animals, and even emotions. So I guess being alive is my main inspiration.

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

**JC:** I'd arrange it so there's not so much lag.

**TA:** What are your hopes for 2008?

**JC:** I don't want to predict the future - I just want to see where SL leads me. I'll continue to create photo-art and to appreciate the beauty that other artists create here.

**TA:** What is your worst SL memory?

**JC:** Being betrayed by somebody I considered a good friend. Sometimes, people forget that behind the funny avs are real people with real feelings.

# THE AVASTAR OF THE WEEK

## JAZZ CALHERN

**JAZZ CAN USUALLY BE FOUND EITHER OBSERVING LIFE IN SL FROM BEHIND A CAMERA OR IN HER STUDIO.**

AVA - ID CARD

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