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The Editor's Bit

This month's Stun is slightly later than originally planned because I came off my bike and bruised my ribs on Elly's birthday. I was sober, honest! I haven't been back on the bike yet, but as soon as I finish writing this column, I'll have to straighten the handlebars so I can try to deliver the Stuns tonight.

We had more reader's mail than usual after last month's Stun: One full of compliments, one with a complaint about Tales from the Gutter (see page 5) and another with a request to pass on a message to somebody who appeared in last month's issue. If it keeps up, we'll have to start a Letters Page, so keep writing.

Last month, I told you I was working on a new website: I can now reveal all. If you surf to liveams.com on your mobile phone, you'll find all the gigs for the coming week, along with venue details and Google maps. Other features, like navigation, might be added at a later date. On pages 10 & 12, you can see what it looks like on a touch phone, but it also works on a lot of older phones, although the maps might not.



All of our usual stuff is here, along with an entry form for next season's Premiership Predictions League, so enjoy your Stun.

Andy

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TALES FROM THE

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Happy Anniversary Vicky & Ray, Kristie & Peter.

As you can see in the birthday list, both Andy & Liam celebrate theirs in July. Crabs.



In Chinese astrology Liam is a Horse. A mule is a kind of horse, right? Because he can be really stubborn!

Andy's birthday is Sunday 11th. The same day as the football-finale in South Africa. I'll be celebrating all day, all week when we win. I think we can agree none of the 32 participating teams have played winning football so far,

but we are in the finale and I believe we can beat the Spanish. Oh, by the way, Andy is a Monkey. And he is. A cheeky monkey!

Rhian showed up the evening before my birthday (last month). The last time we saw her was on Andy's birthday last year. She brought a bottle of cognac.



All she left me was a diamond earring! (Andy found it in the guest-room, can I keep it? Please?!)

I'd only seen Tam once since he's back after a lengthy stay in foreign regions. So we invited him over for a visit, he hadn't been here yet.



GUTTER

We had a really nice day. He ended up staying for dinner, once we assured him there was enough and he wouldn't overstay his welcome. I like good manners in a person.

We ended the evening with a visit to our roof-top, to admire the magnificent view. I could do that every day.

Wait a minute, I can do that every day!

Spotted on Haarlemmerdijk: The Cutting Edge! Street Art and Street Smart! Was it hair-raising hot inside, or maybe the broom-pusher quit? None of the above?



I need a haircut. Do I dare go there?



Alone with his music.

Under a railway viaduct where you normally hear the hubbub of Haarlemmer bridge or the thundering noise of a train passing overhead, now all we heard was his music.

A woman made a face & stuck her fingers in her ears. Didn't like it, thought it was odd?

I think it was art, in more ways than one.

It was Zen.

Thank you, stranger, for the moment.

My page in last month's Stun got a comment/complaint from one of our regular readers.

Finally!

Thanks Henk. Keep them coming!

And yes, I was going to write about politics again. You know, elections over, where's the government already, why does it have to take so long, isn't that typical for politicians, all talk and no action, etc., etc..

But I won't. Can't be bothered, to tell you the truth!

I'm more into: The summer, the beautiful weather, my friend Janni coming for a week, the football in South Africa, Andy's birthday, viewing Sail 2010 from our rooftop, my friend Janni coming over from Denmark, slowly but surely doing bits and pieces in the house, you know, all the little things that make life worth living.

And did I mention our friend Janni is coming soon.

Life is short, enjoy it while you can!

Elly

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After celebrating his birthday on Leidseplein for the last five years, Jim Maguire came back to his Red Light roots for this year's party.

Aariana and Marcelle were there to wish Jim a happy birthday.



During a break, Jim took a breather outside with bass player Joyce...



Take one Saturday night Unplugged with Stan, Micky and Joyce in the Old Quarter, add Jim on vocals, Jeroen on sax, Sin on drums, crank up the volume and you've got a night to remember.

Check out my videos on the Stun Facebook page. They're the first videos with my new phone and the sound quality leaves a lot to be desired, so I'm no threat to Paul's service. ☺



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MUSIC NEWS &

The holiday period has arrived. Nonetheless, the Maloe Melo is still offering live music 7 nights a week. As ever, there is a wide range to choose from: folk/country to punk through blues, rock and jazz. See our programme in this magazine and choose the evening to suit your taste. Whether you are holidaying at “our gate” or visiting Amsterdam, an evening in the Maloe Melo is a must for your holiday enjoyment.

Maggie

It's that time of the year when musicians leave town to play festivals, do summer residencies by the sea or just a take a well earned break.



I think Rahim and Lamar are in St. Petersburg this weekend for the Neva Delta Blues festival, but they'll be back in time for their Blues session in Maloe Melo on Thursday.

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Stan the Man is taking a break from his Wednesday night Latin, Pop & Rock Jam in the Waterhole this month. While he's away, Rob Taekema will be leading the session.

No fortnightly Jam Session in the Shamrock Inn this Sunday, everybody wants to watch the World Cup Final. The next Sham Jam is on Sunday 25th July.



Ken Parsons has a few gigs in Devon next week, but before he goes, he will be in Molly Malone's with Mick de Neeve on Saturday 10th July. Their Third Thursday Thing is a week later this month, on the 23rd, and they'll be back in Molly Malone's as Monty Pagan on Friday 30th July.



Fans of Romanian rockers Olly De Quartz are in for a treat: they are playing five nights in Molly Malone's this month. Check the Stun Gig-List for dates.

WHAT'S ON

Every Tuesday, it's Karaoke Night in Partycafé Candela. It starts around 9, or a bit later during hot weather. When I dropped in, Kim, Leanne and Sarah from Leeds were first up, singing "Like a Prayer".



Candela barmaid Sandra joined fellow Spanish speakers Carlos and Aggy for a rousing rendition of "La Bamba".



Don't know this guy's name, but he was singing "I want to be free". In The End, he can: Every night is Karaoke night, with more than 80,000 songs to choose from.

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Monday

Weekly

- 20:00, **Café Candela**, Re-Plugged Open Mic Night, *with Joep Berkenbosch*
- 21:00, **Hotel Old Quarter**, Old Quarter Trio, *Thijs Cuppen (piano), Olaf Meijer (bass), Klaas van Donkersgoed (drums) jazz*
- 22:00, **The End**, Karaoke, *more than 80,000 songs to choose from. Open til 3*
- 22:00, **The Waterhole**, Michael Strobel, *Jam session hosted by Michael Strobel & his band. Fine mixture of modern & old rock covers. €1*
- 22:30, **Café Candela**, Bowl of Soul, *Jam Session, with special (celeb) guests, hosted by Carole Beausaint Denis*
- 22:30, **Maloe Melo**, Acoustic Session, *with Peter Lavell*
- 23:00, **Bourbon Street**, Smokehouse, *blues with Lamar Chase*

Tuesday

Weekly

- 21:00, **Café Candela**, Karaoke Night,
- 21:30, **Molly Malone's**, Ex-Pat & Horeca Night, *with DJ*
- 22:00, **The End**, Karaoke, *more than 80,000 songs to choose from. Open til 3*
- 22:30, **The Waterhole**, Julius E. Green and the Gang Green, *Jam session. Born entertainer Julius E. Green will start the night off with his Gang Green by playing some great blues. €1*
- 23:00, **Bourbon Street**, Open Jam Session, *lead by Micky Llewellyn*
- 23:30, **Maloe Melo**, Blues + Rock Session, *with Marcel Scherpenzeel*
- 13th July 2010**
- 21:30, **Maloe Melo**, Outlet, *with Prime Time (jazz, funk) €5*



GIG-LIST

27th July 2010

21:30, **Maloe Melo**, Session Evening, €5
21:30, **Molly Malone's**, Open Podium hosted by NFS, *On the last Tuesday of every month we welcome musicians of all levels onto the stage. Get a free beer for playing a song!*

Wednesday

Weekly

22:00, **The End**, Karaoke, *more than 80,000 songs to choose from. Open til 3*
22:30, **The Waterhole**, Rob Taekema, standing in for Stan the Man in July, *Jam session hosted by Rob with Stan's band. A great repertoire of Latin, Pop and Rock.* €1

14th July 2010

21:30, **Maloe Melo**, Outlet, *with Dessart (pop/rock), Wolfing (acoustic/punk)* €5

21st July 2010

21:30, **Maloe Melo**, Session Evening, *with Rock'n'Roll Nico* €5

28th July 2010

21:30, **Maloe Melo**, Outlet Rock Punk Night, *with Abe Diddy & the Krautboy's, Ams Mofos, De Bende* €5

4th August 2010

20:30, **Melkweg**, Black Seeds, *dub/reggae/funk (NZ)* €15
22:30, **The Waterhole**, Stan the Man, *Jam session hosted by Stan and his band.* €1

Thursday

Weekly

21:00, **Old Nickel**, Peter Lavell, *Blues*
22:00, **The End**, Karaoke, *more than 80,000 songs to choose from. Open til 3*
23:00, **The Waterhole**, Gus Genser, *Former Herman Brood drummer Gus Genser is still kicking ass every Thursday. Great Rock covers performed by Gus and his band.* €1
23:30, **Maloe Melo**, Blues + Rock Session, *with Lamar Chase*

15th July 2010

21:00, **The Waterhole**, Given,
21:30, **Maloe Melo**, Outlet, *with Inneke*23 (country, alt), *Beekman (folkrock)* €5
22:00, **Coco's Outback**, Karaoke Competition, *win a bottle of bubbly*

22nd July 2010

21:00, **The Waterhole**, The Sheppards,
21:30, **Maloe Melo**, Kasbah, *with Airbag Mustard, Prophete (rock)* €5
21:30, **Molly Malone's**, Monty Pagan Presents... *singer/songwriter evening hosted by this very comical duo*

29th July 2010

21:00, **The Waterhole**, Black Dogs,
21:30, **Maloe Melo**, Outlet, *With Spendex Devils, Hans Hanneman & the Loneriders* €5
22:00, **Coco's Outback**, Karaoke Competition, *win a bottle of bubbly*

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22:00, **The End**, Karaoke, *more than 80,000 songs to choose from. Open til 4*
22:30, **Hotel Old Quarter**, Unplugged, *Live music with Stan, Micky & Joyce*

9th July 2010

21:00, **The Waterhole**, AFC,
22:00, **Molly Malone's**, Olly De Quartz, *See Friday 23rd.*
23:00, **Maloe Melo**, The Blue Moon Special, *jump, jive, rock n roll* €5
23:00, **The Waterhole**, What Ever, €1

16th July 2010

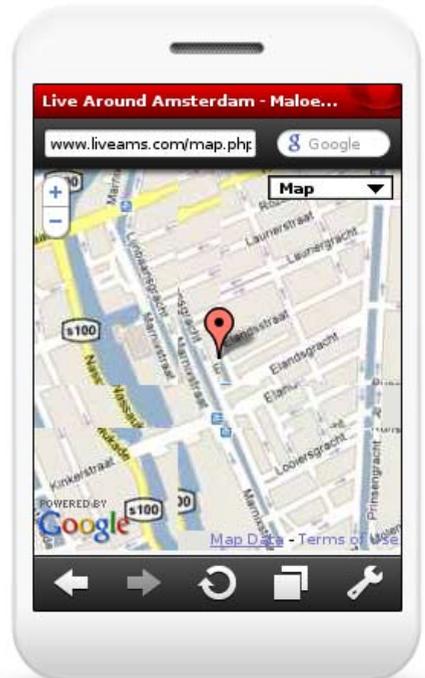
21:00, **The Waterhole**, Sticky's,
22:00, **Molly Malone's**, Olly De Quartz, *See Friday 23rd*
23:00, **Maloe Melo**, De 4 Zoons, *Ned rock* €5
23:00, **The Waterhole**, The Rangers, €1

23rd July 2010

21:00, **The Waterhole**, Super Sessions,
22:00, **Molly Malone's**, Olly De Quartz, *These 4 Romanian party-starters have been the talk of the town since they landed in Amsterdam. A night guaranteed to be one you will always be trying to remember!*
23:00, **Maloe Melo**, Surfparty: The Phantom Four, + *support: The Room Surfers & DJ's* €5
23:00, **The Waterhole**, Strobel, €1

30th July 2010

21:00, **The Waterhole**, Lost In Translation,
22:00, **Molly Malone's**, The Monty Pagan Show, *Celtic harps and comedy songs with Ken Parsons and Mick de Neeve. A very talented and very funny show!*
23:00, **Maloe Melo**, K.C. & the Cashiers, *Johnny Cash cover band* €5
23:00, **The Waterhole**, Awesome, €1



GIG-LIST

Saturday

Weekly

- 21:00, **Old Nickel**, Peter Lavell, *Blues*
22:00, **The End**, Karaoke, *more than 80,000 songs to choose from. Open til 4*
22:30, **Hotel Old Quarter**, Unplugged, *Live music with Stan, Micky & Joyce*

10th July 2010

- 21:00, **The Waterhole**, Aztecs,
21:00, **Volta**, Club Noir Excess: Gothic Night, *with DJ Droid, G. Host, Reverend Esser, Idan K (Sophya), Gods Wil. Dresscode: Gothic/cyber/fetish/black €7*
22:00, **Molly Malone's**, The Monty Pagan Show, *Celtic harps and comedy songs with Ken Parsons and Mick de Neeve. A very talented and very funny show!*
23:00, **Maloe Melo**, Palalalaka, €5
23:00, **The Waterhole**, Rife, €1

17th July 2010

- 20:00, **Bitterzoet**, Plush, *Acoustic (SA) €10*
21:00, **The Waterhole**, The Tranquilizers,
22:00, **Molly Malone's**, Olly De Quartz, *These 4 Romanian party-starters have been the talk of the town since they landed in Amsterdam. A night guaranteed to be one you will always be trying to remember!*
23:00, **Maloe Melo**, Reggae Night, *with Steven Akkur, Lea, Final-4 €5*
23:00, **The Waterhole**, The Revival, €1

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24th July 2010

- 20:00, **Bitterzoet**, Don McGlashan with Hannah Curwood, *singer/songwriters from New Zealand €10*
21:00, **The Waterhole**, Lost and Found,
23:00, **Maloe Melo**, The Last Real Blues Band, *with Marcel Scherpenzeel €5*
23:00, **The Waterhole**, Spit! €1

31st July 2010

- 20:00, **Shamrock Inn**, Reggae Party, *with DJ Lesley*
21:00, **The Waterhole**, The Freebirds,
22:00, **Molly Malone's**, Olly De Quartz, *See Saturday 17th*
23:00, **Maloe Melo**, The Last Real Blues Band, €5
23:00, **The Waterhole**, Waste!! €1

Sunday

Weekly

- 18:00, **The Waterhole**, Theo de Mosquito, *Sunday Matinee with Theo and his mosquito's; a great way to start your Sunday night out.*
22:00, **The End**, Karaoke, *more than 80,000 songs to choose from. Open til 3*
22:30, **Maloe Melo**, Acoustic Session, *with Archie*
22:30, **The Waterhole**, Joyce Grimes, *Jam session. Joyce Grimes and various guests performing Pop and Rock covers. €1*
23:00, **Korsakoff**, Eclectic Electric, *techhouse, techno, minimal, electro, progressive, breaks, indie and more.*

25th July 2010

- 19:00, **Shamrock Inn**, The Sham Jam, *with Berna, Jur & Kim*

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ROUND

Our printers, Koen, Jan Willem and Victor, delivered the June Stun to the Waterhole, where it was still Happy Hour!



Dimitri was celebrating in Susie's with Amira; he's now 9-0 in Cage Fighting. His American Football team, the Amsterdam Crusaders, were unbeaten, and in the Tulip Bowl for the Dutch championship on the 4th of July. They won, 28-22 against the Maastricht Wildcats.



For a change, Trudy wasn't in the back of the Waterhole; she was propping up the bar with Jurjen, Malu and Steve.



A couple of Cancerians in Susie's Saloon: Liam on the 5th and Marianne on the 14th.



Josie, Neil, Neil and Kevin were in Molly Malone's to see Olly De Quartz perform.

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THE BARS

Jo and Danny both worked in the old Coco's Nieuwendijk, which closed 4 years ago. Luckily, Coco's Outback is still going strong.



Pete and Lin don't like going to the same bar every night, they like variety. This month, we've got a picture of them in the Old Nickel.



Regular visitor Geoff was 65 in March and on his first visit since retirement, he was having a drink with Bob in Café Corso.



Martijn wasn't at the Old Highlander's Gar(b)age Sale, but three of the bar's witches, Ann, Sheila and Linda, were there.

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BEHIND

Patrick said that if he had known we were dropping in Molly Malone's to take a picture, he would have had a shave.



Nathalie insisted we take a picture of Wendy, daughter of JP, because she only works behind the bar in the Stone's Café occasionally.

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BARS



After owning Café Zoet for two years, Frank, ex-Waterhole, missed the live music, so now he's behind the bar in Bourbon Street.



It was a hot summer evening, so Fraser was alone in Coco's Mine: the terrace was packed!



Marlene (Old Quarter) and Willem (Old Nickel) are going on holiday together soon, apparently.

It's a good job Amy likes karaoke; they have it every night in The End.



Somebody told Tineke in the Flying Dutchman that she looks like an American cop when she's wearing the shades.



PAULINE'S

It was a full house in the Blarney Stone for Pauline's 40th Birthday Party. Friends, colleagues and family, including Pauline's sisters Joan, Catherine, Jackie and Deirdre, kept the party going deep into the night.



BLARNEY PARTY



ON THE STREETS

We don't see so much of John and Katinka since they moved to Diemen, but they were having a Saturday night drink on Coco's terrace with four of their friends. ⇨ ⇩



It was couples night out: Like the others, Leanne and Craigy had just been to see Paul Merton in the Carré.


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Kirsty and Matt have set a wedding date and venue: 14th August in Scotland.

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Birthday boy Marek was outside Susie's Saloon with the Stud, Yuri, Lena and I couldn't read the other guys name.

Paul didn't want to burn down Finnegan's Rainbow, so he set the barbecue up canal-side.



Bumped into Hazel and Paula on Haarlemmerdijk; they hadn't seen each other for 10 years!

The Orange Madness has even spread to the cigarettes Richard got out of the machine in the Flying Dutchman.



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CUP FEVER



Jet, Mark and Yvonne were securing good seats in the Shamrock Inn to watch Holland's semi-final match.



There was a full house in Josélito for Spain's quarter-final match: It will be standing room only for the final.



Paul and Marjolein in Finnegan's Rainbow made saté for the semi; I wonder what they're planning for the final.



Michelle in the Internationaal has given away Green Mamba Shots with every goal; let's hope there are a lot more during the final.

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JOKES

Guest Jokers: Rush, Terri & John

One afternoon a Scotsman was riding in his limousine when he saw two men along the roadside eating grass. Disturbed, he ordered his driver to stop and he got out to investigate. He asked one man, "Why are you eating grass?"

"We don't have any money for food," the poor man replied. "We have to eat grass."

"Well, then, you can come with me to my house and I'll feed you," the Scotsman said.

"But sir, I have a wife and two children with me. They are over there, under that tree."

"Bring them along," the Scotsman replied.

Turning to the other poor man he stated, "You come with us, also."

The second man, in a pitiful voice, then said, "But sir, I also have a wife and SIX children with me!"

"Bring them all, as well," the Scotsman answered.

They all entered the car, which was no easy task, even for a car as large as the limousine was.

Once under way, one of the poor fellows turned to the Scotsman and said, "Sir, you are too kind. Thank you for taking all of us with you."

The Scotsman replied, "Glad to do it. You'll really love my place..."

The grass is almost a foot high."

Granddad was reminiscing about the good old days...

"When I were a boy, Ma would sent me down to t'corner store wi' a pound, and I'd come back wi' five pounds o' potatoes, two loaves o' bread, three pints o' milk, a pound o' cheese, a packet o' tea, an' a half a dozen eggs.

Ya' can't do that now...

Too many fuckin' security cameras."

ZEN Teachings

Do not walk behind me, for I may not lead.
Do not walk ahead of me, for I may not follow.
Do not walk beside me for the path is narrow.
In fact, just piss off and leave me alone.

Sex is like air. It's not that important unless you aren't getting any.

No one is listening - until you fart.

Always remember you are unique. Just like everyone else.

Never test the depth of the water with both feet.

If you think nobody cares whether you are alive or dead - try missing a couple of mortgage payments.

Before you criticize someone, you should walk a mile in their shoes. That way, when you criticize them, you're a mile away - and you have their shoes.

If at first you don't succeed - skydiving is not for you.

Give a man a fish and he will eat for a day. Teach him how to fish - and he'll sit in a boat and drink beer all day.

If you lend someone £20 and never see that person again - it was probably well worth it.

If you tell the truth, you don't have to remember anything.

Some days you are the dog, and on some days you are the tree.

Don't worry; it only seems kinky the first time.

Good judgment comes from bad experience ... and most of that comes from bad judgment.

A closed mouth gathers no foot.

There are two excellent theories for arguing with women. Neither one works.

Generally speaking, you aren't learning much when your lips are moving.

Experience is something you don't get until just after you need it.

We are born naked, wet and hungry, and we get slapped on our arse - then things just keep getting worse.

Never, under any circumstances, take a sleeping pill and a laxative on the same night.

BEING FRANK ON FOOTBALL

They say that fortune favours the brave and the bold way in which the Dutch have gone about their business suggests they have every right to grace a final. Yes, they have had their fair share of good fortune, both in the qualifying group phase and the amazing capitulation of one of the tournament favourites Brazil, but you still have to win these games and although far from convincing at times, the Netherlands probably deserve their moment of glory. Who can forget the injustices of the seventies, when twice they made the World Cup finals, only to narrowly lose at the hands of Germany and Argentina, and at times controversially too.

Could it be third time lucky? Well, to be absolutely honest, they will probably need a bit more lady luck, because as I write this, just hours before the other semi-final involving Spain and Germany, their destiny could be determined by who they meet in Sunday's final. Speaking

to many die-hard Dutch supporters, the general consensus of opinion is that they would prefer Spain. A wise wish, because if the Krauts get there again, they will have done it the hard way and I think that with all guns firing, they will be too tough to handle. Let's face it, they out-fought and out-thought both England and Argentina with a refreshing brand of attacking football that produced eight goals. Add to that the drubbing of Australia, who did not disgrace themselves later in the tournament, and you have a potent football force! What is interesting about this German side is that they do not play the way we have come to expect. Their coach is prepared to gamble and encourage his team not to sit



on a lead, and perhaps even more refreshing is that they are, to date, not feigning injury it would seem. Michael Ballack's unavailability may be a blessing in disguise. It is not often I say that I enjoy watching the Germans play, but in this World Cup they have been a breath of fresh air! The Spaniards have baffled to deceive and if it were not for David Villa, they would have packed their bags a long time ago. Losing to Switzerland even made group qualification much more challenging than it should have been and to date, Torres has spectacularly failed to deliver. I have a feeling in my bones though that in tonight's semi-final he will finally come good. If he does, it is long overdue!

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In general though, I have been disappointed with the whole event. Normally, you can expect lots of sensational goals, but they have been so few and far between, and goals as a whole have been hard to come by. Can we really blame everything on this new ball? I doubt it somehow and the only saving grace of this over-hyped World Cup campaign has been the amount of shocks we have encountered. Uruguay did extraordinarily well to reach the semi-finals with a population that is approximately four times smaller than the Netherlands. Paraguay too gave everyone a run for their money and interestingly, the two South American nations that failed to deliver were Argentina and Brazil. Now how often do we say that?! England can only blame themselves, and perhaps to some extent Sepp Blatter, for their dismal performances. Mind you, you didn't need a slow motion replay to see that the goal that never was had crossed the line by a country mile! We can take some shred of comfort from that perhaps, but in truth, England were dire

and that over-paid Italian simply lost the plot. How could he keep selecting Emile Heskey when he cannot even get into a Premiership team and not select Theo Walcott and Darren Bent in his World cup squad? The man is a fool and should do the honourable thing and pack his bags without further ado. They will be heavy bags though, because the money he is on is akin to stealing the crown jewels! I know what you may be thinking... but what about the man's track record and his pedigree? All I can add is that if this is what we call pedigree, then he should have been put down years ago. Hanging around will only prolong his pain and our agony; whilst at the same time ensuring that the press daggers are sharpened even more acutely and it is only a matter of time before he finally gets the point. In truth, it is a double-edged sword. (Sorry) If he stays he faces a barrage of relentless press ridicule and if he goes he will be remembered as an abstract failure of the lowest order!

Oh well, at least the Irish had something to smile about at last. The French frogs jumped before they were pushed and the other pretenders to the throne, Italy, proved that unlike a good wine that matures with time, footballers usually don't. They were well past their sell by date by the time they got to South Africa, that's for sure and it certainly showed. Let us all hope for an amazingly good final, because unless it delivers soon, this World Cup will be remembered for all the wrong reasons, sadly.

Frank



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I first met Jim when we were squatting on the same estate in South London and it didn't take long to discover that he was a man who enjoyed life to the full. In other words, he knew how to party. We had some great times there, here, in Lisse, France, Leicester, Westport and at a foggy Knock International Airport.

Jim, I'll raise a glass to you whenever I hear Burning Spear!

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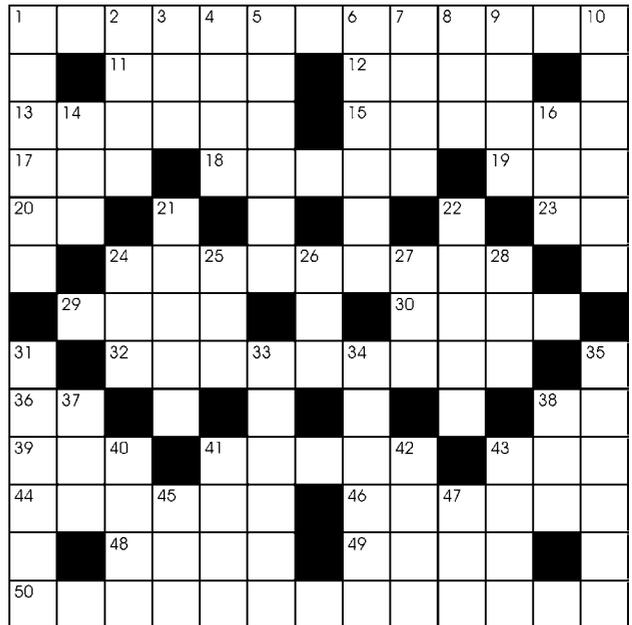
The Stun Crossword

Across

- 1: Boundary, enclosing curved shape, usually a circle. (13)
 11: Relieve tension. (4)
 12: New Zealand tree. (4)
 13: More tidy. (6)
 15: Key. (6)
 17: Sorry. (3)
 18: Narrow openings. (5)
 19: Hello in Marbella. (3)
 20: Ancient Mesopotamian city. (2)
 23: Modern. (2)
 24: Marine crustaceans. (9)
 29: Indonesian island. (4)
 30: Controversial meat. (4)
 32: Collapsing in on itself. (9)
 36: In high spirits. (2)
 38: Article. (2)
 39: Not big sister. (3)
 41: Sound sleep? (5)
 43: Expression of self. (3)
 44: Battle. (6)
 46: Endure. (6)
 48: American lake. (4)
 49: Song for a diva. (4)
 50: Four sided plane rectilinear figure. (13)

Last Month's Answers

Across: 1 Interrogation, 8 Please, 10 Random, 11 Tudor, 12 Ends, 14 Beer, 15 Subo, 16 Read, 17 So, 18 XL, 19 Aloe, 21 Loki, 23 Orly, 24 Snug, 25 Title, 27 Iconic, 28 Allies, 30 Miscellaneous.
 Down: 1 Impressionism, 2 Trends, 3 Rust, 4 Or, 5 Afar, 6 Indeed, 7 Numerologists, 9 Euro, 10 Roar, 13 Sully, 14 barks, 19 Allows, 20 Epic, 21 Lola, 22 Indigo, 25 Tide, 26 Elan, 29 Cl.



Down

- 1: Country agent. (6)
 2: Absorb text. (4)
 3: Pet. (3)
 4: Utilises. (4)
 5: King Arthur's magician. (6)
 6: Sensual. (6)
 7: Knocks out lyrics? (4)
 8: Summer in Alsace. (3)
 9: Current buzz-word for little bits. (4)
 10: Mission to collect or deliver. (6)
 14: Hear echo?
 16: Biblical high-priest. (3)
 21: Sedates. (5)
 22: Minuscule. (5)
 24: Indian address? (3)
 25: Shred. (3)
 26: Fuss. (3)
 27: Roman fifty-six. (3)
 28: Droop. (3)
 31: Ornamental car-part protection. (6)
 33: Horizontal support over door or window. (6)
 34: Shark's fin. (6)
 35: Irish county. (6)
 37: Expert. (3)
 38: Exist. (3)
 40: Hebrew dry measure. (4)
 41: Turn power to speed at sea. (4)
 42: Currency. (4)
 43: In the distance. (4)
 45: Girl's support. (3)
 47: Fruit tree. (3)