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The Editor's Bit

Even I was stunned by last month's Stun! Our printers, Victor and Jan Willem, are discovering how to get the best out of their new toy and they excelled themselves with the January Stun. Everybody we spoke to commented on the smoothness of the paper and the quality of the pictures, but the first thing I noticed was how much heavier, but smaller, the box they came in was.

The new paper is thinner, which will make it easier to add pages in the future, but it's also heavier, which has consequences for our subscribers. Each Stun in an envelope now weighs over 50 grams, which means we have to pay more for postage, so we've had to put up the subscription prices. As a bit of a sweetener, The Stun will be sent Priority to our overseas readers and nobody has to pay any extra for their current subscription. It also means that we don't have to go to the post office for the stamps every month; we can get them in the supermarket.

Due to lack of space, we couldn't use all our pictures this month, so apologies if you were left out. What we have got includes your Valentine messages on page 11, Dorothy's Valentine page and details of a Singles Valentine party; no Blind date forms to The Stun, please. Elly gave Hilton some tips on how to revise his article to make it fit on the page: The result is on page 13.

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Jane wasn't wearing so much last time she was on page 3 of The Stun



Yoanna is another new face in Lost In Amsterdam.

TALES FROM

Happy Birthday Kay, Brenda, Valentine, Esmeralda, Astrid, Rosa, Paul, Jess, Rico, Jordi, Ray, Early, Yvonne, Flo, Graham, Sarah, Phil, John, Linda, Peter, Alan, Shaun, Katey, Corrine, Hilton, BG, Ken, Kevin, Terry, Harry, Roy.

Helen & Jaap, Congratulations with the birth of daughter Iris,

Sarah & Alan, Congratulations with the birth of your son, Kealan.

Congratulations Mr. & Mrs. Singh on your recent marriage in India.

Big John is getting married to his Thuyet, in full Vietnamese attire, on February 22nd. Willy promised to get us photo's.

Kirsten & Jeroen are getting married in August. (I've tried to phone you, left a message, but Jacky said there's something wrong with your phone. Please let me know!)

And Amy from Bristol told us she is getting married too.

Jo & Karen are celebrating being in Amsterdam for fifteen years (any excuse for a party!).

Jannie, I'm afraid your next holiday will have to be here, because you've nowhere else to go! But you know you & Douglas are more than welcome here anytime!

Nancy, I'm sorry I recommended the new police series last month. I watched it a couple of times & I think it's crap. We know it's

nothing like that, I do hope the rest of Holland doesn't think it's real! The series makes the neighbourhood look awful!



We manipulated two photo's this month. This one, where Karolina wears a shirt that hasn't been made yet, see if you can find the other one.

Young at heart, well educated, experienced mariner is looking for a female buddy for a six-week cruise (or longer!), starting in June. Interested? We will tell you more in the next Amsterdam Stun!

We've been thinking about reinstating the Bar Person of the Year competition (we stopped because of too much cheating, remember!). If we do, my vote will go to Amy in The End. She is the perfect hostess.

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THE GUTTER



Andy & Patrick agree with me 100 percent, they would vote for Amy in The End.

Jonny Bravo couldn't join Vickie on Seamus' birthday party, but he was there in spirit!



On February 20th a select committee (everyone in Paradiso that night!) will be voting for the next "Amsterdam Nachtbuurgemeester". Big Frankie is one of the contestants. I hope he wins!

And it's voting time again, for all of us (well, us registered Amsterdammers!). On March 7th we should all exercise our right to vote! Lets appreciate & enjoy the freedom we have.

And now to the uproar in the world. Lets act forgivingly!

When our Beloved Leader, the Supreme Ruler of the Universe, started bestowing gifts, talents, special traits etc, on the most excellent creation, Humanity, it went by the principle of : First come, first served!

Buddhists got away with most of the tolerance, & a lot of love.

The Celts helped themselves to the lions share of the sense of humour.

I don't know exactly what the Jewish took away with them, but they sure pissed a lot of people off!

Christians also went for the love-thing (& by now mostly the physical side of it), so by the time Muslims came around, it was indeed "Slim Pickings".

(I don't think they were very interested in love & peace, because there was so much left for the beatniks & hippies in the 60's and 70's, they're still full of it!).

Islam is a young religion, but in this age of technology they will catch up pretty quick. When you think back to your history lessons at school, about 700 or so years ago, in the Dark Ages we used to burn & drown witches and heretics. It was all about "Death to the Unbeliever".

Now, where have I heard that before?

But seriously, what would the "Federation of Planets" think if a war on Earth was started over a cartoon. We can say goodbye to our invitation to join them. We're not grown-up enough!



Elly



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IN THE OLD QUARTER



Mike del Ferro had a very interesting world tour last year, playing in places like Russia, Japan, Pakistan, Bosnia, Azerbaijan and Afghanistan. Next month, he's off to Brazil and Chile with his Trio.



If it's Monday, it must be Jazz Night in the Old Quarter. Arthur Heuwekemeijer, the Sax Machine, frequently drops in to jam along with the Old Quarter Trio.

But it's not all Jazz in the Old Quarter: Here's Saskia, with Blackie the cat.



Paul is always good at attracting top notch Jazz musicians to play in the Old Quarter, but he was over the moon when Mike del Ferro found time in his schedule to play.



Dear Dorothy

Hello readers,

This month we are dedicating the Dorothy page to Valentine's Day - here are some of your messages - (Others I had to delete due to contents being not very saintly.)

Dear Dorothy,

I'd like to use your free page this month to wish my girlfriend Diedre a Happy Valentine. I'm away working on an oil rig and we are on a long contract. So Diedre, I miss you very much and look forward to being home by Christmas.

Love from Derek,

(Yeah, An oil rig that uses envelopes marked Wormwood Scrubs.)

Dear Dorothy,

Last week I quarrelled with my girlfriend Fiona, so I'd like to say, for everyone to hear; "Fiona, I'm sorry, I know I was a total pillock to let you go. I cannot live without you my darling and would do anything to be back with you. I will never go to the pub with my friends; I'll give up the golf and the fishing. I love you Fiona, will you marry me?"

Terry.F

(What a wimp, get yourself a real man Fiona)

Dear Dorothy,

I don't understand why we are not supposed to sign Valentine cards, I mean a card costs about €2.50 plus the stamp, and then I'm not supposed to sign it why?

Mark Tite-ass.

Dear Mark,

You're meant to keep the lady guessing and not worry about minimal costs. (How long have you lived here now?) But in your case, I'd sign the card, and not give false hope to anyone.

Dorothy,

Dear Dorothy,

Here is a poem for my husband Sydney :

My love for you is as sharp as a knife,
So please don't mess around.

I know dear Syd, you value your life,
So who's knickers did I find?

I've just finished a really good book,
About this woman called Bobbit,

She was handy with a knife,
So just like her I'll "lob it".

So read my lips one more time,
I know you shagged big Carrie,

I don't think it is a crime,
To geld the one you marry.

Love Margaret.

To Squidy bum - I love you - from Scattie Dog.

(ughh, Dorothy)

For Janet - I think your squirrel needs badgering - Alan

(no comment, Dorothy)

Humbug, I could eat you, Love Tiddles
(Andy, we taking letters from bloody cats now?)

Lola, let's get it on - Roger the Roger
(We run out of print space yet Andy, I'm getting bored? Dorothy.)

Hey Robbie - can we do a threesome next time? Amanda

(That's it I've had enough - Time to end page now.)

SINGLES PARTY

Lost in Amsterdam?

Apparently quite a few single people feel like that, & they would like to meet someone who could become more than just a friend.

Why not try a Blind Date?

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I'm sure Lara, Maya, Karina & Zsuzsanna will lend a hand if necessary.

When Esmeralda finds a match, you will meet your 'chosen one' blindfolded! How's that for the Ultimate Blind Date?

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look around. Your soul-mate might be right beside you, and you have won First Prize, the Jackpot: True Love!

But even if you do not meet 'the love of your life' that evening, you will have a good time lounging around, meeting new people, listening to the music.

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Weight			Weight
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Your confidence hits rock-bottom!

Making an appointment with the hair-dresser isn't easy either. In between getting the kids up & off to school, the cleaning, shopping, cooking, washing, ironing etc there's just no time.

And it's just as difficult when you've got a job. You work when they're open, on Saturdays you're too busy (shopping, cleaning) or they can't see you, they're too busy!

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Some of the more elaborate & extravagant hairstyles (see list on page opposite) take quite some time, but Chloe works from 11.00 until 22.00 hrs.

Wendy, who started the company, takes care of the business end, & the more conventional hair-styles (see advert in Metro for full price-list), the regular haircuts, wash & blow-dry, full & half perms etc. Wendy also works from 11.00 until 22.00 hrs.

Prices vary from a kids haircut for 10 Euros, to 50 Euros for a complete perm.

Both Wendy & Chloe are highly trained hair-stylists, with years of experience between them.

They are professionals, both recognised & registered at the Dutch Kappersbond.

Your Valentine Messages

To: Sweetart M.,

Loved U yesterday - Love U today -

Will love U tomorrow and always.

From: D.

To: Rhodi,

My Lover

From: Signe

To: Tamara,

I could make you fly today, but I know someone who can, she's always by my side. Will love you forever.

From: H.T.H.F.H.

To: Itchy,

Past eleven years best time of my life.

Thank you. I love you.

From: Scratchy

To: Pluto

You are the most beautiful being in the universe & your love makes me the happiest of all beings. I can never put into words how much I love You.

Happy Everlasting Valentine, my Darling.

From: Your Gizmo

To: Dorothy,

Let me take you up the Zambezi, for old time sake.

From: Hunter

To: My Welsh red-haired rarebit,

When she drinks a cider,

I'd like to be beside her,

And tapas at Megusta,

Really makes me lust her.

From: Winter Warmer



It was another full house in Café The End for the second round of the International Karaoke competition. Russel, Benk, Ret and Antonio had the difficult task of judging, but they decided on Num as the winner of the evening, so he goes through to the semi-final on Monday 13th February.

Joining Noem in the semi-final will be Kon, Tao (above), Tuk Ta, Netnapha and Sang. The best four will fight it out in the final on Monday 27th February, where first prize is a return trip to Thailand.

On Sunday 26th March, Eddy will be hosting the Miss Karaoke competition in Café The End. He's currently looking for contestants and he told me that it doesn't matter how you sing as long as you look good on stage. If you're interested, you can get more information at the bar.



With all these competitions going on, it's easy to forget that you can also get up on stage and sing yourself. Eddy's Karaoke is in Café The End five nights a week, Sunday to Thursday, from 9 pm 'til 3 am. He's got a truly international collection of songs to choose from, so why not get down there and give it a go. You never know, you might have fun and make new friends. Anything's possible with Karaoke.

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ODE TO JUR

I guess you've all heard off "Ode to Joy"? This is an "Ode to Jur"!

Ever since 79/80 (that's when I first met Jur Scherpenzeel) he's tried to create the ultimate music-club, an ambience where musicians & audience interact to create an atmosphere on a higher plane...

The first Maloe Melo got closed down, but he didn't give up. He organised a few gigs on Haarlemmerstraat, but the police shut that down too. He still didn't give up. When musicians protested against the closure, he decided to organise a benefit-gig in Paradiso, to raise money for a new Maloe Melo... he worked his ass off.

After finally acquiring suitable premises, De Kroeg, and renaming it Maloe Melo, he even worked day-jobs when necessary to fund our favourite music-hangout.

If anyone deserves respect, it's him.

You don't have to take my word for it, but here's what some musicians had to say, when I ran in to them on a typical Thursday evening in Maloe Melo.

Saxophone virtuoso Robert Schulte Nordhout: "I'm home. The Home of the Blues is my home, it has a hold over me, a hold of love for the Blues, & for Jur, because he has more love than most, when it comes to living & loving the Blues".



Guus is another big fan of Jur

Jeroen Damen (drums, guitar, vocals): "Jur is a real musician. His heart is in the right place. Me being a true fan of music, & jams, I can only say one thing: Hey Daddy, poke me that juice, I'm home".

Drummer Rozy: "I started playing here in the 80's, when it was De Kroeg. I still like to play here as often as I can, because a musician gets respect here".

Lamar Chase (guitar wizard & singer): "To Jur there's no such thing as a bad or a good musician, he's a musician himself. He treats us all the same. Respect to the man!".

Liza Chase (Blue Grass Cajun & Blues musician): "I've played sessions in other music-bars, but I feel much more relaxed here. My music is more appreciated here".

Rahim (bass- guitarist): "I'm totally in with Lamar there, Jur is the best".

And they all say, and I agree, that from all the music-club owners in Amsterdam, or in Holland, Jur is the Best! Nowhere else do musicians get treated so well as in Maloe Melo. Don't you agree Erwin, Sem, Stan & Jim?

Jur himself wouldn't give me an interview. He said: "You've known me right from the start".

And yes, I do. I used to work in a night restaurant called Maloe Melo (now Korsakov), about the same time as Jur acquired the right to the name 'Maloe Melo'. I've played in Maloe Melo's All Star Band, I've played with Robbie... who will never be forgotten!

In Maloe Melo you also have the chance to run in to some of the all time great musicians: John Mayall, Patti Smith, Joe Cocker, Jeff Healey, Fabulous Thunderbirds, to name but a few!

The Blues had a Baby,
& they called it Rock & Roll.

Hilton

S EEN O N S TAGE

If you like listening to new bands who play original material, you'll love it in Café The End at Nieuwebrugsteeg 32. Every Friday and Saturday, they showcase two or three promising, predominantly Indie, bands, but don't expect too many slick performances; most of these guys are just starting their careers in the music business. We went on Friday 13th of January to see what was on offer.

First on stage were Danish/English (Amsterdam based) band The Stutters, who went down well with the crowd. They must have made an impression on us too, because we recognised singer Mical in Susie's Saloon a couple of days later.



We missed G.O.H. playing at the Punk Party in Maloe Melo, but our friend Alien also plays drums with X-Offender.

Instead of a DJ, the Wonder Bar had The Little playing some relaxed Jazz recently.



The aptly named 'Fallin Few' fell apart, so they replaced the drums with a bodhran.



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WHAT'S ON



Lamar Chase will be leading the Thursday session in Maloe Melo this month. It's always a popular Blues session and if you're lucky, you might bump into Hilton, who mentions it on page 13.

Nuclear Kazoo will be playing in the Sláinte on Warmoesstraat tonight (9th), but by the time you read this, it might be too late, so run!

After the success of the Red Hot Chili Peppers day in the Waterhole last week, they'll be holding a Forty Licks Jam day during the afternoon of Sunday 26th March, with Rolling Stones covers all day.

I'm sure the Forty Licks Jam will appeal to Big Franky, but before then, he's standing to be elected as Nachburgemeester (Night Mayor) of Amsterdam. If you want to vote for him, the election is being held in Paradiso on Monday 20th February.



Last week's Friday Night Curry Club was sold out well in advance, so if you don't want to miss out on "Bangla Dish Delights" on the 17th February or "Some Like It Hot" on the 3rd March, get booked up now. At €25 pp, it sounds like a good night out. We're planning to sample the Bangla Dish Delights ourselves, so we might see you there.

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Maloe Melo Session with Lamar Chase
Old Nickel Peter Lavell
Slaínte Nuclear Kazoo
The End Karaoke by Eddy
The Waterhole The Gus Genser Jam

Friday 10 February

Maloe Melo Scary B.O.O.M.
The End New Bands - Live
The Waterhole Yellow Pearl

Saturday 11 February

Maloe Melo Down Jones
The End New Bands - Live
The Waterhole Wicked Fruit Company

Sunday 12 February

Finnegans R'bow Irish Dancing Afternoon
Maloe Melo Acoustic session
with T-Bone Fisher
The End Karaoke by Eddy
The Waterhole Ladies Nite

Monday 13 February

Bourbon Street Latin Jam with Gregorio
Maloe Melo Acoustic session
with Magic Sem
Old Quarter Jazz Session with
the Old Quarter Trio
guest: Jesse van Rulle
The End International Karaoke
Competition - Semi-Final
The Waterhole Illegam Jam

Tuesday 14 February

Lost in Ams'dam Singles Valentine Party
Maloe Melo Balkan Session with Yanko
The End Karaoke by Eddy
The Waterhole Rory's Open Mike Session

Wednesday 15 February

Maloe Melo Julia P.
The End Karaoke by Eddy
The Waterhole Jamming with Julius

Thursday 16 February

Maloe Melo Session with Lamar Chase
Old Nickel Peter Lavell
The End Karaoke by Eddy
The Waterhole The Gus Genser Jam

Friday 17 February

Maloe Melo Sue Moreno &
The Flaming Stars
The End New Bands - Live
The Waterhole Student Party
with Scratches & Music

Saturday 18 February

Maloe Melo The Brenda
The End The Wendies, DustyHills
The Waterhole Rockweilers

Sunday 19 February

Finnegans R'bow Irish Dancing Afternoon
Maloe Melo Acoustic session
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The Waterhole Ladies Nite

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Monday 20 February

Bourbon Street Latin Jam with Gregorio
Maloe Melo Acoustic session
with Magic Sem
Old Quarter Jazz Session with
the Old Quarter Trio
guest: Leo Janssen
Paradiso Nachtburgem'ster Election
The End Karaoke by Eddy
The Waterhole Illegal Jam

Tuesday 21 February

Maloe Melo V.S.P.A. Student Session
The End Karaoke by Eddy
The Waterhole Birdland Session

Wednesday 22 February

Maloe Melo Artery
The End Karaoke by Eddy
The Waterhole Jamming with Julius

Thursday 23 February

Maloe Melo Session with Lamar Chase
Old Nickel Peter Lavell
The End Karaoke by Eddy
The Waterhole The Gus Genser Jam

Friday 24 February

Maloe Melo Rootsclub with Bert Boot,
Rik & Jan the Lazyman
The End New Bands - Live
The Waterhole Nozy Neighbours

Saturday 25 February

Café Bax Poetry & Music with
Bart Bray, Gijs ter Haar
& T-Bone Fisher
Maloe Melo Rolf de Band
The End New Bands - Live
The Waterhole Hurricane Joy

Sunday 26 February

Finnegans R'bow Irish Dancing Afternoon
Maloe Melo Acoustic session
with T-Bone Fisher
The End Karaoke by Eddy
The Waterhole Ladies Nite

Monday 27 February

Bourbon Street Latin Jam with Gregorio
Maloe Melo Acoustic session
with Magic Sem
Old Quarter Jazz Session with
the Old Quarter Trio
guest: Ben van Gelder
The End International Karaoke
Competition - Final
The Waterhole Illegal Jam

Tuesday 28 February

Maloe Melo Balkan Session with Yanko
The End Karaoke by Eddy
The Waterhole Augusto's Jam

Wednesday 01 March

Maloe Melo Band Stand with Nico
The End Karaoke by Eddy
The Waterhole Jamming with Julius

Thursday 02 March

Maloe Melo Session
The End Karaoke by Eddy
The Waterhole The Gus Genser Jam

Friday 03 March

Maloe Melo Maloe Melo All Stars
The End New Bands - Live
The Waterhole Sugar Mama

Saturday 04 March

Maloe Melo Asmodeus
The End New Bands - Live
The Waterhole One Night Stan

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ROUND



They were queuing up to pose with Caroline in the Flying Dutchman, but it's Tam who got in the picture.

They share the same surname and come from the same city, but Neil from Buster's and Stun football expert Frank only met for the first time recently.



We bumped into Charlene in Maloe Melo, but we didn't find out her friend's name.



Esmerelda is back in Lost In Amsterdam, but we caught her in Mister Coco's having a drink with Jo.



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THE BARS

Reuben, Celine and Lisette joined Justine behind the bar in the Stone's Corner.



Brynjulf the Viking, a good friend of Eddy and Jacky, likes changing planes at Schiphol so he can spend a night in Amsterdam.

Zoe, Mario, Hassan, Nina and Max had to pose with Mirzjan the cat in the Wonder Bar.



In Susie's Saloon, Paul agreed, there's nothing bad about Big John.

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WARMOESSTRAAT

CENTRUM

Sylvia is leaving the easy life in the Witte Tulp for a front desk job in Hotel Terminus.



Liv is the new manager in the Sláinte, so Andy and Ken are looking after her.

If we'd known it was Rosa's birthday, she'd have been in Elly's list last month, but here she is with another Rosa in the Sláinte, just as it turned into her birthday.



Ruairí and Orla are new to The Stun, but we see Matt all over town.

Sabeth and birthday girl Jordi were partying with Ivar (Jordi's brother) and Guen.



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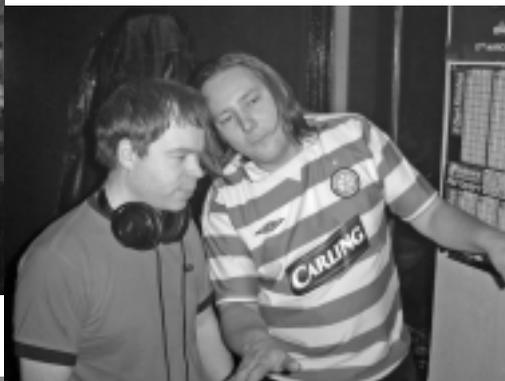
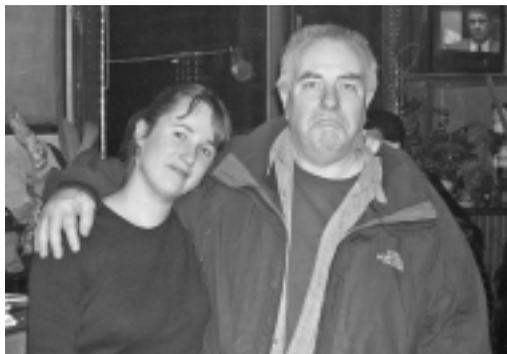
IN FINNEGAN'S

Seamus celebrated his birthday in Finnegan's Rainbow, and while he was there, he got on the hotline to Warner Bros.



Seamus is giving Marjolein away to Hendrik.

A week later, it was landlord Paul's turn to party. We couldn't make it there ourselves, so Mark sent us some of his pictures.



Jude, Vicky, Marija, Mike, Peter and Clia were also there, having a great time.



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FROM BUMP TO

The McGuire family is very high profile in Amsterdam, and we know you've all heard the news already: Sarah gave birth to a bouncing baby boy on January 19th. He was expected on Robert Burns' birthday, but since when do kids listen to their parents?

Anyway, his name is Kealan.



His paternal grandmother Nula was over for the occasion.

His delighted parents Sarah & Alan are proud to present you with his first photo-shoot.

Here he is with granny Annie.



We wouldn't be at all surprised when Kimberly offers to baby-sit her little nephew!

BOY



Kealan, we might as well introduce you to some of your Fairy Godmothers. On the top you find Linda, who is one of your gran's best mates, more like part of the family. Her daughter Nicola & your mum are also long time friends, they grew up together.

The other two are Jo & Cathy, words not necessary, you just look at these magical smiles.



They wish you health, happiness, and the wisdom to enjoy your life!

The Forgotten Haggis!

We got a call at the 'Old Highlander',

On Rabbie Burns' day.

It was from a fellow Scot,

Who was in a desperate way.

I cannot find a Haggis he says,

Please help me if you can.

So Ray said he had a spare one,

And made him a happy man.

We took the Haggis out of the freezer,

And sat it proudly on a plate.

He would pick it up later on he said,

Somewhere between seven & eight.

Now for three days the Haggis sat there,

But it was clear our man had forgotten.

So we had to throw it in the bin,

Cause the poor wee thing was rotten.

So I hope we never meet this man,

Willie MacIntyre's his name,

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IN THE WATER

Jim Maguire was in fine voice when the band he fronts, "Joe Rocker - The Joe Cocker Revue" played to a full house in the Waterhole last month. They were there to present their new CD, Live at Volta, and the crowd loved it.



The place was buzzing on and off stage, because guitarist Stan was also celebrating his birthday.



It was Julie's last night in the Waterhole, so she wanted her picture taken with Natalie.



Thijs would only pose with Elly.



Everybody wanted to pose with Youssef.

HOLE



It's been a long time since we last saw Laszlo and even longer since he last made an appearance in The Stun.



There were loads of musicians there to see the show, and during the break, Joe Rocker bass player Joyce was spotted at the bar with fellow bassists Katinka and Gregorio.



Tom was also celebrating his birthday, so we gave him a cake.

What do you call somebody who hangs around with musicians? The drummer.



Martin and PT thought it was funny...
Gus and Sin weren't too offended.



BEHIND



Vincent in the Wonder Bar tried to avoid the camera, but we were too fast.



It's always nice to see Nathalie in the Stone's Café.

We could hardly see Mirka behind the beer taps in the London Bridge.



In the Waterhole, we tried to get a picture of just Joya, Natalie and Julie, but Skip was too fast.



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BARS



Robbie has got some busy weekends ahead of him; a lot of the players from AAC and NFC have made Café Corso their venue for watching the 6 Nations rugby on TV.



Denise was in the Vijaya with Singh, who's just got back after spending two months in India, where he got married. We're still waiting to see the pictures!



The International Karaoke competition in The End has kept Amy busy behind the bar.



Willy didn't have time to stop and chat to us during the Punk Party in Maloe Melo.

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BEHIND MORE BARS

Dennis, who used to be in the Sower, is back in town and working in the Waterhole.



Kate, Lu and Etienne were behind the bar in Coco's Outback.



This is Ebru, one of the girls to be found in Lost in Amsterdam.

It's been a long time since Martha from Maloe Melo was in The Stun.




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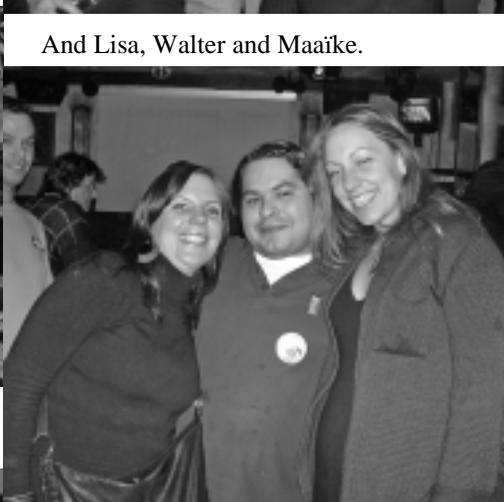
Rico celebrated his 30th in the Newcastle Pub with Louise and girlfriend Mandy.



Carolien and Hidde...



Amongst the guests, were Jort...
Maaïke, Bas, Ben and Chris...



And Lisa, Walter and Maaïke.



IN SUSIE'S



Another picture of Big John, this time with Lars. I'm sure the gesture was in jest.



Signe said that she thinks Stacy is a girl's name, so we should put his picture on Page 3. Sorry Signe, names don't matter; we only put real women on Page 3.

Otto was talking to Liam when we came in to get the Liam Fan Club's monthly fix.

So, here is Stacy, not on Page 3, but on Page 30. Is that close enough? You could always tippex out the 0.



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"Um, I am just calling to advise you, Senor, that your parrot died."

"My parrot? Dead? The one that won the International competition?"

"Si, Senor, that's the one."

"Damn! That's a pity! I spent a small fortune on that bird. "What did he die from?"

"From eating rotten meat, Senor"

"Rotten meat? Who the hell fed him rotten meat?"

"Nobody, Senor. He ate the meat of the dead horse."

"Dead horse? What dead horse?"

"The thoroughbred, Senor Lucky. He died from all that work pulling the water cart."

"Are you insane? What water cart?"

"The one we used to put out the fire, Senor."

"Good Lord! What fire are you talking about, man?"

"The one at your house, Senor! A candle fell and the curtains caught on fire."

"What the.....!!! But there's electricity at the house!!! What was the candle for?"

"For the funeral, Senor."

"WHAT BLOODY FUNERAL?!"

"Your wife's, Senor... She showed up one night out of the blue and I thought she was a thief, so I hit her with your new Tiger Woods Nike Driver."

SILENCE...

"Ernesto if you broke that driver, you're in deep shit!"

We've all heard about people having guts or balls. But do you really know the difference between them? In an effort to keep you in-

formed, the definition for each is listed below.

GUTS - is arriving home late after a night out with the guys, being assaulted by your wife with a broom, and having the guts to ask: "Are you still cleaning, or are you flying somewhere?"

BALLS - is coming home late after a night out with the guys, smelling of perfume and beer, lipstick on your collar, slapping your wife on the ass and having the balls to say: "You're next."

I hope this clears up any confusion on the subject.

Ethel is a bit of a demon in her wheelchair. She loves to charge around the nursing home, taking the corners on one wheel and getting up to maximum speed on the long corridors.

Ethel and her fellow residents are all one sandwich short of a picnic, but they all tolerate each other, and even some of the men join in the fun.

One day Ethel was speeding up one of the corridors when a door opened and Mad Mike stepped out of his room with his arms outstretched. "STOP!" he said in a firm voice. "Have you got a licence for that thing?"

Ethel fished around in her handbag, pulled out a Kit-Kat wrapper and held it up to him. "OK" he said, and Ethel sped off down the hall.

As she took the corner near the TV lounge, on one wheel, Weird William popped out in front of her and shouted: "STOP! Have you got proof of insurance?"

Ethel dug deep into her handbag, pulled out a beer coaster, and held it up to him. William nodded and said "Carry on Ma'am."

Ethel was nearing the final corridor before the front door when Bonkers Brian stepped out in front of her. He was stark naked and holding (for his age) a very sizeable erection in his hand.

"Oh No!" said Ethel, "Not the Breathalyser again!"

BEING FRANK ON FOOTBALL

Graeme Souness finally got the bullet at Newcastle the other week and it will be interesting to see how the new management pairing of Glenn Roeder and Alan Shearer perform, given the fact that the Magpies are perilously close to the relegation zone at the moment. I was not surprised about the demise of GS because his strict disciplinarian footballing diet of hard work and much sweat and tears was in stark contrast to Sir Bobby Robson's laid-back approach to coaching. Perhaps Sir Bobby let things slide a little in the latter stages of his reign at St. James's, but his record was still impressive when he was finally forced to throw in the towel. He got Newcastle not only into Europe, but also in a position where they came close to winning something, only failing at the semi-final stages in both the Champions league and the UEFA cup. He also got the club to the brink of winning the Premiership, finishing in second place on one occasion and a creditable fourth and fifth more recently. Sadly however, a poor start to last season cost him his job and in hindsight, Freddy Sheppard must be regretting his hastiness there, but I suspect he is far too pompous to admit it.

What he got with Souness at the helm was considerably worse. In his short 16 month tenure, he spent a staggering £47 million on players - which even by Newcastle standards is a lot of money and then secured a measly 36 wins out of a possible 83! You don't have

to be a rocket scientist to know that was a very poor return and I predicted right from the outset that he was a bad choice for the job. He wasn't wanted by the supporters, but this didn't deter the arrogant Mr. Sheppard from blindly selecting his own personal favourite and riding rough-shod over the interests of the fans. As a result, it was the supporters who suffered once more. They have

gone through more managers in the last few years under Sheppard's ill-judged chair than most clubs have hot baths. From Ruud Gullit and Kenny Dalglish to Kevin Keegan and Sir Bobby, they have all done their bit in recent years, but no one has satisfied the man at the top and yet if heads should chop, surely his should be the first! All that said, Newcastle today is a very happy place to be, because Alan Shearer is the club's all-time leading

scorer, surpassing the great Jackie Millburn's fifty-year-old record of 200 net-bulgers. Whatever you say about Shearer, there's no denying his eye for a goal and some football experts from the North East are convinced he is the best centre forward the Magpies have ever had. I suppose you could say that at this particular moment, it is difficult to argue against them, but we should not forget Hughie Gallagher, who in the 1920's scored an incredible 143 goals in just 174 appearances! The game has moved on leaps and bounds of course, but I am sure Malcolm



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Macdonald and Len White would have something to say about that observation!

I find the Sol Campbell saga a bit mysterious, don't you? I mean, he has an absolute 'mare' against West Ham on Wednesday, when he walked out at the break having been 'Solely' responsible for both goals it would seem, and then this prolonged silence, which just adds to the intrigue. His agent, who really should be the man in the know, knows nothing. Or at least nothing that would jeopardize the integrity of England's number one centre half, who, under normal circumstances, would be first choice in our forthcoming World Cup campaign. Whether normal services will be resumed soon depends to a large extent upon who you speak to. According to a close friend, he has had a bad problem to resolve in his private life and this is affecting his performances on the field. Another so-called insider says it has to do with a breakdown in a relationship that has now become detrimental and he is not in the right mental state to resume where he left off.

Just as well, I suppose, given his last performance! Arse Wenger is his usual diplomatic self on the subject and said that he spoke to Sole on Friday and he expects him to be back in training the following week. "He sounded OK to me over the telephone and he is eager to get back as soon as possible, so we expect him back here as normal on Monday."

Better than coming back abnormal, I suppose and let us face it, when he is on song, he is outstandingly good. At thirty one, he still has a few years in the game at this level, but there are suggestions that he is losing a bit of pace, which may be affecting his confidence too. Time will tell of course, but I expect him to be an integral part of England's summer World Cup offensive somehow.

In Scotland, Rangers got stuffed by Hibernian in the Scottish Cup by three goals to zilch, at home of all places and with Celtic already dumped by Clyde in the previous round, it means that neither of the big-guns are in the quarter final stages of the tournament for the first time since the early seventies! It is good for football in my view and thanks to the latest draw, two clubs from outside the SLP are assured a place in the semi-finals!

And in the Netherlands too there are lots of amazing things happening in the top division. Ajax are an unbelievable 20 points behind the leaders and the top three in this league these days are PSV, Feyenoord and AZ Alkmaar! Once again, I would argue that it is good for football, but I am quite sure there are lots of Ajax supporters out there who would be inclined to disagree. After their humiliating three goals to two defeat last weekend at the hands of arch rivals Feyenoord, perhaps they would disagree even more vehemently. PSV look too good for the rest and should lift the title, but this season, in this league, literally anything is possible!

Frank

IN THE BACK



Nick and Tina were in town for a visit.

Tineke was in the Amsterdam Spirit, with her son Remy, so we had to get a picture of them together.



Jane was in town for a couple of days to get wasted before going back to Florida. While she was here, she bumped into Mickey in the Flying Dutchman.



Kate and Alison posed with Pat at the end of Happy Hour in Coco's Outback.

Amy and her friends came to Amsterdam for her Hen Party and found The End.





In the Wonder Bar, Helena talked Stanna into posing for a picture.



Our roving reporter Hilton was in Maloe Melo with Mickey.

Frank was in Molly Malone's with Rung and the kids, Su and Sun.



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