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One Hundred and Eighty!

The Editor's Bit

I was thinking about having a World Cup theme to our cover this month, but when it's the 180th edition of the Stun, what else could a bar magazine put on the cover? Our team of experts scoured the country looking for the right dartboard to use and presented a short-list of suitable candidates for me to take photos of. To complete the picture, I needed darts, which I forgot to take with me, so thank you Ramses in Finnegan's Rainbow, Pat in Coco's Outback and Pedro in the Flying Dutchman for the loan of your darts.

In the end, our judge (Elly) chose the dartboard from the Flying Dutchman to adorn our 180th cover because it looks well used and has probably been around as long as the Stun.

Even though there's no World Cup on the cover, there's plenty inside. On page 27, you'll find my guide to the best places to watch the action on TV and Frank takes a look at the chances of the teams on the following pages. Still on football, our Premiership Predictions League has a winner! Find out who it is on page 30.

Also in this month's Stun, we've got pictures of off-pitch action from the Rugby 7's, a couple of birthday parties and loads of people around the bars, plus the gig-list, jokes and Elly takes a look at next week's election. Next month, I'll tell you about the new website I'm making, but until then, enjoy your Stun.

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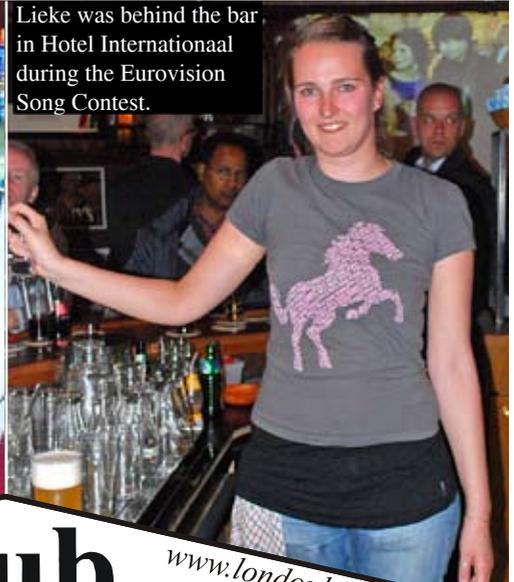
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Elisa in the London Bridge is totally wild and likes to flash her tattoo.



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Waterhole barmaids Karin, Anna and Iris posed for a girls only shot while the guys were out of sight.



TALES FROM THE

Happy Birthday Elly, Ria, Adrie, Aad, Ad, Alan, Ann, Chris, CJ, Claire, Dan, David, Derry, Diederik, Django, Duncan, Ferrie, Frans, Gus, Ian, Jaime, Jay, Jessica, Jim, Jo, Joan, Johan, John, Joost, Karolina, Kimberley, Lesley, Liz, Martin, Michael, Michelle, Mike, Mirjam, Paul, Peter, Red John, Renee, Richard, Russell, Sandra, Sarah, Sean, Sinead, Sonja, Steve, Tommy, Tony, Toosh, Ushi, Valerie.

Happy Anniversary Anja & Cees, Alison & Phil, Ian & Richard, Ilona & Ray.

My sister Ria with one of her beautiful grandchildren.

year she's 60, a milestone! So would you send her an e-mail: ria@stun.nl, to wish her HAPPY BIRTHDAY, we'll make sure she gets them on the 14th. And thanks, I appreciate it.



Ans pops in about once a month, to keep us up to date about her job, about daughter Roxanne, who changed jobs, and she told us about niece Maartje, who is in need of a new abode. If you know of a room, attic, sharing apartment etc., let us know and we'll pass the info on.

Tam has been back for a while now, but I hadn't seen him yet. So it was nice to see him in the Dutchmen, and have a smoke together.

It's her birthday this month. Well, she's got one every year of course, on June 14th, but this



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GUTTER

Come to think of it, it was the first time I'd been in the "smoking room", as far as I can remember anyway!



We went downstairs to see Mickey, so I could say "thank you" for all the goodies he brought over from Blighty. Real sausages, succulent bacon and a delicious cheese.

This week I had to say goodbye to a dear friend. An old friend, thirty years, that's how long...

We got together at least a couple of times a week. A bit less during the summer. But whenever necessary, I knew I could count on our relationship. Come rain or snow, no matter what time of day, and regularly at night.

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On our last day, we spent the whole afternoon together. Our last time together.

I'll miss you!

Thanks for taking me everywhere for thirty years, dear strippenkaart!

There are two things on the mind of the Dutch this month: Elections and Football!

I'm sure Frank's got football covered, so I'm stuck with the elections.

Now, the majority of Stun readers are not Dutch, so they're not allowed to vote. But they can urge their Dutch mates to vote!

Tell them to vote for Job Cohen, PvdA.

He was great in Amsterdam, he will be good for our country!

Party leaders Balkenende, Rutte, Wilders, etc., have been slugging him. Him more than any of the others.

They must be scared!

Balkenende's own party, CDA, has lost faith (in him, and the election-outcome, not in God!), they all disagree about "the breaking point"! He wants one, they don't. And his behaviour towards the female interviewer was very odd, to say the least!

Rutte (VVD) lost his temper when confronted with some hard numbers about how much less money single parents and handicapped people would have to spend with the VVD party program.

He denied it vehemently on television, but had to take a step back later.

Wilders (PVV) still hasn't got a real program, but tried his hand at provoking the Dutch Muslim population again, by putting a few Mohammed cartoons in De Telegraaf, hoping some of them would get angry enough to do something stupid. He can then scream: I told you so!

The newspaper refused, so now he can go on about free speech and censorship again.

Wilders' own number two, Hero, has openly disagreed with him, on several topics. Many will follow.

Who have I forgotten. Nobody, really.

I just don't want to write about them.

It looks like summer has started, finally.

We moved our furniture from "Winter Mode" to "Summer Mode" weeks ago.

Have Fun with the Stun, and don't do anything I wouldn't do!

Elly



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In the Stone's Café, Nathalie's good friend Anka was there, so we had to get a picture.



Magic Sem made a guest appearance in the Old Quarter with Micky, Joyce and Stan.

Old Quarter barman Marvan's mum made a colour print of her son from the Stun website. Here's another one, on his own this time.



Hadn't seen much of Francesco (Southern Cooking) since the Dubliner closed, but he was in the Old Nickel with Peter Lavell and will play in Mulligan's on Saturday 26th June.

See ALL the pictures from the **Amsterdam Stun** in Glorious Colour on our website:
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TWINS



A good turn-out for Brian and Steven's birthday party in Molly Malone's, but we've got no room for captions...



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GREGOSAURIUS!!

Gregorio had a busy birthday, with 5 gigs in 3 days. We caught up with him and the rest of Mosquito, Theo, Buddy, Rik and Daniel, outside Bourbon Street.



The Big Man doesn't look quite so big beside Peter and Orlando.

Birthday greetings in the street from Elisa and Waterhole barman Arjan.



A quick drink with Terry and Sara, who were behind the bar in Bourbon Street.

And then on stage for the 2nd gig that day.

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MUSIC NEWS &

There is music in the Maloe Melo to suit all tastes. In June there is a Punk evening, a Metal evening and a Ramones tribute evening not forgetting the Classic rock band from Prague -The Beer band. Also in our selection in June; mellow/acoustic, rock, rock/psychedelic, Americana, 60's and a Joy Division tribute band. There is also a benefit night for women in Mozambique. Tuesdays and Thursdays from 23.30 jam sessions. Just choose the evening that appeals to you the most. For more details see the gig list or visit www.maloemelo.nl.

See you soon.

Maggie

It was great while it lasted, but as of now, Coco's Mine is no longer a Live Music venue. Despite the valiant efforts of Edward, Mathijs and especially Fraser, they couldn't draw in enough people to make it a worthwhile venture, so they pulled the plug on it. If all goes to plan, Coco's Mine will be re-opening today (Friday 4th) with a new DJ booth instead of a stage. Expect all the fun of Coco's Outback party nights, like regular drink specials, cocktails and dancing, but with a bar that stays open much later. Table dancing might be tricky though.



I've had musicians say hello mid-song when I enter a bar and say goodbye when I leave, but when I dropped into the Old Nickel, Lilian opened the door for me – while she was playing the harmonica!

Every night is Karaoke Night in The End, but Saturdays are even more fun: pay €15 and all drinks are just €1. Pawel from Poland and Tendai from Zimbabwe were belting out Barbie Girl when I dropped in recently.



There's a very high standard of singing at the fortnightly Karaoke competition in Coco's Outback, where Bradley was one of the contenders for the prize, a bottle of bubbly.



Tuesday means Karaoke night in Partycafé Candela. It usually begins at 21:00, but will start after the football during the World Cup. I haven't been there for karaoke in a while, but I've heard good reports and hope to get down there with my camera soon.

WHAT'S ON



Everyone wants a piece of the action: Nick joined Red Light Rock Stars Stan, Micky and Joyce on stage in the Old Quarter, Unplugged.



Jim Maguire will be celebrating his birthday, Saturday 19th June, in the Old Quarter with Stan, Joyce, Micky and a few special guests and they will be plugged in. Most of Jim's band, Joe Rocker, will be there, so it's got the makings of a great night out.

Mama's Bad Boys are going to St. Petersburg for a week in July, but before then, you can catch Lamar and Rahim in Maloe Melo, every Thursday from 23:30.



We always mention Berna, Jur and Kim at the Shamrock Sunday Jam, but we shouldn't forget Pierre on drums; he's always there too. Last Sunday, the four regulars were joined by, amongst others, Paul on flute and sax.



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20:00, **Café Candela**, Re-Plugged Open Mic



Night, with *Joep Berkenbosch*

22:00, **The End**, Karaoke,

22:00, **The Waterhole**, Michael Strobel's Band, *jam session* €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*

7th June 2010

21:00, **Hotel Old Quarter**, Jazz session, with *the Thijs Cuppen trio*

14th June 2010

21:00, **Hotel Old Quarter**, Jazz session, with *the Thijs Cuppen trio*

21st June 2010

21:00, **Hotel Old Quarter**, The Old Quarter Trio, *special guest: Kurt Weiss (jazz)*

28th June 2010

21:00, **Hotel Old Quarter**, The Old Quarter Trio, *special guests: Jan Menu quartet (jazz)*

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Tuesday

Weekly

21:00, **Café Candela**, Karaoke Night,

21:30, **Molly Malone's**, Ex-Pat & Horeca Night, *with DJ*

22:00, **The End**, Karaoke,

22:30, **The Waterhole**, Julius E. Green's Blues & Soul Jam, €1

23:00, **Bourbon Street**, Open Jam Session, *lead by Micky Llewellyn*

23:30, **Maloe Melo**, Blues + Rock Session, *with Marcel Scherpenzeel (except 15th)*

8th June 2010

21:30, **Maloe Melo**, Kasbah, *with Romein (rock/pop), Jordgubb (mellow/acoustic)* €5

15th June 2010

21:30, **Maloe Melo**, Student Session, *with V.S.P.A.*

22nd June 2010

21:30, **Maloe Melo**, From Prague, the legendary Beerband, *classic rock* €5

29th June 2010

21:30, **Maloe Melo**, Kasbah, *with Unknown Pleasure (Joy Division tribute), ½ Minute Man (rock/psychedelic)* €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!*

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GIG-LIST

Wednesday

Weekly

22:00, **The End**, Karaoke,
22:30, **The Waterhole**, Stan's Latin, Rock & Pop Jam, €1

9th June 2010

20:00, **Molly Malone's**, Pub Quiz, *Expect the usual 10 rounds of brain - teasing questions with a world cup round thrown in! Cash prizes for the winning teams and frequent on-the-spot raffle prizes through-out the night.*
21:30, **Maloe Melo**, Outlet: Metal Night, with *Lockdown, King Nitro, Imbecilla + DJ Nukebox* €5

16th June 2010

20:00, **Volta**, Sounds Different, *Pop/Rock Jam session*
21:30, **Maloe Melo**, Willy & the Bandits, *Blues & bluesrock, UK* €5

23rd June 2010

21:30, **Maloe Melo**, Outlet: Punk Night, with *Zibabu, Gassolini, De Bende + DJ Nukebox* €5

30th June 2010

21:30, **Maloe Melo**, Outlet: Ramones Tribute Evening, with *Oh My God It's The Ramones, The X-Offenders + DJ Nukebox* €5



Thursday

Weekly

21:00, **Old Nickel**, Peter Lavell, *Blues*
22:00, **The End**, Karaoke,
23:00, **The Waterhole**, Gus Genser (Herman Brood's ex-drummer) Rock Jam, *Still kicking ass every Thursday* €1

23:30, **Maloe Melo**, Blues + Rock Session, with *Rahim*

10th June 2010

20:30, **Volta**, Punk Night, with *Monomania, This City Shines, Noyalty* €5
21:00, **The Waterhole**, Emergency Access,
21:30, **Maloe Melo**, Outlet, with *In Stitches (punk)* €5

22:00, **Coco's Outback**, Karaoke Competition, *win a bottle of bubbly*

17th June 2010

20:30, **Volta**, Hardcore Night, with *Wasted Bullet, Screw Houston Start Screaming, This Will Kill You* €5

21:00, **The Waterhole**, Stereotypes,
21:30, **Maloe Melo**, Outlet, with *Nils Wieland and the Legendary Last Ones* €5

21:30, **Molly Malone's**, Monty Pagan's Third Thursday Thing, *singer/songwriter evening hosted by this very comical duo*

24th June 2010

21:00, **The Waterhole**, Redicilious,
21:30, **Maloe Melo**, Outlet, with *Rockerbox* €5

21:30, **Mulligans**, Monty Pagan, *local duo: Ken Parsons & Mick de Neeve: trad. Irish tunes interlaced with lively popsongs*

22:00, **Coco's Outback**, Karaoke Competition, *win a bottle of bubbly*

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Friday

Weekly

21:00, **Old Nickel**, Peter Lavell, *Blues*
22:00, **The End**, Karaoke,
22:30, **Hotel Old Quarter**, Unplugged, *Live music with Stan, Micky & Joyce*

4th June 2010

21:00, **The Waterhole**, Radish,
21:00, **Volta**, Club Noir Excess: Gothic Night, *with DJ Droid, Te' Pd Gvd, Reverend Esser, Idan K (Sophya), Ratagosk, 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**, Albert Fish, *punkrock, Portugal €5*
23:00, **The Waterhole**, 5-Live, €1

11th June 2010

21:00, **The Waterhole**, AFC,
22:00, **Molly Malone's**, Ray Heffernan, *We are delighted to welcome Ray, who is on tour from Ireland. Up-tempo favourites!*
23:00, **Maloe Melo**, Amsterdam BeatClub, *Pre D-Day Party with Li'l Esther & the Tinstars €5*
23:00, **The Waterhole**, Roxxy, €1

18th June 2010

21:00, **The Waterhole**, Bucket,
22:00, **Molly Malone's**, The Monty Pagan Show, *see Friday 4th*
22:30, **Maloe Melo**, Reggae Recipe:5th Anniversary Weekender, *Live:Ollie Q & Deep Six, International Djs & Free Snacks €5*
23:00, **The Waterhole**, What Ever, €1



25th June 2010

21:00, **The Waterhole**, Buddy's Stage,
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**, The Mystery Train Conductors, *rockabilly, jazzabilly €5*
23:00, **The Waterhole**, Spit, €1

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Weekly

- 21:00, **Old Nickel**, Peter Lavell, *Blues*
22:00, **The End**, Karaoke,
22:30, **Hotel Old Quarter**, Unplugged, *Live music with Stan, Micky & Joyce*

5th June 2010

- 21:00, **The Waterhole**, Billy Rox,
22:00, **Molly Malone's**, Eoghan O'Sullivan, *A mixture of old favourites together with his own material. A cracking solo act.*
23:00, **Maloe Melo**, Benefit Party for Mozambique Maningue Nice, *with Samba workshop and various acts* €7.50
23:00, **The Waterhole**, The Relic, €1

12th June 2010

- 21:00, **The Waterhole**, Alkazar,
22:00, **Molly Malone's**, Olly De Quartz, *see Friday 25th*

- 23:00, **Bourbon Street**, Gregosaurius Rex,
23:00, **Maloe Melo**, Stax Soul Party, *with Juicebox* €5

- 23:00, **The Waterhole**, Jack's On 5, €1

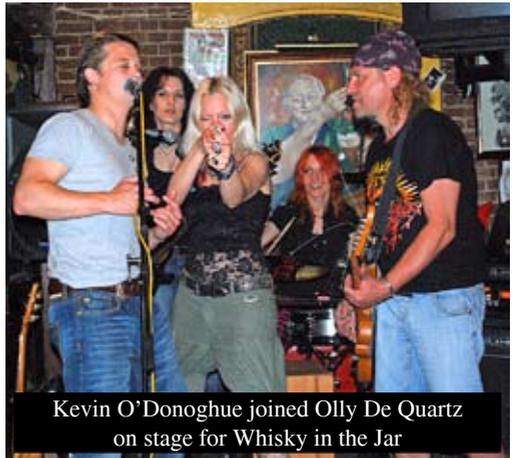
19th June 2010

- 21:00, **The Waterhole**, Sticky Honey,
22:00, **Molly Malone's**, Olly De Quartz, *see Friday 25th*
22:30, **Hotel Old Quarter**, Jim's Birthday Bash, *'Joe Rocker' frontman Jim Maguire and special guests join Old Quarter regulars Stan, Micky & Joyce for a night of rocking in the Red Light.*

- 23:00, **Maloe Melo**, Liber-students evening,
23:00, **The Waterhole**, Rife, €1

26th June 2010

- 20:00, **Shamrock Inn**, Reggae Party, *with DJ Lesley*
21:00, **The Waterhole**, Shaking Patsy,
22:00, **Mulligans**, Francesco's Southern Cooking, *local duo: blues, bluegrass, pop & originals*



Kevin O'Donoghue joined Olly De Quartz on stage for Whisky in the Jar

- 22:00, **Molly Malone's**, Olly De Quartz, *see Friday 25th*

- 23:00, **Maloe Melo**, Out On The Floor, *live: The Time Flies + DJ Anna Vodka, mods & 60's party* €7.50

- 23:00, **The Waterhole**, 5-Live, €1

Sunday

Weekly

- 18:00, **The Waterhole**, Sunday Matinee with Theo de Mosquito & band, *a musical antidote for your hangover (funk/soul jam)*

- 22:00, **The End**, Karaoke,

- 22:30, **Maloe Melo**, Acoustic Session, *with Archie*

- 22:30, **The Waterhole**, Joyce Grimes, *Sunday night jam with a feminine touch* €1

- 23:00, **Bourbon Street**, Micky Llewellyn, *classic rock*

- 23:00, **Korsakoff**, Eclectic Electric, *techhouse, techno, minimal, electro, progressive, breaks, indie and more,*

13th June 2010

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

27th June 2010

- 13:00, **Volta**, Westerpark Sunday: Junior Jam, *with The Q-Boys, Springveren, Distortion*

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

ROUND T



Alien was a spectator at the Patsy Walkers gig, but will be performing at the Ramones Tribute evening in Maloe Melo on the 30th.



Nancy and Rob from the Old Quarter were having a night out in Café Corso.



Daniel was in town and we caught him outside Molly's with Chef and Matthew.

Proud parents Nils and Deva were in the Waterhole, but Deva had to leave; she was feeling guilty and missing baby Remi already.



Sunday night in Finnegan's Rainbow with Ramses and Mark, but which one is drunk?



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THE BARS



Kim and Sean were taking care of the karaoke in Coco's Outback.



Michel had a bar full of women, including Kati, when they put the Eurovision Song Festival on TV in Hotel Internationaal.



Danny hasn't been hiding from us, we usually visit Josérito after he's left.



Everyone was having a "Lovely Day" during the Re-Plugged session in Candela.



Deirdre, Sylvia, Claire and Robert, with Heather and Brad on a Saturday night in the Flying Dutchman.

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BEHIND

Julia used to work with Mark in Blues Brothers, now they both work in Molly Malone's.



I wonder who Daniel, Francisco and Cristian in Joselito want to win the World Cup.



Jur was too busy to pose when the Patsy Walkers played in Maloe Melo.



In the Waterhole, Skip, Karin and Bobby serve frosty pints for €3 between 2 & 9pm.

Jahl, on his last night working in Coco's Outback: He's got a new job in advertising.



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BARS



Mick and Jo in Coco's Outback were feeling tired after a long day behind the bar.



Elisa, Navvy and Hanna behind the bar of the London Bridge? Aah! Shift change.



Peter in the Old Nickel is not all that keen on posing for the camera.



Louise and Trevor in Susie's Saloon were getting ready for the Amsterdam Seven's, but got their sports mixed up.

Here are just some of the staff who were working in Susie's Saloon during the Amsterdam Rugby Sevens weekend.

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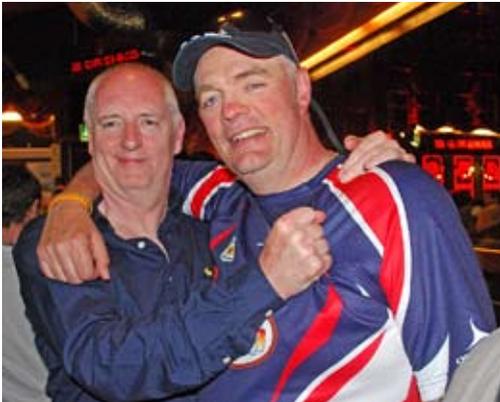
RUGBY BY NIGHT

James introduced Melanie and Steve Reynolds from Hi-Temp Coatings, main sponsors of the Corso Marauders.



Anti and Lars were showing off Susie's Valkyries secret weapon: Julie Gilbert.

Andy Falconer is the man responsible for Bob's Scottish accent.



What's this? Rhodi encouraging players to drink alcohol? Surely not.

Mara put the poor performance of Susie's Valkyries down to the early night on Friday, so on Saturday night, they partied.

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AND BY DAY



No beer queues for Klaas; he watched the games from the VIP area.

Chris and John had watched all of Susies' games and were heading back to town for Happy Hour.



Terry and Cath made themselves at home in their usual spot in the stands.

Janet, Michael, Jennie, Denise, Sheila, Carita and Sean took advantage of the nice weather and had a picnic.

Of course, Dave was there with his friends.



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MORE



The McGuire sisters were out in force for Mary's birthday; all six of them.



Signe and Rhodi were back in town, supporting Susies' teams at the Rugby 7's.

Sheila was in Molly's with her nephew Sean from Melbourne and his friend Iggy.



Hans, Kimberley, Janet, Jennie and Johnny also helped Mary celebrate in Café Zeepost.



Rahim was outside Bourbon Street with his new Norwegian friends.



Cathy and Chick joined Pete, Neil, Josie and John near the stage when Ollie De Quartz played in Molly Malone's.



ROUNDS



Susie's barman Stef and smurf Dimitri were ready for anything during Rugby 7's weekend.



Yvonne and Jolanda were reading the Stun in Café Corso, so I had to take a picture of them.

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In the Waterhole, ex-band booker Mo, current barman Arjan and new Monday session leader Michael Strobel.



Adriaan has been working in Coco's Outback for 8 months, but for his first time in the Stun, he was in Coco's Mine with Fraser.



Marieke was in the Shamrock Inn for the Sunday Jam, where Pete had been showing off his percussion skills.

EVEN MORE



Natalie in the Blarney Stone sent us this picture and asked us if we could include it as a surprise for her friend Hiromi, who reads the Stun online in Japan. Surprise!

Long time Amsterdam resident Martin avoided being in the first 179 Stuns, but we caught him in Coco's Mine for number 180.



Astrid and Hisham were pleased to hear Lamar got his voice back in time for his Thursday jam in Maloe Melo.



Paula and Janet were having a post-birthday drink with Ann in Café Zeepost.



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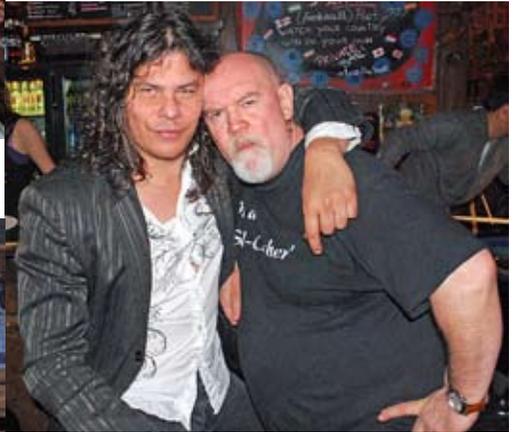
ROUNDS

Just a normal Friday night in the Flying Dutchman for Koot and Rachel.



Steve was playing DJ in the Shamrock Inn.

First time ever – Vincent and Case from the Waterhole in the Stun together.



With Gus on drums and Micky on guitar, Thursdays Rock in the Waterhole.

Marcel, Jeanine, Lara and Aimy are big karaoke fans and never miss the fortnightly competition in Coco's Outback.



It was Lin's first beer, but not Pete's; he'd downed 4 or 5 pints watching the Champions League final in Molly Malone's.

JOKES

With our Guest Jokers: Rush & Lin

My wife sat down on the couch next to me as I was flipping channels.

She asked, 'What's on TV?'

I said, 'Dust.'

And then the fight started...

My wife and I were watching "Who Wants To Be A Millionaire" while we were in bed. I turned to her and said, "Do you want to have sex?"

"No," she answered.

I then said, "Is that your final answer?"

She didn't even look at me this time, simply saying, "Yes."

So I said, "Then I'd like to phone a friend."

And then the fight started...

Saturday morning I got up early, quietly dressed, made my lunch, and slipped quietly into the garage. I hooked the boat up to the van, and proceeded to back out into a downpour. The wind was blowing 50 mph, so I pulled back into the garage, turned on the radio and discovered that the weather would be bad all day. I went back into the house, quietly undressed and slipped back into bed. I cuddled up to my wife's back, now with a different anticipation and whispered, "The weather out there is terrible."

My loving wife of 5 years replied, "Can you believe my stupid husband is out fishing in that?"

And that's how the fight started...

My wife was hinting about what she wanted for our upcoming anniversary. She said, 'I want something shiny that goes from 0 to 150 in about 3 seconds.'

I bought her a bathroom scale.

And then the fight started...

My wife and I were sitting at a table at my school reunion, and I kept staring at a drunken lady swigging her drink as she sat alone at a nearby table.

My wife asked, 'Do you know her?'

'Yes,' I sighed, 'She's my old girlfriend. I understand she took to drinking right after we split up those many years ago, and I hear she hasn't been sober since.'

'My God!' says my wife, 'who would think a person could go on celebrating that long?'

And then the fight started...

A woman was standing nude, looking in the bedroom mirror. She was not happy with what she saw and said to her husband, 'I feel horrible; I look old, fat and ugly. I really need you to pay me a compliment.'

The husband replied, 'Your eyesight's damn near perfect.'

And then the fight started...

Working people frequently ask retired people what they do to make their days interesting. Well, for example, the other day the wife and I went into town and went into a shop. We were only in there for about 5 minutes. When we came out, there was a cop writing out a parking ticket.

We went up to him and I said, 'Come on man, how about giving a senior citizen a break?' He ignored us and continued writing the ticket. I called him a Dumb ass. He glared at me and started writing another ticket for having worn tires.

So Mary called him a shit head. He finished the second ticket and put it on the windshield with the first. Then he started writing a third ticket. This went on for about 20 minutes.

The more we abused him, the more tickets he wrote.

Just then our bus arrived and we got on it and went home. We try to have a little fun each day now that we're retired. It's important at our age.

CUP FEVER

The month of madness that goes with every World Cup will soon be with us, so it's time to start thinking about where you're going to watch up to four matches a day. Dutch TV will be showing every match (no decoder required) and the BBC will be showing quite a few too, so you could stay at home with a fridge full of beer, but where's the fun in that? Here's the Stun guide of where to watch the World Cup.

Just about every bar in town will have the football on, so how do you pick the right one? At least one big screen is important, but they are everywhere now. Coco's Outback will have 4 outside on their new bigger terrace, 17 inside + 3 beamers, and Coco's Mine will be open during the World Cup with another 4 big screens. There's also a lot of international rugby in June and Coco's will be showing all the matches on big screen, even when it clashes with football – they'll have both on.

It's thirsty work watching football, so cheap

drinks help. In the Waterhole, it's Happy Hours every day from 14:00 to 21:00 and they have a bar available for private football parties.

Free drink is even better and in the Internationaal, there are free Green Mamba shots with every goal. With South African beer, wine, cider and food on the menu, it's the perfect place to get into the spirit of the World Cup. Goals mean Jagermeister shots in Susie's Saloon and it's happy hour from 3:30 to 6:30.

You'll need to eat at sometime, so why not try Josérito, where you can eat tasty tapas while watching the action on TV. Other bars serving food and football include London Bridge, Molly Malones and the Old Quarter

Partycafé Candela will be open from 12:00 every day during the World Cup, with bar snacks available and TVs on the terrace.

For the purists who just want beer and football, you can't go wrong with the Flying Dutchman (new bigscreen), Café Corso or the Stone's Cafe. In Westerpark, check out Finnegan's Rainbow or the Shamrock Inn.



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BEING FRANK ON FOOTBALL

The countdown has begun to the greatest football tournament in the world and as you read this, it will be but days away! I have been crystal football gazing once more and this is my take on potential winners and losers.

New Zealand 1000/1: They will be like lambs to the slaughter in only their second world cup adventure. If you are bit squeamish, I'd be very sheepish about betting on this lot.

Top man: Ryan Nelsen.
Coach: Ricki Herbert.
Prospects: They're dead meat.

North Korea 1000/1: If you are old enough, or wise enough, to remember 1966, you will know that sometimes in football the impossible is possible, but lightning

does not strike twice and they are only attack minded when thinking of their neighbours in the south! They are not to be feared in football terms though, even if they do apparently have a good defensive wall.

Top man: Jong Tae Se. **Coach:** Kim Jong-Hun. **Prospects:** No ho go.

Honduras 750/1: They do have some half-decent players plying their trade in Europe and like New Zealand, they have qualified once before, in 1982, when they performed above expectations. That said, they should not be a threat to anyone and on paper they are the weakest team in their group by a distance.

Top man: David Suazo. **Coach:** Reinaldo Rueda. **Prospects:** Zilch.

Algeria 500/1: Could be the first of the dark horses to spring a surprise or two. They knocked out Egypt to get here and they are in the same group as England, so be warned!

Top man: Karim Ziani. **Coach:** Rabah Saadane. **Prospects:** Sound defence could aid their cause.

Slovenia 250/1: Beat the Russians to get to the finals and have some deceptively good players. They are in with England & the States, and Algeria will be no pushovers either, so this group might not be as easy as it seems.

Top man: Robert Koren.
Coach: Matjaz Kek.
Prospects: Slim.

Japan 250/1: Gave England a bit of a scare the other night, but proved in the

end that they are better at scoring in their own goal than in anyone else's.

Top man: Shunsuke Nakamura. **Coach:** Takeshi Okado. **Prospects:** Good in attack, but suicidal defending costs them.



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Slovakia 200/1: It's their first time at the event, so we wish them well. In a tough group though, so they will have to find something a bit special to progress.

Top man: Marek Hamsik. **Coach:** Vladimir Weiss. **Prospects:** More chance of winning the Eurovision Song Festival I suspect, but should be fun to watch.

South Korea 200/1: They have qualified a staggering seven times for this, so they know what it takes. The question is, have they got what it takes? **Answer:** Not really.

Top man: Park Ji-Sung. **Coach:** Hung Jung-Moo. **Prospects:** Track record suggests they could be a dark horse.

Switzerland 200/1: The Swiss are well equipped with a very experienced coach and they could surprise a few people. They are a disciplined lot though, so expect them to turn up on time for training!

Top man: Tranquillo Barnetta. **Coach:** Ottmar Hitzfeld. **Prospects:** Fair to middling.

Because this is taking much longer to compose than I could ever have anticipated, I will have to abbreviate things a little here. Looking further up the betting table, Greece at 150/1 has little chance in my view. Yes, they won Euro 2004 and beat Ukraine to get here, but I don't see them progressing beyond the group stages. The same could be said for Denmark, 125/1, who look very weak and lack killer instincts. South Africa could progress further, but only if they raise their game considerably and get some kind decisions from the local refs. Australia are one of my dark horses though. They are also ranked at 125/1, but they should give anyone who backs them a good run for their money and the same could be said for Chile, who at 66/1 are well worth a flutter on in my view. They may not win the World Cup, but I feel sure they will provide you with great entertainment along the way and I fully expect them to edge into second place in the group with Spain. They are a young team with a fine Argentinean coach, Marcelo Bielsa, and they certainly know how to attack. I look forward to seeing this team in action, perhaps more than any other in this World Cup.

Other teams to look out for are; Uruguay (Diego Forlan and the irrepressible Suaraz), the United States and Serbia, who possess

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Being Frank... continued

precocious talent in Stankovic, Vidic and of course Nikola Zigic as an out and out striker. I like the look of this lot too and they will be hard to beat, I feel, as will the Ivory Coast and perhaps Ghana, who are also from Africa. Cameroon is less of a threat this time I believe, but one thing is sure. There will be shocks a plenty. There always are!

And finally, onto those teams that will make the last four. I think that Germany will just miss out, along with Italy and the Netherlands. They should all get through the group stages though, but fail at the final hurdles. For the record then, my fab four are England, Argentina, Spain and Brazil. As a football purist, I would like to see a Spain versus Brazil final, with the Spanish being crowned champions of the world for the first time in history. It is what football dreams are made of.

Frank

Premiership Predictions League Final Table

The season is over and we have a new holder of the title Amsterdam Stun Football Pundit of the Year: Stuart Davidson, a first time entrant.

Of our regulars, Paddy had his best season in at least 5 years, finishing 8th, while John improved on last year, but has had better years. Frank did better than usual and Stones was just average this time. Sadly, Paul Finnegans had his worst season ever, but I'm sure he'll come fighting back next season.

Pos.	Name	On	Nr	Pts
1 st	Stuart Davidson	7	4	25
2 nd	Ken (f)	4	10	22
3 rd	Chris Mundell	5	6	21
4 th	Robert Ceasar (v)	5	4	19
5 th	Ann Marie Raftery	4	5	17
5 th	Graham Scholes (f)	4	5	17
7 th	Ben Stopforth	3	7	16
8 th	Paddy Wynne (b)	3	5	14
8 th	Andy F (f)	3	5	14
10 th	Paul H	4	1	13
11 th	John Raftery	2	7	13
12 th	Iridium Utd	3	3	12
13 th	Buster	2	6	12
14 th	Frank Weston (v)	3	2	11
14 th	Steve Mahon	3	2	11
14 th	Stones	3	2	11
17 th	Ron Middelkoop (v)	1	8	11
18 th	Michael Okojie (v)	2	4	10
18 th	Keith Scoble	2	4	10
20 th	Sander Middelkoop (v)	2	3	9
20 th	Paul Finnegans (f)	2	3	9
22 nd	Gavin Walsh (b)	0	9	9
23 rd	Manipulatie Unlimited	1	4	7
24 th	Johan Andersson	0	7	7
25 th	Rick Middelkoop (v)	0	6	6
26 th	Blarney Stoners (b)	1	0	3
27 th	Pinokio	0	2	2
27 th	Justin (b)	0	2	2

IN THE BACK

... of the Waterhole: Rene, Gus and Dennis; three drummers in the house.



OK, it's not in the back, it's out the front of Candela, where Jan the bassman and Carole were getting ready for the Bowl of Soul.



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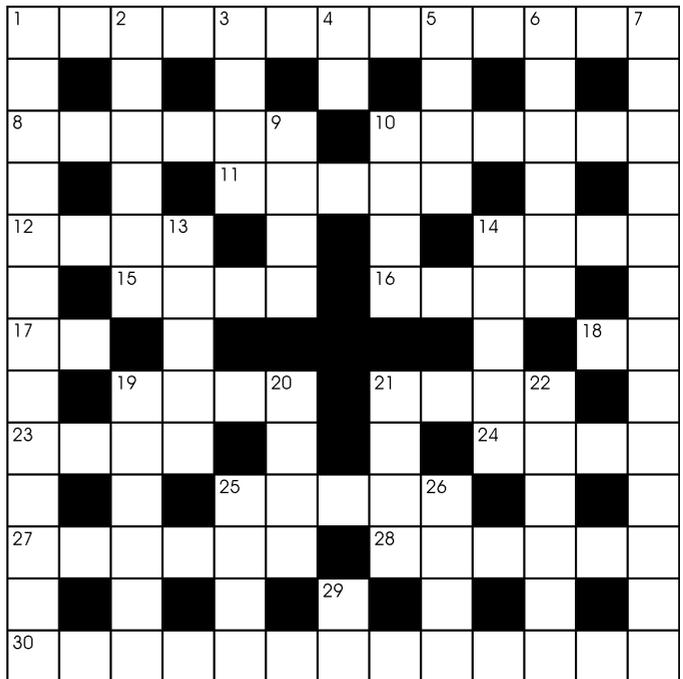
The Stun Crossword

Across

- 1: Detective's interview. (13)
 8: Give satisfaction. (6)
 10: Haphazard. (6)
 11: Architectural style. (5)
 12: No beginnings without them? (4)
 14: Brewery's product. (4)
 15: Singing sensation. (4)
 16: Study a book. (4)
 17: Emphasizer! (2)
 18: Bigger than big! (2)
 19: Lotion ingredient, often. (4)
 21: Mythical, mischievous Scandinavian. (4)
 23: Paris airport. (4)
 24: Cosy. (4)
 25: Privilege to be given one? (5)
 27: Adored and revered! (6)
 28: Partners. (6)
 30: Nothing in specific? (13)

Down

- 1: Art-form that made an impact? (13)
 2: Fads. (4)
 3: Oxidation. (4)
 4: Alternatively. (2)
 5: At a distance. (4)
 6: For sure. (6)
 7: Mathematicians? (13)
 9: Fluctuating monetary unit. (4)
 10: Voice of an angry lion. (4)
 13: Mar. (5)
 14; Orders harshly. (5)
 19: Permits. (6)
 20: Heroic saga. (4)
 21: Kinks big hit. (4)
 22: Shade of blue. (6)
 25: Spring, high or low? (4)
 26: Vigorous enthusiasm. (4)
 29: Liquid measure. (2)



Last Month's Answers

Across: 1 Modifications, 8 Sitcom, 9 Zenith, 11 Inch, 13 Out, 14 Silo, 15 Tee, 17 Tan, 18 Ex, 19 Arabian, 20 At, 21 Ara, 22 Tea, 24 Told, 25 Keg, 26 Riga, 29 Ousted, 30 Enrich, 32 Scandalmonger.
 Down: 1 Misdirections, 2 Detect, 3 Fool, 4 Ca, 5 Tree, 6 Origin, 7 Schoolteacher, 10 Tumbler, 12 Heard, 14 Saner, 16 Era, 17 Tat, 21 Alaska, 23 Ailing, 27 Head, 28 Undo, 31 XL.

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