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Commemorative Edition Is this the end of Amsterdam as we know it?

The Editor's Bit

other fun around town, but we couldn't let the ting a bargain. start of the smoking ban in bars pass by without doing something special, could we! I was going to do a write-up about what we can and can't do if we want to have a smoke with our drink, but while I was researching it, I took so many pictures of people having a last smoke, there's no room for the write-up. The smoking pictures cover 10 pages and just for good measure, there's a page of smoke jokes in addition to the regular jokes page.

The new football season starts next month, which means it's time to start thinking about our Premiership Predictions League. If you fancy your chances, there's an entry form on page 33 or you can fill it out on our website at www.amsterdamstun.com. It's not there yet, but it will be soon.

Our resident football expert Frank hasn't done too well in the PPL over the last few years, but he's on form now. Read his Euro2008 review in this month's Being Frank on Football; in August, he will reveal his predictions for the new season.

All of our regular stuff is here this month and the crossword is back, so enjoy your Stun.

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TALES FROM THE

Cathy, Lawrence, Peter, Cameron, Jo, Sean, her mum wear them." Sasha, Eithne, Gene, Henk, Rinko, John, Feargal, Lisa, Stanna, Sergio, Leo, Asna.

Happy Anniversary Kristie & Peter.

Mandy, phone Doug.

Kirsty was having a feel of the bump growing inside cousin Sarah in the Old Highlander. Yes, Sarah and Alan are expecting a sibling for their son Kealan in October.

Happy Birthday to our editor/publisher Sarah's sister Kimberlee celebrated her Andy, Terry and Jim, Maya, Liza, Iris, Pete, 18th birthday in the Old Highlander. We've Diane, Shannon, Kees, Adrian, Ilona, Mike, got loads of pictures of the party, starting from Piggy, Murdo, Hans, Kiz, Janet, Laura, Ayla, page 22, but just for fun, we dug through the Khaled, Owen, Kieran, Sandra, Chas, Denise, archives to find her earliest solo appearance in Smithy, Arthur, Roy, Nick, Ann, Eva, Tom- the Stun. This picture was taken in the Swan my, Gemma, Jasmin, Lesley, Shelley, Liam, eight years ago, when she still had a 'y' in her Kevin, David, Chiara, Maurice, Klaas, Tony, name. The original caption was "Kimberley Mathilda, Dominic, Ken, Chantal, Ron, Jack, got some false eyelashes, but she wouldn't let



Another family visit for Bronwyn in Tig Barra. This time it was her mum, Jane, who was in town for a couple of days.



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GUTTER



A speedy Stun delivery last month: Victor from The Finishing Touch got them all printed a day earlier than planned and Marcel drove me to all the bars we deliver to in one of his Street Legal buggies. If you would like to rent one, call Marcel on 06-44745082.



Chris got busted for pissing in the street back in April, and two months later, he got an dorant dispenser. acceptgiro through the post with the fine: €90 You've been warned!

Edward, the man who introduced us to the Coco's way of bar life - Lousy Food & Warm Beer, appeared in the Dutch version of Dragon's Den on the 30th June. He was asking the dragons for €350,000 to finance his latest invention, 1-2-3-Stop Fire, a compact emergency fire hose that will fit any tap.



If you missed Edward delivering his pitch to the dragons, go to www.dragonsden.kro. nl and click on 'Aflevering 6'. While you're there, you can also vote for 1-2-3-Stop Fire in the on-line poll. As we go to press, Edward is in the lead with 54% of the votes.

Amy in The End said bar owners can combat some of the smells that were previously masked by tobacco smoke, but have no control over the personal hygiene of their customers, so if it gets too stinky in the bars, she said she will replace the cigarette machine with a deo-

And finally: How much longer is the site of for "wildplassen", plus €60 for having no ID. the old Last Waterhole going to remain a hole in the ground?



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CENTRUM

You won't see a picture of Maarten and Alex behind the bar in the Old Quarter like this again.



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Jazz and smoking belong together, but not any more. Monday's won't be the same.

Old Quarter regulars Kirsty and Ed came over for a last smoking weekend, but we couldn't leave non-smoker Tom out.



EURO FEVER

Jaime and Peter were ready for Holland's first Euro2008 match - Coco's Outback has got TV's everywhere.



Susan was singing the Wilhelmus behind the bar of the Stone's Café before the start of the Holland v Italy match.



Little doubt who Susie's Saloon barman Yuri was supporting.



Danish Alex and Brazilian Bianca were supporting Oranje in Susie's Saloon.

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Dear Dorothy

Dear Dorothy,

do not see why the bureaucrats in Belgium accepted). should take away the essential companion to a pint of Newkey brown ale. What am I supposed to do now?

Arthur Lunge

Dear Arthur,

The council have recently provided lots of new bike sheds around the city, the biggest at when your coughing your lungs up. I mean it Central Station. You may smoke there.

Dorothy.

Dear Dorothy,

an effect on the economy. Ex-horeca staff will to know. I bet he won't be missing a fag. have to go to call centres to get employment. This means more early morning phone calls to get you out of bed at 7am with these companies Dear Dorothy, trying to flog you their wares. Lack of sleep gaining. What do you think?

Tom.

Dear Tom.

It just so happens my nephew Dilip has just Dear Jemma, started his own business to take care of the horeca smoking ban. For only €599.00 inc of al. You can smoke marijuana - or hash thru a BTW (and delivery within a 5 kilometre radius) vaporiser only. Anyone caught putting tobacco you can purchase the PORTASHED, it comes in a joint will be fined. We think, so far no one on wheels, holds up to 6 smokers and the roof really knows. We do know that there are 200 is detachable in the summer. It's light (Balsa inspectors for the whole country - If we see one Wood) and can be moved to any convenient we'll ask. part of your terrace. Colours: camouflage,

pink or glitter version for €75 supplement. Or-I'm an 80 a day fag man, I enjoy a puff and der now; call 0900-9865465432 (credit cards

Dorothy.

Dear Dorothy,

I've got smokers cough, when I have what I call a hacking attack, people move away from me, or offer me a glass of water. Which is soddin ridiculous, cos who needs a glass of water doesn't bother me, not one bit. In fact I find it useful on a few occasions. It gets me to the front of a queue, I've never needed to buy a Pritt Stick, and money-grabbing women don't As a bar owner, I am really worried about try to pick me up like they do my mates. I loss of business due to the smoking ban. I will intend to carry on smoking - fuck the ban.... probably have to lay off staff, which will have Who's idea was it anyway. That's what I want

Jamie (aged 10)

My friend Sharon and I are coming to Amcauses even more stress so that means more sterdam for a weekend over the bank holiday claims on ziekenfonds insurance. This will put in August. We like a puff of weed and would premiums up even higher. Who benefits from like to know, are the coffee shops still open, this anyway? I see more people losing out than with the smoking ban I mean. What do we do? Can we take pot back to our hotel?

> Jemma K. Southend Essex

Coffee shops will of course be open as usu-

Dorothy.

WILD OUTBACK

A lot of people know Coco's Outback as a great place for watching sports other bars don't show, like the Tri-Nations Rugby that starts this weekend and the Olympic games, but every Friday and Saturday, the staff switch over to Party mode and the place goes Wild.

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If they weren't behind the bar, Gerry, Sanne and Peter would be dancing on the tables like everybody else.



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Lorena and Felicia are regulars at the party nights in Coco's Outback.

Francis and MJ were cooling down on the terrace with Gigolo Jaime.



MAGUIRE GANG

The Maguire Gang reunion in the Waterhole had Jim and Stan from the original lineup, with Gus instead of Tom Vos on drums and Joyce instead of Hilton on bass. Throw in sax and keyboards, which they did, and you get Joe Rocker, but Jim can play his own songs when he calls it the Maguire Gang.



Original fan Marcelle was a regular at the Maguire Gangs gigs in the old Last Waterhole, so she was in the Waterhole for the reunion, having a great time with Maria while the band played away on stage.

Jim with his mum Margaret, sister Maria and brother Chris made it two Maguire Gangs.

Jim took time to pose for a birthday picture with some of his fans during a break.



Magic Sem was propping up the bar with Gus, who was taking a break from banging away at the drums.



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FRIDAY THE 13TH

I mentioned three gigs on the 13th in last month's Stun, so I went to them to find out if Friday the 13th really is unlucky.

But first, I dropped into the Newcastle Pub for a quick beer, where it was still quite busy, long after Holland had beaten France 4-1. Nothing unlucky there.



Then it was on to Molly Malone's for some live music from Stewart, whose picture was in the last Stun. First bit of bad luck; Stewart couldn't make it. The show must go on, so Kim and Martino took his place on stage.



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De Giel, bass player, singer and main man of rockabilly band Ignition was at the bar in Maloe Melo with Wil, who had just come back from the rockabilly festival in Calella.



Ignition's line-up is two girls and three men, not the other way around.

Gabrielle and Myrza were escaping from Oranje Fever in Maloe Melo.





Newcastle pub barmaid Beth took the night off work and was in the Waterhole with Ted, Anthony and Valentine for the Waste gig.



Waste guitarist Onno was injured and couldn't play, so he retired to the Backstage bar, which is where Beth found him.



Continental Breakfast finished off the gig, but before that, Gerry took over Onno's role in front of Waste.

So was it an unlucky day? It wasn't for me, I had a very enjoyable night out.

WHAT'S

a b s

Rose and Rahim are off to Leningrad for a few Mama's Bad Boys gigs, but they'll be back in time for his Thursday night Blues session in Maloe Melo.

Yellowdogs always pull in a good crowd at the Waterhole and never fail to entertain with their indie/alternative covers. They recently got through to the quarter-finals of the Dommelsch Clash of the Coverbands and are off to France for a six week residency in bars in Nice and Monaco. Before that, they will be playing in the Waterhole tonight, Friday 4th July.

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It's Party Time in Maloe Melo on Friday 11th July, featuring the Lamar Chase Band with some special guests. I won't be there; I'll be celebrating my birthday at home with Elly.

The following night, Saturday 5th July, it will be Santanico on stage in the Waterhole, with some great latin/rock with heavy doses of Santana covers. Bass player Gregorio sent me some pictures of their recent mini-tour of Switzerland during Euro2008, but we didn't have room to include them this month. You can also catch most of Santanico jamming in Bourbon Street every Monday.

ON

Jeff has taken over as session leader for Mondays in The End. I haven't made it to his session yet, but I'll be dropping in with the camera very soon.

By popular demand, Darren Byrne is coming over from Wexford to play two nights in Molly Malone's. He describes his music as Soul/Folk/Punk/Rap/Rock, but you can be sure he'll keep everybody entertained, whatever he plays. Darren is in Molly Malone's on Friday 11th & Saturday 12th July.



I don't know much about the band playing in Molly Malone's this weekend. A Google search for Bangtwangers only gave me one hit and that was from my other website, Live Around Amsterdam. I might not have found out anything more about the three piece act from Germany, but it did remind me that Woody and the Sidemen are playing in Maloe Melo tonight (4th). Hope I can make it, I haven't seen Woody playing for ages.

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GIG-LIST

Monday

Weekly

17:00, **The End**, Rock/Pop Session, with Jeff 22:00, **Bourbon Street**, The International

Dance Fever Jam, open latin, soul & funk jam session with Gregorio

22:00, **Maloe Melo**, Acoustic Session, *with Peter Lavell (not* 7th)

22:30, The End, Karaoke,

22:30, **The Waterhole**, Rory's Open Mike, *All musicians, even bands, welcome.* (e-mail in advance if you want to play a full set) $\in 1$

7th July 2008

21:00, Hotel Old Quarter, Thijs Cuppen Trio,

+ special guest Paul van der Veen (jazz)

22:00, Maloe Melo, Keko Yoma, *chile* €5 14th July 2008

21:00, Hotel Old Quarter, Thijs Cuppen Trio,

+ special guest Michael Rorby (jazz)

21st July 2008

21:00, Hotel Old Quarter, Thijs Cuppen Trio,

+ special guest Wouter Kiers (jazz)

28th July 2008

21:00, **Hotel Old Quarter**, Thijs Cuppen Trio, + *special guest Clous van Mechelen (jazz)*

<u>Tuesday</u>

Weekly

17:00, **The End**, Jam Session, with Kim

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

22:00, **Bourbon Street**, The Lamar Chase Jam, *open jam session/blues*

22:00, **Maloe Melo**, Blues Session, with Marcel Scherpenzeel

22:30, **The End**, Karaoke,

22:30, **The Waterhole**, Magic Sem's Blues & Rock Jam, €1

22nd July 2008

20:00, **TWSTD**, Talent Night, *hosted by Ken Parsons*

THE STUN

Wednesday

Weekly

17:00, **The End**, Jam Session, *with Kim* 22:00, **Bourbon Street**, Micky Llewellyn, *blues & rock*

22:30, The End, Karaoke,

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

9th July 2008

22:00, **Maloe Melo**, The Hitman Blues Band, *Blues (New York)* €5

16th July 2008

22:00, **Maloe Melo**, Sir Moor & The Big Spoons, €5

23rd July 2008

22:00, **Maloe Melo**, Reggae Jamsession, *with Solo Simporé*

30th July 2008

22:00, Maloe Melo, Jam Session, with Archie

Thursday

Weekly

17:00, **The End**, Open Session, *with Henning Brand*

21:30, **Molly Malone's**, Open Podium, *with Kim*

22:00, **Maloe Melo**, Blues Session, with Rahim

22:30, The End, Karaoke,

23:00, **The Waterhole**, Gus Genser (Herman Brood's ex-drummer) Rock Jam, *Still kicking ass every Thursday* €1

10th July 2008

21:00, The Waterhole, Bob Color,

17th July 2008

 $\textbf{21:00, The Waterhole}, \ t.b.a.,$

24th July 2008

21:00, The Waterhole, Wallnoize, 31st July 2008

21:00, The Waterhole, What Ever,

Friday

Weekly

22:30, The End, Karaoke,

4th July 2008

21:00, **The Waterhole**, John Doe's Revenge, *rock/pop*

21:30, **Molly Malone's**, The Bangtwangers, great 3 piece act, all the way from germany 23:00, **Maloe Melo**, Woody & The Sidemen, feat. Appie Alberts (A.A. & The Doctors) €5 23:00, **The Waterhole**, Yellow Dogs, €1

11th July 2008

21:00, **The Waterhole**, Amsterdam Funk Connection,

21:30, **Molly Malone's**, Darren Byrne, *singer/songwriter/comedian from Wexford, back by popular demand*

23:00, **Maloe Melo**, Party Time with the Lamar Chase Band, + *Bombita's & Shuffle Kings* \in 5

23:00, The Waterhole, Atama, €1

18th July 2008

21:00, **The Waterhole**, Aga Live Band, 21:30, **Molly Malone's**, Theo de Mosquito, 23:00, **Maloe Melo**, Dead Elvis & His One Man Grave, + *support act* €5 23:00, **The Waterhole**, What Ever, €1



GIG-LIST

25th July 2008

21:00, **The Waterhole**, Bebas, *swinging Indonesian pop cover band*21:30, **Molly Malone's**, Kim Stevens,
23:00, **Maloe Melo**, Los Tiki Boys, *surf* €5
23:00, **The Waterhole**, Spyglass, *pop/rock coverband from France* €1

Saturday

Weekly

22:30, The End, Karaoke,

5th July 2008

21:00, **The Waterhole**, Rive, 21:30, **Molly Malone's**, The Bangtwangers, great 3 piece act, all the way from germany 23:00, **Maloe Melo**, Clay Windham Blues Band & Gene Taylor (ex Blasters), *Texas &* New Orleans Blues €5

23:00, **The Waterhole**, Santanico, *latin/rock* €1

12th July 2008

21:00, **The Waterhole**, The Blue Shades, 21:30, **Molly Malone's**, Darren Byrne, *singer/songwriter/comedian from Wexford, back by popular demand*

23:00, **Maloe Melo**, Harmonica Shah, *Blues* (*USA*) €5

23:00, The Waterhole, Waste, classic rock €1

19th July 2008

21:00, **The Waterhole**, Shaking Patsy, *pop* 21:30, **Molly Malone's**, Micky Llewellyn & Bruce MacKay,

23:00, **Maloe Melo**, Johnny Mastro & Mama's Boys, *Blues* (*USA*) \in 5

23:00, **The Waterhole**, The Wendies, *Great girl rock singer with band* \in 1

26th July 2008

21:00, **The Waterhole**, More Cowbell, 21:30, **Molly Malone's**, Tom, 23:00, **Maloe Melo**, The Happening Present: Beat Revolver, *sixties night with the Happening dj's* €5 23:00, **The Waterhole**, Spyglass, *pop/rock*

Sunday

Weekly

17:00, **The End**, Rock/Fun(k), *Clubugly sessions*

18:00, **The Waterhole**, Sunday Matinee presented by Theo de Mosquito & band, 22:00, **Maloe Melo**, Acoustic Session, *with Evenio Martinez*

22:30, The End, Karaoke,

coverband from France €1

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



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This month, we've got Marlene posing with Youssef in his domain in the Waterhole.

ROUND Ricardo and Tandarts were with Frankie and

his picture with Chris Jagger (Mick's brother), who was interviewed for RTL Boulevard in Café De Pul recently.



Paul introduced us to Thijs, Nico and Truus during the Monday night jazz session in the Old Quarter.



Blarney Stone barman Paddy was in the Waterhole with his mates Bob, who was over for the weekend, and Tom, who wasn't; he lives here.

John's birthday present to the Endless Tourist was a tattoo by Tico at Hanky Panky on Ceintuurbaan.





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THE BARS

Stone's Café barmaid Mirella hasn't been in the Stun as often as a lot of her colleagues, but she's in twice this month. Here she is, in the bar, with her girlfriend Charlotte.



Tom, Youin and Kirsty, the Hole In The Wall Gang, were outside the Old Highlander, which is as good an excuse as any to take a picture of them.

It's been over a year since Sytske last made an appearance in the Stun, so when we saw her at the Thursday night Blues Session in Maloe Melo, we had to take a picture.



Lazlo hasn't been in the Stun since the Last Waterhole closed, but we spotted him outside Hunters Bar with Virginia.

BEHIND

Ruairi was helping out in the Newcastle Pub - regular Friday night barmaid Beth was

getting Wasted.



We flew around the bars delivering last month's Stun, but stayed in Tig Barra long enough to get a picture of Jana and Victoria.

It's going to be strange seeing Jur without Irish Bar & Restaurant his trademark cigar in his mouth whenever we drop into Maloe Melo, but it's already missing in this picture, taken over three weeks before the smoking ban started.



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BARS



Non-smoker Kevin had his last night behind the bar in Molly Malone's just before the smoking ban came in. He's got a 9-5 job, so he's got the evenings free to work on his music.

Mara will be playing for Susie's Valkyries at the Copenhagen Rugby 7's in August.



It's Mo in the Waterhole again, this time with Meryn, Katja, Nils and Nieke.



Len was making another one of his guest appearances in the Waterhole, performing with Mo behind the bar.



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KIMBERLEE'S



18TH BIRTHDAY



LAST SMOKE FOR

Flying Dutchman barmaids Tineke and Jill were having their last puff together.



Mario lighting up a cigarette in Café Corso for the last time.



Berber was enjoying her last smoke behind the bar in Buster's.



Tom was pretty relaxed about it all; Molly's have a canal-side terrace to smoke on.

Beth and Lana in the Newcastle Pub didn't know whether to laugh or cry, so Lana suggested having a Smoke Joke page in the Stun.



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THE BARSTAFF

Finnegan's Rainbow to have a smoke.

Stone's Café barmaid Lotte and Bianca from Pinockio were having a last smoke in a bar together.



In future, Paul will have to go outside

Bianca and Yuri went out in a cloud of smoke in Susie's Saloon.



Bronwyn and Juanita were planning to smash the ashtrays at midnight in Tig Barra.

Skip, Nieke, Mak and Manon were taking a ciggy break in the Waterhole.





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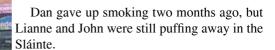
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SMOKE, DON'T OR QUIT

Nathalie was smoking in the Stone's Café;
Mirella's a good girl, she's never smoked.

Amy in The End started cutting down a month ago and smoked her last ciggy a week before the ban came in.



Patrick in Maloe Melo stopped smoking on the 1st January.

Old Quarter barmaid Marlene quit the habit two months ago.



There's a new patch for smokers - the pavement outside the pub...

Give up smoking by sticking one cigarette from each new pack up a fat friend's arse, filter first, then replacing it in the box. The possibility of putting that one in your mouth will put you off smoking any of them.

It has been proven that smoking is one of the leading causes of statistics.

MUSICIANS FUMING

Even musicians can't smoke on stage any more. Tom will be playing in a smoke-free Molly Malones on Saturday 26th July.



It will be strange seeing Rory at his Monday night Open Mike session in the Waterhole without a cigarette on the go.

Mark Mysterious hasn't been gigging much lately, but he has been smoking in Finnegan's Rainbow and he took the picture of Claire and Marc on page 29.



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LAST CHANCE

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Sjors, taking another ciggy at the bar in the

Sjors, taking another ciggy at the bar in the London Bridge.

Non smokers Lin and Gary, in the Flying Dutchman with Klaas, who is a smoker.



Jaap, Jan and Hester with a variety of smokables in the Old Highlander.

Two Andy's having a last smoke together in the Newcastle pub.

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FOR SMOKING

Corso regular Henk stopped over a year

Claire and Mark, who just got married, celebrating the last fag in Finnegan's Rainbow.



Corso regular Henk stopped over a year ago, but super-sub Carla still enjoys a smoke.



Two hours to go and Jude got his last pack of ciggys; he's giving up smoking to reduce his carbon footprint.



Stuie was getting a packet of fags out the machine in Susie's Saloon.

Liam will smoke any time, anywhere – if somebody sets him on fire.

Paul was practising for the smoking ban outside the Greenhouse Effect with Jim.



SMOKE JOKES

I dea suggested by Lana

sitting outside a bar having a smoke when it next Friday?" started to rain. Ethel pulled out a condom, cut off the end, put it over her cigarette and con- Marie. tinued smoking.

Dorothy: What's that?

doesn't get wet.

Dorothy: Where did you get it?

Ethel: You can get them at any drugstore.

The next day, Dorothy hobbles into the local drugstore and asks the pharmacist for a box of tell my Sunday School class?" condoms. The guy looks at her kind of strangepolitely asks what brand she prefers.

a Camel.

A terrific explosion occurs in a gunpowder tell my Sunday School class?" factory, and once all the mess has been cleared up, an inquiry begins.

make a statement.

"you were near the scene, what happened?"

"Well, it's like this. Old Charley Higgins was in the mixing room, and I saw him take a Marie. cigarette out of his pocket and light up."

investigator said in stunned horror, "How long median and everything, and drove back to the had he been with the company?"

"About 20 years, sir"

strikes a match in the mixing room, I'd have have I done? What have I done?" thought John. thought it would have been the last thing he'd He shook Marie and she woke up. "Marie, I've have done."

"It was, sir."

lection, John leaned forward and said, "Hey, have a good time".

Two old ladies, Ethel and Dorothy, were Marie, how about you and me go to dinner

"Why Yes, John, that would be nice," said

Well, John couldn't believe his luck. All week long he polished up his car, and on Friday Ethel: A condom. This way my cigarette he picked up Marie and took her to dinner, the finest restaurant in town. When they sat down, John looked over at Marie said, "Hey, Marie, would you like a cocktail before dinner?"

"Oh, no, John, "said Marie. "What would I

Well, John was setback a bit, so he didn't ly (she is, after all, over 80 years of age), but say much until after dinner. Then he reached in his pocket and pulled out a pack of cigarettes. Dorothy: It doesn't matter as long as it fits "Hey, Marie," said John, "Would you like a smoke?"

"Oh, no, John," said Marie. "What would I

Well, John was feeling pretty low after that, so he just got in his car and was driving Marie One of the few survivors is pulled up to home when they passed the Holiday Inn. He'd struck out twice already, so he figured he had "Okay Simpson," says the investigator, nothing to lose. "Hey, Marie," said John, "how would you like to stop at this motel with me?"

"Sure, John, that would be nice," said

Well. John couldn't believe his luck. He "He was smoking in the mixing room?" the did a U-turn right then and there, across the motel and checked in with Marie.

The next morning John got up first. He "20 years in the company, then he goes and looked at Marie lying there in the bed. "What got to ask you one thing", said John. "What are you going to tell your Sunday School class?"

Marie said, "The same thing I always tell While they were taking up the church col- them... You don't have to smoke and drink to

THE JOKES PAGE

With our Guest Jokers: Rush & Lin

smoking pot. After a few joints they run out understand?' of cannabis, so one of the blokes stands up and says, "Look, we've got loads of tobacco - I'll about his chores. Later, the rancher heard loud just nip into the kitchen and make one of my screams and saw the Water Rep running for speciality spliffs." So he goes into the kitchen, the fence. Close behind was the rancher's bull. grabs some cumin, turmeric and a couple of The bull was gaining on the Water Rep with other spices, grinds them up and then rolls every step. The Rep was clearly terrified, so them into a spliff.

Then he goes back into the other room and tools, ran to the fence and shouted out: hands it to one of his smoking partners who lights it and takes a long drag. Within seconds he passes out. After ten minutes he's still out cold, so they decide to take him to hospital.

When they get there, he's wheeled away into Intensive Care. A few minutes later the doctor returns and asks, "So what was he doing then? Cannabis?"

"But we ran out of gear, so I made a homemade spliff."

"Oh," says the doctor. "What did you put guess that?" in it?"

"Um, a bit of cumin, some turmeric and a washing your hands." couple of other spices."

The doctor sighs. "Well, that explains it." "Why, what's wrong with him?" he asks. "He's in a korma."

A Department of Water representative feel a thing." stopped at a ranch and talked with the old rancher. He told the rancher, 'I need to inspect your ranch for your water allocation'

The old rancher said, 'Okay, but don't go aspirins." into that field over there.'

The Water representative said, 'Mister, I have the authority of Federal Government with me. See this card? The card means I am allowed to go WHEREVER I WISH on any mous meeting the other day but nobody was agricultural land. No questions asked or an- there... I think I came too early.

These three blokes are sitting in a room swered. Have I made myself clear? Do you

The old rancher nodded politely and went the old rancher immediately threw down his

'Your card! Show him your card!'

Two doctors meet at a bar and one thing leads to another and they end up back at one of their houses. Just before they start to get undressed, the female doctor goes to wash her hands. She then comes back and they start to have sex. After they've finished off, the female "Well, sort of," replies one of the blokes. doctor washed her hands again. At this point, the male doctor says, "I bet you're a surgeon."

The female doctor asks, "How did you

The male doctor replies, "because you keep

The female doctor then says, "I bet you're an anaesthetist."

The male doctor asks, "How did you know?"

The female doctor replies, "because I didn't

A bloke says to his mate, "I tried to take my own life last night - I tried to take a thousand

"What happened?" asked his mate.

"I felt better after two."

I went to a Premature Ejaculation Anony-

BEING FRANK ON F®®TBALL

convey the news to all of you, who perhaps wisely do not venture down these pages too often, that I got it more or less spot on. Please refer to last month's column and you will see just how close I was to the real thing. It rarely happens I admit, but it is nice when it does and it earned me a few bob in the process. If you are wondering just what the heck I am harping on about, then let me immediately enlighten you. Spain won the European Championships, as suggested, and the Dutch excelled

beyond all expectations. Oh and so did I!

erlands performed so admirably, but also be-ment to life, but sadly, like a shooting star, the cause the Spanish finally gelled as a team. Dutch burned out just as suddenly as they had They produced some of the most exciting foot- arrived and sadly without so much as a whimball seen at this tournament for many a year per. Yes, it must be said, Gus Hiddink was the and it would have been an absolute travesty if mastermind behind their sad demise, but it was they had not been proclaimed as Champions a lifeless - almost gutless performance from for the first time in 44 years. Justice was indeed the Dutch, in stark contrast to what they had seen to be done and what a delight they were to produced before. watch. I think it is fair to say they did not have a bad match and when they faced the prospect undoubtedly the Turks. They rode their luck at of penalties against the Italians, they did not times, but were worthy of considerable praise wilt under the pressure of it all. Germany again and not just for they way they came back from

It is nice to report that I was actually right threatened to deceive and you have to say that for a change! Anyone who is curious enough - they did remarkably well to get as far as the or one could argue equally persuasively, bored final with such a shoddy defence and a lifeless enough to read this column regularly, will know midfield. Portugal, as I suspected, relied far too that my predictions are invariably way off the heavily on their only true super-star, Cristiano mark. This time however, I am delighted to Ronaldo, and when he failed to produce the

> goods, they also bowed out tamely. Strangely, the Dutch started out like a house on fire! They certainly exploded on the scene and out of the group of death with convincing victories against both Italy and France and once again expectations began to rise, as they seemed to be scoring spectacular goals almost at will. I remember watching the game they played against the French in Manchester and the bar erupted with joy when Wesley Snijder put the Orangemen out of reach with

a scintillating strike that truly caught the im-I was pleased. Not just because the Neth- agination. Goals like his brought the tourna-

The surprise package of the tournament was





two goals down to the Czech Republic in the group stages. They fought like a pack of wolves and team spirit, and the ability to fight on against the odds, added a bit of magic to the whole proceedings. Thankfully, Fatih Terim has agreed to stay on until beyond 2010 and oversee their endeavours to reach the World Cup finals, which on this showing they thoroughly deserve to do. Against the Germans they were magnificent and their coach was also honourable in defeat by not choosing to blame injuries or suspensions for their sorry exit.

To sum up then, I would say this was one of the most entertaining tournaments in recent memory. Lots of fantastic goals, fabulous matches and just three red cards ensured that the beautiful game can still be aesthetically appreciable to one and all - even with all this money around. Being such a cynic these days, I did not think I would be saying this.

Frank

Premiership Predictions League 2008-2009

I know it's still six weeks away, but we're expecting even more entries than last season for our annual Premiership Predictions League and we will be limiting the number of contestants to 40, so get your entries in early.

Usual rules, just pick where you think every team will finish at the end of the season.

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THE DAY AFTER

Nadia is a smoker, but she likes working in a smoke-free environment.



Coco's Outback smoking room, where you was standing room only can still enjoy a ciggy or a joint with your beer, but it was a beautiful day, so everybody was on the terrace.



Marianne and Stan were making good use of the smoking room in Susie's Saloon. It was a lot less crowded than the terrace, where it was standing room only





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Jan wasn't bothered about the smoking ban in The End, he's quit smoking.



Willie has got the space for a smoking room in the Flying Dutchman, but he's waiting for the rules to become clearer before he starts rebuilding the place.

Who wants to sit inside smoking in the summer anyway? It's much nicer sitting on the terrace outside Josélito.



HELP

Whether you live in Amsterdam or are just visiting, we hope you don't need to make use of this list. But just in case...

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ACROSS

- 7: It takes pictures a hundred and two times. (6)
- 8: A little sweet. (6)
- 9: Furious, without reason. (3)
- 10: Circular Stage. (5)
- 11: Bird in the nest. (3)
- 14: Heads the opposition? (5)
- 15: Go without power at the seaside. (5)
- 16: Race meeting has firm going in a way. (5)
- 18: Very clever to bring back an old form of transport. (5)
- 22: Prohibition mob angrily took from this. (3)
- 23: In Italy love becomes a lover.
- (5)
- 24: Fashionable joint? (3)
- 27: Editorial piece featuring French, English and German articles. (6)

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28: Car journey with a learner? Foolish talk! (6)

DOWN

- 1: Mother brought up a girl in Spain. (6)
- 2: Chop the wood from this. (3)
- 3: Graduate not getting a return: conductor may insist upon it! (5)
- 4: Fourteen pounds, used note perhaps. (5)
- 5: Advice on what's been dug up? (3)
- 6: They are in church, we hear makes a change. (6)
- 12: Writer has English work written up. (5)

13: Save - nothing difficult about it. (5)

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- 17: They dig the suit! (6)
- 19: Writer for The Post? (6)
- 20: Where one may appear if apprehended, we're told. (5)
- 21: Composer never did this piece. (5)
- 25: Love of French poetry. (3)
- 26: Roundhead soldier back in uniform.



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