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IN THE TWILIGHT ZONE

Should I Stay or Should I Go...

A new year and the hunting season for Coffeeshops have started with unknown rage, a full pack of nonsense reasons to target the free consumption of Marihuana and Hash. The new bullet shot by the local council has a 250 meters range, everything they shoot within this distance is dead, terminated! Starting now and along the following two years a total of 28 coffeeshops must close their doors

ARE BARS A GOOD THING TO BE CLOSE ENOUGH TO THE SCHOOLS?

because they are closer than 250 meters from a public school. And the people who are putting this madness together are from a generation that went to school and after school to the coffeeshops; well, the average intelligence levels at the schools of Amsterdam haven't go back, have they?

TAKE A LOOK AROUND

How many bars and other drinking facilities are located within that distance from a public

school? A lot. But the government don't see the alcohol problem in the young people, maybe they need to read the papers and watch the TV News often. I see almost no people reading at the bars but quite a few more at the coffeeshops.

SINGING AGAIN

A few years ago smoking was forbidden in bars and restaurants, even in coffeeshops!. Does it make any sense?. It is like building up a nationwide highway network and after that ban all cars to expele their smoke at home, in their garage only. Not allowed to drive in the motorway. After a while most bars and coffeeshops allow their customers to smoke in the premises, as usual.

THE SAME OLD SONG

The same insane thoughts once and again. When



there is no logic anything works and get the desired effect on the people who just follow the rules without even thinking about it.

For many years the law has been used and abused by the local goverment to restrict the Coffeeshops in their operational limits, the freedom to sell is limited, the freedom to buy is nowhere to be seen, not even in the far distance, as far as we can reach.

WHEN THE MUSIC IS OVER

Once was Holland the tolerance paradise and the music was blowing in the wind, bringing quietness and a feeling of being normal, like everyone else. Now the DJ's are playing the non tolerance songs very loud so everybody listen and dance along. What about the ones in the chair? Are they also going to be asked to dance their song or will they just stay watching the others dancing a different music, the same old song again and again. So you have to let me know, should I stay or should I go?. ♦

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THE 250 METERS CRITERIA...

The 250 meters distance from a public school is the limit, inside that range all coffeeshops in Amsterdam must close their doors or change their activity. It's said that from that distance a coffeeshop's neon sign can be seen, attracting the young ones. Some of the coffeeshops that are due to close are located in streets where the tram rides along. Young people going to school or coming back home using this transport may see quite a few coffeeshops in their way. Must they also close down? What's coming next? Coffeeshops too close to any church? To a supermarket? ♦



Coffeeshops Countdown

FIRST TEN TO GO:

1. BEN - Kolksteeg 10
2. BETTY BOOP - Nieuwezijds Kolk 12
3. DE KADE - Stadionkade 107
4. GOUDENBOON - Da Costastraat 51
5. HOMEgSROWN FANTASY - Nieuwezijds Voorburgwal 87
6. MAGIC - Herengracht 287
7. OCEAN - Dusartsstraat 57
8. THE GRASSHOPPER - Nieuwezijds Voorburgwal 59
9. THE POWER - Wibautstraat 115
10. THE VAUW SHOP- Spaarndammerdijk 9

Last chance to visit them before they are gone? ♦

Holland's war on coffeeshops

Since the 1st of January the haunt has started. The target is to eliminate 28 coffeeshops within 2 years time. To ease the whole process the government will spread their attack in 3 fases. First strike is to undermine the public resistance. Second strike will make their conquer steady and the third strike is to clean their conquered area from unwanted folks. War is unfold and there is nowhere to hide, run! ♦



U.S.A. GOES WILD IN LEGALIZE



Coffeeshops "American Style" are also spreading

their wings across the States. Starting with the medicinal use of cannabis as revolutionary flag and introducing the recreational use as a people's right to choose by themselves. As usual, America strikes again by waving the flag of Liberty. ♦

DUTCH MONEY BEHIND SPANISH CLUBS

The Cannabis Social Clubs in Spain are being boosted by Dutch money. After Barcelona's huge grow, (more that 350 in just a few months) Madrid is next on line and 3 mayor clubs will open its doors in the very center of Madrid. It seems that 3 big Dutch cannabis businessmen are behind this new social movement. The race for the Spanish market has started, run. ♦



CANNABIS SOCIAL CLUBS. DE SPANISH ALTERNATIVE ?

"Spain is different" "Everything under the Sun" say the slogans from the tourist board. Outdoor growing has always been a tradition in the Spanish Cannabis Culture. Big powerful plants nursed by mother nature and boosted with sunrays. Cannabis Social Clubs are spreading out everywhere from the northern Basque Country and Cataluña to the southern Andalusia. They are growing so fast due to the lack of regulation for this activity in the Spanish law. Their future is still unknown. ♦

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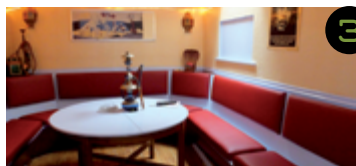
1 BETTY BOOP

Located In one of the most beautiful tiny squares. Very nice menu, good quality stuff, affordable. Mixed atmosphere, some locals and tourists. The staff is nice & friendly. Free WI-Fi.



2 CATCH 33

A thousand and one nights style. Long comfortable sofas. Nice menu at reasonable prices. Local atmosphere. The music is selected, it feels good. The staff is friendly and relaxed, no rush. WI-Fi.



3 D&L

Located in de neighborhood called "De Pijp". Winner of the Highlife Cup twice, 2007 & 2009. Local atmosphere, close to the Albert Cuyp. The staff is friendly and relaxed, no rush.



4 NEW TIMES

Just a few yards from the square called "Spui". Very attractive menu at a reasonable prices. Mixed atmosphere, some locals and tourists. The staff is friendly and they know their stuff.



5 SEVILLA

Just around the corner of Rembrandtplein, handy. Nice menu, variety at a very reasonable price. The inside has cinema chairs. The staff is friendly and helpful. Easy to find, difficult to leave.



6 SUPERSKUNK

At the canal side. Little terrace. Wide choice menu served with a smile. Big sitting area filled with long & comfortable sofas. The staff is friendly and warm. Close to the Leidseplein. Free WI-Fi.



7 THE STUD

Located in the East side of the city, a new local just a few streets away from they old location. Quality menu at very reasonable prices. Local atmosphere. The staff is friendly and hepful. WI-Fi.

THE ARABIAN SOFT DREAM

Thousand and One nights style
Quality Menu
Mixed & Friendly
Atmosphere
Cosy & Warm

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It's one of the latest to open its doors in the center of the city, where most coffeeshops have been there for decenias. Since their arrival in 2009, the new kid on the block has grown up to become one of the most interesting and visited coffeeshops in the center area.

THOUSAND & ONE NIGHTS

Decorated in a rich arabian style. The walls painted like a palace with a view. The lighs are soft, relaxing. The music fills the air in a breeze, seducing your ears. Once inside is easy to forget about the wheather outside and feel like transported to a warmer place. The bar goes along half of the way. Tables for two on our left, surrounded by their comfortable sofas. Further we have an "U" shaped rest room with comfortable sofas and a



NEW TIMES

Spuistraat 260 CENTER
Business Hours:
10.00 to 01.00 Everyday

MENU

Weed 7-15 €/gr.
O.G.Kush, Candy Kush, Strawberry Haze, Lemon Haze, Silver Haze, Buddha Cheese, Bubble Gum, Orange Bud, Amnesia Haze, New York Diesel, White Widow, AK-47.

Hash 6-12 €/gr.
Hiya, Rifman, New Times Special, Nepal Cream, Sahara Brown, Super Polm, Top Ketama, Afghaan.

few tables to share. Despite being in the tourist zone the atmosphere is quite local, relaxed. The typical noise of the crowded coffeeshops in the center don't have room here, it feels like an oasis in a busy desert. They have a very attractive menu, a wide choice from Indicas and sativas filled up with nice quality hash, mostly

from Morocco (best of the world) They also have their own strain, a soft and creamy hash simply called "New Times Special".

NEW FEELINGS

The clean, bright and shiny walls, the lighting, the music, the seats, the staff, all is arranged in a way to makes you feel relaxed and helps you to take the daily



THE HIGHLIGHTS

• DESCRIPTION

The new kid in the block has grown up and shows its power and skills. Quality menu served with a true smile. A place to see and feel.

• ATMOSPHERE

Despite being in the tourist zone the atmosphere is quite local. Daily customers mixed up with the rest of the world.

VERY NICE MENU. WIDE CHOICE OF SATIVAS FILLED UP WITH SOFT MOROCCAN HASHIS

The staff is friendly and relaxed, they know their stuff and they will easily help you to decide what suits you best, experience and customer care are part

worries out of your head in a flush, it's a kind of magic without trics.

of the deal here, it's in the air. Time goes fast when you are having fun and getting inside this coffeeshop is playing with your daily agenda, before you know it could already be too late for the next plan, it becomes easy to forget what you were going to do next and hang around for a while longer than you expected, smiling around.◆

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It turns out there are dozens of broadly pen-shaped vapes out there. What's special about the Cloud V is the level of refinement, and the fact that they were the first.

PRETTY AS A PICTURE

The Cloud Vaporizer is barely more than 8 cms long with slim line clean, metallic-finish lines. The mouthpiece pops off to reveal a small chamber heated by a tiny coil. Load a crumb or wax, shatter or

khif, pop the mouthpiece back on, hold down the one button for 5 seconds and inhale. The inhalation is a little forced, taking place through a small hole. In the Platinum model, the mouthpiece tip comes off so you can suck at a more vigorous rate. With the cheaper but no less attractive original Cloud, you can't. Cleaning is easy, the battery has a lifetime warranty, it comes in lots of vibrant and cool colors. What more do you want?

FUTURE OF VAPING?

But is this the 'future of vaping' as the makers claim? Not when it can't handle herb. Europe has been slow to jump on the concentrate train; there are good arguments for and against their use. With good iceolator going for up to 60 Euros a gram in Amsterdam, I'm unlikely to make the Cloud my regular go-to vape. But for a treat now and again? Absolutely! Cloud V Review courtesy of Vaporizerblog. ♦



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Everything you want to know about **VAPORIZERS**



VAPORIZERBLOG





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Located in one of the main streets of the West area, They have a little smoking room with a view to the outside, just a few chairs, it's easy to connect with others. Through the window you can get a glimpse of the daily life unfolding

before your eyes, it's like watching live TV.

WIDE CHOICE MENU

They have a nice menu including a wide choice of Sativas/Haze, good enough to match your taste at a very reasonable local

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Jan Pieter Heijstraat 96 (WEST) //
Business Hours: 07.00 h. to 01.00 h.
Everyday

MENU

Weed 4-11 €/gr.

S5 Haze, Silver Haze,
Chocolope Haze, Am-
nesia, PP White Widow,
Aka Skunk, Master
Widow, White Widow,
Thai, Jamaica, Gruis.

Hash 4-16 €/gr.

White Widow Hasj, Super Katama, Katama,
Polm Gold, Afgaan.



DESCRIPTION

Nice menu, a wide choice of Sativas/
Haze at local prices. Small smoking
room. Local atmosphere, mixed cultures.
Friendly staff. Close to Ten Katte markt.

prices. The staff is friendly and relaxed, no rush here. Just a couple of streets away we find one of the greatest street markets of Amsterdam, the Ten Katte. A quiet place to have a little break in the daily life and enjoy that moment. ♦



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WARNING! COFFEESCHOOL NEAR

Weak Minds

Cannabis users are outraged after hearing in the news that 28 coffeeshops will be forced to close under a new law. It is worth reflecting on the changes in the Dutch Cannabis Policy, they were the pioneers with coffeeshops, and now it seems to be very different, they are behind. The project of the Local Council, with right-wing (VVD, CDA, supported by PVV) will transform the center of Amsterdam in a safer area to live. Forcing the closure of coffee shops within 250 meters of schools and a change in the opening hours is not really necessary. Do not close neither change their business hours, since this is not the solution for the political, economic and social problems of the village. With this decree, these closed-minded politicians



GOVERNMENT SEEKS TO DESTROY ALL THE PROGRESS THAT HAS BEEN MADE SINCE THE LATE 60S

will only cause a rise in crime. The closure of the coffeeshops will increase the activities of criminal organizations, both the crop and the supply of cannabis. On the other hand there are many experts who oppose the closure and support regulation.

I cannot understand they want to restrict them while in Mexico, Uruguay, Berlin and USA (Washington and Colorado) such coffees-hops are opening their doors. It is a paradox that a country known for its liberal and permissive approach wants to close them down. And not to forget that The Netherlands has the lowest rate on problems related to drug use in Europe. Why



risk thirty years of liberal history? ♦

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