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# IN THE TWILIGHT ZONE

## Taking a Walk in the Wild Side

**S**pain's Cannabis Social Clubs are spreading all across the country like wildfire, hot and uncontrolled. Most of them are right now warming up their bodies, storing energy for the battle that will unfold some this year. The current Spanish government, a right wing party with a taste for the old times is making up a new law, the so called Ley de Seguridad Ciudadana (Public Order Law) which takes away the "Health issue" label to the demands of a few million people who smoke Marihuana or Hashis in a country where cannabis use have been going on for centuries. Not long ago the 3 big religions lived and worked here, together. Cannabis was then known and widely used, not only as medicine but also as a communication tool, if you know what I mean.

### AT THE WILD SIDE OF LIFE

Modern times have seen those three getting from friendly collaboration into hate mode. Cannabis has been chased and hunted like the devil itself. A few dictatorships have fallen but they are still there, waiting for their moment to

strike, and when they do, they play hard, as hard as they can.

### THE LAW OUTLAWS

The Spanish law is not a reliable tool to regulate and to control the activity, not yet, although they are working on it at heavy metal pace, fast and loud. The Spanish clubs are afraid of getting a big scale police raid which will bring pain and tears, it will cause more troubles than solutions. The strong arm of the law in Spain is always ready for battle, they go for it without even thinking about it, they are paid to kick everyone around, young or old. Since they are no common rules everyone is doing business

### THE PARLAMENT OF CATALUNYA HAS ISSUED A PROPOSAL FOR A NEW LAW



at their own rhythm, playing the music they like more and dancing along. The parliament of Catalunya has issued a proposal for a new law to regulate this new market before it explodes in front of everyone. The business mentality of catalans is well known, it is expected that the businesses will settle down with strict rules to avoid the tourists massa but leaving an open gap for them, business is business and clubs will have to accommodate to the general policy or go pirate. A few will burn out and others will keep themselves warm, piling up their members around the heating.

### TIME FOR A CHANGE

Despite the fact that Spain has a warm climate the cold is also a part of the weather, the wind and the rain can be pretty hard down there and floods are common. The weather is changing worldwide and the classic umbrellas don't really work anymore. Time for a full rainsuit, a 100% waterproof one. Spain is taking a walk in the wild side and some heads are gonna roll, all over the country, before dawn. ♦

**Stay High  
Amstony**

# MASSAWA

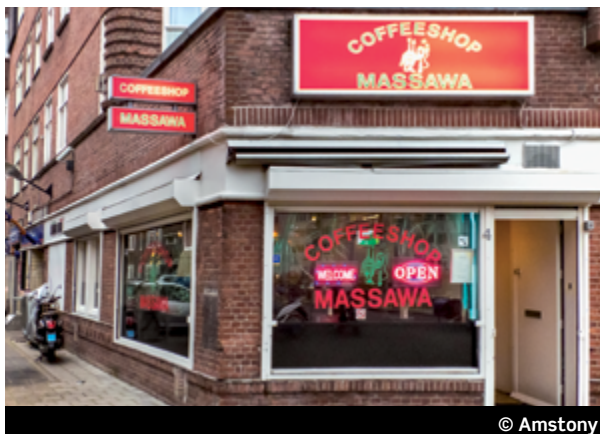
## West with a Heart

They have a nice terrace facing south with a canal view. Decorated with a mix of American and Arabian objects, a jukebox watched closely by an icon of the humor world, Oliver Hardy. The bar is round, it gives a welcome feeling. They have an smoking room with a big table

**EASY TO REACH AND CLOSE TO TEN KATTE STREET MARKET**

surrounded by long sofas where the locals talk about their daily lives. The menu has some are

classics strains difficult to find somewhere else. The staff is very friendly and relaxed, no rush in this side of the city. Easy to reach and close to other interesting sites like the Ten Katte street market. Free WI-FI. ♦



### MASSAWA

Chassestraat 4. WEST

Business Hours: 10.00 h. to 01.00 h. Everyday

#### MENU

Weed 4-11 €/gr.

Purple Haze, Amnesia Haze, Bleu Cheese, Edelwise, Northern Light, W.W.Cristal, White Widow, Gruis.

Hash 7-12 €/gr.

Royal Primera, Primera, Twisla, Super Polm.



#### DESCRIPTION

Decorated with a mix of American and Arabian objects. Smoking room with a big table surrounded by long sofas. some are classics strains difficult to find somewhere else. The staff is friendly and relaxed. Close to Ten Katte street market. Free WI-FI.



DE TAFELVOETBALCLUB VAN AMSTERDAM

**CLUB FOOS**

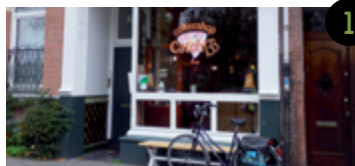
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# THE STUD



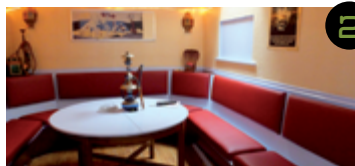
# 7 SHOPS NOT TO MISS...

We are lucky they exist



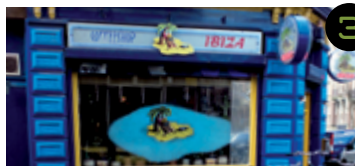
## 1 CATCH 33

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.



## 2 D&L

Located in de neighbourhood 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.



## 3 IBIZA

Since 1989, This Smoking Lounge caters mainly for the local people but also welcoming tourists. An warm interior, a great atmosphere, Live Sport and Free WiFi. Easy to find in Google+ and FB.



## 4 MASSAWA

At the heart of the West. Nice terrace with a canal view. Attractive menu at fairly prices. Smoking room. Local atmosphere, quiet, like a living room. The staff is friendly and much relaxed. Free WI-Fi.



## 5 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.



## 6 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.



## 7 THE STUD

Located in the East side of the city, a multicultural neighbourhood. Quality menu at very reasonable prices. Local atmosphere. The staff is friendly and helpful. Meeting point for Ajax fans. WI-FI.

# THE OTHER AMSTERDAM

A Little Palace  
Local & Genuine  
Quality Menu  
Mixed World  
Home of AJAX

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A brand new local, decorated with modest luxe, the walls are as smooth as a baby's face, painted on Raffaello's style, five layers of paint to give that smoothness, the soft browns and ocre gives a warm welcome feeling, like being invited at a roman palace to have a smoke with the Cesar. Located at the East side of the city, easy to reach with trams 9 and 14, bus and of course on a bycicle but even walking it takes less than an hour from Dam square in a nice walk alongside the canals.

## AT HOME WITH AJAX FANS

The menu has some nice diversity of Sativas and Indicas with a few Haze strains, carefully selected to offer an attractive choice for the everyday customers, the neighbours, at local prices, of course.



## THE STUD

**Molukkenstraat 581 EAST**  
Business Hours:  
09.00 to 01.00 Everyday

## MENU

Weed 3-11 €/gr.  
Gruis, Rood Witje, PP/White Widow, K2, Silver, Cheesy Candy, Haze 3x (Cupwinner), Amnesia Haze, S5 Haze, Riddler Kush, Thai.

Hash 5-9 €/gr.  
Super Polm, Maup's Polm, Rooie Oogjes, First Choice/Tbisla.

Quality served with a smile. Framed T-Shirt of Marco van Basten. A fairly big screen to watch the game, always in the first row, the only one, a long comfortable sofa with a few tables. There is another room at the end with a computer conected to the Internet and a table surrounded by soft lounge chairs where the time goes up in smoke.

## ONLY THE BRAVES

The neighbourhood has its charm and some nice spots like the Flevopark, with a big lake and a public swiming pool open in the Summer, Camping Zeeburg, where people from the whole world enjoy their holidays, and, of course, the street market called Dappermarkt, considered the best street market of the whole coun-



## THE HIGHLIGHTS

### • DESCRIPTION

A little palace with charm. Nice diversity of sativa and Indicas with a few carefully selected Haze strains served with a smile. A place to experience in its full simplicity.

### • ATMOSPHERE

100% local, genuine, which means daily customers of the whole world, the residents.

**A LOCAL MIX OF ALL THE CULTURES YOU CAN IMAGINE AN SMALL BIG WORLD IN ITSELF**

try, it has won this yearly competition twice. The smell of spices from other parts of the world fills the air, the colourful clothes of people from different cultures and

traditions mix here like hot chocolate with warm milk. Every year more tourists dare to go beyond the canals and discover the real city of Amsterdam, where the daily life goes on absent of what's going on in the center of the city. It is like another city inside Amsterdam, the one most tourists will never imagine that existed.◆



## NEW LAW FOR CATALUNYA CLUBS

The Parliament of Catalunya has approved a proposal of law to regulate the activities of the so called Cannabis Associations. The proposal comes from Gema Calvet from Esquerra Republicana (ERC) and it is given free way with the support of all other political parties except the Partido Popular de Catalunya (PPC). The text approved focuses mainly on the regulation of these associations from a public health and damage reduction. The proposal has been approved by all political groups except the PPC. "We are not pro legalization of pot" they said. ♦

## Barcelona, the new Amsterdam?

With more than 300 social clubs Barcelona has already overtaken Amsterdam as a coffeeshop mecca. From tiny groups of friends, who rent a place where they meet and share their strains and knowledge to the commercial oriented clubs, where not only weed and hashish is in the shopping basket, live music, DJ's, smoking parties and all kind of added gadgets to get you there and keep you there. ♦



## U.S.A. TAXES MARIHUANA



Colorado set another new standard by approving taxes on pot sales. America is giving another turn into normalization by applying taxes to the Marihuana sold in the coffeshops and other dispensaries. Recreational cannabis sales will have a 25 % tax, 15 % of that will be used for public school construction projects. ♦

## CANNABIS OIL AGAINST CANCER?

News on the Internet about the story of Rick Simpson's, a Canadian who makes cannabis oil that works as a medicine against cancer, including a video in YouTube showing how to make Simpson's Oil. It claims to be effective in certain cases of cancer. On the other side there are doctors like Fernando Caudevilla who gives an explanation of facts to show the fake in all Rick Simpson's story. ♦



## Marihuana Cigarettes?

### Marlboro releases joints in a pack?

Philip & Morris, the largest tobacco producer in the world has announced a new product which will probably set up new standards in the consumption of Marihuana, the old known cigarettes of tobacco have now a sister called marihuana, a green feeling rolled up for everybody to enjoy. The fake news came out in Internet and spread quickly across the globe. Just a few words and a fake picture and it becomes easy to get the attention of the whole world. Is that a new marketing trick, preparing the potential consumer for the big announcement? Taking a good position in the upcoming race? Time will tell... ♦

## THE FLAVOUR OF FREEDOM PACKED

Can we expect a lot of added toxics in the marihuana cigarettes? Will the crop be produced with the modern biological grow? Will the growing of Marihuana become as industrial and chemically manipulated crop as the tobacco?.

There are many unknown issues about the fact that Marihuana is being accepted in a bigger scale than ever before and the knowledge we have is still in its first footsteps. One thing is sure, once the selling of Marihuana becomes legal an army of entrepreneurs will start singing the marvels of Marihuana in our ears. Are you ready to dance along? ♦



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# ASCENT VAPORIZER

Will Leonardo da Vinci use it?



It takes some braveness to give the name of such a genius to a little smoking device, even if the technology inside is heading into the future, far beyond most human's dreams. And so it feels, like an alien gadget, the smallest spaceship ever. Easy & illustrated instructions make its use kind of friendly one, it works smooth and accurate, the glass pipe and the inside chimney are designed to get the most pure vap available.

## ITALIAN DESIGN RULES ?

Is the most beautiful out there? Well, it is to me, the curvy lines and soft rounds makes me think in Ferrari, Lamborghini, Ducati, Bimota. Give me a well stuffed plate of pasta and a glass of Valpolicella's red wine, make it complete with an espresso, a chunk of Tiramisu and a few puffs of my favourite strain's Ice-0-Lator hash in this vaporizer and like in the beautiful paintings of Michelangelo, it feels like touching the

## ASCENT VAPORIZER

[www.davincivaporizer.com](http://www.davincivaporizer.com)

### INFO

- › Accurate temperature set
- › Cigarette pack size
- › Discret & Elegant
- › High-Tech gadget



heavens, all of them together. The last judgment can wait a bit longer, nu rush.

## WILL LEONARDO USE IT?

I can imagine him puffing out of the window while looking at the magnificent square, feeling somehow above all the human beings down there, getting high in the skies where he achieved his amazing knowledge of things to come, by looking into the future, here, right now. The vaporizer of the 22nd century? ♦



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# PROJECT 1012

Turn off the lights !!!

Amsterdam is known for its art, architecture, bicycles and canals. Really though, its fame comes from its tolerant and liberal attitude about prostitution and soft drugs. Unfortunately in recent years, a lot of laws are transforming the city. In 2007 the sale of alcohol was banned in the coffeeshops, later came the “wietpass” threat, banning tourists to entry the premises. Currently the city is also working on the “distance criteria law” ensuring that no coffeeshops are left at 250 meters or less from a public school. But there’s more, the City of Amsterdam has created the 1012 project, designed to dramatically change the downtown. The 1012 project seeks to close coffeeshops, sex shops, brothels, shoddy hotels, theaters, souvenir shops, massage parlors,



**THE CITY IS WORKING ON THE DISTANCE CRITERIA. NO COFFEESHOPS WITHIN 250 M FROM A PUBLIC SCHOOL**

gambling halls, minimarkets and any suspected of being “shady” business. Hands down, pumping tourism income in such shady business has its drawbacks, but the danger persists, this project 1012 cause serious damage to the tourism industry in Amsterdam. A tourist

survey in 2012 showed that 46% of the seven million tourists who visit Amsterdam each year also visit the Red Light District, not necessarily for sex, but certainly curious. But the biggest concern of the city should be what is going to happen to the women. Some fear that they will be forced to work in brothels or other clubs, losing their independence. Or even

worse, they will be forced to go underground. ♦  
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