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Page Three

A bevy of beauties behind the bar in Susie's Saloon; Abby, Louise and Rebecca!

Leticia and Sophie were behind the bar on a Tuesday night in the Three Sisters Pub.

I'm sure some readers will remember the Stun's former 'Agony Aunt' Poison Ivy; well this is her niece Tish, behind a window in the Red Light District.

Merel and Suki were happy to pose for a photo behind the bar at The End Karaoke, but Rachel was reluctant.

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The Editor's Bit

It's October, so I wanted something relating to Halloween on the cover, but what? I toyed with the idea of people in fancy dress at parties I went to in the past, but I did that last year. In need of inspiration, I went to the supermarket to get some beers and found what I was looking for on the way; all it needed was pumpkins, bats and a skull! So, for this month's Cover Competition, where did I take the photo? If you know, tell me! No prizes, but you'll receive an Honourable Mention in the next Stun if you get it right.

Nobody gave me a correct answer for last month's Cover Competition, so no Honourable Mentions this time. It was the Doelen Hotel, taken from Kloveniersburgwal, as seen in this picture, courtesy of Google Street View.

I didn't have much time to deliver the last Stun around the bars because I was going to England for the funeral of my sister Brenda, who passed away in August. Ilze and Gareth came to my aid by taking a big bag of Stuns around bars in the Red Light District. They took plenty of photos during their pub crawl and you can see some of them on pages 16 & 17.

While I was in England, my niece Tish, who I hadn't seen for 40 years, arrived from New Zealand. A week later, she was in Amsterdam, so we met up with Ans (my sister-in-law, her

aunt) for a meal in Molly Malone's before I took her on a guided tour of my favourite bars and other sights in the Red Light District.

While I was propping up the bar in Molly's a few days later, Mairead invited me to visit her at work at the Homeland Brewery to take a few photos and sample their ales. Now there's an offer I can't refuse!

All of our usual stuff is here, plus a few extra jokes on page 23, so enjoy your Stun.

Andy

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Happy Anniversary Esteve & Montse, Iepe & Els, Peter & Berber.

Soraida can't stop smiling since she got back from Texas; while she was there, her boyfriend Covan proposed and she said Yes!

EQUALITY IN FAT...

Oh no! Dunkin Donuts has finally come to Amsterdam! First there was McDonalds, then there was Starbuck's, and now... Dunkin Donuts! We're all doomed to a life of fat American Style white sugar and fat bottoms bumping into each other in the narrow tram aisles. Personally, I don't particularly look at men's butts, but I mourn the passing of the Amsterdam butt of yesteryear. It's not as if the Dutch women haven't managed fat bottoms on their own by shovelling down various potato things on midnight FEBO runs, and with the new generation's propensity of over indulgence in cheap gyms and other assorted athletic endeavours, (sex alert), they had a chance to avoid the great American curse of bilge bottomitis and extreme cellulite, but now all hope is gone!

As the tallest white people on the planet, I've often delighted in the long shapely model-inspired legs that strolled down the streets of the city and into my dream database. Now that will soon be over! I can't dream and sigh about fat bubbly thighs!

This is indeed the new world order! The jealous short-legged American woman have won! All Amsterdam asses will soon be fat, blubbery, and covered with cellulite just like their unexercised sisters. It's nice that Amsterdam has finally gotten into line with it's favourite colonial relic, New York City! Yes boys and girls, the new world order is across the counter, into the ringing register of Dunkin Donuts, and into the mouths of the innocent unsuspecting tall long-legged Amsterdam ladies, who follow the fashion dictates of America, and will trade in their gym memberships for bags of Dunkin Donuts to munch on while they binge watch "How I Met Your Mother".

Dunkin Donuts... We who are about to be fat salute you!

Terry Mann

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Zad in Excalibur

Hadi and Daniel in Durty Nelly's

Etienne and Bartel in Bourbon Street

Rijk, Dilan, Matthieu & Stefan in the Poolbar

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BARS

Aram was celebrating 22 years of the Cave, ably assisted by Pasquale and Chiche.

Has Anna in Player's got a new boyfriend? Only in Darryl's dreams!

Tineke has got new glasses, so she can see everything that goes on in the Flying Dutchman; you've been warned!

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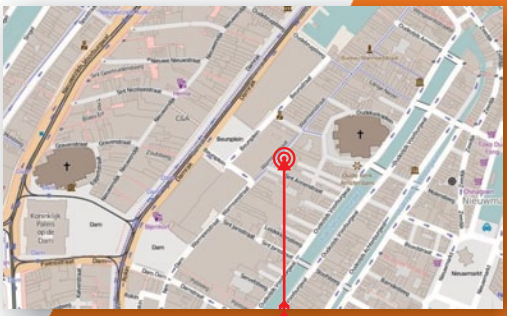

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Monday

Weekly

21:30, **Cafe Candela**, International Karaoke Night, *An explosive combination of international songs and funky people from all over the world*
22:00, **Bourbon Street**, Magic Monday, *Open Jam hosted by Mosquito*
21:30, **Maloe Melo**, Acoustic Session, *with Peter Lavell & his Gritmoaners*
22:00, **The End**, Karaoke, *over 40,000 English/ Dutch songs to choose from. Open til 3*

9th October 2017

20:00, **Paleis van de Weemoed**, Franklin's Music Palace, *Franklin Madjid Band + guests*
20:15, **The Waterhole**, Jordan Matthew Young (USA), *Rock*
21:30, **The Waterhole**, Huw Eddy & the Carnival (UK), *Indie-folk*
23:45, **The Waterhole**, Mighty Vipers (UK),

16th October 2017

20:30, **The Waterhole**, Rikkerts (HN)-TWAO Funky Party JAM, *Funk, Soul, Pop, Disco*

23rd October 2017

20:00, **Durty Nelly's**, Pub Quiz, *Free entry & prizes for smart people. Teams of 3 to 5 required!*
20:00, **The Waterhole**, t.b.a. *original band*
21:15, **The Waterhole**, Cloud Cuckoo, *indie/ psychopop*
22:30, **The Waterhole**, Picaflor, *Latin-rock*
23:45, **The Waterhole**, t.b.a. *original band*

30th October 2017

20:30, **The Waterhole**, Rikkerts (HN)-TWAO Funky Party JAM, *Funk, Soul, Pop, Disco*

Tuesday

Weekly

20:00, **Café de Koe**, Open Mic Night, *hosted by The Amsterdam Songwriters Guild*
21:30, **Cafe Candela**, International Karaoke Night, *See Monday*
21:30, **Maloe Melo**, Acoustic Session, *with Kevin Chapman & Friends (except 10th)*
22:00, **The End**, Karaoke, *over 40,000 English/ Dutch songs to choose from. Open til 3*

10th October 2017

20:30, **The Waterhole**, Waterhole Jam with Daniel Camacho, *Pop, Rock, Funk*
21:00, **Maloe Melo**, VSPA Student Night,
22:00, **Bourbon Street**, Ivan Waters, *Australian singer/songwriter* €3

17th October 2017

20:30, **The Waterhole**, Waterhole Jam with Marieke Meijer, *Funk, Soul, Pop*
22:00, **Bourbon Street**, The Blues Summit, *quality blues* €3

24th October 2017

20:30, **The Waterhole**, Waterhole Jam with the Mosquito's, *Pop, Latin, Tequila!*
22:00, **Bourbon Street**, Daniel Camacho, *'Caribbeanized' versions of classics, as well as lesser known compositions* €3

31st October 2017

20:30, **The Waterhole**, Waterhole Jam with Rick & Bjorna, *Pop, Rock*
22:00, **Bourbon Street**, Daniel Camacho, *'Caribbeanized' versions of classics, as well as lesser known compositions* €3

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Wednesday

Weekly

20:30, **The Waterhole**, Jesse´s Rock n´ Roll Jam Night, *Pop, Rock*
22:00, **Cafe Pollux**, Jukebox Rocola Jam Session,
22:00, **The End**, Karaoke, *over 40,000 English/ Dutch songs to choose from. Open til 3*

11th October 2017

20:00, **Melkweg**, The Soap Girls, *Party In Hell Tour Finale! Grunge pop (ZA)* €8
21:30, **Maloe Melo**, Franklin's New Generation Session, *Young talent takes centre stage with an experienced backing band available.*
22:00, **Bourbon Street**, The Diaz Brothers, *Rock/ Funk/Reggae* €3

18th October 2017

21:30, **Maloe Melo**, Kevin Chapman, *Blues/rock*
22:00, **Bourbon Street**, Delano ft. Jaxswing, *soul, funk & r&b* €3
22:00, **Rockclub The Cave**, Disgrace and Terror (BR), *Thrash/Death Metal*

25th October 2017

20:00, **Molly Malone's**, Pub Quiz, *8 rounds of brain-teasing questions! €2.50 per person, all money taken will be given back out in prizes. Booking ahead advised (0611958949) as they always fill up.*
21:30, **Maloe Melo**, Lady Love, *Widdi Sitti's musical jam*
22:00, **Bourbon Street**, The Bashir Brothers, *A very diverse show, with the emphasis on up tempo tunes, from soulful blues, to classic rock.* €3

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Thursday

Weekly

21:30, **Cafe Candela**, International Karaoke Night, *See Monday*
22:00, **Coco's Outback**, Karaoke Competition, *Get a FREE shot before singing and be in with a chance of winning a nice prize!*
22:00, **The End**, Karaoke, *over 40,000 English/ Dutch songs to choose from. Open til 3*

12th October 2017

20:00, **The Waterhole**, Treasure, *Funk, Soul, Disco*
20:30, **Volta**, Local Playground, *Sundaze + Bhava* €5
21:30, **Maloe Melo**, Singer/Songwriter Night, *hosted by Dzuana*
22:00, **Bourbon Street**, El Toro, *Latin, soul, boogaloo & pop* €3
23:30, **The Waterhole**, Memphis Revival, *Funk, Soul, RnB*

19th October 2017

20:00, **The Waterhole**, Xite, *soul, pop, disco, dance*
20:30, **Volta**, Local Playground, *Rowshay 'N' Devlaux (Rap group from Amsterdam Noord)* €5
21:30, **Maloe Melo**, Electric Session, *hosted by Kim Salabim*
22:00, **Bourbon Street**, Love on the Rocks, *rock* €3
23:30, **The Waterhole**, Elements, *pop, dance, rock*

26th October 2017

20:00, **The Waterhole**, Karen Didn't Care, *Funk, Soul, Disco*
20:30, **Volta**, Local Playground, *Dasilvian Bruce + 1 band t.b.a. (soul, r&b, Jazz, funk & hip hop)* €5
21:30, **Maloe Melo**, Margie Joe (Singer/songwriter duo), *followed by session hosted by Kim Stevens* €5
22:00, **Bourbon Street**, Rowen Aida, *soul, disco & funk* €3
22:30, **The Waterhole**, A night with Farida & friends, *Funk, Soul, Disco*

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Friday

Weekly

21:00, **The End**, Karaoke, *over 40,000 English/ Dutch songs to choose from. Open til 3*

6th October 2017

20:00, **The Waterhole**, Rock-A-Oke, *Live-band Karaoke. Grab the mic!*

22:00, **Bourbon Street**, Rowen Aida, *soul, disco & funk* €5

22:00, **Coco's Outback**, Oktoberfest, *staff will serve you in authentic Bavarian clothes! And we will find out who is the Strongest man or woman with our yearly Steiner competition*

23:00, **Maloe Melo**, Alley Cats, *Rock'n'Roll-Rockabilly* €5

23:30, **The Waterhole**, Spit, *Hard-hitting 90's Rock*

13th October 2017

20:00, **The Waterhole**, Chairmen, *Rock*

22:00, **Bourbon Street**, Clearwater, *Funky soul* €5

22:00, **Rockclub The Cave**, Celeb Car Crash (IT), *Rock*

22:30, **Maloe Melo**, Rumble in the Barn, *Country/ rock* €5

23:30, **The Waterhole**, Cover Up, *90's Rock*

20th October 2017

20:00, **The Waterhole**, The Stereotypes, *60/70/80's Rock*

22:00, **Bourbon Street**, Hurricane Joy, *pop rock* €5

22:00, **Rockclub The Cave**, Amrita - Crowsnest - Grayscale Season, *Metal*

22:30, **Maloe Melo**, Barn Stompers, *Country-Rocknroll* €5

23:30, **The Waterhole**, Dynamic Gentlemen, *Rock*

Friday

27th October 2017

20:00, **The Waterhole**, #TrendingTopic, *Pop, Rock*

20:00, **Volta**, Volta Metal Night, *Bands: t.b.a.* €5

22:00, **Bourbon Street**, Clearwater, *Funky soul* €5

22:00, **Rockclub The Cave**, Stacy Crowne (DE), Starscream (NL), *Rock*

22:30, **Maloe Melo**, Sticky-T & the Heartbeats, *pop* €5

23:30, **The Waterhole**, Funky Influence, *Funk, Pop*

Saturday

Weekly

16:00, **Cafe Hermes**, Open Mic, *with Tommy the Fox & Gareth Evans-Jones*

21:00, **The End**, Karaoke, *over 40,000 English/ Dutch songs to choose from. Open til 3*

22:00, **Cafe Del Mondo**, Mosquito, *Latin Pop Rock*

7th October 2017

20:00, **The Waterhole**, JPR Strinxband, *70's Rock n Roll*

22:00, **Bourbon Street**, Delano & Friends, *gifted singer, songwriter, producer* €5

22:30, **Maloe Melo**, The Band, €5

23:30, **The Waterhole**, AR!E, *Rock*

14th October 2017

20:00, **The Waterhole**, Jeremy, *Pearl Jam-tribute*

22:00, **Bourbon Street**, Treasure, *Blues/rock* €5

22:00, **Rockclub The Cave**, Bidi Bookings,

22:30, **The Waterhole**, Local Boyzz, *Party rock*

22:30, **Maloe Melo**, High Traditional, *Blues-Bluesrock* €5

21st October 2017

20:00, **The Waterhole**, Fran and her Men, *90's Rock*

22:00, **Bourbon Street**, Ema Gagro, *Pop, Funk, Soul* €5

22:00, **Rockclub The Cave**, Formosa (DE, Hard`n´Heavy), *Airlake (IT, Alternative rock/Punk/ Powerpop)*

22:30, **Maloe Melo**, The Estate, *Blues, Bluesrock, Funk* €5

23:30, **The Waterhole**, Next Chapter, *Allround Party!*

Saturday

28th October 2017

20:00, **The Waterhole**, Halloween Party with Van Kessel & Waste! *2 amazing rock bands on an extra-creepy stage and there will be a costume-contest with prizes for the best outfits. Bar open until 5am!*
20:00, **Volta**, De Vrije Vrijdag (on a Saturday!), *Stand-Up Comedy presented by Thinkfast Comedy* €5
22:00, **Bourbon Street**, Love on the Rocks, *rock* €5
22:00, **Coco's Outback**, Halloween Fancy Dress Party, *prizes for best costumes plus extra Halloween specials*
22:00, **Molly Malone's**, Halloween Fancy Dress Party, *Seriously silly shenanigans & prizes for the best costumes*
22:00, **Mulligans**, Bernard Joyce & Alan McLachlan, *old time Irish legend and his legendary Scottish musical partner back on stage with Celtic ballads & tunes, contemporary, pop and more...*
22:00, **Rockclub The Cave**, Halloween Party, *Live: Witchsorrow (UK) + The Moth (DE), Doom Metal*
22:30, **Maloe Melo**, Dry Riverbed Trio, *Rock'n'Roll-Rockabilly* €5

Sunday

Weekly

21:30, **Maloe Melo**, Acoustic Session, *with various session leaders*
22:00, **The End**, Karaoke, *over 40,000 English/ Dutch songs to choose from. Open til 3*

8th October 2017

17:00, **The Poolbar**, Music Quiz, *for an afternoon of great music and exciting prizes!*
20:00, **The Waterhole**, Amsterdam Funk Plate, *Funk, Soul, Dance*
22:00, **Bourbon Street**, Mabassa, *pop music with Brazilian and African vibes*
22:30, **The Waterhole**, Micha Kroese Band, *Soul, Pop & Rock*

Sunday

15th October 2017

14:30, **The Poolbar**, 9Ball Tournament, *€5 per person, free snacks and free pool!*
19:00, **Black & White**, Mosquito, *Latin Pop Rock*
20:00, **The Waterhole**, Parhasard, *funk, rock & soul*
22:00, **Bourbon Street**, Steven De Geus, *rock/soul*
23:30, **The Waterhole**, Subterranean Street Society, *Pop*

22nd October 2017

20:00, **The Waterhole**, Adam Tobit, *Acoustic pop*
22:00, **Bourbon Street**, Dursun, *singer-songwriter, pianist and all-rounder*
22:30, **The Waterhole**, 2hot2funk, *funk, pop & rock*

29th October 2017

20:00, **The Waterhole**, Soulmate, *Funk, Soul, Pop*
22:00, **Bourbon Street**, t.b.a.,
23:30, **The Waterhole**, Ema Gagro (Cro) & band, *Allround Pop, Funk, Soul*

ROUND T

Gareth kept his promise of not 'doing a Mark' and has moved to Amsterdam to be with Ilze.

Lidor didn't mean to go in the Flying Dutchman, but then she noticed Munise was sitting at the bar...

Birthday Queen Yaz was surrounded by her loyal subjects in Susie's Saloon.

Simon was one of the few people in Maloe Melo judging the Soap Girls purely on their musical abilities (see page 18).

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HE BARS

It's 17 years since Martha last appeared in the Stun, but Shaun is no stranger to our pages.

What can I say about Dave, Chris and Doda outside Café Oporto? Not a lot; I was having too much fun to take notes.

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John never comes in Molly Malone's, so Vince and Brian insisted I take a photo.

Jay's Juices is closing and he's retiring to Aruba, but Tish got to meet him before he left.

Jeff was gutted when he found out Tish has a partner back in New Zealand.

BEHIND MORE

Anna in the Torenzicht was surprised to see the September Stun out so early, but didn't have a clue about the cover.

It's the Beardy Bunch in Molly Malone's, although Michael said he just forgot to shave, unlike Jan and Brian.

Chris might have regretted offering to buy his Player's colleagues Max, Claudia, Anna and Darryl a drink.

Birthday girl Yaz came back behind the bar in Susie's Saloon for a photo with Jelena.

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Michael in Coco's Outback

Paula and Eva in Remember

Soraida and Jasmine in the Waterhole

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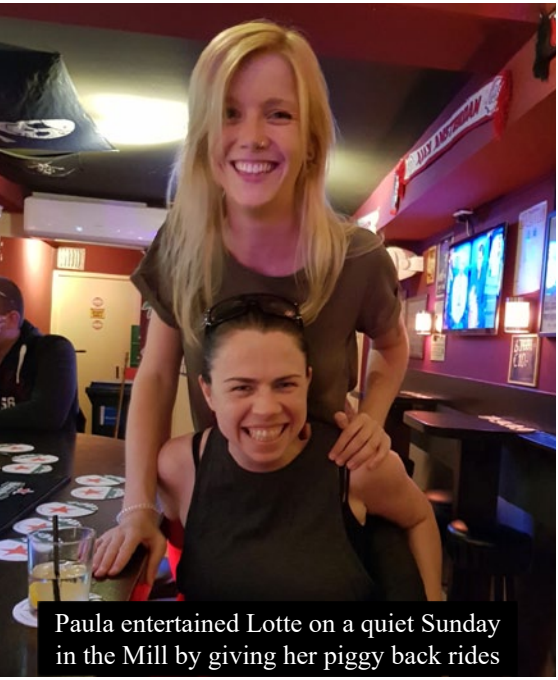
ILZE & GARETH'S

Lady of leisure Ilze and good guy Gareth helped deliver last month's Stun around the Red Light District and Paula joined them on the pub crawl; here are some of their photos.



Paula entertained Lotte on a quiet Sunday in the Mill by giving her piggy back rides

Zeepost's Martine just invited everyone to join the party - Ilze, Paula, Udo and Ruud

After two days, David finally landed from 'muffin heaven' so he celebrated with a drink in Busters, keeping Kerstin company

Django in the Globe was chained to the bar, giving helpful advice on the best beers to drink

Roel in The International invited his regulars to pose with him - and they're all artists! Four Seasons Art Group to be precise

Sammy and Serena from Old Quarter kindly invited Chris to stand between them

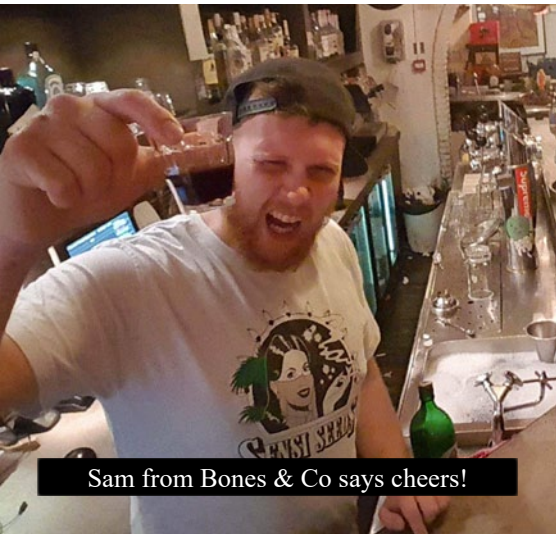
RED LIGHT RUN

Agua' s Tommy was closing up the shop for the night with help of Paddy from Blarney Stone and Martin of McCartys

Here's Urwing, Paula and Margarita in The Smoking Bull

Zsuzi, Alessandro and Sara in Hill Street Blues where having a competition; who has the longest tongue. Guess who won?

Gordon, the self proclaimed Chinese Gordon Ramsey, was relaxing in the Frisco Inn after long day at work as chef



Sam from Bones & Co says cheers!

After the hard work of delivering Stuns, and drinking some beer, Ilze and Gareth showed off the empty Stun bag

SOAPY SUNDAY

Jur promised something special for a September Sunday in Maloe Melo; the return of the Soap Girls for a night of good clean fun!

Sisters Mie (guitar) and Mille (bass) invited the audience to join them on stage for a couple of numbers. As it was a Sunday, they kept the show semi-respectable, but have promised to go wild at the 'Party In Hell Tour Finale' in the Melkweg on Wednesday 11th October.

Axel, Kim and Tom were discussing ways to clean vintage air guitars while they waited for the band to finish and they could start the acoustic session in the front bar.

It was an uplifting night for Jur and I'm sure the Soap Girls will be more than welcome to play in Maloe Melo again.

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I left a trail of rose petals from the front door, up the stairs, and to the bedroom. I sprinkled some more over the bed. I sat in the corner wearing nothing but her beautiful silk robe with a bottle of vintage wine on ice on the end table. I heard the door open and her walking up the stairs, I wanted this to be the most romantic evening ever. I was quite nervous.
Now all I needed was the perfect way to introduce myself.

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My Dad said to me, "If you really want something in life, you've got to get out there and grab it with both hands." So I did. Now the barmaid with the big tits at my local has reported me to the police.

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Anyone else find it slightly ironic that the A580 dual carriageway linking the two cities of Liverpool and Manchester spells out the word ASBO?

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A young man shopping in a supermarket noticed a little old lady following him around. If he stopped, she stopped. Furthermore she kept staring at him.
She finally overtook him at the checkout, and she turned to him and said, "I hope I haven't made you feel ill at ease, it's just that you look so much like my late son."
He answered, "That's okay."
"I know it's silly, but if you'd call out 'Goodbye Mum' as I leave the store, it would make me feel so happy."
She then went through the checkout, and as she was on her way out of the store, the man called out, "Goodbye Mum."
The little old lady waved, and smiled back at him. Pleased that he had brought a little sunshine into someone's day, he went to pay for his groceries.
"That comes to £121.85," said the clerk.
"How come so much? I only bought 5 items!"
The clerk replied, "Yeah, but your mother said you'd be paying for her things too."

JOKES

When I was younger, a selfie was something we had to do when the wife wasn't in the mood.

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It's time to rename the Virgin Islands; they got well fucked by hurricanes Irma & Maria last month.

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"Been drinking sir?" The policeman asked.
"I had one earlier, but that was all," I replied.
"I think you've had a few more than that sir. Would you step out of the van please."
"Why?" I asked.
"Because the Postman Pat ride isn't really designed for adults and there's children waiting for their go!"

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A Pirate walked into a bar and the bartender said, "Hey, I haven't seen you in a while. What happened? You look terrible."
"What do you mean?" said the Pirate, "I feel fine."
"What about the wooden leg? You didn't have that before."
"Arr, well," said the Pirate, "We were in a battle, and I got hit with a cannon ball, but I'm fine now."
The bartender replied, "Well, OK, but what about that hook? What happened to your hand?"
The pirate explained, "We were in another battle. I boarded a ship and got into a sword fight. My hand was cut off. I got fitted with a hook, but I'm fine, really."
"What about that eye patch?"
"Arrrr, well" said the pirate, "One day we were at sea, and a big fat Albatross flew over. As I looked up, the bastard thing only went and shat in me eye didn't it, Arrrr!"
"You're kidding," said the bartender. "You couldn't lose an eye just from bird shit."
"Arr, bejasus lad, it was me first day with this feckin hook!"

BEING FRANK ON FOOTBALL

Arsene Wenger celebrated his 21st anniversary at the club with a relatively easy 2-0 victory over Brighton but I do think they will do very well to finish above arch rivals Tottenham Hotspur, who are already above them in the Premier League table, even at this early stage.

Harry Kane and Dele Alli are once again the main reasons why they are performing so well and once again Kane did not find his goalscoring boots until September kicked off. He is making this a bit of a habit. Last season too, he could not score in the early weeks of the season - only to more than make up for it as the season progressed. In September, he scored a staggering 13 goals in just one calendar month and the 24 year old is hoping he can continue in this rich vein of form for England in the World Cup qualifiers too.

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Chelsea are struggling a little with the loss of Diego Costa to Atletico Madrid and the hamstring injury incurred by his replacement, Alvaro Morata, in the home defeat to Manchester City recently.

I am still of the view that City will win the title this season and I have seen nothing in their more recent displays to suggest otherwise. They are a team on fire - although the loss of Sergio Aguero, due to rib injuries sustained in a car crash in Amsterdam, will obviously not help their cause.

But the way in which they ripped into Chelsea and the outstanding form of Kevin de Bruyne, Raheem Sterling and of course Brazilian Gabriel Jesus, suggests that they have sufficient strength in depth to go all the way.

What is also discernible, if we compare the form to last season, is just how solid the defence is looking. This was their Achilles heel before, but not any more it seems. In September, City kept four consecutive clean sheets for the first time since 2015 and the additions of keeper Ederson and wing back Kyle Walker have certainly helped.

Liverpool on the other hand continue to flatter to deceive because going forward they are exciting, yet defensively they still look very vulnerable. The fact that Philippe Coutinho is back in the side and fully focused on The Reds will be a boost, but I suspect that the best they can hope for this term is another fourth placed berth in the final Premier League table.

The biggest threat to Manchester City winning the title is Manchester United; Jose

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Mourinho has got them playing as if they mean business and those local derbies are a very exciting prospect this time around!

Because of Champions League involvement, there are five Premier League sides all vying to do well on both fronts and this means they need big squads to cope with it all.

This is where Spurs generally fail, because it is not just about the size of the squad, but the quality of it too. Injuries and suspensions start to inevitably bite and the very high levels of football excellence in Champions League group matches means that clubs need to be on top of their game, all the time, to succeed on both fronts.

Over here in the Netherlands, Dutch clubs are having a torrid time and this is especially apparent on the European stage where Feyenoord find themselves bottom of their group, having lost both opening Champions League fixtures. As for Ajax, things seem to be going from bad to worse! Out of all European competition already and struggling in the Eredivisie, the days of head coach Marcel Keizer seem to be numbered already.

And finally, the way things are going for Crystal Palace, they must be just about ready to start searching for a new manager as well.

Frank de Boer got four games and ended up with no goals and no points. Roy Hodgson has had three games and the situation has deteriorated even further.

They remain at the bottom of the table, with no points and no goals and a minus 17 goal deficit. His last game in charge will probably be against Chelsea, if there is any logic behind their current managerial firing strategy.

Frank Weston

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PPL UPDATE

Here's how the Premier Predictions League table looked on Sunday 1st October 2017.

Pos.	Name	On	Nr	Pts
1st	Swiss Tom	5	2	17
1st	Niall Murphy	5	2	17
1st	Carlos Mecedo	5	2	17
4th	Elwin Borgman	4	5	17
5th	J.J.P. Koning	3	7	16
6th	D. William Wood	4	3	15
7th	Steve Mahon	4	2	14
8th	John Raftery	3	5	14
8th	Suicide Sydd	3	5	14
10th	Jeffery Schuffelen	3	4	13
10th	Jochen van Rijn	3	4	13
12th	PerthTrueBlue	3	3	12
13th	Mark Hawkins	2	6	12
14th	Pol Newmarkt	3	2	11
14th	Paddy Wynne	3	2	11
16th	Frank Weston	2	5	11
16th	Stuart	2	5	11
16th	Callum Dickie	2	5	11
16th	Eric Donald	2	5	11
20th	Boelenspark Rangers	1	8	11
21st	Jim McGrath	3	1	10
21st	Paul Tandy	3	1	10
21st	David Lourenco	3	1	10
21st	Ken Passey	3	1	10
25th	Kimberley	2	4	10
26th	Keith Scoble	2	3	9
26th	Fred H.ams	2	3	9
28th	Paulo van Melson	2	2	8
29th	Spen	1	5	8
30th	Phil Rook	2	1	7
31st	Jude Noonan	1	4	7
31st	Alan Dempsey	1	4	7
33rd	Rob Pendleton	0	7	7
34th	Grouty	1	3	6
34th	Marco Spaans	1	3	6
34th	Chris R	1	3	6
37th	YNWA	1	2	5
37th	Jorge Garcia Martin	1	2	5
37th	Norbertus	1	2	5
40th	Willem Verhoeven	0	5	5
41st	Ronald Middelkoop	1	1	4
42nd	Techno Ken	0	4	4
43rd	Jordy de Leeuw	1	0	3
43rd	Arun Pankerd	1	0	3
45th	Diego Spaans	0	1	1

IN THE BACK

Magician Geoff Diamond traded the cards for a sweet camera at the IBC.

Fred and Ton were joined by Koen on drums at Sweet Mary Jane's last gig in Durty Nelly's.

Rikkert had every reason to smile; Janice Williams was at his Monday night Funky Party Jam in the Waterhole!

Guitar God Stan the Man posed with mere mortal bass-player Rauli when he made an appearance at Magic Monday in Bourbon Street.

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HALLOWEEN JOKES

A nun gets into a cab and notices that the driver can't stop staring at her. So she asks him why is he staring and he answers, "I have a question I need to ask you but I don't want to offend you."

The nun replies, "My dear son, you cannot offend me. When you're as old as I am and have been a nun as long as I have, you have had a chance to see and hear just about everything. I'm sure that there's nothing you could say or ask that I would find offensive."

The cab driver hesitates for a moment and then says, "Well it's like this; I've always had a fantasy to have a nun perform oral sex on me."

The nun replies, "OK well, let's see what we can do about that, shall we. There are two conditions though - firstly you have to be single and secondly you must be Catholic."

The cab driver is very excited and says, "Yes, yes! I am single and I'm Catholic too!"

The nun then says, "OK then, pull into the next alley."

The cab driver does so and the nun duly goes ahead and fulfils his fantasy. They get back on the road and start driving again, but the cab driver soon starts to cry.

The nun sees this and asks him, "My dear child, pray tell, why are you crying?"

The cab driver says, "You must forgive me sister, but I have sinned. I lied to you – I must confess that I'm married and I'm also Jewish."

The nun laughs and says, "That's OK, my name is Kevin and I'm on my way to a Halloween party."

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Halloween is easily the scariest night of the year, what with the dead rising from their graves... and fat girls thinking they look sexy dressed as cats.

HELP

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Police/Ambulance/Fire (Emergency only)	112
Police HQ - Elandsgracht	020-559 91 11
Reporting minor crimes	0900 - 88 44
Report crime anonymously	0800 - 70 00
Kruispost, O.Z.Voorburgwal 129,	020-624 90 31
Central Doctors Service	088-00 30 600
Pharmacies (Out of hours)	020-592 33 15
STD Clinic, Weesperplein 1,	020-555 58 22
Juridisch Loket (Legal Aid)	0900 - 8020
Emergency Vet	020-694 47 66
Dierenambulance	020-626 21 21
Australian Embassy	070-310 82 00
British Consulate	020-676 43 43
Canadian Embassy	070-361 41 11
Danish Consulate	020-575 17 79
French Consulate	020-624 83 46
German Consulate	020-673 62 45
Indian Embassy	070-346 97 71
Irish Embassy	070-363 09 93
Italian Consulate	020-624 00 43
New Zealand Embassy	070-346 93 24
Polish Consulate	020-565 11 55
South African Embassy	070-392 45 01
Spanish Consulate	020-620 38 11
Swedish Consulate	020-301 45 50
Swiss Consulate	020-717 34 16
U.S. Consulate	020-575 53 09

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TCA Taxi	020-677 77 77

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