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Page Three

Sammer is a new neighbour for Café Oporto so to make her feel at home, Louise and Paula recommended appearing in the Stun.



Luna was behind the bar of H. Murray's as I walked home so I had to pop in for a photo.

It's always nice to see Esther's smiling face whenever I visit the bar in Hotel Internationaal.



Nathalie always offers me a beer when I drop off the latest Stun in the Smoking Bull but I'm usually too busy to accept; not this time!

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The Editor's Bit

There's no Cover Competition this month; instead, you're all invited to join me in Molly Malone's on Monday 16th October from 19:00 onwards to celebrate 30 years of the Amsterdam Stun! I would have loved to say there's an open bar, but sadly, no; you'll have to pay for your own drinks. There will be live music because Molly's have a traditional Irish session with Victor Lacken on Monday nights, but I'm sure all of my musician friends will be welcome to join in; they all know Victor.

As for last month's **Cover Competition**, Honourable Mentions go to **Damir**, who got it with a lucky guess, and **Jojo**, who knew straight away that it is in Artis: she looked it up and apparently it was a gift from the employees for the zoo's 150th anniversary. They'll also get a drink from me, if they come to the Stun party in Molly's.

For nearly 28 years, every copy of the Amsterdam Stun has had a Help column, filled with useful phone numbers and addresses, ranging from emergency services and foreign embassies to night shops. I haven't updated it for years, so some of the numbers might have changed, and who knew that the British Consulate in Amsterdam closed down three years ago? It has helped out a lot of people in the past but now that nearly everybody has got a smartphone in their pocket, it has served its

purpose, so I'm retiring the Help column. If you think the Help column is still important, let me know and I might bring it back, but without the embassies and night shops.

Having a new advertiser helped with the decision, so we welcome the Backstage Bar to the (inside) Back Page.



Big Al was in town and I was determined not to miss him this time so I arranged to meet him in Café Oporto, where he met someone he'd been looking for for years; see page 22.



This photo has nothing to do with the Stun, it's just Sidd, Jen, Jeroen, me and Lesley, alias the Dam Squids, winning the pub quiz in Café Maxwell, again.

That's it from me, all of our usual stuff is here, so enjoy your Stun and I hope to see you in Molly Malone's on the 16th.

Andy

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HOW LONG AGO?!

I've trawled my archives for the first appearance of all the people featured in this month's Stun and the earliest I could find are all music related and on page 7.



Here's Kevin Chapman, playing in the Fiddlers with Russell, Hilton and Liam in 1995.



Lamar Chase was on stage with Rahim at a wedding we went to in September 1996.

Jim Maguire and his band, playing outside Susie's Saloon on Queen's Day 1997.



Jur in Maloe Melo made his first of many appearances, cigar in mouth, in July 1997.



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*Celebrate the occasion with us on
Monday 16th October 2023 from 19:00 in Molly Malone's*

Congratulations

Happy Birthday Alan, Alberto, Anne, Anneke, AnnMarie, Axel, Bailey, Ben, Bernard, Brian, Bruce, Caolán, Carl, Carol, Caroline, Cassandra, Charlotte, Chiron, Chris, Conner, Cora, Daan, Damir, Danny, Danyel, Denise, Dragon, Eligio, Geoff, Gerard, Giorgio, Heather, Hester, Howard, Jaap, Janice, Jason, Jayden, Jo, Joan, John, Jona, José, Joshua, Karin, Kees, Kenny, Kerry, Kerstin, Kym, Lamar, Laura, Liam, Lisette, Mak, Marcel, Marie, Marina, Mark, Mike, Monique, Neal, Nelleke, Nic, Nina, Pepper, Pim, PT, Remco, Rhadi, Ria, Roger, Roy, Ruben, Rudi, Russell, Saoirse, Sas, Signe, Tamara, Tommy, Tony, Tori, Vivian, VJ, Wayne, Zach, Zorro.

Happy Anniversary Peter & Berber.

THE SWITCH!

Today, I switched traumas. Yesterday, I was an out of control foodie whose belly was taking on a life of its own. I knew I'd better find a new fetish before Mr. Belly grew a set of arms and legs and started running next to me instead of doing the jelly wobble under my chin.

Problem is, nothing beats a satisfied stomach! Any time, anywhere, alone or in a crowd, there it was, conjuring and waving its seductive come hither fingers at me as it screamed... "Come to me my unhappy tub of lard!"

Desperate, addicted, and grasping at any straw for help, a new hero came to my rescue.

His name was *Stupidity!*

My new found saviour is fat free and adored by the masses. All mankind, from the hallowed corridors of wealth and power, all the way down to The Donald's legion of deplorables, hailed in the media and praised as the new messiah, *Stupidity!*

I'd heard about it, been surrounded by it, sneered at its practitioners my whole life, but now I'm embracing it.

Aah! The wonder of ignorance! I can interact with the world *Stupidly*, armed with blustering platitudes and easy loud moral judgements. I'm a novice, but I can see that the world is waiting to hear my *Stupid* opinions about *Stupid* things. I'm out on the town, and ready to indulge in that favourite pastime; drunken bar talk. I can see where this is leading. I can embrace the end game and its reward.

Now, off to the bar, flirting in a liquor filled haze, with a foolish hope of a sexual encounter as a reward for my *Stupid* overtures. Time to impress some fair maiden with slurred words and sly wit as I pound my chest and bellow... *Stupidity!*

Get ready girlies! The new master is on the prowl for something to munch on, hungry as ever, but now hungry for you... and being *Stupid* about it!

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Somebody, can't remember who, asked me if Kevin from the Old Tennis Shoes was still around. I said yes and that he was playing in Culemborg with his new band, No Smoke, that weekend, although I hadn't seen him for ages. The following Thursday, I walked into Maloe Melo and there was Kevin, sitting at the bar waiting for his turn to play at the Jam Session; I had to take a photo of him!



That was the night I left my real camera at home so I had to use the one on my phone and hope for the best. Photoshop helped but I'll make sure I don't forget my camera in future.



While my phone was out, I had to take a photo of Jur with Reverend Rooster, who was checking out the joint before playing there a week later with his band, The Mudd Foote.



Jim Maguire was there too, so I used my phone's selfie-cam for this one of him with Kevin and me. I'm the youngest of the three and none of us appear to have any wrinkles! If this is normal for phone cameras, it's no wonder that #nofilter is so popular.



My little Lumix caught every line and grey hair on Lamar's face when I saw him on stage in Bourbon Street a couple of days later. He always puts on a great show when he plays there, even though he has to sit down for a lot of it now; we all slow down with age.

THE STUN

Monday

Weekly

- 16:00, **Cafe Havelaar**, Cheeky Pre-Party, *Playing Cheeky Radio from 17:00-19:00 then Live DJs 'til 23:00*
- 17:00, **Jazzcafe Alto**, Jazz Jam,
- 20:00, **Molly Malone's**, Traditional Irish Session, *A warm welcome to everyone.*
- 20:00, **The End**, Karaoke, *over 40,000 English/Dutch songs to choose from. Open til 3*
- 20:00, **Zaal 100**, Goeie Zin Presents: *THE evening for singer/songwriters & semi-acoustic music. Check zaal100.nl for details. €5*
- 20:30, **Durty Nelly's**, Live Acoustic Music, *with Gianluca & friends*
- 20:30, **The Waterhole**, Open Jam Session, *with Rene Kipuw €2*
- 21:00, **Jazzcafe Alto**, Cool Sound Trio, €5
- 23:00, **Bourbon Street**, Bourbon Jam, *with Theo Mosquito €5*
- 16th October 2023**
- 19:00, **Molly Malone's**, Amsterdam Stun 30th Anniversary Party, *with live music, but we need you to make it a party!*

Tuesday

Weekly

- 20:00, **Cafe Havelaar**, Games Night, *Play Dungeons & Dragons or Magic: The Gathering against fellow nerds!*
- 20:00, **The End**, Karaoke, *over 40,000 English/Dutch songs to choose from. Open til 3*
- 20:30, **The Waterhole**, Open Jam Session, *with Nienke & Jacco €2*
- 21:00, **Jazzcafe Alto**, The Fours, *Jazz, Latin, Funk*
- 10th October 2023**
- 20:15, **Bar Bukowski**, Laughing Lyrics Comedy Night Season Opener! *Featuring the best up and coming comedians on the Amsterdam circuit and a few travelling acts. Hosted by Maestro of the Underground, Ken Parsons with his trademark mix of daft headtrips and even dafter songs*
- 23:00, **Bourbon Street**, Lamar Chase, *rock/blues €5*

Tuesday

17th October 2023

- 23:00, **Bourbon Street**, Curtis Millen, *funk/soul singer with a great energy on stage €5*
- 24th October 2023**
- 23:00, **Bourbon Street**, Lamar Chase, *rock/blues €5*
- 31st October 2023**
- 19:00, **Coco's Outback**, Halloween International Pub Quiz, *Entry price: €5, maximum 5 persons to a team. Great Prizes!*
- 23:00, **Bourbon Street**, Mirza, *Soul/R&B €5*

Wednesday

Weekly

- 20:00, **The End**, Karaoke, *over 40,000 English/Dutch songs to choose from. Open til 3*
- 20:00, **Mulligans**, Open Session, *with various songs & tunes, including Celtic, Folk, Pop, Bluegrass, Americana etc.*
- 20:30, **The Waterhole**, Open Jam Session, €2

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GIG-LIST

Wednesday

4th October 2023

- 20:30, **Bulldog Hotel**, Solo's Lab, *Funk, Pop, Rock*
21:00, **Jazzcafe Alto**, Yoran Vroom, €5
22:00, **Maloe Melo**, Panja Boys,
Rock covers session
23:00, **Bourbon Street**, Roxanne Hartog,
Soul, funk & pop €5

11th October 2023

- 20:30, **Bulldog Palace**, 2Hot2Funk,
Funk, Pop, Rock
21:00, **Jazzcafe Alto**, Jasper Blom Brings, €5
22:00, **Maloe Melo**, Jam Session, *Bring your instrument and play with the house band*
23:00, **Bourbon Street**, Steven de Geus, *high quality rock & soul from around the globe* €5

18th October 2023

- 21:00, **Jazzcafe Alto**, Yoran Vroom, €5
22:00, **Maloe Melo**, Rome 56, *with Arthur Lamonica, ex-The Shirts* €7.50
23:00, **Bourbon Street**, Caracas Latin Band,
Pop/Latino €5

25th October 2023

- 20:30, **Bulldog Palace**, Time2Move,
Funk, Pop, Rock
21:00, **Jazzcafe Alto**, Wouter Kiers Quartet, €5
22:00, **Maloe Melo**, Jam Session, *Bring your instrument and play with the house band*
23:00, **Bourbon Street**, Reggie King Sears,
Blues, Rhythm & Blues and Southern Soul with deeper Funk and Neo-Soul grooves €5

Thursday

Weekly

- 20:00, **The End**, Karaoke, *over 40,000 English/Dutch songs to choose from. Open til 3*
20:30, **The Waterhole**, Live Music (acts tba),
check waterhole.nl for details €2
21:00, **Jazzcafe Alto**, Sunirea Wine 22,
22:00, **Coco's Outback**, Karaoke Competition,
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5th October 2023

- 20:00, **Boom Chicago**, Amsterdam Magic Show,
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20:00, **De Nieuwe Anita**, Nutty Anita's Comedy Night, *Headliner: Geoff Whiting, hosted by Maestro of the Underground, Ken Parsons with his trademark mix of daft headtrips and even dafter songs!* €12
21:00, **Mulligans**, The Longshots, *new 4-piece band on tour from Cork: songs & tunes with a mixture of several musical genres*
22:00, **Maloe Melo**, Walter Rootsie and his Blue Connection, *Finnish Roots Americana Band with a Dutch core* €7.50
23:00, **Bourbon Street**, Jacco Hendrik,
Classic Rock €5

12th October 2023

- 19:45, **Soundgarden**, Monty Pagan, *Mad stories, poems, choice covers, parodies and comedy*
20:00, **Ziggo Dome**, Diana Ross,
The Music Legacy Tour €67
21:00, **Mulligans**, Niall McGuigan & Fiachra Meek, *Irish duo: mixture of traditional songs & tunes, pub- and popsongs*
21:00, **Durty Nelly's**, Clandestinos,
Funk, Pop, Rock
22:00, **Maloe Melo**, Jam Session, *Bring your instrument and play with the house band*
21:30, **Rockclub The Cave**, Alkymenia [BR] + Phrenetix [LT], *Metal, Thrash metal*
23:00, **Bourbon Street**, Adam James Band,
Rock/Pop/Soul/Reggae €5

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Thursday

19th October 2023

- 20:00, **Rockclub The Cave**, Margarita Witch Cult [UK], Apex Ten [BE] + Cosmic Debris [NL], *stoned sludge, demented trash and proto-metal; psychedelic stoner trio; stoner and spacerock* €13
- 21:00, **Mulligans**, Monto, *local trio: Irish songs & tunes, Dubliners and more*
- 22:00, **Maloe Melo**, Jam Session, *Bring your instrument and play with the house band*
- 23:00, **Bourbon Street**, The Bashir Brothers ft. A. Hendrixx, *up tempo tunes, from soulful blues, to classic rock.* €5

26th October 2023

- 21:00, **Mulligans**, Boxin the Vox, *local duo: Irish ballads, pop, originals*
- 22:00, **Maloe Melo**, Jam Session, *Bring your instrument and play with the house band*
- 23:00, **Bourbon Street**, Reggie King Sears, *Blues, Rhythm & Blues and Southern Soul with deeper Funk and Neo-Soul grooves* €5

Friday

Weekly

- 17:00, **Jazzcafe Alto**, Vocal Jam,
- 18:30, **Taparia**, Mosquito, *Latin Pop Rock*
- 20:00, **The End**, Karaoke, *over 40,000 English/Dutch songs to choose from. Open til 2*
- 20:30, **The Waterhole**, Rock Night (bands tba), *check waterhole.nl for details* €3

6th October 2023

- 20:00, **Molly Malone's**, Killian Donnelly, *Irish singer/songwriter*
- 21:00, **Mulligans**, The Longshots, *new 4-piece band on tour from Cork: songs & tunes with a mixture of several musical genres*
- 21:00, **Jazzcafe Alto**, Guillermo Celano Quartet, €7.50
- 21:30, **Rockclub The Cave**, Mokerslag [NL] & Hei' An [SI], *Metal* €8
- 22:00, **Maloe Melo**, Sugar Mama, *Blues Rock* €7.50
- 23:00, **Bourbon Street**, The Wiseflower, *blues, rock and roll, soul and gospel* €5

Friday

13th October 2023

- 20:00, **Molly Malone's**, Niall McGuigan, *Irish singer/entertainer*
- 20:45, **Rockclub The Cave**, Coltaine [DE], Allochiria [GR] + Love Your Witch [IL], *doom psych, post-sludge, stoner rock and trash metal* €13
- 21:00, **Mulligans**, The Lowland Paddies, *Irish 4-piece band: uptempo Celtic songs & tunes*
- 21:00, **Jazzcafe Alto**, Eva C. Theo, €7.50
- 22:00, **Maloe Melo**, Punk Night, *with 3 bands + DJ Rengo Estar* €7.50
- 23:00, **Bourbon Street**, Jaxswing, *Funk/Soul/Swing/Electro Pop* €5

20th October 2023

- 20:00, **Molly Malone's**, Live Music, *t.b.a.*
- 21:00, **Jazzcafe Alto**, Bernard van Rossum Quintet, €7.50
- 21:30, **Rockclub The Cave**, Phase [UK] + Mummy's a Tree [NL] + Humans Screaming Like Goats [NL], *Post Punk, Indie-Rock, Acoustic Pop, Rock & Blues* €8
- 22:30, **Maloe Melo**, BangsaOne Band, *Indonesian Pop Rock* €5
- 23:00, **Bourbon Street**, Soul Shadows ft. Mirza, *Soul/R&B* €5

27th October 2023

- 20:00, **Molly Malone's**, Live Music, *t.b.a.*
- 21:00, **Jazzcafe Alto**, Iman Spaargaren, €7.50
- 21:30, **Rockclub The Cave**, Adam Bomb [US/EU] + Juneau [BE], *Rock!* €8
- 22:30, **Maloe Melo**, Jetblack-56, *Sleazy Rawk'n'Roll, Trash, Punk Rock...* €7.50
- 23:00, **Bourbon Street**, The Bashir Brothers ft. A. Hendrixx, *up tempo tunes* €5

Saturday

Weekly

- 17:00, **Jazzcafe Alto**, World Music Jam,
- 20:00, **The End**, Karaoke, *over 40,000 English/Dutch songs to choose from. Open til 2*
- 20:30, **The Waterhole**, Rock Night (bands tba), *check waterhole.nl for details* €3

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Saturday

7th October 2023

- 20:00, **Molly Malone's**, Petty Kingdom, *A lively mix of Irish, Pop, Rock and requests*
- 21:00, **Jazzcafe Alto**, Daan Herweg Quartet, €7.50
- 21:30, **Rockclub The Cave**, Bigmoth + Oats, *metal, post-hardcore/post-metal* €8
- 22:00, **Maloe Melo**, Back, *Eighties Rock* €7.50
- 23:00, **Bourbon Street**, Curtis Millen, *funk/soul singer with a great energy on stage* €5

14th October 2023

- 20:00, **Molly Malone's**, Niall McGuigan, *Irish singer/entertainer*
- 21:00, **Jazzcafe Alto**, Mauro Cottone Quintet, €7.50
- 21:30, **Rockclub The Cave**, Them Bones [NL] + The Deaf Dads [NL], *Alice in Chains Tribute, Rock 'n Soul*
- 22:00, **Maloe Melo**, Live Music, *t.b.a.*, see www.maloemelo.com
- 23:00, **Bourbon Street**, Jacco Hendrik, *Classic Rock* €5

21st October 2023

- 18:30, **Taparia**, Caracas Trio, *Pop/Latino*
- 20:00, **Molly Malone's**, Andy MacUnfraidh, *Irish singer/entertainer*
- 21:00, **Jazzcafe Alto**, Omer Govreen Quintet, €7.50
- 21:30, **Rockclub The Cave**, Irreverence [IT] + Greh [DE], *Thrash/Death Metal, Sludge doom*
- 22:00, **Maloe Melo**, Anthony Bootsy Boyce, *Trad Ska + DJs* €10
- 23:00, **Bourbon Street**, The Wiseflower, *blues, rock and roll, soul and gospel* €5

28th October 2023

- 20:00, **Molly Malone's**, Andy MacUnfraidh, *Irish singer/entertainer*
- 21:00, **Rockclub The Cave**, Halloween Fest with Kavriila [DE] + Shovel [DE], *Doom Punk, Sludge Doom* €8
- 21:00, **Jazzcafe Alto**, Bop This, €7.50
- 22:00, **Maloe Melo**, Les Biftecs, *Soul, groove, funk, roast beef band* €5
- 23:00, **Bourbon Street**, Soul Survivors, €5

Sunday

Weekly

- 17:00, **Jazzcafe Alto**, Latin Jam,
- 19:00, **Mulligans**, Traditional Irish Session,
- 20:00, **The End**, Karaoke, *over 40,000 English/Dutch songs to choose from. Open til 3*
- 20:30, **The Waterhole**, Live Music (acts tba), *check waterhole.nl for details* €2

8th October 2023

- 16:30, **Checkpoint Charlie**, Ironic Curtain Comedy Club, *Expect stories and jokes from all around the globe.*
- 20:00, **Ziggo Dome**, blink-182, *Pop Punk Rock* €50
- 20:30, **The Waterhole**, Petty Kingdom, *Acoustic pop* €2
- 21:00, **Jazzcafe Alto**, Rob van de Wouw Quartet, €5
- 23:00, **Bourbon Street**, Jay's Garage, *rock/blues* €5

15th October 2023

- 20:30, **Backstage Bar**, Very Open Mic, *Standup comedy night, in English*
- 21:00, **Jazzcafe Alto**, Aviv Noam Quintet, €5
- 23:00, **Bourbon Street**, Jay's Garage, *rock/blues* €5

22nd October 2023

- 19:45, **De Nieuwe Anita**, Nutty Anita's Solo Sundays, *Featuring Hermes Ahmadi from Afghanistan. Support: Emily Higginson* €12
- 21:00, **Jazzcafe Alto**, Wouter Kiers Quartet, €5
- 23:00, **Bourbon Street**, Jay's Garage, *rock/blues* €5

29th October 2023

- 21:00, **Jazzcafe Alto**, Eduardo Blanco, €5
- 23:00, **The Waterhole**, The Clandestinos, *Funk, Pop, Rock* €2
- 23:00, **Bourbon Street**, Sunday R&B Session, *Are you a soul or R&B singer? Together with the greatest musicians of these genres, you'll get a chance to sing some of your favourite songs. Can it get any better?* €5

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Colin's social media posts always make me chuckle, so I was gutted to hear that I missed his Stand-Up Comedy debut in the Backstage Bar recently. I hope there's a video of it.



Max and Dave were just arriving to start their evening shift in the Poolbar.



Is it really over five years ago that Munise was last in the Stun? My camera came out as soon as I saw her in Excalibur.



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THE BARS

Chris, Paul, Hughie, Shaun and Lars like to have a pint or two while playing darts on a Friday night in Café Oporto.



50% off ribs, chicken and burgers, every Monday in Coco's Outback, has got to be one of the best deals in town. Carla was serving when I dropped by for some ribs.



It was Lotte's night off and what better place to enjoy it than in the Cave with Dara.



Look out! Geoff Diamond is back in town and up to tricks as usual, baffling everybody with his pack of cards, and there was nothing up his sleeve when I saw him in Molly Malone's.

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As it's the Stun's 30th anniversary, Gianni agreed to a photo with Orfeus, behind the bar in the Three Sister's Pub.



I took some of my family to Susie's Saloon and Katerina, Emil and Louise were behind the bar, so I had to get my camera out.



A Wednesday night in Excalibur with Skip and Gen behind the bar.



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BEHIND

No XXL photo of the Poolbar evening crew this month; I forgot my camera while delivering the last Stun. Instead, we've got one of Stefan and Leila doing the day shift.

BARS

Michelle, Bebke and Carla were on the terrace on a Monday evening at Coco's Outback.



David, Dustin and Ben were behind the bar when I took my niece and her husband to Molly Malone's for the rugby (he's Welsh).



Tuesday night in Bourbon Street, with Lieve and Joey behind the bar.



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OOPS!

I've got to go to Specsavers! Too many of my photos have been out of focus lately because I can't always read the settings on my little Lumix camera, especially in daylight, so I don't realise they're blurry until I see them on a big screen. Most of them never appear in the Stun, but you're getting these two.



This one of the Coco's Outback crew at shift change would have been XXL, if it had been in focus, and this was my second attempt!



I'm gutted that this one of Natasja and Tarik in the Three Sisters Pub is out of focus. I hadn't seen Natasja for ages, so when I saw her on the terrace while I was waiting for a tram, I dashed across for a quick snap.

Reader's Photos

Everybody has got a camera on their phone, so if you've taken something that might be suitable for the Stun, send it in!

Rob from the Poolbar sent us these two.



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Behind More Bars

There's never a dull moment when Zad's behind the bar in Excalibur.



It's Spence in the afternoon! Café Havelaar is now open at 4:20.

Doda was showing off his ability to levitate in Café Oporto.



Another visit to Susie's Saloon, this time with Nicky and Avi behind the bar.

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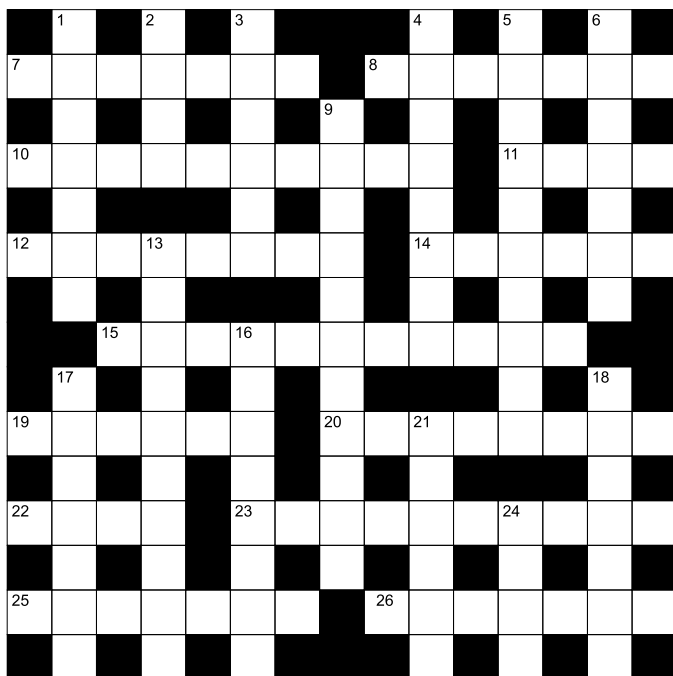


Stun Crossword

Compiled by Martyn Hardy

Across

7. Share out around two thousand pounds (7)
8. Team leader fitting in second man (7)
10. Rewriting disc, as file made top-secret (10)
11. Home for bird among nine starlings (4)
12. Living in deters model (8)
14. Direction nudes unwisely followed (6)
15. Fashionable store helping with refurbishment (11)
19. Note Holland first to sign up (6)
20. Agreed East End's a mess (8)
22. Passenger transport returning at eleven (4)
23. Pick others to renovate spacecraft (6,4)
25. Deceive married ladies somehow (7)
26. Do well to adapt after article is permitted (7)



Down

1. Pulls through with right friends (7)
2. Novelist embraced by Islam, I suspect (4)
3. Approval for quiet lift (6)
4. Drab initially, instead turning out to be most splendid (8)
5. Puts up with not being happy, yet resigns (6,4)
6. Pious chap takes pit worker round cathedral (7)
9. US direct reform surrounding embargo fracas (11)
13. Not suitable, i.e. being ill, possibly (10)
16. University to be included in experimental type of class (8)
17. Live like a nun? (7)
18. Wanted something done about the boss (7)
21. Thieves late breaking into ship (6)
24. Where to buy grass! (4)

Scribble Space

Answers on page 21

JOKES

A major international company was looking to hire someone for an important position, so they interviewed dozens of applicants and narrowed their search down to three people from different parts of the world.

In an attempt to pick one of them, they decided to give them all the same question to answer within 24 hours and the one with the best answer would get the job.

The question was: "A man and a woman are in bed, nude. The woman is lying on her side with her back facing the man, and the man is lying on his side facing the woman's back. What is the man's name?"

After the 24 hours was up, the three were brought in to give their answers. The first, from the USA, says "My answer is, there IS no answer."

The second, from England, says "My answer is that there is no way to determine the answer with the information we were given."

The third one, from Australia, says "I'm not exactly sure, but I have it narrowed down to two names. It's either: Willie Turner or Willie Nailor?" The Australian got the job.

A little boy got on the bus, sat next to a man reading a book, and noticed he had his collar on backwards. The little boy asked why he wore his collar backwards.

The man, who was a priest, said, "I am a Father."

The little boy replied, "My daddy doesn't wear his collar like that."

The priest looked up from his book and answered, "I am the Father of many."

The boy said, "My dad has four boys, four girls and two grandchildren and he doesn't wear his collar that way!"

The priest, getting impatient, said "I am the Father of hundreds" and went back to his book. The little boy sat quietly thinking for a while, then leaned over and said, "Maybe you should wear a condom, and put your pants on backwards instead of your collar."

An 85-year-old man goes to see his doctor for his regular physical exam. The doctor says that the man needs to provide a sperm sample and gives him a jar saying, "Take this jar home with you and come back tomorrow with a sperm sample."

The next day the old man goes back to the doctors and gives him the jar, which is as clean and empty as when the doctor gave it to him. So the doctor asks what happened and why there is no sperm sample in the jar.

The old man says, "Well, doc, it's like this... first I tried with my right hand, but nothing. Then I tried with my left hand, but still nothing. Then I asked my wife for help. She tried with her right hand - nothing; then with her left, still nothing. She tried with her mouth, first with the teeth in, then with her teeth out, still nothing. We even called up Maisie, the lady next door and she tried too, first with both hands, then an armpit, and she even tried squeezing it between her knees, but still nothing."

The doctor is really shocked by all this and asks incredulously, "You asked your neighbour?"

The old man replies, "Yep, not one of us could get the jar open."

A woman locked me in her basement for two months once and used me as her sex slave.

One day I noticed she forgot to lock the door and I thought, "Great, this is my chance!"

So I ran up the stairs and grabbed the phone. Half hour later the pizza arrived and I went back down to the basement.

I've got a friend who composes songs about sewing machines. He's a Singer Songwriter, or sew it seems.

My auntie Marge has been in hospital for six months... I can't believe she's not better!

BEING FRANK ON FOOTBALL

It might be very early in the new football season but some things don't change. Football officials keep making some horrendous mistakes! Love them or loathe them, it is not hard to feel a little sorry for Liverpool in that controversial loss to Tottenham Hotspur recently.

Ruling out that Diaz goal was the catalyst for what was to ensue. To most observers, it was clear in real-time that Diaz was onside and yet for some unknown reason VAR was not activated, but if it had have been, then the customary offside-line graphics would have quickly shown that it was a perfectly good goal and should not have been disallowed. The PGMOL has since issued a statement apologising for "a clear and obvious factual error". Referee Simon Hooper has a habit of making some major gaffs but he could not be held responsible for this one - although his flagman was clearly culpable.

And if that was not bad enough for the Reds, they had two players sent off and lost to a 96th minute own goal by Joel Matip and that was that. It was a cruel way to lose having defended gallantly for 25 minutes with just 9 men. What made matters even worse was that

Jones and Jota were a bit unlucky and if those tackles had been reviewed again, I suspect that neither player would have been shown their marching orders. Football is a funny old game.

Champions Manchester City are still top of the tree but have proved recently that they are not impregnable, having been knocked out of the Carabao Cup by Newcastle United and losing away at struggling Wolverhampton Wanderers, who themselves were knocked out of the tournament by an in-form Ipswich Town.

Back to Spurs and they have started the season like a house on fire and this is without Harry Kane, who is now plying his trade in Germany with Bayern Munich.

Postecoglou's arrival has reinvigorated this old London club, and new club captain Son Heung-min is back in scoring form to the delight of their loyal fans!

A word too for Brighton, who took a bit of a beating at Aston Villa of late but still find themselves in a very respectable 6th place in the Premier League table. Perhaps their manager Roberto de Zerbi, who was linked with the vacant Real Madrid job, might have been a bit distracted.

After this resounding defeat, the Italian gave his view on what occurred. "Very bad game - without energy - mental energy. The biggest

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responsibility is mine because I am coach. We want to compete in every competition and we have to show if we are ready or not. When you play like today, the responsibility is with the coach.”

At the foot of the Premier table we have the usual suspects and this includes the clubs that have come up, and of course Everton, who are in the process of being sold.

Luton claimed their first win of their Premiership campaign with a creditable 1-2 victory at Goodison Park and the Toffees' abysmal home record continues to frustrate their passionate supporters.

The Hatters were promoted via the Championship play-offs last season and had collected a single point from their opening five top-flight games, but they managed to dispel an Everton flight-back, and take all three points!

In the Netherlands, the less said about Ajax the better. They currently find themselves in fifteenth place in the Eredivisie and way off the pace. They are a staggering 16 points behind leaders PSV Eindhoven, although they do have a couple of games in hand. AZ, Feyenoord and Twente complete the current front runners.

Frank Weston

Crossword Answers

Across: 7 Hammers, 8 Captain, 10 Classified, 11 Nest, 12 Resident, 14 Ensued, 15 Restoration, 19 Enlist, 20 Assented, 22 Taxi, 23 Rocket Ship, 25 Mislead, 26 Allowed, 30 Ken, 30 Passey, 30 Down: 1 Rallies, 2 Arms, 3 Prize, 4 Dandiest, 5 Stands Down, 6 Minsler, 9 Disturbance, 13 Ineligible, 16 Tutorial, 17 Inhabit, 18 Desired, 21 Steal, 24 Shop.

PPL UPDATE

Here's how the Premier Predictions League table looked on Monday 2nd October 2023. Check the Stun website for the latest stand.

Pos.	Name	On	Nr	Pts
1st	Phil Rook	7	3	24
2nd	Martyn Hardy	5	2	17
3rd	Thomas Freiermuth	4	5	17
4th	Paul Berridge	3	8	17
5th	Robert Pendleton	4	4	16
6th	Josie Gladden	4	3	15
7th	Ally MacDougall	3	6	15
8th	John Raftery	3	5	14
8th	Matthew Wright	3	5	14
8th	Steve Mahon	3	5	14
11th	Adam Burton	3	4	13
11th	Frank Weston	3	4	13
11th	Shaun McCarthy	3	4	13
14th	Alan Dempsey	3	3	12
14th	Dave Wright	3	3	12
14th	Callum Dickie	3	3	12
17th	Jude Noonan	2	5	11
17th	Willie Wood	2	5	11
17th	Paulo van Melsen	2	5	11
20th	Lee Findley	2	4	10
20th	Paul Tandy	2	4	10
22nd	Bart L	1	7	10
23rd	Chris Mundell	2	3	9
24th	Scott Matthew	2	2	8
25th	Trish Steele	1	5	8
25th	Stephen Spencer	1	5	8
27th	Chris Rudkin	2	1	7
28th	Ann Marie Stopforth	1	4	7
28th	Jim Scrimgeour	1	4	7
30th	Ken Passey	1	3	6
30th	Dean Lomax	1	3	6
32nd	Frank Waardenburg	1	2	5
33rd	Arun Pankerd	0	4	4
34th	Jeffrey Schuffelen	0	3	3
35th	Philip Justice	0	0	0



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IN THE BACK



Some of my family: Ans and Roxanne from the Amsterdam branch with Sarah and Craig, currently living in London, but all of us were in Café Oporto when I took this photo.

We couldn't have a 30th Anniversary edition of the Stun without a photo of Tineke in the Flying Dutchman, and as a bonus, her daughter Angelica was in town when I dropped in.



I know we've already got a photo of these two on page 14 but you can never have enough of Katerina and Louise in Susie's Saloon.



Big Al from Texas was in town and so I met him in Café Oporto, where he told me that he'd met a great barman there about 15 years ago but since then had only seen women behind the bar, so he never went in. He asked me if I knew what happened to him, to which I replied "Do you mean Brian who has been serving us all night?" He didn't wear glasses back then so maybe Superman's disguise does work.

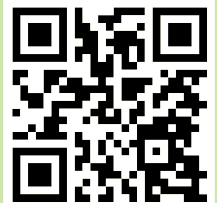


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Can't remember the last time I saw Maeve or Nellie in town but they were in the Backstage Bar when Steven's mum Lucy was here.



More of my family; this time Roxanne's fiancé JP joined us in Susie's Saloon, just in time for the second Happy Hour.

Nice to see former manager Jaap outside the Poolbar but I hope he wasn't trying to poach staff to work in his bar in France.



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