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Page Three

It was a bit nippy out when I delivered last month's Stun to H. Murray's, which is probably why Luna was wearing a jumper.



Three weeks later, it was unseasonably warm, but Hayley and Alicia kept their cool behind the bar in Molly Malone's.





Friday night means Ness behind the bar of the Backstage Bar.



Patricia and Aideen were behind the bar as I passed the Blarney Stone, so I had to drop in and take a photo.

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The Editor's Bit

can't teach an old dog new tricks, apparently. Molly's on my way home. I'm not going to give any predictions for the year ahead, but when it comes to our Cover Competition, I want to look up in future.

I'm sure I can't be alone in not noticing what's above my eye line; I lived here for over 20 years before I noticed there was a big church at the top of Spuistraat.

November's cover with the statues above Jumbo on Damrak only got one correct entry, but I will persevere! For this month's Cover Competition, all you have to do to get an Honourable Mention in this column next month is tell me where this above eye-level meet Jim! I've known his son Alex for years artwork is located, unless you're known as Big and daughter Sarah back in Cork even longer. Al, in which case, we'll need the names of the liable to forget.

A new year and a new Stun, although it's Boxing Day dinner with my family, but that pretty much the same as previous years; you never happened, although I did make it to



I missed Steven's family, but I did get to

People get upset when I say no to them artwork and the architect! Contact details are taking a photo with my camera, but I have a on page 2 or you can tell me if you see me in a good reason; nobody seems to remember how bar, but make sure I write it down because I'm to use the viewfinder on a real camera. This one of me and Big Franky is a good example.



See pages 14 & 15 for more photos.

Molly Malone's boss Steven suggested I Day because all of his family would be in. Amsterdam Stun of 2024. I said I'd try to get there before I went for

There's no Being Frank on Football this It was great seeing Janet in town again but month, Frank and Rung are taking a well she had to give dancing on the benches a miss deserved holiday, so there's no Premier at this year's Christmas party in Café Oporto. Predictions League table either, but you can always see the latest stand on the Stun website.

All of our usual stuff is here, along with a drop by during the afternoon on St. Steven's lot more photos than usual, so enjoy your first

Congratulations

Happy Birthday Anna, Aram, Archie, Bas, Bev, Brian, Case, Chris, Cici, Daniel, Deb, Dennis, Dzuana, Eamon, Eddy, Esther, Fleur, Francesco, Henk, Hiroshi, Jaap, Jacqueline, Jaimy, Jel, Jessie, Jill, Jim, Joanna, Joeri, Johan, John, Jordan, Joy, Jurjen, Justin, Karen, Kealan, Lana, Laura, Liber, Lin, Lisette, Liz, Margaret, Marieke, Mark, Marlene, Martie, Max, Mick, Mike, Miranda, Myrza, Nathalie, Neil, Olav, Pasja, Pat, Patricia, Patrick, Paul, Phil, Piet, Quinten, Richard, Rikkert, Rob, Robbie, Robert. Rocco, Roger, Romme, Romy, Rosa, Russ, Seamus, Sharon, Soraida, Stan, Ted, Timo, Tom, Tony, Val, Victor, Vincent.

Happy Anniversary Edward & Jane, Cathy & Chick.



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New Year, New Game! It's time to play ... "Fart, Fart, Who Laid the

Fart!" The longer the ride, the better the game.

You can never pinpoint the farter on a crowded elevator. The odour just slowly rises up from clenched buttocks to scrunched noses and runny eyes with no hint of an owner.

For some strange reason, people refuse to believe that well dressed or well mannered people fart, so Dress to Impress!

Stare at the dirtiest looking person on the ride and wrinkle your nose with disapproval.

If there are no dirty people to disapprove of, choose a shapely woman. Most people won't blame a young lovely for emitting pink clouds of stinky. But other less endowed women hate her and are willing to believe anything that will bring her down a peg or two. As a bonus, it's fun revenge for us guys who know we don't have the chance of a snowball in hell of ever getting any attention from her.

Remember... screw up your face and stare accusingly at your victim. If it's a short ride, you might try fanning yourself and rolling your eyes in mock pain as you stare at her.

If the other riders don't take the hint and blame her, I add dirty looks and sighs to the equation.

It works better on long skyscraper rides.

Ah! That magic moment, when the elevator glides to a stop, and the door opens to emit a cloud of stench into the face of a person who summoned the stink mobile of grumpy "who did it" riders. I just stand there innocently grimacing and clucking as the door opens to emit vaporized shit aroma!

Yes boys and girls, I think it's gonna be a great smelly Happy New Year!

Terry Mann

BEHIND

Louise and Nicky went for the festive look behind the bar in Susie's Saloon. < FIII)



Gali, Riley and Marzena were behind the bar in the Three Sisters Pub.



Elijah is making his Stun debut, behind the bar in Bourbon Street with Joey, who's no stranger to these pages.



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BARS

My handwriting gets worse when I drink but I think this might be Bane and Marci either side of Esteban in Coco's Outback.



Carolyne joined Jur for a photo behind the bar in Maloe Melo.



It was a busy night in H. Murray's, but Sven and Marina had everything under control.





Lousy Food and Warm Beer











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STUN GIG-LIST

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, led by Francisco Morales & Roberto Haliffi
- 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

Tuesday

Weekly

- 17:00, Jazzcafe Alto, Brazilian Jam, led by Wagner Vasconcelos
- 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, *J* €5 16th January 2024
- 19:00, Coco's Outback, International Pub Quiz, Entry price: €5, maximum 5 persons to a team. Great Prizes!
- 23:00, Bourbon Street, Curtis Millen, *funk/soul* singer with a great energy on stage €5 23rd January 2024
- 23:00, Bourbon Street, Eastar ft. Curtis, €5 30th January 2024
- 23:00, Bourbon Street, Kim Verme, €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., from our regular musicians and some surprising guests!
- 20:30, The Waterhole, Open Jam Session, €2 17th January 2024
- 17:00, Jazzcafe Alto, Simon Osuna Trio,
- 20:00, **The Butcher Social Club**, Amsterdam Close-Up Magic Show, *the best international magic and comedy acts in a modern style venue* €25
- 21:00, Jazzcafe Alto, Aviv Noam Quartet, €5
- 22:00, Maloe Melo, Jam Session, Bring your instrument and play with the house band
- 23:00, **Bourbon Street**, Roxanne Hartog, *Soul, funk & pop* €5

24th January 2024

- 17:00, Jazzcafe Alto, Eran Har Even Trio,
- 21:00, Jazzcafe Alto, Wouter Kiers Quartet, €5
- 22:00, **Maloe Melo**, Thunderosa, *Hard driving*, greasy, kick-you-in-the teeth Texas Stomp €7.50
- 23:00, Bourbon Street, Jay's Garage, *Rock/Blues* €5 31st January 2024
- 17:00, Jazzcafe Alto, Daniel van Dalen Trio,
- 21:00, Jazzcafe Alto, Massimo Imperatore Qt, \in 5
- 22:00, Maloe Melo, Jam Session, Bring your instrument and play with the house band
- 23:00, Bourbon Street, Moira, €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, Soul Tenors, €5
- 22:00, **Coco's Outback**, Karaoke Competition, Get a FREE shot before singing and be in with a chance of winning a nice prize!

STUN GIG-LIST

Thursday

18th January 2024

- 17:00, Jazzcafe Alto, Daniel von Piekartz,
- 22:00, **Maloe Melo**, Jam Session, Bring your instrument and play with the house band
- 23:00, Bourbon Street, Rayn Bechoe, *Funk/Soul* €5 25th January 2024
- 17:00, Jazzcafe Alto, Daan Herweg Trio,
- 22:00, Maloe Melo, Jam Session, Bring your instrument and play with the house band
- 23:00, **Bourbon Street**, Curtis Millen, *funk/soul* singer with a great energy on stage €5

Friday

Weekly

- 17:00, Jazzcafe Alto, Vocal Jam, led by Eva C. Theo
- 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

12th January 2024

- 21:00, **Molly Malone's**, Live Music, *Whatever the act, it'll be a good craic*
- 21:00, Jazzcafe Alto, David Saruchanov Quintet,
- 21:00, **Mulligans**, Rory McEvoy, Ronan McEvoy, Oisín Bradley, Bill Harrington & Kiernan Lynch, *trad. Irish 5-piece band on tour*
- 21:30, **Rockclub The Cave**, Biting Strangers (NL) + Flatline (NL), *Punk Crossover*
- 22:00, **Maloe Melo**, Tornado Beat, *50s & 60s music* €7.50
- 23:00, **Bourbon Street**, Jacco Hendrik, *Classic Rock* €7

Friday

19th January 2024

- 21:00, **Molly Malone's**, Andy MacUnfraidh, *Irish singer/entertainer*,
- 21:00, Jazzcafe Alto, Alice Leggett Quintet, €7.50
- 21:00, **Mulligans**, Fiachra Meek & Kaspar Laval, traditional Irish duo: ballads & tunes
- 22:00, Maloe Melo, The Unexpected, Rock band from Amsterdam feat. Rocknroll Nico €5
- 23:00, Bourbon Street, Jaxswing, Funk/Soul/Swing/Electro Pop €7

26th January 2024

- 21:00, **Molly Malone's**, Brian Clifford, Irish singer/songwriter playing a mix of covers and some originals
- 21:00, **Jazzcafe Alto**, Veerle van der Wal, €7.50
- 21:00, **Mulligans**, The Country Deputies, *new local country/bluegrass band*
- 22:00, **Maloe Melo**, Live Music, *t.b.a.,* see www.maloemelo.com
- 23:00, **Bourbon Street**, Jacco Hendrik, *Classic Rock* €7

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

13th January 2024

20:00, **Rockclub The Cave**, Voute 80s/90s Party, Get ready, get dressed, because we're gonna go crazy tonight! Opening the year with our own crazy, amazing DJ Red Max



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Saturday

13th January 2024

- 21:00, Molly Malone's, Live Music, Whatever the act, it'll be a good craic
- 21:00, Jazzcafe Alto, Eva C. Theo, €7.50
- 21:00, Mulligans, See Friday 12th
- 22:00, Maloe Melo, Rockin Ém, New CD is out: This is the sound of Rock'n'Roll €7.50
- 23:00. Bourbon Street. Bashir Brothers ft. Roxanne, Soul, funk & pop €7 20th January 2024
- 21:00, Molly Malone's, Killian Donnelly,

Irish singer/songwriter

- 21:00. Jazzcafe Alto, William Barrett Band, €7.50
- 21:00, Mulligans, Victor Lacken, Jimmy Ellis & Una Parkinson, traditional Irish trio: powerful tunes & ballads
- 22:00, Maloe Melo, Ruigoord Rebels, Sensual Songs & Americana-Rock €5
- 23:00, Bourbon Street, Charmain Nelson, €7 27th January 2024
- 21:00, Molly Malone's, Live Music, Whatever the act, it'll be a good craic
- 21:00, Jazzcafe Alto, Bop This, €7.50
- 21:00, Mulligans, Boxin The Vox, local duo; traditional Irish songs & tunes, pop and originals
- 22:00, Maloe Melo, Boom Boom Barber, Rock n Roll, Rockabilly, with a bit of Swing and Blues €7.50
- 22:00, Rockclub The Cave, Mountain Eye (NL), Nu Metal
- 23:00. Bourbon Street. The Wiseflower. blues, rock and roll, soul and gospel €7

Sunday Weeklv

- 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

Sunday 14th January 2024

- 16:30, Checkpoint Charlie, Ironic Curtain Comedy Club, Stories and jokes from all around the globe. Meet the world and laugh about it.
- 17:00, Jazzcafe Alto, Salsa Jam, led by Leslie López
- 21:00, Jazzcafe Alto, Rob van de Wouw Quartet, €5
- 23:00, Bourbon Street, Treasure, Soul/R&B €5

21st January 2024

17:00, Jazzcafe Alto, Salsa Jam, led by Francisco Morales

- 17:30, Paradiso, NewJursParty, See page 8 for details €17
- 20:00, De Nieuwe Anita, Nutty Anita's presents The Amsterdam Magic Show!, Headliner is comedian/magician Fritz with a Z. €12
- 20:30, The Waterhole, Petty Kingdom, Acoustic pop
- 21:00, Jazzcafe Alto, Wouter Kiers Quartet, €5

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

28th January 2024

- 17:00, Jazzcafe Alto, Open Mic: Singer-Songwriter & Poetry, led by Kelly Briais
- 20:30. The Waterhole. Brian Clifford. Acoustic Pop, Rock
- 21:00, Jazzcafe Alto, Eduardo Blanco Trio, €5

23:00, Bourbon Street, Jay's Garage, Rock/Blues €5





Helma, Shaun, Chris, Josie and Paul were in Molly Malone's for Paul's last night in town and they had live music from the Jones Trio.



Drummer Tom decided the band's gig in Molly's was the perfect opportunity to celebrate his birthday on stage, even though his actual birthday was over a week later.

ROUND T

Molly Malone's was like a local bar for local people on St. Steven's Day (26th Dec) with Remco, Avi, Paula, Tom and Steven on everybody's favourite table, and there are more photos *In The Back*.



If my memory serves me well, Josie, Mary, Nellie and Evelyn had been celebrating Mary's retirement when I walked into Café Oporto.



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HE BARS

Where would Jay from Jay's Garage be without Tanco on drums, Franklin on bass and Simon on guitar? Well, he wasn't around when I took this photo of the band in Maloe Melo.



Rob and Joost were in the audience at the Jay's Garage gig in Maloe Melo, so at least they saw Jay on stage.





I'm not going to bang on about climate change, but here's a photo of Kenny and Dennis, propping up the bar in H. Murray's at the end of November while it was -1 outside...



But on the eve of Christmas Eve, and sitting in the same seats in H. Murray's, Jeroen, Paula and Caitlin knew there was no chance of a White Christmas; it was +10 at midnight!

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Party















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We've lost one of the greatest Blues artists I was honoured to know with the passing of Lamar! I got to know him not long after he arrived in Amsterdam from Oakland, California and everybody loved his shows. Even though Lamar performed all over Europe, Amsterdam was his home, so we got to see him play more often. A Blues man in heart and soul, Lamar was on stage in Bourbon Street the night before he left us to join the Great Gig in the Sky.



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Last Gig















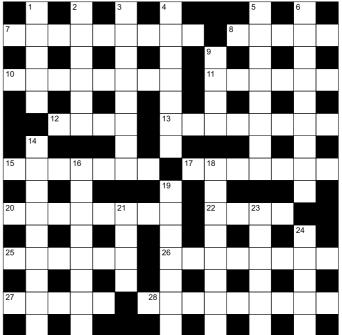


Stun Crossword

Across

- Clever person using one in a new way (9)
- 8. Cycle to market, we're told (5)
- 10. Reveal alternate bible to be appropriate (8)
- 11. Opposing state directions(6)
- 12. Transform a steamer in part, and sail on it (4)
- 13. Public officials get Pole to change sign (8)
- 15. Bad loser accepts it passes the time (7)
- 17. Country gents featuring in operatic number (7)
- 20. Turning PC's radio on and off (8)
- 22. Signal French girl to return (4)
- 25. Cease fire (3,3)
- 26. New York embraces alternative shopping centre as a rule (8)
- 27. Outrage as law enforcer loses head (5)
- 28. Ask them if fashion is temporary (9)

Scribble Space



Down

- 1. Son upset by alien attack (5)
- 2. Roman thinker seen round and about (6)
- 3. Calamity as awfully tired fighting force goes in (8)
- 4. Sarcastic piece from magazine, perhaps (7)
- 5. Practise here, possibly getting behind (8)
- 6. Church service aimed to be adapted for TV, radio etc (4,5)
- 9. Take a step in this direction (4)
- 14. Charge firm a thousand putting one in factory (9)
- 16. Pastry sales (8)
- 18. Concerning old person wanting change (8)
- 19. Search boy raised in disgrace (7)
- 21. Silly promotion backed by newspaper (4)
- 23. Indifference for course inside a year (6)
- 24. On top of Balmoral, often inside (5)

Answers on page 21



Two crocodiles were basking by the side of the swamp near the river. The smaller one turned to the bigger one and says, "I can't understand how you can be so much bigger than me. We're the same age. We were the same size as kids. I just don't get it."

"Well," said the big croc, "What have you been eating?"

"Politicians, same as you," replied the small croc. "Hmm. Well, where do you catch them?"

"Down the other side of the swamp near the parking lot by the Parliament buildings."

"Same here. Hmm. How do you catch them?" "Well, I crawl up under one of their Lexus cars and wait for one to unlock the car door. Then I jump out, grab them by the leg, shake the shit out of them and eat 'em!"

"Ah!" says the big crocodile, "I think I see your problem. You're not getting any real nourishment. See, by the time you finish shaking the shit out of a politician, there's nothing left but an arsehole and a briefcase."

When I was about 9 years old, I accompanied my father to the funeral of a friend of his, someone who I didn't even know.

When we got there, I stayed in a corner waiting for the time to pass.

Then a man approached me and said, 'Enjoy life son, be happy because time flies. Look at me now, I didn't enjoy it.'

Then he passed his hand over my head and left. My father, before leaving, forced me to say goodbye to the dead person.

When I looked in the coffin, I was horrified to see that the man in the coffin was the same man who had spoken to me!

I was so traumatized I couldn't sleep properly. I had terrible nightmares. I was terrified of being alone.

I couldn't sleep without a night light for many years. I saw many psychologists, endured much turmoil throughout my adolescent years. It got better as I aged, but I would still occasionally wake up screaming in fear.

JOKES

Years later, I discovered something incredible that changed my life.

The dead bastard had a twin.

A woman was in bed with her lover when she heard her husband opening the front door. 'Hurry,' she said, 'stand in the corner.'

She rubbed baby oil all over him, and then dusted him with talcum powder. 'Don't move until I tell you,' she said. 'Pretend you're a statue.'

'What's this?' the husband inquired as he entered the room. 'Oh, it's a statue,' she replied. 'The Smiths bought one and I liked it so I got one for us too.'

No more was said, not even when they went to bed.

Around 2am, the husband got up, went to the kitchen and returned with a sandwich and a beer. 'Here, have this,' and he gives the sandwich and beer to the statue.

Then he said to the statue: 'I stood like that for two days at the Smiths house and nobody offered me anything!'

The foreman on a large work site noticed a new labourer one day and barked at him: "What's your name?"

"John." The new bloke replied.

The Foreman scowled. "Look, I don't know what kind of wishy-washy work site you were on before, but I don't call anyone by their first name. It's weak and wastes time. I call my employees by their last name only Smith, Jones, Baker, that's all. If I want a job done, I yell, Baker, get this or Jones, do that. Now that we have that straight, what's your last name?" The new bloke sighed, "Darling. My name is

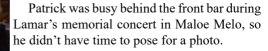
The new bloke sighed, "Darling. My name is John Darling."

The foreman paused briefly for a couple of seconds, and then said quietly...

"Ok John, the first thing I want you to do is ... !"

Behind More Bars

It's not in the Stun Gig List yet, but Pasquale will be hosting the Death Metal Saturday in The Cave on the 3rd February with Fracturus from Canada headlining and support from Dutch band Massive Assault!



EORG

Once again, we've gone XXL for a photo of the bar crew in the Poolbar, and once again there are far too many to name individually!



More Rounds

I didn't know former Waterhole Plee-Boy Dennis is in Brentsleng, but Jeroen and Koen confirmed it when I saw them in Maloe Melo.



The Jones Trio became a quartet with Gareth, Tom and Erik being joined by Eric on guitar for their gig in Molly Malone's.





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After bumping into Ariana and Will on the bus, it would have been rude not to drop in the Regent van Amsterdam for a photo.



It's Josie again, but this time she's with Danielle, who hasn't been in the Stun for a while, and we can never have too much Josie!

Crossword Answers

Across: 7 Ingenious, 8 Pedal, 10 Relevant, 11 Averse, 12 Mast, 13 Notaries, 15 Loiters, 25 Lay Off, 26 Normally, 27 Anger, 28 Makeshift. 14 Complaint, 16 Turnover, 18 Reformer, 14 Complaint, 16 Turnover, 18 Reformer, 19 Scandal, 21 Daff, 23 Apathy, 24 Aloff.

IN THE BACK

We had to go XXL for this photo of Darren, Alan, Alex, Steven, Jim, Matty and Greg, celebrating St. Steven's Day (December 26th, Boxing Day, tweede kerstdag,...) in Molly Malone's.



Celebrating the first Friday of 2024 in the Backstage Bar, we went XXL again for with this one of Ness, Ariana, Tommy, Steven, Remco, Bobby and Brian!





The Backstage Bar is 100% Ajax so Brian, Steven and Steven all wanted to work during the match against Marseille, so they all did.



Even though it's out of focus, I couldn't leave out this one of Paula and Phil in Molly's. A last one from my pre-Christmas pub crawl, it's Donovan and Bobby in H. Murray's.





