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A tribute to all the  
session heroes who are  
“Livin the Dream”



an exhibition of photos  
by Karen de Groot  
& drawings  
by Kim Stevenson  
at  
Gallery Donkersloot  
Trawlerkade 98  
IJmuiden

# The Editor's Bit

Here we are with a new Stun, a bit later than originally planned, but so what? Now that Elly is getting stronger, we've been spending more time doing up our home. It did mean we missed a couple of parties though; despite our best efforts, we can't be everywhere.

One party we both made it to was for the launch of Karen and Kim's exhibition "Livin The Dream" in IJmuiden, which encouraged Elly to claim back part of her Tales from the Gutter pages, in addition to compiling this month's crossword again. Our thanks go to Betty Kroger, who took the picture of Elly and myself in IJmuiden on page four. More pictures from the party are on pages 18 & 19.

I was fashionably late getting to Marcel's last night in the Shamrock party, so thank you Mark for the picture of Marcel revealing the identity of the new owner. That one and the ones I took are on pages 20 & 21.

We've had so many entries for our Premiership Predictions League, I haven't had time to sort them out yet, so you'll have to wait for the first update. A few got lost in the post and I have said I will accept replacement entries, but don't wait too long; I'm not going to let anybody get an unfair advantage.

All the rest of our regular bits are here this month, so enjoy your Stun and if you've got any good pictures, send them in.

*Andy*



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# TALES FROM THE

Happy Birthday Graham, Harley, Albert, Shanelle, Alex, Lars, Jasmina, Lee, Roger, Jennifer, Maisha, Hennie, Ewald, Josef, Anne, Ray, Vivian, Tyena, Ann, Adele, Micha, Jack-William, Paul, Isobel, Bram, Bob, Richard, Simon, Marina, Romme, Zeno, DJ Mario, Douglas, Cassandra, Sarah, Willem, John, Tommy, Patsi, Rinus, Danielle, Lynne, Ed, Mano, Colette, Caroline, Siobhan, Gerrit, Eddy & Lenny, Raymond, Jacky, Denis, Larry, Traci, Tina, Jade, Christian, Tara, Dan, Debbie, Mart, Carlos, Mirka, Elly, Phuong.

Happy Anniversary Petra & Paddy.

Hi, Everybody!

Andy told me all about your concern and well wishes for me. I thank you very much! It always made me feel better.

In fact, a couple of weeks ago, I felt well enough to go to a new Donkersloot Gallery opening, with a special exhibition of photo's and portraits (see cover + inside).



My first real day out (after ca. 18 months!) couldn't have been better and I only saw half! I'll just have to go again!

We also had our first dinner guests! Andy's sister-in-law Ans, with daughter Roxanne. Ans helped moving us over, but Roxanne hadn't seen our new place yet. So we gave them the Grand Tour!

We're not finished by half, but it's starting

to come together. A bit more every day!

Since we're still decorating, and I do get tired, we ordered a take-away. While deliberating and later waiting, we munched ciabatta with Andy's delish tzatziki! We didn't have to wait very long for Vijaya's deliveryman!

It really is nice to be back in the city-centre with our favourite curry house around the corner. Ans and Roxanne really enjoyed it too.



We ordered two meals (between the four of us!) but there was enough left over (big portions!) for Andy and me to build another meal with the next day.

Actually, writing about Vijaya's food makes me want some! And I can't cook like that, so we'll get a take-away (no, a bring-home!) more often! I'm hungry now, and tired. Andy will finish this.

Hope to see you all soon!

*Elly*

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# GUTTER

Tommy was outside Coco's Outback with his nephew Nathan, who was almost following in the footsteps of his dad Mick, who appeared in the April Stun.



Roxanne having a quick bitterball between serving drinks on Coco's terrace. Her dad owns the Taakawa brewery in New Zealand and their beer is available in Coco's Outback. It's also one of Coco's current special offers: Five bottles, served in a bucket of ice, for €17.



Good to see Hilton at the jam sessions in The End: Now I know where to find him when his fans send e-mails to the Stun.



Lin will be celebrating 10 years of British General Stores on Sunday 14th September with loads of specials and a 20% discount on all purchases! Stock up early for Christmas!



A group of 35 people from all over the world, who were at Ginossar Kibbutz in 1985/86, were having a great time in Molly Malone's, meeting up with old friends.

Sounds like fun... Any ex-Nafplion orange pickers still around? E-mail me.

**Andy**

Happy Birthday Graham R.  
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# WARD **MOESSTRAAT** CENTRUM



Lotte was about to throw away two late entries for our Predictions League, when I walked into the Stone's Café, so they were saved.

Marlene is back behind the bar in the Old Quarter after a spell helping out in the Old Nickel.



Peter is the new face behind the bar in the Old Nickel, but he's no stranger to the Stun, or a lot of our readers.



We won't see a picture of Ted and Cheryl behind the Old Quarter bar together again: Cheryl handed in her notice the day this picture was taken and will be working at Holland Casino on Leidseplein by now.



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# DOUG DEPARTS

Doug, the blind carpenter, has left Amsterdam and returned to the States, but not before finishing work on the new smoking room in the Flying Dutchman. Klaas will be able to have a smoke with his drink from now on.



Tineke is going to miss seeing Doug's happy, smiling face around the bar, maybe.

Helena was in the smoking room for Doug's last night in town.



Caroline and Teine dropped in the Flying Dutchman to say goodbye to Doug.

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# Dear Dorothy

Dear Dorothy,

My wife is insisting that I fund her never-ending search for anti-wrinkle creams, gels etc. My mum was happy with a dab of cold cream and she looked fine to me. Why do women have to spend so much on this rubbish? There must be cheaper ways of getting the same results.

Adrian Hyde

Oud West

*Dear Adrian,*

*Buy plenty of the supermarket's own brand foods. They normally have the most preservatives and they are cheaper. I reckon with enough anti-aging chemicals in your system, this should work just as well. (Even works when you are dead.) How's that for good value.*

*Dorothy.*

Dear Dorothy,

Is it true that you were an advisor for ~~XXXXXX~~ and it was you who gave ~~XXXX~~ ~~XXXXXX~~ a ~~XXXX~~ job during a ~~XXXXXX~~ at ~~XXXXXX~~? I've got a €50 bet with my mate Syd that it is true.

Mark Zipper

(Not registered anywhere)

*Dear Mark,*

*I'll send you the €50 - forget Syd. And we won't mention it again!*

*Dorothy.*

Dear Dorothy,

Is dating on the Internet safe? I'm contemplating joining one of those sites. I'd appreciate your opinion. I'm 45 and single.

Brian D.

Brabant

*Dear Brian,*

*Sounds cheaper than going to a restaurant. Where's the problem?*

*Dorothy.*

Dear Dorothy,

I've recently returned from a holiday abroad, in Greece. I've since developed a terrible rash all over my arse. It's very itchy and sore with puss in places. The Doctor prescribed aspirin; I've enclosed a photo to see if you can come up with a diagnosis. I'd like to hear your advice

J.S.

*Egrrrr, how could...ah...no...that's vile. You pervert.*

*Dorothy.*

*PS What did you use to seal the envelope?*

Dear Dorothy,

I'm going to a dinner next month and will be sitting at the same table as Prof. Steve Hawkins. I don't know much about physics, I'll feel stupid if he tries any small talk with me, what should I say or do? I don't want to get embarrassed.

Julian Richardson

Amsterdam.

*Dear Julian,*

*Seat yourself as far away as possible. For starters you don't want to watch him eat; it could be messy. I can understand your reluctance; I hate people with messy table manners. A lot of Americans speak with their mouths full, disgusting habit if you ask me. No wonder choking in restaurants is common in America, and they hold the fork wrong as well. Just keep a safe distance and you should be okay.*

*Dorothy.*

# MUSIC NEWS &

Currently showing at the Gallery Donkersloot in IJmuiden, "Livin The Dream" is an exhibition of monochrome portraits of musicians on the local jam session circuit by photographer



# WHAT'S ON

Karen de Groot with colour interpretations of the same pictures by artist Kim Stevenson. Our colour photos printed in black & white (in colour on-line) of Karen and Kim's work don't do them justice - you have to see the real thing. Take the Fast Flying Ferry from behind CS or the 82 bus from Marnixstraat; The Gallery is at Trawlerkade 98 in IJmuiden.

Musician Kim Stevens (same person) leads the session in The End every Tuesday and Wednesday, which attracts some great musicians, who like to rock.



On Thursdays, you'll find Kim in Molly Malone's, unplugged, but still rocking.



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While Joyce was in Berlin and Baukje was playing the Harley Davidson rallies with the Pat Savage Band, Sunday night in the Waterhole was "Ano's Summer Jam". Joining him on stage for this set were Magic Sem on guitar; JK from Puerto Rico, who used to play in old Waterhole, on drums and Patrick on vocals.



Evenio is a brilliant Flamenco player, but all styles of music get played at his Sunday night acoustic session in Maloe Melo; it just depends on who joins him on stage.

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## Monday

### Weekly

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17:00, **The End**, Bluegrass/Country Session, *with Jeff*  
22:00, **Bourbon Street**, The International Dance Fever Jam, *open latin, soul & funk jam session with Gregorio*  
22:00, **Maloe Melo**, Acoustic Session, *with Peter Lavell*  
22:30, **The End**, Karaoke,  
22:30, **The Waterhole**, Rory's Open Mike, *All musicians, even complete bands, welcome. (e-mail if you want to play a full set) €1*

**15th September 2008**

21:00, **Hotel Old Quarter**, The Old Quarter Trio, *special guest: Thomas Welvaadt (jazz)*

**22nd September 2008**

21:00, **Hotel Old Quarter**, The Old Quarter Trio, *special guest: Wouter Kiers (jazz)*

**29th September 2008**

21:00, **Hotel Old Quarter**, The Old Quarter Trio, *special guest: Lils Mackintosh (jazz)*

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## Tuesday

### Weekly

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17:00, **The End**, Jam Session, *with Kim*  
21:30, **Molly Malone's**, Ex-Pat & Horeca Night, *with DJ*  
22:00, **Bourbon Street**, The Lamar Chase Jam, *open jam session/blues*  
22:30, **The End**, Karaoke,  
22:30, **The Waterhole**, Magic Sem's Blues & Rock Jam, €1

**16th September 2008**

22:00, **Maloe Melo**, Student Session, *with V.S.P.A.*

**23rd September 2008**

20:00, **TWSTD**, Talent Night, *hosted by Ken Parsons*

22:00, **Maloe Melo**, Blues Session, *with Marcel Scherpenzeel*

**30th September 2008**

22:00, **Maloe Melo**, Blues Session, *with Marcel Scherpenzeel*

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## Wednesday

### Weekly

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17:00, **The End**, Jam Session, *with Kim*  
22:00, **Bourbon Street**, Micky Llewellyn, *blues & rock*  
22:30, **The End**, Karaoke,  
22:30, **The Waterhole**, Stan's Latin, Rock & Pop Jam, €1

**17th September 2008**

22:00, **Maloe Melo**, Reggae Jamsession, *with Solo Simporé*

**24th September 2008**

22:00, **Maloe Melo**, Thee Irma & Louise Surf Special (CH), *support: Mexican Holiday €5*

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## Thursday

### Weekly

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17:00, **The End**, Open Session, *with Henning Brand*  
21:30, **Hotel Old Quarter**, Vocal Jazz session, *with Ilse Huizinga*  
22:00, **Molly Malone's**, Open Podium hosted by Kim Stevens, *Molly's invite all musicians to bring along their instruments and jam with one of our resident musicians, Kim.*  
22:30, **The End**, Karaoke,  
23:00, **The Waterhole**, Gus Genser (Herman Brood's ex-drummer) Rock Jam, *Still kicking ass every Thursday €1*

**18th September 2008**

21:00, **The Waterhole**, X-Ray Band,  
21:00, **Volta**, Rock Night, *The Curtains and their terrifying story, Social Animal €5*  
22:00, **Maloe Melo**, Psyllibilly productions presents:, *Rock&Roll, R&B, Garage Night, with Very Special Guest €5*

**25th September 2008**

21:00, **The Waterhole**, t.b.a.,  
21:00, **Volta**, Rock Night, *Seafur, Naked Watt, Antlers €5*  
22:00, **Maloe Melo**, Rahim's Blues Session,

# GIG-LIST

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## Friday Weekly

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22:30, **The End**, Karaoke,

**12th September 2008**

21:00, **The Waterhole**, Amsterdam Funk Connection,

22:00, **Molly Malone's**, Darren Byrne, *singer/songwriter/comedian from Wexford, back by popular demand*

23:00, **Maloe Melo**, Soul Prophets, *Soul* €5

23:00, **The Waterhole**, What Ever, €1

**19th September 2008**

21:00, **The Waterhole**, Leotards,

22:00, **Molly Malone's**, Chaja, *wonderfully talented singer/songwriter*

23:00, **Maloe Melo**, Shuffle Kings, *Blues* €5

23:00, **The Waterhole**, Prepare 2 Unload, €1

**26th September 2008**

21:00, **The Waterhole**, Brabands,

22:00, **Molly Malone's**, t.b.a.,

23:00, **Maloe Melo**, The Bastardz of Glitter, *famous glitterrock party* €5

23:00, **The Waterhole**, Yellow Dogs, €1

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## Saturday Weekly

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22:30, **The End**, Karaoke,

**13th September 2008**

21:00, **The Waterhole**, Prudence,

22:00, **Molly Malone's**, Darren Byrne, *singer/songwriter/comedian from Wexford, back by popular demand*

23:00, **Maloe Melo**, John Carrie & Moor Green and My Vanity Project, €5

23:00, **The Waterhole**, Bebas, €1

**20th September 2008**

21:00, **The Waterhole**, What Ever,

22:00, **Molly Malone's**, Micky Llewellyn, *expect a rocking night with ex-Mr. Big guitarist Micky on stage.*

23:00, **Maloe Melo**, Reggae Recipe presents: The Ratazanas, *"Reggae straight from the sewers"* + DJ's Flavio Bacardi & Bobber €5

23:00, **The Waterhole**, The Wendies, €1

**27th September 2008**

21:00, **The Waterhole**, Red Sharle Alley,

22:00, **Molly Malone's**, Tom Dolton, *Whether delivering his own songs or much loved recognizable favourites, Tom delivers an emotionally charged and passionate vocal*

23:00, **Maloe Melo**, Blues Special, *with Juan Bourbon, Juan Scotch & Juan Beer (SP)* €5

23:00, **The Waterhole**, Waste, €1

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## Sunday Weekly

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17:00, **The End**, Rock/Fun(k), *Clubugly sessions*

18:00, **The Waterhole**, Sunday Matinee presented by Theo de Mosquito & band, *a musical antidote for your hangover (funk soul session)*

22:00, **Maloe Melo**, Acoustic Session, *with Evenio Martinez*

22:30, **The End**, Karaoke,

22:30, **The Waterhole**, Joyce Grimes & Baukje Westerlaken, *Sunday night jam with a feminine touch* €1

**14th September 2008**

16:00, **Molly Malone's**, Darren Byrne, *singer/songwriter/comedian from Wexford, back by popular demand*



# ROUND

Jur in Maloe Melo introduced us to Dee Dee and her daughter November Graye, who sing together in Something Rude. They were in the June Stun, but we had their names wrong.



Former Shamrock regular Paula has been back in Cardiff for four years, but she was over for a week with her boyfriend Wayne, visiting her mum Pauline.



Cynthia was in the June Stun too, but hadn't seen it until we bumped into her in Molly Malone's three months later.



Wales won, so Jenny was celebrating in the Old Highlander; Ann was drowning her sorrows after Scotland lost.



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# THE BARS

Still no news on Meke's new band, but we did see her in the Waterhole with Magic Sem, who leads the Tuesday session there.



Maria, John, Marco and Kitty were enjoying a smoke in the Flying Dutchman's new smoking room.



Newcastle Pub barmaid Beth dragged Chris over from Sheffield (or so he says; Beth said she invited him). They first met last year when he was in Amsterdam to see Sheffield band Little Man Tate play in Paradiso.

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# BEHIND

Jonathan was behind the bar in Molly Malone's again, helping out while Matthew was on holiday, but he'll be back in Israel by the time the Stun hits the streets.

Kees is back behind a bar in his favourite part of town, doing what he likes best, serving proper drinks; not coffee, tea and snacks to pool and snooker players. In The End, he feels like he's come back home, with live music and old friends dropping in.




Pauline was filling in for Marta, behind the bar in Maloe Melo on a Saturday night.

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# BARS

Despite appearances, Tineke said it was quite busy for a Tuesday in the Flying Dutchman; everybody was downstairs in the new smoking room.



Somehow, Coco's Outback duty manager Caroline has avoided the Stun camera for over a year, but we caught her on a rainy Wednesday night, behind the bar with Sarah.



Katja and Geranne are also on Page 3, but we couldn't leave out Mo; he books the bands that play in the Waterhole and serves beer.



Peter is leaving Coco's Outback and going back to Ireland, where he's already got a new job, managing a bar in Cork. He'll be saying goodbye to all the friends he's made over the last two years on Sunday 21st September: If we can't make it, can somebody take some pictures for the Stun?



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# DONKERSLOOT

We don't normally go to art gallery openings, especially if they are out of town, but we made an exception for the new Gallery Donkersloot in IJmuiden. The opening party featured work by two of our friends, who have both made covers for the Stun in the past, photographer Karen de Groot and artist/musician Kim Stevens(on), so it was easy accepting the invitation.

Karen and Kim had some great work on show; you can see some of them on page 10.



Karen's partner Johann was the driving force in getting such a prestigious showcase for Karen and Kim's masterpieces.



The Gallery was officially opened by ex-Dolly Dot, Angela Groothuizen.



The free drinks kept flowing... freely.



# OPENING



Plenty of media coverage, with Mr CultTV, Evertjan and Maartje from buurt-online.nl.



Hilton was the subject of Karen's cover for the Stun, much to Jim's amusement.

Betty took the photo of Elly and me on p. 4



The musicians were "Livin The Dream".





# ALL CHANGE

After 10 years of running the Shamrock Inn, Marcel was ready for new challenges. Everybody knew he was leaving, but he wouldn't reveal the identity of his successor until his leaving party at the beginning of September.

Despite being held on a Monday night, the place was packed, inside and out. Everybody wanted to know who was going to take over the Shamrock, and more importantly, would it remain the Shamrock.

At long last, the moment arrived and Marcel revealed all: Rachel is the new owner of the

Great party, great music, no room for captions



Shamrock Inn. She has worked there for a year and now it's hers. Best of all, she's going to keep the bar the same; why change a winning formula?

Marieka and Diedrik were kept busy the whole night behind the bar.







# OUTSIDE

Callum, a regular entrant in our Premiership Predictions League, introduced us to his girlfriend Nadine and friend Davy when they went outside the Flying Dutchman to have a smoke. If it had been a couple of days later, they could have smoked in the new smoking room.



Susie's Saloon has got a smoking room, but there's more action on the terrace, especially when Ireen and Yuri run into each other.



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After a hard day's work, Cat from the Bluebird, Mark from Blues Brothers and Jason from Boom Chicago like to relax on Molly Malone's canal-side terrace.



Mike would like the choice of being able to sit inside or out, but certain bars won't let him in with his wheelchair.



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# THE JOKES PAGE

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After three weeks in the Garden of Eden, God came to visit Eve. ‘So, how is everything going?’ enquired God.

‘It is all so beautiful, God,’ she replied. ‘The sunrise and sunsets are breathtaking, the smells, the sights, everything is wonderful, but I have just one problem. It is these breasts you have given me. The middle one pushes the other two out and I am constantly knocking them with my arms, catching them on branches and snagging them on bushes. They are a real pain,’ reported Eve.

And Eve went on to tell God that since many other parts of her body came in pairs, such as her limbs, eyes, ears, etc., she felt that having only two breasts might leave her body more ‘symmetrically balanced,’ as she put it.

‘That is a fair point,’ replied God, ‘but it was my first shot at this, you know. I gave the animals six breasts, so I figured that you needed only half of those, but I see that you are right. I will fix it up right away.’ And God reached down, removed the middle breast and tossed it into the bushes.

Three weeks passed and God once again visited Eve in the Garden of Eden. ‘Well Eve, how is my favourite creation?’

‘Just fantastic,’ she replied, ‘but for one oversight on your part. You see all the animals are paired off. The ewe has a ram and the cow has her bull. All the animals have a mate except me. I feel so alone.’

God thought for a moment and said, ‘you know, Eve, you are right. How could I have overlooked this? You do need a mate and I will immediately create a man from a part of you. Now let’s see... where did I put that useless tit?’

Now doesn’t THAT make more sense than that crap about the rib?

Three men - an Australian, a Jew, and an Abo - are crossing the road, when a bus runs them all over, killing them instantly. They appear before Saint Peter, who prepares to let them into Heaven.

The three plead and beg to be allowed to go back, as they’re only young and haven’t led full lives. Eventually, Saint Peter relents and lets them go back to earth - on the one condition that they each pay him \$500.

The Aussie pays his \$500 straight away, and BANG!!, he’s back in the same street he had just left. Immediately, he goes into the nearest pub, and tells all of his mates his amazing story. Of course, they don’t believe him. “So,” asks one mate, “if all this is true, then where’s the Jew and the Abo?”

“Well,” says the Aussie, “when I left them, the Jew had him down to \$300, and the Abo was arguing that the government should pay for it”.

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Little Jacob was staying with his grandmother for a few days. He’d been playing outside with the other kids for a while when he came into the house and asked her, “Grandma, what’s that called when two people sleep in the same room and one is on top of the other?” She was a little taken aback, but she decided to tell him the truth. “It’s called sexual intercourse, darling.” Little Tony said, “Oh, OK,” and went back outside to play with the other kids.

A few minutes later he came back in and said angrily, “Grandma, it isn’t called sexual intercourse, it’s called bunk beds and Jackie’s Mom wants to talk to you.”

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Jesus said to Peter “Come fourth and I will give you eternal glory.” Peter came fifth and won a toaster!

# BEING FRANK ON FOOTBALL

Principles in life are expensive and you only need speak to Alan Curbishley or Kevin Keegan to see how much it is worth. They are currently counting the cost of their honesty, having been pushed to the football precipice, before deciding that enough was, indeed, enough. Management casualties so early in a Premier season are nothing new of course, but it is a bit weird to see two highly respected people in the game putting the noose around their own necks for a change. I admire their integrity. In Kevin Keegan we may have almost expected this. He has a long track record when it comes to bailing out, but on this occasion I think he was absolutely right to terminate his own contract. Pulling the strings from above, apparently, was Denis - perhaps not so wise - Wise. And now I have finally discovered what one

fine their position in the first place. Simply put, if a manager cannot manage, then what can he manage to do?

This whole saga is hugely depressing to the football purist. It is obvious they were not buddy pals from the outset and rumour has it that Keegan had forewarned chairman Mike Ashley that if Denis the Menace did not stop interfering in affairs that he considered to be gaffer territory, he would be forced to quit once again. I can fully understand his reasoning here. There is far too much interference from above. Whether it is by the owner, the chairman or, in this case, the technical director of football who sticks his six-pennyworth in, it has a destabilising effect on the squad when a player's trust is compromised. If a manager tells a player he is staying and then he is suddenly

of these technical directors of football actually does for a living. They deprive the manager of those tough decisions that to some extent de-

placed on the transfer list because the board has gone above his head, then this is bound to cause dressing room unrest and suspicion. In turn, this undermines the bond of trustworthiness, which is a vital bridge between the player and the manager.

In the case of Curbs, this was uncharted water. He had been with Charlton for over twelve years, before the temptation to return to his spiritual home finally got the better of him. Unfortunately, he was faced in the end with problems that bore a striking resemblance to Keegan's woes. Government intervention that lead to some of his favoured players being





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sold without his approval or sometimes even knowledge. In the days when managers at the top of their form earn almost as much as players, it is difficult to feel sorry for them for too long, but from a purely human perspective, it is a strange way to run a business.

Talking of business, they say that there is no business like show business and no greater stage to realise this dream these days than the Premier League, it would seem. Most discerning football supporters, with the possible exception of Red Devils, have always had a tinge

of sympathy for Man U.'s poor relations from across the street. Not anymore! Seemingly overnight, they have been transformed into arguably the richest football club in the world, thanks to a money-rich sultan of soccer, who apparently had not heard of Manchester City until a fit and proper person by the name of Thaksin Shinawatra arrived on the scene. The ex-Thai Premier sold out to a billionaire Arab from Abu Dhabi, who appears to know even less about football than a man who has had all his assets frozen! City fans cannot believe their good fortune and nor perhaps can the man from Thailand who has ended up a winner yet again. It is not all good news though. Manchester City won the FA Youth last season, so what becomes of the crop of local lads, who until last week had every reason to believe they would don first team shirts in the not too distant future? The A.D.U.G. have ambitious plans for City and the youth academy is not top of their list. What develops from here is anybody's guess, but with City's proud reputation of producing stars from the own ranks, (Micah Richards, Shaun Wright-Philips and Michael Johnson to name but three) there could be some rich picking for Premier and Championship sides to fight over later, it would seem.

*Frank*

#### **Last Month's Crossword Answers**

Across: 1 House, 5 Teens, 10 Terse, 12 Kro-ne, 14 Ra, 15 Heather, 16 An, 17 Urged, 19 Solid, 21 Star, 22 Nod, 24 Role, 25 Paper, 27 Kebab, 28 Leeks (or Leaks), 30 Nomad, 33 Vile, 36 Buy, 37 Ergo, 39 Inert, 41 Ensue, 42 CD, 43 Richest, 44 It, 45 Timer, 47 Sells, 49 Added, 50 Merit.

Down: 1 Heart, 2 Or, 3 Usher, 4 Seed, 6 Ekes, 7 Error, 8 No, 9 Snail, 10 Trust, 11 Stoop, 13 Ended, 18 Gazelle, 20 Lockers, 22 Nabob, 23 Delay, 25 Pan, 26 Red, 29 Evict, 31 Mushy, 32 Poets, 34 India, 35 Erred, 37 Enter, 38 Guilt, 40 Tire, 41 Esse, 46 MD, 48 Li.

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# IN THE BACK

Former London Bridge boss VJ, who now runs an Italian Fusion restaurant/bar/club in Almere called Chipriani, was just passing his old bar when he saw Tony inside, so he dropped in for a beer.



We haven't been to Peter Lavelle's Monday session in Maloe Melo for ages, so we took a photo of him there on a Saturday night instead, propping up the bar.

Newcastle Pub barmaid Lana introduced us to her man Zach.



Carlos is another person we haven't seen in ages, but we were in the Old Highlander when he paid a flying visit.

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When you go in the back of the Waterhole, you enter Youssef's domain, where everybody wants their picture taken with him. Here he is with barman Jurrian.



Hester is a five times a week regular in the Waterhole, which is a good enough reason to appear in the Stun with Youssef.



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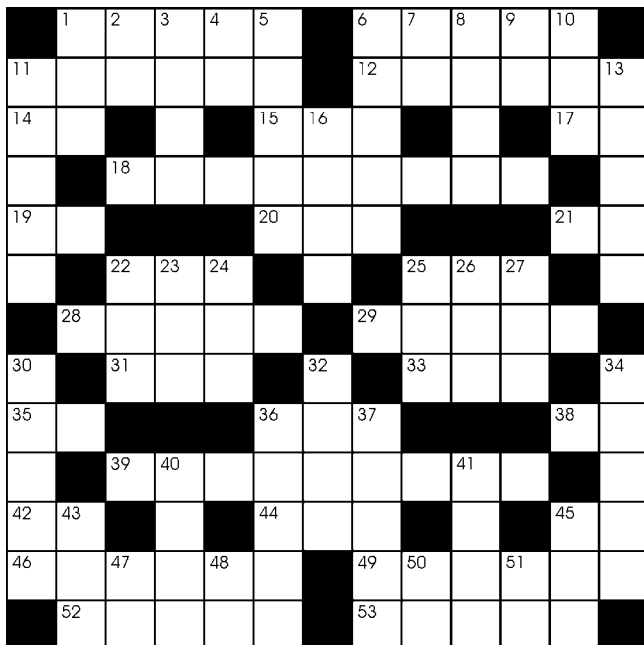
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# The Stun Crossword

## Across

- 1: Screen. (5)  
 6: Struggle. (5)  
 11: Future Dutch Queen. (6)  
 12: Confident immigrants? (6)  
 14: Proof of self? (2)  
 15: Opposite to absolutely everything. (3)  
 17: Not a definite article. (2)  
 18: Old world immigrant after pavement in Arizona? (9)  
 19: Bring about. (2)  
 20: Big church in small city? (3)  
 21: Short, but good. (2)  
 22: One source of information. (3)  
 25: Up shit-creek without it? (3)  
 28: Nasty and ugly? (5)  
 29: Put together. (5)  
 31: Girl's 'second' best friend? (3)  
 33: Ument or trine starter. (3)  
 35: River in Russia. (2)  
 36: The lot. (3)  
 38: Ben, to Adam, Hoss and Little Joe. (2)  
 39: It grows, larger and more. (9)  
 42: Older, and maybe better. (2)  
 44: "Least" favourite uncle in the States? (3)  
 45: Like a small donkey, maybe? (2)  
 46: Fruit or not? Who cares, I say... (6)  
 49: I'm begging you! (6)  
 52: Sounds like a lesser royal indeed! (5)  
 53: It takes all, and classifies. (5)



## Down

- 1: With vulgar attitude. (3)  
 2: Beast of burden. (2)  
 3: Small dose container. (4)  
 4: Is resting, tired again. (2)  
 5: Vast and varied. (5)  
 6: Bully speak. (5)  
 7: It used to be hip. (2)  
 8: Club time? (4)  
 9: Flat screen technology detail. (2)  
 10: A drink for both of us. (3)  
 11: Great thinkers. (5)  
 13: Kkklingsssllitherer. (5)  
 16: Here, cry no more! (4)  
 22: It's all over your face, fool. (3)  
 23: Unit of measure. (3)  
 24: It happens while you sleep. (3)  
 25: Not even strange. (3)  
 26: Usually about nothing. (3)  
 27: Take notes in shorthand? (3)  
 30: Damp (5)  
 32: Bloodsucker. (4)  
 34: Lift. (5)  
 36: Deliberate firing. (5)  
 37: Light givers. (5)  
 40: A stone's throw. (4)  
 41: Not never. (4)  
 43: Don't beg or borrow! (3)  
 45: A bit of an idiot. (3)  
 47: A boy's first love. (2)  
 48: As far as. (2)  
 50: Behold's other half. (2)  
 51: Very near. (2)

**Last month's answers  
are on page 25.**