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It was a hot summer night and Ank had a full terrace at de Ooievaar, but she kept her cool! Mind you, the bar is at the start of Zeedijk, so as terraces go, it's not very big.



Soraida and Alena were behind the bar when I visited the Waterhole, so I had to take a photo of them together.



Margarita and Nathalie were behind the bar when I dropped in the Smoking Bull, and it was earlier than I realised, so I had no excuse for refusing a drink and taking a photo.



I got caught in the rain, so I made an unscheduled stop in Susie's Saloon and I'm glad I did; Jelena and Nina were behind the bar!

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The Editor's Bit

How many of you are reading this edition of the Amsterdam Stun online instead of picking up a copy in a bar? Are you still in lockdown or just avoiding bars because of scare stories in the news? I visit 40+ bars every month and had no problem social distancing in any of them. OK, there were fist & elbow bumps, and the occasional handshake or kiss on the cheek, but I know a lot of people, so what do you expect? After I'd delivered the last Stun to all of them bars, I did stay at home for the next 10 days, but it had nothing to do with being in quarantine; I'm a ginger and it was too hot to go out.

It was great to see Kirsty and her daughter Millie when I was soaking up the sun on a Sunday afternoon outside the Magpie; unfortunately, the shadow of Josie taking the photo could be mistaken for me pissing myself... but at least you get to see my legs.



The response to the Cover Competition last month was disappointing, to say the least. Not one of you told me it was in Vondelpark, let alone that it was of Mama Baranka and it was put there in memory of Kerwin Duinmeijer, who was murdered in a racist attack in August 1983.

For this month's **Cover Competition**, I want you to tell me where the statue on the cover is located, and if you can tell me their names, you'll get a bold **Honourable Mention** in this column next month.

If you want a real prize, why not enter our Premier Predictions League? There are great prizes to be won. See page 19 for details.



Great to see Billy T at Rikki's birthday party; see page 14 for more photos.

Due to a lack of advertisers, we're limited to 20 pages, but I've managed to squeeze all of our usual stuff in, so enjoy your Stun.

Andy

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Happy anniversary Gregorio & Elisa.

We only went back in the archives to 2011 for this month's photo, so it shouldn't be too difficult to recognise this former barmaid who got hitched in August and will be celebrating her first birthday as a married woman soon.



WHY I LOVE MASKING

- It makes singalongs more fun when you don't know the lyrics.
- Since we can't kiss any more, we get right to the point. Straight into the club's toilet stall for a quickie sans foreplay.
- Sleeping in a mask brings wonderful dreams of bondage and imprisonment.
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- I can hide my intentional bad breath and hope that you leave quickly.
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- It moves sexily when I flare my nostrils.
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- Now, when she takes off her mask, it can be as disappointing as the rest of her disrobing ritual.
- It's easier to foam like a mad dog behind a mask.
- Drool doesn't drip down your chin during dinner.
- Half chewed food doesn't shoot across the table at mealtime when you laugh
- Politicians can hide their forked tongues.

ADDED BONUS!

I got a really cool gift of a somewhat fuzzy pink woollen winter face-mask. It never occurred to me that the mask would put pink fuzzies in my mouth and nose, making me sneeze and spit globs of red goopy matter from my mouth and nostrils. Now people scream and run away when they see me coming.

Terry Mann

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BEHIND

It's good to see Jur in Maloe Melo keeping the music live! Being limited to 20 (seated) customers in the back bar means he's not as busy as he used to be, so he could take the occasional power nap, standing up.



It's been a while since Gianni last appeared in the Stun, so he reluctantly agreed to have a photo taken with his colleague Hassan in the Three Sisters Pub.



Of all the masks I've tried, this one being modelled by Zad and Gen in Excalibur is my favourite, by far!



There's eye-candy for everyone when Lars and Louise are behind the bar in Susie's Saloon on a Thursday evening.



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22:00 & 23:45, **Maloe Melo**, Lamar Chase Blues Session, Blues, Rhythm & Blues. Only 20 tickets available for each show! €5

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Friday

Weekly

18:30, **Taparia**, Mosquito, Semi-acoustic outdoor show. Latin Pop Rock

22:00, **Waterhole**, Acoustic Show (act tba), Check waterhole.nl for details. Limited capacity, so call 0206208904 before visiting. No reservations for future days.

4th September 2020

22:00 & 23:45, **Maloe Melo**, Blaffer, Fucked-up garage. Only 20 tickets available for each show! €5
22:00, **Waterhole**, Solo's Lab 2.0, Pop, Rock. Limited capacity, so call 0206208904 before visiting. No reservations for future days.

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OFF STAGE

Lamar can't go walkabout while playing in Maloe Melo these days, so he had his Jack Daniels between sets rather than during it.

Friday

11th September 2020

22:00 & 23:45, **Maloe Melo**, Party Time for Simon + Jarne, *Bring your presents.* €5

18th September 2020

22:00 & 23:45, **Maloe Melo**, The Unexpected, *Rock/Rock n Roll. Only 20 tickets available for each show!* €5

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22:00 & 23:45, **Maloe Melo**, Brentsleng, *Ska/Rock/Reggae. Only 20 tickets available for each show!* €5



Saturday

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22:00, **Waterhole**, Acoustic Show (act tba), *Check waterhole.nl for details. Limited capacity, so call 0206208904 before visiting. No reservations for future days.*

5th September 2020

22:00 & 23:45, **Maloe Melo**, Rodan, *Dessert Rock. Only 20 tickets available for each show!* €5

22:00, **Waterhole**, Steven de Geus Unplugged, *Acoustic Pop, Rock. Limited capacity, so call 0206208904 before visiting. No reservations for future days.*

12th September 2020

22:00 & 23:45, **Maloe Melo**, Wap Shoo Wap: Sin City, *Feat. members of the Caveman* €5

19th September 2020

22:00 & 23:45, **Maloe Melo**, The Sickies feat. Thijs Elzinga, *Country. Only 20 tickets available for each show!* €5

26th September 2020

22:00 & 23:45, **Maloe Melo**, Ralph De Jong, *Blues. Only 20 tickets available for each show!* €15

Miguel and Gregorio were about to play acoustic in the Waterhole; it's not the same!



Franklin and Kim got photobombed by Bollow after coming off stage in Maloe Melo.

Sunday

Weekly

21:00, **Waterhole**, Acoustic Show (act tba), *Check waterhole.nl for details. Limited capacity, so call 0206208904 before visiting.*

22:00, **Maloe Melo**, Martha's Choice, *Acoustic session with various artists*



ROUND T



I was having a quiet drink with my sister-in-law outside Molly Malone's when James asked me to take a photo of him and Darren with Alison and Amy, who come from Wales.



Liv didn't want to pose solo, so Jordy joined her for this photo taken in Coco's Outback.



I said Kerry had left town in the last Stun, but then I caught her having another last drink with Brian in H. Murray's.



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THE BARS

Magician Geoff Diamond is the driving force behind Amsterdam Now TV. I caught him interviewing Zad in Excalibur, and you can see a lot more familiar faces on their website at www.amsterdamnowtv.com.



It was gloriously warm on the Mappie's terrace, so Martin, Sharita, Josie and Fred were taking full advantage of it.



Smiles all round when the joint winners of last season's Premier Predictions League, Syd and Rung, collected their prizes; 2 x €15 vouchers to spend at Coco's Outback.



Danny was in the shadows of our last photo from Café Tapas Josélito but he was soaking up the sun on my most recent visit.

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Behind More Bars



Helen and Justin have had a busy summer on Café Pollux's new waterside terrace, so it's no wonder they close at midnight now.

Rebecca is working Saturday evenings in Susie's Saloon now, so this is the first time we've had a photo of her with Max.



I saw Paddy a couple of days earlier at a mutual friend's birthday party, but I wasn't allowed to take photos for the Stun there, so here he is, two days later, in the Blarney Stone.



Aram looked a bit fuzzy behind the plastic in the Cave, but the music was crystal clear, and rocking, even if it wasn't live, yet!



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More Rounds

Boohoo! Bourbon Street is still closed, so Bartel had to get his fix of live music in the Waterhole, but it's not the same when he's not on the serving side of the bar.



Jane and Philip always drop in to see Eileen in Café Schumich when they're in town, but on their latest visit, they had daughters Daisy and Josie with them too.



Dirk from the Blauwe Druif has got a nice terrace, but Fritz at Café Pollux has got a bigger one, until the end of October anyway.



Despite the innocent looks, I'm sure John Thomas, Jen and Sidd were up to no good when I saw them in a salty alley, late at night.

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Rikki's 60th

Rikki was in town to celebrate his 60th birthday in the Flying Dutchman with the dwindling number of his friends still here, like Patsy, who he was with in Panama (the country, not club) when the corona lock-down hit, but that's another story.



There was live music from our friend Billy, although he would have preferred to wander like a minstrel instead of having to sit down.



Helen and Bob made an increasingly rare visit to the town centre to see Rikki.



Tineke and Josie both told the world about the party, so no surprise that they were there.



I heard the party finished at 7pm, but just when it seemed like it was over, Lesley arrived, bringing new life to the bar. It was well after midnight when I took this photo of Rikki and Lesley, so I'm glad I left my bike at home.

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JOKES

A married Irishman went into the confessional and said to his priest, 'I almost had an affair with another woman.'

The priest said, 'What do you mean, almost?'

The Irishman said, 'Well, we got undressed and rubbed together, but then I stopped.'

The priest said, 'Rubbing together is the same as putting it in. You're not to see that woman again. For your penance, say five Hail Mary's and put €50 in the poor box.'

The Irishman left the confessional, said his prayers, and then walked over to the poor box. He paused for a moment and then started to leave. The priest, who was watching, quickly ran over to him saying, 'I saw that. You didn't put any money in the poor box!'

The Irishman replied, 'Yeah, but I rubbed the €50 on the box, and according to you, that's the same as putting it in!'

Jim decided to tie the knot with his long time girlfriend. One evening, after the honeymoon, he was cleaning his golf shoes. His wife was standing there watching him. After a long period of silence she finally speaks. "Honey, I've been thinking, now that we are married I think it's time you quit golfing. Maybe you should sell your golf clubs."

Jim gets this horrified look on his face.

She says, "Darling, what's wrong?"

"There for a minute you were sounding like my ex-wife."

"Ex-wife!" she screams, "I didn't know you were married before!"

"I wasn't!"

A husband and wife who work for the circus go to an adoption agency looking to adopt a child, but the social workers there raise doubts about their suitability.

So the couple produce photos of their 50-foot motor home, which is well maintained and equipped with a beautiful nursery.

The social workers are satisfied by this but then raise concerns about the kind of education a

child would receive while in the couple's care. The husband puts their mind at ease, saying, "We've arranged for a full-time tutor who will teach the child all the usual subjects along with French, Mandarin, and computer skills."

Next though, the social workers express concern about a child being raised in a circus environment.

This time the wife explains, "Our nanny is certified in paediatric care, welfare, and diet."

The social workers are finally satisfied and ask the couple, "What age child are you hoping to adopt?"

The husband says, "It doesn't really matter, as long as the kid fits in the cannon."

I told my mate that my grandfather died today. I said "I can't believe it; I really thought he was going to live until he was 90."

He said "Were you close?"

I said "He was 88, so I was only two years off."

A man was working in the garden and his wife was about to take a shower. He realized that he couldn't find the rake and yelled up to his wife, "Where is the rake?"

She couldn't hear and shouted back, "What?"

He pointed to his eye, and then pointed to his knee and made a raking motion.

His wife wasn't sure and said "What?"

He repeated the gestures. "Eye - Knead - The Rake."

His wife replied that she understands and signals back. She first points to her eye, next she points to her left breast, then she points to her backside, and finally to her crotch.

Well, there was no way he could even come close to that one. Exasperated, he went upstairs and asked her, "What the hell was that?"

She replies: "Eye - Left Tit - Behind - The Bush."

BEING FRANK ON FOOTBALL

The new football season is upon us, and it is time once again to gaze into my crystal football and predict what will happen when it all kicks off again on September 12!

20th Aston Villa: They just about survived last time with a belated points haul, but as Frazer would say in Dad's Army "They're doomed!" Dean Smith has done an excellent job keeping them in the top flight for another season but this is where their fantasy football comes to an abrupt end. No new signings so far of note, and Jack Grealish will do a Lionel Messi and walk.

19th West Brom: I think they are bound to struggle and their lack of recruitment is a major cause of concern. So far they have only brought in Matheus Pereira from Sporting Lisbon for an undisclosed fee, and I cannot see manager Slaven Bilic saving their bacon.

18th Brighton: Now I am sure some of you are thinking that they are too good to go down, but not me. They have recruited Adam Lallana and Joel Veltman from Liverpool and Ajax respectively but they were simply not good enough to be anything more than squad members and boss Graham Potter will have his work cut out next term.

17th Crystal Palace: Roy Hodgson is a manager with a vast amount of experience and he will need it to keep this lot up. Only Nathan Ferguson on a free from West Brom has come in so far, and they still look very vulnerable at the back.

16th Sheffield United: The Blades took everyone by surprise last season and defied the laws of football logic. They will have to do so again I fear, but the second season is the one that catches a lot of clubs out. Manager Chris Wilder is a bit of a shrewd dude but so far he has only managed to recruit Wes Foderingham on a free.

15th Fulham: Scott Parker is new to management but he will have to pull out all the stops to keep this London club in the top flight. Recruitment has been poor so far and if they are to stay up, they will need reinforcements.

14th Burnley: Sean Dyche is arguably the best manager in the Prem, after Jurgen Klopp and Pep Guardiola, and he will need to be. So far, he has released some dead-wood and recruited keeper Will Norris from Wolves for an undisclosed fee. I am not impressed. They will struggle.

13th Newcastle United: Manager Steve Bruce has been around the block a few times but his hands are tied as long as Mike Ashley runs the show. To date, they have not found a suitable buyer and have therefore only recruited Jeff Hendrick on a free. A poor pre-season recruitment campaign can prove to be very costly, so they will do well to steer clear of the relegation zone, I would suspect.

12th Leeds United: And if my prediction comes true it will be a great start back in the Premier League for this famous Yorkshire

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club! Manager Marcelo Bielsa has done what so many others have failed to do and that is to get them back to where they belong. Staying there is an entirely different story but Helder Costa is a good acquisition and Bielsa does have some money to spend.

11th West Ham United: David Moyes is still the head coach here, which is a bit of a miracle in itself. This season, the fans will expect more and Tomas Soucek proved his worth last term with some important goals. He will need to do so again if Moyes is to stick around much longer.

10th Wolves: This will be seen as a huge disappointment to Portuguese boss Nuno Espirito Santo, and it could cost him his job. Nobody has come or gone as things stand, and with the season just around the corner, this is rather worrying because fresh faces reinvigorate a squad.

9th Leicester City: I am not convinced that manager Brendan Rodgers can improve on their efforts of last season, when they were within a fingertip of a Champions League place. Jamie Vardy has signed a new contract but they have lost Ben Chilwell to Chelsea and there are no new names to mention as yet.

8th Southampton: Boss Ralph Hasenhuttl did a great job last time around and I see room for improvement here. They have bought well and the threat of relegation no longer hangs over their heads, which must be good.

7th Everton: Although they have Carlo Ancelotti at the helm, I do not see them taking the Premier League by storm and if he does succeed here, it will be a painfully slow process. Niels Nkounkou from Marseille is their only buy to date and they need much more than this!

6th Tottenham Hotspur: This will surprise a few people but I think that Spurs under Jose Mourinho will finish below their fiercest competitors, which will probably see the manager leave. Getting keeper Joe Hart on a free from Burnley is hardly ambitious;

although of course, acquiring Pierre-Emile Hojbjerg from Southampton, is a much better proposition.

5th Arsenal: Gaffer Mikel Arteta is getting the Gunners to believe in themselves once more but it will need more than that to get back into Champions League territory. Recruiting William from Chelsea will go some of the way though because he is an exciting player. Defence is where they really need to strengthen though.

4th Manchester United: The Red Devils will be less than overwhelmed with this position but it does guarantee Champions League football again, and they might do well in the cup competitions too! No purchases to speak of to date and although their raw talent has real potential, they need some experience to call upon too.

3rd Chelsea: Frank Lampard excelled in his first year at the helm here. He will be determined to better that and he has recruited well with Timo Werner and Hakim Ziyech costing in excess of 60 million. Leicester City's Ben Chilwell has also joined the ranks, so they are a force to be reckoned with this season.

2nd Manchester City: This is not what most betting sites forecast by the way. Most believe that the Citizens will win the Prem again but I am not convinced. All this could change however if they sign Lionel Messi in the next few days! Ferran Torres has come in from Valencia and Dutchman Nathan Ake from Bournemouth, but with an ageing squad, they will surely need more than this.

1st Liverpool: Yes, you guessed it! German guru Jurgen Klopp won't want to give this trophy away any time soon, and he will fight tooth and nail to retain it. They won't win it by a landslide again, but they will have sufficient points in the bag to see them over the line. No big signings to date, but they have a fantastic squad just as it is!

Frank Weston

Tam's Wake

After saying our final farewells to our friend Tam McGovern, we got together in Café Oporto to celebrate his life. Jennie and Janet raised a glass to Tam inside the bar.



Sharon, Lesley, Josie and Lenore preferred to remember Tam outside.



I got to meet Astrid, who helped Tam in his last days and arranged the funeral.



They're not dancing! It was an emotional day, so Colin escorted Josie back to her seat after she'd been outside to get some fresh air.

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