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# Page Three

Shakira was modelling the new Café Oporto T-Shirt, but didn't put on the matching face mask; it would have hidden her smile.



Louise in Susie's Saloon has had enough of this Corona shit! If the restrictions get any worse, she can't guarantee she won't pull the trigger!



Marta, Jane and Ana took a break from tearing around the terrace to pose for a photo inside Coco's Outback.



It's been a while since we had a photo of Iwi and Romana from Rock Planet in the Stun, but here they are, looking as radiant as ever.

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# The Editor's Bit

Before I say anything about this month's cover, I have to give an **Honourable Mention** to **Alan Sells** for correctly identifying the statue on last month's cover as Woutertje Pieterse & Femke on the Noordermarkt.

So, what's with this month's cover? On the 16th October, it will be 27 years since the very first edition of the Amsterdam Stun saw the light of day. Normally, that would be a good excuse for a party, but with the current restrictions and curfew, what's the point? I'll still have a drink to this momentous occasion, but with less than half of the advertisers we used to have and the least number of pages since we went full-colour this month, I'm more likely to drink halves than pints. With that in mind, when Brian served me this beer in H. Murray's, I had to put the glass on the cover.



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Being a music trivia fan, I've long been aware of the infamous 27 Club. I was living in Greece when I turned 27 and survived; 10 years later, I started the Stun as a way of letting friends from my days of orange picking in Greece know what those of us that settled in Amsterdam were up to, but then it took on a life of its own. Years later, I discovered that Steve in Susie's Saloon used to work in Argos,



but for a night out, came to Nafplion, the town I lived in, because we had better bars.

Anyway, now I'm getting worried that the Stun might become a member of the 27 Club if I don't get any new advertisers or sponsors. Problem is, I have great difficulty with cold-calling potential leads, so if you know a bar that could do with being featured in the Stun regularly, ask the owner to give me a call and I'll drop round for a chat.

The Stun has always been free to our readers, but now that I'm struggling, like most of us in the creative industry, would any of our more financially secure readers like to help out, either with one-off payments through something like GoFundMe, PayPal or a subscription service like Patreon.com? Your feedback will be greatly appreciated.

Despite only being 16 pages, all of the usual stuff is here, so enjoy your Stun!

*Andy*

# Congratulations

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

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

We've gone back in the archives to 1995 for this month's blast from the past, and the birthday boy still looks the same 25 years later!



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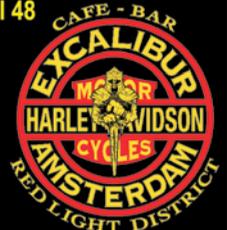
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### Weekly

18:00, **Café Pollux**, Porn Bingo, *Cards cost €10. Taking part = always a prize!*

**13th October 2020**

19:30, **Coco's Outback**, International Pub Quiz, *Entry price: €5, maximum 2 people per team.*

## Wednesday

### Weekly

19:00, **Maloe Melo**, Acoustic Open Stage, *Bring your instruments*

## Thursday

### Weekly

19:00, **Maloe Melo**, Acoustic Open Stage, *Bring your instruments*

20:00, **Volta**, Local Playground, *Various bands, check fb.com/volta.amsterdam for details. €5*

## Friday

### Weekly

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

19:00, **Maloe Melo**, Jam Session, *or live band, check fb.com/maloemelo for latest news €5*

## Saturday

### Weekly

19:00, **Maloe Melo**, Jam Session, *or live band, check fb.com/maloemelo for latest news €5*

## Sunday

### Weekly

16:00, **Maloe Melo**, Live Bands & DJs, *check fb.com/maloemelo for latest news €5*

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Lesley had been missing *real* live music, so she was over the moon on her first post lockdown visit to Maloe Melo. Lesley was dancing in her seat all the time *Rodan* were playing and then posed with band members Yoran, Suzanne and Sebastiaan after the show.



She was back in Maloe Melo a week later, because she's a big fan of *The Unemployed*, and guitarists Jay and Simon were also celebrating their birthdays.



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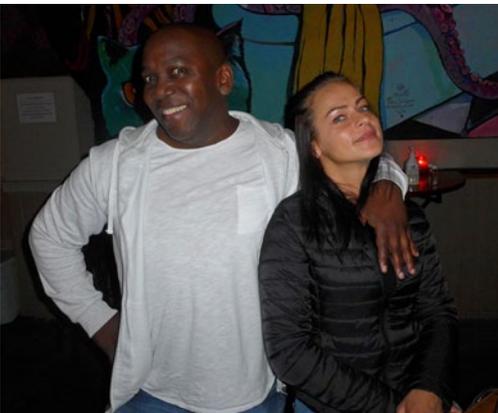




Eric, Simon and Maya were in Maloe Melo to see Simon junior's band, The Unemployed.



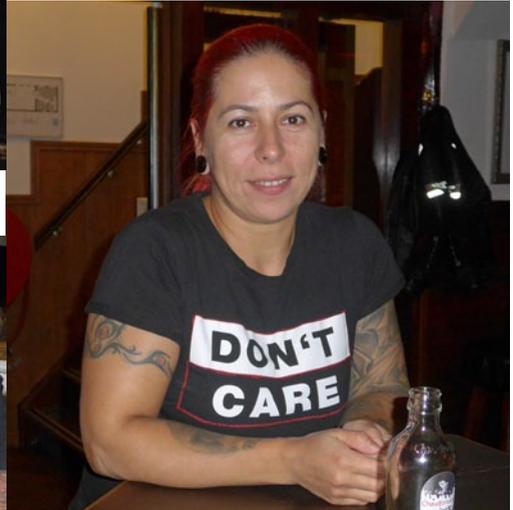
Just another Saturday night in H. Murray's, with Remco, Fiona, Luca and barman Brian.



Nice to see Darryl and Ewa in De Buurvrouw, supporting their former Players colleagues Mike and Damir, who took over the place in March, just before lock-down.

# ROUND T

When Anna's wearing this T-shirt in Hotel Torenzicht, be nice to her; underneath, there's a heart of gold.



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# THE BARS

Alex and Jon will have to wait a while before this Stun appears in Mulligan's; with the 22:00 curfew and increasing safety concerns, Miriam decided to close the bar for three weeks.



Katie and John work in O'Donnell's Irish Pub, but in their free time, they sometimes drink in O'Porto, which is not an Irish pub.



With hardly any tourists in town, Bob wasn't exactly rushed off his feet in the kitchen at Molly Malone's, but at least some of the locals still know where to go for a good feed.



Most of Sharita's customers in the Magpie are locals, but a lot of tourists from nearby hotels also find their way there, usually.

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# Behind More Bars

It's always nice to see Lieke helping out in Maloe Melo; it gives Jur the chance to jam with the bands, and get up to other shenanigans.



It's five years since our last photo taken in Café Batavia, so here's one of Bertil and Paula getting psyched up for the 22:00 curfew.



Louise in Susie's Saloon couldn't remember the last time we had a photo with just her and Steve in the Stun; it was over two years ago!

BLUESCAFÉ

# Maloe Melo

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A cartoon illustration of two blues musicians. One is wearing a green shirt and a hat, playing a yellow saxophone. The other is wearing a red shirt and a hat, playing a guitar. They are both smiling and looking towards the viewer.

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H. Murray's is currently only open on a Friday and Saturday, so Brian has got time to do a few (casually dressed) shifts in Molly Malone's, which is now open every day.

# JOKES

An old man placed an order for one hamburger, French fries and a drink. He unwrapped the plain hamburger and carefully cut it in half, placing one half in front of his wife. He then carefully counted out the French fries, dividing them into two piles and neatly placed one pile in front of his wife. He took a sip of the drink, his wife took a sip and then set the cup down between them. As he began to eat his few bites of hamburger, the people around them were looking over and whispering. Obviously they were thinking, 'That poor old couple - all they can afford is one meal for the two of them.'

As the man began to eat his fries, a young man came to the table and politely offered to buy another meal for the old couple. The old man said they were just fine - they were used to sharing everything.

People closer to the table noticed the little old lady hadn't eaten a bite. She sat there watching her husband eat and occasionally taking turns sipping the drink. Again, the young man came over and begged them to let him buy another meal for them. This time the old woman said 'No, thank you, we are used to sharing everything.'

Finally, as the old man finished and was wiping his face neatly with the napkin, the young man again came over to the little old lady who had yet to eat a single bite of food and asked 'What is it you are waiting for?'

She answered, 'the teeth.'

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Paddy wants a job, but the foreman won't hire him until he passes a little maths test.

"Here is your first question" the foreman says. "Without using numbers, represent the number nine."

"Without numbers?" Paddy says. "That's easy." And he proceeds to draw three trees.

"What's this?" the boss asks.

"Have you no brain? Tree plus tree plus tree makes nine," says Paddy.

"Fair enough," says the boss. "Here's your second question. Use the same rules, but this time the number is 99."

Paddy stares into space for a while, then picks up the picture that he has just drawn and makes a smudge on each tree and hands it back.

The boss scratches his head and says, "How on earth do you get that to represent 99?"

"Each of them trees is dirty now. So, it's dirty tree plus dirty tree plus dirty tree. That makes 99."

"All right, last question. Same rules again, but represent the number 100."

Paddy stares into space again; he then picks up the picture and makes a little mark at the base of each tree and hands it back.

The boss looks at Paddy's picture. "You must be nuts if you think that represents a hundred!"

Paddy leans forward and points to the marks at the base of each tree and whispers, "a little dog came along and pooped by each tree. So now you got dirty tree and a turd, plus dirty tree and a turd, plus dirty tree and a turd, which makes 100!"

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I went to a pub yesterday evening and ordered a pint. As the landlord put my drink down, I asked him for the wifi code because I needed to check a message.

"Oh no" he said, "No wifi in here, people used to sit talking in pubs, about their day, their families, work, politics, music, the lot. Now people just stare at their phones and it breaks my heart to see. Therefore, no wifi in this pub." "You know what?" I replied, "You're right" and I put my phone away.

"Thank you", the landlord said, "In this pub I want you to act as you would twenty years ago." So I lit a cigarette, gave him 50p for the pint and said "Two can play at that game mate."

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Paddy pulls up at the traffic lights next to a stunning looking girl. He smiles at her and winds his window down. She smiles back and winds her window down.

Paddy says 'Have you just farted as well?'

# BEING FRANK ON FOOTBALL

Liverpool have begun this season's Premier League campaign where they left off. Contrary to those measly odds set by most of the leading bookmakers, it is the Reds who look like they will take some stopping again and not Manchester City, who have been tipped as the favourites, once again, to regain the title.

It is not just Liverpool's 100% start that has caught the eye, but who they have beaten in the process. First off, they defeated newly promoted Leeds United in a thrilling 4-3 victory at Anfield. The Yorkshiremen are expected to do well this season and not only have a wonderful coach in Marcelo Bielsa, but they have also spent big and are going places. Next up was Chelsea at Stamford Bridge, where they beat Frank Lampard's side 0-2. And to cap three testing encounters in a row, they defeated Arsenal 3-1 at Anfield, and although this season is still in its infancy, they already look like an unstoppable force.

By contrast, their staunchest rivals, Manchester City, suffered a massive blow to their morale when they were defeated 2-5 by pretenders to the throne, Leicester City, at the Etihad. Manchester City manager Pep Guardiola has never suffered such a heavy

defeat in his time in management and he can thank both Jamie Vardy's three goals and a hat trick of gifted penalties for their demise. City had taken the lead through a stunning strike from Mahrez but then dramatically capitulated.

In fairness to City, they started the season quite well with a convincing win at Wolves. Sadly on reflection however, Wolves are not the team of old and lost 4-0 to West Ham United shortly after and look like a pale shadow of their former selves. To add insult to injury, former Wolves striker Diogo Jota scored on his debut for the Reds too!

In an effort to stem the defensive tide, Guardiola has bought Ruben Dias from Benfica but he will take some time to settle in. City do have a lot of injury worries to contend with too, but in all honesty, they are already playing catch up and even at this very early stage in the Premier race, the Reds look to have a firm grip on the title again. They look so complete and their near telepathic collective understanding, is a tribute to the genius of their German head coach Jurgen Klopp.

The other two sides who have taken the Premier League by storm so far are their arch-rival Everton and Leicester City. Both have

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played three and won three and are split in the division only by Liverpool as things stand.

Both clubs have what it takes to sustain a serious challenge throughout the campaign, but the irresistible drive of the men from Anfield will be too much for the rest in my view. They are a real delight to watch and the most complete squad in English football.

As for those Champions League places, obviously Arsenal and Tottenham will believe they have a chance. Chelsea are improving all the time as well and of course Manchester United will be back in the mix too.

The big surprise for me is Brighton. I have seriously misjudged their talents and if they continue to play in the way they have started this season, they may be good enough to get into Europe via the Europa League. Two defeats in their first three games does not tell the whole story. They were very unlucky to lose to both Manchester United and Chelsea and they defeated Newcastle United handsomely on their travels.

At the bottom, Fulham look to be in big trouble. They are leaking goals like there is no tomorrow, and they desperately need some new recruits before the transfer window closes - otherwise they could find themselves adrift of all the other strugglers and end up doing a Norwich! Only Sheffield United and Burnley currently join them on zero points after three games in the table.

### *Frank Weston*

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# PPL UPDATE

Here are the entrants, so far, for this season's Premier Predictions League and where they stood as this Stun went to print, before the competition closing date. Check the Stun website for the latest stand.

Pos.	Name	On	Nr	Pts
1st	John Marsden	6	2	20
2nd	Shaun	4	4	16
2nd	Jude Noonan	4	4	16
4th	John Raftery	4	3	15
5th	Alan Dempsey	4	1	13
5th	Eric Donald	4	1	13
7th	Spen	3	4	13
8th	Lee Findley	3	2	11
9th	Chris R	2	5	11
10th	John Wortley	3	1	10
10th	Lunatic from Mokum	3	1	10
12th	Arun Panker	2	4	10
12th	Bart PPHE	2	4	10
14th	PerthTrueBlue	3	0	9
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15th	Buster Weston	2	3	9
18th	Swiss Tom	2	2	8
18th	Ken Passey	2	2	8
18th	Bevens One	2	2	8
18th	Michel Moring	2	2	8
22nd	Frank Weston	2	1	7
22nd	Willie Wood	2	1	7
22nd	Pau Pau	2	1	7
22nd	El Perdidor	2	1	7
26th	Jordy de Leeuw	1	4	7
27th	Steve Mahon	2	0	6
28th	Anna Kenia	1	3	6
28th	Dave Wright	1	3	6
28th	Paul Tandy	1	3	6
28th	Jim McGrath	1	3	6
32nd	Uwe Arwa	1	2	5
33rd	Carlos Macedo	1	1	4
33rd	Raul Almeida	1	1	4
35th	David Lourenco	0	4	4
35th	Lumpuur	0	4	4
37th	Mo de Pannenkoek	0	3	3
38th	Phil Rook	0	2	2
38th	Jamal Belaraby	0	2	2
38th	Boelens Park Rangers	0	2	2

# IN THE BACK



Stun football expert Frank got treated to a meal in Coco's Outback by his wife Rung, who won €30 in Coco's vouchers for coming first in our Premier Predictions League last season.

I hope it's not too long before we see Tanco spinning the vinyl after midnight in Maloe Melo, but maybe we'll see him behind the decks, or the drums, at Maloe Melo's new Sunday Matinee, starting at 16:00!



You don't have to be fluent in sign language to know what Skip in Excalibur thinks about bars having to close at 22:00.



Damir and Mike took over De Buurvrouw in March and Willy began breathing new life into Café Havelaar in August, but because both places are 'Night Bars', they've been well shafted by the 22:00 curfew. Now that the nights are drawing in, why not visit your favourite night bar earlier? De Buurvrouw is open daily from 17:00, and 15:00 at the weekend.



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# In Memory of Jackie Parks

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I knew Jackie had cancer, but had no idea how advanced it was, so it came as a shock to hear we had lost her so soon. I'm heartbroken that I'll never see or chat with her again. When I lost Elly, Jackie was my main go-to friend when I needed somebody to talk to because we went way back and she was somebody I knew I could trust in my grief.

If you asked me when or where I first met Jackie, I wouldn't have a clue; it seems like she was always there as a friend. I do remember that Jackie was one of the few friends that regularly visited us when we lived on the fourth floor in Bos & Lommer.

My condolences go out to her sons Ryan and Shaun, sister Eileen and the rest of the family. We've lost a wonderful woman far too early.

# HELP

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