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**PHOTO OF THE MONTH 'WINDOWS'** by Kevin Dooley

## Clown attack

Coulrophobics beware of a joker on the loose

**An unidentified man wearing a clown mask and carrying a gun walked into Dina Shisha Lounge on Mamixstraat on Sunday, 23 January, around 9pm. According to the waitress who was present (who wanted to remain anonymous), the whole incident 'only lasted a few seconds'.**

**The man 'didn't say anything; he just walked in, brandished his gun and fired into the glass wall, then ran out,' she said.**

**An Amsterdam police spokesman confirmed no one was hurt, so either the shooter's intentions**

**weren't lethal or wearing a bulky mask made it harder to aim.**

**The waitress 'first thought it was a joke' when the perpetrator walked in wearing a costume. She barely had time to be afraid. 'I was just shocked, really. The customers ducked, but there was no panic. I slept fine and I'm back at work today.' The shooter got away on a motorcycle (sadly, not a clown car) and the police are 'actively looking for him', according to the spokesman. They're taking it as no laughing matter.**

*Marie-Charlotte Pezè*

## The provider

Dr. Albert Heijn 1927-2011

The grandson of the creator of the grocery chain and the man credited with building his family business into an international empire, died of polio complications on 13 January in Pudleston Court, his UK home. He was 83.

'Albert Heijn was a pioneer who led some of the most important changes in the history of our industry,' said Dick Boer, CEO of

Ahold Nederland. 'He transformed a family business into one of the greatest retailers in the world.'

Heijn, a recipient of Knighthood of the Order of the Netherlands Lion, was humbler regarding his own achievements. 'I may be a born businessman, but I still feel more empathy for the shopper than for businesses that are only concerned with their stock price and their latest takeover bid,' he told *AllerHande*

magazine. 'I'm proud that my passport lists my profession as "grocer".'

Heijn is survived by his son and his fourth wife Monique.

*Graeme Donaldson*



**OVERHEARD** 'Where is this UNESCO World Heritage site then?' Two tourists overheard on the Herengracht.