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GANG RELATED DEATHS ON THE INCREASE

A report had been issued by the procurator fiscal in conjunction with the Strathclyde Police Department to the Scottish Executive. The report indicates that the police seem to be powerless in dealing with the upsurge of gang related deaths in Glasgow and the city's surrounding areas. The report concludes with a plan to tackle

this and outlines a five point plan that if initiated will cost the tax payers £3.5 million. An inside source has indicated that the report also concludes that if these measure are not implemented then the only way to restore civic order may be to declare martial law and arm all police officers.

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BIZARRE - STUDENT BLEEDS TO DEATH!!!!

A student at Glasgow University was found dead on his bathroom floor. It is reported that the cause of death was a cut while he was shaving. Apparently he just bled out. This bizarre incident is made

even stranger by the fact that there was no history of hemophilia in his family. The student in question is Stewart McKinnon, affectionately called as Carrot Top because of his ginger hair, was 23 years old.

BURNED BODIES HORROR

A local scrap dealer found 3 bodies burnt beyond all recognition in a car that had been dumped near his scrap yard. He immediately called the police in to investigate. When they later questioned him about it, he told them that he had received

a call to go and pick up the car. The police are still holding the scrapyard dealer for questioning while DNA tests are performed to discover the identities of the bodies.

CHURCH FOR SALE

Local landmark the Lansdowne Parish Church on Great Western Road is set to close.

Although its many halls are filled nightly by amateur groups, regular Sunday worshippers now number less than a hundred and the A-listed building needs restoration works estimated to cost over £1.5 million.

The congregation has agreed to sell to the Four Acres Charitable Trust, who plan to

convert it in to a night club, with the provision that it can still be used for church and other social gatherings during the day.

The proposal has been agreed by the local Presbytery but has yet to be approved by the Trustees of the Church of Scotland.



33% OF PEOPLE IN GLASGOW OUT OF WORK

ALMOST a third of people in Glasgow do not work, according to new statistics.

Of the 381,000 working-age inhabitants, 108,000 are deemed economically inactive as they are on benefits, in education or do not want a job.

The figures, prepared for a Sunday newspaper by the Office of National Statistics, show 24 per cent of the working-age population in Dundee, 18 per cent in Edinburgh and 17 per cent in Aberdeen are in a similar situation.

Broken down into constituencies, almost half of people in Glasgow Central (46 per cent) do not have or do not want a job, second only to Birmingham Ladywood, at 47.5 per cent.

The findings are in stark contrast to official unemployment statistics that show just 8 per cent of Glaswegians are able to work but are without a job.

However, economists say the level of economic inactivity gives a better picture than the unemployment rate of a city's prosperity.

John Swinney, the finance spokesman for the Scottish National Party, said it was a "national disgrace". He called for an integrated tax and benefit system that encourages people to work, while David Lonsdale, assistant director of CBI Scotland, said more should be done to raise educational standards in the city's most deprived areas.

However, Mohammed Sarwar, the Labour MSP for Glasgow Central, said the situation was improving thanks to new incentives for people to get back into work such as a minimum guaranteed income.

Last week, Glasgow was trumpeted as a model of urban regeneration with a growth rate second only to London.

WORK STARTS ON 'WORLD-CLASS' LAB

Work has begun on a "world-class" laboratory which will unite blood cancer treatment and research experts.

The new £9.5m facility at Gartnavel Hospital in Glasgow will be one of the most advanced in the UK.

The high-tech unit will combine blood transfusion and bone marrow laboratories with a leukaemia and blood cancer research centre.

NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde is working in collaboration with Glasgow University on the project.

'Exciting project'

The centre, which is due for completion this autumn, will be on the same site as the new Beatson Oncology Centre, where most patients with leukaemia receive their treatment.

Bringing Glasgow's experts in blood cancer treatment and research together under the same roof for the first time will enable

the service to attract further world leaders and competitive research funding, according to NHS executives.

Jim Crombie, director of diagnostic services, said: "This exciting project is the culmination of many years work by NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde and key partners.

"The start of this construction heralds the beginning of our laboratories modernisation programme across Glasgow."



LESSONS ON ETIQUETTE

Etiquette. It's meaning – General Principles – Introductions (part 4)

There are several rules to be observed by a hostess with regard to introductions at social functions, such as dinners. They may be enumerated as follows :—

1. In afternoon calls, or on At Home days, it is generally left to the hostess's judgement as to what introductions should be made, and it is always understood that introductions made on such occasions do not necessarily lead to more than a bowing acquaintance afterwards. According to some authorities now, however, it is said to be the duty of the hostess to introduce all her guests to each other.
2. At a dinner-party the hostess should always present the gentleman to the lady whom he is to take in to dinner. After dinner is over and the ladies have retired to the drawing room, it is left to the

hostess's discretion to decide as to what ladies she will introduce to each other.

The gentlemen who are left at table "over the wine" talk amongst themselves without introduction.

When an introduction is made between two ladies, all that is necessary is simply to bow and make some passing remark. If the introduction is between a lady and a gentleman, the gentleman waits until after the introduction for the lady's proffered hand; but the handshake on such an occasion is not an obligatory act on the lady's part, it is simply an act of grace towards the gentleman.

At "At Homes" and other such functions it is customary for the hostess to shake hands with all the guests present

[Part 3 can be found in the August 2005 Edition of Dark Times]

CELTIC CONNECTIONS CELEBRATES END

Ticket sales at Celtic Connections increased by almost a third this year, organisers have announced.

The 14th festival was the first under new artistic consultant Donald Shaw and featured more international artists.

Festival fans attended 300 concerts at 12 venues across Glasgow over 19 days in January and February.

A spokeswoman said: "Celtic Connections continues to attract visitors from all over the world, affirming Glasgow's place on the cultural map."

The final weekend of the festival saw performances from Roseanne Cash and Jerry Douglas, among others, and the winners of the Open Stage decided.

New musical talent

A near capacity audience gathered at the ABC in Glasgow on Saturday to hear dobro player Jerry Douglas and his accomplished band.

Douglas was introduced to the crowd as the

winner of 12 Grammy awards and is known for his work on the O Brother Where Art Thou soundtrack.

He is also renowned as the world's best dobro player and on the night enthralled the crowd with his virtuoso finger-picking solos.

His music, and his backing band, effortlessly delivered bluegrass, blues and jazz.

Only a vocal presence - such as that of Alison Krauss, who Douglas often performs with - would have enhanced the gig further.

The previous evening, at the Royal Concert Hall, Johnny Cash's daughter Roseanne performed.

The influence of her father's songs was palpable throughout the show and Rosanne's own talent was warmly received.

She played songs from her new album Black Cadillac, which was written after the losses of her stepmother June Carter Cash, her father Johnny and her mother Vivian.



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Hot Fuzz (2007)

Police Constable, Nicholas Angel is good at his job, so good in fact, he makes everyone else look bad. As a result, his superiors at the Met have decided to sweep him under the carpet. So it is that London's top cop finds himself in the sleepy West Country village of Sandford. With garden fetes and neighbourhood watch meetings replacing the action of the city, Angel struggles to adapt to his situation and finds himself partnered with Danny Butterman, an oafish but well meaning young Constable.

Just as all seems lost, a series of grisly accidents motivates Angel into action. Convinced of foul play, Angel realises that Sandford may not be as idyllic as it seems. With his faithful new partner in

tow, Angel fights to prove his instincts are correct and uncover the truth about Sandford. Is Angel simply losing his mind in the safest, sweetest village in Britain? Or is something far more sinister at work? Whatever the truth, Sandford is about to get a lot less sleepy.



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