

DARK TIMES

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VALENTINE’S DAY MASSACRE!

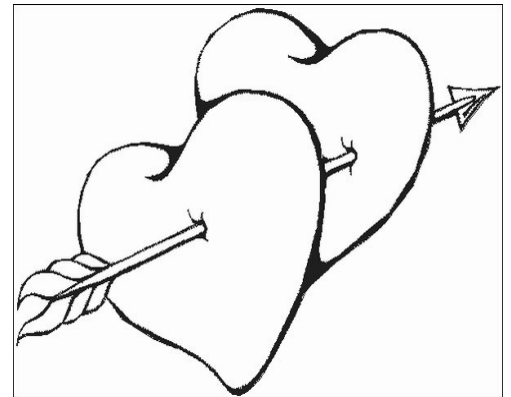
Valentines Day! – A day for romance, a day for lovers a day for hearts and flowers. All this was ruined however for those who strolled around the stalls set up in George Square – selling all that lovely valentine tack and glitter.

Imagine if you will – all those people in love searching for a bargain – also imagine a large truck pulling up to stock these tacky little alters to pseudo romance and crass commercialism - when the day is supposed to be about real thoughts and feelings.

Now imagine that the truck is unloaded and the boxes of stuffed furry hearts are taken to the stalls – now imagine if you will the sheer look of disgust on and horror on everyone’s faces as the boxes of cutesy stuffed hearts are actually jam packed full of real and bloody hearts.

In the aftermath several people fainted and it wasn’t too long before the police and the Environmental Protection Agency were brought in to supervise the clean up operation. George Square dubbed “Red Square” by locals that day did indeed turn red with blood. The flies were thick in the air attracted by the bloody meet that is the central pump of human life.

The Square was cordoned off for several



hours and the driver was detained for questioning by Police and the EPA. Later it was revealed that the majority of the hearts in question were in fact from cows and pigs – however, the police report did indicate that a small but unspecified number of the hearts did belong to human beings.

The police arrested and detained both the truck driver and the owner of the business that was supposed to be supply the furry hearts. But they were both released 48 hours later after no charges were brought against them by the police. Police sources have revealed that extensive tests are being conducted on the human hearts to try and determine the possible identity of the victims through DNA testing – however slight the chance of identifying them might be. The investigation continues.

BAGHDAD BLASTS KILL AT LEAST 50

At least 15 people were killed and 50 injured in a suspected car bomb blast near a north Baghdad Shia mosque, hours after four other blasts killed 35.

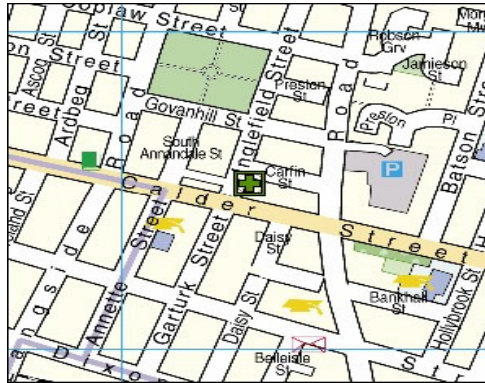
In the bloodiest attack, 24 people were killed when a suicide bomber blew him-

self up next to a petrol station in a Shia district of the city.

US President George W Bush denounced the recent violence, saying Iraqis had to choose between "chaos or unity".

CONFUSION OVER MISSING BODY

On the evening of Wednesday the 11th of January, a man described to be in his mid twenties was brutally murdered in the Govanhill area of Glasgow. The man is said to have been on his way into town when he took a shortcut through Inglefield Lane. There he was robbed at gun point and shot in the head.



Govanhill Area of Glasgow

Witnesses describe a man running from the scene and getting into a green sedan, before speeding away. The suspect was wearing a dark coat but had distinctive dark trousers with red writing up the sides and a reflective light patch at the bottom of each leg.

Anyone who may have seen either then man with the distinctive trousers or the speeding green sedan is asked to contact the police.

What makes this case more interesting then usual is that the police have not released the identify of the victim. Some routine enquiries by our reporters have uncovered that the morgue in the Southern General where the victim was taken cannot find the body or the relevant paperwork. One of the interviewed technicians said he only hopes the body was not accidentally incinerated.

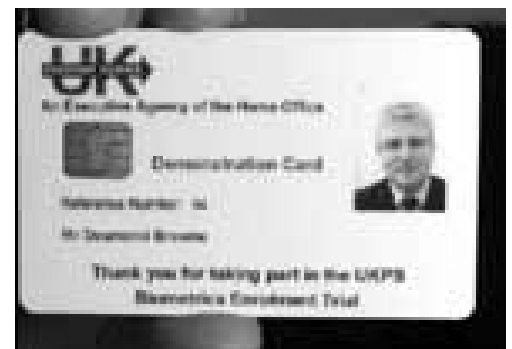
The police have so far no comment on the scandal.

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and shot in the head”*

MSP'S CALL FOR COMPULSORY ID

In the light of the events at George Square on Valentines Day, some SMPs are calling for an earlier introduction of compulsory ID cards in Scotland. These cards would include Biometric and DNA information.

The small group of hardliners insist that if the system was in place, the police would have had no problem accessing a DNA database that would allow them to identify those who had died.



GLASGOW IS NAMED UK'S NUMERO UNO FOR ITALIAN RESTAURANTS

GLASGOW has more Italian restaurants per square mile than anywhere else in the whole of Britain, according to a new survey of the UK's eating habits.

A study of the frequency of restaurant types in 20 cities across the country found that more than a quarter of restaurants in Glasgow have an Italian theme, beating even the culinary hub of London in terms of density.

According to the Italian food writer Mary Contini, the dominance of trattoria on the streets of Glasgow is a natural progression from the early days when Italian immigrants arrived in Scotland.

She said: "Obviously, it comes through the Italian community landing here back in the 20s. They opened fish and chip shops or ice cream parlours"

CITY LANES MAY BE CLOSED OFF TO THWART NIGHT ATTACKS

BACK lanes in the heart of Glasgow may be closed off at weekends, following a series of late-night attacks.

The police and city council are considering erecting temporary barriers across lanes that criss-cross the city centre behind main streets.

Lighting may be improved in other lanes as part of the move to prevent people from being dragged into them and assaulted.

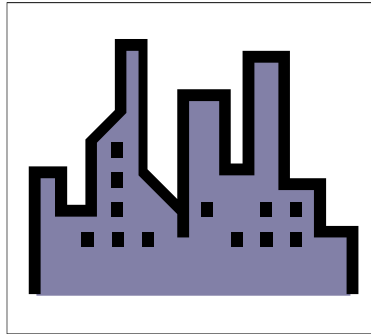
Last November, a woman aged 19 was indecently assaulted in Sauchiehall Lane, off Pitt Street.

Other incidents in the past two years have included a woman being raped in Bath Lane, off

Bath Street, and a man being raped in Morrison Court, off Buchanan Street. In another incident, part of a man's ear was bitten off when he tried to stop a man from beating a woman in the Renfield Street-West Nile Street section of Bath Lane.

Police and council officials will seek agreement with property owners to erect temporary barriers at a number of sites. This follows talks between Alex Mosson, the councillor for Anderston, which covers part of the city centre, and police chiefs.

"The criminals make use of the privacy which the dark lanes afford them," he said.



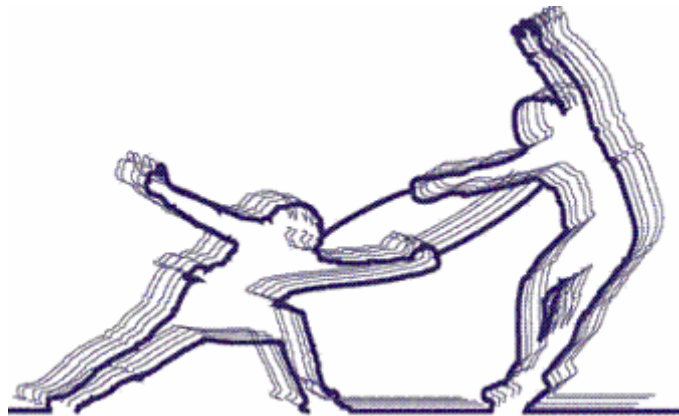
The lanes form part of the street grid pattern laid out in the 19th century. They enable businesses to be serviced from the rear and also give access to company parking. However, the lanes are narrow and are often poorly lit.

A spokeswoman for Strathclyde Police said a trial was still being considered, but lanes which had been the site of attacks may be included.

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TV SHOW REVIEW—FOREVER KNIGHT

Geraint Wyn Davies.... Det. Nicholas "Nick" Knight/Nicholas de Brabant

Catherine Disher.... Natalie Lambert

Nigel Bennett.... Lacroix

A drama about an 800 year old, angst ridden vampire who lives in present day Toronto as a homicide detective in an attempt to repay for his sins and regain his mortal-

ity, with the aid of Natalie Lambert, a mortal coroner, while trying to keep his secret from his partner. His quests are hindered by his tormented past and his seductive 2000 year old master, Lucien Lacroix.

As a kid, I was terrified of vampires and vampire movies. Watching them

again as an adult, I realized how stupid they were. When I read "Salem's Lot", I was terrified all over again. This show is brilliant, splendid, incredible and didn't scare me at all in the way of other vampire shows.

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