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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Members,

Our St. Andrew's Dance was once again enjoyed by all of those who attended. We celebrated with excellent food, fine dancing, and great entertainment provided by Alex Sutherland and his wife Carrie. Dance Caledonia gave a wonderful performance of traditional Scottish dances, thanks to Sandra Brown and her dancers for working so hard to promote Scotland in this way. Last but not least our gratitude to all the members of our Board especially those on the program sub-committee headed by Diane McCullough who organized this great social night for our society.

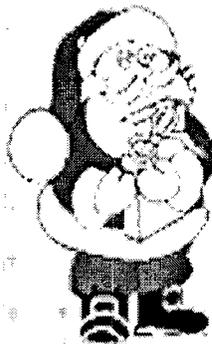
Our next event will be the Christmas Party at Mary Institute and Country Day School. This is a warm family evening with Santa and Christmas carols. I hope to see you there.

The Board are of course working hard on the organization of the Burn's Dinner on the 23rd of January at the Frontenac Hilton Hotel. Make your reservations as early as you can. Why not get a table of friends together, it's always a fabulous evening.

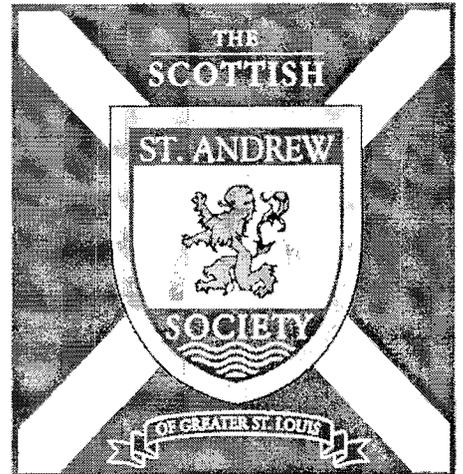
The members of the Board and myself wish you all a happy Thanksgiving and a safe Holiday Season.
Lang may yer lum reek,
Denise

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It's the American Holiday Season!
So, frae yin an' aw...
HAPPY THANKSGIVING
(or happy turkey day), and...



MERRY CHRISTMAS...
(or happy turkey day!!!)

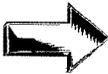


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Upcoming Events

Next



Event

Monday, December 14th, 6:00-9:00pm Christmas Party

at Mary Institute/Country Day School (on Old Warson Road).
NOTE: If you have kids that will attend we need to know ages and names, please call Kathleen Parle at 314 537 9463
PLEASE BRING (according to your name):

A-G: Salad

H-N: Vegetables

O-Z: Desert

Main dish and soft drinks will be provided.



If you would like to help out, call
Diane McCullough
314 773 4195

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Event

BURNS NIGHT DINNER January 23rd, 1999. Frontenac Hilton Mark your Calendars, tell your friends!

We now have a dedicated phone number for the Society:
(314) 519 7979

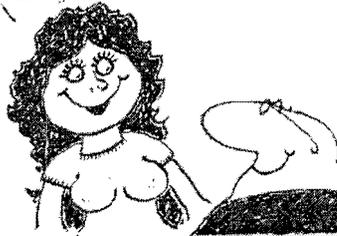
Whit! That's silly!

Political correctness gone mad, or what?! Teachers instructing weans in the delights of dancing skills in advance of the Christmas dance at St Joseph's school in Kilmarnock have been instructed to refer to the Gay Gordons as the Happy Gordons. (*funny, sad, and true!*)

McGregor was on holiday in the Holy Land and tried to rent a boat on the Sea of Galilee. \$75 per hour, said the agent.. Nae wonder the "big yin" walked on this water, quipped McGregor!

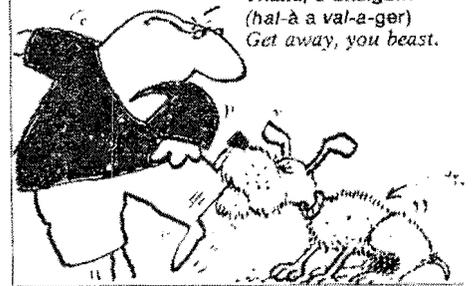
Learning Gaelic from Cartoons....

Chan eil dona, tapadh leat.
(Cha n'yei donna, tapa let)
Not bad, thank you.



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Thalla, a bhaigair.
(hal-à a val-a-ger)
Get away, you beast.



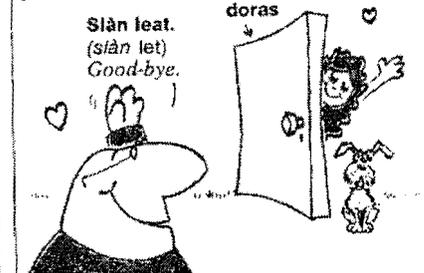
Thig a-staigh.
(hig a stye)
Come in.



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Slàn leat.
(slàn let)
Good-bye.

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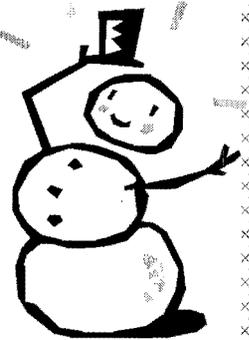


Caledonia Corner

The jokes about Scots and their money abound... but, there's often more truth behind legendary stories that we recognize. None other than the Wall Street Journal recently acknowledged the history of banking as being a fundamental Scottish institution.

Edinburgh, Scotland's majestic capital, is the third largest asset management center in Europe —just behind London and Paris. Did you know that Scots founded the Bank of England!.. and Also the French banking system, and advised Peter the Great of Russia on banking (they had a super banking system but lacked crowd control for several years!).

Today, it's not just banking. Edinburgh has \$290 billion of investment assets being managed from operations in the City. However, the canny Scots have done well with money but not with telling the story of how well they've done with money. The result is that some large money management firms are being taken over and leave Edinburgh for more exotic sounding cities. They have computers and kilts but do they have the charisma to survive in the modern world of smooth talking? For example, Scottish Amicable (insurance company) was recently acquired by another company and some \$56 billion in operations was moved to England. On the other hand, several U.S. corporate pension funds are managed from a castle just outside Edinburgh —by a man called Walter Scott (no relative) who wears a kilt whenever he visits America!



Wha wad ken?

First to answer all three correctly wins a Society lapel pin.....

1. Name the highest mountain in Scotland.
2. Is an Aberdonian loon male or female?
3. Why was James VI of Scotland a special king in the history of Britain?

Sorry, no one won last month.

Answers:

1. Tattie-boggle is a scare-crow.
2. Cuillins are the mountains on Skye.
3. Whisky is made in a copper still.

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An Ardrie man organizes world-class parties...

Aye, it's true. A wee, 38-year old, man frae Ardrie, called Peter Laird, has built a reputation as the best party organizer in the world.

One of his defining moments was the wedding of Lady Georgina Murray at Scone Palace. A bridge was built to connect various rooms and marquees for this event. He is not above twisting the arm of Sir Jack Stewart to let him have Dundas Castle for a week-end wedding of a couple from London's high Society.

A few weeks ago he was at the controls for 1,300 guests, all drinking champagne and eating canapes for two days. It was the wedding party of Lady Gina (said to be the most beautiful girl in Britain) and Johnny Bullough (it's likely you've given him money via his department stores in Scotland, you just didn't know it!)

Laird's been know to transform the decor of a whole room while the guests dined in an adjacent room.

Great to see a Scot setting the trend...

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HAPPY THANKSGIVING AND MERRY CHRISTMAS

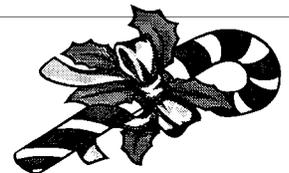
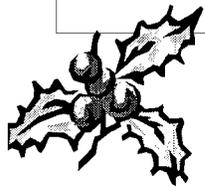
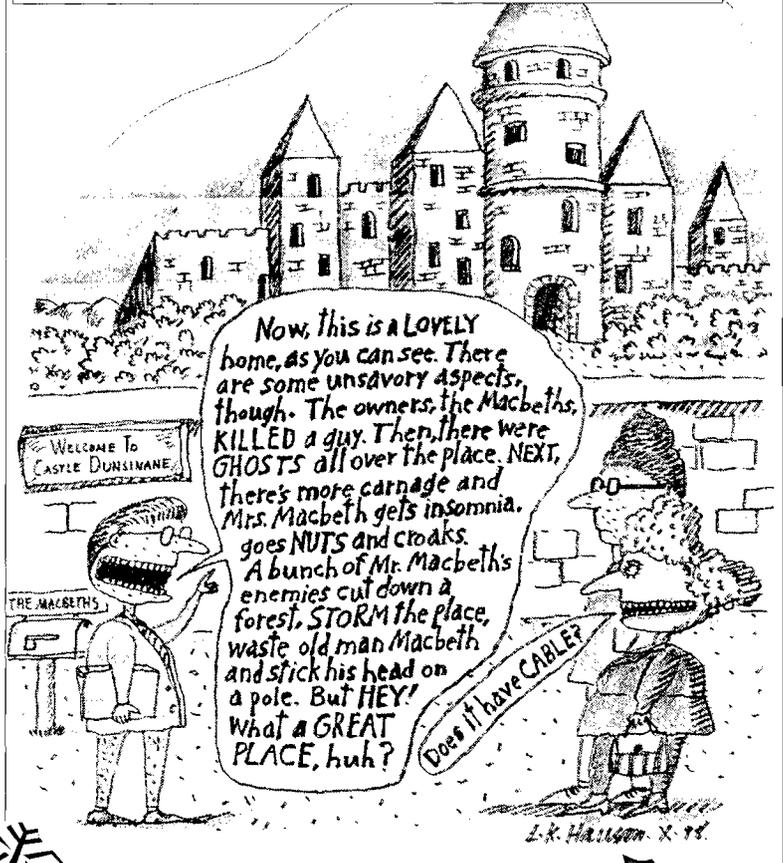
To A Mouse.
Robert Burns, November 1785

Wee, sleekit, cowrin, tim'rous beastie,
O what panic's in thy breastie!
Thou need na start awa sae hasty,
Wi' bickering brattle!
I wad be laith to rin an' chase thee,
Wi' murd'ring pattle!

I'm truly sorry man's dominion,
Has broken nature's social union,
An justifies that ill opinion,
Which makes thee startle
At me, thy poor earth born companion,
An fellow mortal!

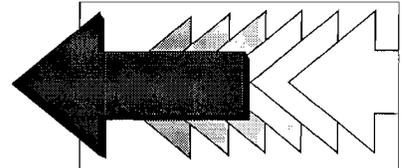
Still thou art blest, compar'd wi me;
The present only toucheth thee:
But och I backward cast my e'e,
On prospects drear!
An forward, tho' I canna see,
I guess an' fear!

If there were castles in America....



Your Dues are Due!

If you haven't paid yet
Please contact Peter Geery at 314 916 5344



Hope you all enjoyed reading our very own newsletter, the **Thistle Times**. Thank you to all who contribute material. It is appreciated. Comments, and new material to the Editor:

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