

# Manchester Evening News

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## LABOUR PARTY SPRING CONFERENCE SPECIAL

# BLAIR ASBO'D!

**In a surprise move last night Manchester City Council placed an Anti-Social Behaviour Order on Tony Blair banning him from coming within 25 miles of Manchester City centre. Reports had reached council officials that Blair (51) and his gang was planning to arrive shortly in Manchester ensuring mass disruption across the city. Police have been placed on high alert since the news that the notorious troublemaker will be making an appearance.**

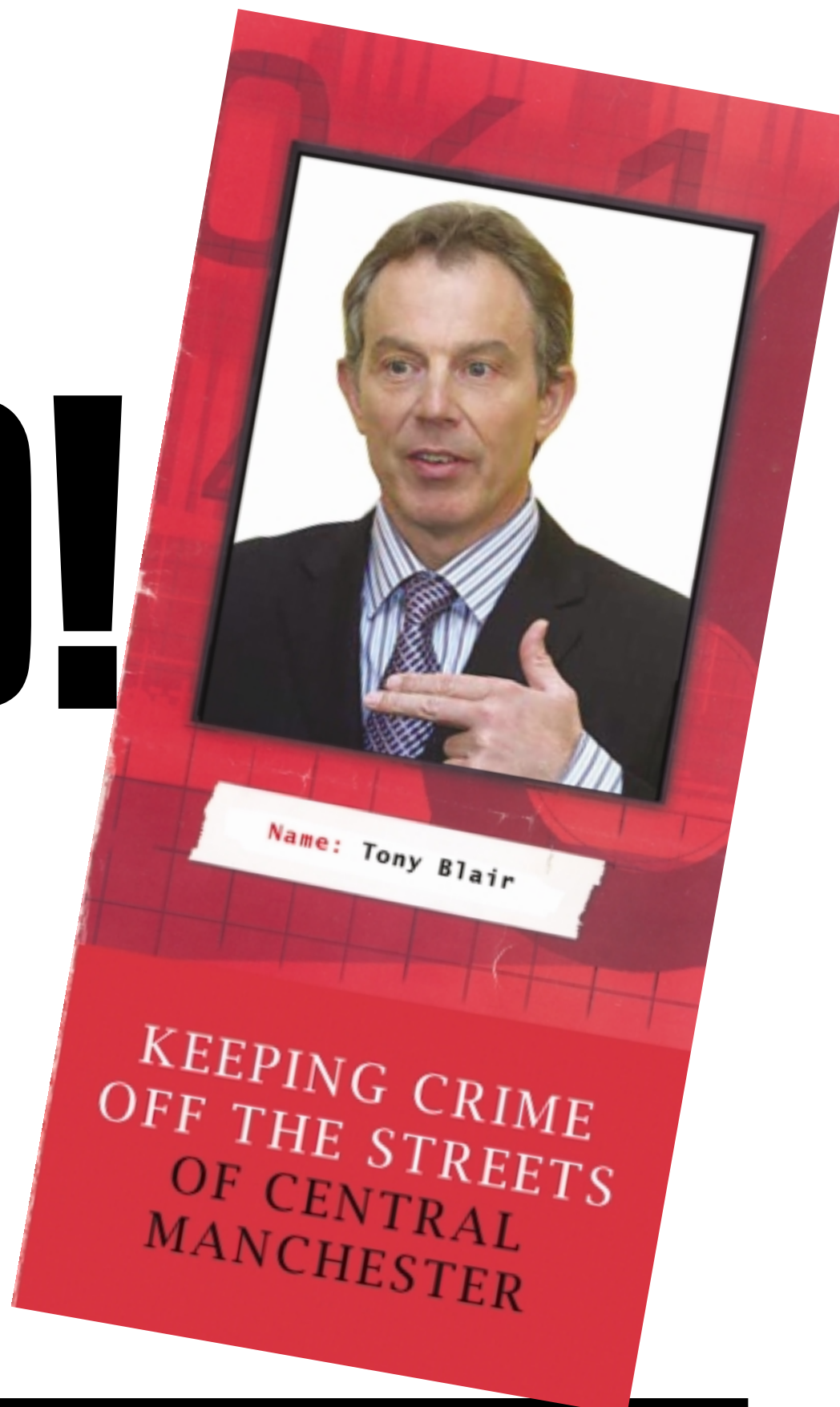
The judge, Lord Snatchbuttoch, who placed the order on Blair said he was clearly guilty of threatening behaviour, conspiracy to commit bodily harm and actual bodily harm in relation to Iraq. His long track record of criminal and antisocial behaviour and the lack of remorse he has shown for his crimes clearly demonstrated he was a continuing threat to those in the world around him and a deeply misguided

individual.

Council leader Richard Smith said that the behaviour of Blair and those like him was socially unacceptable in a civilised society and a firm message had to be sent out that it would not be tolerated in a city like Manchester: "He has repeatedly shown himself to be violent and dishonest. He has terrorised people across the world and we cannot let him start here as well."



Judge: and be judged



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# MEN EXCLUSIVE: NON-RACIST ELEMENTS IN POLICE FORCE UNCOVERED

The Greater Manchester Police yesterday were forced to admit that they do have a problem with non-racism amongst their staff following shocking revelations about one of their officers by an undercover reporter. Charles Timby, an investigative journalist for BBC went undercover last autumn as a police officer with the Manchester Police to investigate rumours of tolerance and equal treatment of white and black people by Greater Manchester police officers. What he revealed will be aired in a documentary on BBC TV in April. Using hidden cameras and concealed microphones, Mr. Timby was able to document numerous occurrences of non-racist and fair-handed behaviour by one Sergeant John Smith.



Pigs might fly: PC Smith caught on secret camera being nice to old ladies

In one incident, Sergeant Smith is recorded on secret microphone shamelessly displaying his racial tolerance in a conversation in the station's canteen. After colleagues related the details of an incident earlier that day involving the stop-and-search of an Asian youth, "just because he was Asian", Smith can be clearly heard saying, "I don't think we should be treating Asians any differently to other people, after all, Britain is a multi-cultural society". In other footage Smith is revealed to have voiced criticism of a number of his colleagues' use of violence against black people.

This all comes as an enormous blow to a police force battling to retain its reputation as a stronghold of racism and use of unnecessary violence. Chief Constable Michael Todd, in a press conference last night, was anxious to play the claims down: "I want to make it very clear that this sort of behaviour will not be tolerated.

We at Greater Manchester Police are doing everything in our power to root out non-racist elements in our midst. I hope the people of Manchester will not let this isolated incident tarnish what I am sure is the widespread image of the Greater Manchester Police as a bulwark of racism, intolerance, corruption and excessive violence." Chief Constable Todd also revealed that Sergeant Smith has been suspended without pay.

The revelations have triggered an inquiry by an independent tribunal who plan not only to investigate non-racist behaviour but also rumours surrounding related incidences of lawful arrest, acting as positive role models for disadvantaged youths, helping old ladies cross the road and neglecting to batter unarmed peace protesters.

# WHITE VAN MAN INJURED IN CRASH WITH CYCLIST



A van driver suffered a slight scratch to his left eyebrow yesterday after he turned left without indicating and ran over a cyclist. The driver, Andrew Grimm, who preferred not to be named said to MEN: "They are \*\*\*\*ing lunatics with hairy knees who shouldn't be allowed on the roads. I have a small scab and I am outraged." The cyclist died of his injuries in the early hours of this morning.

Above: the damaged van and right: the cyclist's grave



## More than 50% of Mancunians are Immobile

Recent studies have revealed that some Mancunians are so fat that they can no longer move.

"I can't remember exactly when it happened. One day I just found I couldn't get up", said Terry Tylor (32) from Cheadle Hulme.

When it was suggested to him that his affliction may have something to do with his diet of hamburgers and chips, Terry laughed and said, "that sounds like something a weird-arse hippie friend of Mike's once said to me. No, I'm just gonna have to live with it."

## Old Lady Waits 3 Days For Return Bus Journey

Mavis McNoughty (83) of Levenshulme found herself waiting 3 days for a return bus journey last Wednesday. The grandmother of 4 had purchased a UK North weekly bus pass with the last of her pension, aware of the irregularity of the service but not being able to afford the more regular but more expensive Stagecoach alternative.

Mavis waited in vain for a UK North bus. She was not able to stump up the necessary £1.20 to travel 3 stops into town by the alternative bus companies: Finglands, R. Bullock Buses, Stagecoach and First Manchester, Goodwins, Vale of Manchester, A Mayne & Son Ltd and JP Travel.

Mavis was finally lifted on the 6.15am Finglands bus on Friday morning and is now at the MRI being treated for exposure.

"Nobody would let me on - that's unfettered capitalism for ya. No one would lend me money neither. They all thought I was on drugs, see. That's alienation for ya. O deary me, me toes were so cold - by day 2 I thought I'd had it", she told MEN.

Finglands, R. Bullock Buses, Stagecoach, First Manchester, Goodwins, Vale of Manchester, A Mayne & Son Ltd and JP Travel were unavailable for comment.

MEN is running a "Get Mavis Well Again Campaign" If you would like to send her flowers address them to Mavis McNoughty, c/o MEN MRI, Oxford Rd, Manchester.

## Drinking Frappawappas at Starbucks is Does Not Make You An American

A disappointed would-be holiday-maker was rebuffed at JFK airport in New York when he found that his Frappawappa cup was not a valid travel document and did not bestow citizenship.

# Road Death Toll Soars as Hoon Attempts to Win Over 'Hearts and Minds'

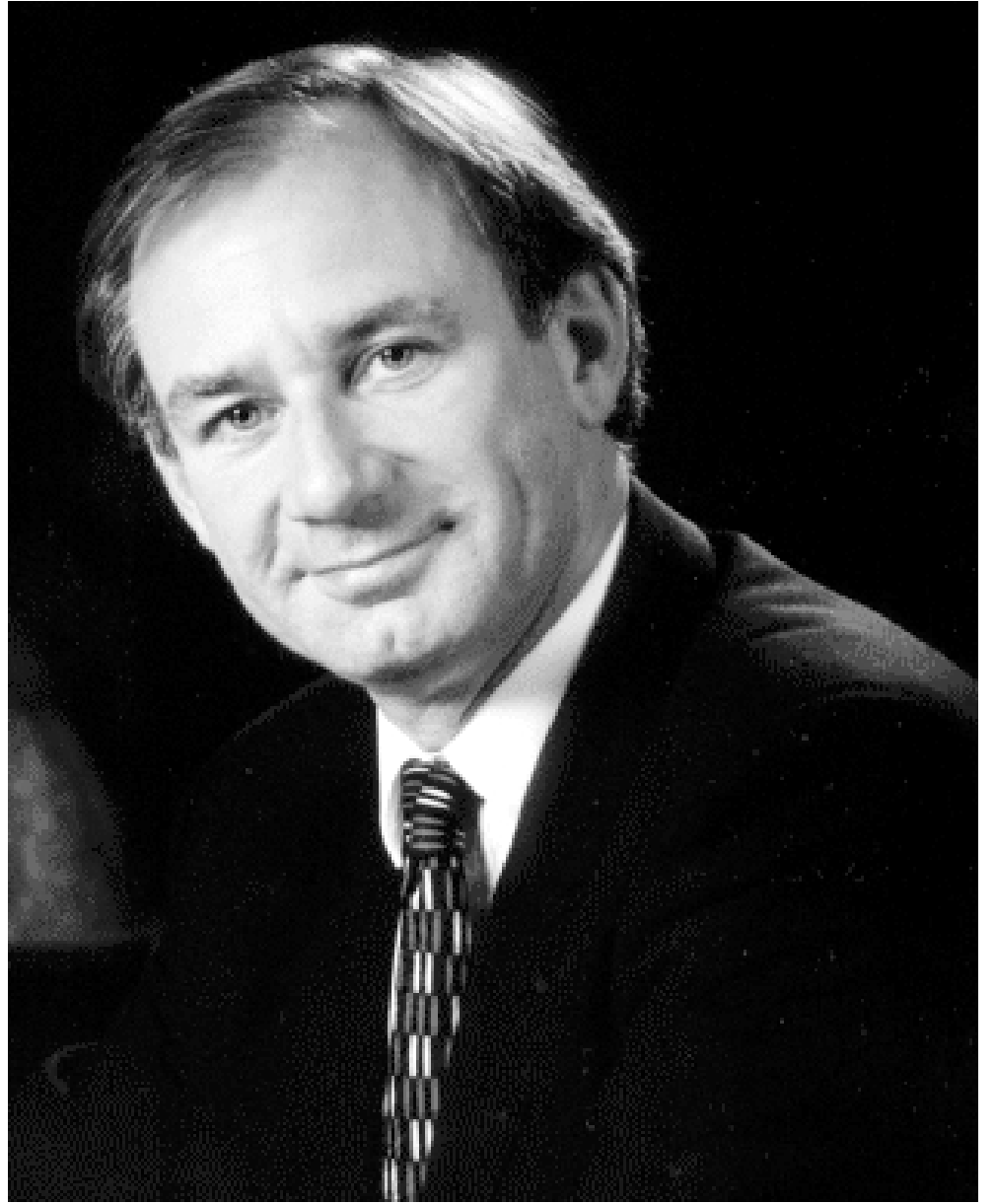
LONDON – Embattled Defence Secretary Geoff Hoon last night came under global criticism from human rights campaigners over controversial new plans to privatise Britain's pavements in an effort to raise money for the continuing war effort in Iraq. Mr Hoon is thought to have been instrumental in



For sale! Pavements up for grab

persuading the Prime Minister to press ahead with the plans, despite extremely vocal protests from Labour backbenchers, many of whom have threatened a rebellion on the issue. In a speech to the House of Commons earlier today, Mr Hoon explained his position to MPs. He stated that the revenue raised by the privatisation of the country's many walkways will go to the 'Give Our Boys an Egg Fund', to pay for thousands of Easter eggs which will be given out to the occupying British soldiers, many of whom reportedly feel aggrieved at being recklessly led to war without correct equipment or training.

In impassioned defence of the new scheme, Mr Hoon told the Commons: "It is true, I may have sent those men into battle without bullets, armour or gas-masks. Yes, we are still fighting a war in Iraq, many months after hostilities officially ended. And yes! There are those unpatriotic few who feel betrayed by the government! But will this government let them go without an egg this Easter? By God, no!" At which point rapturous applause erupted from the Tory frontbench as Michael Howard, Leader of what used to be known as the Opposition, provided a standing ovation and chanted "Eggs! Eggs! Eggs! Eggs!" until silenced by the Speaker.



Hoon: warmonger with the blood of 10,000 Iraqi civilian casualties on his hands

The pavement privatisation plans have been piloted in select areas of the country over the past week. In an unexpected twist, pedestrians have been avoiding the expense of the 'Pavement Charge' by walking on the roads, but this, in turn, has led to a massive increase in deaths and injuries as pedestrians are knocked down by cars. The drain on the NHS in these areas is thought to

far outstrip any potential gains from the new charge, but when confronted on the subject, Mr Blair denied there was a problem, saying, "I'll stake my premiership on this issue, I firmly believe this is the right thing to do" before being overheard quietly asking an aide to remind what the issue was again. In a bold move to counter the crisis, the Home Secretary has announced plans for a bill that will refuse the right to treatment on the NHS to all those involved in road accidents.

# Housing Crisis in Manchester

## 1000 New Luxury Apartments Needed

MANCHESTER – Drawing attention to a problem often shunned aside by the regular citizens of Manchester, the Yuppie Support Network (YSN) yesterday confirmed that the domiciliary fates of thousands of the city's more affluent residents are at risk of becoming a crisis. Porcia Taylor-Smith, spokesperson for the organisation, said: "These are people who, if the Council does not finally own up to its responsibility, will soon be forced to live on the streets, or, even worse, in terrace houses in the suburbs. The Council cannot run away from this forever. We need luxury apartments, and we need them now."

Lawrence Chapman, 28, an advertising consultant and one of the many afflicted, confirmed the severity of the crisis: "I have been

living in a 3-bedroom semi in Withington for over two years now. The conditions are horrific. I have to park my Jag on the street where it is prey to vandals, pigeons and falling arboreal matter, there is no bidet in the bathroom and I have to use a system of staircases to reach the various floors of my house. I am embarrassed to invite anyone over for champers and beluga, I mean, when is this all going to end?"

Sally Clarke, spokesperson for the Manchester Council Housing Department, was unavailable for comment but issued a general statement: "We at the Manchester Council are currently doing everything we can to provide humane housing facilities for these unfortunate people. We would like to draw attention to the success of the Deansgate One emergency housing project and hope that similar estates which are in construction on Medlock Street and Whitworth Street West will further help to alleviate the situation and make Manchester a more liveable place for the city's yuppies."



We desperately need more yuppie flats, just like these

## ASBO special

# Darling Disgrace

## Transport Minister in ASBO shock

Transport Minister Alistair Darling also faces an *Anti Social Behaviour Order* as a measure to protect residents of a number of cities whom he has openly harassed and threatened. For some time, Mr Darling has been terrorising neighbourhoods around major airports with threats to 'make their lives hell'. He has been promising to afflict



The B345 London to Glasgow train: a record 465 days late, passengers resorted to cannibalism

neighbourhoods with unacceptable noise levels, to bring on cancer, asthma and liver damage in local residents from air pollution, and to destroy their surrounding countryside.

A known 'runway junkie', Darling's addiction for building and expanding existing airports has driven him to theft of public money and violent actions. Despite receiving ample warning that his criminal schemes put the lives of hundreds of thousands of people in danger every year from climate related disasters, he has issued repeated threats – anonymous letters he calls 'white papers' – to expand 20 airports and build new runways at Stansted, Heathrow, Edinburgh and Birmingham. Mr Darling was heard laughing off the accusations with comments like 'at least they can fly to somewhere nice on the cheap before they prematurely die'.

Some residents have attempted to address Mr Darling's behaviour without resorting to legal action by offering alternatives to his addiction, like a decent rail service. The real slap in the face came when it emerged that Darling had been



Darling: not now, I have a headache

using the stolen tax money – estimated at around £9 bn a year – that could have funded such alternatives, to subsidise his friends in the aviation industry instead of making them pay fuel tax and VAT.

The ASBO prevents Mr Darling from entering the affected neighbourhoods to build his planned runways or from corresponding with residents

under the commonly-used pretence of 'consultation'. Local authorities have asked residents to report and obstruct any building activity in those areas and to be extra vigilant that none of his associates attempt to carry out these threats on his behalf. Please report any suspicious activity to: [www.airportwatch.org.uk](http://www.airportwatch.org.uk)

# YOU KNOW WHEN YOU'VE BEEN ASBO'D

One sunny morning in September Winnie Problem Family had just popped over the road to borrow a quart of sugar from her neighbour. She was shocked and surprised to find on her return that she was no longer the tenant of her property.

"I as borrowed milk before but never sugar. Maybe that is where it all went wrong".

Winnie's eldest twins Dale and Lee are 10 years old. Unbenownst to the family they had in fact been subject to an anti-social behaviour order two days previously after shouting "grass" for 2 days running at a man who had reported on him for throwing stones at a passing dog.

Superintendent Bill commented to MEN:

"As both of the brothers are too young to go to

jail we thought the best solution was to increase the boundaries of criminal law and deal with this low level blight in a decisive manner. Seeing as they will end up in prison anyway, we might as well get them used to the long arm of the law."

L'1 Bastard and Terror are now unable to associate with each other by law or go to the park or the shop or pass the neighbours house. They are also not allowed to use the word "grass". Full colour fliers of their faces and their crimes have been distributed throughout their area. All community members are encouraged to enforce the terms of the ASBO.

Winnie said "Li'l B always wanted to work as a caretaker when he grew up and planned to do an NVQ in lawn mowing. Where does this leave us?"

Although the Local Authority had sent many



Scum: them on that estate are all the same you know

letters to the house, little was understood by the Problem Family of the existence of Anti Social Behaviour Orders or their possible implications.

Councillor Gerry Diamond-in-the-rough, responsible for supporting the ASBO against the two boys commented to the MEN:

"Manchester is proud to be spearheading this campaign against young peoples' very existence. We as brought out 6 times as many ASBO's as any other city on Britain. This is about punishment and it's working"

The ideas that the police's powers to disperse and impose curfews on children contravenes

children's basic rights and human rights legislation is liberal nonesense. I'm from a working class family and I have never thrown a stone at a dog.

The proven best way to deal with the root causes of a child's misbehaviour is by banning them from the park and moving them on to a new area".