

SHANNON PRAISED FOR NARRATIVE COHERENCY

Former missing schoolgirl Shannon Matthews is to be awarded Official National Treasure status by a coalition of tabloid newspapers, MH has learned. The nine-year old's appropriately-timed rescue warmed hearts across the nation last month, after a harrowing but ultimately brief disappearance.

"It's what you want from this sort of thing, isn't it?" explained renowned Missing Tyke expert Prunella Peerin. "Kid goes missing, kid gets found. Then we all get to go home for tea. It's not like that other nasty business where everyone thought it was the parents, and they never found the nipper. Where's the uplifting payoff there?"

In the face of persistent rumours, a Labour spokesman was forced to once again deny that the Prime Minister is poised to declare an immediate election upon the discovery of an unharmed Madeleine McCann.

Robin Morris

GOVERNMENT IN-ACTION OVER TIBET

The Government has today formally announced it will pursue a policy of 'dilly-dallying' over recent Tibetan protests at Chinese rule. Seen as an extrapolation of Gordon Brown's policy of procrastination, the move will come as little surprise to those acquainted with his style of politics.

An inside source, who preferred to remain anonymous, "This has absolutely nothing to do with the fact that if we boycott the Chinese Olympics, they will boycott London 2012; we just don't care. Tibet isn't even a real country anyway... although I suppose that's the whole point."



Watch it, or he'll kneecap you

Foreign Secretary David Miliband said "Anybody who raises parallels with Ireland should be knee-capped."

Luke Blackburn

ISRAEL AND PALESTINE ADVISED TO 'CHILL'

A new document, compiled by an international team of advisors and endorsed by the United Nations outlines the need for highly strung Middle Eastern territories to take a more relaxed approach to each other.



Play nicely, would you please

"Man, you guys are so fucking uptight," noted esteemed diplomat and scholar Professor Robert Lacy from the University of Vermont. He goes on to suggest, "You should just sit back, have a beer and chill the fuck out. What are you arguing about anyway? My dad owns more land than both of you put together."

The document, entitled 'Learning to Share', claims that the tensions between Israel and Palestine could be resolved by the introduction of a friendlier atmosphere between the states. Proposals include "Playing more reggae music," "trying to see the funny side of it" and "participation in non-violent outlets, such as volleyball."

Pete Watson

CAMERON WANKER

A well known conservative wanker was reprimanded by Speaker Michael Martin for calling a fellow MP a "cameron". Such unparliamentary language has not been heard since former Deputy PM John Prescott referred to the whole Tossler

Party front bench as a "bunch of poncy fucking T**ies" Jackie Casey

BLAIR WREAKS HAVOC

The Olympic procession through London was brought to a halt earlier this month when Tony Blair infiltrated security cordons and snatched the torch. Barging Kelly Holmes out of the way, he carried it for three metres while bearing an expression of pure jubilation. He was then wrestled to the ground by security guards.



Scotland Yard have expressed their regret at the incident. "We just didn't think that former Prime Ministers would be a threat to general security," a spokesman said. Blair has issued a statement apologising for his actions, claiming he "just wanted a go."

Emily Kirkham

LAPSANG BAN THREATENS CIVIL LIBER-TEA

Following the success of last year's smoking ban, Health Secretary Alan Johnson will today launch a bill banning the drinking of notoriously smoky tea Lapsang Souchong in public places. Said he: "For years, ordinary folk who just want to drink their PG Tips with milk and eight sugars have been subject to the awful smell of this repugnant so-called beverage... like a cross between the Jorvik Viking Centre and poo. It probably causes cancer too."

However, critics of the proposal are citing it as further erosion of civil liberties. A group of toffs are already said to be preparing a legal challenge. Said their spokesperson, Gerald Bone-Ham-Carter: "The government have already stopped us smoking cigarettes, pipes, foxes and red squirrels. Now they want to ban Lapsang too. It's no respect to the valiant British soldiers who died swapping opium with the squinty-eyes for this drink in the great days of empire". Richard Haddén