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A former scrap metal dealer who was jailed for life for the brutal murder of three generations of one family in Wales had his convictions quashed today by the appeal court. David Morris mouthed the word 'yes' as the appeal court in Cardiff ruled that a conflict of interest made his four convictions for murder unsafe.....[read](#)

3 [Family anger as right-to-life baby Luke dies](#)

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The family of a terminally-ill baby whose life-saving treatment was withheld by order of the courts today demanded an inquiry into the medical care he received in his final hours. The mother of the ten-month-old, who had been given only days to live after birth, said it was 'the end of my world'.....[read](#)

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[7 Blunkett opens fire in battle for baby No 2](#)

by GORDON RAYNER, Daily Mail - 14/02/2005 08:30:38

David Blunkett has wasted no time in launching a legal bid to prove he is the father of Kimberly Quinn's new-born son. Although Lorcan Quinn is just 12 days old, the former Home Secretary's solicitors have already fired off 'six or seven' letters to Mrs Quinn demanding DNA tests to establish the child's paternity.....[read](#)

[8 Court baby 'can only feel continuing pain'](#)

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Doctors caring for a desperately-ill premature baby believe that she has 'no feelings other than continuing pain', a court has heard. Against her parents' wishes, medical staff believe they should not resuscitate 11-month-old Charlotte Wyatt if she stops breathing.....[read](#)

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Thousands of families whose relatives had organs taken without consent by the NHS were gearing up for a High Court battle for compensation.....[read](#)

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A 14-year-old girl has been locked up for drink driving - just over a year after she was convicted of the same offence aged just 12. Leanne Black, believed to have been Britain's youngest ever drink driver, went berserk as her sentenced was passed.....[read](#)

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The families of about 2,000 dead children whose body parts were removed without proper consent will be launching a legal bid for more compensation from the NHS, it was reported.....[read](#)

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The suffering of three bereaved families who say organs were taken "unlawfully" from their dead babies by the NHS without their knowledge was described to a hushed courtroom.....[read](#)

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The families of two children struck down by variant CJD have been given permission by the High Court to seek access to a radical new treatment never before tried on humans.....[read](#)

47 [Wife loses 'tainted' payout from drug-dealer husband](#)

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A wife's lump sum payment in a divorce settlement was taken away by a court today because it was part of the assets of her drug dealing former husband. The money had originally been awarded to Lindsay Richards to help her find a home.....[read](#)

55 [Truants from the law](#)

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THE much-heralded crackdown on truancy descended into farce yesterday.[read](#)

75 [Judges to decide on living wills in secret courts](#)

By STEVE DOUGHTY - 13/08/2006 22:00:08

New courts with unprecedented powers of life and death over hospital patients will be given powers to sit in secret, ministers have declared. Critics have said the law amounts to 'back door euthanasia'[read](#)

78 [Council's £5,000 court battle for 40p parking ticket](#)

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A council that dragged a mother of two through the courts over an unpaid 40p parking ticket has been accused of 'wasting' thousands of pounds of taxpayers' money after it lost the case. Laura Trotman from Gloucestershire was subjected to two court cases after refusing to pay a fine because the car park's

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80 [He won't accept our separation](#)

First, in about six months you will be able petition for divorce on the basis of 5-year separation; your husband's consent is not required. If there is no hope for a reconciliation of your marriage, I would advise you to seriously consider pursuing a divorce on those grounds. It is a 'no-fault' divorce and does not require that you detail why the marriage broke down.....[read](#)

89 [Paedophile freed - but where's the baby?](#)

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They were supposed to spend six months behind bars for hiding their baby from social services. But in another example of court lunacy, a paedophile and his Thai bride were allowed to walk free just days into their sentence - even though their child has still not been found. Read the disturbing details here.....[read](#)

90 [Father remanded in custody over sick son murder](#)

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A 36-year-old man was remanded in custody today charged with the murder of his terminally ill son. Andrew Wragg appeared at Chichester Magistrates' Court charged with murdering his son Jacob at the family home on Saturday.....[read](#)

123 [Unmarried couples could be granted 'divorce' rights](#)

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Unmarried couples will be able to claim a share of each other's wealth if they break up under new laws planned by ministers.....[read](#)

124 [Arrested and DNA tested - for jokingly ping a bra](#)

by TESSA CUNNINGHAM, Daily Mail - 28/07/2006 08:14:40

Arrested, thrown in a cell, DNA tested, hauled before a court FIVE times. My daughter's 'crime'? Jokingly ping a schoolmate's bra.....[read](#)

125 [Husbands to pay more for divorce](#)

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Divorce is about to become more expensive for husbands after Law Lords today upheld settlements in favour of two women. Melissa Miller (pictured) was awarded £5m after just over two years of marriage and Julia McFarlane will receive £250,000 a year for five years.....[read](#)

126 [Plans to give a voice to the victims](#)

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The families of murder and manslaughter victims will be able to speak out in court under plans published by the government today. They could describe how their lives have been torn apart by the loss of a loved one or plead for leniency for the killer.....[read](#)

127 [Parents protest over children put in care](#)

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Parents have gathered outside the Court of Appeal today in support of two families who are **challenging decisions** to take their children into care after experts diagnosed Munchausen's

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138 [Meadow struck off over baby deaths evidence](#)

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Paediatrician Professor Sir Roy Meadow was found guilty today of serious professional misconduct by the General Medical Council over evidence he gave in the Sally Clark child murders trial.....[read](#)

139 [Blunkett not the father](#)

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A DNA test has proved that the new-born son of Kimberly Quinn is not the child of David Blunkett, a spokesman for the former Home Secretary confirmed last night. Mr Blunkett has taken legal action to gain access to her older son, William, who is understood to be his.....[read](#)

152 [No father required](#)

by GRAEME WILSON, Daily Mail - 15/08/2005 08:26:29

Lesbian couples and single women may soon be given the go-ahead to have IVF treatment. A planned change in the law would mean fertility clinics no longer having to consider a baby's need for a father. Should lesbian and single women be given IVF treatment? Vote here[read](#)

153 [Childcare at heart of help for families](#)

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Extending paid maternity leave and affordable childcare are at the heart of the Government's plans for helping young families unveiled in the Queen's Speech.....[read](#)

155 [Family plea to catch on-run paedophile](#)

15/12/2004 16:22:24

The family of a young girl who was subjected to a childhood of sexual abuse by a religious fanatic today have described him as a 'conniving, dangerous and vile monster'. The 14-year-old girl's family said her life had been completely shattered by the actions of the former teacher.....[read](#)

171 [Second teacher jailed for pupil sex](#)

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A married science teacher has become the second staff member at the same school to be jailed in the last year for abusing his position of trust by having affairs with pupils.

173 [Stalker murders ex-girlfriend hours after court frees him](#)

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A stalker who stabbed to death his former girlfriend was allowed to walk free by magistrates and a judge hours before he killed her, it has been revealed.....[read](#)

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A Tory councillor who suggested gay people were paedophiles have been given a conditional

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175 [Heather's divorce court notes revealed in very public display](#)

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Heather Mills appears to have let slip further secrets of her £800 million divorce battle with Sir Paul McCartney. She's been photographed clutching a ring folder on which she has scribbled a series of notes relating to her legal fight.....[read](#)

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185 [My step-mum won't pay my kids' fees](#)

You should make an application under The Inheritance (Provision for Family and Dependants) Act 1975 on behalf of your children against your father's Estate given that immediately prior to his death, the children were being maintained by him.....[read](#)

187 [Charlotte parents vow to fight for her life](#)

21/04/2005 08:45:27

The parents of tragic brain-damaged baby Charlotte Wyatt have vowed to fight for their daughter's life after a judge renewed a court order allowing hospital doctors to let her die in peace if she stops breathing. Darren and Debbie Wyatt said they would take the case to the Court of Appeal.....[read](#)

189 [Teacher jailed for firing gun at 'yobbos'](#)

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A teacher who opened fire with a pellet gun after 'yobbos' launched a campaign of vandalism against her family has been jailed for six months. Linda Walker, 48, who teaches children with behavioural problems, kept the gun after her shed was burgled.....[read](#)

199 [Unpaid work for parents who deny access](#)

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Separated parents who ignore child contact orders imposed by the courts will be forced to do unpaid community work under new proposals. But the Government has back-tracked on the idea of electronically tagging parents who fail to co-operate with family court orders.....[read](#)

201 [Batman and Robin arrested again](#)

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Two Fathers 4 Justice campaigners dressed as Batman and Robin have once again been arrested in a rooftop protest. The pair were demonstrating outside the court hearing a custody case involving the Buckingham Palace protestor[read](#)

202 [Court: stop cot-death charges](#)

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The Court of Appeal called today for a **halt to the prosecution of parents** for murdering their babies when expert evidence points to the possibility of "**cot death**".....[read](#)

205 [PC lobby bans judges from everyday words](#)

by STEVE DOUGHTY, Daily Mail - 13/05/2004 10:23:27

Judges have been banned by the PC lobby from saying 'evening', 'man and wife' and 'girl' after being issued with a list of unmentionables. The new Bench guidelines also claim women are 'disadvantaged in many areas of life'.....[read](#)

206 [New measures to protect children](#)

05/03/2004 22:50:09

New measures to protect children in domestic violence cases have been announced by family courts minister Lord Filkin.....[read](#)

219 [Woman becomes £26m divorcee](#)

by LUCIE MORRIS and OLINKA KOSTER, Daily Mail - 20/03/2002 07:18:30

A woman whose ex-husband abducted four of their children was awarded £26.3m in Britain's highest ever divorce settlement.....[read](#)

220 [Bulger mother 'disappointed' at court ruling](#)

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The mother of murdered James Bulger was "extremely disappointed" by a court ruling to enable her son's killers to keep their anonymity after their release.....[read](#)

225 [Chaos as judge is punched in court](#)

by Liz Hull, Daily Mail - 26/10/2002 11:17:28

A judge was punched several times in the face yesterday during an attack in his courtroom. High Court judge Christopher Pitchford was left clutching his face.....[read](#)

226 [£13,000 bill to keep killers secret](#)

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The Government has spent £13,000 of taxpayers' money preventing overseas magazines revealing the new identities of the James Bulger murderers.....[read](#)

227 [Father admits smothering children](#)

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A father who smothered his children and then dumped their bodies in a bath has been jailed for life.....[read](#)

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Doctors who defied a mother's wishes and **'imposed' treatment** on her **son** breached the boy's human rights, a court has ruled.....[read](#)

[258 MMR fight goes on after £10m setback](#)

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PARENTS who claim their children have been damaged by the MMR jab yesterday vowed to continue a court battle for compensation.[read](#)

[260 Amid the bitterness of divorce, mothers can be at fault too](#)

by Melanie Phillips - 05/07/2004 15:47:52

Three cheers for Mrs Justice Brace-well for injecting the first real note of sanity into the family courts for many years. The judge has ordered that two little girls, aged nine and seven, be taken from their divorced mother and sent to live instead with their father, after the mother had persistently thwarted a court order requiring her to allow the father to see his daughters.....[read](#)

[271 Sally Clark is laid to rest in quiet ceremony](#)

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The funeral of Sally Clark, the mother wrongly jailed for killing her two babies, has taken place. Mrs Clark was laid to rest in a ceremony attended only by relatives and close friends.....[read](#)

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A couple who had been accused of killing a toddler they hoped to adopt, said "justice has been done" after winning a four-year battle to clear their names.....[read](#)

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[287 Washington upholds ban on gay marriage](#)

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Washington's Supreme Court has upheld the state's ban on gay marriage, dealing the U.S. gay rights movement its second major defeat in less than a month. Massachusetts is still the only state that allows same-sex couples to wed.....[read](#)

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[295 Divorce costs landowner his family home - after 592 years](#)

By OLINKA KOSTER, Daily Mail - 24/07/2006 09:14:02

It is a beautiful ancestral home that has been occupied by the same family for 592 years. But it looks as though 59-year-old William Williams-Wynne will be the last of the line to enjoy it.....[read](#)

[299 Family wins baby's right-to-live battle](#)

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A High Court judge has refused a request from doctors to turn off a ventilator keeping alive an 18-month-old boy with incurable spinal muscular atrophy. The case was believed to be the first in which doctors had asked to allow a patient who is not in a persistent vegetative state to die.....[read](#)

[1 Murdered Victoria failed 12 times by her 'protectors'](#)

by STEVE DOUGHTY, Daily Mail - 20/02/2002 07:17:27

Murder victim Victoria Climbié was failed by those paid to protect her no fewer than 12 times, it was revealed yesterday.....[read](#)

[2 £1.8bn shortfall in social services](#)

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Social services in England are under increasing pressure due to a £1.77 billion shortfall in funding. An ageing population coupled with a lack of Government funding has led many councils to tighten the eligibility criteria on who can receive care.....[read](#)

[3 Foster parents jailed after reign of terror](#)

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Sadistic foster parents Jeffrey and Brenda Tanner were jailed today for a catalogue of brutal terror and abuse they inflicted on a 12-year-old boy and a girl, 13.....[read](#)

[4 'Arrogance' of doctor who might have saved Lauren](#)

by GORDON RAYNER, Daily Mail - 28/03/2002 07:16:00

A girl beaten to death by her stepmother could have been saved but for the 'arrogance' of a doctor who examined her, a report said.....[read](#)

[5 Star ratings for social services departments](#)

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Social services departments are to be awarded stars based on their performance, Health Secretary Alan Milburn announced today.....[read](#)

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Social services are expected to be criticised today in a report into the death of a toddler who was

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Ian Huntley was a sexual predator obsessed with young girls. The Old Bailey jury knew he had been charged with raping a teenager - a charge that was later dropped.....[read](#)

[8 Public services 'failing the elderly'](#)

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A damning report today lays bare the scandalous treatment of elderly patients in hospital and reveals that Britain's public services are failing the very people who are most dependent on them.....[read](#)

[9 Damning report highlights 'harsh reality' of care for elderly](#)

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The disturbing state of care available to Britain's elderly has been revealed in a damning report. The Commission for Social Care Inspection says more and more older and disabled people are having to pay for their own care or rely on friends and family.....[read](#)

[10 Social workers set 15 minute deadline on caring for elderly](#)

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Social services should have protected a young girl who died after she was tortured and starved to death by her parents, a report said.....[read](#)

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Ian Huntley would have been identified as a risk to young women eight years ago if allegations of underage sex against him had been linked, it has emerged.....[read](#)

[17 Child 'Commissioner' role set up](#)

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A Commissioner to champion the rights of children and to **protect them from abusers** will be created under new legislation launched by the Government today. Schools will also play a greater role.....[read](#)

20 Social services face overhaul after Climbie report

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A blueprint for overhauling the child protection system was being published today in the report into the killing of Victoria Climbié.....[read](#)

21 Jailed stepmother can appeal

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A woman who was jailed for beating, starving and abusing her six-year-old stepdaughter until the child died of multiple injuries has been granted leave to appeal against her sentence.....[read](#)

22 "Lessons must be learned" from Climbie report: Milburn

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Health Secretary Alan Milburn has said it was "vital" that lessons are learned from the report into the killing of Victoria Climbié.....[read](#)

23 Social workers in tragic Climbie case to get £4,000 rise

by ROSS LYDALL - 24/06/2002 11:48:54

Social workers strongly criticised for their role in the death of child abuse victim Victoria Climbié are set to share in large pay rises designed to boost morale.[read](#)

24 Revealed: the social worker who snubbed Victoria Climbié death probe

by AMANDA PERTHEN, Mail on Sunday - 09/12/2001 11:53:12

This is the first picture of Carole Baptiste, the social worker at the centre of the Victoria Climbié child abuse scandal who faces jail after defying a demand to give evidence at an inquiry.[read](#)

25 Internet twins taken into care

by GRAHAM KEELEY and JAMES MILLS, Daily Mail - 19/01/2001 07:28:00

The twins at the centre of the internet adoption scandal were dramatically seized by police and social workers last night. Belinda and Kimberley are now being looked after in care.....[read](#)

28 New health standards for children launched

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National standards for health and social care services have been launched in efforts to prevent children and young people being treated as 'mini-adults'.....[read](#)

29 Woman told she is 'too fat' to adopt

By LIZ HULL - 03/04/2007 11:52:45

A woman has been told she cannot become a mum - because she is too fat. Gillian Vose had applied to adopt a child but her application was rejected by the social services on the grounds her weight meant she would not be able to cope with a child.....[read](#)

30 Anatomy of a bitter divorce

By NATASHA PEARLMAN - 30/08/2006 20:54:49

It started as an amicable separation but soon descended into an acrimonious war in which this couple's children became pawns in a vicious battle of wills. And guess what, the whole sorry saga was filmed

for TV.....[read](#)

31 [Holiday mother who left children at home is held](#)

by DAN PARKINSON, Daily Mail - 29/06/2005 07:40:12

Kelly Rogerson, the mother who provoked outrage when she left her three children at home to go on holiday to Turkey, has been arrested by police just minutes after she arrived back on British soil. Her children, said to be confused and upset, had been placed with their grandmother by social services.....[read](#)

32 [31-stone man to sue over mental hospital detention](#)

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A 31-stone man who was taken to a mental health hospital against his will because he could not stop eating has said he plans to sue the local authorities. Chris Leppard, 23, suffers from Prader-Willi Syndrome, which means he cannot tell when his stomach is full and could eat so much that it will kill him.....[read](#)

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Children have said they would like Internet chat rooms to be closed down in efforts to protect them from potential abusers. Youngsters voiced fears of being abducted.....[read](#)

35 [The state stole our children](#)

By SUE REID - 31/01/2007 22:39:25

Looking back, Marianne Key says it was the worst day of her life. At North Tyneside Hospital on a summer afternoon, the state took away her four children and threatened never to give them back.....[read](#)

38 [Brave toddler survives alone in flat for two weeks](#)

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A brave three-year-old boy who survived alone for two weeks alongside the body of his dead mother is recovering from his ordeal in hospital today. The youngster had survived on scraps of food in a fifth-floor Edinburgh flat after his mother died.....[read](#)

40 [Social worker: Huntley risk missed](#)

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The risk Soham killer Ian Huntley posed to young women would have been spotted if links had been made between allegations of underage sex against him, a key social worker has admitted.....[read](#)

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Most Health Service hospitals are failing to provide adequate care for children, a watchdog has said. Many staff lack the crucial training to communicate with children and recognise signs of abuse.....[read](#)

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An investigation has been launched into claims that a group of County Durham youngsters on a youth

club trip were abandoned in the dark by their carers and told to find their way back to base.....[read](#)

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by KIRSTY WALKER - 21/02/2007 00:02:36

Millions of carers who struggle to look after disabled or elderly relatives warmly welcomed a £25m package to offer them emergency respite care. Chancellor Gordon Brown unveiled the extra cash as he praised the unsung heroes of British society[read](#)

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314 [Mother cleared of poisoning son with salt](#)

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A young mother has been cleared today of the murder of her 15-month-old son by poisoning him with salt. The jury found 24-year-old Marianne Williams, of Wiltshire, not guilty of both the murder and manslaughter of Joshua Taylor.....[read](#)

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A devoted elderly couple who have been inseparable for more than half-a-century have been forced into different care homes by social services.....[read](#)

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Autism disorders could affect one in 100 children in the UK, eight times as many than previously thought, scientists have revealed.....[read](#)

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By JENNY HOPE, Daily Mail - 14/07/2006 00:01:02

The true scale of childhood autism in Britain is far higher than previously thought, researchers have found. A new study shows a record rate of autism disorders, which now affect more than one in 100 children.....[read](#)

323 [Teenage girl left to bring up four siblings alone after losing parents](#)

By KATERHINE MILNER, Daily Mail - 07/07/2006 17:57:10

A teenage girl is to raise her four brothers and sisters after they were orphaned, losing both parents within just four months. Mother, Denise aged 35 died days after giving birth in March followed by their dad, Alex, 41, who died last week from an infection which spread from a cut in his arm.....[read](#)

[324 Police investigate sex assault claims against six-year-olds](#)

07/07/2006 16:03:59

Police are investigating allegations that two six-year-old boys sexually assaulted two five-year-old girls at a primary school. In a statement, Suffolk County Council, which runs the school, described what happened as 'deeply disturbing'.....[read](#)

[326 Child database 'will erode parents' rights,' say campaigners](#)

27/06/2006 10:55:50

Civil liberties groups launched a new attack on the national child database today, saying it will erode the right of parents to look after their own families.....[read](#)

[327 Gay foster couple jailed for sexually abusing boys](#)

23/06/2006 11:20:01

A gay couple were today jailed for five years and six years respectively at Leeds Crown Court for sexually abusing vulnerable boys placed in their care. Ian Wathey and his partner Craig Fauch were approved as foster carers by Wakefield Council in July 2003.....[read](#)

[329 Childless career women becoming part time mums](#)

By TESSA CUNNINGHAM, Daily Mail - 07/06/2006 08:29:39

It's a growing new trend: childless career women who don't have time for a baby of their own and disadvantaged children who need a loving home. Meet the part time mums.....[read](#)

[331 Key Climbie proposals 'still not implemented'](#)

22/05/2006 08:52:41

The parents of Victoria Climbie called on the Government today not to let her death be in 'vain' after a survey discovered many NHS trusts had not implemented all the key recommendations proposed after her killing.....[read](#)

[346 I've done nothing wrong, claims home alone mother](#)

21/06/2005 08:15:05

A mother who went on holiday and left her three young children at home is believed to be still enjoying herself in Turkey. Kelly Ann Rogerson chose not to cut her holiday short despite the furore. When tracked down by the Daily Mail, she insisted she had 'done nothing wrong'.....[read](#)

[347 I let my girl have sex at 11, admits mother](#)

by DAVID WILKES, Daily Mail - 25/05/2005 07:39:51

The mother of the three teenage 'baby factory' sisters has admitted she gave her blessing to her youngest daughter having sex when she was just 11. The girls and their babies all share a three-bedroom council house with their mother Julie Atkins, living off more than £31,000 in state handouts a year, including rent and childcare.....[read](#)

[Couple beat family court secrecy](#)

...fourth child heard in open **court**. In an unprecedented...curtain of secrecy from **family court** proceedings, a judge...today appear in the High **Court**, where the future of...Justice Munby, a senior **Family** Division judge, said...

Karen McVeigh

03 November 2006 The Times

[The forces of secrecy are prevailing](#)

...fire. This is a case where a **family court** and the expert who advised it...decision maker” and a **family court** judge who “failed to...incompetent and the corrupt.County **court** judges, **family** lawyers, doctors, children...

Camilla Cavendish

29 March 2007 The Times

[Lovers' split set to spill IBM secrets](#)

...next month Rockland holds **court** to one of the most unusual **family**-law cases in recent history...of Olive, died in 2004. **Court** records do not indicate...if the case ever gets to **court**, the Watson **family** accounts are likely to be...

01 April 2007 The Sunday Times

[Freed mother launches support foundation](#)

...medical experts are used in **court** and for greater openness in **family court** proceedings. The launch began...as parents and children in **family** life. The campaign&rsquo...register, but later won a High **Court** appeal against the ruling...

28 March 2007 Times Online

[The Family Court does move in the 21st century](#)

...progressiveness is not limited to the **Court** of Appeal. Take the **family court**. No matter what its critics...involved. The **court** agreed. The **court** made it clear that it recognises...would be comfortable with the **family** arrangements in this case...

Stephen Gerlis

18 May 2006 Times Online

[Young people to be given access to family court files](#)

...added that placing the **family** courts under greater scrutiny...would be admitted to all **court** hearings, except those...recording held on the **court** file. The courts would...executive of the Children and **Family Court** Advisory and Support Service...

Frances Gibb

12 July 2006 The Times

[The fight to bring my children home](#)

...ruling of the Supreme **Court** of Pakistan, which cited...lot of time with his **family**, look at his relationship...secretly apply for a **court** order in England. But...In the subsequent High **Court** case in England in 2005...lives. Since then the **family** have rebuilt their lives...

08 April 2007 The Sunday Times

[Battle of the sexes](#)

...finally moved back into her **family**'s home. Then, on...social worker who specialises in **family** therapy. She was in frequent...ndash; so she could avoid being **court**-martialled and convicted for...baffled by how excruciating **family** life had become. When her nine...

08 April 2007 The Sunday Times

[Family court secrecy is bad for children](#)

...disclosure of any information in **family** proceedings outside the **court** without specific permission...where a finding was made by a **family court** that the mother suffered from...this recent comment by a High **Court family** judge: "We cannot..."

Sarah Harman

02 November 2004 The Times

[Drugs baron found guilty](#)

...to supply drugs. The jury at Woolwich Crown **Court** deliberated on the two month case for 24 hours...eight woman, four man jury as they left the **court**. Several members of Wright's **family** who were in the public gallery burst into tears...

02 April 2007 Times Online

[Why we decided to let our broken son die](#)

...consultation with the **family** was crucial, the decision...it rested with the **court**. Professor Keith Andrews...primary care trust to the **family** division of the High **Court** to withdraw food and...grounds and we, his **family**, would be able to live...

25 March 2007 The Sunday Times

[Court protects lesbian pair's right to be family](#)

...suffered a setback yesterday when a **court** ruled that removing a lesbian couple breached their right to **family** life. Three **Court** of Appeal judges allowed Emine...8220;stable and committed **family**" in Smethwick, West...

11 April 2006 The Times

Curry feud hots up as family returns to court

...renewed hostilities at the High **Court**. The sequel to the long-running...163;8 million out-of-**court** settlement, announced in **court** six months ago, has reopened the wounds that have torn the **family** apart. Amid heated exchanges...

Michael Horsnell

06 October 2004 The Times

Is Noel Edmonds right about the protection of child witnesses?

...abuse cases in the **family court** they usually are...give evidence, into **family** proceedings where...be allowed. The **Court** of Appeal said that...relevant." The **Court** of Appeal sought...saying that, in **family** matters, the welfare...

Stephen Gerlis

01 March 2007 Times Online

Entire family murdered out of greed, court hears

...live abroad with his **family**. "Three generations of a **family** were executed - deliberately...Mr Horwell told the **court**. "They intended to...Mr Chohan and his **family** vanished from their...February last year. The **court** heard that Mr Chohan...

08 November 2004 Times Online

Police rebuked for failure to help couple killed by bullies

...bullying by a disturbed and dysfunctional **family**. Police failed to visit Mrs Cochrane...jailed for 11 years by Manchester Crown **Court** for her part in pursuing a playground...acted in good faith with the Cochrane **family**, and it is a matter of profound sadness...

Russell Jenkins

05 April 2007 The Times

The bright young things giving up gilded careers to fight apathy and corruption

...leaders or, increasingly, by criminal bosses. After the Supreme **Court** ordered all politicians to declare criminal records in 2003...to get involved in the big parties unless you have money or **family** connections," said Omendra Pratap Singh, 27, a graduate...

Jeremy Page

05 April 2007 The Times

Billie-Jo family in court split

...former deputy head tries to persuade a **court** to quash his conviction for murdering his...Hastings,

East Sussex, in 1997. Lewes Crown **Court** heard that he went shopping with daughters...s body on his return. In London the **Court** of Appeal was told yesterday that Lottie...

Michael Horsnell

29 June 2004 The Times

[Sally Clark found dead at family home](#)

...two sons, has died, her **family** announced tonight. Mrs Clark...Harry but was cleared by the **Court** of Appeal in 2003. A statement released by her **family** said: "It is with...that Sally Clark's **family** announces that Sally was found...

16 March 2007 Times Online

[Bullying court case led victim to lost family](#)

...described how the traumatic **court** case has led to one of the...the tracing of her lost **family**. Helen Green, who won her...that in preparation for the **court** case Deutsche Bank had investigated her **family** to see if her mother was a...

06 August 2006 The Sunday Times

[Role of family rights in immigration appeals](#)

...immigration law but relied on **family** rights under article...Home Department from the **Court** of Appeal (Lord Justice...respect for his or her **family** but also a positive duty...situations, the Strasbourg **court**, as ultimate guardian...dependent on others; their **family**, or extended **family**...

22 March 2007 The Times

[Court hears arguments for equal shares on divorce](#)

...Charman, told three **Court** of Appeal judges...divorce rulings that **family** assets should generally...case to the appeal **court** and has argued that...and a 70 million **family** trust should not...President of the **Family** Division, and leading...Wilson that the High **Court** judge was wrong in...

Michael Herman

07 March 2007 Times Online

[Tribunal to decide family rights](#)

Court of Appeal Published March 27...children had been resolved. The **Court** of Appeal so held in a reserved...would not breach her right to **family** life guaranteed by article 8...giving the judgment of the **court**, said that at the date of the...

27 March 2007 The Times

[Further tests are ordered to discover how Sally Clark died](#)

...the very sad history. The **family** will not be making any further...natural causes were found. No

family members were present at yesterday...grateful if you could express the **court**'s sympathy to Mrs Clark's **family** on her very, very sad death...

Helen Nugent

20 March 2007 The Times

Whether she went willingly or not, her removal broke a court order

...the Children and **Family Court** Advisory Support...blatant breach of the **court** order that had awarded...nonetheless, that the **family** courts in Pakistan...within the law. In **court**, Misbah would be...including those between **family** members, are coloured...

Alexandra Freaan

02 September 2006 The Times



Father beat wife and children to death

...after returning home from a **family** trip to the seaside, Manchester Crown **Court** was told yesterday.Rahan...divorcing her. He had sold the **family** home in Burnage, south Manchester...uncharacteristic generosity towards his **family**. Last July he began showering...

Russell Jenkins

28 February 2007 The Times

Secret justice: it's time to break the silence of the family courts

...public able to attend **family** proceedings before magistrates, the **Court** of Appeal and the...the Children and **Family Court** Advisory and Support...the consequences of **court** decisions will have...8221; Again, **family** members and children...

Frances Gibb

11 July 2006 The Times

Children's right to anonymity ended for family courts

...identifying children involved in **family court** cases, even after proceedings...website, recording ordinary **family** happenings. But Mr Clayton was barred by the High **Court** from using any **family** names or discussing matters...

Frances Gibb

28 June 2006 The Times

Judge calls for family courts to admit press

...ban on identifying children in **family court** cases, even after proceedings...allowing the media to

report **family court** proceedings would help to overturn...as a matter of routine give **family** judgments in open **court** with the names kept anonymous...

Frances Gibb

30 June 2006 The Times

Guilty until proved innocent: the grotesque reality of family courts

...Butler-Sloss, then head of the **Family** Division, the **court** orders that limit press coverage...for conviction. In a criminal **court**, you are innocent until proved...is beyond reasonable doubt. A **family court**, because it cannot imprison...

Camilla Cavendish

17 June 2006 The Times

Divorce wins protection from ex-husband's creditors

...Following a contested divorce, the **family court** awarded Wendy Haines a 100 per...Haines could not go back and ask the **family court** to increase her share of the settlement...Abraham, head of private client and **family** law at Russell Jones & Walker...

Michael Herman

02 February 2007 Times Online

Divorce laws that discredit our system

Today the **Court** of Appeal begins hearing...first opportunity the **Court** of Appeal has had...conflicting way in which **family** law cases are now...way, to the joint **family** wealth. That approach was encouraged by the **Court** of Appeal in May 2001...

Mark Harper

06 March 2007 The Times

Power to invite council to reconsider care plan

...delivering the judgment of the **court**, said that the mother...adoption outside the natural **family**. However, in highly...judicial review. The **court** had considerable sympathy...three children within the **family**. Their Lordships therefore...that not only did the **court** have the duty to scrutinise...

30 March 2007 The Times

Children's court service in crisis

A struggling **court** service for vulnerable children is...million. Staff at the Children and **Family Court** Advisory Service are also being told...workforce. Harry Fletcher, of NAPO, the **family court** union, said: "This financial...

18 August 2005 The Times

Judge urges warring neighbours to settle

...ruling at the county **court** last year, Mr Recorder...had cost him and his **family** privacy and led to the...be. Before the county **court** hearing, Mr McIlvenny...future generations of the **family**, that we get the boundary...obtain an interim county **court** possession order &mdash...

Michael Horsnell

30 March 2007

Abused wife who killed her husband shocks Bollywood

...had nowhere to turn. Her own **family** and her inlaws were unwilling...imprisonment at Lewes Crown **Court** on December 7, 1989. &ldquo...how they are owned and kept by **family** honour." Three years...women, put the case before the **Court** of Appeal. Led by Lord Taylor...

James Rossiter

03 April 2007 The Times

Legal aid reform threatens justice

...a year's struggle through the **court** system fare under these proposals? The...Bhatoa Chair, Solicitors Association Higher **Court** Advocates Steve Hynes Director, Law Centres...Anthony J. N. Kirk QC Chairman of the **Family** Law Bar Association Laura Janes Chair...

30 March 2007 The Times

Sister of 'honour victim' says she was threatened

...Kurdish woman allegedly murdered by her **family** in a so-called honour killing described...parents and her uncles, she told the **court**. "He said if I was your father...is alleged that she was murdered by her **family** because she had fallen in love with a...

Michael Horsnell

30 March 2007 The Times

Break-ups that court disaster

...took our grievances back to **court**. Most parents assume that **family** courts are there to help warring...8220;But I despise the **family court** welfare system. They have...the face of the Children and **Family Court** Advisory and Support Service...

11 November 2002 The Times

Court reform

...Sloss, President of the High **Court Family** Division, and of the second most...impression that the secrecy of the **family court** system allows injustice to be inflicted...some to doubt the integrity of **family court** decisions which have such profound...

10 January 2005 The Times

Court staff accuse protest fathers of militant tactics

...accused of attempting to intimidate **family court** workers who are involved in child custody cases. **Family court** staff have been denounced as child...at offices of the Children and **Family Court** Advisory and Support Service...

Court errors 'free fathers to kill'

...magistrates, expert witnesses, **family court** advisers and others who make contact...under the confidentiality rules in **family court** proceedings.” The report...Despite this, the proportion of **family court** cases where contact between father...

Alexandra Freaan

13 December 2004 The Times

Australian court allows sex change for 13-year-old

...questioned a landmark Australian **court** ruling allowing a 13-year-old...begin sex change treatment. The **Family Court** in Melbourne heard that the girl...It is the first time that the **family court** has allowed a minor to begin sex...

14 April 2004 Times Online

MPs to review court rules on divorce children

...with children, as part of a review of the **family court** system. They will look at whether **family court** judges have sufficient powers, whether...unduly delayed and whether those using the **family court** system get the service they deserve. Mr...

Frances Gibb

21 September 2004 The Times

Judge criticises 'selfish and vindictive' daughter in case of forged 18m will

...QC, a deputy High **Court** judge, made no findings...This was a dysfunctional **family**.”The **court** was told that the warring...unknown to the father, his **family** or friends, who was...only after he died. The **court** was told that Mr Supple...

16 February 2007 The Times

Judge denies exposure charges

...Justice Richards, who sits in the **Court** of Appeal, appeared at City of...Westminster Magistrates' **Court**, beginning on June 11. Lord...and in January ruled in a High **Court** case brought by the **family** of Jean Charles de Menezes, a...

08 March 2007 Times Online

Children's court move

...charge of the beleaguered children's **court** service. The Children and **Family Court** Advisory Service was set up by the Lord Chancellor...and Skills. Harry Fletcher, from Napo, the **family court** union, said: "We welcome the move..."

Frances Gibb

18 June 2003 The Times

Staff crisis hinders care for children in court

...report for the Children and **Family Court** Advisory Service (Cafcass...secretary of Napo, the **family court** and probation union...addition, a recent High **Court** challenge by two families...deal with cases in the **family** courts, despite the fact...

Frances Gibb

17 March 2003 The Times

Child court case expert witnesses face review

...called in care proceedings in the **family court**, which can lead to children being...that multiple cot deaths in the same **family** were likely to be murder has been...allowing a child to remain with its **family**. The result of 38 cases involving...

Alexandra Freaan

18 June 2004 The Times

Judge quits for being in contempt of court

...she has held for ten years, after a High **Court** judge ruled that she was in contempt of **court**. Yesterday she confirmed that she had tendered...Chancellor because she had passed sensitive **family court** papers to her sister, the Solicitor-General...

Frances Gibb

09 July 2004 The Times

80 of public support right to die with doctor's help

...exceptional circumstances can a **court** rule that feeding should cease...made legal history in 1993 when his **family** won a **court** case to have his feeding tube removed...die legal battle when the European **Court** ruled that she was not entitled...

Rosemary Bennett

24 January 2007 The Times

I'll fight to defend our family courts, vows Lady Woolf

...and chairman of the Richmond **Family Proceedings Court**, has put her name to a blistering...behind

the proposals was to set up **family court** centres separate from the criminal...and be replaced by three new **family court** centres, including the existing...

Frances Gibb

04 September 2003 Times Online

[Adoption could earn lesbian lover a fortune](#)

...challenged it successfully in probate **court** in Connecticut, where his father...conventional way of forming a **family**,” Mary Bonauto, a gay-rights lawyer, said. The **court** in Maine has heard a claim by the **family** trust that the judge who approved...

Tim Reid

27 February 2007 The Times

[Something rotten about the state of family law](#)

...be worth more than the **family** home. Ask any lawyer or judge to explain how any **court** will value a pension and...threats. The Child and **Family Court** Advisory and Support Service...recommendation to the **family court** on where a child should...

Martin Davis

07 October 2003 The Times

[Family courts under fire from angry parents and protesters](#)

...staff of the Child and **Family Courts** Advisory and Support...children’s **court** service was revealed recently...8212; usually to do with **family** violence and the pure...of fathers involved in **family court** proceedings, 0.8 per...

11 January 2005 The Times

[Comment: Melanie McDonagh: The hidden anger that can kill a whole family](#)

...is, in effect, father of their **family**. It’s a situation that...a history of violence towards his **family**, then he’s not fit to...afford the lawyers. Last week, a **family court** judge, Lord Justice Wall, observed...

08 February 2004 The Sunday Times

[The divorce lawyers who don't want to go to court](#)

...formerly the Solicitors **Family** Law Association (SFLA...confrontational resolutions of **family** disputes, with **court** kept as a last resort...was very important for **family** lawyers to help to secure...important to avoid a **court** battle. Support for...

18 January 2005 The Times

Managing the business of divorce

...party. In the case of A v A in 2004, the **Family** Division of the High **Court** pushed hard for a commercial solution to...company founded by her father, still within **family** ownership and control. The **court** recognised the dangers of a “snapshot...

30 January 2007 The Times

Husband and wife 're-married' in High Court

...oppressive" wife was nullified by a High **Court** judge today after the wife claimed...Mark Potter, President of the High **Court Family** Division, said he was allowing the...been a "deliberate deception" to a **court** by the husband, who claimed he did...

Michael Herman

26 June 2006 Times Online

Tearful boyfriend tells how family killed 'for honour'

...relationship brought dishonour on her Kurdish **family**. Rhamat Suleimani, 28, said he...said Mr Suleimani. He told the **court** that he was threatened by a gang which...maintained tight control over his **family** at their home in Mitcham, South London...

Steve Bird

15 March 2007 The Times

Spending review is good news for disabled children

...organisations representing disabled children — Contact a **Family**, Council for Disabled Children, Mencap and the Special Educational...Afterwards, Francine Bates, the chief executive of Contact a **Family**, and Brian Lamb, chair of the Special Education Consortium...

Rosemary Bennett

02 April 2007 The Times

Father of baby Charlotte barred from first family

...old from Birmingham has been caught up in **court** proceedings. He has a **court** order against him which prohibits him from seeing...indirect contact order, made by the Isle of Wight **Family** Proceedings **Court** in February last year, he can contact the children...

09 October 2004 The Times

A-Z of family life: the good granny

...answers. Don't prevaricate; give straight answers. Don't cross-examine **family** members — you are not in a **court** of law. Don't ask a question through a third party, eg, Granny to baby: “...

30 December 2006 The Times

Blunkett wins first court battle with lover over access to 'my son William'

...the case in the **Family** Division to go...Ryder said that the **court** must secure the...party asks this **court** for protection...his private and **family** life. I very much...their private and **family** lives." Outside **court**, Huw Evans, the...

Dominic Kennedy

04 December 2004 The Times

GMC v Meadow: judgment in full

...from giving evidence in **court** for fear of FTP proceedings...faced, especially in the **Family** Justice System, in persuading...involve themselves in **court** proceedings, particularly in cases before the **Family Court**."I quite understand...

26 October 2006 Times Online

Husband 'drove woman to suicide bridge'

...leap to her death, a **court** was told yesterday...asked members of her **family** to kill her. Doncaster Crown **Court** was told that her husband...begged him to drive the **family** off a cliff, and had...with her husband, the **court** was told. A few days...

Andrew Norfolk

16 January 2007 The Times

Court gives lesbian lover custody of daughters

...to make the decision against the **court**'s orders in the interests...heard the case in private at the High **Court Family** Division and allowed CW to take over...children. CG took the case to the **Court** of Appeal, where today Lord Justice...

Philippe Naughton

06 April 2006 Times Online

Norfolk County Council v Webster: judgment in full

...who have given evidence to the **family court** in the belief that it would remain...statutory restrictions on access to **family court** hearings. I shall confine my observations...who have given evidence to the **family court** in the belief that their evidence...

03 November 2006 Times Online

Lawyers take the lot as family keeps £1½m legacy feud going for 43 years

...years the Weston **family** of Stoke-on...been in and out of **court** arguing over a...Westons first went to

court over who should inherit the **family** signwriting business...s side of the **family**, argued in vain...lodged with the **court** before the balance...

Alan Hamilton

26 October 2006 The Times

[Couple who beat court secrecy can take baby home](#)

...future heard in open **court**. The move, which will...secrecy that shrouds the **family** courts. Speaking on...couple outside the High **Court** in London yesterday...selective report of the **family**.” The lawyer...Webster, emerging from the **court** hand-in-hand with...

Lucy Bannerman

04 November 2006 The Times

[Call for delay to legal aid plans](#)

...experienced solicitors. Sir Mark Potter, head of the High **Court Family** Division, said that he would like to see a year’s delay in reforms affecting **family** cases. The proposals risked rewarding “the...

Frances Gibb

24 January 2007 The Times

[Spouse wins £10m deal](#)

...from her husband after he discovered in December 2004 that she had committed adultery with his best friend, the High **Court family** division was told. Emma Hatley, a partner with Withers, said: “In this case the mid-nup deal was set...

19 January 2007 The Times

[Prime suspect](#)

...divorce, and fully aware that our **family court** system is a disaster –...anybody who was not a judge or a **family court** welfare officer would call capricious...issues like emotional literacy or **family court** reform. Increasingly these groups...

05 November 2006 The Sunday Times

[Appeal court backs £5 million divorce settlement](#)

...giving his ruling today at the **Court** of Appeal, admitted that his ruling...young - he is 41 and she is 35 - the **court** had taken into account the fact that...163;2 million," he said.High **Court family** division judge Mr Justice Singer...

29 July 2005 Times Online

Need for true record of family law

...disappointed. The sheer scale of **family** law activity means that one reporter...percentage of cases. The majority of **family** law cases will remain unreported...for a comprehensive record of **court** proceedings to be kept in **family** law cases and to be made available...

15 October 2006 The Sunday Times

Letter: High Court ruling on baby Charlotte

...been recognised by the High **Court**, the notion of what is in a...Human Rights enjoins respect for **family** life. The refusal to preserve...undoubtedly, an interference with **family** life. Finally, the European **Court** of Human Rights emphasised in...

Richard Gordon

13 October 2004 Times Online

How proof of our marital fidelity collapsed overnight

...to have a second, secret, **family** in Darlington!" Since...just want to live as a normal **family**." Three of the couple...under the laws covering same-**family** relationships, and the couple...take the case to the European **Court** of Human Rights. And of course...

Caitlin Moran

12 March 2007

Family win right to sue police for unlawful killing

...decision of the High **Court**. The Ashley **family** solicitors, Deighton...the door for the **family** to put the Chief...trial at the High **Court** for unlawfully killing...Anthony said the **family** should be permitted...battery issue to **court** "if only in order...

27 July 2006 Times Online

Family loses life support case

A Scottish Muslim **family** failed at the High **Court** to stop doctors taking...support machine. The **family**, who cannot be named...visiting Pakistan, the **court** was told. He rapidly...to die. However, the **family** say they have evidence...

27 August 2005 The Times

Government's inescapable responsibility for the family courts

...senior judge of the **Family** Division has observed...draconian that the **court** can make (report...long as a year for a **court** to determine their future. But the **family** courts are severely...judicial manpower and **court** space. Removing the...

30 December 2006 The Times

CJD families in court battle for new drugs

...ethical questions brought before a **court** in recent years. The first hearings...hidden behind a sweeping High **Court** injunction that has banned any...judges and who is president of the **family** division of the High **Court**. To date, most variant CJD victims...

Lois Rogers; Jonathan Leake

01 December 2002 The Sunday Times

Christening party killer stabbed woman to death two weeks later

...Ealing, Hammersmith, and West London College in Barons **Court**. She was a refugee who had fled war-torn Sierra Leone in search of a better life. Outside **court** her **family** made an impassioned plea for communities to help end...

Steve Bird

19 January 2007 The Times

Murder conviction is quashed after 14 years

...his innocence and was at the **Court** of Appeal to hear the 1993 conviction...s case was referred to the **Court** of Appeal by the Criminal Cases...8221;. Mr Adams, whose **family** and supporters were at the High **Court** to celebrate his release, said...

Andrew Norfolk

13 January 2007 The Times

Judge orders doctors to use 'wake-up drug' on woman

...decision by the country's senior **family court** judge. The decision has been made despite...surroundings. Despite the wishes of the **family**, Sir Mark Potter, president of the high **court's** **family** division, ruled this month that doctors...

20 November 2006 Times Online

Rise in child abuse cases puts pressure on legal aid budget

...which is shared by senior **family** judges, has led to the...hearings that result in a **court** order. About 3,000...by cutting fees paid to **family** lawyers. "There...Cafcass, the Children and **Family Court** Advisory and Support Service...

Frances Gibb

28 December 2006 The Times

Catchphrase that convicts overanxious mothers

...guarantees that they will never be a **family** again. And the "confession...subjected to ritual satanic abuse. A **family court** judge quickly rubbished the "...judgment of the Queensland (Australia) **Court** of Appeal, in 2004, that "...

John Batt

07 November 2006 The Times

Family

...profession's position on **family** law The Department for Constitutional...publications on policies affecting **family** lawMARRIAGEAdvice from the Citizens...explaining how you can avoid **court** by using **family** mediationAdvice from DirectGovLeaflets...

02 October 2006 Times Online

Court battles over children may ease

...children are caught unnecessarily in **court** battles. The Government should order...of the child." A High **Court family** judge, Mrs Justice Bracewell, said...would achieve savings in money and **court** time; it should produce much better...

Frances Gibb

20 October 2003 The Times

'Justice can only be done in court' - McCartney sisters

...themselves. For this **family** it would only be in **court**, where transparency...be done."It is the **family**'s position...again it is only in a **court** that the truth will...haunting her and the **family** for five weeks: why...

09 March 2005 Times Online

Court battle over hospital that wants to let baby die

...medical experts and is seeking a High **Court** ruling allowing them not to resuscitate...s parents want it to be in open **court**, arguing that it raises issues of...a preliminary hearing of the High **Court Family** Division tomorrow. Charlotte...

Sarah-Kate Templeton; Lois Rogers

26 September 2004 Times Online

Teenager found guilty of London father murder

...since the attack, the **court** heard that a group of...per week to support his **family**, confronted the group...with him." The **court** heard that minutes later...In a statement made in **court** after today's guilty...for - we were a young **family** getting started in life...

David Byers

27 March 2007 Times Online

Clark 'never got over jail injustice'

...statement, Clark's **family** said: "Sally was found...fees, her husband had sold the **family** home in Wilmslow, Cheshire...rdquo; Meadow told the **court** that the chance of two cot deaths happening in the same **family** was "one in 73m”...

Richard Woods; Steven Swinford

18 March 2007 The Sunday Times

Family justice system under siege

...contact disputes. Other issues will include whether **family** cases in the County **Court** and High **Court** should be conducted more openly...and relationships, but where we only get a major **family** statute once ever ten years or so. When it comes...

22 June 2004 The Times

Family dispute divides an empire

...children. The divided **family** reached an out-of-**court** settlement last...dissipating the **family** fortune. The dispute...s out-of-**court** settlement avoided...Hong Kong. The **family** fortunes appear...was described in **court** documents as a...

John Burns

23 February 2003 The Sunday Times

Family outrage as woman walks free

...daughter, said the **family** was distraught at his...8221; she said. The **family** was unhappy about the...portrayal throughout the **court** case. Galvin wanted...Vaughan's **family** with a knife. The **court** was told he had been...

Richard Oakley

26 October 2003 The Sunday Times

News in Brief

...claimed that when calling his **family** it was a constant reminder that...of his human rights and the **Court** of Session in Edinburgh agreed...right to "respect for **family** life and correspondence”...terrorism charges has lost his High **Court** battle against extradition...

21 March 2007 The Times

Sally Clark 'probably died of natural causes'

...statement after her death, Ms Clark's **family** attributed it partly to the effects...14-month period at Chester Crown **Court** in 1999. However, her conviction...natural unexplained cot deaths in one **family** were 73 million to one. However medical...

David Byers

19 March 2007 Times Online

Family joy of the mother jailed for killing her sons

...daughter, Jade, was lifted in the **Family** Division of the High **Court**, enabling publication of the...8221;. Meanwhile, at the **family** home, her devoted husband, Terry...April 2002 at Winchester Crown **Court**. She said she had been “...

Michael Horsnell

24 January 2004 The Times

Sally Clark

...Manchester living with her large **family** in a detached house in a smart...with a view to having a large **family** and had a son, Christopher...difficulties and a nosebleed while the **family** where on a visit to London...which began at Chester Crown **Court** in October 1999. The following...

19 March 2007

Teenager murdered father who stood up to gang's threats

...after being shot outside the **family** home in Custom House, East...was scared for himself and his **family** and afraid to go out. Miss...impact statement was read to the **court**. Mr Woodhams had been taunted...remain with Peter's **family** and many friends at this very...

28 March 2007 The Times

Daughter wins 2.5m land row with father

...half of the farm. She claimed at the High **Court** that her father had browbeaten her into...when he was drunk. Mr Walker told the **court** that his daughter had affairs with several...judgment may have a devastating effect on the **family**.” He added that the bitterness...

Marcus Leroux

23 March 2007 The Times

Social worker dragged from court after black-gang rant

A **social** worker responsible for two teenage members...screamed at him: “I'm a **social** worker. I've just lost my job...children's home run by Harrow **social services** when they committed the robberies. One...

David Brown; Steve Bird

20 March 2007 The Times

Should social services intervene over obese children?

26 February 2007 Times Online

Time for tougher talk on financing public services

...running health, education and **social services** on behalf of Government has been...provision of health, education and **social services** a pipe dream? Definitely not...parties know they will not tackle **social** problems without it, and any...

Rosemary Bennett

12 March 2007

Police probe ‘web torture’ at top school

...period of about a year. Council **social services** and police officers specialising...being investigated by police and **social services**, we can say that when similar...examined in cooperation with **social services** who did not find a case to answer...

Jack Grimston

01 April 2007 The Sunday Times

Murdered girl, 7, was failed by Birmingham social services

BIRMINGHAM **social services** department was so understaffed at...assistant chief inspector at the **Social Services** Inspectorate, concluded that failings...training resources were put into **social services**. Margaret Hodge, the Children...

Alexandra Freaan

30 April 2004 The Times

Council ‘sorry’ for tortured children

...weren't raised with **social services** by medical staff such as GPs and...were never alone with doctors or **social** workers. She adopted two and became guardian of the third, and **social services** stopped visiting. The children...

Simon De Bruxelles

22 March 2007 The Times

Why public health falls off radar

...report, 68 per cent of **social services** departments maintain that...picking up more costs after **social services** tightened its eligibility...identify overlaps and gaps in **services** provided by the NHS and **social** care. But the collaboration...

27 March 2007 The Times

Exclusive: Parents buying body armour for children after teen murders

...ldquo;The violence is going to get worse. The Government thinks it is a policing problem but it is a **social** problem and the **social services** are at breaking point. "A robust solution is needed or the street violence is going to have...

27 March 2007 Times Online

The top stories

...rdquo; and were not sufficiently challenging. 5 Local **social services** are being affected by the NHS cash crisis, according...said. 10 Would-be students will be asked about their **social** background, Ucas, the university admissions body...

20 March 2007 The Times

Jehovah's Witness tortured foster children

...children at home and forced them to lie to doctors and **social** workers. One of her foster children, identified only...children had been placed with Spry by Gloucestershire **Social Services** and lived with her between 1986 and 2005. Child A.....

Simon De Bruxelles

21 March 2007 The Times

'I don't know why I was given to that lady'

...Nigerian naira (5 to 10) a month for one child's **services**, depending on his or her age, strength and the type of...to name him. Even though she is now being supported by **social services**, she is too scared to press charges.

23 March 2007 The Times

News in Brief

...Chancellor. Problem families Problem families are costing the taxpayer up to 250,000 each a year when bills for **social services**, prison, exclusion from school and drug treatment are added together. Ministers have identified 140,000 families...

20 March 2007 The Times

Sentenced to rot in their failed schools

...mean extreme sports or adventure holidays. People usually harrumph with indignation at delinquents being taken by **social services** on expensive rock-climbing and whitewater rafting adventures, like rich kids. But these things develop character...

Minette Marrin

25 March 2007 The Sunday Times

NHS and social services treat over-65's as 'second class citizens'

...citizens" by hospitals and the **social services**, according to a major study of...such as poorer quality, fewer **services** and less support." the report...that it was shocking that so many **social services** departments were still failing...

Sam Knight

27 March 2006 Times Online

Adult social services start to feel the pinch

...approach to efficiency savings, with adult **social services** feeling the Gershon squeeze. Corporate **services** are also a target, reports the Local...total savings are being made in adult **social services**, making it the biggest single savings...

31 May 2005 The Times

Cuts in social services and jobs to make the budgets fit the cap

...figures by making severe cuts in **social services**, library **services** and road...because of an increased demand on **social services** and a 6.5 per cent increase...150 authorities which provide **social services** have had budget increases of...

Jill Sherman; Will Pavia

20 February 2006 The Times

Alarm over sick staff in social services

...estimated 20,000 local authority **social services** staff were signed off work for...cent average turnover of council **social services** staff in 2004. Boosting the confidence...for Skills for Care, an adult **social** care training body. As an editorial...

19 April 2005 The Times

Victoria Climbié and social services

...it would be to whip up anti-**social services** attitudes in our friends, acquaintances...What exactly do we expect **social services** to achieve within the severely...in his condemnation of senior **social services** management. However, a fundamental...

Charles M. Hill

03 February 2003 The Times

Troublesome boy left at roadside by social services

...to a dual carriageway because **social services** staff could not cope with his behaviour. Staff from Coventry **social services** who had taken a group of children...posts were being cut within **social services** to save £500,000...

Sam Coates

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19 April 2005 The Times

Health News in Brief: half of social services fail children; patient dies ...

Half of **social services** fail children Children are still...Inspectorate of Constabulary and the **Social Services** Inspectorate said: "Sixty-seven **social services** departments (45 per cent of the...

11 October 2003 Times Online

Children failed by social services, says Booth

THE Prime Minister's wife castigates the Government today over the failure of the **social services** to protect children from death and neglect. In an article in The Times to coincide with a test legal challenge today against the...

Frances Gibb

12 November 2002 The Times

Climbis sue social services and police

...aunt's boyfriend, are suing police, hospitals and **social** service departments for failing to protect their daughter...Laming revealed repeated failures by police, medical staff and **social** workers. Francis and Berthe Climbié will soon return...

Stewart Tandler

22 February 2003 The Times

Labour is throttling the charity golden goose

...constantly explained, to provide what **social services** wanted which was quite different...different people, different **services**. Our original ideal became politically...that people really want but that **social services** orthodoxy doesn't approve...

Minette Marrin

11 March 2007 The Sunday Times

Overweight boy allowed to stay with family

...child has been allowed to stay with his family by **social services** who could have taken the radical decision to place...his age, was told the news today by North Tyneside **social services**. Connor, from Wallsend, North Tyneside, weighed...

27 February 2007 Times Online

Fat boy may be put in care

...register. The intervention of **social services** is a landmark in the fight against...police officer and at least two **social** workers are expected to be on the...health experts, school nurses and **social** workers to weigh and measure him...

Sarah-Kate Templeton

25 February 2007 The Sunday Times

Care home closed amid inquiry into seven ‘suspicious’ deaths

...police investigation was made public, the Commission for **Social** Care Inspection ordered the closure of the home, which...rdquo; The head of the council’s adult **social services** department, Clare Steel, was answering the door at...

Simon De Bruxelles

16 March 2007 The Times

Thousands face pay cut under new equality law

...reduced. Higher-paid white-collar female workers and **social services** staff could also lose money so that salary rises for...council tax bills next year and further cuts in NHS **services**. Phil Woolas, the Local Government Minister, is...

- **This cruel lottery**

- Observer, Sunday July 2 2000

Britain has the highest divorce rate in Europe, but its legal arrangements for dealing with family breakdown are a lottery. As we report today, parental access and contact with children hangs too frequently on advocacy and the prejudices of individual judges and welfare officers rather than the merits of each case. The system was never designed to handle the current volume (...)

(...) their record. From next April probation officers, guardians ad litem, court welfare officers and family courts will all be part of the Children and (...)

Family courts must be more open More about welfare (...)

- **Judges reassess secrecy of family courts after ex-lover tells all**

- Guardian, Wednesday November 7 2001

- Paul Kelso

The secrecy of family courts may be swept away by the appeal court this week after the opening of a case that could have profound implications for individual privacy. Ivan Allan, a multi-millionaire racehorse owner and trainer, yesterday began appeal proceedings aimed at overturning a ruling this year that allowed his former partner to publish details of their relationship (...)

The secrecy of family courts may be swept away by the appeal court this week (...)

- **Family courts' veil of secrecy will lift to win back public confidence**

- Guardian, Monday December 5 2005
- Clare Dyer, legal editor

The curtain of secrecy hiding what goes on in the family courts of England and Wales is to be lifted, after concerns from senior judges and MPs that it damages public confidence in the administration of justice, the Guardian has learned. The move follows claims by parents accused of child abuse and by divorced fathers denied the right to see their children that the courts are (...)

The curtain of secrecy hiding what goes on in the family courts of England and Wales is to be lifted, after concerns (...)

- **Tories promise family court shake-up**

- Guardian Unlimited, Tuesday October 5 2004
- Hélène Mulholland in Bournemouth

The Tories pledged today to scrap the beleaguered family court service in a bid to ensure fathers and grandparents get better access to their children. In a clear nod to the cause championed by activist group Fathers4Justice, the shadow spokeswoman for families, Theresa May, promised to axe the Children and Family Court Advisory Support Service (Cafcass). In a separate move, (...)

The Tories pledged today to scrap the beleaguered family court service in a bid to ensure fathers and grandparents get (...)

- **Appeal court rewrites family law**

- Guardian, Thursday May 24 2001
- Clare Dyer, legal correspondent

Three appeal court judges yesterday rewrote the 1989 Children Act to give judges power to check on whether social workers are properly carrying out plans for children in care. Lords Justices Thorpe and Sedley and Lady Justice Hale ruled that the courts have a duty under the Human Rights Act to ensure rights guaranteed by the act are not infringed. Neil Garnham, counsel for (...)

(...) plans breached parents' rights to access to a court and to respect for their private and family life, guaranteed by the Human Rights Act. (...)

- **The media's role in our family courts**

- Guardian, Monday March 26 2007

When Charles Falconer says of the handful of children who participated in the Department for

Constitutional Affairs consultation on family court transparency that "They are clear - crystal clear - that they do not want the family court filled with people who have no involvement in proceedings" he is expressing the view of the government, not of those children (Ministers (...))

(...) children who participated in the Department for Constitutional Affairs consultation on family court transparency that "They are clear - crystal clear - that they do (...)

- **Ministers rethinking plan to open family courts to media**

- Guardian, Thursday March 22 2007
- Clare Dyer, legal editor

The government is having second thoughts about its proposal to open family courts to the media, in the face of strong opposition from children's groups and others, the lord chancellor signalled last night. A consultation paper last July proposed the media should be allowed into the family courts as of right, with reporting restrictions to protect families' confidentiality. (...)

The government is having second thoughts about its proposal to open family courts to the media, in the face of strong opposition from (...)

- **Court heeds right-to-die family's plea**

- Guardian Unlimited, Wednesday December 6 2006

A woman in a persistent vegetative state will be allowed to die after an attempt to wake her up with an experimental drug failed, the high court ruled today. Doctors have been granted permission to withdraw life-sustaining treatment from the 53-year-old woman, referred to only as J, after she failed to respond to the drug zolpidem, which has caused patients in a permanent (...)

(...) vegetative state to awake. Sir Mark Potter, president of the high court's family division, gave the go-ahead for a three-day trial (...)

- **Family courts to poll children about ending secret hearings**

- Observer, Sunday August 27 2006
- Amelia Hill, culture and society correspondent

Children are to be asked whether family courts, which rule on the lives of 400,000 children and families every year, should continue to be run behind closed doors. Constitutional Affairs minister Harriet Harman has admitted that the 80-year-old regime of secrecy that protects the courts has led to a failure of public confidence and a collapse of trust in their workings. On (...)

Children are to be asked whether family courts, which rule on the lives of 400,000 children and (...)

- **Justice must be seen to be done in family courts**

- Observer, Sunday August 27 2006
- Leader

Sometimes, families malfunction so badly that the state must step in. In the most extreme cases, that means separating children from their parents. That is not a moral supposition, it is a fact, albeit one which many people find uncomfortable. It is also a fact that the number of families needing intervention has grown significantly since the rules governing family courts (...)

(...) of families needing intervention has grown significantly since the rules governing family courts were established half-a-century ago. As the volume of (...)

- **Plans to open up family courts unveiled**

- Guardian Unlimited, Tuesday July 11 2006
- Mark Oliver

The government today announced plans to open up family courts, making information about their decisions more readily available and allowing greater media access. The plans - outlined in a consultation paper published by the Department for Constitutional Affairs (DCA) - would make courts retain detailed records that the affected children could obtain when they became adults. (...)

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- **Family courts 'should be more open'**

- Observer, Sunday June 11 2006
- Ned Temko, chief political correspondent

The government is being urged by MPs to open up family court proceedings as a way of restoring confidence in decisions on adoption, custody and contact with children. In a report published today, the Commons Constitutional Affairs Committee says proceedings should be closed only where it is necessary to 'protect the child and the interest of justice'. A number of groups, most

- **Harman hints at more transparency to raise confidence in family courts**

- Guardian, Monday April 10 2006
- Clare Dyer, legal editor

The cash-for-peerages scandal could have an unexpected by-product: opening up the family courts to public scrutiny. Harriet Harman, who took over responsibility for family courts in a reshuffle of ministerial responsibilities provoked by the row, has vetoed publication of a consultation paper on the issue which the Department for Constitutional Affairs (DCA) was on the verge (...)

(...) peerages scandal could have an unexpected by-product: opening up the family courts to public scrutiny. Harriet Harman, who took over responsibility for (...)

- **Pilot scheme allows families to tell court of their suffering**

- Guardian, Thursday February 23 2006
- Clare Dyer, legal editor

The families of murder and manslaughter victims will be allowed to speak out in court for the first time about the impact of the death on their lives under a pilot scheme which gets under way in April in five crown courts in England and Wales. Those who prefer not to speak in person will be able to ask a victim's advocate to speak on their behalf after the killer's (...)

The families of murder and manslaughter victims will be allowed to speak out in court for the first time (...)

- **Family court delays 'put children at risk'**

- Guardian Unlimited, Thursday December 15 2005
- David Batty

Vulnerable children in London are being put at risk because seven out of 10 family court cases are being delayed for up to six months, the Law Society warned today. Those affected by the delays include children caught up in custody battles or awaiting adoption and women seeking protection from violent partners, according to research by the society. Its survey of 100 lawyers (...)

(...) London are being put at risk because seven out of 10 family court cases are being delayed for up to six months, the (...)

- **Pilot scheme to cut family court battles flops**

- Guardian, Tuesday November 22 2005
- Clare Dyer, legal editor

A scheme the government hoped would cut the number of bitter court battles between divorced and separated parents over contact with their children has flopped because so few couples agreed to take part. The 12-month family resolutions pilot project was tried out at three courts at a cost to the taxpayer of £300,000. But only 62 couples went into the scheme and only 31 (...)

(...) agreed to take part. The 12-month family resolutions pilot project was tried out at three courts at a cost to the taxpayer (...)

- **Reforms will worsen family court delays, say lawyers**

- Guardian Unlimited, Monday November 7 2005
- David Batty and Sue Learner

Reform of the troubled national agency that represents children in the family courts will increase delays in allocating professional guardians to protect their welfare and interests, senior lawyers warned today. Plans by the Children and Family Court Advisory and Support Service (Cafcass) to extend the duties of children's guardians would undermine what little progress had (...)

Reform of the troubled national agency that represents children in the family courts will increase delays in allocating professional guardians to protect their (...)

- **Geldof asked to save family courts from angry fathers**

- Observer, Sunday October 12 2003
- Gaby Hinsliff, chief political correspondent

Bob Geldof, the rock star and campaigner for divorced fathers' rights, is to be consulted by the Government on a shake-up of the family courts to ward off growing anger among men separated from their children. Constitutional Affairs Minister Lord Filkin admitted a 'rethink' is needed to ensure that disputes between parents over access to their children are resolved faster (...)

(...) be consulted by the Government on a shake-up of the family courts to ward off growing anger among men separated from their (...)

- **Family court service chief executive sacked after row**

- Guardian, Friday July 26 2002
- Clare Dyer, legal correspondent

The head of the £70m government agency which looks after children in the court system has been sacked after an eight month disciplinary inquiry. Diane Shepherd was suspended on full pay last November from her £80,000-a-year job as chief executive of the children and family court advisory and support service (Cafcass), less than a year after she was appointed in (...)

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- **Rows in the family courts**

- Guardian, Friday May 11 2001

Dave Young (Letters, May 10) accurately summarised the intention of Cafcass, the new children and family court advisory and support service, to curtail the ability of children's guardians to provide crucial welfare advocacy to some of our most vulnerable children. Its plans threaten the provision of a vital independent safety net for children who are entering, or are likely (...)

(...) 10) accurately summarised the intention of Cafcass, the new children and family court advisory and support service, to curtail the ability of (...)

- **Court starts work on family violence**

- Guardian, Tuesday June 8 1999
- Martin Wainwright

The stories were the same - a slapped girlfriend, a smashed telephone, a drunken tirade - but there was something different in court six at Leeds magistrates yesterday. Bench chairman Leslie Fielding repeatedly told defendants, plaintiffs and lawyers: "There's a whole range of agencies here today which can help with support, advice and counselling, if you feel that would

- **Children get say on family courts**

- Guardian, Friday September 1 2006
- Tania Branigan, political correspondent

Children will have their say on plans to make family courts more responsive to their needs, Harriet Harman, minister for family justice, announced yesterday. The government is asking young people whether judges should ask their views and tell them courts' decisions and whether they should have their own legal representation in divorce cases. The Department for Constitutional (...)

Children will have their say on plans to make family courts more responsive to their needs, Harriet Harman, minister for family (...)

- **Families of Shipman's victims go to high court for open inquiry**

- Guardian, Wednesday June 28 2000
- Clare Dyer, legal correspondent

Families of 55 victims of the serial killer Harold Shipman went to the high court yesterday to try to

force the health secretary, Alan Milburn, to hold a public inquiry into how Shipman was able to evade notice for so long. QCs for 113 relatives and for eight national newspaper groups and the BBC branded as "irrational" the decision by Mr Milburn to hold the inquiry behind (...)

Families of 55 victims of the serial killer Harold Shipman went to the high court yesterday to try to (...)

- **Sally Clark, mother wrongly convicted of killing her sons, found dead at home**

- Guardian, Saturday March 17 2007
- Thair Shaikh

Sally Clark, the solicitor wrongly convicted of murdering her two baby sons, was found dead by her family at her home yesterday. Mrs Clark, 42, who served three years of a life sentence after being found guilty of smothering 11-week-old Christopher in 1996 and shaking eight-week-old Harry to death two years later, died during the night, said Sue Stapeley, a spokeswoman for (...)

(...) was found dead by her family at her home yesterday. Mrs...been convicted at Chester crown court in 1999. When Christopher (...)

(...) 183; Family says she never recovered from court case · Cause of death to be determined (...)

- **'The status quo is not an option'**

- Guardian, Monday November 6 2006
- Chris Smith

They are probably some of the most secretive courts in the land, dealing with highly delicate issues and individuals, but should the family courts in England and Wales be more open to journalists? It is a contentious question that has long divided expert opinion but is now, once again, under the microscope. Last week, the high court took the rare step of lifting reporting (...)

(...) some of the most secretive courts in the land, dealing with highly delicate issues and individuals, but should the family courts in England and (...)

The opening of the family courts to journalists will provide a rich source of stories, but (...)

- **Judge says couple accused of abuse can have their youngest child back**

- Guardian, Saturday November 4 2006
- David Pallister

A high court child protection case was opened to the media for the first time yesterday to hear the fate of five-month-old Brandon Webster whose parents have had their three other children taken into adoption after allegations of abuse. The hearing in the high court - after a gagging order on their names was lifted - was told that Brandon could return with his parents, Mark, (...)

(...) assessment home. Anticipating the government's desire to open up the family courts to more scrutiny, the Websters' claims led Mr Justice Munby (...)

(...) 183; Family court opened to the media for first time · Council says (...)

- **In the shadows of justice**

- Guardian, Monday June 19 2006
- John Sweeney

In Tom Stoppard's play, Night and Day, Guthrie, the old hack, questions whether any story is worth

dying for. And then from the bottom of his cynicism out it comes: "I've been around a lot of places. People do awful things to each other. But it's worse in places where everybody is kept in the dark. It really is. Information is light. Information, in itself, about anything, (...)

(...) social". Social services departments have the power to go to the family courts and take all your children away, for ever, without a (...)

The government has announced plans to open up the opaque family courts system. John Sweeney reports on the parents who are caught (...)

- **Court battles over children to be cut under early intervention proposals**

- Guardian, Monday May 22 2006
- Clare Dyer, legal editor

Warring ex-partners will no longer be given free rein to wage lengthy and damaging court battles over their children, under proposals to be unveiled to judges today. The blueprint for radical change will see many fewer cases reaching court and a move to early intervention to try to reach workable solutions that take more account of children's needs and feelings. If the judges (...)

(...) needs and feelings. If the judges approve, Cafcass, the Children and Family Court Advisory and Support Service, will spend much less time drawing (...)

(...) 183; Family court service urged to 'sort it, not report it' · Blueprint (...)

- **Open or shut case**

- Guardian, Wednesday April 19 2006
- Interviews by Mark Gould

Ian Johnston Director, British Association of Social Workers I have some sympathy with the objectives of removing barriers and sharing information, but this is a sensitive area and more openness raises serious questions. Children have a right to be protected from information being inappropriately shared with others. There are anomalies in the family court system. If it seems (...)

(...) information being inappropriately shared with others. There are anomalies in the family court system. If it seems reasonable to be able to complain (...)

The government has delayed a consultation on opening up the family courts by allowing cases to be heard in public. Is more (...)

- **When care rather than court is best for young offenders**

- Guardian, Monday December 12 2005
- Clare Dyer, legal editor

Britain must act to stop child offenders hardening into lifelong criminals or risk a legacy of "totally unmanageable juvenile crime", the former head of the family justice system in England and Wales, warns today. Dame Elizabeth Butler-Sloss, who retired in April, has seen a lot in 35 years as a judge, from "14 or 15-year-old boys who raped their grandmother or someone else's (...)

(...) first major interview since she retired as president of the high court's family division, she told the Guardian she believes that some youngsters (...)

Too many children being criminalised, says former head of family (...)

- **Time to open up**
 - Guardian Unlimited, Tuesday July 19 2005
 - Edgar Forbes

While many may criticise the General Medical Council's decision to strike off Sir Roy Meadow, those affected by his flawed evidence will be able to gain some solace from the fact he has been brought to book. Few will deny that Prof Meadow had a distinguished career and contributed to child health. However it was his transition from experienced paediatrician to an expert on (...)

(...) a jury in court as an expert witness whose testimony holds the freedom of a mother and future of her family in hand (...)

Greater media access to family courts would improve the justice process and provide for scrutiny of (...)

- **The Guardian profile: Elizabeth Butler-Sloss**
 - Guardian, Friday November 12 2004
 - Clare Dyer

These are testing times in the family courts. Angry fathers barred from seeing their children throw condoms filled with purple powder at the prime minister and scale the facade of Buckingham Palace. Dame Elizabeth Butler-Sloss can't even get away from it all at weekends. Unhappy demonstrators picket her home and heap blame on her and other judges like her for the system's (...)

These are testing times in the family courts. Angry fathers barred from seeing their children throw condoms filled (...)

The president of the high court's family division is facing a hard time from Fathers4Justice, which has (...)

- **Stand up for your rights, minister tells fathers**
 - Guardian, Thursday October 28 2004
 - Lucy Ward, education correspondent

Fathers should spend more time alone with their children in order to strengthen relationships and help ensure bonds are not broken if parents split up, the minister charged with easing the pain of custody battles said yesterday. In his first interview since moving to the education department last month as children and families minister, Lord Filkin told the Guardian that (...)

(...) and families minister, Lord Filkin told the Guardian that forthcoming government reforms to help divorcing parents resolve child contact disputes without prolonged court (...)

(...) in charge of family policy, Lord Filkin says men must make time for their children - and not be cowed by the (...)

- **Judge backs angry fathers over contact with children**

Guardian, Friday April 2 2004

Clare Dyer, legal correspondent

A high court judge yesterday launched an extraordinary attack on the family justice system for failing separated fathers and their children. Mr Justice Munby, a respected judge of the Family Division, said he was going public with a judgment following a private hearing, while keeping the parties anonymous,

because judges needed to "face up honestly" to the failings of the (...)

A high court judge yesterday launched an extraordinary attack on the family justice system for failing separated fathers (...)

Call for sweeping changes to family justice system after 'shameful' court (...)

- **Britain takes a crash course in happy families**

Observer, Sunday February 22 2004

Martin Bright

At the age of two Rebecca Abbott had already featured in the local Barnsley paper as a problem child. By 2002, when she was seven, her mother Tracy was convinced 'she was a child that wasn't going to be tamed'. Rebecca was screaming until 3am and ripping plaster off walls. 'Her Dad had left. She saw a lot of things that she shouldn't have,' said Tracy. When she was told about (...)

(...) powers coming into force this week will allow courts and local authorities to intervene in families judged as dysfunctional. The powers will build (...)

Sweeping powers to allow the courts to intervene in problem families come into force this week.

Martin Bright reports (...)

- **'The system has serious faults'**

Guardian, Tuesday February 17 2004

Clare Dyer

Last week Channel 4's political award went to Dr David Kelly, the viewers' choice for "the person who made the most important contribution to British politics in 2003". The runners-up were Robin Cook, Tony Blair, George Galloway, Benjamin Zephaniah - and David Chick. Chick was the 37-year-old father who spent six days in the news last November, dressed as Spiderman atop a (...)

(...) court of appeal last month after 11 years as a high court family division judge, noted in a recent judgment: "The court system (...)

A growing number of fathers are protesting that family courts are not giving them a fair deal. Lord Justice Wall (...)

- **Tragedies spark action on fathers who kill**

Observer, Sunday March 30 2003

Gaby Hinsliff, chief political correspondent

A major review of the safety of children caught up in bitter divorces is to be launched following a string of killings by fathers. Ministers want to identify 'flashpoints' and trends that may help to prevent future deaths. Court forms will also be altered so that any history of violent behaviour is raised at the earliest possible stage when ruling on visiting rights. The (...)

(...) in cases of children murdered by their parents in such circumstances. Family courts, social workers and others will be forced to re-examine (...)

Family courts will be alerted to signs of violence that put children (...)

- **Poisonous parenting**

Guardian, Tuesday October 1 2002

Maureen Freely

We don't have the names. But the basic story goes like this. About two years ago, a multi-millionaire and his brother had a "profound quarrel." Soon afterwards, the brother went to visit the multi-millionaire's ex-wife. He told her that she was endangering her son if she let him have any contact with his father: the man, he said, was a homosexual alcoholic drug addict who (...)

(...) mother said that was fine by her. The father went to court. Family courts are closed courts and what happens inside them is (...)

(...) son against him. Maureen Freely reports on the controversy in the family courts over 'parental alienation (...)

- **Gay donor wins parental rights**

Guardian, Friday March 8 2002

Kirsty Scott

A gay man who acted as a sperm donor for a lesbian couple was granted full parental rights yesterday to the child he fathered in a landmark ruling by a Scottish court. Sheriff Laura Duncan ruled that the lesbian couple did not constitute a "family unit" and the 30-year-old man should be given the rights as the father of the 18-month-old boy. She also called for a public (...)

(...) landmark ruling by a Scottish court. Sheriff Laura Duncan ruled that the lesbian couple did not constitute a "family unit" and the (...)

Lesbian couple not family unit, Scottish court (...)

- **Mother accused of killing babies**

Guardian, Wednesday February 20 2002

Sarah Hall

A mother defied nature and instinct to murder two of her babies as they lay in their cots, a Winchester crown court heard yesterday. Angela Cannings smothered or suffocated seven-week-old Jason as she looked after him alone in their home, the court was told. Nine years later 18-week-old Matthew was also smothered or suffocated while in her sole care. A third child - Gemma, (...)

(...) of her babies as they lay in their cots, a Winchester crown court heard yesterday. Angela Cannings smothered or suffocated seven-week-old Jason (...)

Court hears of a catalogue of death at family (...)

- **System failure**

Guardian, Wednesday May 9 2001

Julie Wheelwright

You're a mother with young children and your marriage has broken down. The children live with you and see their father regularly, but your ex-husband, on the recommendation of a family solicitor, has issued an application for residence. As the date for your hearing looms, a teacher at your son's nursery remarks, as casually as she can, "I received a letter this morning from (...)

(...) children, holds the future of your family life in his hands. He alone will recommend to the courts how often you see your (...)

(...) best for your kids. The government is investing in a new family court service, but will it make any difference, asks Julie (...)

- **Runaway pair win right to keep girls**

Guardian, Friday December 22 2000

Helen Carter

A couple who went on the run with their foster children rather than return them to local authority care were yesterday given permission to adopt the girls. Jennifer and Jeffrey Bramley fled to Ireland with half sisters Jade and Hannah Bennett in September 1998 after Cambridgeshire social services decided they were unfit to adopt the girls. After four months in hiding, the (...)

(...) six, and Hannah, four. Mrs Justice Hogg, sitting in the high court's family division, made an adoption order that the children should become (...)

Court allows Bramleys to become an 'official (...)

- **The panel**

Guardian, Wednesday October 20 1999

Leigh Chambers British Agencies for Adoption and Fostering It's wrong to rule out a group of people from adoption on the basis of their sexuality. What research there is suggests that children raised by gay or lesbian carers grow up well-adjusted with a strong sense of their own identity. Given that many children who are adopted may well have experienced abuse or neglect (...)

(...) need to see a male-female relationship in action in their own family in order to be able to replicate it. Also, we know (...)

(...) children? Dame Elizabeth Butler-Sloss, newly appointed president of the high court family division, says she isn't against it. What do our (...)

- **Parents fight to tell full story of baby-harming case ordeal**

Guardian, Monday April 9 2007

Clare Dyer, legal editor

A couple who were subjected to an 18-month ordeal before a judge cleared them of harming their baby son are battling for the identities of the doctors in the case and the full evidence to be made public. Jake and Victoria Ward went through "a nightmare" after taking three-month-old William to the GP with a swollen leg which turned out to be fractured. Cambridgeshire county (...)

(...) that these parents injured their son," she said. Cases in the family courts take place behind closed doors and the judgments in the (...)

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- **Judge speaks out over parents wrongly labelled child abusers**

Guardian, Monday March 26 2007

Clare Dyer, legal editor

A high court judge has revealed how the innocent parents of a baby boy suffered the "nightmare" of a court finding that they had deliberately harmed him, in a cautionary tale about the devastating consequences that can follow when courts and expert witnesses get it wrong. The parents, who may not be named, were separated from their son for 12 months while they were wrongly (...)

(...) is 'no smoke without fire'. This is a case where a family court and the expert who advised it got it wrong." The (...)

- **Foster mother inflicted 20 years of sadistic abuse on three children**

Guardian, Wednesday March 21 2007

Steven Morris

A "sadistic" foster mother was found guilty yesterday of subjecting three children in her care to a horrifying catalogue of physical and mental abuse over 20 years. Eunice Spry, 62, beat the children with sticks and metal bars, scrubbed their skin with sandpaper and forced them to eat lard, bleach, vomit and even their own faeces. She treated the children, two girls and a (...)

(...) she had simply tried to instil Christian values into them. Bristol crown court was told how the children, now young adults, were placed with (...)

- **Court censures Poland for denying abortion rights**

Guardian, Wednesday March 21 2007

Ian Traynor, Europe editor

The European court of human rights ruled yesterday that Poland was failing to guarantee access to lawful abortions in a test case hailed as a victory for women across Europe and a blow to the deeply conservative government in Warsaw. The Strasbourg-based court awarded damages to Alicia Tysiac, 35, a single mother of three from Warsaw who is nearly blind. She sued the Polish

- **Sally Clark's death 'probably natural causes'**

Guardian, Tuesday March 20 2007

Lee Glendinning

Sally Clark, the solicitor wrongly jailed for murdering her two sons, probably died of natural causes, a coroner was told yesterday. Further tests are needed to establish why Mrs Clark, 42, died suddenly last Friday morning, four years after being found to be the victim of a grave miscarriage of justice. At the inquest in Chelmsford, Essex, the coroner, Caroline (...)

(...) deaths in a family was 73 million to one. This figure was challenged and Mrs Clark was cleared by the court of appeal (...)

- **Sally Clark was 'let down' by authorities**

Observer, Sunday March 18 2007

Jamie Doward, home affairs editor

Friends of Sally Clark, who died on Friday, yesterday attacked the authorities for failing to support her after she was freed from prison. Clark was wrongly jailed for the murder of her two sons and was later cleared. Angela Cannings, who was also falsely convicted for the murder of her two sons and was close

to Clark, launched an angry broadside against health and social (...)

(...) come out of the Appeal Court, you think somebody is going...a friend of the Clark family, said that Mrs (...)

- **Mother of stabbed teen rejects calls for revenge**

- Observer, Sunday March 18 2007
- Chris Boffey

The family of a 16-year-old schoolboy stabbed to death in London, last night pleaded that his death should not be avenged. Clutching a photograph of the dead boy, the mother of Kodjo Yenga said: 'I don't like violence. My son was a very nice, very beautiful boy.' Ladjua Lesele spoke of 'justice' but dismissed revenge, adding: 'I don't like that.' Her comments came shortly (...)

(...) court this Wednesday. Five other youths have been given bail by police in connection with the death. Kodjo's uncle Lubi described the (...)

- **Jury clears couple of killing child with salt**

- Guardian, Saturday March 3 2007
- Steven Morris

A couple who spent 15 months in prison after being found guilty of poisoning a boy they hoped to adopt by giving him an overdose of salt were yesterday cleared of killing the child. Ian and Angela Gay were convicted of force-feeding Christian Blewitt, three, with spoonfuls of salt to punish his bad behaviour, and were jailed for five years each. Last year the court of appeal (...)

- **Five years' jail for compulsive liar who posed as forensic expert**

Guardian, Friday February 23 2007

Karen McVeigh

A conman who built his career posing as a forensic expert to dupe victims out of thousands of pounds was jailed for five years yesterday, as police began the task of re-investigating 700 cases in which he was involved. Gene Morrison, 48, of Hyde, Cheshire, bluffed and lied his way through hundreds of trials, for almost three decades, fooling judges, barristers, solicitors and (...)

- **nquiry into criminal cases after expert witness's secret patient files revealed**

Guardian, Wednesday February 21 2007

Clare Dyer, legal editor

The attorney general launched a review yesterday of criminal cases over the last decade in which the controversial paediatrician David Southall acted as a prosecution witness, amid concerns about nearly 4,500 secret files he kept on patients and former patients. Lord Goldsmith said he was concerned about whether Professor Southall had disclosed all the material he held when (...)

- **Attorney general to review paediatrician's cases**

Guardian Unlimited, Tuesday February 20 2007

Press Association

The attorney general, Lord Goldsmith, is to review cases that involved the consultant paediatrician David Southall as a prosecution witness, it was announced today. Professor Southall, who has been accused of acting inappropriately, is currently facing a General Medical Council (GMC) hearing. The doctor is alleged to have kept around 4,450 "special" case files on children, (...)

Boy's death in secure unit 'a disaster waiting to happen'

Guardian, Friday February 16 2007

Laura Smith

The death of the first child ever to die in a privately run secure unit was "a disaster waiting to happen", the head of the Youth Justice Board at the time of the incident said yesterday. Gareth Myatt, from Stoke on Trent, was 15 when he choked to death after being restrained by three adult staff at Rainsbrook Secure Training Centre in Northamptonshire, a privately run (...)

Britain's shame

- Guardian Unlimited, Wednesday February 14 2007
- Mark Oliver

UK'S CHILDREN WORST OFF IN DEVELOPED WORLD Children in the UK are the worst off in the developed world, according to a UN report published today. It fills much of the front pages of the Independent, the Guardian and the Daily Mail. The Mail says the Unicef study illustrates the "betrayal of a generation" of children in the UK, the "fourth wealthiest nation in the world". The (...)

(...) at various categories which affect quality of life for children, including happiness, family and friendships, education, health and safety, poverty and inequality and drink (...)

Is multi-dadding the future of parenting?

- Observer, Sunday February 11 2007
- Lucy Cavendish

Sadie Frost has done it. Ulrika Jonsson does it all the time. Paula Yates did it. And so have I. What we, and countless other women have done, is have children with more than one man. It is fraught, it is complicated but, in this day and age, almost inevitable. As more marriages break down and former partners take up with new partners, multi-dadding seems to be a modern (...)

(...) of my two younger sons. The upshot of having a slightly fractured family is that my first child has a very strong bond with (...)

Lucy Cavendish talks to the women who have built one big happy family out of several doomed (...)

Give yourself a break before you split

Guardian, Saturday February 10 2007

Patrick Collinson

More people than ever before are choosing to live together without getting married. At the last count there were more than 4 million. Many cohabit successfully all their lives without ever feeling the need to marry. But many couples break up - and only then discover how few rights they have. Here we set

out what rights they really have - and the practical steps you can take (...)

(...) week's House of Lords court case involving Dehra Dowden and...head of private client and family at law firm Russell (...)

- **Parents jailed for torturing disabled girl**

- Guardian, Friday February 9 2007
- Karen McVeigh

Child protection charities last night called for a public inquiry into how a disabled four-year old was returned to her natural parents who went on to subject her to a sustained campaign of torture that could have killed her. In disturbing echoes of the Victoria Climbié case five years ago, the little girl was the victim of horrific abuse that left her "scarred for life". The (...)

(...) tragedy. He said that despite no fewer than 20 visits to the family home by social services and various health professionals, the child's (...)

- **Teacher jailed after conviction for sex offences with schoolgirls**

Guardian, Friday February 9 2007
Martin Wainwright

A married teacher was jailed for almost five years yesterday for repeated sex offences with young teenage girls at a school where a colleague was convicted of similar crimes last year. Steven Edwards, 34, used flattery and favouritism to coax three vulnerable victims into complying, and then forced them into the witness box by denying "compelling" evidence of his abuse. (...)

- **Fury at new child abuse case**

Observer, Sunday February 4 2007
Anushka Asthana

Britain's child protection services will face severe criticism this week when a couple are sentenced for torturing their four-year-old daughter in a case that has alarming echoes of that of Victoria Climbié. Kimberley Harte, 23 and Samuel Duncan, 26, poured boiling liquid over the child's hands, ripped out her hair, kicked her repeatedly in the groin and locked her in the (...)

- **Cabinet rejects adoptions opt-out**

- Guardian Unlimited, Thursday January 25 2007
- News: Obesity strategy under fire · Feature: Looking towards a Brown future · Video podcast: meet the young firesetters Welcome to the daily news alert from SocietyGuardian.co.uk ^^^^^^^^^^^
Today's top story - Cabinet rejects exemption on gay adoptions Compromise means Catholic church will not be given special treatment. ^^^^^^^^^^^ MORE NEWS * Public (...)

(...) according to new research. · Obituary: Dame Joyanne Bracewell High court judge who transformed family law, mixing empathy with a cool originality. ^^^^^^^^^^^ VIDEO PODCAST (...)

- **Mother's battle for carers' rights**

Observer, Sunday January 21 2007

Gaby Hinsliff, political editor

A mother who claims she was forced to quit her job to care for her disabled child is bringing a landmark legal case which could bring new rights for millions of Britons looking after sick relatives. Sharon Coleman, whose four-year-old son Oliver was born with a rare condition affecting his breathing and is also deaf, resigned as a legal secretary after a series of clashes (...)

(...) s claims. Her case is expected to be heard in the European Court of Justice later this year, after an appeal tribunal agreed that (...)