

## **Disability and Abuse Newsfeed**

**Week of 2-24-17 to 3-2-17**

*Dear Listserv Members:*

*The newsfeed this week (2/24-3/2/17 submitted 3/3/17) has some very interesting articles. I'll categorize them, then you can pick which pique your interest.*

***This week we welcome Jennifer Palmer of the State of Missouri as our new Newsfeed Researcher! Thank you so much for your commitment to the well-being of all individuals, in particular those with developmental disabilities. Can we hear an applause?***

*Articles of special interest to you may be:*

*Sexual abuse: #14, 15*

*Physical abuse: #27*

*Caregivers provide drugs to group home residents: #4, 22*

*Physical abuse & Neglect at group home: #18*

*When trauma isn't trauma, sexual assault isn't sexual: #3, #5*

***PLEASE SEND YOUR COMMENTS TO ME ABOUT THIS NEW INTRODUCTION. Perhaps you will notice I've made some changes based on your feedback. We want to extend a final BIG THANK YOU to Anne Kincaid for her many years of providing the Newsfeed, and wish her well in her next adventures.***

***Language caution! You will see several "journalistic faux pas" in the newsfeed. We are using the exact titles of these articles as they appeared in these publications. When we are not quoting, we strive to keep up to date with respectful language regarding disability, among other areas of respect.***

## Abuse/Crime-related

1. **Bloomfield man facing charges involving runaways from Plainville group home.** A Bloomfield man is facing a felony charge for allegedly using Molly and marijuana with two teens while there were Silver Alerts issued for their disappearance from a local group home. (Connecticut) <https://is.gd/xeYnkm>
2. **Man Who Engaged In Sexual Hate Crime of Disabled Teen To Serve No Jail Time.** A white football player who participated in the violent assault and violation of an intellectually disabled young black man will serve no jail time after a lengthy trial in which his actions were considered “non-sexual” and not based on race.(Florida) <https://is.gd/vD7kWy>
3. **Once-missing teen with Asperger’s syndrome found safe in Tavares.** A teen with Asperger’s syndrome who disappeared Monday night from her Tavares home, was found safe Tuesday morning, police say. (Florida) <https://is.gd/ZfWwJU>
4. **Special needs school at center of \$4.6M Medicaid fraud investigation to reopen under new management.** Public schools, she cannot go to one. It's not adequate for her,” he said. “The administration of the school -- even though it [will be] a new one -- a lot of parents think it is going to continue with the same thing, with the same structure.” (Florida) <https://is.gd/XBChQQ>
5. **Perplexing Case: When Alleged Bully And Victim Have Developmental Disabilities.** A 13-year-old Algonquin girl with Down syndrome says a boy in her class has repeatedly bullied and harassed her. The girl’s mother claims Algonquin Middle School officials have failed to protect her daughter, though the case presents unique challenges because both students are developmentally disabled. (Illinois) <https://is.gd/8EHcik>
6. **Boys found after running away from Walpole group home.** Authorities are investigating a group home in Walpole after three boys between the ages of 11 and 13 ran away and were missing for several hours before they were found safe. (Massachusetts) <https://is.gd/znvrDv>

7. **Teen has wheelchair stolen from home.** Romeo Rogers, 19, was born with scoliosis and spina bifida- a congenital disorder that keeps the spine from forming properly. (Michigan) <https://is.gd/JOJJR5>
8. **Fallout follows special needs advocate's recordings.** A Brookhaven woman's efforts to expose recordings of a school leader's alleged remarks disparaging special needs students in the Lincoln County School District has resulted in a fallout that could carry criminal penalties. (Mississippi) <https://is.gd/v5elwN>
9. **Branson special needs educator charged with sexual abuse of two students** A former Branson special needs educator has been charged with first-degree statutory sodomy and child molestation for incidents involving two students, both 8 years old at the time. (Missouri) <https://is.gd/oj5GMM>
10. **Billings man sentenced to prison for molesting 2 mentally disabled girls.** A Billings man who admitted sexually abusing two young mentally disabled foster children has been sentenced to prison, despite his claims that he was mentally impaired at the time of the offense. (Montana) <https://is.gd/DkEvHb>
11. **Mother fed up with CCSD special education services takes complaint to state.** The Clark County School District was ordered to take corrective action after a state investigation found it failed to comply with a special education student's learning plan. (Nevada) <https://is.gd/ZA0ew8>
12. **Developmentally disabled residents at Bronx state-run group home endured abuse, neglect over decade, lawsuit claims.** Several disabled residents of a state-run group home may have suffered abuse and neglect dozens of times over the course of a decade, according to new court papers. (New York) <https://is.gd/O2EIXV>
13. **East Moriches group home: Concern over missing couple** Staff members of an East Moriches group home for the intellectually disabled are concerned about the welfare and whereabouts of a 21-year-old resident who went missing last week along with her teenage fiancé. (New York) <https://is.gd/UFQY6l>

14. **Warrant: Man assaulted handicapped person** A Gastonia mother is upset after she says her adult handicapped son was attacked at a business. (North Carolina) <https://is.gd/a6p4LO>
15. **5 injured in Ohio group home stabbing attack.** Police say five people have been injured in a stabbing attack at a group home in Ohio by a woman who allegedly was removed from the home for being disruptive. (Ohio) <HTTPS://IS.GD/TKHGDW>
16. **EXCLUSIVE: Emails deleted at Bronx group home after lawsuit accusing staffers of raping disabled woman.** Emails belonging to former employees at a state-run group home were purged after a woman alleged that her developmentally disabled sister was raped there, according to court documents. (Ohio) <https://is.gd/Rf0pvT>
17. **Missing teen with developmental disability last seen Tuesday.** Detectives are hoping the public can help locate a 17-year-old with a developmental disability who was last seen Tuesday afternoon at Ballston Mall, according to the Fairfax County Police Department. (Virginia) <https://is.gd/tCaoJh>
18. **Father indicted in alleged choking of handicapped girl.** The father of a mentally handicapped 13-year-old girl whom Huntington police allege he struck and placed in a chokehold has been indicted by a Cabell County grand jury. (West Virginia) <https://is.gd/zDXtvC>

### **Seeking Improved Services**

19. **The ABC's Speechless does a radical thing for families of characters with disabilities: it lets them have fun** family sitcom threw an Oscars party unlike any other on TV. <https://is.gd/SpgPvg>
20. **New app helps people with disabilities communicate easier.** A new app is helping people with disabilities text. The app is called [iCanText](#) and it gives people who cannot read or write the ability to text others. <https://is.gd/rjz3Uh>
21. **EXAMINING THE TRENDS OF TRANSPORTING SPECIAL-NEEDS CHILDREN.** The latest survey from School Transportation News explored the various aspects of transporting special-needs children,

including wheelchair safety, fire suppression technology and the growing rate of students diagnosed with autism. <https://is.gd/5PXa6k>

22. **Strategies to Reduce and Prevent Restraint and Seclusion in Pediatric Populations.** Aggressive behavior is seen in about 3% to 7% of children and adolescents across all clinical settings. The percentage can be even higher in certain populations, such as children and adolescents who have neurodevelopmental disorders. <https://is.gd/ISJKpw>
  
23. **MPD seek woman missing from group home.** The Mobile Police Department needs the public's help is locating missing person 29-year-old Natasha Williams, a group home resident. Williams is considered mentally challenged. She also suffers from personality disorder and is prone to hurting herself. (Alabama) <https://is.gd/RXVao3>
  
24. **SF advocates for people with disabilities to rally against 'R-word'.** Advocates for people with disabilities in San Francisco are scheduled to rally Wednesday against the continued use of the "R-word," according to the San Francisco Unified School District. (California) <https://is.gd/rGGadH>
  
25. **More opportunities for people with developmental disabilities.** This year marks 30 years since President Ronald Reagan proclaimed the month of March "developmental disabilities awareness month." Today there are more programs, jobs and education opportunities for people with developmental disabilities than in the past. (Colorado) <https://is.gd/LLQfM1>
  
26. **Parents urge support of autism training for law enforcement.** Parents of children with autism on the First Coast are urging support of a bill that would require autism training for Florida law enforcement. (Florida) <https://is.gd/EvxzDS>
  
27. **Class helps disabled Illinois students prepare for adulthood** Amanda Jensen is getting to know a part of herself all over again. The 21-year-old, born with spina bifida, is one of six Dixon High School students who get memberships at the Dixon Family YMCA through the

Lee County Special Education Association.  
(Illinois) <https://is.gd/1fIMGU>

28. **People with disabilities: The new diversity frontier** Twenty percent of Americans say they are living with a disability. At nonprofits, people with disabilities account for maybe 2 percent of board members(Illinois) <https://is.gd/KAlbgF>
29. **Palos Park mom influences retailers to use kids with disabilities in ads** For five years, Katie Driscoll of Palos Park worked day and night trying to persuade retailers to use more children with disabilities in advertising. (Illinois) <https://is.gd/HIUVJM>
30. **'Stubborn' Iowa hangs on to state institutions for disabled people.** Sybil Finken knows that if Iowa had followed the lead of many other states, her son's longtime home would be closed by now. (Iowa) <https://is.gd/62RYHp>
31. **Puppy finds home at Developmental Center.** When members of Sunrise Helpers Service Dogs of Wellman visited the Washington County Developmental Center (WCDC) and brought some of their dogs for the clients to play with, it became only a matter of time before WCDC got a service dog of their own. (Iowa) <https://is.gd/0ltrKy>
32. **Special education teachers should think critically before investing in unproven practices, professor says.** Special education is a field in which teachers are constantly trying to find new methods to help their students learn. In doing so, educators may be tempted to try untested, unproven and even pseudoscientific interventions, all with the best intentions. Using such practices not only often fails to help students with disabilities but can have harmful effects, waste limited school resources and students' time, and lead to teacher burnout, a University of Kansas professor says in a new article. (Kansas) <https://is.gd/ciQL9L>
33. **Frederick County schools change how special education teachers are distributed.** Frederick County Public Schools has changed how special education teachers are distributed to schools, a shift that district leaders said will better serve students with special needs.

(Maryland) <https://is.gd/xGUyta>

34. **Instructor researches phys ed for autistic children** A Southern Miss physical education instructor is conducting research that may one day make it easier to teach P.E. to children with autism spectrum disorder. (Mississippi) <https://is.gd/O0ozsv>
35. **Association for the Blind Renamed Future in Sight.** An organization that helps New Hampshire residents who are blind or visually impaired live independent lives is getting a new name. (New Hampshire) <https://is.gd/GEHkgl>
36. **Peter Singer Thinks Intellectually Disabled Less Valuable than Pigs** in his apologetics for infanticide, Princeton bioethicist Peter Singer has used a baby with Down syndrome as an example of a killable infant based on utilitarian measurements. (He actually supports infanticide because babies—whether disabled or not—are, in his view, not “persons.”) (New Jersey) <https://is.gd/JOnLkE>
37. **Bloomfield provides for special-needs community** More than 20 years after starting the programs, Bloomfield officials continue to look for ways to improve their special-needs offerings in the township. (New Jersey) <https://is.gd/51m0Ps>
38. **For the deaf-blind, a place to gain skills and independence.** For nearly half a century, men, women and children from around the country who are deaf and blind have come to Long Island to the only agency in the United States that equips them to live independently. (New York) <https://is.gd/EBEqJz>
39. **Pet treat maker provides opportunities for special-needs workers** .A North Salem pet treat maker is almost completely staffed by workers with special needs. Many of the employees at Good Reasons live with autism or other disabilities. (Oregon) <https://is.gd/1sX1sE>
40. **Leiden helped those with disabilities.** Teddi Leiden was best known as an advocate for people with developmental disabilities. (Pennsylvania) <https://is.gd/HloQZe>

41. **Spearfish Middle School spreads the word to end the word.** Every March, millions take the pledge to end the word "retarded." Not only are they doing this pledge, but they recently became the second school in the state to become a Unified Champion School through the Special Olympics... (South Dakota) <https://is.gd/Civrr5>
42. **Belle Vernon touts special education accomplishments.** Belle Vernon School Board on Monday recognized the accomplishments of the district's special education program. (Pennsylvania) <https://is.gd/Mz0gvl>
43. **Special Olympics Texas spreading the word.** Special Olympics Texas encourages all Texans to stop using the words "retard" and "retarded." (Texas) <https://is.gd/vrVIXZ>
44. **MHMR to launch social media campaign for developmental disabilities awareness.** MHMR Services of the Concho Valley will launch a social media campaign to highlight ways for people with and without developmental disabilities join together and build a strong and diverse community(Texas) <https://is.gd/8fFwlb>
45. **This woman is the first person with Down syndrome to finish Austin Half Marathon** As Kayleigh Williamson ran the course of the Austin Half Marathon, the humidity, hills and an injured ankle slowed her down. Sometimes she walked. Sometimes she ran. (Texas)<https://is.gd/iy5ulw>
46. **Born with Down syndrome, shy Virginia Beach teen competes in bodybuilding.** Life hasn't been easy for Jon Atkins. Born with Down syndrome, he deals with a lot of just-can't-dos. (Virginia) <https://is.gd/urJpQi>
47. **Researchers seek ways to help novice drivers with autism.** The University of Virginia Health System is teaming up with the Virginia Tech Transportation Institute to study novice drivers with autism to determine if they would benefit from specialized training to help them become better, safer drivers and feel more comfortable behind the wheel. (Virginia) <https://is.gd/3WzMsB>
48. **Man fighting Benton City for right to use service horse.** A dispute over disability rights is underway in Eastern Washington, where a

Benton City man says the city has denied him the use of his service animal. (Washington) <https://is.gd/1QalQj>

## **Proposed Legislation and New Laws**

49. **Disclosure of Disabilities by Medical Students.** In Reply Ms Schwartz emphasizes the importance of disclosure as it relates to providing opportunities to medical students with disabilities. Although disclosure is important, if not necessary, for receiving accommodations from an institution, disclosure alone is unlikely to change the broader attitudes and cultural norms that limit access to medical education for students with disabilities. <https://is.gd/qr1K0M>
50. **AL lawmakers push for more insurance coverage for Autism** (Alabama) <https://is.gd/ixePic>
51. **New taxi business would provide wheelchair cabs in Ketchikan.** A proposed new taxi company has applied for a certificate from the City of Ketchikan to operate up to six cabs, with at least half the fleet wheelchair accessible. (Alaska) <https://is.gd/SJbCz8>
52. **Businesses get time to fix ADA violations.** Over Democrat objections, state senators voted Tuesday to give businesses more time to fix violations of disability laws before ending up in court. (Arizona) <https://is.gd/i7VqE8>
53. **Accessible parking: Should wheelchair users get priority?** In Arizona, anyone with a disability plate or placard can legally park in any accessible spot, including extra-wide spaces designed for vans and other vehicles with ramps or lifts. (Arizona) <https://is.gd/KiYrO1>
54. **The Special Needs Registry – Expediting Recovery When Minutes Matter**  
For the parents and families watching over an individual with special needs, elopement is not a romantically-associated word—it is downright frightening. (California) <https://is.gd/iycYaF>
55. **New California Laws May Prevent the Overmedication of Foster Kids.** In the past, lawmakers didn't think twice about how doctors

treated foster children suffering from emotional traumas such as abandonment and abuse. (California) <https://is.gd/MfiAZo>

56. **18,500 Risperdal lawsuits filed nationwide, says J&J's new annual report.** Litigation surrounding the antipsychotic drug expected to continue to grow (California) <https://is.gd/E7lpUK>
57. **Bill Would Limit Use Of Restraints And Seclusion In Schools.** Connecticut's Child Advocate says she supports a bill that would stop schools from putting children into restraints or seclusion except in emergency situations. Sarah Eagan testified before lawmakers this week about the bill. She said students most likely to be restrained or secluded are elementary school kids with developmental disabilities. (Connecticut) <https://is.gd/LAltHw>
58. **Springfield Residents Urge City To Take Ability Housing Fight To Court** Jacksonville City Council members heard concerns Monday from Springfield residents about a proposed legal settlement between the city and two disability-rights nonprofits. (Florida) <https://is.gd/WhnXrr>
59. **Special education schools make case for funding.** Gov. Charlie Baker's proposed budget calls for freezing tuition rates at state-regulated special education schools. The schools are calling for a 1.5 percent increase. (Massachusetts) <https://is.gd/1NAkgJ>
60. **\$30M more needed to adequately fund special education in Nevada, Legislature told.** An additional \$30 million in special education funding for Nevada students over the next two years will help districts better bridge the gap in meeting student needs, officials said Wednesday. (Nevada) <https://is.gd/dsKbVS>
61. **TN Lawmakers push legislation to battle elderly abuse.** A group of bills aimed at combating elderly abuse have been introduced in the Tennessee Legislature. If the bills become law, they would create tougher penalties for people who commit crimes against elderly or vulnerable adults. (Tennessee) <https://is.gd/oBujeE>
62. **Disability Awareness Day to focus on breaking barriers and building bridge** The theme of this year's Disability Awareness Day on March 2 is "Break Barriers; Build Bridges." About 300 members of the Vermont Coalition for Disability Rights are expected to gather at the State House to spread this message to lawmakers. (Vermont)

<https://is.gd/gOrz3J>

63. **Ag Ferguson legislation to combat abuse of vulnerable adults passes house.** Attorney General Bob Ferguson's bipartisan legislation to combat both financial exploitation and neglect of vulnerable adults in Washington state passed the House of Representatives today by a vote of 92-4. (Washington) <https://is.gd/W33XuB>
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64. **Legislation to combat abuse of vulnerable adults passes house.** Bipartisan bill addressing neglect, financial exploitation passes by 92-4 margin. Attorney General Bob Ferguson's bipartisan legislation to combat both financial exploitation and neglect of vulnerable adults in Washington state passed the House of Representatives today by a vote of 92-4. (Washington) <https://is.gd/BYc3uV>
65. **Freedom for Ryan King** In a landmark Court victory, Ryan King won the right to direct his own life, with the support of his family, finally free after 15 years under a guardianship he never needed. (Washington DC) <https://is.gd/sNam9h>
66. **Trump went from mocking disability to using it to further his agenda.** Trump is no fan of regulations and is willing to use people with disabilities to cut them. (Washington DC) <https://is.gd/yjLzb0>
67. **Are the Courts the Solution to Ensuring Disability Rights During the Trump Era?** As a disabled woman and an attorney, I am keenly aware of two things: Disability rights are facing significant threats under the Trump administration, and courts can greatly advance or hinder civil rights. (Washington DC) <https://is.gd/Wo6WWq>
68. **Rep. Goodman bill protecting vulnerable persons passes House.** The Washington State House of Representatives approved legislation on Monday to help protect older adults and other vulnerable people from physical and financial abuse. (Washington DC) <https://is.gd/P4FfRp>

69. **Trump signs Abraham gun rights bill into law.** President Donald Trump on Tuesday (Feb. 28) signed a bill to repeal a rule from the Obama administration that stripped Second Amendment rights from certain disabled Social Security beneficiaries. (Washington DC) <https://is.gd/ge5b9Z>

70. **Intellectual Developmental Disabilities Waiver At Risk Under Alternative Budget** State officials were in Huntington Friday to highlight an organization that could be impacted by cuts, if budget proposals aren't passed by the legislature. (West Virginia) <https://is.gd/J9t0ss>

### International Articles

71. **Autistic man who killed 'controlling' father is a 'gentle, kind-hearted person', court hears.** A man with autism who murdered his "controlling and demeaning" father with a dumbbell was emotionally disturbed and not a cruel, calculating killer, his lawyer has told a sentencing judge. (Australia) <https://is.gd/K8nPy0>

72. **Safe Schools program adopted for special needs kids.** Teenagers with intellectual disabilities are being exposed to complex and contentious gender and sexuality theory, with a growing number of Victorian special schools incorporating the Safe Schools program into their curriculum. (Australia) <https://is.gd/tEgwQ3>

73. **Court documents reveal Perth man got stepdaughter pregnant, then adopted infant child** Court documents have revealed the details of the extraordinary case of a Perth man who got his mentally impaired stepdaughter pregnant, and was then permitted to adopt the child borne of the abuse. (Australia) <https://is.gd/9EHnJk>

74. **Manitoba MLA wants to start Silver Alert system for elderly, vulnerable.** A member of the Manitoba legislature plans to table a private member's bill to create a Silver Alert system in the province to aid in locating vulnerable people. (Canada) <https://is.gd/ho8Mzl>

75. **Community rallies around family of Oakwood area group home worker killed in arson** Two separate crowdfunding campaigns have been set up to help the family of a group home employee killed in a fire at work. Andrea Reid, a mother of three young children, died of her injuries following the Friday afternoon fire. There are two Go Fund Me

pages set up to help her family care for her kids.  
(Canada) <https://is.gd/HXQq1L>

76. **New guidelines help accommodate workers with addiction issues.** Human rights law now considers substance dependency to be a disability, and grants sufferers the protections that go along with that designation. (Canada) <https://is.gd/eWFUU8>
77. **Ontario group home resident faces murder charges in fire that killed 2.** Ontario Provincial Police say a second person has died following a fire late last week at an group home near the village of Oakwood, northeast of Toronto in Kawartha Lakes. (Canada) <https://is.gd/Wc7FpA>
78. **1 dead, 2 injured in fire at group home for teens in Kawartha.** Provincial police are investigating a fatal fire at a group home for teenagers in the Kawartha Lakes area. (Canada) <https://is.gd/dgmZKb>
79. **Ontario boy with autism can't bring service dog into class, family goes to human rights tribunal.** An Ontario family has gone to the province's human rights tribunal to fight for their autistic son's right to bring his service animal into class. (Canada) <https://is.gd/gxLX20>
80. **Can't Terminate 26-Week-Old Foetus With Down's Syndrome, Says Supreme Court** The Supreme Court on Tuesday refused to allow a woman, who is in her 26th week of pregnancy, to abort her foetus on the grounds that it suffered from Down syndrome, saying "we have a life in our hands". (India) <https://is.gd/NwYSr7>
81. **Thane: Major slum fire kills handicapped woman.** A major fire broke out in the cluster of huts at an under construction site in the sprawling Indralok area of Mira Road on Tuesday morning. (India) <https://is.gd/dYSQR4>
82. **Rejecting Abortion Of Foetus With Down Syndrome, SC Says 'Very Sad To Bring Up A Mentally Retarded Child'.** The Supreme Court found no grounds to terminate the pregnancy. (India) <https://is.gd/QIP42U>
83. **Deaf, mute and their right to education: Despite an 8-lakh strong population, no junior or senior college caters to them.** Vaishali, 41 years old and Santosh Nade 42 years old, both deaf and dumb, live in

one room of 20 by 20 feet in Nashik. Both of them have studied till XII but could not secure job anywhere till now. (India)<https://is.gd/4OZhuC>

84. **Taoiseach Enda Kenny apologises over disabled girl being left in 'abusive' foster home.** ENDA Kenny has apologised over the case of an intellectually disabled girl left in a foster home for 20 years despite allegations she was abused by a carer. (Ireland)<https://is.gd/cfPaKv>
85. **'Please don't close my school' urges disabled Fermanagh student.** A YOUNG disabled schoolboy has made a heartfelt plea for his school to remain open amid fears he will be forced out of mainstreaming education. (Ireland) <https://is.gd/WEaHXP>
86. **Intellectually disabled Irish girl left in foster home for 20 years despite abuse allegations** The document also contains allegations that another person at the home was locked in a cupboard under the stairs (Ireland) <https://is.gd/UR3Lnh>
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87. **AUTISTIC CHILDREN: They are sometimes locked up in a room by parents and left to die.** Imagine having to take care of a child with disability without knowing what to do or where to go? If you can imagine these, then you will appreciate what a number of Nigerian parents who have children with Autism Spectrum Disorder, ASD, are going through. (Nigeria) <https://is.gd/tSiNJI>
88. **Detained autistic man 'wanted to experience what an accident was like'** A man detained since 2006 for smashing windows once tried getting out of a moving car because he "wanted to experience what an accident was like", a court heard on Tuesday. (New Zealand) <https://is.gd/yilcAT>
89. **Talked Into Murder: ECtHR Appeal in Case of Intellectually Disabled Man.** The Helsinki Foundation for Human Rights (HFHR) has filed an application to the European Court of Human Rights regarding the case of P.M., a Polish man with an intellectual disability who was sentenced to 25 years in prison for a double murder. (Poland) <https://is.gd/ILqd1X>
90. **Taxi drivers fear wheelchair cabs could have negative impact on business.** A trade representative has claimed taxi drivers could

struggle financially if the market is flooded with wheelchair accessible vehicles (Scotland) <https://is.gd/YhoMzx>

91. **School staff member told 'watch Big Bang Theory' as Asperger's training.** A member of staff at a Scottish school was told to "watch The Big Bang Theory" as training to deal with a pupil with Asperger syndrome, MSPs have been told. (Scotland) <https://is.gd/LPUzEq>
92. **The Hidden Link Between Autism and Addiction.** It's believed that people on the spectrum don't get hooked on alcohol or other drugs. New evidence suggests they do. (Sweden) <https://is.gd/MxllIS>
93. **Judge rules man with Asperger's should undergo bowel surgery against wishes.** A man in his 20s who suffers from Asperger's should undergo bowel surgery against his wishes, a judge in a specialist court has said. Doctors said the man had ulcerative colitis and needed a operation. (UK) <https://is.gd/wrhl91>
94. **HIQA may stop charity running residential services** RTÉ Investigates has learned that the Health Information and Quality Authority has warned St John of God Community Services that it may stop the charity from running residential services for the intellectually disabled at its campuses in Kildare and Louth, where over 170 people live. (UK) <https://is.gd/otn1ll>
95. **Girl, 12, destroys '100% white and proud' dad who sent her string of racist texts** A 12-year-old autistic girl put a "100% white and proud" firmly in his place after receiving a barrage of 'racist' texts when she fell out with his daughter. (UK) <https://is.gd/uVsigt>
96. **Horror of care centre 'where staff pin down mentally sick children' despite restraint being banned by the government** Children and teenagers are being pinned down and sedated in one of Britain's largest mental health centres, a shocking investigation has exposed. (UK) <https://is.gd/OuBQJ8>
97. **West Suffolk Hospital in Bury St Edmunds opens care home beds to free up hospital wards.** West Suffolk Hospital has opened 20-beds in a Bury St Edmunds care home, which allows them to transfer

older patients who are medically fit to be discharged but have adult social care needs that have not been resolved. (UK)

<https://is.gd/HBmlSy>

98. **Alleged Silk Road admin with 'severe Asperger's' led away from family ahead of extradition.** A WICKLOW MAN alleged to be an administrator of the Silk Road website, which dealt with illegal drugs and hacking software, has been put into custody ahead of his extradition to the United States. (Wicklow) <https://is.gd/60u9zf>