

Disability and Abuse Newsfeed

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Articles are listed in alphabetical order by state within each category, so you can easily scan through the articles for those within your state or other states in which you have an interest. *International* articles are near the end. The categories are: *Abuse and Neglect, Guardianship, Laws & Legislation, Studies & Statistics, Improved Supports, International*, and sometimes, *Miscellaneous*.

Check the categories below for a guide to types of abuse. The categories are indicated by type, and the number of the article.

Type:

Emotional/Verbal: 9, 10

Sexual Assault: 6, 13, 30, 65

Seclusion/Restraint: 73

Physical Abuse: 2, 6, 9, 10, 16, 61, 64

Financial abuse: 3, 14

Murder: 1, 4, 5, 7, 8, 12

Dx	Age	Gender
Autism	66	Male
Autism	26	Male
autism	19	Male

Related to special education: 2 (bus driver), 6, 9, 13, 16

WINNER of most egregious award: 31: Abusers should have reduced time on registry is proposed; 78: “Mate Crime” new technique to prey on vulnerable persons.

WINNER of “good job” award:

WHO DUN IT (listed by article number):

Family: 1, 5, 8, 14

Carer: 3, 4, 10

Stranger: 1

Men: 1, 5, 6, 14, 16, 30, 65

Women: 2, 3, 8, 9, 13 (Note: not all articles identify gender of perpetrators.)

Good News: 25: Investigation called for regarding seclusion/restraint by federal investigator; 28: wage increases approved for direct care workers; 66: guide for how to better interact with people with disabilities created.

Bad News: 21: State freezes enrollment of therapists for clients with autism due to overbilling, fraud and abuse by current therapists; 23: City no longer has to follow anti-bullying, seclusion and restraint laws; 31: Ohio had plans to allow abusive carers easier access to vulnerable people until new reporters exposed DDS’ plan to remove their names from the registry; 40: Abuse/neglect claims finds over 647 allegations in a 20 month period; 41: Antipsychotic drug more likely for disadvantaged students study finds; 52: funding shows deficiencies in school handling of special education students; 55: Pleas for help due to physical/sexual abuse at psychiatric hospital; 58: S.C. signals increased abuse of vulnerable adults; 73: seclusion/restraint can lead to trauma of its subjects.

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ABUSE & NEGLECT

1. "85-Year-Old Man Shoots, Kills Wheelchair-Bound Stepson." Police are investigating a fatal shooting in Garden Grove where an 85-year-old man shot to death his 66-year-old wheelchair-bound stepson. --- nbclosangeles.com, May 13 (California) <https://is.gd/wuPeC3>
2. "Autistic Girl's Family Releases Video of School Bus Driver's Alleged Abuse." Parents say their autistic child was attacked on a school bus by her own bus driver, and it was all caught on camera. --- sacramento.cbslocal.com, May 16 (California) <https://is.gd/6aUKiT>
3. "Woman charged in thefts from EH group home residents." A Manchester woman who worked as manager and bookkeeper of a group home in East Hartford is accused of stealing almost \$20,000 belonging to the home's residents, police say. --- journalinquirer.com, May 11 (Connecticut) <https://is.gd/Oajmuj>
4. "Behind lovely facade, allegations of slaps, bites, rapes, rats — and a horrific death." William James Lamson was born with a devastating form of autism that caused him to obsessively and explosively strike himself. Over time, the damage to Lamson's head was so severe that he became blind in his right eye. --- miamiherald.com, May 12 (Florida) <https://is.gd/7fAXM8>
5. "Court docs: Mooresville man searched online for ways to 'kill autistic child'." A previously sealed probable cause affidavit detailing the short life and brutal death of a five-year-old child with special needs served as the basis for the prosecutor's opening statement in the trial of Steven Ingalls, Jr., in Morgan County Tuesday. --- cbs4indy.com, May 15 (Indiana) <https://is.gd/eaJDIN>
6. "Iowa boarding school director sentenced to 9 years for abuse." A former Iowa boarding school director convicted of sexually and physically abusing

students at the private school he once owned was sentenced to nine years in prison and will be required to register as a sex offender. --- kpvi.com, May 11 (Iowa) <https://is.gd/f1u84O>

7. "Kansas City Police Look for Car That Hit Man in Wheelchair." Kansas City police are searching for a car that hit and killed a man using a motorized wheelchair--- usnews.com, May 14 (Missouri) <https://is.gd/JTDudc>
8. "Missouri mom found next to her blind, autistic son's body pleads guilty in his death." A southwest Missouri mother who was found lying next to her dead son in a field has pleaded guilty to charges of involuntary manslaughter and elder abuse in his death. ---- kansascity.com, May 10 (Missouri) <https://is.gd/xlpD3t>
9. "Woman indicted after assault of disabled girl on bus could have faced felony, professor says." The assault on a St. Martin special education student could have resulted in a felony indictment if a grand jury had the option to do so, a Mississippi criminal law professor said. ---- sunherald.com, May 13 (Mississippi) <https://is.gd/4xDsJe>
10. "Ex-Rutgers prof who sexually assaulted a disabled man to be sentenced again." When Anna Stubblefield is sentenced Friday, it will be the second time she has faced a prison term for the same crime. ---- nj.com, May 11 (New Jersey) <https://is.gd/3YmHqg>
11. "Group home pays \$450K to family of boy who recorded abuse." A group home in upstate New York will pay \$450,000 to the family of a developmentally disabled boy who used his PlayStation to record caretakers threatening his life. ---- wpxi.com, May 1 (New York) <https://is.gd/o4r9ST>
12. "Woman killed when vehicle hits motorized wheelchair in Columbus." One woman is dead after she was hit by a car while using her in her motorized wheelchair in east Columbus. --- wkbn.com, May 12 (Ohio) <https://is.gd/RBA2xq>

13. "Cleveland Schools employee arrested for rape of student." A Cleveland Public Schools support staff member has been accused of raping a student, the police department says. --- theclevelandamerican.com, May 11 (Oklahoma) <https://is.gd/gANml3>
14. "Dad who stole from autistic daughter gets 18 months in prison for welfare fraud." A former Salem man was sentenced to 18 months in prison Monday for defrauding the Oregon Department of Human Services and using thousands of dollars intended for his autistic daughter to pay for his own international travel and clothes. --- statesmanjournal.com, May 16 (Oregon) <https://is.gd/B89c4x>
15. "12-year-old with autism arrested for using 'imaginary rifle' in art class, family says." David Sims' family says it was a harmless gesture as he and some other boys in class were talking about BB guns. --- star-telegram.com, May 10 (Texas) <https://is.gd/NEF3TU>
16. "Autistic child severely bruised after school officer handcuffed him, Denton parents say." A 10-year-old boy with autism was injured when a police officer at Lee Elementary School used handcuffs to restrain him, a Denton couple says. --- dallasnews.com, May 15 (Texas) <https://is.gd/FYkXDg>

GUARDIANSHIP

17. "Disability Is No Reason to Strip A Person's Voting Rights." Right now in the U.S., people with disabilities can be stripped of their right to vote in 39 states and the District of Columbia. It happens like this: In families that include an adult with a developmental disability or mental illness, a guardian may be chosen to assist with management of their loved one's finances and health care decisions. Judges are also empowered to make decisions regarding voter participation competency during these guardianship

proceedings. --- huffingtonpost.com, May 12 <https://is.gd/YAMeM6>

18. "Mental Capacity Standards in California Civil Litigation." What mental capacity standards apply in California civil litigation? Last month we presented on this subject at the Placer County Bar Association's annual spring conference in Roseville. I'll offer highlights here. --- jdsupra.com, May 15 (California) <https://is.gd/LgUe7O>
19. "Fairfax County siblings fight to see father after guardian terminated visitation rights." Adult children find themselves permanently banned from ever visiting their ailing parents because they asked too many questions about nursing home care. As the ABC7 I-Team discovered: It's legal and happening more than you may think. --- wjla.com, May 11 (Virginia) <https://is.gd/Yn9naN>

LAWS & LEGISLATION

20. "House Republican Farm Bill Will Hurt People with Disabilities and Older Adults." The highly partisan 2018 Farm Bill proposal, which House Republicans released in mid-April, threatens to compound the hardships faced by millions of disadvantaged Americans by substantially increasing hunger and food insecurity for those who rely on food assistance from the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP). ---- americanprogress.org, May 16 <https://is.gd/vHAr2I>
21. "Citing Medicaid fraud, state freezes enrollment of autism therapists in South Florida." Florida healthcare regulators are imposing a six-month moratorium on enrollment of new therapists who provide a costly but effective psychological treatment for poor children with autism in Miami-Dade and Broward counties, citing a statewide investigation that identified fraud and abuse, including "extraordinary overbilling," of the Medicaid

- program. --- miamiherald.com, May 15 (Florida) <https://is.gd/wiEGNQ>
22. "Officials say CPS special education policy violated federal law, suggest 3 years of monitoring." the Illinois State Board of Education will consider appointing an independent monitor to supervise a broad range of changes to Chicago Public Schools' special education system after concluding a district overhaul violated a swath of federal law and regulations. --- chicagotribune.com, May 11 (Illinois) <https://is.gd/t2Ms56>
 23. "Bullying, seclusion restraint laws wouldn't apply to Muncie schools after Ball State takeover." State lawmakers approved House Bill 1315 in a special session Monday, which, if signed by the governor will put Muncie Community Schools under the control of Ball State University. --- theindychannel.com, May 15 (Indiana) <https://is.gd/Sd7VGp>
 24. "Union calls Eldora boys school "downright dangerous for employees". The union for workers at the Boys State Training School in Eldora is again decrying working conditions at the facility in the wake of a recent attack on staff there. --- wfcourier.com, May 12 (Iowa) <https://is.gd/xtoVbr>
 25. "Iowa senators call for federal investigation into school seclusion rooms." U.S. Sens. Chuck Grassley and Joni Ernst are calling for a federal investigation into the use of seclusion rooms in public schools, and U.S. Rep. Dave Loebsack wants to see them banned altogether. --- desmoinesregister.com, May 15 (Iowa) <https://is.gd/A9aoZ1>
 26. "Community members, school board consider school closing, special-ed issues." The possibility of closing a school and a recent audit that revealed disparities in special education numbers involving minority students continue to be hot-button issues Monday night for community members and the Davenport Community School Board --- qctimes.com, May 14 (Iowa) <https://is.gd/6Cqkmi>
 27. "Solutions remain elusive as group home crisis looms." Advocates for adults with intellectual disabilities worried about group home closures peppered a

top state official with questions Monday, but no definitive steps were taken to alleviate a potential crisis that could begin this summer. --- sunjournal.com, May 15 (Maine) <https://is.gd/Mey2lP>

28. “Last year, as the Legislature faced a state shutdown, legislative leaders got together to hammer out a bipartisan budget deal that would increase Medicaid reimbursements to provide wage increases for the state’s 26,000 direct care workers who care for the elderly and people with disabilities. --- freepressonline.com, May 11 (Maine) <https://is.gd/bcgXlx>
29. “Veteran policymaker says 80 percent of special-ed kids don’t need that label.” After a long career looking at schools from every angle, Kalman R. “Buzzy” Hettleman has no fear of upending old assumptions and making people angry. He has served two terms on the Baltimore school board and been deputy mayor of Baltimore and Maryland secretary of human resources. --- washingtonpost.com, May 13 (Maryland) <https://is.gd/Z7uCM9>
30. “Lawsuit: Failed supervision led to sexual assault on boy.” The Center for Disability Services failed to properly protect a 13-year-old client from sexual assault by an adult client, a new lawsuit alleges. The family of the boy filed the suit recently in Schenectady County, contending center employees at a Schenectady facility were supposed to provide proper supervision and protection, but failed to do either. --- dailygazette.com, May 11 (New York) <https://is.gd/b61YWB>
31. “The state of Ohio has been quietly trying to make it easier for abusive caregivers to harm again.” The Ohio agency responsible for protecting the health and safety of people with disabilities quietly floated plans to allow abusive caregivers easier access to thousands of children and adults. --- news5cleveland.com, May 11 (Ohio) <https://is.gd/GcGYfl>

STUDIES & STATISTICS

32. “For Students of Color with Disabilities, Equity Delayed Is Equity Denied.” A core promise of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act is that a child with disabilities will receive a free, appropriate public education in the least restrictive environment possible. --- aclu.org, May 15 <https://is.gd/tVzQyK>
33. “AARP Study: Antipsychotic Use in Older Adults Is Up Among Those Outside Nursing Homes.” Last month, AARP released a study about the use of antipsychotic drugs in older adults with dementia. It found these drugs are increasingly being used outside nursing homes, despite the increased risk of death. --- kjzz.org, May 10 <https://is.gd/VHdR4k>
34. “Scientists just beginning to understand autistic adults' unique health needs.” In the 1990s, the prevalence of autism spectrum disorder (ASD) among children rose sharply. These children are now entering adulthood, yet physicians and scientists know very little about the health outcomes they might face. Most studies of health have focused on children and adolescents. --- medicalxpress.com, May 11 <https://is.gd/kXxM1V>
35. “Can a Pill Help Autistic Kids Conquer Social Anxiety?” Just one daily balovaptan could help autistic kids who struggle with socializing—with no side effects. Is it too good to be true? --- thedailybeast.com, May 14 <https://is.gd/kcz9SP>
36. “Autism, developmental delay can have distinct genetic origins.” Mutations in certain genes contribute specifically to autism, and others only to developmental delay. This finding suggests that, despite overlap between the two conditions, they can be distinct in origin. --- spectrumnews.org, May 11 <https://is.gd/kzzRBX>
37. “Gene disruption signals cerebral palsy and autism link.” University of Adelaide researchers have uncovered a genetic signal common to both

cerebral palsy and autism. ---- sciencedaily.com, May 10 <https://is.gd/sKleyg>

38. "Abuse, Attachment, and Resilience: Genes and the Environment. Charles Nemeroff, MD, PhD, discusses the role of social influences on biology, using the example of early life trauma. He explains brain changes, inflammation, and genetic risk factors that modulate the development of PTSD or depression in patients with a history of trauma. --- psychiatrictimes.com, May 10 <https://is.gd/lxTPu8>
39. "New research has potential to predict children at risk for autism." A groundbreaking study being done at Boston Children's that research say could potentially predict whether a child as young as 3 months old is at-risk for developing autism. --- fox25boston.com, May 17 (Massachusetts) <https://is.gd/mRYVjQ>
40. "Abuse, neglect claims investigated at 460 Tennessee schools." An analysis has found Tennessee's Department of Children's Services investigated 647 allegations of child abuse or neglect involving students at more than 460 schools during a recent 20-month period. --- wate.com, May 14 (Tennessee) <https://is.gd/V5OTpv>
41. "Antipsychotic Drugs More Likely to Be Prescribed to Disadvantaged Kids." A new study has revealed that socially disadvantaged children are more likely to be prescribed antipsychotic drugs compared to any other children. --- techtimes.com, May 14 (Australia) <https://is.gd/uOwHQb>

IMPROVED SUPPORTS

42. "Why I put my special needs son in a group home." As the mother of a disabled child, I was afraid I would end up in the gutter. Literally. --- groknation.com, May 16 <https://is.gd/0v2sSi>

43. "Therapy dogs are helping children with autism stay calm at the dentist's office." Visits to the dentist can be scary for any child but can be especially trying for many children with autism. Some can be unsettled by lights in their faces or overwhelmed by noises from dental equipment. --- abcnews.go.com, May 10 <https://is.gd/nrJtdP>
44. "Disabled folks paid little but call for shift stirs fear in state." Alexis Brown used to think that having a disability meant her life had to look a certain way, that she wouldn't have choices when she grew up. --- arkansasonline.com, May 13 (Arkansas) <https://is.gd/3idFsi>
45. "Autism Training Takes Place for First Responders." Santa Barbara County first responders completed autism awareness training last month, learning how to "identify, interact, and confront" individuals on the spectrum, stated a Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Office press release, in partnership with the Autism Society. --- independent.com, May 12 (California) <https://is.gd/fMRVOU>
46. "Local Airport Makes Travel Easier for Children with Autism." Air travel can be challenging for any family but for those with children with autism, it is often a difficult task due to hypersensitivity to large crowds, loud noises and communication difficulties. --- miami.cbslocal.com, May 16 (Florida) <https://is.gd/JfrrpM>
47. "Foundation Academy team develops wheelchair to dance at prom." At the age of 3 Molly Paris was diagnosed with a rare neurological disorder called Rhett Syndrome and has used a wheelchair all her life. When Molly, a junior at The Foundation Academy, decided to attend her high school prom, she came up with an idea for a dancing wheelchair. --- jacksonville.com, May 11 (Florida) <https://is.gd/8SOcOV>
48. "Superintendent Dude says Decatur Schools declined to pay for special education report " But the report didn't meet the school system's expectations and it left parents of students in special education with more questions than answers. --- decaturish.com, May 11 (Georgia)

<https://is.gd/PgJOFI>

49. "Special education kids fight for scraps as city touts shiny new developments." In the last week's Hunger Games-style competition for survival, it was developers one, kids with special needs nothing. --- chicagoreader.com, May 14 (Illinois) <https://is.gd/yuD9LE>
50. "Adult group homes facing crisis created by legislators." A workforce crisis threatens to close group homes and cut other Medicaid services this summer for thousands of adults with intellectual disabilities – a looming problem caused when Maine lawmakers failed to extend the legislative session. ---- pressherald.com, May 13 (Maine) <https://is.gd/yJicFw>
51. "Caryn Sullivan: Autism, mothers and the great gift of planning." One in 42. That was the prevalence of autism in 8-year-old Minnesotans in 2014, the CDC recently reported, compared to one in 59 nationally. --- twincities.com, May 13 (Minnesota) <https://is.gd/XQ9r3Z>
52. "Rochester school budget provides more funding for special education." The death of Rochester teen, Trevyan Rowe and a report by the state comptroller - showed disturbing deficiencies in the city school district's handling of students with special needs. --- mpnnow.com, May 16 (New York) <https://is.gd/VZO9oq>
53. "Airport Rehearsal Day Helps Kids with Autism Fly." The Reno-Tahoe International Airport will soon host Wings for All, a program that provides an airport rehearsal day designed to help children with autism and their families learn to navigate air travel. Our reporter Holly Hutchings found out more. --- kunr.org, May 12 (Nevada) <https://is.gd/8Bt74g>
54. "DHHS gains federal OK for pilot program on traumatic brain injuries." The N.C. Department of Health and Human Services has received federal Medicare approval for a pilot program addressing traumatic brain injuries. -- - journalnow.com. May 13 (North Carolina) <https://is.gd/68feYd>

55. "Disability Group Asks Ohio to Protect Patients at Columbus Psychiatric Hospital." Disability Rights Ohio released a report this week calling attention to Ohio Hospital for Psychiatry's violations of treatment standards and patient safety – including allegations of physical and sexual abuse. --- radio.wosu.org, May 10 (Ohio) <https://is.gd/OJWAV3>
56. "Police want 'death-related' charges for West Carrollton group home homicide suspects." Police said they plan to seek "death-related" charges on suspects in the homicide of a disabled West Carrollton group home resident. --- mydaytondailynews.com, May 16 (Ohio) <https://is.gd/plBU8b>
57. "Pa. bill banning abortions for Down syndrome divides special needs community." Lynne and Kevin Eddis had a difficult time starting a family. "I actually had three miscarriages before I became pregnant with Hazel," she said as her 20-month-old daughter coos happily on the floor of the couple's West Mount Airy home in Philadelphia. --- whyy.org, May 16 (Pennsylvania) <https://is.gd/7bgLli>
58. "Amid rising abuse, exploitation of vulnerable adults in South Carolina, AARP seeks better services." The fragile elderly woman whose son is taking her money but not ensuring she's fed or bathed. ---- greenvilleonline.com, May 13 (South Carolina) <https://is.gd/AtmQaL>
59. "When Texas standardized tests have glitches, special education students can be deeply affected." When technical problems in 2016 affected more than 14,000 computerized State of Texas Assessments of Academic Readiness — or STAAR — tests, Sarah Martinez questioned whether online assessments were the way to go for her two daughters, who are both dyslexic. --- texastribune.org, May 16 (Texas) <https://is.gd/a6x5Br>
60. "Elizabeth Nevin: shattering stereotypes about the intellectually disabled." Cheyenne pageant winner, disability advocate "can do anything" --- wyomingnews.com, May 13 (Wyoming) <https://is.gd/LiYqhJ>

INTERNATIONAL

61. "Autistic boy attacked: Teen beaten with spanner outside Melbourne school
"The mother of a bullied teen who was attacked by a group of boys armed with spanners outside a Melbourne school has spoken of the affect it has had on her son. --- dailytelegraph.com.au, May 10 (Australia)
<https://is.gd/M9ApeG>
62. "This is what parents of autistic children want you to know." The majority of Australians have heard of autism but less than a third actually feel confident interacting with and supporting autistic people and their families. --- news.com.au, May 15 (Australia) <https://is.gd/U9jUPG>
63. "Students with special needs in B.C. still face seclusion, physical restraint in schools." A new report from the advocacy group, Inclusion B.C., claims routine restraint and seclusion of children with special needs in schools hasn't improved much since its previous report in 2013 led to new guidelines — prompting the provincial education minister to promise new guidelines for schools by the end of the calendar year. --- cbc.ca, May 16 (Canada) <https://is.gd/8JWgDR>
64. "18-year-old intellectually-disabled woman beaten up near Cuddalore." In yet another case of people taking the law into their own following rumours that child lifters were on the loose, an 18-year-old intellectually-disabled woman from North India was beaten up in the district on Thursday. Eight persons were arrested following the incident. --- newindianexpress.com, May 11 (India) <https://is.gd/a1Mrx7>
65. "Mentally Impaired Woman Raped in Bhopal." A 45-year-old mentally retarded woman was raped by two miscreants at Harrakheda under Gunga police station area. The matter came to fore after she got eight months

pregnant and a case was registered on Wednesday. --- dailypioneer.com, May 11 (India) <https://is.gd/Nj3A2w>

66. "10 Things Everybody Should Know About Interacting with People Living with Disabilities." There's a new and growing conversation about disability rights in Iran. Here are 10 ways we can treat people with disabilities as equals and with respect ---iranhumanrights.org, May 15 (Iran) <https://is.gd/wbcnwx>
67. "Iran: Little Progress to Show UN on Disability Rights." Iran is facing a looming deadline to present its response to the Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD) a year after the UN body gave the Iranian government three recommendations for upholding and protecting the rights of the country's disabilities community. --- iranhumanrights.org, May 16 (Iran) <https://is.gd/kcw2O6>
68. "Latest: Love Both: No vote will protect unborn children with Down syndrome; Taoiseach condemns poster images." Campaigners have claimed a No vote in Ireland's abortion referendum will protect unborn children with Down syndrome – despite Government assurances that disability will not be grounds to end pregnancy. --- irishexaminer.com, May 15 (Ireland) <https://is.gd/TCV6DK>
69. "A judge has made orders restraining two men from having any contact with a mildly intellectually disabled woman. One of the men is the subject of a Garda investigation arising from serious complaints made by the woman, who is aged in her 20s. --- irishtimes.com, May 14 (Ireland) <https://is.gd/e4vagn>
70. "More than half of Down Syndrome pregnancies in Republic terminated." More than half of babies diagnosed in the womb with Down Syndrome in Dublin's three main maternity hospitals are aborted, figures suggest. --- irishnews.com, May 11 (Ireland) <https://is.gd/EG4HOt>

71. "Canada native's 'Accessible Japan' website paves way for tourists with disabilities." Toronto native Barry Joshua Grisdale is smoothing the way for foreign visitors with disabilities to make the most of trips to Japan with the tourism site "Accessible Japan." --- mainichi.jp, May 13 (Japan) <https://is.gd/PI17aB>
72. "Grapevine: Diplomatically Speaking." French ambassador Helene Le Gal will this week host an event at her residence in Jaffa on behalf of ITLV Young Professionals working in conjunction with the Konrad- Adenauer-Stiftung. --- jpost.com, May 12 (Jerusalem) <https://is.gd/dZKrZo>
73. "Seclusion for children 'potentially traumatising' and unacceptable." Mental health staff are isolating distressed children, some aged under 12, in locked seclusion rooms at Christchurch's ageing Princess Margaret Hospital (PMH). Newly-released figures show, between 2013 and 2017, 45 patients aged under 18 were secluded 252 times – one for almost five days. --- stuff.co.nz, May 12 (New Zealand) <https://is.gd/xX34so>
74. "Young Pakistani to become first blind judge." Yousuf Salim's appointment as judge could be a major moment for country's differently-abled population --- gulfnews.com, May 13 (Pakistan) <https://is.gd/L8sWAv>
75. "Vulnerable pensioner with the mental age of a child left homeless after thugs pelt his home with bricks." 65-year-old Gordon Ross, who has learning difficulties, had to be rescued by his nephew. --- dailyrecord.co.uk, May 12 (UK) <https://is.gd/tVOSwl>
76. "Council tax rebates for mental disability still going unclaimed." Families are claiming as much as £7,000 in council tax refunds thanks to an awareness campaign about a little-known discount for the severely mentally impaired (SMI). --- theguardian.com, May 12 (UK) <https://is.gd/gOKLUQ>
77. "Prince Edward Theatre Recieves National Austistic Society Award." Disney's hit musical Aladdin is delighted to announce that the Prince Edward Theatre, is the first theatre in the West End to receive an award from The National

Autistic Society celebrating its achievements in welcoming autistic guests and their families through training, staff awareness and initiatives such as the hit show's Autism-Friendly Performances. --- britishtheatre.com, May 11 (UK) <https://is.gd/qULvLE>

MISCELLANEOUS

78. "Mate crime 'devastating' impact to be shown in short films." It has been described as "just about as low as anyone can go", with the impact of so-called mate crime explored in a series of films. The deception involves befriending a vulnerable person with the intention of exploiting them financially, physically or sexually. --- bbc.com, May 11 <https://is.gd/49KV7d>
79. "Autism's Dark Roots in Nazi Vienna." A new book from the historian Edith Sheffer investigates the medical pioneer Hans Asperger's involvement in a Third Reich eugenics program. --- theatlantic.com, May 13 <https://is.gd/0mg8zi>
80. "How a mother fought back against internet trolls who used her daughter to justify abortion." Nine-year-old Sophia Weaver's parents, Mark and Natalie, from North Carolina, know the meaning of this line with all their soul. Their first daughter, Sophia, was born with deformities to her face, legs and arms — and was later diagnosed with Rett Syndrome, a degenerative illness that affects language and motor functions. --- aleteia.org, May 11 (North Carolina) <https://is.gd/sVtU0j>