

Disability and Abuse Newsfeed

Week of March 9 to March 15, 2019

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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*.

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Type:

Abuse and Neglect:

Sexual Assault: 6, 9, 12, 14, 15, 17, 18, 23, 25, 27, 28, 60, 61

Human Trafficking: 60, 63

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WINNER of most egregious award: 2: Secretary DeVos illegally delayed addressing racial disparities of special education services.

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Men: 3, 4, 6, 12, 13, 14, 15, 18, 19, 23, 24, 25, 27, 28, 58, 60, 61

Women: 5, 9, 10, 16, 17, 31, 33

Good News: 9: nursing home administrator charged with failure to report sexual assault; 39: Plan to enforce FDA ban on shock devices used on people with disabilities; 40: individuals can no longer benefit financially for the death of a child they neglected to death (murdered).; 46: Department of Justice Coordinates Elder Fraud “sweep”; 47: Improved customer service for Deaf community; 51: Author at school district aims to “stop” sexual assault.

Bad News: 3: Police officer shot unarmed caregiver of autistic man; 8: City’s homeless shelters violate the rights of people with disabilities; 22: no elevators were installed at new Bronx MTA station to provide access for people with disabilities; 26: special education funding runs out at private school; 44: increased rate of suicide among individuals with autism reported.

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ABUSE & NEGLECT

1. “Alaska’s System For Evaluating Mentally Ill Defendants Hits The Breaking Point” - Alaska’s system for dealing with seriously mentally ill criminal defendants has been pushed to its breaking point by an increasing number of defendants entering the system combined with a severely limited capacity to treat them at the state’s only psychiatric hospital — which was in such disarray that state officials in February [turned it over to a controversial private company](#) to manage. – Anchorage Daily News – March 9, 2019 – (Alaska) - <https://is.gd/KIEHLu>

2. “DeVos Illegally Delayed Special Education Rule, Judge Says” - A federal judge has ruled that Education Secretary Betsy DeVos illegally delayed an Obama-era rule that required states to address racial disparities in special education programs. – New York Times – March 8, 2019 – (D.C.) - <https://is.gd/vftXGA>

3. “Jury Hung On North Miami Officer Who Shot An Unarmed Caretaker With Autistic Man” - The North Miami police officer who [shot an unarmed caregiver](#) of an autistic man in 2016 has been found not guilty of one count of culpable negligence Friday, while the jury came back undecided on three other charges. – NBC News – March 15, 2019 – (Florida) - <https://is.gd/6moRPL>

4. “Man Arrested for Allegedly Abusing Disabled Adult” - According to the incident report, D.J. "Danny" Trevathan was seen by a witness standing overtop the victim and believed Trevathan was attacking the victim. During the interview, deputies learned the victim is confined to a wheelchair and not able to properly care for himself or perform daily activities. The victim is only 57 years old but the incident report says, he is frail and weak. – My Panhandle – March 15, 2019 – (Florida) - <https://is.gd/O25EOt>

5. “Augusta Adult Daycare Employee Arrested in Abuse of Disabled Adult” - Toni Washington, 23, is currently in jail awaiting an initial appearance in court. Her arrest Tuesday resulted from a Crimes Against the Vulnerable and Elderly task force investigation at Lizzy’s Adult Daycare on Augusta Tech Drive where Washington was a staff member and responsible for the well-being and care of the the victim, a disabled adult. – The Augusta Chronicle – March 13, 2019 – (Georgia)- <https://is.gd/hTcGCS>

6. “Second man charged in alleged abuse of woman” - A second man has been charged in connection with alleged sexual abuse of a mentally disabled woman. Josiah A. Bauer-Devault, 25, of Lewiston, is charged with one count of sexually abusing a vulnerable adult. He posted a \$15,000 bond Saturday and has a preliminary hearing set for March 20. John D. Cooksey, 33, of Lewiston, was charged March 4 with two felonies for reportedly binding and beating a woman before allegedly raping her. – The Lewiston Tribune – March 13, 2019 – (Idaho) - <https://is.gd/QcJ78K>

7. “Southwest Airlines Investigating After Passenger Says Gate Agent Mocked Special-Needs Athletes” - A Chicago-area cheerleading organization alleged Thursday that a Southwest Airlines gate agent wouldn't let two special-needs athletes board early for a recent flight to Atlanta – and were later made fun of by Southwest employees. – USA Today- March 8, 2019 – (Illinois) - <https://is.gd/fJEYgr>

8. “City-Funded Chicago Homeless Shelters Violate Rights of People with Disabilities, Lawsuit Claims” - Chicago’s homeless shelter system discriminates against people with disabilities and fails to provide accommodations mandated by federal law, a Chicago woman claims in a federal lawsuit. – Chicago Tribune – March 12, 2019 – (Illinois) - <https://is.gd/aUjJLb>

9. “Nursing Home Administrator Charged after Alleged Sex Abuse Incidents” - Sparks Nursing Home Administrator Lula K. Wade, 62 of Greenville, was charged by Central City Police Officer Jamie Jenkins last night following an investigation. Wade was charged with seven counts of failure to report abuse/neglect/exploitation of an adult. – Surf KY – March 8, 2019 – (Kentucky) - <https://is.gd/TyN2eg>

10. “Madisonville Nurse Indicted On Abuse, Neglect Charges” - Ashley Maypray, 34, of Madisonville, was formally arraigned in Hopkins Circuit Court Thursday. Officials say last March, Maypray, who worked as a licensed practical nurse at a nursing home, was performing medical services on the victim when she slapped the victim across the mouth and pinched then twisted the skin on the victim’s arm. – 14 News – March 15, 2019 – (Kentucky) - <https://is.gd/KXyDuw>

11. “Autistic Child Handcuffed to Chair at Louisiana Elementary School” - A 9-year-old special needs student named Zykyden was handcuffed to a chair at Winnsboro Elementary School. – East Texas Matters – March 8, 2019 – (Louisiana) - <https://is.gd/YAm6vB>

12. “Orland Man Sentenced to Year in Jail for Rape” - An Orland man, Van Stevens, was ordered March 7 to serve five years in prison with all but one year suspended for raping a developmentally disabled woman. – The Ellsworth American – March 14, 2019 – (Maine) - <https://is.gd/QAZVBL>

13. “Former Maine School Bus Driver Fined \$1,000 For Slapping Autistic Student” - Raymond Files, 59, entered a plea of no contest to a misdemeanor assault charge, meaning he did not admit guilt but still was convicted. A judge did not sentence him to jail time, despite the request of the victim’s mother, but increased the typical \$300 fine. – Press Herald – March 13, 2019 – (Maine) - <https://is.gd/ZpTFLY>

14. “Boonsboro man charged with sexually molesting vulnerable adult”- A 79-year-old Boonsboro man has been charged with sexually assaulting a woman with a mental disability last year after recent DNA test results corroborated the woman’s accusation. – Herald Mail Media – March 7, 2019 – (Maryland) - <https://is.gd/8RwPdg>

15. “Westminster Man Charged with Rape, Abuse of Vulnerable Adult at Carroll County Library” - Nikolas Tasony is charged with second degree-rape and physical abuse of a vulnerable adult. Police were called to the Carroll County Library after surveillance footage captured Tasony coming out of a family restroom with a woman diagnosed with an intellectual disability. – CBS 13 – March 10, 2019 – (Maryland) - <https://is.gd/5NunVf>

16. “Woman Gets Time Served, Probation for Letting Mother Live in Filthy Condition” -Marilyn Lynn Shaw, 56, was sentenced March 11 in Genesee County Circuit Court in connection to an incident dating back to January 2017. Shaw pleaded no contest in July 2018 to two counts of vulnerable adult abuse after police said her mother was found lying naked in a urine- and feces-covered sheet and suffering from sores and other ailments that

caused the victim to have her foot amputated. – Michigan Live – March 14, 2019 – (Michigan)- <https://is.gd/g0KHr8>

17. “Owner of Group Home Pleads Guilty of Criminal Abuse” - Paula Beulke, 63, of Montgomery, owner and chief executive of Blossom Hill Corporation and Sunrise Farms, pleaded guilty March 5 to one of three counts filed against her, including engaging in sexual contact or penetration with a resident, patient or client. The other two, lesser counts were dropped. – Montgomery Messenger – March 12, 2019 – (Minnesota) - - <https://is.gd/sXdiL4>

18. “A pedophile farmer was jailed for 90 years for raping two disabled sisters aged 13 and 14.” - James Kerns, 50, was handed the lengthy jail term Thursday after a court in Springfield, Missouri, heard how he’d abused that child and her disabled 13-year-old sister. He told the disabled 14 year-olds she ‘needed’ to learn how to give oral sex. – Metro – March 8, 2019 – (Missouri) - <https://is.gd/xXJoVf>

19. “Man Faces Charges for Striking Boy with Down Syndrome” - An Ellsinore man is charged with abuse or neglect of a child after allegedly striking a child with Down syndrome in the face, leaving bruises. A warrant was issued for Connor Ray Oliver, 20, with bail set at \$5,000. The charge is a felony. – West Plains Daily Quill – March 15, 2019 – (Missouri) - <https://is.gd/EO7Bhq>

20. “For A New Jersey Care Center, The Cost of 11 Children’s Lives Is \$600,000” - The regulators’ research, published in an extensive, 114-page report last December, argues that the 11 deaths were the result of unhygienic cleaning and food preparation practices, negligent care of the kids and a disorganized system of leadership. The adenovirus is a particularly contagious, flu-like virus that can cause respiratory illnesses like pneumonia and bronchitis. – Huffington Post – March 13, 2019 – (New Jersey) - <https://is.gd/CBL9tu>

21. “Albuquerque Nonprofit Accused of Underpaying Disabled Workers” - An Albuquerque nonprofit often praised nationally for giving people with disabilities a place to work is now accused of cheating them out of pay. A new lawsuit filed by a group of advocates with [Disability Rights New Mexico](https://www.disabilityrightsnewmexico.org/), claims Adelante Development Center is paying far below minimum wage, then pocketing the rest of the money. – KRQE – March 12, 2019 – (New Mexico) - <https://is.gd/7X4Jpu>

22. “Judge Says MTA Broke ADA Elevator Statutes” - A federal judge ruled last week that the Metropolitan Transportation Authority discriminated against handicapped residents when it failed to include elevators among massive renovations that were made to a Bronx subway station over nine months from late 2013 to early 2014.- Queens Chronicle – March 14, 2019 – (New York)- <https://is.gd/iC3wfG>

23. “Police Fear Ex-Mason Retirement Home Worker Accused Of Rape Has More Victims” - The complaint against Michael Schneider, 55, is from his time working at Cedar Village Retirement Home in Mason in 2000.[Retirement home worker charged in rape of woman with disabilities](https://www.cincinnati.com/story/news/crime/2019/03/08/mason-retirement-home-worker-accused-rape/5211170002/). Investigators are accusing Schneider of sexually abusing a woman described as elderly and having disabilities. "He continues, every day while we are investigating, to have access to individuals who are elderly and disabled". – WLWT 5 – March 8, 2019 – (Ohio) - <https://is.gd/JoOX1a>

24. “No Charges Year After Developmentally Disabled Man’s Homicide” - Jerrold Duskey suffered multiple blunt force injuries, first reported Feb. 14, 2018, by a residential manager at the ResCare Inc. facility on Redbluff Drive. – Dayton Daily News – March 9, 2019 – (Ohio) - <https://is.gd/gnPTlf>

25. “Struthers Man Arrested in Connection with Rape of a Disabled Child” - A Struthers man was arrested Wednesday afternoon in Elyria in connection with the rape of a disabled child, according to a press release from the U.S. Marshals Service. Members of the Northern Ohio Violent Fugitive Task

Force reported the arrest of Kevin Neely, 37, on Interstate 80 in Elyria. – Richland Source – March 13, 2019 – (Ohio)- <https://is.gd/pIV74m>

26. “Special Education Funding Runs Out at Medford Private Schools” - “We have had an increase of students both in public school and private school who are eligible for special education,” said Medford School District Director of Special Education and Student Services Tania Tong, “and so we’ve been providing services to those 35 students and we have fully expended the amount of money we were required to spend.” – NBC KOBI 5- March 14, 2019 – (Oregon) - <https://is.gd/doufCx>

27. “Man Acquitted of Sexual Assault, Rape Charges” - Zachary Dinell, 25, was also charged with invasion of privacy, for taking pictures of the woman while unconscious. He admitted to doing as much and was found guilty on that charge. Police said following Dinell's arrest, they also discovered inappropriate photos of physically and mentally disabled residents at a facility where he worked. That trial should begin in the next few weeks. – WPXI – March 8, 2019 – (Pennsylvania) - <https://is.gd/a5rHBa>

28. “Suspect in Sex Assaults Was Involved in Troop That Met at Westerly Church”- The Rev. Giacomo Capoverdi, pastor of the High Street church, said he learned that James Glawson was involved with Troop 10 after reading news accounts of Glawson's arrest. Glawson was arrested on Feb. 15 and charged with assaulting the disabled man. On Wednesday he was charged with eight additional counts of first degree sexual assault and one count of possession of child pornography. – Westerly The Sun – March 9, 2019 – (Rhode Island) - <https://is.gd/7FqZUU>

29. “Report: Texas Foster Kids Left in Psychiatric Hospitals for Weeks or Months” - Hundreds of Texas foster children are languishing for weeks or months in psychiatric hospitals because they have nowhere else to go, hurting them psychologically, endangering them physically and costing the

state millions of dollars. – Statesman – March 8, 2019 – (Texas) - <https://is.gd/t9XQ2Y>

30. “Children Are Routinely Isolated in Some Fairfax County Schools. The District Didn’t Report It” - Restraint and seclusion so traumatic for 7-yr old boy that he'd soil himself to get out. Says Mom, now feeling guilty that she failed him: "He was so desperate to get out." WAMU's @JennyAbamu writes about overuse of seclusion and restraint and schools that find alternatives. – WAMU – March 13, 2019 – (Virginia) - <https://is.gd/p00r5y>

31. “Stuarts Draft Woman Pleads Guilty to Financial Exploitation of a Mentally Incapacitated Adult - A Stuarts Draft woman pleaded guilty Wednesday to stealing thousands of dollars from her incapacitated father. – News Leader – March 15, 2019 – (Virginia) - <https://is.gd/coSTuh>

32. “Washington special education students traumatized by physical restraints at school” - Isaac, who has autism, stopped completing classroom assignments. He refused to go to sleep on Sundays because he was afraid to start a new week at school. He slept on Stuber's bedroom floor for about two years because he couldn't get through the night without having a nightmare. – K 5 News – March 15, 2019 – (Washington)- <https://is.gd/wrh0aJ>

33. “Casper Woman Denies Physically Abusing Vulnerable Adult” - Appearing in Natrona County District Court Friday, Jayme L. Bauer, born in 1964, pleaded not guilty to charges of abuse of a vulnerable adult and domestic battery. At the time of the incident, Bauer lived with the victim. – K2 Radio – March 15, 2019 – (Wyoming) - <https://is.gd/maaO5Y>

GUARDIANSHIP

34. “On The Road To Freedom From Guardianship In Mexico” - On March 13, Mexico’s Supreme Court [First Chamber](#) issued a groundbreaking ruling

giving Ernesto, who has an intellectual disability, the right to decide to marry, sell or rent his house, enter into contracts, and carry out any other legal acts that many of us take for granted. Until that day, he had been placed under “guardianship,” meaning another person made all these decisions on Ernesto’s behalf. – Human Rights Watch – March 15, 2019 – (Mexico) - <https://is.gd/Qu5m7x>

35. “Is Legal Guardianship Necessary for Adults with Developmental Disabilities?” - Paul Aronsohn says the issue to designate legal guardianship is one of the top concerns keeping parents and caregivers of the developmentally disabled up at night. – NJTV – March 8, 2019 – (New Jersey) - <https://is.gd/l8kvv8>

LAWS & LEGISLATION

36. “2019 Session: Bill to Improve Mental Health Services for Deaf Community Advances” - The legislation would make sure Arkansans who are deaf or hard of hearing have access to the resources they need when going through counseling and treatment. – KARK – March 14, 2019 – (Arkansas) - <https://is.gd/6n9bS1>

37. “New Illinois bill would allow SNAP benefits to be used for fast food” - [House Bill 3343](#) would establish a Restaurant Meals Program to the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, or SNAP. If passed, recipients can use their monthly allotment to buy meals from restaurants. – WSBT 22 – March 15, 2019 (Illinois) - <https://is.gd/VkLIG1>

38. “Maryland House Passes Drug-Aided Death Bill” - The Maryland House on Thursday passed a measure that would give terminally ill patients six months from death the option to end their lives by taking prescribed lethal medication. House bill 399, or the End-of-Life Option Act, received 74 votes for and 66 against in an impassioned chamber session. – The Star – March 7, 2019 – (Maryland)- <https://is.gd/6gNZD4>

39. “Disability Advocates Pressure FDA to Finalize Ban On Shock Devices” - Months after the Food and Drug Administration pledged to ban devices used to administer electric shocks on people with developmental disabilities, advocates are asking what the holdup is. – Disability Scoop – March 13, 2019 – (National)- <https://is.gd/6ygs2w>

40. “Oregon Senate Oks Bill To Bar Neglectful Parents From Payments” - [Senate Bill 474](#) – which passed by a 26-0 vote on the Senate floor – will ensure no one experiences a windfall for the death of a child they failed to care for, according to a news release from Oregon Senate Democrats, which continues below: “This bill is important for one simple reason: Parents who have severely abused and neglected or abandoned their children should not benefit financially from the death of that child,” said Sen. Sara Gelser (D-Corvallis), chief co-sponsor of the bill, who carried it on the Senate floor. “There should be no award for failing your child.” – KTVZ – News 21 – March 7, 2019 – (Oregon)- <https://is.gd/jYbnXf>

41. “Gov. Northam Signs Legislation to Help Fight Elder Abuse” - The law, which will go into effect July 1, will have localities establish multidisciplinary team reviews of elder abuse, neglect, and exploitation cases. Virginia Del. Todd Pillion and Virginia Sen. Bill Chafin sponsored the legislation. – WSET ABC 13 News – March 12, 2019 – (Virginia) - <https://is.gd/vw5fQn>

STUDIES & STATISTICS

42. “Brexit Attention Has Left Children Traumatized and Vulnerable to Abuse”- The report, which been compiled by the Children’s Rights Alliance for England, the policy arm of children’s charity Just for Kids Law, concluded that a focus on Brexit is reducing government’s ability to address issues such as rising exclusions from school, mental health problems and

child poverty. – News The Essential Daily Briefing – March 12, 2019 – (England) - <https://is.gd/P1Wds4>

43. “Kazakhstan: Education Barriers for Children with Disabilities” - A majority of children with disabilities in [Kazakhstan](#) are not getting a quality, inclusive education, Human Rights Watch said in a report released today. Although the Kazakh government has taken some important steps to better protect the [rights of children with disabilities](#), much more needs to be done to ensure equal access to education for all children. – Human Rights Watch – March 14, 2019 – (Kazakhstan) - <https://is.gd/J061Vi>

44. “Call For Help: We Need To Address Suicide Risk In Autistic Women” - Suicide has been the subject of a special-interest group for researchers at the [International Society for Autism Research](#) (INSAR) annual meeting for the past three years. I attended the session last year. – Spectrum – March 12, 2019 – (National) - <https://is.gd/MyvV78>

IMPROVED SUPPORTS

45. “Alaska’s ‘Comprehensive Integrated Mental Health Program Plan’ Draft Released” - The Department of Health & Social Services, in collaboration with the Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority, recently released a draft of their 2020-2024 [Strengthening the System: Comprehensive Integrated Mental Health Program Plan](#). – State of Reform – March 14, 2019 – (Alaska) - <https://is.gd/cpuTH2>

46. “Justice Department Coordinates Largest-Ever Nationwide Elder Fraud Sweep” - Attorney General William P. Barr and multiple law enforcement partners today announced the largest coordinated sweep of elder fraud cases in history, surpassing [last year’s nationwide sweep](#). The cases during this sweep involved more than 260 defendants from around the globe who victimized more than two million Americans, most of them elderly. – All On Georgia – March 15, 2019 – (Georgia) - <https://is.gd/rbUDRm>

47. “MacMurray Video Aims to Improve Customer Service for Deaf Community” - The video, “Reach Out; Don’t Freak Out: Serving the Deaf Community” shows and describes what not to do when working with deaf customers, then offering displays of some more appropriate ways of interacting. – WLDS – March 9, 2019 – (Illinois) - <https://is.gd/zCFk6O>

48. “Christina Hale: Caring for Our Elderly Hoosiers Must Become Priority” - The Indiana FSSA reports that, in 2014, there were 38,594 calls for service in our state, a 300 percent increase over the previous 10 years. That year, 9,602 cases were investigated and yet there were only 28 APS investigators statewide. That was hardly adequate then, let alone today, as case volume increases and we prepare for the coming silver tsunami—the aging of the baby boomer generation. – Indianapolis Business Journal – March 8, 2019 – (Indianapolis)- <https://is.gd/ssYRm0>

49. “Officials Want to Change How to Identify Autistic Students” - "The sole reason for the change is to better identify students with autism using modern research and knowledge," said Doug Doty, the agency's Autism Education Project statewide coordinator. "We all work to make life better for kids, not to reduce services." – The Charlotte Observer – March 11, 2019 – (Montana) - <https://is.gd/zTBh2M>

50. “Amazon Pulls 2 Books Promoting Unscientific Autism ‘Cures’”- The books, “Healing the Symptoms Known as Autism” and “Fight Autism and Win,” were not available Wednesday. The company confirmed that the listings had been removed but declined to discuss why or whether similar books would be taken down in the future. – San Francisco Chronicle – March 13, 2019 –(National)- <https://is.gd/eM3V6x>

51. “‘This Is an Epidemic’: School Program Aims to Stop Sexual Abuse Before It Happens” - That’s why one woman in Westlake has made it her mission to make sure all kids learn right from wrong at a young age. Cathy

DuBois, an Intervention Specialist in the Westlake School District created something called Project S.T.O.P. It stands for Stop the Oppressive Predator. She runs it out of her non-profit organization, Reinventing The Cycle. – Fox 8 – March 14, 2019 – Ohio - <https://is.gd/nP5Fmi>

52. “Justice Department Reaches Agreement with Harris County to Ensure Polling Place Accessibility for Disabled Voters” - Under the settlement, Harris County will have to alter its polling places to comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act. – The Texas Tribune – March 12, 2019 – (Texas) - <https://is.gd/c2KZ1Q>

53. “Art for Autism, Local Event Raising Awareness of Autism Services in San Antonio” - 10% of the proceeds will benefit the center. Money raised will help funding to expand services for children and adults with autism at ATC’s newly opened Learning & Opportunity Center in northeast San Antonio. – News 4 San Antonio – March 8, 2019 – (Texas) - <https://is.gd/fqDfiO>

INTERNATIONAL

54. “Having an Arranged Marriage with A Mental Illness” - Having an arranged marriage is still a practice widely accepted in South Asian and British Asian communities. But when the mental health of one person is withheld during the ‘arranging’, it leads to many issues within such a marriage. – Desi Blitz – March 15, 2019 – (Asia) - <https://is.gd/F0cuLG>

55. “Cafe Roasted for Appalling’ Sign Mocking Disability Abuse”- Melbourne cafe Seddon Deadly Sins put a chalkboard outside the shop on Wednesday with the message: “My girlfriend broke up with me, so I stole her wheelchair... guess who came crawling back.” – Probono Australia – March 7, 2019 – Australia - <https://is.gd/CPTqVy>

56. “I Failed Miserably’: Weyburn Councillor Apologizes for Comments About Home for People with Disabilities” - They shouldn't be denied an opportunity to live in a certain area of town just because they are disabled. – CBC- March 13, 2019 – (Canada)- <https://is.gd/41DWK7>

57. “N.S. Hiring 8 New Specialists to Work with Children with Autism Spectrum Disorder” - The Nova Scotia government is hiring eight new specialists as part of the Brief Intensive Outreach Service program. The specialists will be divided into two teams. One will be based in Cape Breton and the other will stay in Halifax. Each team will be comprised of a social worker, speech language pathologist, occupational therapist and psychologist. – Global News – March 15, 2019 – (Canada) - <https://is.gd/vmjSQE>

58. “Man Jailed After Stealing Thousands of Pounds from Disabled Widow” - A retired independent financial adviser, who stole around £50,000 from a disabled woman, in her 80s, has been jailed. Michael Price, aged 73, from Peasedown St John, was jailed for three years at Bristol Crown Court after he had been convicted of fraud by abuse of position. – ITV- March 15, 2019 – (England) - <https://is.gd/wZ9nPb>

59. “U.N. Finds Israel Intentionally Shot Children, Journalists & The Disabled During Gaza Protests” - The report, released by the U.N. Human Rights Council on Thursday, looked at Israel’s bloody response to weekly Great March of Return demonstrations, launched by Palestinians in Gaza nearly a year ago, targeting Israel’s heavily militarized separation barrier. – Democracy Now - March 4, 2019 – (Israel) - <https://is.gd/V9WiS9>

60. “Latvian Priest Charged with Abusing Vulnerable Teen: Report” - A Latvian Catholic priest and two other people have been charged with human trafficking and sexual abuse of a male teenager with learning difficulties, local media reported Friday, citing justice authorities. – Yahoo. Com – March 8, 2019 – (Latvia) - <https://is.gd/gruxtJ>

61. “Man Charged with Raping Mentally Disabled Teenager” - A 26-year-old man has been remanded in custody after being accused of the rape of a mentally disabled 19 year-old girl. – Malta Independent – March 14, 2019 – (Malta) - <https://is.gd/ykO3UN>

62. “Court dismisses appeal for intellectually disabled teen who raped schoolmate to be jailed, caned” -The Court of Appeal on Monday (Mar 11) dismissed a bid by prosecutors to send an intellectually disabled teenager to prison and caning after he raped and sexually attacked his schoolmate. The teenager, who was 18 at the time of the prosecution's appeal, will undergo reformatory training (RT) of up to three years, as originally sentenced. – Channel News Asia – March 11, 2019 – (Singapore) - <https://is.gd/D66bkB>

63. “Trial Involving Forced Marriage of Mentally Disabled Girl Halted” - The trial involving a mentally disabled 13-year-old girl who was allegedly trafficked and forced into a marriage with an elderly man, was postponed in the Port Elizabeth High Court on Monday. – IOL – March 11, 2019 – (South Africa)- <https://is.gd/bGMf6g>

64. “SA Must Take the Lead in Legalising Euthanasia” - It is reported that about 20 people take their lives in South Africa daily, and that about 13% of rape survivors commit suicide, while about 30% contemplate suicide due to the devastating impact of these assaults on their sense of being and worth. – City Press – March 15, 2019 – (South Africa)- <https://is.gd/9p1nF>

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MISCELLANEOUS

65. “LaCroix CEO says brands are basically “handicapped” people”- Managing a brand is not so different from caring for someone who becomes handicapped. – Vox – March 8, 2019 – (National) - <https://is.gd/sL0Rmw>

66. "Why The College Admissions Scandal Hurts Students with Disabilities"
- "Stories like this are why we continue to see backlash to disability rights laws," Rebecca Cokley, director of the Disability Justice Initiative at the Center for American Progress, said in a statement. – NPR – March 14, 2019 – (National) - <https://is.gd/noXGvx>