

Disability and Abuse Newsfeed

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ABUSE & NEGLECT

1. “Teacher's aide accused of molesting special needs student pleads not guilty.” 24-Year-old Elder Lor has pleaded not guilty to three sex crime charges earlier this week. The instructional aide at a non-public school for special needs students, Creative Alternatives school, is accused of engaging in lewd and lascivious acts with an 11-year-old student, he's since been released from employment. --- abc30.com, March 3 (California) <https://is.gd/xWcScG>
2. “SLO High teen accused of bullying faces a felony hate crime charge.” A 15-year-old San Luis Obispo High School student has been arrested on suspicion of a hate crime against a fellow student who is autistic, according to the San Luis Obispo Police Department. --- sanluisobispo.com, March 7 (California) <https://is.gd/TRKEFI>
3. “Mom who starved autistic son to death pleads guilty.” A Connecticut woman has pleaded guilty to manslaughter in the death of her disabled 17-year-old son, who weighed just 84 pounds when he died last year. --- nypost.com, March 7 (Connecticut)
4. “Vernon Group Home Worker Accused of Abusing Resident.” Vernon police have arrested a staff member of a group home who is accused of abusing a resident who has the cognitive functioning of a small child. Police said it

happened as she cleaned the resident, who had defecated on himself. --- nbccconnecticut.com, March 8 (Connecticut) <https://is.gd/F2bzC2>

5. “Carlton Palms facility for mentally disabled makes misleading reports, group charges.” Days after a man died from injuries he sustained while in the care of a Lake County facility for the severely disabled, an advocacy group released a report detailing the staff’s “outright avoidance” to file accurate and timely patient injury records. ---- orlandosentinel.com, March 6 (Florida) <https://is.gd/hpT4ly>
6. “Local man arrested for rape, sodomy.” A local man remained in police custody Friday after being charged with rape and aggravated sodomy. Ulonzo Veal, of an East Camden Street, Milledgeville address, was arrested by officers with the Milledgeville Police Department after reportedly assaulting a juvenile in a sexual manner. --- unionrecorder.com, March 2 (Georgia) <https://is.gd/OYcYOO>
7. “Woman accused of abusing elderly mother.” A Bowling Green woman is accused for the second time of wantonly abusing her 84-year-old invalid mother. --- bgdailynews.com, March 5 (Kentucky) <https://is.gd/pGXEni>
8. “Former South Bend school aide sentenced for shaking special needs child.” A former South Bend school aide, convicted of abusing a special needs child, has been sentenced. Sixty-eight-year-old Carla Chaffee received a one-year suspended sentence to be served on probation. --- wndu.com, March 7 (Indiana) <https://is.gd/sYjgS1>
9. “Worcester man pleads guilty to manslaughter in death at Templeton Developmental Center.” A Worcester man has been sentenced to 7 years in state prison, with 10 years of probation to follow, after pleading guilty to unrelated manslaughter and arson charges. --- telegram.com, March 5 (Massachusetts) <https://is.gd/MI7uQp>
10. “Coon Rapids man charged with felony neglect of man who died.” A 56-year-old Coon Rapids man is being accused of neglecting his duties as a

caregiver for a man who subsequently died at the age of 83. ---
hometownsource.com, March 7 (Minnesota) <https://is.gd/5XYPLT>

11. “NC teacher charged with assault on handicapped minor at school, warrant says.” A teacher at a Fayetteville high school has been accused of assault against a minor in a classroom, an arrest warrant shows. --- wbtv.com, March 5 (North Carolina) <https://is.gd/SySZyr>
12. “Autistic student blacks out after being choked by bullies.” A Cuyahoga County sixth-grader says two people choked him at school to the point of passing out. WKYC reported it happened to the student with autism at Parma City School District’s Greenbriar Middle School. --- nbc4i.com, March 7 (Ohio) <https://is.gd/zgZrYf>
13. “Paraplegic man pulled from wheelchair, shot during South Cumminsville robbery.” Cincinnati police say a paraplegic person was robbed and shot earlier this month. The victim was pulled from his wheelchair during the incident, they said. --- fox19.com, March 1 (Ohio) <https://is.gd/dYdQi6>
14. “Man convicted of coercing adult daughter into sex.” A disclosure by a former Long Beach woman who was recently convicted of incest led to her father’s conviction on similar charges. --- chinookobserver.com, March 6 (Oregon) <https://is.gd/f3SdNh>
15. “Pawtucket group home still open after Child Advocate report of drugs, sex trafficking.” Two group homes run by an embattled Pawtucket business are still in operation despite a report released in late January recommending the agency be shut down due to drug use, human trafficking and a general lack of oversight. --- wpri.com, March 2 (Rhode Island) <https://is.gd/wufk4O>
16. “Autistic SC teen who was burned, dismembered ‘knew he was loved’.” The 18-year-old killed and dismembered on a Lancaster County property moved in with the two people charged in the case two months ago, according to those who knew him. --- thestate.com, March 4 (South Carolina)

<https://is.gd/cGSra1>

17. “Man found with maggots in wounds, caregiver charged.” A Norfolk caregiver is charged with abuse and neglect after a 40-year-old incapacitated man was admitted to the hospital last year with maggots in his wounds, numerous bed sores, and septic. --- 13newsnow.com, March 2 (Virginia) <https://is.gd/8nHQR5>
18. “Milwaukee high school teacher turns in son accused of sex trafficking her student.” A Milwaukee man accused of prostituting a 17-year-old girl was turned in to police by her high school teacher, who also happens to be his mother. --- jsonline.com, March 3 (Wisconsin) <https://is.gd/YseDFd>

GUARDIANSHIP

19. “Nevada sets up guardianship abuse hotline.” Nevada's highest court established the Guardianship Compliance Office after a years-long Contact 13 Investigation uncovered corruption in the system that is supposed to protect our most vulnerable residents. --- ktnv.com, March 6 (Nevada) <https://is.gd/Zrx9Tz>
20. “Texas judge weighs whether father who treated autistic daughter with marijuana is fit to be her guardian.” Christy Zartler had practiced what to say, yet she was still nervous on the witness stand. She and her husband had always done what they believed was right for their autistic daughter, Kara. --- dallasnews.com, March 4 (Texas) <https://is.gd/UFq1IW>
21. “Dad who gave his autistic daughter illegal marijuana is qualified to be her guardian, judge rules.” A father who administers cannabis vapor to his severely autistic daughter is qualified to be her guardian, a Texas judge has ruled. --- abajournal.com, March 5 (Texas) <https://is.gd/VSDgYz>

22. “Developments in Guardianship Law and Increased Difficulty Establishing Guardianships.” The last few years saw substantial changes and updates in the probate and estates realm, not the least of which was replacement of the prior Texas Probate Code with the Texas Estates Code. --- law.com, March 1 (Texas) <https://is.gd/uVySh2>

LAWS & LEGISLATION

23. “Disabled rights: Can mentally challenged man stay in marriage he might not understand?” In the cold and decidedly unromantic eyes of the law, “Marriage is a personal relation arising out of a civil contract between two persons, to which the consent of the parties capable of making that contract is necessary.” --- ocregister.com, March 3 (California) <https://is.gd/SGJG9C>
24. “Monterey Airbus settles with U.S. Department of Justice over disability access.” A long day of travel might include a bus to the airport, two flights with a connection, then a shuttle on the other end—a long, multi-part way home. --- montereycountyweekly.com, March 3 (California) <https://is.gd/znkxMp>
25. “California special needs students would be allowed to use medical marijuana in school under new legislation.” California minors with special needs or severe disabilities who rely on marijuana for medical purposes would be allowed to use the drug at their school under legislation introduced this week by state Sen. Jerry Hill (D-San Mateo). --- latimes.com, February 15 (California) <https://is.gd/ulOrYC>
26. “An opportunity to invest in individuals with developmental disabilities.” It’s not often that government can invest in helping those in our society who can least help themselves without asking taxpayers to kick in more money. That’s why California’s opportunity to invest hundreds of millions of

dollars into high-quality community services for individuals with developmental disabilities is so important. --- signalscv.com, March 6 (California) <https://is.gd/kvbtJ7>

27. "Lawsuits filed against state in alleged hospital abuse." The brother of a Greenwich man, who was allegedly abused for months while a patient at a state psychiatric hospital, filed state and federal lawsuits Thursday against the state and his alleged abusers. --- ctpost.com, March 1 (Connecticut) <https://is.gd/8Ep7oV>
28. "Appeals court rules in favor of Springfield group home residents." A panel of three appeals court judges found Friday that while a group home operator and the U.S. Department of Justice sue the city of Springfield for allegedly discriminatory zoning ordinances, three residents of the Noble Avenue group home in question cannot be evicted. --- sj-r.com, March 5 (Illinois) <https://is.gd/o8xTCV>
29. "Legislation Expanding Access to School for The Deaf Advances." Another possible change to education law in Indiana addresses a unique need for some students with disabilities; one piece of a bill moving through the general assembly would allow private school students to attend the Indiana School for the Deaf. --- indianapublicmedia.org, March 1 (Indiana) <https://is.gd/CGz8sa>
30. "Parents charged in death of adult son with Down syndrome." The Clark County coroner tells news outlets that malnutrition, dehydration, and pneumonia were contributing factors leading to the 20-year-old's death. --- whas11.com, March 1 (Kentucky) <https://is.gd/zOnRFO>
31. "State Legislature advances allowance for physical therapists to issue handicapped parking permits." A bill that would increase the number of people able to issue handicapped parking permits in Michigan has been advanced by both houses of the Michigan Legislature, and now heads for the desk of Gov. Rick Snyder. --- michiganpeninsulanews.com, March 5

(Michigan) <https://is.gd/niycOj>

32. “Special ed parents, teachers lobby Grand Rapids schools for change.” The Grand Rapids school board got an earful Monday, March 5, from special education parents and teachers complaining about inadequate support and services and critical of program director Laura LaMore's leadership. --- mlive.com, March 6 (Michigan) <https://is.gd/aONuL0>
33. “New card helps people who are deaf, police communicate during traffic stops.” The state is providing a new way for drivers who are deaf or hard of hearing to communicate with law enforcement officers during a traffic stop. --- fox9.com, March 2 (Minnesota) <https://is.gd/nDP5oZ>
34. “Judge to Justice Center: Provide Disability Rights New York with the info.” A federal judge ruled on Wednesday, Feb. 28, the Justice Center for the Protection of People with Special Needs unlawfully redacted information on records it provided to Disability Rights New York. --- spotlightnews.com, March 1 (New York) <https://is.gd/ehb51Z>
35. “Legislative auditor: Minnesota failing to protect vulnerable adults in senior facilities.” Long-awaited findings are likely to fuel calls for reform to the state's troubled system for investigating abuse. --- startribune.com, March 6 (Minnesota) <https://is.gd/WPpNGs>
36. “Advocates for the deaf rally outside Oklahoma County Courthouse.” The controversy continues nearly six months after an Oklahoma City police officer fatally shot a deaf man. Members of Oklahoma City's Deaf and Hard of Hearing community rallied outside the county courthouse Friday. The group had interpreters on hand to make sure their voices were heard. --- okcfox.com, March 3 (Oklahoma) <https://is.gd/yAqXLO>
37. “Oregon passes bill allowing mentally ill patients to be starved to death.” The first U.S. state that legalized doctors killing sick patients has now passed a bill that critics say will allow healthcare givers to starve to death mentally ill patients. --- lifesitenews.com, March 2 (Oregon)

<https://is.gd/bGp9MX>

38. “House OKs help for deaf children.” South Dakota children who are deaf or hard of hearing could receive more help from state government under legislation that won approval Tuesday from the state House of Representatives. --- rapidcityjournal.com, March 8 (South Dakota) <https://is.gd/u7v7C2>
39. “Down Syndrome Legislation Becomes New Frontier for Anti-Abortion Activists.” As the anti-abortion movement continues to focus on state legislation, one of the latest measures growing in popularity are bills banning abortions for the sole reason that the fetus has Down syndrome. -- - khn.org, March 6 (Utah) <https://is.gd/XSgKVf>
40. “‘Disturbing’: Milwaukee mayor, Wisconsin AG respond to new sex trafficking report.” Milwaukee Mayor Tom Barrett is calling for changes to group home policies after a new report on sex trafficking in the city found links between the facilities and recruitment of youth forced into sex work. -- jsonline.com, March 2 (Wisconsin) <https://is.gd/FA5hGu>

STUDIES & STATISTICS

41. “Autism-Related Challenges Persist Well Into Adulthood, Study Shows.” As adults with autism mature and move into middle age, they are finding it difficult to live independently, hold down jobs and sustain relationships, researchers say. --- disabilityscoop.com, March 5 <https://is.gd/osntBi>
42. “Australian Researchers Announce Study to Determine if Cannabis Can Treat Patients with Tourette Syndrome.” Cannabis is one of the most versatile plant medicines on the planet. Countless patients suffering from a myriad of disorders and symptoms have been helped through consuming medical cannabis. Researchers in Australia recently announced that they

seek to determine whether the neurological disorder known as Tourette syndrome can be added to the list. --- marijuanatimes.org, March 2
<https://is.gd/kRy0ie>

43. “Research finds people with intellectual disabilities not receiving support for big decisions.” Researchers from the University of Birmingham have found that people with intellectual disabilities receive much lower levels of support and guidance when making difficult decisions, especially those related to legal issues such as wills, advance decisions and power of attorney. --- medicalxpress.com, March 7 (Alabama) <https://is.gd/x6e6eq>
44. “Study testing first medication to treat symptoms of autism.” Children and teenagers with autism face challenges every day fitting in with friends, classmates and others in the world around them. “My perspective is that people with autism are different, just like every other human being — unique, one of a kind,” said Dr. Roger Jou, a psychiatrist at the Yale Child Study Center who treats and works with those on the autism spectrum. But they often feel lonely, unable to find others they can relate to, he said. --- nhregister.com, March 3 (Connecticut) <https://is.gd/6tTPGT>
45. “Close relationships in midlife tied to lower mortality for child abuse survivors.” Child abuse survivors may be less likely to die prematurely when they develop supportive relationships by middle age, a U.S. study suggests. --- reuters.com, March 5 <https://is.gd/ywR6Hz>

IMPROVED SUPPORTS

46. “The trauma of coercion: disabled elementary school students and 'isolation boxes'.” Isolation boxes have been used as punishment against students with special needs for decades. Why did it take neurotypical students being isolated for parents to collectively speak out? ---

psmag.com, March 1 <https://is.gd/wohusJ>

47. “Library offers safe place for autistic children.” Tucked away in a cool, soothing room in the north wing of the Athens-Limestone Public Library, the director of youth services, Amanda Coleman reads aloud from “All My Stripes: A Story for Children with Autism.” --- enewscourier.com, March 4 (Alabama) <https://is.gd/wPl1uW>
48. “Ride-hail companies introduce health care transportation days after Uber lawsuit.” Only days after Bay Area disability rights groups sued Uber over an alleged lack of wheelchair-accessible vehicles, both the ride-hail giant and its competitor, Lyft, announced health care-oriented transportation options. --- sfexaminer.com, March 5 (California) <https://is.gd/16Jp2x>
49. “Skechers Foundation Gives More Than \$1.5 Million to Children with Special Needs and Education.” The Skechers Foundation celebrated its ninth record-breaking Skechers Pier to Pier Friendship Walk for children last week at the Shade Hotel in Manhattan Beach, California – presenting more than \$510,000 to The Friendship Foundation in support of kids with special needs, and over \$1 million for education foundations. --- businesswire.com, March 5 (California) <https://is.gd/hCK19g>
50. “Moscow to install city's first wheelchair-accessible swing.” East City Park project initiated by Buddy Club --- dnews.com, March 2 (Idaho) <https://is.gd/KNbHtb>
51. “Indy airport holding flight rehearsals for travelers with intellectual, developmental challenges.” The Indianapolis International Airport says it’s holding flight rehearsals for travelers facing intellectual, developmental or other disabilities. --- wishtv.com, March 1 (Indiana) <https://is.gd/kHWxz0>
52. “Special daycare dedicated to children with special needs opens in Overland Park.” With a heart for special-needs youth, Heather Barboza, a former Blue Valley special education teacher, has opened a new world of hope and possibility for these children and their families in the Kansas City

- area. --- kansascity.com, March 3 (Kansas) <https://is.gd/jUTJ8e>
53. “Governor Defends Decision on Child Abuse Program.” Maine's Republican governor is defending his decision against renewing a contract for a child abuse prevention program. --- usnews.com, March 2 (Maine) <https://is.gd/6Vqq8d>
 54. “905 students physically restrained at public schools in western Massachusetts in 2017.” More than 900 students were physically restrained by their teachers or administrators at public schools in western Massachusetts last year. --- wwlp.com, March 2 (Massachusetts) <https://is.gd/WyBuyq>
 55. “Two studies say Michigan is underfunding public education.” For the second time in two years, a statewide study shows that Michigan is underfunding its K-12 public schools. The second study was released in January by a bipartisan group of educators and business people who formed the School Finance Research Collaborative. --- heraldpalladium.com, March 4 (Michigan) <https://is.gd/1cM4TU>
 56. “Bill would help families with children with developmental disabilities.” When a baby sits up for the first time on its own, it is a sign of normal development and may even pass unnoticed. When Robyn Schelp’s son Paul sat up for the first time, it reminded her how difficult it was to teach his older brother Nate to do the same. --- columbiatribune.com, March 3 (Missouri) <https://is.gd/W3wgEk>
 57. “Blaine police officer makes sure vulnerable adults are safe.” When Jerry Rowe died of cancer three-and-a-half years ago, his family was by his side in his hospital bed. --- hometownsource.com, March 2 (Minnesota) <https://is.gd/AtiUH8>
 58. “'Language matters': Campaign aims to stop use of 'retard' and 'retarded'.” McEntarfer wrote to state authorities, who told her the wording on the form was changing from "retarded" to “intellectual developmental

disability,” the diagnostic and preferred term. Intellectual developmental disabilities include a variety of conditions, such as cerebral palsy, autism, and Down syndrome. --- today.com, March 7 (New York)

<https://is.gd/XxhO78>

59. “Crucial warning signs of child abuse: 'It’s an adult problem that we protect children'.” Child abuse and neglect are serious issues, and local experts are speaking out about the warning signs, plus what you can do to help those kids. --- wect.com, March 2 (North Carolina) <https://is.gd/QUJY3g>
60. “Affordable Housing for Special Needs Residents to Be Built.” On February 22, 2018, Governor Ralph Northam announced more than \$6.5 million in Affordable and Special Needs Housing Loans in support of ten projects in Virginia. --- patch.com, March 1 (Virginia) <https://is.gd/zZkmBg>
61. “First group home for LGBT homeless teens coming to Wisconsin.” Researchers say 40 percent of the homeless youth population in our country identify as lesbian, gay, bisexual or transgender. A local couple has seen the dark side of this growing problem right here in Milwaukee. --- tmj4.com, March 7 (Wisconsin) <https://is.gd/74dmpg>

INTERNATIONAL

62. “Human Rights Commission denies new Old trains exemption for disability access faults.” The Human Rights Commission has refused a Queensland Government request to exempt their defective new \$4.4 billion trains from disability laws, just weeks out from the Commonwealth Games which will rely heavily on the rail network. --- abc.net.au, March 2 (Australia) <https://is.gd/JJV2qv>
63. “Marketforce looks to stamp out the word ‘retard’ with the ‘R Word’ campaign.” Marketforce has called for a ban on the word ‘retard’ and

'retarded' on social media by creating a Twitter-bot which replies to anyone using the words with a video message from someone affected by the 'R Word'. --- mumbrella.com.au, March 2 (Australia) <https://is.gd/LyBU9h>

64. "Disability and Social Isolation." Disability can be an isolating experience, depending on its severity and a person's willingness to look past it. Of course it's incredibly isolating. Every single disabled experience is unique, and it can be hard to find able-bodied people who understand our daily struggles — who really empathize, and not just feel sympathy for us. --- friedreichsataxianews.com, March 2 (Australia) <https://is.gd/cbCjud>
65. "Woman Left Waiting Almost an Hour for A Wheelchair at Ed Sheeran's Perth Concert." A woman with cerebral palsy has slammed Perth's new Optus Stadium, claiming she was refused entry to the venue's disabled car park and was forced to wait almost an hour for a wheelchair while attending Ed Sheeran's concert. --- themusic.com.au, March 5 (Australia) <https://is.gd/yiHNk3>
66. "Down Syndrome on stage: You Know We Belong Together crosses boundaries between life and artistry." The title of this show is taken from the theme song of Australian television soapie Home and Away, which has been screening for 30 years. --- theconversation.com, March 5 (Australia) <https://is.gd/luyFn0>
67. "Vigil held in Winnipeg for people with disabilities killed by caregivers." About a dozen people held a vigil at the University of Winnipeg Thursday night to honour people with disabilities who had been killed by their families or caregivers. --- cbc.ca, March 1 (Canada) <https://is.gd/mwh9SH>
68. "Calgary woman helps fill a need for education for Down syndrome youth." After losing her job in the oil and gas sector, a Calgary woman decided to forge a new path ahead for herself by helping young adults with Down syndrome build confidence and help them become more independent. --- calgary.ctvnews.ca, March 2 (Canada) <https://is.gd/Hzylpn>

69. "Austistic teen creates virtual reality apps to teach people about his condition." Living with autism is a challenge in itself. And while the World Health Organization estimates that one child in 160 worldwide suffers from some form of autism, it doesn't minimize the added social stigma or prejudices regarding the disease. --- ibtimes.co.in, March 2 (India) <https://is.gd/tGFYOk> (spelling error in original story)
70. "Stress on local guardianship for intellectually disabled." State Government has directed Collectors of all districts to make a provision of local guardianship for intellectually disabled persons including autism, cerebral palsy, mental retardation and multiple disabilities. --- newindianexpress.com, March 6 (India) <https://is.gd/OnDoTo>
71. "PwD students get special provision from government during public examination." A barrier-free environment is not just a requirement but a rightful demand of every persons with disability (PwD). The school education department, in an attempt to fulfil this demand from the PwD students who are appearing for the public examinations this year, from Madurai, has made special provisions at the examination centres for them. --- newindianexpress.com, March 7 (India) <https://is.gd/tb6AIO>
72. "Man jailed for rape of young woman with Down Syndrome seeks extra time to appeal." A man jailed for 13 years for raping a young woman with Down syndrome is seeking an extension of time to bring an appeal against his conviction and sentence. --- irishexaminer.com, March 8 (Ireland) <https://is.gd/zJDFKe>
73. "How a paralyzed man reinvented the wheelchair to help people walk again." It started with a coupon in the mail. In 1996, Lily Goffer went to the mall in Nazareth, the largest city in the northern district of Israel; she was buying a pair of jeans for her husband. On a lark, she filled out a form to win a free all-terrain vehicle, and several weeks later, learned she had won. --- newsweek.com, March 5 (Israel) <https://is.gd/G2uuws>

74. “Female rape victim’s IQ becomes issue in police probe.” Police have dropped alleged rape charges against two men in their 20s at a district in South Gyeongsang Province late February. Their decision to do so, however, has caused controversy in the disabled community as the victim is an intellectually disabled teen girl. ---koreaherald.com, March 2 (Korea) <https://is.gd/KQ9eR1>
75. “Disability Rights Commissioner opposes assisted dying bill.” The Disability Rights Commissioner says the euthanasia bill currently being considered by Parliament undermines years of work. --- stuff.co.nz, March 7 (New Zealand) <https://is.gd/q8UOJX>
76. “Pakistan national shot dead along Indo-Pak border in Punjab.” The sleuths of the Border Security Force (BSF) shot dead a Pakistan national, who had crossed the Indian boundary on the Indo-Pak international border in the Dera Baba Nanak sector of Punjab on Monday morning. --- hindustantimes.com, March 5 (Pakistan) <https://is.gd/lAVFge>
77. “Esidimeni again? Eastern Cape psychiatric patients vanish without a trace – report.” A psychiatrist in the Eastern Cape has claimed there are far more deaths in his psychiatric hospital than the authorities let on. --- citizen.co.za, March 4 (South Africa) <https://is.gd/b3umM6>
78. “UK mother 'fuming' after school makes autistic son wear hi-vis.” A UK mother has been left "fuming" after finding out school teachers forced her autistic son to wear a hi-vis jacket on lunch breaks. --- newshub.co.nz, March 2 (UK) <https://is.gd/bd5xcY>
79. “Double amputee died a 'prisoner in her own home' after council failed to install ramp for a YEAR.” Barbara Samuels died trapped in her home - because it took Arun District Council 18 months to get round to putting a ramp on her home --- mirror.co.uk, March 7 (UK) <https://is.gd/rMCgrE>
80. “Bus access to be improved for wheelchair users, ministers say.” Ministers have said they aim to improve bus access for wheelchair users, following a

Supreme Court ruling. Clearer signs saying wheelchair users have priority, and powers for drivers to remove people who refuse to move from a wheelchair space are among the measures considered. --- bbc.com, March 8 (UK) <https://is.gd/01jgtE>

81. “Mother will sue council after her autistic daughter was 'left bruised and swollen after she was routinely restrained by school teachers'.” A mother is suing her local council after her autistic daughter sustained injuries when she was restrained by staff at school. --- dailymail.co.uk, March 5 (UK) <https://is.gd/W7FUzV>
82. “Mum of 'bullied' autistic child releases video footage of boy 'being physically and verbally assaulted' by teachers.” A mum who claims her autistic son is being 'bullied' has released video footage of an incident in which she claims he was being 'physically and verbally assaulted' by teachers. --- mirror.co.uk, March 3 (UK) <https://is.gd/N9ICMa>

MISCELLANEOUS

83. “When is it appropriate to tell an employer you are handicapped?” I have a son who is a computer programmer. He is young and this is his first real job. There was recently a leadership change and the new boss is increasingly difficult, so my son has begun to look for other work. --- nypost.com March 4 <https://is.gd/fZGcnQ>
84. “I stopped calling autistic people ‘high-functioning’ because of my son. Here’s why.” My 10-year-old son can change from an adorable, quirky little dude to an aggressive screamer in a second. He sinks so far, so fast, that I forget about his strengths and drown in his weaknesses. I wish I could make it stop. --- washingtonpost.com, March 5 <https://is.gd/UZ0sBd>

85. "Surfside Beach is world's first certified autism-friendly destination." The first certified autism-friendly destination in the world is right here along the Grand Strand. Surfside Beach made Family Vacation Critic's list of the 10 best beaches for families in 2018. Becky Large, the founder of the Champion Autism Network (CAN), has a child on the spectrum and had a vision to raise awareness for autism. --- wmbfnews.co, March 2 (South Carolina) <https://is.gd/X9JzhR>

86. "Adaptive clothing 'life-changing' for people with disabilities." "I feel more confident when I'm going into meetings for the first time," Donald Whitehead said. "In the business world, that first impression is everything." --- khou.com, March 7 (Texas) <https://is.gd/ZbSlkg>