

# Disability and Abuse Newsfeed

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## **ABUSE & NEGLECT**

### **Type:**

Sexual Assault: 4, 11, 25, 29, 30, 31, 32, 52, 53, 57, 62, 63

Human Trafficking: 64

Physical Abuse: 11, 13, 14, 16, 18, 21, 26, 61, 65

Financial Abuse: 8, 9, 20

Attempted Murder: 2

Murder: 3, 15, 17, 23, 29

Neglected: 10, 11, 22 (left on bus x 6 hours), 27

Seclusion/restraint: 12, 19

Suicide: 66 (in response to medical neglect)

Related to special education: 12, 21, 22, 24

***WINNER of most egregious award:*** 1: Lyft app excludes customers who need wheelchair accessible vehicles; 8: Responders disrupt and scared group home residents in effort to investigate fraud by owners; 37: DeVos wants to cut money for Special Olympics and other disability support.

### **WHO DUN IT** (listed by article number):

Family: 9, 23, 26, 61, 64

Carer: 5, 8, 10, 11, 14, 15, 20, 29, 30, 31, 53, 65

Stranger: 13, 16, 18, 25

Special education employee: 22

Group home carer: 32

Law enforcement officer: 3, 8, 17

Priests: 4

Physician: 52

Volunteer carer: 57

Skilled Nursing Facility: 10, 20, 31

VA Nursing home: 27

Psychiatric hospital: 5

Men: 2, 4, 13, 14, 16, 18, 25, 29, 30, 52, 53, 57, 61, 62, 63, 64

Women: 8, 9, 20, 23, 26, 31, 32, 65

**Good News:** 9: Woman “busted” for misrepresenting her son as another person who “no longer needed” guardianship. She sought his funds; 10: Judge authorizes DRO to investigate complaints of improper restraint at residential treatment center for children with disabilities; 36: Proposed bill to protect special education students at school in wake of death of student at school due to improper restraint; 44: Governor signed bill outlawing therapeutic abortions on the sole basis of a fetal diagnosis of Down Syndrome; 67: Coffee shop run by individuals with disabilities opens.

**Bad News:** 6: Assisted suicide bills endanger people with disabilities; 21: school closed due to abuse and cover-ups; 24: Texas prepares to announce no special education services until June 2020 due to lack of funding; 28: Abuse hotline precludes meeting mandatory reporting requirements; 45: Possible discrimination against special education students by charter schools; 55: Study: increase in Personal care Abuse in last ten years triples; 63: Sexual assault victim sentenced to flogging for blaming her abuser.

1. “As It Speeds Toward IPO, Lyft Faces Federal Lawsuit For Disability Discrimination” - This morning, the [Disability Rights Advocates \(DRA\)](#) filed a federal lawsuit against Lyft at The United States District Court for the Northern District of California. According to the complaint, the San Francisco-based ride-hailing app excludes persons with mobility disabilities

who need wheelchair-accessible vehicles (WAVs) in the San Francisco Bay Area. – Forbes – March 20, 2019 – (California)- <https://is.gd/Lbee8l>

2. “Man Who Attacked His Grandfather Pleads Guilty to Attempted Murder” - A La Quinta man who was previously deemed mentally incompetent to stand trial for attacking his 75-year-old grandfather pleaded guilty to attempted murder and was sentenced Thursday to seven years in state prison, court records show. – NBC Palm Springs – March 8, 2019 – (California) - <https://is.gd/9dxVbz>
  
3. “Jury Awards \$9 Million to Family of Mentally Ill Woman Shot by Long Beach Police” - “She needed help, not bullets,” said Rodney Diggs, another attorney for the family. “The family is pretty torn up because their mother and their daughter suffered from a sickness that wasn’t her fault.” A central issue in the case was how quickly officers opened fire on Sinuon Pream and what they could have done to avoid using deadly force, according to Brian Dunn, one of the family’s lawyers. – Long Beach Post – March 26, 2019 – (California) - <https://is.gd/7HvSdY>
  
4. “Denver-Based Catholic Friars Are Accused of Sexual Abuse” - The Denver-based Capuchin Franciscan Province of St. Conrad on Thursday released a list of 13 friars who have been accused of sexual abuse of a minor or vulnerable adult. Nine of the accused friars were assigned at some point to friaries in Denver, Thornton and Colorado Springs, according to a press release from the province. Two of them have died and the others either left the order or were removed. – Denverite – March 28, 2019 – (Colorado) - <https://is.gd/qzFZBh>
  
5. “Jury See Hours Of Video From Room Of Man Abused At CT Psych Hospital” - The trial, which got underway in Middlesex Superior Court on Monday, involves [accusations](#) made against Mark Cusson, a Southington resident.

Shehadi, a severely mentally ill man, was set upon by staff, who allegedly kicked him, poured water on him and then used a mop on his head, and would repeatedly flip over Shehadi's mattress. William Shehadi, 58, was found not guilty by reason of insanity in 1995 for the death of his father and committed to the psychiatric hospital. – Middletown Press – March 27, 2019 – (Connecticut) - <https://is.gd/naHobF>

6. "Disability Rights Activists Protest Assisted Suicide Bills as Dangerous, Discriminatory" - As multiple states consider assisted suicide legislation, disability activists are speaking out, saying the bills are slippery slopes that put the lives of people with disabilities at risk. – Catholic News Agency – March 23, 2019 – (District of Columbia) - <https://is.gd/ZKovWN>
  
7. "Florida Board Of Bar Examiners Settles Suit Alleging Discrimination Over Mental Health" - Disability Independence Group founder [Matthew W. Dietz](#) negotiated a confidential settlement with the Florida Bar Board of Examiners over claims its admissions process was unfair to applicants with a history of mental health or substance abuse problems. – Daily Business Review – March 27, 2019 – (Florida) - <https://is.gd/hYnoAA>
  
8. "'Lots of Confusion': Gwinnett Nonprofit Raid Scared, Befuddled Disabled Adults" - The nearly two dozen physically and mentally handicapped adults who live at the seven Wishes 4 Me homes off Towler Road had their lives inadvertently disrupted last Thursday morning because of the nonprofit owner's alleged defrauding of the Georgia Medicaid program. – AJC – Atlanta News – March 25, 2019 – (Georgia) - <https://is.gd/TDCFZg>
  
9. "Exploited Special Needs Man Found Safe, Investigation Continues" - In late January a Gwinnett County police detective discovered that in Dec. 2018, Lee's mother, Longmire, of Lawrenceville, fraudulently presented Maurice

Ford, 23, of Atlanta as her son Lee to a Probate Court and a physician. – Patch – March 25, 2019 – (Georgia) - <https://is.gd/G9rzL7>

10. “Illinois Nursing Homes Struggle with Infectious Disease” - According to the Office of Disease Prevention and Health Promotion, 380,000 nursing home residents die each year due to care related infections. Sadly, similar to most nursing home sicknesses and injuries, many of these infections are preventable. – Levin & Perconti – March 25, 2019 – (Illinois)- <https://is.gd/OTgwhR>
11. “‘They told me it was going to be a good place’: Allegations of abuse at home for at-risk kids” - Complaints about Iowa's Clarinda Academy, which houses at-risk kids from many states, include allegations of negligence and sexual and physical abuse. – NBC News – March 26, 2019 – (Iowa) - <https://is.gd/aDWyD9>
12. “The Hell rooms of Calvert County Public Schools Part I: Seclusion & Restraint” - Cooper is an unassuming 13-year-old special education student in the Calvert County Public School System. In two words, Cooper describes the seclusion room where he was held: “It’s hell.” – Southern Maryland News Net – (March 26, 2019 – (Maryland)- <https://is.gd/5CPjqO>
13. “Man Pleads Guilty to Hate Crime on Disabled Woman in Egleston Square” - David Delacruz, 31, pleaded guilty to charges of assault and battery with a dangerous weapon, assault and battery on a disabled person, assault and battery for the purposes of intimidation, and violation of the victim’s civil rights. – Jamaica Plain Gazette – March 22, 2019 – (Massachusetts) - <https://is.gd/EsgPPH>

14. "Aide Charged with Punching Client, Throwing Him Out of Wheelchair" - A personal care attendant is being held without bail after police say he punched a disabled 57-year-old client in a Salem Heights apartment on Saturday. Antony Cervera, 22, who is listed in court papers as living at an address in Salem that does not exist, is already facing similar charges in Lynn District Court and is on parole in another case. – The Salem News – March 25, 2019 – (Massachusetts)- <https://is.gd/vVQu4p>
  
15. "House of Hope Neglected Client Who Died, State Investigation Finds" - House of Hope's own internal review found that it had adequate policies in place to prevent neglect, but staff did not follow the policies. Two of the staff members involved no longer work at the facility. – The Free Press- March 27, 2019 – (Minnesota) - <https://is.gd/zcK8KQ>
  
16. "3 Teens Accused of Beating Autistic Teen, Burning Hair" - Three teens have been charged with beating and burning the hair of another teen who is autistic. All three were indicted. Two are 18 and one is 19. One faces criminal mischief, criminal restraint, and witness tampering charges. The others face one charge each of criminal restraint. – The Eagle – March 22, 2019 – (New Hampshire) - <https://is.gd/jTtehV>
  
17. "NYC To Pay \$1.9 Million For Police Shooting Of Mentally Ill Man" - McLaughlin and attorney Debra Cohen had previously accused the police department of intentionally moving "key items" into a "flood-prone NYPD warehouse" only days before Hurricane Sandy unleashed massive flooding in the New York City area, the news outlet reports. – Ebony – March 22, 2019 – (New York)- <https://is.gd/PxEdpC>
  
18. "Man Repeatedly Kicks 78-Year-Old Woman In The Face And Chest In Train While People Just Watch" - Humanity is in a rapid freefall into oblivion. Instead of standing up to defending the defenseless, phones are whipped

out and the moment captured in the hopes of going viral. One such horrifying incident which could have used compassionate intervention unfolded on a subway train in New York City. On March 10, a 78-year-old woman was brutally attacked by a man, while bystanders either just watched or filmed the episode reports the [Daily Mail](#). – Life Shared – March 25, 2019 – (New York) - <https://is.gd/AgZEEEd>

19. “Judge Rules That Disability Rights Ohio Has Authority To Investigate Buckeye Ranch” - A federal judge has ruled in favor of a legal advocacy group that says it was prevented from conducting a full investigation into complaints of improper restraint at [the Buckeye Ranch](#), a residential treatment center for children. – The Columbus Dispatch – March 27, 2019 – (Ohio)- <https://is.gd/M3QvyB>

20. “Grove Woman Wanted for Elder Abuse” - Delisa Kay Keith, 34, is charged in Delaware County District Court in Jay with exploitation of an elderly person or disabled adult. A \$10,000 outstanding warrant was issued on Thursday, March 21, online records show. – Grand Lake News – March 26, 2019 – (Oklahoma) - <https://is.gd/65l73y>

21. “Pennsylvania State Officials Order 'Emergency Removal' Of Children from Glen Mills Schools” - State officials in Pennsylvania have ordered the "emergency removal" of all children remaining in the oldest reform school in the country in the wake of a newspaper investigation detailing decades of alleged abuse and cover-ups. – ABC Action News – March 25, 2019 – (Pennsylvania) - <https://is.gd/v5wUKU>

22. “Autistic Child Left On Bus for Hours” - The mother of a 16-year-old autistic student in Beaver County, Pennsylvania said her son was left alone on a school bus for six hours. – WFMZ- March 27, 2019 – (Pennsylvania) - <https://is.gd/e7vwxi>

23. "Mom Guilty in Killing of 3-Year-Old Daughter to 'Get The Darkness Out of Her'" - Regina Lester, 33, of Jackson Township, murdered Isabel Godfrey at the Chesapeake Estates mobile home park on June 8, 2016. She died of multiple blunt force trauma, multiple bite wounds and there were signs indicative of asphyxia, an autopsy revealed. – York Daily Record – March 27, 2019 – (Pennsylvania)- <https://is.gd/zvAo5n>
24. "Texas Is Preparing to Tell the Feds It Can't Promise a Special Education Fix Until June 2020" - Preparing to ask the federal government for \$1 billion in special education grants, Texas education officials have indicated they do not expect to be able to adequately educate kids with disabilities until June 2020. Texas is in the middle of a [federally mandated overhaul](#) of special education after a [federal investigation](#) found the state had for years been effectively denying students with disabilities the tools and services they needed in order to learn. – The Texas Tribune – March 27, 2019 – (Texas) - <https://is.gd/2fivXC>
25. "Man Gets 35 Years for Sexual Assault of Disabled Boy at Public Library" -A 26-year-old man who molested a 12-year-old boy suffering from autism and other medical conditions was sentenced to 35 years Monday as part of a plea bargain. Javier Perez appeared before 202nd District Judge John Tidwell with Clayton Haas of the Bowie County Public Defenders Office and entered a plea of guilty to a charge of aggravated sexual assault of a child. TXK- March 25, 2019 – (Texas) - <https://is.gd/xkXpEg>
26. "Police: Mom Arrested After Choking Autistic 21-Year-Old Son While Screaming for Him to Die" - According to arresting documents, 42-year-old Gidget Quilter choked her 21-year-old son who she said has a severe form of autism called Langeridgeon Syndrome. Quilter told police he defecated and threw feces all over his room, so she restrained him by using a move

called a "basket hold" where she wrapped her arms around him and pulled him to the floor. – ABC 4- March 27, 2019 – (Utah) - <https://is.gd/rWcPVG>

27. "Bed Sores, Smearred Faces, Helplessness: New Reports Paint Dismal Picture of Care at VA Nursing Homes" - From April through December 2018, outside inspectors found deficiencies that caused "actual harm" to veterans at 52 out of the 99 VA nursing homes they reviewed. In three facilities, they found veterans' health or safety in "immediate jeopardy." In eight, inspectors found veterans both harmed and in jeopardy. – Boston Globe – March 28, 2019 - <https://is.gd/lhXMyn>
28. "Nurses Say Abuse Hotline Has Barriers to Mandatory Reporting" - They say system needs to fix long wait times on End Harm Line - Three local nurses say wait times of up to an hour are creating a barrier to the mandatory reporting of child abuse. – The Columbian – March 24, 2019 – (Washington) - <https://is.gd/uCgk8n>
29. "Sentencing Date Set for Benjamin Taylor" - Benjamin Taylor will be sentenced at 2 p.m. April 4 in Jackson County Circuit Court. A jury found Taylor guilty March 19 on felony first-degree murder with no mercy and death of a child by child abuse and sexual abuse by a guardian, custodian or person of trust. Taylor was accused of raping and killing 10-month-old baby Emmaleigh Barringer in October 2016. – WVAH – Fox 11 – March 26, 2019 – (West Virginia)- <https://is.gd/fkXk3t>
30. "CNA Charged with Sexually Assaulting Elderly Patient in Minocqua" - Jacob Schlosser is charged with second degree sexual assault of a mentally ill victim and second degree sexual assault at a treatment facility. Oneida County Circuit Court records state the 18-year-old told investigators he was bathing a patient when it turned sexual. According to the criminal complaint, Schlosser acknowledged he was aware the elderly patient is not

able to consent to sexual contact. An investigation began after Schlosser allegedly reported he had sexual contact with a patient. – WZAW FOX – March 22, 2019 – (Wisconsin) - <https://is.gd/UodnBn>

31. “Woman Accused of Sexually Assaulting Nursing Home Patient” - The resident says Samantha Cornell, who went by the name "Kai" at the facility, would kiss her on the cheek and rub her buttocks and genital areas. – WBAY 2 News – March 26, 2019 – (Wisconsin) - <https://is.gd/giOjur>

32. “Woman Facing Sexual Assault Charge for Group Home Incident” - Kortney Thompson allegedly engaged in sexual behavior with a client at the group home where she was employed when the client was physically helpless, and Thompson should have known the client was helpless and had not consented. – Uinta County Herald – March 25, 2019 – (Wyoming)- <https://is.gd/f1OXK3>

## **GUARDIANSHIP**

33. “Tools to Help Your Aging Parent” - Last column we discussed the challenge for both parent and child as an aging parent loses the ability to care for him or herself. In some cases, the parent may have only nominal limitations. In others, a parent may be fully incapacitated. A parent may be mentally capable of handling any situation and physically capable of handling most. – The Daily Sentinel – March 24, 2019 – (Colorado) - <https://is.gd/SDXUuq>

34. “Elder Abuse Group Expected to Address Guardianships, Financial Fraud, Family Rights” - A statewide task force will address the legal, social and judicial shortfalls that have in some part allowed for the abuse of roughly 73,000 older adults in Michigan. – The Detroit News – March 25, 2019- (Michigan)- <https://is.gd/Dlyhne>

35. “Guardianship Standards Review Expected – BSA” - Changes to the UK’s national minimum standard for boarding schools will demand more is done to ensure schools are aware of international students’ whereabouts throughout their stay in the country. – The PIE News - March 25, 2019 – (United Kingdom) - <https://is.gd/kc1d5u>

## **LAWS & LEGISLATION**

36. “Proposed CA State Bill Aims to Protect Special Needs Students After El Dorado Hills Death” - A state bill aimed at protecting special needs students at nonpublic schools was introduced Monday in response to the November 2018 death of a student who was restrained at his El Dorado Hills school. Assemblyman Jim Frazier, D-Discovery Bay, authored AB 1172 to expand local and state oversight of all nonpublic schools and how they operate. – The Sacramento Bee- March 25, 2019 – (California)- <https://is.gd/W3E073>

37. “Betsy DeVos Defends Trump's Proposed Budget Cuts to Special Olympics and Other Disability Programs” - On Tuesday, U.S. Education Secretary Betsy DeVos defended President Donald Trump’s 2020 Department of Education [budget proposal](#) during a House of Representatives subcommittee panel. The proposal requests slashing funds for programs that support students with disabilities, including the Special Olympics. [Disability](#) advocates said DeVos has prioritized charter and private schools over students with disabilities. – The Mighty – March 2019 – (D.C.)- <https://is.gd/re78hy>

38. “Vulnerable Seniors Would Be Protected Under Proposed Legislation” - Senate Bill 1466 by Senate Minority Leader Audrey Gibson, D-Jacksonville, would give the 9,000 financial advisers and brokers in Florida just the pause they need to check into transactions that seem a little shady. – Tallahassee Democrat – March 26, 2019 – (Florida) - <https://is.gd/GB3TXG>

39. “Children’s Mental Health Bill A Good Start, We Must Do More” - On March 21, the House passed a bill that creates a structure that would ensure Iowa children receive mental health assistance. In the proposed bill, an Iowa child under the age of 18 who has been diagnosed with a serious emotional disturbance would receive mental health care. – Newton Daily News- March 25, 2019 – (Iowa) - <https://is.gd/mwqBHC>
40. “Federal Bill Would Put Jobs Out of Reach for Severely Autistic Adults” - The TCEA was introduced on January 29, 2019 by Congressman Bobby Scott (D-VA-3), chairman of the House Education and Labor Committee, Senator Bob Casey (D-PA), and Rep. Cathy McMorris Rodgers (R-WA-5). – National Council on Severe Autism – March 29, 2019 – (National) - <https://is.gd/Todq5l>
41. “Proposed Bill Could Expand Resources for Blind and Deaf Children” - Some parents of blind and deaf children are showing their support for Senate Bill 203. It would establish educational programs to help blind and deaf kids in Nevada. – KVVU FOX 5 – March 26, 2019 – (Nevada)- <https://is.gd/WBkMm1>
42. “New Jersey Approves Bill to Allow Terminally Ill Patients to End Their Lives” - New Jersey is poised to be the latest state in America to allow terminally ill people the right to end their own lives. – Huffington Post – March 25, 2019 – (New Jersey) - <https://is.gd/3FxmXz>
43. “Gottheimer, Hollingsworth Introduce Senior Security Act to Protect Seniors from Financial Crimes and Scammers” - On Tuesday, March 26, 2019, U.S. Congress members Josh Gottheimer (NJ-5) and Trey Hollingsworth (IN-9) introduced The Senior Security Act, a bipartisan bill that creates an interdivisional task force at the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) to strengthen protections and safeguards for senior

citizens from financial crimes and scammers. Last Congress, the House Financial Services Committee passed the Senior Security Act by a unanimous, bipartisan vote. – Insider NJ – March 26, 2019 – (New Jersey) - <https://is.gd/L6lvB0>

44. “Utah Governor Signs 163 Bills, Including Bill Banning Abortions Solely For Down Syndrome” - Utah Gov. Gary Herbert signed a slew of bills Friday, including a bill that [outlaws abortions solely for Down syndrome diagnosis](#). – KSL – March 22, 2019 – (Utah) - <https://is.gd/3rtA7f>

### **STUDIES & STATISTICS**

45. “A New Divide Between Charters and Traditional Public Schools? | Editorial” - When the [Education Law Center \(ELC\) recently scrutinized student populations](#), they found that charters were not serving as broad a range of students as traditional district schools. Among its findings: that charters are more economically and racially segregated than district schools, and serve a more financially advantaged population. In addition, charters serve fewer English-language learners than district schools. And, they serve a lower percentage of students with severe disabilities. – The Inquirer – March 6, 2019 – (Pennsylvania)- <https://is.gd/J3nZwW>

### **IMPROVED SUPPORTS**

46. “Programs Give Kids with Special Needs a Chance at Catholic Education” - Catholic organizations around the country are stepping up to offer children with disabilities an opportunity for a Catholic school education. – National Catholic Reporter – March 23, 2019 – (D.C.) <https://is.gd/urVz5P>
47. “Nessel Announces Task Force Aimed at Protecting Vulnerable Michiganders” - The governor’s office, Legislature, attorney general’s office

and the Michigan Supreme Court are joining forces to try and prevent the abuse of vulnerable and elderly adults. – NPR – March 25, 2019 – (Michigan) - <https://is.gd/mKMIDM>

48. “Disability Rights Advocates Work for Inclusion in Disaster Planning Process” - Inaccessible shelters, untrained shelter staff and limited services and resources created unnecessary challenges for people with disabilities during and after Hurricane Florence. Disability Rights North Carolina, the state’s disability rights monitoring group, released a report in February describing these findings. – Public Radio East – March 27, 2019 – (North Carolina)- <https://is.gd/8DcKkH>

49. “For The Autistic Who Struggle With Air Travel, LVIA Is Bringing Back A Program To Help” - [Lehigh Valley International Airport](#) is again hosting an event to help people with autism or other developmental disabilities navigate taking a flight before they get to the airport to travel. – Lehigh Valley Live – March 26, 2019 – (Pennsylvania)- <https://is.gd/36FlsS>

50. “Victory For PA Students With Disabilities, English Learners” - A [settlement](#) between the U.S. Justice Department and Pennsylvania's Department of Education will mean significant changes in the state's disciplinary education programs. The [Education Law Center](#) filed a complaint in 2013 about what it alleged were discriminatory practices at more than 700 Alternative Education for Disruptive Youth, or AEDY, programs in the state. – Public News Service – March 28, 2019 – (Pennsylvania) - <https://is.gd/19BkAu>

51. “In The Midst of a Crisis, A New Way Forward for Addiction” - Marshburn is one of the first state-certified peer recovery specialists (PRS) working in Roanoke, Virginia. The area knows the substance abuse crisis well: 49 people died from opioid overdoses in 2017 in Roanoke alone, and on

average the Carilion Roanoke Memorial Hospital Emergency Department sees two overdose patients every day. This makes the Peer Recovery Program at Carilion such an important new element in the treatment of addiction. – Media Health/Future of Personal - Health – (No Date Given) – (Virginia) - <https://is.gd/LOID9m>

52. “Task Force to Study Abuse of Tribal Youth, After IHS Doctor Convicted” - The White House unveiled a task force Tuesday that would find ways to prevent sexual abuse of children in the Indian Health Service, after an IHS pediatrician’s conviction last year on four counts of abuse. – Cronkite News AZ PBS – March 27, 2019 – (Washington)- <https://is.gd/KZAAsT>

## **INTERNATIONAL**

53. “1,200 Patients Buried in A Mass Grave: Inside Sydney's Haunted Gladesville Mental Hospital” - There were also reports of patients being abused and restrained for hours on end within the facility. In one case, in 1843, it was discovered that two male convict keepers had been routinely sexually abusing a number of female patients. – mamamia – March 24, 2019 – (Australia) - <https://is.gd/pB8r2q>

54. “Fighting For The Rights Of Australians With Disability” - Geoff Bell was a pioneer in the Australian disability rights movement and his archive shows how far we’ve come in 40 years, and how far we have yet to travel – Pursuit – March 29, 2019 – (Australia) - <https://is.gd/hZ9ogf>

55. “Personal Care Abuse Investigations Triple In 10 Years” - The number of investigations into allegations of abuse or neglect of people in care has more than tripled over the past decade, the head of the provincial investigation team said Friday. “Ten years ago we were probably getting 150 for the year and this year we’re probably going to be about 500,” said Robert Lafferty, the director of investigations and compliance at the

provincial Health Department. – The Chronicle Herald – March 23, 2019 – (Canada) - <https://is.gd/GsyNkl>

56. “Accessible Canada Act is, Sadly, Anything But” - Canada does have anti-discrimination legislation for disabled people in Manitoba, Ontario, and Nova Scotia, developed independently. There’s nothing in any other province to compel their governments to ensure that disabled people (residents and visitors) have what they need to live as valued and participating community members, although other provinces plan to enact such legislation. Some are closer than others to actually getting there.- Girl with the Cane – March 26, 2019 – (Canada) - <https://is.gd/6IMGII>

57. “Man Faces Dozens of Sex-Related Charges Involving Six Alleged Victims: Police” - Const. Chuck Benoit revealed few details about where Danyiel Walker volunteered or the nature of his involvement with children, but said the 41-year-old is believed to have offered volunteer support services at more than one facility. Walker -- who faced several accusations earlier this year and was charged with new offences Wednesday -- now faces 49 sexual assault charges and 10 child pornography charges, police said. The case involves six alleged victims. – CTV News – March 27, 2019 – (Canada) - <https://is.gd/Yes6I9>

58. “Foster Application Rejection on Basis of Disability Illegal, Says Court” - The decision to reject Freyja’s application was based, among other things, on the agency’s assessment that she did not fulfill the requirement of being in overall good health. (Freyja, who is a former Bright Future MP and disability rights activist, has a genetic disorder called Osteogenesis imperfecta.) – Iceland Review – March 23, 2019 – (Iceland) - <https://is.gd/bfAoNv>

59. “Family Denied Visa Because Daughter Has Down’s Syndrome” - A British family’s dream of starting a new life in New Zealand has been shattered

after their teenage daughter was denied a visa because she has Down's syndrome. – Metro – March 26, 2019 – (New Zealand)-  
<https://is.gd/Eraf0m>

60. "Scottish Government Failing On Children's Rights – Rennie" - Willie Rennie's comments follow Children and Young People's Commissioner Bruce Adamson questioning the Government's response on his investigation into restraint and seclusion in schools. – ITV Report – March 24, 2019 – (Scotland) - <https://is.gd/99a0ph>

61. "Enchained Female Allegedly Tortured By Husband Recovered" - [.Police](#) said that the victim female is mentally retarded and she has also attempted to commit [suicide](#) before but mother of two children rejected this statement. – Urdu Point – March 25, 2019 – (Pakistan) - <https://is.gd/Z33g1y>

62. "Peru Police Arrest Five Men in Gang Rape of Mentally Ill Teenager"- Police in Peru have arrested five men in connection with the gang rape a mentally ill young woman last week and are searching for two other suspects in a case that has shocked the South American country. Prosecutors are examining the contents of three cell phones seized from the suspects, ages 20 to 27, who allegedly recorded the rape of their 19-year-old victim and shared it on social media, the attorney general's office said on Twitter. – Euro News – March 28, 2019 – (Peru)- <https://is.gd/0beWAv>

63. "Somaliland Rape Victim Sentenced to Flogging" - A judge in the self-declared republic of Somaliland has sentenced a disabled woman, who had accused a man of rape, to be flogged 100 times. – Daily Nation – March 23, 2019 – (Somalia) - <https://is.gd/yobDbI>

64. "The Trial Involving a Mentally Disabled 13-Year-Old Girl Who Was Allegedly Trafficked and Forced into a Marriage with an Elderly Man Is Expected to Kick Off in The Port Elizabeth High Court On Monday." - The uncle of the girl along with two other persons are facing charges which include human trafficking and concluding a forced marriage for the purposes of exploitation. The girl's so-called 61-year-old "husband" faces two additional charges of rape. The trio have not yet pleaded to the charges against them. – The Citizen – March 25, 2019 – South Africa - <https://is.gd/Jkj2T8>
65. "Catherine Millar: Johnstone Support Worker Refused Patient Food As 'Punishment'" - Catherine Millar stopped the patient, known only as AA, from leaving her room all night by verbally directing her back when there was no reason to do so, she instructed her co-workers not to offer the woman supper at 9pm and told them: "I have great delight in sending AA to her bedroom". – Evening Times – March 22, 2019 – (United Kingdom)- <https://is.gd/Wgcaov>
66. "A-Level Student, 18, Took Fatal Overdose After Medics Refused Her Mental Health Treatment Because She Was 'Not Acutely Ill Enough', Inquest Hears" - Popular Afrika Yearwood, 18, was told in April 2018 that she was not sick enough meet the criteria for mental health support. She was 'ping-ponged' around and received just two hours and 21 minutes of care from different [NHS](#) services from February 24, 2018, until her death three months later, an inquest heard. – Daily Mail UK- March 28, 2019 – (United Kingdom) - <https://is.gd/Zq4OyF>

## **MISCELLANEOUS**

67. "Coffee Shop Started By Young People With Special Needs Opens" - [321 Coffee](#) is a special partnership between NC State University students and young people with special needs. You can join them for coffee from 8 a.m. - 2 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday at the Market Shops section of the

Farmers Market. -ABC 13 – March 23, 2019 – (North Carolina) -  
<https://is.gd/lgxa8B>

68. “Is ‘Special Needs’ The New ‘R-Word’?” - Unfortunately, other words have now replaced the r-word. We have not eliminated the r-word. It has simply changed and morphed into something else, replaced with the derogatory use of terms like ‘special needs’ and ‘sped.’ – Good – March 26, 2019 – (National) - <https://is.gd/wDwoyT>