

Disability and Abuse Newsfeed

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ABUSE & NEGLECT

1. "Former sheriff found not guilty of sexual assault, kidnapping." "The victim did what she was told," began Special Prosecutor Danielle Jaramillo, one of two deputy district attorneys of the 18th Judicial assigned to prosecute Thomas Hanna. --- [fortmorgantimes.com](https://www.fortmorgantimes.com), May 9 (Colorado) <https://is.gd/l2rw5b>
2. "Freeman pleads guilty in unlicensed care home case, faces 14 years in prison." Margaret Dale Freeman has plead guilty to 26 charges including neglect of a disabled adult and exploitation. Freeman was facing charges for allegedly operating unlicensed personal care homes in Augusta. --- [wjbf.com](http://www.wjbf.com), May 4 (Georgia) <https://is.gd/uFBNHM>
3. "Woman arrested, charged with exploitation, neglect of elderly persons." A personal care operator was arrested Wednesday, accused of neglecting elderly persons at a licensed personal care home in Waynesboro, Ga. --- [augustachronicle.com](http://www.augustachronicle.com), May 10 (Georgia) <https://is.gd/r8DsCM>
4. "Boy at state facility knocks out worker's teeth, breaks his nose, cheeks and eye socket." Another state worker has been severely beaten by a resident of the Eldora Boys State Training School, a top administrator said Wednesday. --- [desmoinesregister.com](http://www.desmoinesregister.com), May 9 (Iowa) <https://is.gd/OpPDVC>
5. "Mother admits allowing blind, autistic son to die in field." A 43-year-old Missouri woman has pleaded guilty to letting her blind, autistic son die in a southwest Missouri field. Kimberly Lightwine of Polk County pleaded guilty Wednesday to involuntary manslaughter in the death of her 19-year-old son. --- [cbsnews.com](http://www.cbsnews.com), May 10 (Missouri) <https://is.gd/q79ZpS>
6. "WANTED: Group of men assault deaf man in Central West End." Police in St. Louis are asking for the public's help identifying five suspects wanted for assaulting a deaf person. --- [kmov.com](http://www.kmov.com), May 9 (Missouri)

<https://is.gd/XzYDHY>

7. “The Latest: Report describes 'grave' situation.” New Hampshire's child advocate says a report describes "a grave and unsafe situation" if it's correct that the youth detention center fractured a teen's shoulder blade and failed to accurately report the incident. --- wral.com, May 8 (New Hampshire) <https://is.gd/YxQSMU>
8. “Authorities: Tarboro assisted living resident was strangled.” A woman found dead a month ago at a Tarboro assisted living center had been strangled, authorities said. --- wral.com, May 4 (North Carolina) <https://is.gd/42sxSb>
9. “Teacher's profane texts about crying autistic teen went to the wrong person — his mom.” Maybe the teacher should never have written the texts at all, but she really didn't mean for them to end up on Tiffany Elfstrom's phone. --- sacbee.com, May 8 (Texas) <https://is.gd/Tkuq4i>
10. “Conroe mother questions arrest of autistic son, 12, for alleged threat at school.” A Conroe mother is taking aim at the Conroe Independent School District after her autistic 12-year-old son was arrested for allegedly pretending to fire an imaginary rifle at his teacher during class Monday. --- chron.com, May 9 (Texas) <https://is.gd/DWcFMt>
11. “UPDATE: Elderly victim not expected to survive in neglect case.” The elderly victim in a horrifying case of neglect is in "grave" condition. --- wsaz.com, May 9 (West Virginia) <https://is.gd/LIUsqV>

GUARDIANSHIP

12. “‘Nobody bothered to call’: Local attorney, judge question lack of public guardianship service for county.” The agency that receives funding from the state of Florida to arrange for and provide guardianship services for the

area's elderly who find themselves in need is not providing those services in St. Johns County and at least one other county in the 7th Judicial Circuit. --- staugustine.com, May 6 (Florida) <https://is.gd/FvHdFx>

13. "Will Sebastian woman be jailed in visitation dispute over brother with Down syndrome?" George Gillette sat in a well-lit dayroom working on a Spiderman jigsaw puzzle as closing credits from "The Big Valley" came across the TV. --- tcpalm.com, May 10 (Florida) <https://is.gd/wzUBIN>

LAWS & LEGISLATION

14. "Collared: New laws crack down on fake service dogs." Move over, Rover. Your time in the grocery store, the movie theater and pizza parlor are running out. --- nbcnews.com, May 5 <https://is.gd/kCkeHU>

15. "Eliminating the 'R' word." Bravo Colorado! On March 21 (World Down Syndrome Day) Gov. John Hickenlooper signed Senate Bill 96 into law, eliminating the words "retarded" and "retardation" from Colorado laws and rules and regulations --- montrosepress.com, May 6 (Colorado) <https://is.gd/aN6vRS>

16. "Senate approves raises to avert group home strikes." The Senate gave final approval Saturday to pay hikes designed to head off a strike Monday by 2,500 unionized care providers for the disabled. --- ctmirror.org, May 5 (Connecticut) <https://is.gd/X8toq1>

17. "A Murder Case Unravels" Prosecutors stacked the deck. Forty-one years later, that may be enough to free Johnny Gates. --- themarshallproject.org, May 6 (Georgia) <https://is.gd/QpapmR>

18. "A loophole in federal law allows companies to pay disabled workers \$1 an hour." A loophole in federal law allows companies to pay disabled workers \$1 an hour --- vox.com, May 3 (Illinois) <https://is.gd/8X1GNW>
19. "LaRaviere accuses CPS of altering a document and improperly denying special education services." Chicago principals' association President Troy LaRaviere on Thursday accused Chicago Public Schools of altering a public record to cover up what he contended was an improper denial of special education services at a South Side elementary school. --- chicagotribune.com, May 4 (Illinois) <https://is.gd/PD825p>
20. "Sioux Falls family seeks damages for facility's treatment of autistic son." A Sioux Falls family is suing a children's hospital and school for the treatment of their autistic son, who they say was improperly and harmfully restrained more than 130 times by staff. --- argusleader.com, May 7 (Iowa) <https://is.gd/fzOrDw>
21. "I9 UPDATE: Iowa schools' use of seclusion, restraint has nearly doubled since 2013." Schools in eastern Iowa are increasingly using restraints on students and isolating them in seclusion rooms. That is according to new data published by the U.S. Department of Education. --- kcrg.com May 9 (Iowa) <https://is.gd/xXQE9d>
22. "Father of son restrained at school takes stand at trial." Ben Graff loves high-fives, trains and McDonald's. His father likes to take him for drives to the railroad tracks, where train engineers who know Ben well will blow the train whistles or take him for a quick ride. Ben and his dad often go to the mall, where they walk along and make new friends. ---- argusleader.com, May 10 (Iowa) <https://is.gd/XIOEFw>
23. "Lack of psychiatric beds a big problem for children." Neither the commentary, "The recent Md.'s psychiatric bed shortage detrimental to patients and community" (April 24), nor the subsequent letters highlighted the special challenges facing children and youth in need of psychiatric hospitalization and/or residential treatment. --- baltimoresun.com, May 9

(Maryland) <https://is.gd/y6WvuG>

24. "Hearing scrutinizes special ed policies — Principal contract dispute continues." The Brookhaven School District's adherence to state laws for special needs students was called into question Thursday during the second day of a principal's contract hearing. --- dailyleader.com, May 3 (Mississippi) <https://is.gd/Qikk9E>
25. "Missouri Senate approves changes to blind pension fund." The Missouri Senate approved new restrictions Wednesday to the state's blind pension fund. --- seattletimes.com, May 9 (Missouri) <https://is.gd/gn1Ced>
26. "Quadriplegic Manorville man says Delta mangled his wheelchair." A quadriplegic man from Manorville says he is outraged after his \$50,000 wheelchair was destroyed by Delta Airlines. --- longisland.news12.com, May 8 (Nevada) <https://is.gd/5mHwT8>
27. "Elderly woman fights apartment over handicapped parking space fee." An Albuquerque woman is fighting back against her apartment complex over a proposed monthly fee for using a covered handicapped parking space. --- krqe.com, May 4 (New Mexico) <https://is.gd/8legvn>
28. "Deaf Springfield man sues county over lack of interpreter services." Derrick Lake of Springfield is deaf, can't read lips or read proficiently so he uses only American Sign Language (ASL) to communicate --- daytondailynews.com, May 4 (Ohio) <https://is.gd/pD2XjB>
29. "Lawmakers seek OH Governor's help to keep behavioral health program serving autistic kids funded." If nothing changes between now and the end of June Cuyahoga County's Positive Education Program (PEP) Connections will lose its state waiver and about \$2 million in annual funding. --- wdtm.com, May 4 (Ohio) <https://is.gd/ZFSsYd>
30. "John F. Gajda: In solving its Laura Dester problem, DHS is headed back toward the Hissom problem of years before." The recent move by the

Oklahoma Department of Human Services to convert the Laura Dester Children's Center in Tulsa from a shelter to a 24-bed Medicaid nursing home for people with developmental disabilities is ill-conceived. --- tulsaworld.com, May 4 (Oklahoma) <https://is.gd/159Okf>

31. "DHS, disability groups reach agreement to strengthen in-home care." The Oregon Department of Human Services Aging and People with Disabilities program announced Wednesday that they have reached an agreement with Disability Rights Oregon, Legal Aid Services of Oregon and the Oregon Law Center to strengthen in-home services. --- ktvz.com, May 10 (Oregon) <https://is.gd/OnFAax>

32. "Bryan police cracking down on illegal handicapped parking." The City of Bryan is seeing a growing problem. They're cracking down on people parking in handicapped spaces illegally. --- kbtv.com, May 8 (Texas) <https://is.gd/tbNT8U>

33. "Lebanon County court rules autistic boy may keep therapy ducks." Richland Borough Council and Richland Mayor Ray Shanaman lose their battle to have the birds removed from the property. readingeagle.com, May 5 (Pennsylvania) <https://is.gd/33zDR6>

STUDIES & STATISTICS

34. "Drug May Reverse Imbalance Linked to Autism Symptoms." An FDA-approved drug can reverse an ionic imbalance in neurons that leads to hyper-excitability in mice modeling an autism-related genetic disorder, according to a Northwestern Medicine study published in Molecular Psychiatry. --- feinberg.northwestern.edu, May 7 <https://is.gd/3nuGnb>

35. "The DSM-5 has not improved services for autistic adults." In early 2013, the then-emerging edition of the "Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders" (DSM-5), proposed merging all autism diagnoses into a single category of 'autism spectrum disorder.' --- spectrumnews.org, May 9 <https://is.gd/92eggA>
36. "Some Dementia Patients Increasingly Given Antipsychotics, Study Finds." A new study from the AARP Public Policy Institute finds that dementia patients living at home or in assisted living facilities are increasingly being given antipsychotic drugs. This is despite the fact that antipsychotics are not approved to treat dementia. --- news.wbfo.org, May 7 <https://is.gd/URdkBr>
37. "Parents deserve a way to get their children out of unsafe schools." Roughly one in every 50 public school students in the United States was a victim of a physical assault, sexual assault, rape, attempted rape, robbery, or threatened with physical assault at school during the 2015–16 school year. --- thehill.com, May 4 <https://is.gd/9ddlv7>
38. "On Autism, Shifting U.S. Standards Cloud the Number of Cases." Report shows more diagnoses by traditional criteria but a decline according to a newer standard --- wsj.com, May 4 <https://is.gd/towYB4>
39. "Medical Cannabis Treatment for Autism to Begin Clinical Trials." There is a lot of anecdotal evidence that suggests that cannabis can treat autism, but there's little research to back it up. --- hightimes.com, May 3 <https://is.gd/jv4yVr>
40. "Minority students widely underrepresented in autism identification, study shows." In education circles, it is widely accepted that minorities are overrepresented in special education. New research from the University of Kansas has found, in terms of autism, minorities are widely underrepresented in special education. --- news-medical.net, May 4 (Kansas) <https://is.gd/gvOa2P>

41. "A single traumatic brain injury may double the risk of dementia," It's common knowledge that repeated blows to the head can cause neurodegenerative disease. --- qz.com, May 7 <https://is.gd/cDHI1e>
42. "Strong pupillary light reflex in infancy to later autism diagnosis." A new study shows that infants who are later diagnosed with autism react more strongly to sudden changes in light. This finding provides support for the view that sensory processing plays an important role in the development of the disorder. --- sciencedaily.com, May 7 <https://is.gd/Al6amW>
43. "Hyperbaric Oxygen Therapy could be a way to heal veterans with traumatic brain injuries." At Hampton Roads Hyperbaric Therapy, Sarah Stoltman has treated more than 50 Hampton Roads veterans. Many of them with various levels of traumatic brain injury. --- 13newsnow.com, May 3 (Virginia) <https://is.gd/zBm1QP>

IMPROVED SUPPORTS

44. "Airbnb aims to make travel more accessible for people with disabilities." Srin Madipalli has travelled the world in his wheelchair. Now, as head of Airbnb's accessibility efforts, he wants to help many others do the same. --- ctvnews.ca, May 7 <https://is.gd/BEfkQy>
45. "Big Jump Seen in Number of Inmates Prescribed Psychiatric Drugs in California." When 47-year-old Edward Vega arrived in jail, he couldn't quiet the voices in his head. He felt paranoid, as though he was losing control. "I knew if I didn't get my medication, I was going to hurt someone," says Vega. ---- kwit.org, May 4 (California) <https://is.gd/A68gn8>
46. "Special education teacher, Apple Valley SHOCK program recognized for their work with children and families." Psychologist William James once

said, "Act as if what you do makes a difference. It does." Special education teacher Yvonne Molles and the Apple Valley Police Activities League were recently celebrated by the San Bernardino County Office of Education for making a tremendous difference in the lives of children and families. --- vvdailypress.com, May 6 (California) <https://is.gd/7O95mV>

47. "Developmentally disabled need adequate non-institutional housing in O.C." Anabel is already packing for summer camp. This summer, as usual, my daughter will spend two, two-week sessions at the YMCA overnight camp, Raintree Ranch, a magical world for kids who are crazy about horses, who want to ride, groom, tack-up, feed and clean up after horses. --- latimes.com, May 7 (California) <https://is.gd/2lCdw7>

48. "Colorado schools gave out nearly 1,800 suspensions to young students with disabilities last year." Getting sent home from school became a constant for Ben Wankel's second-grade son last fall. --- chalkbeat.org, May 9 (Colorado) <https://is.gd/SdmBIB>

49. "New Globeville apartment project to provide housing for people with disabilities, low incomes." An apartment project going up in Denver's Globeville neighborhood will provide housing for two groups that advocates say have too few places to live in Denver: people with disabilities and those who make less than the area median income. --- denverpost.com, May 4 (Colorado) <https://is.gd/vQg08w>

50. "Handicap Parking Fines Could Help Pay for Jacksonville SAFE Center ADA Renovations." City money from handicapped parking fines could help pay making the city's new Sexual Assault Forensic Exam Center completely accessible to those with disabilities. --- wjct.org, May 4 (Florida) <https://is.gd/z7zBTO>

51. "Young Adults with Developmental Disabilities Receive Support, Opportunities for "Life After School"." Children and teens with developmental disabilities typically have access to support programs through their elementary, middle, and high school years. --- nwherald.com,

May 7 (Illinois) <https://is.gd/vBfNzX>

52. "Chicago Special Ed Parents Say Services Still Being Denied." Advocates say a survey they commissioned shows students are not getting needed special education services, proving that Chicago Public Schools' program needs to be independently monitored. --- wbez.org, May 9 (Illinois) <https://is.gd/4RnXdA>

53. "School to reprint yearbook that names wheelchair athlete 'most accident prone'." An Illinois high school is reprinting yearbooks that mocked paralyzed senior who is a wheelchair athlete as "most accident prone." --- mprnews.org, May 3 (Illinois) <https://is.gd/uHJGpE>

54. "Disabilities can thwart job search." When unemployment is low, most workers feel reasonably sure they can land another job if they don't like the one they have. But it's not that easy for some. --- journalgazette.net, May 6 (Indiana) <https://is.gd/2oIABC>

55. "KCK trains officers to avoid violent encounters with mentally ill people." Kansas City, Kansas Police Chief Terry Zeigler says his department has joined the One Mind Campaign, a movement to improve interactions with the mentally ill. --- kmbz.com, May 7 (Kansas) <https://is.gd/DA1Vj2>

56. "Logan Airport Allows Autistic Kids, Families To 'Test Run' Travel Routine." Autistic kids and their families were able to go through a "test run" at Logan Airport on Saturday. The Wings for Autism program allows kids on the autism spectrum to go through the motions of travel with their parents. --- boston.cbslocal.com, May 6 (Massachusetts) <https://is.gd/cA2ajp>

57. "'Autism Friendly Austin' is making its autistic residents feel at home." Austin, the birthplace of Spam, is on a mission to embrace kids with autism. --- startribune.com, May 5 (Minnesota) <https://is.gd/BPWpzU>

58. "Shortage of home health workers forcing young Minnesotans with disabilities into institutions." Shortage forces disabled into nursing homes

and assisted-living facilities. Every so often, Korrie Johnson closes her eyes and tries to forget that she is a healthy 25-year-old living in a nursing home surrounded by older people with dementia and other debilitating conditions. --- startribune.com, May 5 (Minnesota) <https://is.gd/oSFsnL>

59. "Health care falls short for the developmentally disabled population."
"These are all of his medications he takes every single day," said Joann Davis while methodically dropping pills into small containers. The regimen is for her 42-year-old son, Scott, who has Down Syndrome. --- njtvonline.org, May 4 (New Jersey) <https://is.gd/UsxDXg>
60. "Many families consider care facilities superior." The Dispatch articles regarding pay for professionals serving the intellectually disabled threw an important residential care option under the bus — intermediate care facilities ("Crisis in Care" series, April 29-30). Speaking from experience as a parent of disabled children, ICFs are loving homes that offer comprehensive care and community integration. --- dispatch.com, May 5 (Ohio) <https://is.gd/wBot90>
61. "Martial Arts Help Two Autistic Boys Gain Confidence." Bright lights, a large crowd and lots of noise make sporting events exciting for most children. But, for those on the autism spectrum, those characteristics can be disconcerting and even frightening. --- greenevillesun.com, May 4 (Tennessee) <https://is.gd/lzdK2O>
62. "Protesters ask for answers after dismissal of Tennessee School for the Deaf superintendent." The Tennessee Deaf Allies protested Friday outside the Tennessee School for the Deaf in Knoxville, asking for answers after the superintendent was abruptly fired in March. --- wate.com, May 5 (Tennessee) <https://is.gd/nqOWLP>
63. "Texas Special Education Reform Comes with Mountain of Mistrust." In 2004, the Texas Education Agency arbitrarily decided the state should shrink special education to 8.5 percent of the student population. ---

tpr.org, May 6 (Texas) <https://is.gd/xtV1J8>

64. "Grant offers a break to parents of adults with developmental disabilities." Knee-replacement surgery looms in the future for King George County resident Debbie Draper. In addition to concerns about surgery and recovery, she also has to worry about her adult son, Kyle, who has a developmental disability. --- fredericksburg.com, May 5 (Virginia) <https://is.gd/GRcu5i>

65. "Microsoft launches \$25 million program to use AI for disabilities." Microsoft is launching a \$25 million initiative to use artificial intelligence to build better technology for people with disabilities. --- wbay.com, May 7 (Washington) <https://is.gd/MR8F1i>

INTERNATIONAL

66. "NDIS applications delayed for prisoners with disability: HRC." The ACT Human Rights Commission and advocacy groups say some prisoners with disability have been stuck behind bars longer than necessary due to delays in processing their NDIS applications. --- canberratimes.com.au, May 6 (Australia) <https://is.gd/C0rsk6>

67. "Disability does not mean inability." At the age of 23, he lost his sight in the line of duty as a police officer during the Bougainville crisis, but through his determination he overcame his disability and was able to do what any abled body person can do. --- onepng.com, May 7 (Australia) <https://is.gd/rzena8> (error in original story)

68. "Police charge 15-year-old after Melbourne boy with autism allegedly attacked with spanners." Police have charged a 15-year-old boy after a video allegedly showed a student with autism being attacked by a group of

spanner-wielding teenagers outside a Melbourne school. The 14-year-old, who cannot be named for legal reasons, was allegedly attacked outside a school in the city's inner-north, on Tuesday afternoon. --- abc.net.au, May 10 (Australia) <https://is.gd/NILGje>

69. "Family targeted by son's violent outbursts left scared in their own home." It's a gut-wrenching choice. Do you risk the safety of your family, or make the heartbreaking decision give up one of your children because of actions that are beyond his control --- news.com.au, May 7 (Australia) <https://is.gd/Z1Wmn8>

70. "Ontario Celebrates Reopening of Branchton Group Home." Ontario is supporting adults with developmental disabilities in the Cambridge area to ensure they get the supports and services they need closer to home. --- ontario.ca, May 4 (Canada) <https://is.gd/YT9Sd8>

71. "They offered chocolates while trying to lure me into jhuggi, says visually-impaired woman raped in Delhi." Friday morning was the first time the visually impaired woman's mother had left her alone at home and had asked not to move from the spot. --- hindustantimes.com, May 7 (India) <https://is.gd/BKROGJ>

72. "Intellectually-disabled youth brutally assaulted." With incidents of villagers beating up people, suspecting them to be either thieves or child lifters, in Tiruvannamalai district in the recent past, residents of Samathuvapuram village in Ranipet decided to tread the same path and beat up a 28-year-old intellectually-challenged man from Maharashtra, who they thought was a child lifter. The incident took place on Wednesday. --- newindianexpress.com, May 10 (India) <https://is.gd/NK79Ac>

73. "More than half of Down Syndrome pregnancies terminated after tests, claims Holles Street boss." More than half of pregnant women in the country's three main maternity hospitals who are told their babies will be born with Down Syndrome are opting for a termination. --- independent.ie,

May 10 (Ireland) <https://is.gd/S8mSWU>

74. "Victims of Japan's forced sterilizations demand justice after decades of silence." One day when Saburo Kita was 14, he was taken from an institution for troubled children to see a doctor. Despite protesting that his health was fine, he was ordered to strip, lie down on a table, and was given a local anesthetic. --- japantoday.com, May 9 (Japan) <https://is.gd/zNVdbQ>
75. "Wheelchair user turns personal trainer to lead the way in fitness industry." A night out at a friend's apartment in 2016 drastically changed keen sportswoman Aiga 'AJ' Pouoa's life forever. --- stuff.co.nz, May 4 (New Zealand) <https://is.gd/gj3E5K>
76. "Burglar threatened intellectually disabled woman in New Zealand with taser for fun." Man jailed for five years after woman moved from her home as she no longer felt safe --- scmp.com, May 3 (New Zealand) <https://is.gd/UxIhPf>
77. "Body of 10-year-old autistic girl found in a river." The police have opened an inquest docket after the body of 10-year-old Katlego Joja was found in the Moretele River in Mamelodi, Pretoria, at the weekend. --- sowetanlive.co.za, May 7 (South Africa) <https://is.gd/7TEwAo>
78. "Cleaner abuses employer's autistic son." A cleaner lured his employer's autistic son, 14, to a room in the garden of a villa in Dubai and sexually assaulted him. He was indicted on Sunday. --- gulfoday.ae, May 7 (UAE) <https://is.gd/qHFeQU>
79. "Man with Down's syndrome hit on bus." A man with Down's syndrome was attacked by a pensioner in a brutal unprovoked assault on a bus. Jeffery Ditch, 51, was travelling on the number one bus on the way to work at a stables in Woodingdean when he was punched in the face by a total stranger. --- theargus.co.uk, May 5 (UK) <https://is.gd/of6fKQ>

80. "Woman with Down's contributes to Alzheimer's research." Amy is part of a Cambridge University study tracking 40 people with Down's syndrome to try to find a treatment for Alzheimer's. --- bbc.com, May 7 (UK) <https://is.gd/KoR5sk>
81. "How a Muslim community overcame disinformation linking vaccines to autism." It was the worst case in decades, and officials directly linked it to disgraced UK doctor Andrew Wakefield --- independent.co.uk, May 6 (UK) <https://is.gd/ARDoQ7>
82. "Transport cuts hit disabled people, says Disability Wales." The group claimed it means many disabled people cannot get out and about. Campaigners said disabled people need access to a range of transport options, including buses and trains. --- bbc.com, May 6 (UK) <https://is.gd/fsDb5P>
83. "Intellectually disabled students excluded, Western study finds." From fights to frustration and exclusion, a new Western University study is shedding light on widespread parental concerns that inclusive education for students with intellectual disabilities is anything but. --- lfpres.com, May 7 (UK) <https://is.gd/OMlYvn>
84. "Poor NHS care contributed to deaths of 13 people with learning disabilities." An NHS investigation into the deaths of 13 patients with learning disabilities has found that failures to provide adequate, safe and prompt care contributed directly to their deaths. --- theguardian.com, May 4 (UK) <https://is.gd/Br7Fsv>
85. "CBR conference to peer-review disability issues." For a long time now, the disabled have felt marginalised. They feel neglected. Institutions advocating the improvement of the welfare of the disabled are equally not so visible. -- - daily-mail.co.zm, May 7, (Zambia) <https://is.gd/00mlUO>

MISCELLANEOUS

86. "Couple creates bow ties to help benefit children with Down syndrome."

Nathan and Emily Begnaud found out that their son Max had Down syndrome just before his birth two years ago. --- wtae.com, May 5 (Missouri) <https://is.gd/Lw9Vlg>

87. "5 Gadgets Helping Those with Disabilities Make Their Lives Easier."

Disability can be anything—it can be in the form of a physical infirmity, difficulty to comprehend, or any other psychological condition that inhibits a person from functioning like a typical individual. --- irishtechnews.ie, May 5 <https://is.gd/IUK78k>

88. "Surprised to see a hot woman in a wheelchair? If so, examine your prejudices."

Disabled people are using the Twitter meme #hotpersoninawheelchair to bite back against outdated attitudes, while showcasing their looks and style --- theguardian.com, May 7 <https://is.gd/nG6jwe>