

Disability and Abuse Newsfeed

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

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Type:

Abuse and Neglect:

Sexual Assault: 2, 3, 4, 19, 70, 74

Physical Abuse: 1, 3, 8, 9, 19, 63, 66

Neglected: 6

Neglected to death: 10

Involved law enforcement: 63

WINNER of most egregious award: 14: Representative votes in favor of bill to gut the ADA; 60: State Chair calls special education students “slow learners” and questions the value of their education.

WHO DUN IT (listed by article number):

Family: 0

Carer: 1, 3, 6, 8, 10, 19, 74

Stranger: 2, 4, 9, 66

Men: 2, 4, 8, 9, 66, 70

Women: 1, 6, 10

Good News: 4: Man sentenced to 26 years for rape of woman with intellectual/developmental disability; 15: Senator seeks increased funding for people with I/DD; 22: Funding allocated in federal legislation to improve response to wandering; 25: bill passed requiring private schools to provide special education; 37: robot arm uses sign language; 39: AirBnB becomes accessible; 56: "I CAN" day celebrated; 77: Carpool of moms with children with Down Syndrome start Karaoke on the ride.

Bad News: 18: Special education services found inadequate; 20: Overuse of antipsychotic medications to sedate patients found in nursing homes; 27: DeVos plans to delay special education services for non-white students; 32: Racial disparity in diagnosis of young children with I/DD; 64: Those with FASD face "revolving door" in justice system; 76: Neglect in care homes due to staff burnout.

Study: 35: Influence of "mentally retarded" label on teachers' nonverbal behavior toward preschool children.

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ABUSE & NEGLECT

1. "Group home caregiver accused of abuse in north Phoenix." A group home caregiver is accused of yelling, smacking and ordering a housemate to beat up a 22-year-old man with nonverbal autism. Mariama Jalloh is facing felony charges for vulnerable adult abuse. --- abc15.com, March 20 (Arizona) <https://is.gd/YnMW2b>
2. "Man accused of sexual battery on disabled victim." A Tallahassee man has been arrested, accused of sexually assaulting an intellectually disabled victim. --- wtxl.com, March 19 (Florida) <https://is.gd/LXcMyf>
3. "Wichita group home put foster kids at risk of ongoing harm, suspension order says." The state suspended a Wichita group boarding home's license after a federal agency said it suspected the foster care children living there had been sexually and physically abused. --- kansas.com, March 16 (Kansas) <https://is.gd/YUqZKc>
4. "Minn. man gets 26 years for raping woman with disabilities." A man found guilty of repeatedly raping and abusing a Hugo woman who has developmental disabilities was sentenced Wednesday in Washington County District Court to 26 years in prison. --- grandforksherald.com, March 16 (Minnesota) <https://is.gd/g2Dc7E>
5. "Owner of Southern Minnesota Group Home Charged with Abuse of Vulnerable Adult." The owner of a southern Minnesota group home that cares for people struggling with mental illness and chemical dependency has been charged with criminal abuse of one the home's patients. --- kstp.com, March 20 (Minnesota) <https://is.gd/NaNcwN>
6. "Woman Charged for Neglect of Child and Vulnerable Adult." Starkville police have charged a 26-year-old Starkville woman in relation to the neglect of a juvenile and a vulnerable adult. --- wtva.com, March 20

(Mississippi) <https://is.gd/ggoZXP>

7. "Ex-Rutgers Professor Anna Stubblefield Admits Sex With Intellectually Disabled Student Was a Crime " Anna Stubblefield, the former Rutgers professor who was initially sentenced to 12 years for sexually assaulting a disabled student, pleaded guilty to criminal sexual contact on Monday as part of a new plea deal. --- jezebel.com, March 19 (New Jersey) <https://is.gd/oC0yps>
8. "Murdoch Developmental Center worker caught on camera kicking patient." An employee at the Murdoch Developmental Center in Butner, North Carolina is facing charges after police say he was caught on camera kicking a patient. --- abc11.com, March 20 (North Carolina) <https://is.gd/rM95k5>
9. "Court docs: Autistic girl, 12, punched in the face by deputy." What happened at Oakwood Barbecue in north Austin, TX, on March 3 shocked everyone. Investigators say then-deputy Jack Danford was off-duty and stopped by Oakwood for a few beers. He was a regular. --- wtol.com, March 17 (Texas) <https://is.gd/ifwwew>
10. "Health Care Discipline: Woman Found Dead After Home Care Aide Fails to Show Up to Work Four Days in a Row." The state Department of Health recently released a set of lists naming health care professionals who were sanctioned with official actions in February and March. In Western Washington, actions were taken toward health care workers in Lewis, Thurston, Cowlitz, Pacific, Pierce and Clark counties. --- chronline.com, March 22 (Washington) <https://is.gd/vXkWeT>

GUARDIANSHIP

11. "Burton Dunn to Chair Alabama Law Institute Committee." 5 Points Law Group, based in Birmingham, AL, is proud to announce that Burton Dunn

has been appointed to the Alabama Law Institute's committee in charge of revising the Alabama guardianship and conservatorship statutes. --- digitaljournal.com, March 19 (Alabama) <https://is.gd/jswmvo>

12. "New Mexico Supreme Court Forms Guardianship Committees." The New Mexico Supreme Court, working with the Executive and Legislative branches, has formed a committee with representatives from all branches of state government to assist in the implementation of newly enacted legislation for improving the adult guardianship system. --- krwg.org, March 22 (New Mexico) <https://is.gd/19QtKJ>

LAWS & LEGISLATION

13. "Bill would allow judges to commit 18-year-olds." Earlier this year, Florence police responded to a call about an 18-year-old woman having a mental health crisis. --- decaturdaily.com, March 21 (Alabama) <https://is.gd/xSMfQ2>
14. "Letter: LaMalfa supports a wrongheaded bill." On Feb. 15, Rep. Doug LaMalfa voted in favor of the ADA Education and Reform Act of 2017 (H.R. 620). This bill turns back the clock a quarter of a century on protection for people with disabilities in accessing public accommodations, including by requiring for the first time that a person with a disability who encounters an access barrier send a prescribed written notice of complaint, after which the business owner has 60 days to acknowledge the condition and then another 120 days to begin to fix it. --- chicoer.com, March 17 (California) <https://is.gd/mbS81O>
15. "Senator Wilk Seeks to Increase Funding for Developmentally Disabled Individuals." Senator Scott Wilk, R-Santa Clarita, took his fight to help California's young adults impacted by various developmental disabilities to the Assembly and Senate Budget Subcommittees on Health and Human Services. --- hometownstation.com, March 17 (California)

<https://is.gd/kPdAgb>

16. "Florida bill could help police, deaf drivers in traffic stops." Governor Rick Scott is considering a bill that would give more information to police about drivers on the road. Under the bill, Florida drivers would identify themselves as deaf when they register their cars. --- weartv.com, March 16 (Florida) <https://is.gd/pQPcQ3>
17. "United Airlines took wheelchair from man who fell at Orlando International" Lawsuit says United Airlines took wheelchair from man who fell at Orlando International, lawsuit says." United Airlines is the target of a new lawsuit in Orlando that accuses the company's staff of taking a wheelchair away from a man who fell afterward. --- orlandosentinel.com, March 19 (Florida) <https://is.gd/amt1Wp>
18. "Parents say school system is treating special needs students as second-class citizens." On Friday evening, a group of Henry County parents upset by what they say is mistreatment of their children with special needs by the board of education spoke to Channel 2. "They just have no regard for what it does to these kids, and that's just, it's just not right," said mother --- wsbtv.com, March 16 (Georgia) <https://is.gd/mPyHb9>
19. "Suspension order says group home put foster kids at risk." Newly released records show the state suspended a Wichita group boarding home's license after a federal agency said it suspected the foster care children living there had been sexually and physically abused. --- seattletimes.com, March 19 (Kansas) <https://is.gd/8OPAtI>
20. "Over-sedation a crisis at nursing homes. Kansas legislation won't help, groups say." Kansas ranks as one of the worst states for the overuse of anti-psychotic drugs to sedate nursing home residents. --- kansascity.com, March 20 (Kansas) <https://is.gd/vBp3F8>
21. "The MTA is leaving disabled New Yorkers behind." The Metropolitan Transportation Authority is spending \$1 billion on the "Enhanced Subway

Initiative” to renovate 30 subway stations, including new features such as USB ports and countdown clocks. --- cityandstateny.com, March 20 (New York) <https://is.gd/n63S0q>

22. “Federal spending bill includes program to protect autistic children inspired by LIC student’s disappearance.” Inspired in part by the tragic disappearance of Long Island City student Avonte Oquendo, a bill included in the new omnibus federal spending package passed on Thursday provides life-saving technology programs and grants for local law enforcement and non-profit organizations in order to protect autistic children. --- qns.com, March 21 (New York) <https://is.gd/USzPOI>

23. “Ohio to appeal in fight over Down syndrome ban on abortions.” Ohio's attorney general says he will appeal a federal judge's decision to put on hold a state law that bans doctors from performing abortions based on a diagnosis of Down syndrome. --- 10tv.com, March 16 (Ohio) <https://is.gd/ERPOg5>

24. “Utah boy who has Down syndrome loses merit badges and his shot at becoming an Eagle Scout because of discriminatory policies, lawsuit says.” Over the past four years, Logan Blythe has worked every week to line his green Boy Scout sash with merit badge after merit badge to earn enough to meet the threshold to try to become an Eagle Scout, the highest rank in the Scouts. --- sltrib.com, March 17 (Utah) <https://is.gd/rNDNfJ>

25. “Senate passes requirement for private schools to enroll special ed students.” Legislation approved by the Senate last week would require private schools that accept public tuition dollars to admit special education students and share additional information to show their financial viability. - -- vtdigger.org, March 19 (Vermont) <https://is.gd/EqAzHI>

26. “D.C. Council reviews access to parks, jobs, business and education for people with disabilities.” D.C. residents, disability-rights advocates and service providers testified Feb. 14 during the Committee on Human Service’s Performance Oversight Hearing, led by Chairwoman Brianne

Nadeau. --- streetsensemedia.org, March 18 (Washington DC)
<https://is.gd/OTdAvl>

27. “Why DeVos’s plan to delay Obama-era rule on minority special-education students is a mistake.” President Trump’s Education Department is on its way to delaying by two years the implementation of an Obama-era rule that is intended to address the disparities in the treatment of students of color with disabilities. --- washingtonpost.com, March 20 (Washington DC)
<https://is.gd/Zg3UXK>

28. “Disability rights groups fear lawmakers overlook unique needs of students.” As Gov. Scott Walker lobbies groups to back his recently released school safety legislation package, some advocacy groups are concerned with how certain reforms may impact students with disabilities in schools. --- dailycardinal.com, March 18 (Wisconsin) <https://is.gd/lkyzmb>

STUDIES & STATISTICS

29. “A Disproportionate Number of Autistic Youth Are Transgender. Why?” Gender specialists first noticed decades ago that a large number of people who seek treatment for gender dysphoria also seemed to have autistic traits. Research on this phenomenon goes back to at least the 1990s, when the first case study of an autistic child with gender dysphoria (then called gender identity disorder) was published. --- slate.com, March 21
<https://is.gd/yTjZc3>

30. “A happier, healthier society means investing in people, not pills.” Placebos work. I find that amazing. Even a condition as debilitating as clinical depression can be beaten into remission – for a while at least – by an inert sugar pill, especially if we believe that the sugar pill is a sophisticated antidepressant with an unpronounceable name. --- thenational.ae, March 18 <https://is.gd/byp2DK>

31. "Kids with Severe Brain Injuries May Develop ADHD: Study." Young children who sustain a severe head injury may struggle with attention problems as they grow older, researchers say. --- health.usnews.com, March 19
<https://is.gd/VPdcCp>
32. "Black and Latino Children Are Often Overlooked When It Comes to Autism." Sherry Alvarez says she knew there was something different about her son since he was about 9 months old. Back then Sherry says his pediatrician told her there was nothing to worry about, " 'Boys are a little slower than girls, so let's just wait until his second birthday.' " We aren't using Sherry's son's name to protect his privacy. --- npr.org. March 19
<https://is.gd/6jnd3F>
33. "New study to pilot language and reading interventions for deaf and hearing children." Researchers from City, University of London have been awarded £97k from the Nuffield Foundation to pilot a language and reading intervention with 120 children in their first year of formal education --- medicalxpress.com, March 21 <https://is.gd/Lmb7xY>
34. "Expert: "Dramatic" increase in child abuse cases in southeast Alaska." Social workers' caseloads for child neglect and abuse have dramatically increased in southeast Alaska. --- cbsnews.com, March 19 (Alaska)
<https://is.gd/PI6bwM>
35. "Influence of "mentally retarded" label on teachers' nonverbal behavior toward preschool children." Examined the effect of labeling a preschool child as "mentally retarded" on the nonverbal behavior of 12 student teachers. The student teachers were assigned to 1 of 12 preschool children, either an experimental (labeled) or control (non-labeled) child. --- psycnet.apa.org, March 21 <https://is.gd/gRvkAQ>

IMPROVED SUPPORTS

36. "March is Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month." Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month is recognized in March. --- fourstateshomepage.com, March 16 <https://is.gd/bkb4W7>
37. "Robot arm that uses sign language could help millions of deaf people." Scientists have created a robotic arm that is able to translate spoken words into sign language so deaf people can understand what is being said. --- metro.co.uk, March 19 <https://is.gd/sQrvYh>
38. "Individuals with disabilities are re-entering the workforce after years of decline." Individuals with disabilities were leaving the workforce in numbers so great and for so long that economists thought the trend might never end, the New York Times reports. --- hrdiver.com, March 19 <https://is.gd/qj4qVD>
39. "Airbnb Rolls Out New Features for Those With Disabilities" Following accusations of discrimination against travelers with disabilities, Airbnb said it is implementing changes aimed at making its platform friendlier to those with various needs. --- disabilityscoop.com, March 20 <https://is.gd/lWpdzQ>
40. "Disability Goes to the Movies." Is disability as portrayed in American popular cinema slowly transforming itself? --- kpfa.org, March 16 <https://is.gd/TexHMz>
41. "People with Disabilities Have Been Left Out of Conversations About Harassment." Like me, my late older sister Heidi started puberty early, when she was 11 years old. Unlike me, when she did, her doctor suggested to our mom that she be sterilized. --- huffingtonpost.com, March 17 <https://is.gd/dRibqG>
42. "LA parent voice: A mom's fight for the success of her autistic son." Lisette Duarte, project director of the Parent Empowerment Project of the Autism

Society of Los Angeles, knows first-hand that families with autistic children face more than just a lack of awareness about their needs. --- laschoolreport.com, March 21 (California) <https://is.gd/xiUhvB>

43. "California clothing store offers customers priceless gift of kindness." TERI Inspired Resale is tucked in the corner of a strip mall in Oceanside. At first, you'll see a room filled with gently-used clothes and furniture, but if you look a little closer you'll notice something unique about the staff: The shop employs many people with disabilities ranging from autism to brain trauma. --- nbcnews.com, March 21 (California) <https://is.gd/cGgiKW>

44. "DPS Parents concerned about funding for programs for students with special needs." There's miscommunication between one school district and parents when it comes to the future of special needs services. --- kdvr.com, March 16 (Colorado) <https://is.gd/jETWff>

45. "Big Story preview: Special education services in Idaho." South-central Idaho faces a multitude of challenges with educating students who have special needs. The region has seen Idaho's largest increase in the number of students who require special education services, and more children are coming in with severe needs or behavioral issues. --- kpvi.com, March 21 (Idaho) <https://is.gd/aez5O1>

46. "True Colors Show Choir puts voices of people with disabilities in spotlight." Finding your voice in this world can be tough. Putting that voice out there for everyone to hear is even more difficult, but that's what a group of young adults with intellectual disabilities do to prove to themselves — and to everyone else — that there's power and beauty in putting it out there. --- wgntv.com, March 21 (Illinois) <https://is.gd/sVT5w2>

47. "Abuse of handicap spaces prompts new fee proposal." We've all had trouble finding a good parking spot, circling around and around the block. But what if walking a little farther wasn't really an option? --- wsaz.com, March 22 (Kentucky) <https://is.gd/Z19Vy5>

48. "Ms. Wheelchair Louisiana uses 'Stand for Life' platform to help make life better for paraplegics." When Karen Fernbaugh Roy tells fellow paraplegics to stand up for themselves, she means it — literally. --- theadvocate.com, March 16 (Louisiana) <https://is.gd/XZwKWb>
49. "Training sessions teach self-advocacy, assertiveness to people with disabilities." Visitors to the Holy Grounds free breakfast at Centenary United Methodist Church on Saturday each left with a small bag of toiletries, a snack and a Hershey's kiss prepared by a group of about 20 Mankatoans with disabilities. --- mankatofreepress.com, March 17 (Minnesota) <https://is.gd/c25TLw>
50. "Doors to a better place: After years of unrest, stability coming to group homes." Huntington's disease is a cruel and fatal condition. Genetic, it follows a person like a specter until presenting in adulthood when it slowly, across the years, erodes the brain and cripples the body. It can be characterized by constant straining and waves of twitching. --- duluthnewstribune.com, March 17 (Minnesota) <https://is.gd/T2kVm4>
51. "Carrying memory of Carl DeBrodie forward during disability rights rally." The chant echoed clear to the top of the Capitol building's dome. "Who are we here to honor?" --- fultonsun.com, March 17 (Missouri) <https://is.gd/qA51cd>
52. "Fenway, Gillette lightings to mark World Down Syndrome Day." Fenway Park, TD Garden, Gillette Stadium and other prominent landmarks will be lighted blue and yellow this week to mark World Down Syndrome Day. --- sfchronicle.com, March 18 (Massachusetts) <https://is.gd/lt6FuB>
53. "Special needs: State and federal funding failures have local schools and taxpayers at odds." Public discussions of school and town budgets can be awkward at times. Even so, the dynamic at Marlborough's recent school district meeting was particularly uncomfortable. --- sentinelsource.com, March 18 (New Hampshire) <https://is.gd/5oqwqX>

54. "Hats off for community service." A group of autistic kids at Madison Middle School know the value of community service and the meaning of compassion. --- abqjournal.com, March 16 (New Mexico) <https://is.gd/e28IXF>
55. "At Huntington St. Patrick's Day Parade, special-needs focus leads the way." Organizers are raising funds for special education PTA organizations. --- newsday.com, March 18 (New York) <https://is.gd/8JEQZE>
56. "'I Can Day:' URS promotes inclusion during Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month." Clients at United Rehabilitation Services (URS) showed off their skills Thursday. An event deemed "I Can Day" showcased abilities and the successful lives people with disabilities are living. --- wdtm.com, March 22 (Ohio) <https://is.gd/JeZ0hV>
57. "LIBRARY CORNER: Jeanes Library offers programming for those with developmental disabilities." The mission of the William Jeanes Memorial Library is to be a resource center that serves the diverse and changing needs of the community by providing materials, programs and services for education, enrichment and enjoyment. ---- montgomerynews.com, March 18 (Pennsylvania) <https://is.gd/PSUJwi>
58. "Local pageant winner raising awareness for people with disabilities." Windber, Somerset County, Pa. - It's been ten years since a car crash left Barb Zabloutney paralyzed. Now, she wants to stand up for others sitting down. --- wearecentralpa.com, March 16 (Pennsylvania) <https://is.gd/y4AbrP>
59. "In new plan, Texas Education Agency vows special education overhaul with limited dollars." After conversations with parents and advocates, the Texas Education Agency on Monday released a second draft of its plan for overhauling the way it educates students with disabilities — while highlighting the agency's limitations on available funds. --- texastribune.org, March 19 (Texas) <https://is.gd/kikIKh>

60. "State chair responds after calling special ed students 'slow learners'." Special education advocates are denouncing the chair of the state's public school finance commission for calling special education students slow learners and what they say was his questioning whether such students are worth educating. --- statesman.com, March 21 (Texas) <https://is.gd/fLAOn4>
61. "Utah arena adds 'sensory room' for kids with autism." A new "sensory room" for children with autism will soon be open at Vivint Smart Home Arena, home to the Utah Jazz and many other major entertainment events. --- kansas.com, March 18 (Utah) <https://is.gd/hbRv1e>
62. "Milwaukee Couple Opening Small Group Home for LGBTQ Foster Youth." Brad and Nick Schlaikowski, a married couple and foster parents in Milwaukee, are close to opening an eight-bed group home to serve LGBTQ youth in the city's foster care system. --- chronicleofsocialchange.org, March 16 (Wisconsin) <https://is.gd/VcxX3q>

INTERNATIONAL

63. "Naked teenager, 16, who was 'savagely bashed with a baton' by Byron Bay police officers as he screamed out for mercy has Asperger's as cops are investigated over the incident." Four police officers who savagely beat a 16-year-old boy with Asperger's as he lay naked screaming for help will now be subject to an internal investigation. --- dailymail.co.uk, March 20 (Australia) <https://is.gd/9oBGlc>
64. "Without screening or supports, offenders with FASD face revolving door of justice." TRC called for reforms to address needs of offenders with FASD, and for prevention to be made a priority --- cbc.ca, March 19 (Canada) <https://is.gd/VvSo0G>

65. "Disabled teachers exempted from examination duties." Say orders have come late as exams are about to end --- tribuneindia.com, March 18 (India) <https://is.gd/YT25hW>
66. "Two men jailed for punching and kicking a female wheelchair user outside her home." TWO MEN WHO punched a female wheelchair user in the face, kicked her and knocked her to the ground have been jailed. --- thejournal.ie, March 17 (Ireland) <https://is.gd/lSy6mq>
67. "DCU set to become world's first 'autism friendly' university." Patrick Brophy is part of the first generation of college students with an autism spectrum disorder diagnosis who have entered third-level education for the first time. --- irishtimes.com, March 21 (Ireland) <https://is.gd/SfroHS>
68. "Gov't working on special education policy." The Government is working towards the development of a Special Education Policy in order to better fulfil the academic requirements of students with special needs. --- jamaicaobserver.com, March 18 (Jamaica) <https://is.gd/VwI5BM>
69. "Lebanon: Schools Discriminate Against Children with Disabilities." Lebanon's public education system discriminates against children with disabilities, Human Rights Watch said in a report released today. Children with disabilities are often denied admission to schools because of their disability. --- hrw.org, March 21 (Lebanon) <https://is.gd/Pm0Yqr>
70. "Mentally-retarded boy assaulted sexually." Kanganpur police claimed on Wednesday to have arrested a man for allegedly abusing a 15-year-old mentally-retarded boy at Kul village. --- nation.com.pk, March 22 (Pakistan) <https://is.gd/8ZyrEp>
71. "Singapore's first medical clinic for intellectually disabled opens." It is not only 61-year-old retiree Mr. Harold Tan who struggles when he has to take his intellectually disabled daughter Dawn to the polyclinic. ---

straitstimes.com, March 21 (Singapore) <https://is.gd/LQnpA7>

72. "Paralympics: Disabled people experience accessibility issues." As the world's top disabled athletes competed on ice and snow, Erica Mitchell steered through her own obstacle course on Pyeongchang's narrow and uneven streets. --- foxsports.com, March 18 (South Korea) <https://is.gd/Cp2cyx>
73. "Social workers voice concerns over the influence of funding panels in adults' services." Research by Community Care suggests funding panels are used beyond their intended purpose set out by Care Act statutory guidance, and in some areas to override social workers' professional recommendations --- communitycare.co.uk, March 21 (UK) <https://is.gd/61HNX9>
74. "Care worker sentenced for sex offence at residential home." At Brighton Magistrates' Court on Friday (March 16), Jezreel Garcia, 25, of Friars Avenue, Peacehaven, pleaded guilty to engaging whilst a care worker in sexual activity in the presence of mentally disordered person. --- sussexexpress.co.uk, March 21 (UK) <https://is.gd/neqwju>
75. "Neglect common in care homes due to staff 'burnout'." The largest-ever survey of care home staff in England has found that neglectful behaviours are widespread due to staff 'burnout'. --- localgov.co.uk, March 22 (UK) <https://is.gd/18DKIF>
76. "Meet the autistic 11-year-old boy who the council can't find a school for." James Parker hasn't been provided with a suitable secondary school place since he left his primary school in July last year --- chroniclelive.co.uk, March 18 (UK) <https://is.gd/nILbUK>

MISCELLANEOUS

77. "Mums doing carpool karaoke with their Down Syndrome children is the cutest thing ever." These little stars are just melting hearts everywhere after they featured in a carpool karaoke video to the song A Thousand Years. --- metro.co.uk, March 17 <https://is.gd/AR1q6e>
78. "Publisher Defends Memoir Autistic People Say Depicts Abuse of Woman's Autistic Son." A book that has yet to be published is already stirring controversy within the autism community. "Autism Uncensored: Pulling Back the Curtain" is written by a mother, Whitney Ellenby, of an autistic son, Zack. --- themighty.com, March 20 <https://is.gd/Dly2HB>
79. "Tripp Halstead Dies 5 Years After He Was Struck by a Tree Branch, Leaving Him with Brain Injury." A little boy who inspired millions with his strength after a tree limb crushed his skull and left him paralyzed almost six years ago died on Thursday. He was 7. --- people.com, March 17 (Georgia) <https://is.gd/gPloAL>
80. "Wash. officers go above and beyond to help autistic boy whose bike was stolen." A pair of Washington officers are being credited for helping a young boy who was "in extreme distress" after his bike was stolen --- policeone.com, March 16 (Washington) <https://is.gd/1XHlhf>