

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*, *Laws & Legislation*, *Studies & Statistics*, *Improved Supports*, *International*, and sometimes, *Miscellaneous*.

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Types of Abuse and Neglect:

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(Note: not all articles identify gender of perpetrators.)

Men: 2, 4, 5, 9, 12, 13, 15, 17, 19, 21, 23, 70

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Good News: 20: group allowed to visit detention facility; 37: increase in finding/closing unlicensed care homes; 44: MT sued for reducing funding for essential services for individuals with disabilities; 47: increase in college assistance for students with disabilities; 51: increase in services for TBI patients; 53: presence of chaperones for Gyn. Exams; 73: autistic boy scout survives in wilderness; 76: ADA anniversary—now 28 years! 77:

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ABUSE & NEGLECT

1. “Manatee teacher abused her special needs student, lawsuit says. Cops aren’t so sure” - It said the student, then 4 years old, came home with a swollen tongue, “busted lip” and bruised face on Sept. 29, 2017. However, deputies with the Manatee County Sheriff’s Office investigated the allegations and labeled them “unfounded.”- Bradenton Herald – July 28, 2018- (Florida) <https://is.gd/qUvIG6>
2. “Florida man charged with murder after fight over handicapped parking space turns deadly” - A South Florida man has been charged with murder after being accused of stabbing another man during a dispute over a handicapped parking spot. Oswald Zambrano died Thursday, more than 10 days after the confrontation. – WCMH – July 28 ,2018 – (Florida) - <https://is.gd/COoMc2>
3. “Nursing home workers accused of duct-taping elderly dementia patient to chair” - Boynton Beach Police said 52-year-old Lashron Williams and 44-year-old Phygelle Brudent duct-taped a 67-year-old woman to a chair and used tape to cover her mouth. They were arrested July 12th and charged with elder abuse and false imprisonment. – 7 News Miami – August 1, 2018 – (Florida) - <https://is.gd/8wZdhj>
4. “Abuse charges against Schaumburg gymnastics coach dismissed” - Authorities in Georgia have dropped sex abuse charges against a former Schaumburg gymnastics coach accused of molesting two young special-

needs athletes three years ago. – Daily Herald – July 26, 2018 – (Georgia) - <https://is.gd/yw7nrr>

5. “Attorney says ex-Cobb cop had ‘sexual fantasy’ with mentally disabled woman, denies assault” - An alleged assault against a mentally disabled woman by a former Cobb County police officer was a “sexual fantasy” between two consenting adults, the ex-officer’s lawyer argued in court Friday. – Atlanta Journal Constitution – July 27, 2018 – (Georgia) - <https://is.gd/bPR34S>
6. “Illinois Settles Lawsuit Over Deaf Prisoners” Under the settlement, the Illinois Department of Corrections will have to provide sign language interpreters for what are called “high stakes interactions” — like disciplinary hearings, medical visits, and counseling sessions. - NPR- July 25, 2018 – (Illinois) - <https://is.gd/EXes8g>
7. “ABUSED BY STUDENTS, FAILED BY ADULTS” - Chicago children sexually attacked by peers at school amid lax supervision- Chicago Tribune – July 27, 2018- (Illinois) - <https://is.gd/OIjgKd>
8. “Indiana couple: School strapped autistic daughter to chair”- An Indiana couple has accused a special education teacher of strapping their 8-year-old autistic daughter into a homemade restraining chair in the classroom. - Hastings Tribune – July 27, 2018 – (Indiana) - <https://is.gd/VXFvUa>
9. “Ex-nursing home staffer accused of sexually assaulting dementia patient” - A former Evansville nursing home staffer was arrested this week after allegations he sexually assaulted a patient in the dementia ward. – Courier Press – July 27, 2018 – (Indiana) - <https://is.gd/n6rH9A>
10. “Chuck Grassley examines nursing home death after Des Moines Register reporting” - U.S. Sen. Chuck Grassley of Iowa is asking a federal agency for information on a controversial resident death at the Timely Mission Nursing

Home in Buffalo Center. – Des Moines Register – July 27, 2018 – (Iowa) - <https://is.gd/xy5O8j>

11. “Black amputee arrested, called slur after parking in a handicapped space, lawsuit claims” - When Sean Williamson protested the ticket, he claims, the officer hurled racial slurs at him, then told police he’d pulled a knife, which led to Williamson’s arrest and a year-long criminal ordeal before a judge threw the charges out. – The Washington Post – July 31, 2018 – (Massachusetts) - <https://is.gd/M8ds4l>
12. “2 face felony trials in alleged patient abuse” - Wynton Dixon, 57 and Kyle Jackson, 30, were bound over by Judge Kathleen McCann of 16th District Court after she watched video footage that investigators say showed them and a third defendant, Victor Peterson, 60, assaulting a mentally ill 49-year-old old Romulus man. The Detroit News – July 26, 2018 – (Michigan) - <https://is.gd/6pulRD>
13. “I swear I'll choke her': Judge wants school bus video” - A judge wants to review surveillance video before proceeding in the criminal case against a fired Mississippi school bus driver accused of sitting on and threatening to kill a special needs child. – Star Tribune – July 30, 2018- (Mississippi) - <https://is.gd/hR2oNa>
14. “Father speaks out about autistic son's alleged beating at school” - A father is speaking out after his autistic child was reportedly beaten by a special education teacher. Clark County School District Police arrested Melody Carter at Harmon Elementary School back in May after an aide accused her of hitting the 5-year-old with a stick. – Channel 8 – July 27, 2018 – (Nevada) - <https://is.gd/f9kfLs>

15. "Syracuse University Theta Tau case: Appeals process ends; college won't say outcome" - The videos depicted members of the fraternity acting out an offensive "oath" and the sexual assault of disabled person. – Syracuse University News – July 30, 2018 – (New York) - <https://is.gd/trU88u>
16. "Rochester nurse aide arrested for alleged nursing home abuse"- The charges stem from a complaint that Clarke allegedly wrestled and punched a 64 year-old patient who was known to be unable to take care of himself due to mental and physical disabilities. The complaint added that Clarke was on top of the patient punching him and yelling, "I told you not to try me," while saying derogatory racial slurs. - WHEC- August 1, 2018 – (New York) - <https://is.gd/IFveks>
17. "Youngstown man arrested for allegedly beating woman in wheelchair with chair leg" - A Youngstown man is behind bars after police said he beat a woman who is in a wheelchair with a wooden chair leg. Franklin Lewis, 70, was arrested and booked on charges of felonious assault, domestic violence, and resisting arrest. – WFMJ – July 31, 2018 – (Ohio) - <https://is.gd/IJ7aO4>
18. "State probes assaults at health facility" - For the first time, Legacy Health is defending its management of a special facility set up to be the region's emergency room for the distressed and mentally ill — even as the state is wrapping up an investigation of employees' complaints that the center is a "hell hole."- Portland Tribune – August 2, 2018 – (Oregon) - <https://is.gd/mEV6zE>
19. "Texas jury convicts doctor of sexually assaulting patient" - A Texas doctor accused of sexually assaulting several patients was sentenced to 10 years in prison Friday after he was convicted of assaulting a woman who sought care for a physical disability. – KVVU- TV – July 28, 2018 – (Texas) - <https://is.gd/He4uy0>

20. "Local group allowed to tour juvenile detention center under fire for abuse"
- A local disability advocacy organization is being pushed into the public eye after receiving federal clearance to monitor immigration facilities housing residents with disabilities. -WTVR- July 27, 2018 – (Virginia) - <https://is.gd/fsCu8N>
21. "He allegedly abandoned his mom, 86, and drained her account" - The state's Adult Protective Services contacted detectives in August 2016 about a woman in her 80s. She was living with advanced dementia in a local senior home, while her money apparently was being used for gas, movie rentals and a gym membership. – Herald Net – July 26, 2018 – (Washington) - <https://is.gd/hpB1fJ>
22. "Kanawha County Woman Pleads Guilty to Neglecting & Exploiting Mother"
- A Kanawha County woman has pled guilty to neglecting her mother and spending \$71,000 of her mother's retirement savings and monthly income without authorization. – WOWK 13- August 1, 2018 – (West Virginia) - <https://is.gd/3oJLZz>
23. "Pulaski man charged with sexually assaulting woman with intellectual disabilities - A Pulaski man has been charged with sexually assaulting a woman with intellectual disabilities. Francis L. Karchinski, 69, is charged with Second Degree Sexual Assault of a Mentally Ill Victim in Brown County. On July 27, a Brown County Sheriff's deputy was called to an address in Howard to investigate a report of sexual assault. – WBAY- August 1, 2018 – (Wisconsin) - <https://is.gd/17NeCN>

GUARDIANSHIP

24. “Florida retirees should be alert to guardianship abuse | Opinion” - A mere overview of the system’s design and purpose make the system seem beneficial to all of those involved. But that is just the tip of the guardianship iceberg. A look below the surface, however, reveals a system both flawed and potentially harmful to those it was designed to help. – Tallahassee Democrat – July 27, 2018 – (Florida) - <https://is.gd/nky3cO>
25. “Court allows award of attorneys fees” - The Supreme Court of Guam on Thursday ruled that Richard Moylan is entitled to attorneys fees for helping to recover \$1.5 million in time certificates of deposit that was an issue in a guardianship case involving his parents. – The Guam Daily Post – July 30, 2018 – (Guam) - <https://is.gd/bVGWhI>
26. “A Number of New Laws Set to Go into Effect Wednesday” - The 'Safe Senior Act' will allow broker-dealers and investment advisors to report possible financial exploitation of seniors and vulnerable adults. The law allows the broker-dealers and investment advisors to report possible exploitation to the Minnesota Department of Commerce or the Minnesota Adult Abuse Reporting Center. – ABC 5 – July 31, 2018 – (Minnesota) - <https://is.gd/or1Z0f>
27. “Advocates seek to strengthen laws regarding sterilization of disabled people” - The July 19 vote came after the Nevada Disability Advocacy and Law Center and an independent disability advocate raised concerns that the current law may be allowing guardians to use outdated beliefs on physical and intellectual disabilities as a basis for permanently removing someone’s ability to have children, which is considered a constitutionally protected right. The existing statute dates back to 1933. – Nevada Current – August 1, 2018 – (Nevada) - <https://is.gd/9EdcAa>

28. "Pella Woman Accused of Elder Abuse in Newton" - Jasper County Court records say 36-year-old Christan Maddison is charged with dependent adult abuse-exploitation. A criminal complaint says Maddison was granted a power of attorney to handle the nursing home resident's finances. – KNIA FM- July 30th, 2018- (Tennessee) - <https://is.gd/vqegk7>

LAWS & LEGISLATION

29. "Maryland Lagging Behind In Quality of Care for Nursing Home Residents" - The situation for residents in Maryland nursing homes may be set to improve after the passing of two bills this year by the General Assembly. Each of the two Senate bills delineates steps the state is taking to improve the quality of facilities located within its borders. – Baltimore Post Examiner – July 25, 2018- (Maryland) <https://is.gd/etyGas>

30. "Senate approves Dana's Law to protect disabled" - State Sen. Patrick O'Connor, R-Weymouth, proposed the measure, which requires the creation of a Disability Abuse Registry that lists the names of people convicted or charged with physically or mentally abusing a person with developmental disabilities. – Brain Tree – July 30, 2018 – (Massachusetts) - <https://is.gd/zZaFqG>

31. "House Bill 5949: Let banks hold back suspected financial abuse disbursements from seniors" - Introduced by Rep. Peter Lucido (R), to allow bank and financial institution officials who in good faith and with good cause suspect that financial exploitation is being committed to delay the disbursement of funds from the account of an individual who is age 65 or older, or under some form of court-ordered protection or guardianship. The bill would require notice be given to specified officials and family members. - Mackinac Center for Public Policy – July 27, 2018 – (Michigan) - <https://is.gd/Ff2lvx>

32. "ND legislature's interim health committee looks to redefine brain injury" - The state legislature's interim health committee is looking at a draft bill that would change the definition of a brain injury. According to state law, damage caused by a stroke or aneurysm is not considered a brain injury, which can limit the medical or financial aid that patients receive. Changing the language could include such situations. – Fox News – July 26, 2018 – (North Dakota) - <https://is.gd/Cxnpgz>
33. "State loses \$3M Medicaid battle with HHS over restraint-training for nursing home staffers" - Pennsylvania must pay some \$3 million back to Health and Human Services, after a judge ruled that the state improperly charged Medicare for nursing home staff training. – McKnight's Long Term Care News- July 30, 2018 – (Pennsylvania) - <https://is.gd/kUWDFy>

STUDIES & STATISTICS

34. "EEG measurements useful in early detection of autism" - An electroencephalogram, or EEG — a low-cost, easy-to-use tool to measure brain electrical activity — may be able to predict future development of autism spectrum disorder in children as early as 3 months of age, according to a study published in Scientific Reports. – Healio – July 28, 2018 – (Massachusetts) - <https://is.gd/47m2MP>
35. Report: Crow Agency nursing home failed to act on patient's allegations of sexual assault" - A nursing home in Crow Agency failed to act on allegations by a patient that he had been sexually assaulted by a staff member who had a criminal history of assault, according to a report from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. – Billings Gazette - July 27, 2018 – (Montana) - <https://is.gd/GREH1U>
36. "Duke University Research Offers Hope for Autism Spectrum Disorder" - Duke University is completing the second phase of a medical trial that

researches if cord blood (banked at birth) can help reduce the negative effects of autism spectrum disorder. – NBC 5 – July 26, 2018 – (Texas) - <https://is.gd/1l7mrH>

37. Abusive Unlicensed Care Homes Are 'Hidden In Plain Sight' In America, Researcher Says - After completing a year-long study on unlicensed care homes in the United States, researchers are recommending among other things further investigation, more oversight and new ways to locate homes where they say “egregious crimes” are being committed against the elderly, disabled and mentally ill. – Forbes- July 27, 2018 – (National) - <https://is.gd/ENUIm1>

38. “Door County jury trial finds man guilty of sexual assault of disabled woman” - Richard Pringle, 73, was originally charged in 2016 with third-and fourth-degree sexual assault of a woman, 59, who has intellectual and developmental disabilities, after she reported to police he had kissed and inappropriately touched her. – Green Bay Press Gazette – August 1, 2018 – (Wisconsin) - <https://is.gd/pFDGvg>

IMPROVED SUPPORTS

39. “Different types of elder abuse and when to speak UP!” - This month we’ve been exploring elder abuse, financial abuse and how to spot the psychological signs. With elder abuse on the rise, it’s critical we are aware of the signs it might be happening. – The Press Enterprise – July 28, 2018 – (California) - <https://is.gd/Dh3hUG>

40. “New Gym Specializes in Serving Kids with Special Needs” - We Rock The Spectrum caters to children with special needs. It's a sensory-conscious fun zone open to kids of all abilities but designed specifically to be sensitive to kids with special needs in a judgment-free space. – Fox 40- July 30, 2018 – (California) - <https://is.gd/Ziyefl>

41. "Food truck operated by adults with autism is ready to roll in Tampa" - After spending seven years inside the Mercedes Benz dealership on North Dale Mabry Highway, the coffeehouse that employs only autistic adults has hit the road and moved out of its static locale and into a food truck named the "Bean Mobile." – Tampa Bay Times – August 2, 2018 – (Florida) - <https://is.gd/QxFpLB>
42. "STUDENTS AND YOUNG ADULTS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS TAKE TO THE FIELD FOR GAME DAY EXPERIENCE" - Staying active is important, no matter your age or experience. That's one of the reasons football players at Lafayette Jeff gathered Thursday night to create a unique experience for special needs students. – WLFI – July 27, 2018 – (Indiana) - <https://is.gd/SDwRar>
43. "Heavy Weapons Training May Cause Brain Injuries, But The VA Doesn't Cover It" - Daniel, a Marine Corps veteran, used to fire a rocket launcher called the shoulder-launched multipurpose assault weapon. Two decades later, he still experiences dizzy spells and disorientation. But the Department of Veterans Affairs doesn't have a category for vets like him, who may have sustained traumatic brain injuries from training rather than combat. -NPR- July 26, 2018 – (Louisiana) - <https://is.gd/6Wyx4p>
44. "Disability rights advocates sue Montana over Medicaid cuts" - Montana disability rights advocates sued the state health department Tuesday seeking to overturn cuts in Medicaid reimbursement rates that have led to a loss of services and put clients at increased risk of institutionalization. – The Charlotte Observer – July 31, 2018 – (Montana) - <https://is.gd/Bd3zoT>
45. "Meadowlark Hearth hosts Trillium Deaf Program" - A group of young adults from across the country came together in Scottsbluff this summer to build a bridge to a part of society often forgotten about - the deaf. – Nebraska TV – July 27, 2018 – (Nebraska) - <https://is.gd/nP4lzR>

46. "CCSD hires 105 special education teachers from the Philippines to address shortage" - The community welcomed 105 special education teachers from the Philippines at the Christ the King Church Saturday. The National Federation of Filipino American Associations in Nevada organized the event to make the teachers feel welcome. The teachers will fill a critical need in the Clark County School District as the nationwide teacher shortage continues. – KTNV – July 28, 2018- (Nevada) - <https://is.gd/JWSO96>

47. "How you can help students with special needs find a place in college" - Students who receive special education services are much less likely to go to college after high school. But there are programs and strategies that can help them earn a two- or four-year degree. – The Seattle Times – July 27, 2018 – (Seattle) - <https://is.gd/CdetvP>

48. "Ministering to the deaf and blind: How religious groups accommodate the disabled" - Jehovah's Witnesses have translated the Bible into approximately 160 languages, including American Sign Language, or ASL (as well as other sign languages used elsewhere in the world). The ASL translation is a series of videos. A Braille translation of the Bible also is available. – The Post and Courier – July 28, 2018 – (South Carolina) - <https://is.gd/CfijVC>

49. "Special needs children in Charleston learn to focus with yoga at Trident Health" - Cyrus was one of a handful of children with special needs who came to Trident Health's campus Tuesday morning to learn the basics of yoga. – The Post and Courier – July 30, 2018 – (South Carolina) - <https://is.gd/qW8d0s>

50. "Little Elm teens donate year-long project to special needs riders" - Little Elm area teens spent the past year working on a heartfelt, symbolic portrait and making weighted blankets for special needs patrons of horse therapy. – Little Elm Journal – July 27, 2018- (Texas) - <https://is.gd/j8GJor>

51. "Northam announces grant to enhance Virginia's brain injury services" - Governor Ralph Northam announced this week a three-year, \$900,000 federal grant awarded to the Virginia Department for Aging and Rehabilitative Services (DARS) to enhance access to services and supports for Virginians with traumatic brain injury (TBI). – Augusta Free Press- July 27, 2018 – (Virginia) - <https://is.gd/WCj5j6>
52. "Wausau native bringing the sounds of NASCAR to the deaf community" - When the family went to the All-Star race in Charlotte they realized they could camp on the infield. And with that, get close to the fence and feel the roar of the cars, and that only enhanced their love of the sport. The invited other friends from the deaf community to experience it and created the fan club called, deaf NASCAR fans, or DNF for short. – WSAW 7 – July 27, 2018 – (Wisconsin) - <https://is.gd/ShjCXw>
53. "Inappropriate chaperoning during intimate examinations could be endangering vulnerable patients" - Intimate health examinations can be an uncomfortable experience for anyone, regardless of age, health or gender. We are taught to trust doctors, believing they will not judge, that they are simply there to medically assess us, but still the prospect can be a daunting one. – The Conversation- August 1, 2018 – (National) - <https://is.gd/ECisBw>

INTERNATIONAL

54. "Very distressing': Island Health speaks on sexual assault allegations at care facility" - For the first time, Island Health is speaking out about disturbing sexual assault allegations against a care aide at one of its residential facilities in Victoria. – CTV News – July 26, 2018 – (Canada) - <https://is.gd/lgzl6e>
55. "Nursing home worker's social media post violated abuse policy" - According to a Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care (MOHLTC) report on the incident, the worker "took to social media after a situation had occurred and made a

threat towards residents and staff."- TB News Watch – July 25, 2018 – (Canada) - <https://is.gd/ooiyKO>

56. “Multiple learning programs for Saskatchewan’s deaf preschoolers to launch this fall” - The Government of Saskatchewan announced on Friday that more than 30 program spots will be opened in Regina and Saskatoon, for deaf and hard of hearing preschoolers. – Global News Canada – July 27, 2018 – (Canada) - <https://is.gd/1cToKi>

57. “Man Sentenced To 10 Years Imprisonment For Raping Mentally Retarded Girl” - The Fifth Additional District and Sessions Court has sentenced a man to 10 years rigorous imprisonment and has imposed a fine of Rs.4,000 for raping a mentally retarded girl in 2016.- Star of Mysore – August 3, 2018 – (India) - <https://is.gd/X9qVo4>

58. “How poor, marginalised, disabled in Bengaluru are suffering because of denial of pension” - They are Bengaluru's underbelly--the poor, marginalised, homeless and disabled--who have been almost forgotten by the government, corporates and civil society of India's IT hub. On Thursday, a group of 50-odd people, including transgenders, people living with HIV and slum dwellers, came together at Jain University in the city to narrate their plight as they have been denied their monthly stipend under various government pension schemes meant for poor and marginalised sections of society. -One India – July 27, 2018 – (India) - <https://is.gd/QwrOHe>

59. OPINION | The Bihar Shelter Home Case Where 29 Girls Were Raped Should Be Treated Like National Calamity” - No one has reported that dozen of them were mentally ill while most others were traumatised to core. Words fail to describe this inhuman crime. – News 18- July 26, 2018 – (India) - <https://is.gd/E7d5G1>

60. “Protest on disabled safety” - Around 150 hearing-impaired youths, under the banner of the Assam Association of the Deaf, staged a protest on

Saturday against the sexual assault on an 11-year-old hearing-impaired girl of Chennai for seven months. – The Telegraph- August 3, 2018- (India)

61. “PSNI probe 'abuse' of vulnerable patients at Northern Ireland hospital - 13 staff taken off duty” - Among the allegations being investigated are that members of staff kneed vulnerable patients in the genitals, pulled patients to the floor by their hair, and that one patient was punched in the face. – Belfast Telegraph – July 27, 2018 – (Ireland) - <https://is.gd/wXNGiO>
62. “Nursing home complaints: Staff member accused of 'physically and emotionally' abusing resident” - The documents from Hiqa (the Health Information and Quality Authority) outline an allegation of “mistreatment of the residents by a couple of care assistants”. – The Journal – July 29, 2018 – (Ireland) - <https://is.gd/dVFR9r>
63. “Retired financial pros volunteer to protect finances of the elderly” - While guardians are chosen by family courts at the behest of individuals who require one, their spouses and relatives, and mayors of municipalities where they live, people who are concerned about their own decreasing judgment can also find guardians in advance on their own.- Asia & Japan Watch – July 27, 2018 – (Japan) - <http://www.asahi.com/ajw/articles/AJ201807270004.html>
64. “Lawyers for nursing homes where Wettlaufer killed cast blame at others” - The two nursing homes where Elizabeth Wettlaufer killed eight residents used their lawyers Thursday to try to direct blame elsewhere, a public inquiry heard. – The London Free Press- July 27, 2018 – (London) - <https://is.gd/9H2Wxl>
65. “Reflections on the case of Ruby Knox” - The Aotearoa New Zealand Association of Social Workers (ANZASW) believes that the review into the murder of Ruby Knox by her mother in 2016, published this month, raises

serious issues that should be urgently addressed. – Scoop – July 31, 2018 – (New Zealand) - <https://is.gd/Esx24v>

66. “Nigeria Needs to Pay Attention to Representation For & Inclusion Of Disabled People” - There is the general belief, in Nigeria, that disability is a curse and people who are afflicted with disabilities are hopeless. – Bella Naija – July 27, 2018 – (Nigeria) - <https://is.gd/pEqhpa>

67. “Six out of every 1 000 children in Africa are born deaf” - Professor Ambroise Wonkam, professor of medical genetics and deputy dean for research in the Faculty of Health Sciences, said: “Six out of every 1 000 children in Africa are born deaf, this is six times more than the United States”. – IOL – July 28, 2018 – (South Africa) - <https://is.gd/vfP17M>

68. “Brain Injury Diagnosed With a Single Drop of Blood” - UNIGE researchers have developed a portable device capable of diagnosing mild traumatic brain injury within ten minutes, using a single drop of blood. – TN – Technology Networks – July 30th – (United Kingdom) - <https://is.gd/yJfJiX>

69. “Teenagers arrested over flour and egg attack on woman amid fears of vigilante backlash” - The photograph, which originated on messaging app Snapchat, was often accompanied by appeals to identify the teenagers along with unverified claims the woman suffered some form of disability.- Independent – July 30, 2018 – (United Kingdom) - <https://is.gd/gnOqPV>

70. “Binga man jailed 30 years for raping disabled daughter” - A BINGA man has been sentenced to a 30-year jail term for raping his disabled teenage daughter following advice from a traditional healer, who claimed that the dastardly act would make him wealthy. – News Day – July 27, 2018 – (Zimbabwe) - <https://is.gd/BNxGil>

MISC

71. Women's rights, disability rights – Book - Abortion, Down syndrome, and the question of prenatal testing- The Christian Century – July 27, 2018 - <https://is.gd/PamEYw>
72. “Disability rights movement leader Susan O’Hara dies at 80, leaves ‘lasting legacy’” - Susan O’Hara, a leader in the disability rights movement, died earlier this month in her Berkeley home at the age of 80. – The Daily Californian- August 3, 2018 – (California) - <https://is.gd/iHAgNf>
73. “Boy Scout with Asperger's syndrome survives partly on bugs, bark for 37 hours in wilderness before being rescued” – A Boy Scout with Asperger’s syndrome survived partly on bugs and bark while he was lost in the Wyoming wilderness for 37 hours. – The San Diego Union Tribune – July 30, 2018 – (California) - <https://is.gd/C56x4T>
74. “Writing Asperger's romance novel 'The Kiss Quotient ' was liberating for author Helen Hoang” - What makes The Kiss Quotient different from other romance novels, however, is its heroine, who struggles to reconcile intimacy with Asperger’s. – City Pages – July 31, 2018- (Massachusetts) - <https://is.gd/xi2HKM>
75. “Book on Learning to Cook After Brain Injury Shoots to Amazon Bestseller List on First Day of Publication”- The newly released book is the first in a series of recipe books that will vary in complexity. – Cision PR Wire – July 30, 2018 – (Michigan) - <https://is.gd/rvXr5t>
76. Disability Rights Activists Celebrate 28th Anniversary of ADA- This week disability rights advocates are marking the 28th anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act. – KMOX- July 27, 2018 – (Missouri) - <https://is.gd/uXBer2>

77. “Pushback against plastic straw bans from disability rights groups” - Environmental activists have spent years pressuring corporations and politicians to take action against plastic waste, and they have recently begun racking up victories with voluntary and local government-mandated bans on plastic straws, but that success has sparked a backlash not only from their traditional conservative foes but from many with disabilities who say such policies will impose unnecessary hardships on them. – Fox 11- July 30, 2018 – (Nevada) - <https://is.gd/Sz1kIM>
78. “Handicapped’ Queens Man Who Targets Non-ADA-Compliant Restaurants Spotted Walking” - A Queens man who uses a wheelchair and shakes down businesses by threatening those who wouldn’t pay him money to go away by suing for millions over their lack of handicapped access was on two feet and walking fine when The New York Post paid him a visit last week. – Jewish Voice –
79. “A Front-Page Insult to People With Disabilities” - A New York Post cover story advances the harmful notion that if someone can walk, they must not have a disability. – The New York Times- July 26, 2018 – (New York) - <https://is.gd/CVzfOM>
80. Asperger’s Children by Edith Sheffer review – the origins of autism in Nazi Vienna- In popular legend, Asperger was an Oskar Schindler figure who shielded his charges from euthanasia. The truth is more uncomfortable- The Guardian – July 27, 2018 – United Kingdom - <https://is.gd/e3C9C4>
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