

# **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:**

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**WINNER of “good job” award:** 28: Change abuse reporting laws after Olympics physician “outed” for sexual abuse of hundreds of athletes;

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

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**Good News:** 25 & 32: No abortions when sole reason is fetus has Down Syndrome; 35: Bias in transplant decisions against those with disabilities; 40: Medical school now teaching courses on developmental disabilities; 42: Attention brought to problem of murder by family members; 49: Accessible zoo opens; 55: increased awareness of people with disabilities; 61: new job options are designed for workers with disabilities.

**Bad News:** 31: Bronx subway station not accessible after renovation;

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## ABUSE & NEGLECT

1. "Alabama man arrested after fight over handicapped parking space." An Alabama man is in custody on aggravated battery charges after a fight over a handicapped parking space left a Barrow County man on life support. --- ajc.com, March 8 (Alabama) <https://is.gd/rOLF4w>
2. "Couple accused in adult's neglect." Authorities say a husband and wife were jailed after an investigation into a 63-year-old woman's death in Boone County. Jennifer Bailey, 33, and Joseph Bailey, 41, were arrested Wednesday on charges of abuse or neglect of an impaired person, the Boone County sheriff's office said in a news release. --- nwaonline.com, March 10 (Arkansas) <https://is.gd/Fk67If>
3. "This Long Beach caregiver is accused of breaking the bones of a vulnerable adult, sheriff says." A Long Beach caregiver is accused of assaulting a 61-year-old man, breaking his hip and an arm, officials say. When family members reported they had not heard from the man, who cannot take care of himself, in four weeks, an investigation was launched by the Harrison County Sheriff's Office. --- sunherald.com, March 9 (California) <https://is.gd/VEQ0I5>
4. "Child with special needs dies after having medical issue on school bus in Bartow." A 14-year-old child with special needs passed away on Tuesday after having a medical issue on the school bus. --- abcactionnews.com, March 8 (Florida) <https://is.gd/YZ0Xyq>
5. "Starke teacher accused of abusing child with special needs." A Bradford County elementary school teacher finds herself under criminal investigation in response to allegations that she abused a 6-year-old child with special needs. --- news4jax.com, March 12 (Florida) <https://is.gd/w1gImN>

6. "Augusta man charged with neglecting elderly woman in his care." An Augusta man has been arrested for neglecting an elderly person in his care. --- wfxg.com, March 16 (Georgia) <https://is.gd/VOLZJb>
7. "Eastern Iowa woman accused of stealing from handicapped individual." They Fayette County Sheriff's Office says a woman is accused of stealing from a disabled person she was looking after. --- kwwl.com, March 9 (Iowa) <https://is.gd/RF68rz>
8. "Iowa nursing assistants, ages 23 and 26, accused of sex with psychiatric facility patients." Two licensed nursing assistants are accused of having sexual relations with patients from an Iowa psychiatric facility. --- foxnews.com, March 9 (Iowa) <https://is.gd/8Osc22>
9. "3 family members arrested in adult abuse case." Three members of a family accused of abusing a former assisted living patient have been arrested in Graves County, the sheriff's office says. --- wpsdlocal6.com, March 16 (Kentucky) <https://is.gd/WP8cOk>
10. "Mother says son with developmental delay was lured into public attack." An 11-year-old boy is recovering from injuries after his friends invited him to hang out then ended up attacking him. Police tell Boston 25 News they are investigating what happened to Marton John Coulson last month when he was punched and kicked while someone recorded a video. --- fox25boston.com, March 10 (Massachusetts) <https://is.gd/PZEYMX>
11. "Mississippi school district faces lawsuit after teacher accused of beating special needs student." A Mississippi school district is at the center of a lawsuit, after a teacher was accused of beating a student with special needs until he was bruised. --- fox13memphis.com, March 8 (Mississippi) <https://is.gd/yhQYLP>
12. "Twin Cities area group home worker accused of raping resident." An employee at a group home here is accused of sexually assaulting a woman with severe mental and physical disabilities who lives at the residence. ---

duluthnewstribune.com, March 15 (Minnesota) <https://is.gd/Y6TQaq>

13. “Trevyan Rowe: Witnesses say they saw teen on bridge Thursday morning.” Multiple 911 callers reported seeing a person now believed to be runaway student Trevyan Rowe on the edge of the Douglass-Anthony Memorial Bridge over the Genesee River Thursday morning. --- democratandchronicle.com, March 12 (New York) <https://is.gd/jEbELH>
14. “Police have suspects in West Carrollton group home death investigation.” West Carrollton police say they have suspects identified in connection to a death investigation at a West Carrollton group home on Redbluff Drive, but no arrests have been made as an investigation is ongoing. --- whio.com, March 7 (Ohio) <https://is.gd/h0XXwf>
15. “Texas woman sentenced for mistreating special needs teens.” A Houston-area woman has been sentenced to 35 years in prison for the mistreatment of seven special needs teenagers found in 2016 locked in a room strewn with human waste. --- foxnews.com. March 10 (Texas) <https://is.gd/kVvdTP>
16. “Family, friends struggle to understand after man in wheelchair critically injured in hit-and-run.” Weston Currington has spent the last few days at UTMB struggling to understand how someone could hit his father, who uses a wheelchair, with a car and leave the scene. Currington is waiting and praying for his father to recover. --- click2houston.com, March 8 (Texas) <https://is.gd/6FNUpa>
17. “Autistic boy found safe, but grandparent faces charges in Wis. Rapids.” A child is safe after he was found wandering a neighborhood by himself in Wisconsin Rapids. Now, his grandmother is facing child neglect charges. --- wsaw.com, March 9 (Wisconsin) <https://is.gd/ETIOuA>
18. “Wheelchair-bound man dies after falling in vehicle.” A wheelchair-bound man died last month after he tipped over in his chair while riding in a transport van, according to a Janesville police report. --- gazettextra.com,

March 12 (Wisconsin) <https://is.gd/iQJZWf>

19. “Daughter charged with abusing elderly mother; details something “out of a horror movie”.” Detectives with the Charleston Police Department have arrested a woman who they allege was involved in the abuse and neglect of her elderly mother. --- nbc4i.com, March 8 (West Virginia) <https://is.gd/gro2Ea>

## **GUARDIANSHIP**

20. “New NV Hotline to Report Abuse by Court-Appointed Guardians.” After a rash of high-profile cases, a brand new hotline has just been established for Nevadans to report abuse or neglect by court-appointed guardians. The hotline is run by the Guardianship Compliance Office created by the state in January. --- publicnewsservice.org, March 13 (Nevada) <https://is.gd/jTS5KC>
21. “Texas father who treated autistic daughter with marijuana will maintain guardianship.” The Zartler family of Richardson, Texas, decided last year they had a shot at being the “poster children” who could persuade state lawmakers to legalize medical marijuana for autism patients. --- thecannabist.co, March 9 (Texas) <https://is.gd/fbkvhv>

## **LAWS & LEGISLATION**

22. “Would a proposed law gut the Americans With Disabilities Act?” Southern California congressional Democrats are defending their votes for a bill that

critics contend will wreck the Americans with Disabilities Act and imperil the civil rights of those with disabilities. --- pe.com, March 9 (California) <https://is.gd/n5sBqq>

23. “Special education funding is a morass; straightening it out may not be cheap or easy.” California legislators have confirmed what several high-profile reports and nearly anyone involved with students with disabilities have been saying for years about the state’s system of paying for special education: It’s insufficient, inefficient and inequitable. --- edsources.org, March 8 (California) <https://is.gd/pJ5ULA>
24. “Lyft faces discrimination lawsuit.” Disability Rights Advocates, on behalf of the Independent Living Resource Center and two people who use wheelchairs, filed a class-action lawsuit today against Lyft. --- techcrunch.com. March 13 (California) <https://is.gd/c40PxS>
25. “Down syndrome kids being exploited in Kentucky abortion debate, critics argue.” Lawmakers are considering a bill to make it illegal for a physician to perform abortions involving a fetus with Down syndrome if that's the reason for ending a pregnancy. --- courier-journal.com, March 13 (Kentucky) <https://is.gd/Zio6Fb>
26. “Our View: Maine’s system for caring for disabled adults needs additional oversight.” A federal report released last year on the way Maine cares for adults with developmental disabilities revealed a flawed system lacking real oversight. --- centralmaine.com, March 12 (Maine) <https://is.gd/wrkZdg>
27. “Disabled rights advocates to hold rally in Quincy.” The rally is intended to raise awareness about a bill that could weaken accommodation rights for disabled Americans. --- patriotledger.com, March 8 (Massachusetts) <https://is.gd/Qengz4>
28. “Michigan seeks changes to abuse reporting law after Nassar.” Michigan is looking to shore up its law that requires certain people to report suspected child sexual abuse to authorities to address gaps that were exposed after

disgraced former sports doctor Larry Nassar admitted to sexually assaulting female athletes. --- abcnews.go.com, March 10 (Michigan)

<https://is.gd/9XCkTF>

29. “Disability rights advocates bring concerns to Capitol.” Hundreds of disability rights advocates arrived Wednesday at the Capitol for the 17th Annual Disability Rights Legislative Day. --- fultonsun.com, March 15 (Missouri) <https://is.gd/FfbVEd>
30. “Justice Department Joins Disability Rights Activists in Lawsuit Against MTA Over Accessibility.” The Middletown Road stop on the 6 line in the Bronx reopened after \$27 million in renovations. --- ny1.com, March 14 (New York) <https://is.gd/r7vyPm>
31. “U.S. Sues New York City Subway Operator Over Disabled Access.” The U.S. government on Tuesday sued the agencies that run New York City's subway, claiming they failed to make a Bronx station accessible to disabled people despite an expensive renovation. --- usnews.com, March 13 (New York) <https://is.gd/pjYb15>
32. “Utah, Pennsylvania consider banning Down syndrome abortions.” The states of Utah and Pennsylvania are considering legislation that would ban abortions solely due to a prenatal Down syndrome diagnosis, in an effort to protect babies with disabilities from discrimination. --- catholicnewsagency.com, March 8 (Pennsylvania) <https://is.gd/XiklGa>
33. “Lawsuit against CCISD claims special ed services not provided.” In January, Gov. Greg Abbott instructed the Texas Education Agency to draft a plan to improve special education services to students in school districts statewide. --- kdhnews.com, March 9 (Texas) <https://is.gd/q3JLt4>

## STUDIES & STATISTICS

34. “For Aspiring Doctors with Disabilities, Many Medical Schools Come Up Short.” Being a medical student or resident is hard enough, but what if you have a disability that adds to the challenge? --- npr.org, March 13  
<https://is.gd/HYPoe0>
35. “People with Developmental Disabilities May Face Organ Transplant Bias.” New research suggests people with intellectual disabilities are being turned down for organ transplants because of their disability. A growing effort to take human bias out of the decision highlights a little-known area of medicine. --- kgou.org, March 15 <https://is.gd/xkEDKI>
36. “Individual education programs not being used as intended in special education.” Gone are the days when students with disabilities were placed in a separate classroom, or even in a completely different part of the school. These students often sit alongside their traditional student peers for at least part of the day, with the help of individualized education programs (IEPs). --- phys.org, March 13 <https://is.gd/pqezMc>
37. “Effectiveness of evidence-based treatments of fetal alcohol spectrum disorders in children and adolescents: a systematic review protocol.” The aim of this paper is to provide a protocol for a systematic review assessing the effectiveness of evidence from randomised controlled trials comparing fetal alcohol spectrum disorders pharmacological and non-pharmacological interventions with placebo/dummy interventions or usual standards of care in children and adolescents (<18 years old). --- bmjopen.bmj.com, March 10  
<https://is.gd/ajVsQb>
38. “Pupil Response to an Optical Illusion Tied to Autistic Traits.” Diagnosing neurobiological disorders, such as the autism spectrum disorders, focuses on complex clinical evaluations. --- the-scientist.com, March 13

<https://is.gd/tGFYOk>

39. “Autism: Anti-cancer drug may improve social behavior.” New research led by the State University of New York at Buffalo suggests that an anti-cancer drug may be able to reverse social impairments associated with autism. --- medicalnewstoday.com, March 13 <https://is.gd/3zPXCl>

## IMPROVED SUPPORTS

40. “Medical Schools Adding Focus on Developmental Disabilities.” An innovative new program is aiming to ensure that the next generation of doctors is far more prepared to treat the needs of those with intellectual and developmental disabilities. --- disabilityscoop.com, March 12 <https://is.gd/MdgOdY>
41. “Airbnb makes service more accessible to people with disabilities.” Airbnb has made some changes to its platform in order to make it easier for people with disabilities to find accommodations that suit their needs. --- techcrunch.com, March 15 (California) <https://is.gd/wUtrTn>
42. “Help stop violence by recognizing contributions of people with disabilities.” On March 1, communities across the country held vigils to remember the lives of people with disabilities lost to filicide. In the past five years, more than 550 individuals with disabilities were murdered by parents, family members or other caregivers (over a hundred in the past year). --- durangoherald.com. March 10 (Colorado) <https://is.gd/7dpica>
43. “Parents Line Up in Opposition to DPS Special-Education Cuts.” Earlier this year, Denver Public Schools announced it was cutting about \$5 million from its budget, or about fifty central administration jobs, to provide schools with more funding in the 2018-2019 school year. --- westword.com, March

16 (Colorado) <https://is.gd/OAvxKx>

44. “District 64 taps consultant to audit special education program, but parents feel left out of process.” Park Ridge-Niles District 64 Superintendent Laurie Heinz tapped a consultant to audit the district's special education programs, a move that angered parents who said they were disappointed to be excluded from the selection process. --- [chicagotribune.com](http://chicagotribune.com), March 13 (Illinois) <https://is.gd/uBKReS>
45. “Talk Opens Dialogue Around Learning Disabilities on Campus.” This semester, the Office of Disability Resources and Assistive Technology Lab will be hosting the Disability Event Series. The series of four events is intended to open conversations about disability identity. --- [thesandb.com](http://thesandb.com), March 9 (Iowa) <https://is.gd/Qk6Bka>
46. “Ms. Wheelchair Kansas 2018 crowned in Lawrence.” Big changes are in store for Allison Merriam. The Kansas City woman was crowned Ms. Wheelchair Kansas 2018 in a ceremony in Lawrence Sunday afternoon. --- [ksnt.com](http://ksnt.com), March 12 (Kansas) <https://is.gd/SBFzcp>
47. “Grassroots Group Rally for Deaf and Hard of Hearing Rights.” Kentucky participated in a nationwide rally for the deaf and hard of hearing on Thursday. --- [wvtq.com](http://wvtq.com), March 8 (Kentucky) <https://is.gd/cF64Kb>
48. “Special Education Center needs to raise classroom standards, report says.” For its students to achieve their full potential and levels of independence, the Louisiana Special Education Center needs a shift in culture and to raise educational standards in the classroom. --- [thetowntalk.com](http://thetowntalk.com), March 10 (Louisiana) <https://is.gd/DVh9Fq>
49. “Fundraising for the First All Inclusive Zoo Playground!” The Kansas City Zoo plays such an important role in connecting children to the natural world. It’s a childhood rite of passage and a memory-maker. Still, not every child has been able to fully experience a zoo and facilities all over the nation are beginning to implement programs of inclusion to remedy that. ---

varietykc.org, March 7 (Missouri) <https://is.gd/yZxRuo>

50. "Bear Power: Students with Learning Disabilities to Attend MSU." Sign up is now available for Bear Power's program, where intellectually and developmentally disabled students can attend MSU next Spring. --- ozarksfirst.com, March 9 (Missouri) <https://is.gd/sfvQqj>
51. "NJ special-needs cheerleading team heads to world competition." The South Jersey Storm Twisters, a nine-member squad of special-needs cheerleaders, are heading to Orlando to compete on a national stage in the World Cheerleading Championship's Cheer-Abilities Division. --- abc13.com, March 8 (New Jersey) <https://is.gd/GAbBVx>
52. "Community conversation to offer tips to keep autistic students safe." Late Monday afternoon, Rochester Police said that the Monroe County Medical Examiner has confirmed that the body pulled from the Genesee River on Sunday is that of 14 year old Trevyan Rowe. --- wxxinews.org, March 12 (New York) <https://is.gd/1IVRDi>
53. "This Mom Is Campaigning to Ban the "R-Word," and Honestly, It's About Damn Time." Heather McEntarfer, a mom from Fredonia, NY, was totally shocked to learn that the term "mentally retarded" was still used in official state paperwork to describe her 2-year-old son, Evan, who has Down syndrome. --- popsugar.com, March 8 (New York) <https://is.gd/X9KQZK>
54. "Sisters minister to intellectually disabled people, offer catechesis." In the nautical world, a "spar" is the straight pole used to support the sails and rigging of a ship. In the world of faith and the ministry of the Daughters of St. Mary of Providence in the Syracuse Diocese, SPAR is the support offered to Catholics with intellectual disabilities to help them to recognize the presence of God in their daily lives and to act in light of the Gospel message. --- catholicnews.com, March 8 (New York) <https://is.gd/2ZxFsc>
55. "Billboards raise awareness of developmental disabilities." Five local billboards have been posted throughout the area to promote

Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month. --- thenews-messenger.com, March 9 (Ohio) <https://is.gd/4XIIEd>

56. "Autism therapy firm moves into Ohio after state law broadens insurance coverage." An Indianapolis company is bringing two autism therapy centers to central Ohio as part of a plan to ultimately open 20 sites and provide about 1,000 jobs across the state. --- dispatch.com, March 12 (Ohio) <https://is.gd/ObZfe2>
57. "Group with disabilities wants bus stop closer to Dayton Mall entrance." Many motorists honked their horns this afternoon in support of a small group holding signs outside the Dayton Mall seeking a bus stop at the entrance. --- mydaytondailynews.com, March 11 (Ohio) <https://is.gd/ecdiGF>
58. "Intellectually disabled students receive hands-on workforce training at Texas Roadhouse." Rolling silverware is a simple skill, but for a group of students from Wicksburg High School, it can be an important step toward greater independence and a sounder financial future. --- dothaneagle.com, March 9 (Texas) <https://is.gd/u83wtV>
59. "Crash Tests Teach Wheelchair Safety for School Buses." A TSD Conference session used videos of crash tests to underscore the need for proper securement of students in wheelchairs on board school buses. --- stnonline.com. March 12 (Texas) <https://is.gd/nUrgRX>
60. "HISD Still Has a Long Way to Go In Special Ed." Put on the spot at last night's school board meeting and asked to rate how Houston ISD continues to handle its special education students and programs on a scale of 1 (poor) to 5 (we presume super duper), an independent auditor basing her comment on the "ideal" gave the district a "1." --- houstonpress.com, March 9 (Texas) <https://is.gd/sKuty7>
61. "Don't give up': Program shows students with disabilities career options for the future." For young people with disabilities, dreaming of a professional

career can seem like a far-flung, unattainable goal. But a program developed through the Utah Department of Workforce Services is aimed at making those fanciful ideas into real possibilities. --- deseretnews.com, March 10 (Utah) <https://is.gd/ncDPOU>

62. “Utah Jazz arena adds ‘sensory room’ for kids who have autism and those who get overwhelmed.” Vivint Smart Home Arena can explode with noise when Rudy Gobert slams home a thunderous dunk or when Donovan Mitchell drills a 3-pointer from just short of midcourt. --- sltrib.com, March 15 (Utah) <https://is.gd/TpMO6u>
63. “RVAccess pairs athletes with special needs with ‘buddies,’ to form lasting relationships.” “It doesn’t matter if it’s a boy or girl, as long as the baby is healthy.” While expecting our second child, we repeated this often-heard sentiment – and meant it. Then our son Dean was born and was found to have a rare genetic disorder called Prader-Willi syndrome. He wasn’t healthy. --- richmond.com, March 13 (Virginia) <https://is.gd/WUJK9H>
64. “Harrisonburg special needs programs recognized for inclusion.” The Virginia Department of Education recognized two of Harrisonburg’s special education programs last month for excellence in inclusive practices of disabled students. These two programs, Preschool Power Play and Harmony for All, were both recipients of VDOE’s Best Practice for Inclusive Education Initiative. --- breezejmu.org, March 10 (Virginia) <https://is.gd/rXEfCW>

## INTERNATIONAL

65. “UCCM Anishnaabe Police implements voluntary vulnerable person registry.” The UCCM Anishnaabe Police has implemented a vulnerable person’s registry for the United Chiefs and Councils of Mnidoo Mnising

(UCCMM) and Manitoulin Island area. --- manitoulin.ca, March 9 (Canada) <https://is.gd/hm0dmB>

66. “Alt-Right YouTuber Accused of Luring Autistic Teen in Pregnancy Plot.” A prominent far-right YouTuber who calls for a white “ethnostate” and makes videos with Richard Spencer is accused of luring and attempting to impregnate a developmentally disabled Hispanic teenager while lawyers contested his U.S. immigration status. --- thedailybeast.com, March 15 (Canada) <https://is.gd/8pdply>
67. “Autistic Man Brutally Beaten in Mississauga.” Police are looking for three suspects in what appears to be a brutal attack on an autistic man in Mississauga. --- insauga.com, March 14 (Canada) <https://is.gd/zCnpMz>
68. “Ethiopian Disability Rights Advocate Champions Opportunities for Women.” Yetnebersh Nigussie had opportunities other girls in rural Ethiopia can only dream of. Unlike her peers growing up in Wollo province, Nigussie wasn’t married off as a young girl or forced to work at home. --- voanews.com, March 12 (Ethiopia) <https://is.gd/GOEZaS>
69. “Barber remanded for alleged defilement of mentally retarded girl.” A 28-year-old barber, who has been accused of defiling a 15-year-old mentally retarded girl at Adenta Housing Down, has appeared before an Accra Circuit Court. --- ghanaweb.com, March 12 (Ghana) <https://is.gd/KNrnaK>
70. “Cautious Welcome in Clare for Signing of UN Convention on Disability Rights.” A Clare rights activist insists the government’s ratification of the UN Convention on the Rights of People with Disabilities needs to be backed up with action. The convention, which enshrines the rights of those living with disabilities in the constitution, has been ratified some 11 years after it was first signed. --- clare.fm, March 9 (Ireland) <https://is.gd/FaleEN>
71. “Police hunt six men who raped mentally handicapped woman.” The woman's private parts were damaged during the sexual act. Police in Nandi county have launched a manhunt for six men said to have raped and

- injured a mentally challenged woman on Friday. --- hivisasa.com, March 11 (Kenya) <https://is.gd/MAsxTU>
72. “UN to scrutinise NZ’s disability policy.” The Human Rights Commission will highlight 'discriminatory provisions' undermining the care of people with disabilities in New Zealand at the UN next week. Teuila Fuatai reports. ---- newsroom.co.nz, March 15 (New Zealand) <https://is.gd/fPciaZ>
73. “North Korea's debut at Paralympics could signal improvements for citizens with disabilities.” The North’s team received a warm welcome as they entered Pyeongchang’s Olympic stadium on Friday. Thousands of LEDs placed throughout the stands glowed red, blue and white to form the shape of the country’s flag — a display that if for any other occasion, would be illegal in South Korea. --- pri.org, March 9 (North Korea) <https://is.gd/oyXkPZ>
74. “Intellectually disabled boy gets reformatory training for raping teen girl.” A boy with an intellectual disability who raped and sexually assaulted a teenage girl was sentenced to reformatory training by the High Court on Monday (12 March). --- sg.news.yahoo.com, March 12 (Singapore) <https://is.gd/OmfVyA>
75. “UN disability rights experts issue findings.” UN disability rights experts issue findings on Haiti, Nepal, Oman, Sudan, Slovenia, Seychelles and Russian Federation --- scoop.co.nz, March 13 (Switzerland) <https://is.gd/PPaKLW>
76. “London wheelchair travellers get Google Maps help.” Wheelchair users travelling in London and other worldwide cities on public transport can now get accessibility information from Google Maps. Users will be able to filter for "wheelchair accessible" advice when planning journeys in the capital. --- bbc.com, March 16 (UK) <https://is.gd/6799Mi>

## MISCELLANEOUS

77. “Classical Sculptures Raise Prosthetic Limbs for Disability Rights.” The nonprofit Handicap International outfitted the Venus de Milo and other statues with 3D-printed prosthetic limbs to raise awareness of the global need for prosthetics. --- hyperallergic.com, March 9 <https://is.gd/Q6J0Fm>
78. “Local mom helps bring special needs camp to Tampa Bay area.” A program rolling through St. Petersburg this weekend is trying to change perceptions about kids with special needs – and empower them to overcome them. --- wfla.com, March 11 (Florida) <https://is.gd/VgUPco>
79. “Down syndrome representation gives my brother a voice.” On June 6, 2007, the lives of my family and I were changed for the better. On that day, my little brother Patrick was born. After undergoing open heart surgery at two months old, initially only being fed with a feeding tube, making countless trips to the hospital and receiving a diagnosis of bronchiectasis, stories like his deserve to be told. --- columbiachronicle.com, March 11 (Georgia) <https://is.gd/zk5Nkt>
80. “‘Peter Pan’ production shows power of inclusion.” Somehow it seemed only fitting to have the cafeteria at Edmond's Washington Irving Elementary School transformed briefly into the magical land of Neverland. --- newsok.com, March 11 (Oklahoma) <https://is.gd/bn7J40>
81. “Eastern Shore special needs cheerleading squad wins national title.” The Shooting Stars, a special needs cheerleading squad, have become one of the most successful teams in Maryland over the last seven years --- 13newsnow.com, March 11 (Maryland) <https://is.gd/XLyJsu>