

Disability and Abuse Newsfeed

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ABUSE & NEGLECT

1. “Caretaker accused of rape”- Jimmy A. McCaslin, 60, appeared in felony bond hearings on Monday following his arrest for an alleged rape of a disabled adult male. According to testimony given during the hearing, McCaslin was a caretaker for the victim and sexually assaulted him on March 25. McCaslin denied the allegations and allegedly claimed during a police interview any improper contact between the two could have only occurred accidentally during a cleaning. - The Courier News -June 20, 2018 – (Arkansas) <https://is.gd/7ePNM0>
2. “Yarmouth man arrested in assault at group home” - Police in Barnstable found a man hiding in the bathtub of a group home after he allegedly walked in and

assaulted a 52-year-old resident as she was sleeping in her bed. Cristian Lema, 29, of Yarmouth was released on \$500 cash bail after he was charged with armed burglary, assault on an occupant and suffocation. - Boston Herald – June 18, 2018 – (Chicago) <https://is.gd/bO2XmB>

3. “Trump makes political gamble with immigrant lives”- His former campaign manager, Corey Lewandowski, perpetuated the message that for some Trump supporters stories of the forced separations should be callously dismissed. While appearing Tuesday on Fox News, former senior Democratic National Committee adviser Zac Petkanas shared an anecdote he had read about "a 10-year-old girl with Down syndrome" who had been "taken from her mother and put in a cage. "Womp, womp," the former Trump campaign manager responded dismissively. – CNN- June 20, 2018 (D.C.) <https://is.gd/vCSJTD>
4. “Cobb officer accused of slapping, choking mentally disabled woman during sex” - Cobb County police officer accused of slapping and choking a 44-year-old woman — who has the mental capacity of a 10- to 14-year-old — during sex is also being investigated for an administrative complaint filed with the department, police Chief Mike Register said at a news conference Tuesday. The Atlanta Journal Constitution – June 19, 2018 – (Georgia) <https://is.gd/HucXOR>
5. In Georgia, Imprisoned Deaf and Disabled People Don’t Stand a Chance - The ACLU on Wednesday filed a motion seeking a class action lawsuit on behalf of currently and formerly imprisoned deaf people in Georgia. The motion highlights gross violations of their constitutional rights. -ACLU – June 20, 2018 – Georgia <https://is.gd/kHA7lo>
6. “Court monitor wants probe into alleged abuse of mentally ill inmates at Pontiac”- Reports of physical abuse of mentally ill inmates at Pontiac Correctional Center should be investigated by the state, according to a doctor's report on the state's compliance with a federal court settlement on prison

mental health care. Although he did not find evidence of corporal punishment in records he examined from 18 prisons, Dr. Pablo Stewart found disturbing examples of inmates held in restraints, including one mentally ill man restrained since May 2017 at Stateville prison, states his report. – The Pantagraph- June 12, 2018- (Illinois) <https://is.gd/lxyqIP>

7. “Addressing the higher cost of compliance with our ADA consent decree”- Just like everyone else, people with disabilities look forward to getting outside on a beautiful day. Like everyone, they get excited when they get to move into a new home with their own room. They have their own hopes and dreams. Unfortunately, the state of Illinois continues to fail in its obligation to help these people achieve their fullest potential. In January 2016, U.S District Judge Sharon Johnson Coleman found the state out of compliance with their legal responsibilities to provide adequate access to community-based services for persons with intellectual and/or developmental disabilities under the Ligas Consent Decree due to sustained lack of investment in community-based services. –The State Journal Register – June 19, 2018 – (Illinois) <https://is.gd/qGEruD>
8. “Indiana mom pleas in death of disabled 5-year-old daughter” - A western Indiana woman charged with neglect in the 2016 death of her disabled 5-year-old daughter has reached a plea agreement. The Terre Haute Tribune-Star reports that Tiffany Daugherty faces a sentence of 21 years, with a minimum of 10 years to be served in prison or community corrections. Sentencing is July 19 on charges including neglect of a dependent resulting in serious bodily injury and reckless homicide. Daugherty and the child's father Brian Moseman were arrested last year. Authorities say the couple failed to provide adequate nutrition and follow-up medical care for Adilynn Moseman. Star Tribune - June 19, 2018 –(Indiana) - <https://is.gd/eXY9Me>
9. MetroAccess driver charged with raping disabled passenger - A van driver was arrested Wednesday night after allegedly sexually assaulting an intellectually disabled passenger aboard a MetroAccess vehicle Monday afternoon in

Hyattsville, Maryland. Deymon Levarne Childs, 40, of Suitland, now faces several charges including second-degree rape, second-degree assault and third-degree sex offense. – WTOP News- June 21, 2018 – (Maryland) <https://is.gd/DmLgrU>

10. “Bridgewater man who attempted to kidnap woman has a lengthy list of similar charges” - Gordon Lyons, the Bridgewater man who police say attempted to kidnap a jogger on Sunday, has a history of similar charges that include rape, assault to kill, rape of a child and indecent assault and battery of a person with an intellectual disability, documents show. At least six of the charges he faced in Barnstable County in 1978 resulted in not guilty by reason of insanity findings, according to court documents obtained by The Enterprise. Prosecutors said he is also a convicted rapist. Wicked Local – June 20, 2018 – Massachusetts - <https://is.gd/08GGLK>

11. “Springfield man who had sex with a disabled teen in YMCA hot tub gets prison time”- Springfield man was sentenced Thursday to prison time for having sex with a mentally-disabled teen in a YMCA hot tub. Matthew Woolfolk, 33, was found guilty in February of three counts of sexual assault after a bench trial in front of Judge Thomas Mountjoy. – Springfield News Leader – June 22, 2018 – (Missouri) <https://is.gd/mpIIAy>

12. “Fraternity Members Suspended for Racist, Homophobic Video” - Syracuse University announced last week that it has suspended 15 members of the Theta Tau fraternity after videos surfaced in April showing pledges using racial and anti-Semitic slurs, mocking gay sex, and simulating the sexual assault of disabled people. –Inside Higher Ed – June 11, 2018- (New York) <https://is.gd/ZoocWk>

13. “Man accused of forcibly touching disabled family member” - A 70-year-old Machias man is facing charges after police say he forcibly touched a disabled family member. State Police responded to a domestic dispute on State Route 16 in the Town of Machias Friday. They say their investigation revealed that DeJesus was forcibly touching his family member, who was confined to a

wheelchair. He was arrested and charged with Endangering the Welfare of a Physically Disabled Person, Forcible Touching, and Aggravated Family Offense Forcible Touching among other things. Police say DeJesus is a registered sex offender. He was previously convicted of forcible touching in June of 2015.- WKBW- June 18, 2018 – (New York) <https://is.gd/yCvge9>

14. “Resident at Brooklyn Park care home found dead after nurse failed to check ventilator” - Brooklyn Park police have launched a criminal investigation into the death of a 41-year-old father with a chronic illness, who was found dead one morning last fall after his ventilator machine stopped working and the nurse assigned to his care allegedly failed to notice. State investigators found that a registered nurse with Plateau Healthcare LLC provided false documentation concealing the fact that the nurse did not provide any care for a resident during an overnight shift, in violation of a physician's orders. - Star Tribune- June 19, 2018 (New York) <https://is.gd/immr5w>

15. “Chalfont man, 64, sexually assaulted elderly disabled woman” - Robert Shimer, of Chalfont, was arrested last week for sexually abusing the 96-year-old woman. A Chalfont man sexually assaulted a 96-year-old disabled woman, police said. Robert Tim Shimer, 64, of Deerpath Road, was charged Thursday with involuntary deviate sexual intercourse of a person with a mental disability, sexual assault and indecent assault of a person with a mental disability, according to court records. Central Bucks Regional Police allege in a criminal complaint that Shimer’s wife reported catching him standing over the elderly woman, abusing her as she sat on a couch and making sexually explicit remarks to her. – The Intelligencer – June 12, 2018- (Pennsylvania)- <https://is.gd/KG1KE6>

16. “Bethlehem woman accused in indecent assault of disabled woman” - Authorities allege that a Bethlehem woman made unwanted sexual advances against a disabled victim. Bethlehem police charged Yolanda Norwood, of Pembroke Road, with indecent assault of a person with a mental disability and harassment in connection to the incident that occurred nearly two years ago. District Judge Roy Manwaring arraigned the 48-year-old Tuesday afternoon,

setting bail at \$25,000. – WFMZ News- June 19, 2018 – (Pennsylvania)
<https://is.gd/gVWyTj>

17. “Caregiver who sexually abused man with Down syndrome gets maximum sentence” - caregiver who sexually abused a man with Down syndrome in York County was ordered on Friday to serve the maximum sentence for the crime: 2 1/2 to five years in prison. Albert Frascchetti, 61, of York, had been found guilty of indecent assault of a person with a mental disability that renders the complainant incapable of consent. The jury deliberated for about 45 minutes. - York Daily Record- June 22, 2018 (Pennsylvania) <https://is.gd/RMPS4G>

18. “Woman accused of abusing handicapped stepdaughter” - A Hamblen County woman who allegedly provided substandard care to her mentally handicapped stepdaughter has been charged with knowing abuse or gross neglect of an adult, authorities say. Sherry Elaine Bunch, 49, Jaybird Road, was arrested Saturday. She is a part-time caregiver for Christina Bunch, her 33-year-old stepdaughter, according to Detective Sgt. Jim Brooks with the Hamblen County Sheriff’s Department. Christina Bunch tested positive for an unidentified drug and had broken bones in a foot. Deputies were asked to conduct a welfare check on the handicapped woman on June 4. The woman’s father, who is an over-the-road truck driver, was out of town when he received information his daughter was being mistreated, the detective said this morning. - Citizen Tribune – June 18, 2018 – (Tennessee) - <https://is.gd/YhzXgP>

19. “Carer who worked with 'vulnerable and damaged' youngsters caught with child sex abuse images” - A children’s carer who distributed indecent images of children as young as three “lied to himself” about his behaviour. Liam Brown, 38, was found with almost 1,500 images of young children, including Category A videos, on electronic devices seized from his home in Bridgend. A sentencing hearing at Cardiff Crown Court on Wednesday was told police received information about a Dropbox account under the name “Care Bear Brown” which had uploaded 22

indecent images.- Wales Online – June 20, 2018 – (United Kingdom)
<https://is.gd/gVaDDN>

20. “Berkeley Co. man gets prison in sex assault of disabled woman” - A Bunker Hill, W.Va., man accused of sexually assaulted a disabled woman in July 2015 was ordered Tuesday in Berkeley County (W.Va.) Circuit Court to serve three to 15 years in prison. Eric S. Hite, 31, who pleaded guilty in March to single counts of first-degree sexual abuse and assault during the commission of a felony, also was ordered by 23rd Judicial Circuit Judge Laura Faircloth to be placed on supervised release for 50 years after incarceration.-Herald Mail Media- June 12, 2018 – (West Virginia) <https://is.gd/TfQN4z>
21. “Group home staff failed to monitor, aid teenage rape victim who hung herself, lawsuit claims” - Employees of a Madison group home failed to monitor a teenage rape victim despite warnings she was suicidal and did not immediately provide aid when they found she had hung herself in her room, according to a federal lawsuit. Kalk, who was under the court-sentenced care of the group home, had been raped by four men a month before her death, had a history of self-harm and cutting herself and was likely suicidal, Kalk’s guardian told Buske, according to the lawsuit. The complaint isn’t clear on whether Buske told the other employees about the guardian’s warning. – Wisconsin State Journal –June 18, 2018
22. “Employee at group home for disabled allegedly assaulted resident in fight over cheeseburger” - An employee at a group for disabled residents has been arrested after police say she assaulted a resident in May. Canei Brown, 19, is facing charges of Intentionally Abusing Patients Causing Bodily Harm and Disorderly Conduct. According to the criminal complaint, officers were dispatched to the group home located in the 1600 block of Erie Street in reference to an assault on May 30.- WDJT – June 22, 2018 – (Wisconsin) <https://is.gd/Ozl7fO>
23. “Mentally disabled woman tells jurors man sexually assaulted her outside of Casper bar”- A woman with Down Syndrome testified Tuesday that a Natrona

County man groped her in his truck outside a Casper bar last summer. The woman told jurors in Natrona County District Court that Raymond Martin Brown took her by the hand and led her to his truck. Star Tribune- June 22, 2018 – (Wyoming) <https://is.gd/bBhdK7>

GUARDIANSHIP

24. “Indiana court pilot project helps woman gain independence” - Eight years ago, Beck, a woman diagnosed with a mild intellectual disability and attention deficit hyperactivity disorder, had been put into a nursing home in Richmond because she had no one to care for her. Both her parents and stepfather had died, leaving the then-19-year-old alone and without support. She was adjudged by the Wayne Circuit Court to be incapacitated and was appointed a permanent legal guardian. However, last week, Beck, now 27, made Indiana history. She became the first Hoosier to have her guardianship terminated in favor of a supported decision making agreement. -The Indiana Lawyer- June 18, 2018- (Indiana) <https://is.gd/pQfFZD>

LAWS & LEGISLATION

25. “Disability rights advocates welcome national legislation” - The Accessible Canada Act, which covers federally regulated sectors such as banking, inter-provincial and international transportation, telecommunications and government-run services such as Canada Post, aims to “identify, remove and prevent” barriers for an estimated 4 million Canadians with physical, sensory, mental, intellectual, learning, communication or other disabilities. The Star- June 21, 2018 (Canada) <https://is.gd/Wu1bhg>

26. “Effort to require cameras in facilities for disabled stalls” - A proposal to require video cameras in common areas of residential facilities for the disabled has stalled in Albany, with supporters saying it would uncover abuse and neglect and opponents raising privacy concerns. The bill requiring video cameras isn’t expected to get a vote before lawmakers adjourn for the year on Wednesday. Several agencies and groups providing care for the disabled oppose the idea, saying

cameras would violate their clients' privacy. Adirondack Daily Enterprise – June 21, 2018- (New York) <https://is.gd/d5wtmB>

27. “Cuomo Denies Disabled Basic Protections & Equal Access to 911 Medical & Police Services”- Emergency Legislation Must be Passed Now to Ensure Equal Rights & Protect 1,000,000 New Yorkers with Disabilities. Governor Andrew Cuomo has failed to protect and ensure the equal rights of our most vulnerable. No longer can people with disabilities be denied equal access to 911 medical and police services.” -- Governor Andrew Cuomo has failed to protect and ensure the equal rights of our most vulnerable. No longer can people with disabilities be denied equal access to 911 medical & police services and assistance. The 911 Civil Rights Bill S4736D/A6830C will end decades of discrimination and finally provide swift emergency assistance and save countless lives. EINPressWire- June 19, 2018 –(NEW YORK)- <https://is.gd/URge8K>

28. “Steven Marshall moves on elder abuse agency” - Australia’s first agency dedicated to investigating alleged elder abuse and neglect is set to be established in South Australia with legislation to be introduced today by the Marshall government. The legislation, an election promise by the new state Liberal government, was a direct result of the aged-care scandal at the now closed state-run Oakden mental aged-care facility. Health Minister Stephen Wade said the “landmark” legislation would establish an adult safeguarding unit. The Weekend Australian- June 20, 2018 – (Australia) - <https://is.gd/X9mY9b>

STUDIES & STATISTICS

30. “Autistic Teens Prone to Depressive Symptoms – Especially if Bullied” - Researchers have discovered that teenagers with difficulties in social communication, including autism, have higher rates of depressive symptoms, especially if they are being bullied. Investigators from the University of Bristol used questionnaires along with clinical and genetic information to study 6,091 young people from the Children of the 90s longitudinal study. They found children with autism and those with autistic traits had more symptoms of depression when they were 10 years old than their

peers and that this continued at least up to the age of 18. Psych Central – June 19, 2018 - (England) <https://is.gd/JIFCXq>

IMPROVED SUPPORTS

31. “Stanford Faces Lawsuit Over Mental Health Disability Violations” - Stanford has been sued by the national group Disability Rights Advocates on behalf of some students who believe the university hasn’t properly responded to the needs of students with mental health disabilities — to the degree that it has violated a number of anti-discrimination laws. Among those laws are the federal Americans with Disabilities Act and section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act. So where do universities go from here? How dramatic are the challenges as awareness of mental health challenges grows? To learn more, The Show was joined by Attorney Sandra Schuster, a partner at the National Center for Higher Education Risk Management. KJZZ- June 20, 2018 – (California) - <https://is.gd/SCFkd6>

32. “Autistic Pride Day” - Today is Autistic Pride day and this weekend you can support a Connecticut non profit, helping people with autism, all while enjoying a summer concert. On Good Morning Connecticut at 9, the Autism Service Coordinator for the FOCUS Center for Autism, Lauren Gardner, came to talk about the FOCUS Rocks Bridge Concert. Gardner said the music benefit concert is happening on Sunday, June 24th. It starts at 5:00 p.m. at 41 Bridge Street in Collinsville, which overlooks the Farmington River. CT artists that will be there include Michael Cleary Bland, Kerri Powers and Mixed Signals. - News 8-June 18, 2018 – (Connecticut) <https://is.gd/UsfzeA>

33. “Storming the Opposition” - It’s just after dawn on a May morning in Washington, D.C. Our line of protesters, most of us in wheelchairs, snakes through the streets. I have no idea who today’s protest by the disability rights advocacy group ADAPT will target. Only the leaders know, and they share that information judiciously because surprise is absolutely necessary. If we all know where we’re going, there’s bound to be chatter in the march line and the police will overhear. So we all follow at a pedestrian pace until the people at the front of the line kick it into high gear. That

means the target is near and we're storming the door. – The Progressive – June 18, 2018 – (D.C.) <https://is.gd/oDLiyA>

34. These parents started businesses to employ Autistic kids like their own” Valerie Herskowitz never imagined she'd become an entrepreneur until her son, Blake, was diagnosed with autism. And though John D'Eri had several company launches under his belt, he too was motivated by his own autistic son to look to a new business model. Herskowitz's endeavor, The Chocolate Spectrum, grew out of an informal therapy program she had been running from her home kitchen in Florida. In 2016, she opened the doors of her new chocolate shop and job-training center to the public. Nation Swell- June 18, 2018 – (Florida) <https://is.gd/OGWHYd>

35. “Hawaii Settles Lawsuit on Illegal Age Limit for Special Education” - Nearly 500 students with disabilities in Hawaii are eligible for compensatory education or related services because the state cut off their special education services too early. The state has set aside \$10.2 million as part of a settlement of the 5-year-old case. About \$8 million of that will be available for students, who have until 2020 to spend the money to which they are entitled. Education Week- June 18, 2018- (Hawaii) <https://is.gd/DC3uFL>

36. “CPS students denied special education services amid 'cycle of chaos,' parents say”- Students with special needs in Chicago scored a major victory last month when the state Board of Education ordered dramatic changes in the way Chicago Public Schools offers special education services to students. After emotional testimony from parents, teachers and advocates across Chicago during the Illinois State Board of Education's first-ever public inquiry, the state found CPS to be in violation of multiple state and federal special-education laws — from requiring overly complicated forms that shut out many qualifying students simply because of paperwork problems, to denying transportation citing arbitrary reasons, to failing to get struggling students or students with mental illness into therapeutic schools during crises. – Chicago Tribune- June 19, 2018 – (Illinois) <https://is.gd/sqDrOz>

37. “Hammer Residences, law firm seek to increase awareness of sexual assault against people with intellectual disabilities”- People with intellectual disabilities are assaulted at a higher rate than general population. In the United States, people with intellectual disabilities are assaulted at a rate seven times higher than the general population. In an effort to increase awareness and ultimately help lower this statistic, which comes from Department of Justice data that was reported earlier this year by NPR, Minneapolis-based Noaker Law Firm has partnered with Wayzata-based nonprofit Hammer Residences, which provides housing and services to more than 1,500 adults and children with developmental disabilities and runs 37 residential care homes and 10 apartment programs around the metro. – Sun Sailor – June 14, 2018 – (Minneapolis) <https://is.gd/iLUUWg>
38. “State's Justice Center creates sexual abuse task force” - The state's Justice Center for the Protection of People with Special Needs has created specialized team of investigators to address sexual abuse. The Sex Abuse Response Team (SART) will be comprised of current Justice Center investigators who will undergo intensive training on the complexities of sexual abuse involving vulnerable populations that rely on support or services, the agency's executive director Denise M. Miranda said Thursday. Times Union- June 22, 2018 – (New York) <https://is.gd/wTGn8m>
39. “First clinical trial to recognize the needs of severely disabled MS patients” - A new clinical trial testing a disease-modifying drug for multiple sclerosis (MS) will be the first in the world to recognise the importance of wheelchair users retaining the use of their hands. The team from Queen Mary University of London, Barts Health NHS Trust and pharmaceutical company Roche, hope that the study will make lasting changes in a field that has previously only looked at a patient's walking ability when assessing the potential of MS drugs. – Medical Press- June 14, 2018- (United Kingdom) <https://is.gd/dehmt0>

INTERNATIONAL

40. "Opinion: Disabled Montrealers could use some allies" - Together, Montrealers can show the provincial government and the whole country what true inclusion can and should look like. In this era of Black Lives Matter, the #MeToo movement and Indigenous people's calls for redress and restitution, the daily obstacles and indignities endured by people with mobility deficits and other disabilities continue to be largely ignored. While in no way minimizing the lasting traumas of colonization, racism and sexual harassment, let's not forget that disability cuts across all genders, ages, races and cultural communities. Many, if not most, disabled individuals are subject to multiple forms of systemic bias and discrimination on top of the hardship that comes with a body that does not work or look as it should. – Montreal Gazette – June 11, 2018 (Canada) <https://is.gd/aTfy6X>
41. "National sports organizations have to report allegations of abuse immediately" - Sports Minister Kirsty Duncan says national sporting organizations will lose their federal funding if they don't immediately disclose to her office any allegations of abuse or harassment that occur within their ranks. Effective immediately, funding agreements also require sporting associations to establish an independent third party to investigate all allegations of abuse and have mandatory prevention training in place as soon as possible and no later than April 1, 2020. – Calgary Herald – June 19, 2018 – (Canadian) - <https://is.gd/7SqlgC>
42. "No safe home for N.S. woman with intellectual disability, witness tells inquiry" - A woman with intellectual disabilities was kept in a psychiatric hospital for years as government departments disagreed over which should change its ways to find her a home, a human rights inquiry heard Monday. Denise MacDonald-Billard, a former senior manager at the Department of Community Services, said she wanted to help Beth MacLean move in the early 2000s, but there was no safe place to put her. - CTV News- June 18, 2018 – (Canada) <https://is.gd/CI0hiy>
43. "MP to table bill punishing randy men impregnating disabled women" - Read more at: "I want to tell these crop of men who 'rape' these women that their days are numbered. If you were proud making love with them at night, you should be ready

to take care of the outcome. I will be seeking to ensure that they face the legal consequences,” warned the MP. Standard Digital - June 19, 2018 – (Kenya) <https://is.gd/lCeWD8>

44. “People with disability can support the economy”- Last March, the European Semester Country Report on Malta showed how a third of Maltese companies reported a shortage in skilled workers. At first reading, that statistic would spell bad news for businesses, but good news for economic growth – the ever-widening gap of vacancies would, in fact, be taken as a strong sign that given the shortage of workers, no members of our society were being overlooked.- Times Malta- June 12, 2018 – (Malta) <https://is.gd/2mR2Ki>

45. “If people with learning disabilities can't consent to marry, they're at risk of forced marriage” In a recent landmark case, a mother received the first conviction in England for forcing someone to marry. She had tricked her daughter, then aged 17, into travelling to Pakistan to be married as soon as she turned 18. The girl had a learning disability, but this was only very briefly reported in press coverage of the case. My research has shown how people with learning disabilities may be vulnerable to being tricked or coerced into forced marriage. They need more support to ensure they are protected from harm. – PHYS.ORG – June 11, 2018 (Pakistan) <https://is.gd/DAzfYR>

46. “WHILE at long last Pakistan’s tribal and transgender populations have been brought into the mainstream through legislative reform, one social group has still been left behind.”- This was recently spotlighted at the launch of a report titled Bringing Disability in the Constitutional Net. Speaking at the event, the PPP’s Farhatullah Babar underscored the need for political will to mainstream persons with disabilities. -DAWN-June 12, 2018 (Pakistan) <https://www.dawn.com/news/1413572>

47. “Virtual Reality for the Special Education Classroom, Inclusive Technology Introduces Inclusive ClassVR” - MANCHESTER, England, June 11, 2018 /PRNewswire/ -- Inclusive Technology, the market leading supplier of assistive technology for special education has partnered with Avantis Education to

bring together the first virtual reality solution for special schools around the world. Special and early education is all about learning through experiences. Rather than sitting in front of a screen or printed resource, Inclusive ClassVR immerses students in spectacular 360° environments that enhance and complement their real-world exploration and play. – Cision – June 11, 2018 – (United Kingdom)
<https://is.gd/iGivn8>

48. “Facebook and Twitter: we can do more to protect disabled people” - Facebook and Twitter have admitted they could do more to protect disabled people from online abuse, following criticism from the model and TV personality Katie Price, whose son Harvey has been victimised online. The social media giants told MPs they could make the risks of abuse clearer to vulnerable people and make the terms and conditions of using social media platforms easier for people with learning difficulties to understand. The Guardian- June 19, 2018- (United Kingdom)
<https://is.gd/kJ86eK>