

It's your opinion

Protect dignity of retarded citizens

I have just read the Sept. 28 article in the Advance entitled, "Mental Hygiene Executive Prefers Private Care for Retarded Daughter," and wish to convey my reaction.

Frankly, I do not feel that any legitimate public purpose was served by this article; it amounts to a rather insensitive, purposeless invasion of the privacy of both Mr. Coughlin and his daughter. It was an unexpected piece of journalism from a newspaper that has in the past attempted to report on the retarded citizens of Willowbrook and their families in a humane and dignified fashion.

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