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“Should People with Anorexia Be Force-Fed?” Doctors and judges walk a fine ethical line when deciding if people with eating disorders should be treated against their wishes. --- healthline.com, November 27 https://is.gd/aWWJjv

“New Mexico Man Pleads Guilty in Guardianship Fraud Case.” A New Mexico man accused of embezzling more than $4.8 million from trust accounts he managed for elderly and disabled clients has pleaded guilty to federal wire fraud and money laundering charges. --- usnews.com, November 27 (New Mexico) https://is.gd/WZYry1

“Family awarded $8.5 million in guardianship abuse case says it's not about the money." $8.5 million dollars. It's a figure almost impossible to fathom for 81-year-old Rudy North. --- ktnv.com, November 21 (Nevada) https://is.gd/2bNTnj

“New reforms in guardian law presented.” New Mexico could “leapfrog” into a dramatic new way of placing people under legal guardianships and conservatorships under recently unveiled national reforms. --- abqjournal.com, November 18 (New Mexico) https://is.gd/JIGXBy

“Who is guarding the guardians?” I talked yesterday about two bills before the legislature that would make it more difficult for hospitals to honor “do not resuscitate” orders, especially if an individual was unconscious and their stated desire to allow someone to die was opposed by a family member. --- michiganradio.org, November 16 https://is.gd/6KJy0w

“Mom said she was drugged, abused under Michigan probate guardianship.” A Farmington Hills mom says she was left to die inside a group home. Now, she is telling her story to warn others about how quickly anyone could go from living a normal life, to having their life taken over—legally, through a court-ordered guardianship. --- wxyz.com, November 14 (Michigan) https://is.gd/HVcOCm