Comment: The following news stories about adult guardianship or conservatorship are being circulated by the Disability and Guardianship Project of Spectrum Institute to persons interested in guardianship and conservatorship reform. The stories are extracted from the Newsfeed of the organization’s Disability and Abuse Project. Many thanks to Debra J. Stemmler for her research and to Dr. Nora J. Baladerian for funding the Newsfeed service.

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“Disability Group Wants Oregon's Guardianship Law Changed” - Under guardianship, they can no longer make decisions about their care or their finances. Disability Rights Oregon has worked with the legislature to add some safeguards to Oregon's guardianship law, but DRO still feels some further refinements are needed, and will ask for them when the legislature convenes next month. – Jefferson Public Radio – December 17, 2018 – (Oregon) - https://is.gd/rg1US1

“Disability Law Center, ACLU Reach Settlement to Strengthen Legal Representation for Guardianship Hearings in Utah” - Last month, the Disability Law Center, the American Civil Liberties Union of Utah, the American Civil Liberties Union Disability Rights Program, and Latham & Watkins, LLP reached a positive settlement with the state of Utah to expand and strengthen legal protections for adults with disabilities involved in guardianship hearings in Utah with their parents. – The Independent – December 19, 2018 – (Utah) - https://is.gd/In0WMD

“I’m Petitioning ... For The Return of My Life”- When Phyllis Funke hit bottom, the court appointed a guardian to prop her up. The remedy is like prison, she said. But “at least in prison you have rights.” – The New York Times – December 7, 2018 – (New York) - https://is.gd/oG9ql8