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.

— Thomas F. Coleman, Legal Director

“Oscar-Nominated Doc 'Edith+Eddie' Gets Honest About Abuse of Elderly.” Laura Checkoway certainly won’t be the most famous director in the room at the 2018 Academy Awards ceremony. But that’s exactly what makes it so special. Her second film, "Edith+Eddie," is one of five contenders for best short-subject documentary. --- 1063thegroove.com, February 23 [https://is.gd/FxbgwT](https://is.gd/FxbgwT)

“Bill to update guardianship laws clears Senate panel.” A bill aimed at easing the state's growing burden as guardian of vulnerable elderly and disabled people moved a step closer to clearing the legislature Wednesday. --- richmondregister.com, February 22 (Kentucky) [https://is.gd/PhcTHI](https://is.gd/PhcTHI)

“Guardianship reform bill goes to governor.” Legislation to improve New Mexico’s troubled guardianship system through transparency and greater involvement of family members is headed to the desk of Gov. Susana Martinez. --- abqjournal.com, February 15 (New Mexico) [https://is.gd/O1GkO5](https://is.gd/O1GkO5)

“Surprise man spends thousands in probate court costs as he tries to help wife with dementia.” All Bob McGuire wanted was to cash out his wife's modest retirement account and use the money to pay the mounting bills that have accompanied her dementia diagnosis. --- February 13 (Arizona) [https://is.gd/eNTbJV](https://is.gd/eNTbJV)

“Study: Many parents of children with disabilities don't make care plans.” Fewer than half of parents of children with intellectual and developmental disabilities make long-term plans about who will take over their child's care if the parent or
other relative providing care dies or becomes incapacitated, a new study suggests. --- eurekalert.org, February 9 (Illinois) https://is.gd/7DJt82

“Indiana breaking ground with online guardianship registry.” An elderly person suddenly attempting to withdraw a large sum of money and close out a savings or checking account would likely send bank officials scrambling to make sure nothing was amiss. --- nwitimes.com, February 11 (Indiana) https://is.gd/pQTB9v

“Indiana guardianship registry prevents exploitation.” A new online registry that aims to protect elderly people and others in Indiana from being financially exploited by their court-appointed guardians is now being used by courts in more than half of the state's counties. --- southbendtribune.com, February 13 (Indiana) https://is.gd/pgG5WN

“Urge action on guardianship bill.” Our guardianship system has failed many New Mexicans — our families and our most vulnerable adults. Recent news articles have spotlighted the many holes in the system that failed these individuals and exposed them to abuse and exploitation. Senate Bill 19, the Uniform Guardianship Act, sponsored by Sen. Jim White, R-Albuquerque, and Sen. Daniel Ivey-Soto, D-Albuquerque, will start to address these problems. --- santafenewmexican.com, February 9 (New Mexico) https://is.gd/g8QCdS

“Senate to consider guardianship fix.” A phased-in guardianship reform bill is headed to the full Senate for a vote after the Senate Judiciary Committee on Monday endorsed the idea of injecting transparency – rather than big changes – into the current system within six months. --- abqjournal.com, February 5 (New Mexico) https://is.gd/KEvSJ