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

“Tools to Help Your Aging Parent” - Last column we discussed the challenge for both parent and child as an aging parent loses the ability to care for him or herself. In some cases, the parent may have only nominal limitations. In others, a parent may be fully incapacitated. A parent may be mentally capable of handling any situation and physically capable of handling most. – The Daily Sentinel – March 24, 2019 – (Colorado) - https://is.gd/SDXUuq

“Elder Abuse Group Expected to Address Guardianships, Financial Fraud, Family Rights” - A statewide task force will address the legal, social and judicial shortfalls that have in some part allowed for the abuse of roughly 73,000 older adults in Michigan. – The Detroit News – March 25, 2019- (Michigan)- https://is.gd/DIyhne

“On The Road To Freedom From Guardianship In Mexico” - On March 13, Mexico’s Supreme Court First Chamber issued a groundbreaking ruling giving Ernesto, who has an intellectual disability, the right to decide to marry, sell or rent his house, enter into contracts, and carry out any other legal acts that many of us take for granted. Until that day, he had been placed under “guardianship,” meaning another person made all these decisions on Ernesto’s behalf. – Human Rights Watch – March 15, 2019 – (Mexico) - https://is.gd/Qu5m7x

“Is Legal Guardianship Necessary for Adults with Developmental Disabilities?” - Paul Aronsohn says the issue to designate legal guardianship is one of the top concerns keeping parents and caregivers of the developmentally disabled up at night. – NJTV – March 8, 2019 – (New Jersey) - https://is.gd/l8kvv8

“Court appointed accountant charged with theft, exploitation” - Certified Public Accountant Joshua Gottesman is facing nearly 50 criminal charges--all them felonies--including theft and exploitation of a vulnerable person. All of it happened under the not-
so-watchful eye of Clark County Family Court. – KTNV – March 1, 2019 – (Nevada) - https://is.gd/SHQDA1