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

“Guardian Partners Expands Programing to Offer Abuse-Prevention in Columbia County” - Guardian Partners held a launch party in St. Helens on March 20, 2019 to announce the expansion of their programs into Columbia County. Founded in 2013, Guardian Partners offers Guardianship, Conservator and Personal Representative classes with the goal of reducing mistreatment of Protected People. – The Chronicle Online- April 30, 2019 – (Pennsylvania)- https://is.gd/n4f9Ij

“Homeless, Disability Rights Advocates Disrupt Town Hall To Protest State Conservatorship Bill” - Some two dozen protesters — including representatives of the Coalition on Homelessness, disability rights groups and medical professionals who organized as the Voluntary Services First Coalition — rallied outside of UC Hastings College of the Law, where the hearing was scheduled to denounce what they called “an erosion of conservatorship protections” won previously from SB 1045. – San Francisco Examiner – April 6, 2019 – (California) - https://is.gd/Km7UyW

“New Guardianship Law Offers More Protections” - As New Mexico enacted adult guardianship reforms aimed at transparency and accountability last summer, the owner of an Albuquerque fiduciary company allegedly began skimming money from the very people the new law was supposed to protect. – Albuquerque Journal – April 5, 2019 – (New Mexico)- https://is.gd/ektQ05

“New Law Creates Volunteer Guardians for Incapacitated Veterans” - Senate Bill 931, which creates the Veterans Volunteer Guardianship Act, was signed by Gov. Kevin Stitt. The bill was authored by state Sen. Paul Rosino, R-Oklahoma City, a retired Navy master chief petty officer with 25 years of service, according to his Senate webpage. -Enid News & Eagle – April 8, 2019 – (Oklahoma) - https://is.gd/CDrLGD

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Johnston sued Judge Butts and Dexel in 2016, alleging that her elderly mother Willie Jo Mills suffered broken bones and a rapid, preventable decline, which contributed to malnutrition and her death when she was a ward of the state residing in a care center under guardianship, according to a press release. - SE Texas Record – April 10, 2019 – (Texas) - https://is.gd/N7YHO9