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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“Florida retirees should be alert to guardianship abuse | Opinion” - A mere overview of the system’s design and purpose make the system seem beneficial to all of those involved. But that is just the tip of the guardianship iceberg. A look below the surface, however, reveals a system both flawed and potentially harmful to those it was designed to help. – Tallahassee Democrat – July 27, 2018 – (Florida) - https://is.gd/nky3cO

“Court allows award of attorneys fees” - The Supreme Court of Guam on Thursday ruled that Richard Moylan is entitled to attorneys fees for helping to recover $1.5 million in time certificates of deposit that was an issue in a guardianship case involving his parents. – The Guam Daily Post – July 30, 2018 – (Guam) - https://is.gd/bVGWhI

“Advocates seek to strengthen laws regarding sterilization of disabled people” - The July 19 vote came after the Nevada Disability Advocacy and Law Center and an independent disability advocate raised concerns that the current law may be allowing guardians to use outdated beliefs on physical and intellectual disabilities as a basis for permanently removing someone’s ability to have children, which is considered a constitutionally protected right. The existing statute dates back to 1933. – Nevada Current – August 1, 2018 – (Nevada) - https://is.gd/9EdcAa

“Possible changes to guardianship laws in Nevada” - On July 18th a public hearing was held to review the first interim report of the Guardianship Commission. The commission is addressing concerns of people who could become subject to the guardianship system, a system that has been criticized in the state of Nevada for its ease of obtaining guardianship over someone. – News 4 – July 19, 2018 – (Nevada) https://is.gd/bGsasc