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BALLARD LEAVES DISCOVERY ACADEMY

(August 28, 2006) Tori K. Ballard, Admissions Director, Discovery Ranch, Provo, UT, 801-380-8824, announced she has resigned her position at Discovery Ranch.

WHO'S WATCHING THE KIDS?

(August 28, 2006) The Montana Public Broadcast Station produced an hour-long documentary on the private parent-choice schools for struggling teens titled, *Who's Watching The Kids*.

REMUDA RANCH STAFF RADIO TIMES

(August 28, 2006) Remuda Ranch, Wickenburg, AZ, announced that staff members are discussing eating disorders on live radio shows on hosted by Dr. Tom Scales every Wednesday at 2 PM Pacific (5 PM Eastern).

HIDDEN LAKE HOSTS ARTIST LECTURE

(August 29, 2006) Matt Paul, Director of Academics, Hidden Lake Academy, Dahlonega, GA, 706-864-4730, announced Artist Wendy Smawley, lectured on food art during the Welcome Back Day festivities following the August break.

NEW HAVEN STAFF UPDATE

(August 29, 2006) Jennifer Jeppson Wilson, Admissions, New Haven, Provo, UT, 801-768-2495, announced that Emerald Smith has joined the Admissions Department.

COACH TRAINING TELECLASS

(August 29, 2006) Penelope Valentine, Next Step For Success, Redmond, OR, 541-504-5224, announced the third teleclass is set to start on October 17, 2006. This 20-week teleclass is geared specifically to professionals seeking training in Coaching Parents of Struggling Teens and Young Adults.

ASCENT JCAHO ACCREDITED

(August 31, 2006) Claudia Peterson, Admissions Director, Ascent, Naples, ID, 800-974-1999, announced the wilderness program has received accreditation from the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations (JCAHO).

CONSULTANT & STAFF JOIN RACES

(August 31, 2006) Susan Holden Walsh, Holden McClure PR, 303-449-2526, announced that a consultant and several program staff participated in the LiveStrong Challenge, Team Avengers race in Philadelphia, PA on September 10, 2006. The team included Elizabeth McGhee, Amanda Thomas, Beth Laughlin, Jude Rudolph and educational consultant Mike Balotti, as team captain.

CAMPBELL PARK OPENS IN SEPTEMBER

(August 31, 2006) Nathan Tompkins, Founder/Owner, Campbell Park, Kurow, New Zealand, USA 213-988-0718, New Zealand announced the school is set to open on September 18, 2006, with the first students arriving on September 16, 2006.

SILVERADO BOYS RANCH OPENS IN 10/06

(September 1, 2006) Denise Westman, Director of Admissions, Silverado Boys Ranch, Panguitch, UT, 435-690-9185, announced the program would open during the first week in October 2006. Student applications are now being accepted.

COLLEGE EXCEL OPENS ACADEMIC CENTER

(September 1, 2006) Harold Olaf Cecil, Media relations Ad HOC, College Excel, Bend, OR, 541-388-3043, announced the opening of their new 15,000 foot Academic Center for Excellence.

OPEN SKY DONATES OVER \$30,000

(September 5, 2006) Aaron Fernandes, Executive Director, Open Sky Wilderness, Durango, CO, announced the program has donated more than \$30,000 in scholarships and discounts during its first 100 days of operation.

NEW LIBRARY AT HIDDEN LAKE

(September 5, 2006) Matt Paul, Director of Academics, Hidden Lake Academy, Dahlonga, GA, 706-864-4730, announced that on September 8, 2006, the program held a ribbon cutting ceremony for a new administration building, which houses the new library.

FORMER BLUE RIDGE SCHOOL HEADMASTER PASSES AWAY

(September 6, 2006) William Darrin III, Admissions Director, Blue Ridge School, St. George VA, 434-985-2811, announced that former Headmaster of the School from 1962 to 1984, Hatcher C. Williams, has passed away.

SLS HEALTH LEADS INNOVATIONS

(September 6, 2006) Al Bergman, Admissions at SLS Health, Brewster, NY, 845-279-5994, sent out a flyer that showed several significant innovations produced by SLS Health over the years.

CARLIN ASHBY ACADEMY'S DEAN

(September 6, 2006) Dr. Alfred Allen, Head of School, Ashby Academy, Ashby, MA, 877-386-0055, welcomes Chris Carlin, MSW, as Dean of Students for this new therapeutic junior boarding school for boys, ages 10-14.

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MELEAR PROMOTED TO CEO OF PROVO

(September 14, 2006) James Murray, Director of Business Development, Provo Canyon School, Provo, UT, 801-491-3910, announced the promotion of David Melear to the position of Chief Executive Officer.

OPI PARTICIPANTS RETURN FROM PERU

(September 14, 2006) Anne LaRiviere, Admissions & Marketing, Optimum Performance Institute, Woodland Hills, CA, 888-558-0167, announced program participants have returned from spending 10 days in Peru.

FOUR CIRCLES RECOVERY CENTER

(September 15, 2006) Aspen Education Group, Cerritos, CA, announced the opening of Four Circles Recovery Center, Asheville, NC, 877-893-2221, with Jack Kline, MS, LPC, NCC, as Executive Director and Clarke Poole, MA, in Admissions. Four Circles is a wilderness recovery program for young adults ages 18-28.

NATSAP WHITE PAPER

(September 17, 2006) The National Association of Therapeutic Schools and Programs (NATSAP) Board of Directors and representatives from its membership base have prepared a white paper to address several issues of concern to the industry of private parent-choice schools and programs. Dr. John Santa, PhD, NATSAP Board President, also issued an open letter and invitation to critics of private residential treatment programs.

BOZAK VISITS CAMPBELL PARK

(September 18, 2006) Steve Bozak, CEP, Educational Consultant, 518-373-8069, visited Campbell Park in Kurow, New Zealand in June and wanted to share how impressed he was with the progress the program was making in preparation for its grand opening on September 2006. Campbell Park, founded by Nathan Tompkins, 213-988-0718, is now open and accepting enrollment applications for boys, ages 16-19.

ICR ADDS NEW LOOK TO PHASE II

(September 19, 2006) Guy Leguyonne, Director of Communications Introspections Costa Rica (ICR), 888-280-4227, announced that ICR has created a new environment for its "Lecciones de Vida" phase by adding an apartment building to its campus, two blocks from the main house, designed to enhance the life skills necessary for students to move to "Viviendo" the independent living phase at ICR. In addition, ICR has added Benjamin Cheley, formerly the chef at The Bottom Line, a five-star restaurant in

Toronto, Canada, as culinary instructor and wellness nutrition advisor, and Gerardo Cheves, who owns Casa Osiris Studios and has experience in several yoga disciplines and a background in Ayurvedic Medicine, as the in-house Yoga instructor.

THE FAMILY SCHOOL ALUMNI MEET

(September 20, 2006) Ann Kozak, Marketing Specialist, The Family Foundation School, Hancock, NY, 845-887-5213, announced that the first Annual Family Foundation School Alumni Reunion was held September 15 and 16 at the Villa Roma Resort in Callicoon, NY. The event drew more than 300 alumni, parents, staff and friends of the school, and marked the 50th wedding anniversary of school founders, Tony and Betty Argiros. The Family Foundation School began as a program for troubled teens in 1977 and has been a New York State registered and accredited boarding school since in 1987.

HLA FACES CLASS ACTION LAW SUIT

(September 20, 2006) An article in the Dahlonga Nugget, a Georgia newspaper, reported that a federal class action lawsuit filed last Monday in the Gainesville branch of the United States District Court, accuses Hidden Lake Academy of "tragic mistreatment of troubled teenage students and families."

OPI STUDENTS COMPLETE COURSEWORK

(September 20, 2006) Anne LaRiviere, Director of Admissions and Marketing at Optimum Performance Institute, Woodland Hills, CA, 888-558-0617 announced that one participant just received his Conditional Real Estate License and another has finished all the courses needed to get his massage therapy license. The Optimum Performance Institute is a "highly individualized therapeutic, educational and residential program for young adults ages 17-25-years-old."

KERSTEN AT SILVERADO

(September 20, 2006) Denise Westman, Director of Admissions & Marketing for Silverado Boys Ranch, 435-690-9185, announced Greg Kersten has joined the team at Silverado. Greg is the founder of Equine Assisted Psychotherapy (EAP), a co-founder of Equine Assisted Growth and Learning Association (EAGALA) and the owner of the O.K. Corral, LLC. Silverado Boys Ranch is an owner-operated therapeutic boarding school for boys, ages 13-17 and is now accepting enrollments.

Note: Links for October 2006 Seen N' Heard are available online at www.strugglingteens.com