educational policymakers with a tremendous opportunity to dramatically improve the educational achievement of America's students, there does not appear to be any specific credential or characteristic that is a silver-bullet predictor of quality.

SOLITARY DRUG USE DANGEROUS
(Dec. 11, 2006) The Rand Corp., a think tank in Santa Monica, CA, tracked 3,000 teens from California and Oregon from the 8th grade through age 23, and found that teens who drink, smoke and use drugs alone are at a much greater risk than those who do those activities in social settings.

CHILDREN DISCONTINUE ADHD MEDS
(December 15, 2006) According to a new study published in the Journal for Specialists in Pediatric Nursing, many children who are prescribed with ADHD medication stop using it even while they continue to exhibit symptoms.

TEEN DRUG USE DROPS
(December 20, 2006) According to a Press Release by the Office of National Drug Control Policy, www.mediacampaign.org, in Washington, DC, teen drug use declined 23 percent over the last five years.

NEW APPROACH TO PSYCHIATRIC CARE
(December 20, 2006) In the December issue of the Journal of Child and Adolescent Psychiatric Nursing, Kathleen R. Delaney, RN proposed a system of assessment and techniques for nurses and other healthcare providers treating children and adolescents with serious emotional illness. The article states that the last survey of mental health services for children indicated that some 285,000 children and adolescents are admitted yearly to inpatient psychiatric services.

The fact that
a believer is happier
than a skeptic
is no more to the point
than the fact that
a drunken man is happier
than a sober one.

~ George Bernard Shaw

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PRUNTY OPENS COUNSELING PRACTICE
(Jul 17, 2006) Brett J. Prunty MEd, Cascade Lakes Counseling Services, Bend, OR, 541-610-2512, announced the opening of his private counseling practice, specializing in working with young adults ages 17-26. Prunty is a 12-year veteran of wilderness and residential treatment programs.

GOLDBERGS IN PHILIPPINES
(October 26, 2006) Marvin and Renee Goldberg, Educational Options, Worchester, MA, 617-864-8864, attended the annual conference for the ADHD Society in Manila, Philippines October 19-21, where they were the featured speakers.

TWOMBLY AT THREE RIVERS MONTANA
(November 6, 2006) Steve Moore, Clinical Director at Three Rivers Montana Wilderness in Belgrade, MT, 877-221-1115, announced the addition of Will Twombly as a therapist. Twombly has extensive experience in adventure, wilderness, and working directly with teens and families. In addition, he helped start two Americorps programs, facilitated intergenerational camps for indigenous communities in Alaska, organized and facilitated therapeutic tall ship voyages, and most recently was with the Catherine Freer program headquartered in Oregon for more than eight years.

LAWSUITS MOUNT AGAINST SPRING CREEK
(Nov. 23, 2006) The Missoula Independent reported a third lawsuit has been brought against Spring Creek Lodge and its key staff. This latest lawsuit, filed Nov. 7, 2006, is a wrongful death suit brought by the mother of a girl who committed suicide on Oct. 7, 2004.

ACADEMY OF THE SIERRAS IN THE NEWS
(Nov. 26, 2006) The Orange County Register, Santa Ana, CA, describes the student life at the weight loss Academy of the Sierras.

RAGLAND/ BYNUM VISIT WRI
(November 30, 2006) Beth Ragland,
Admissions Director of Elk River Wilderness Challenge, Huntsville, AL, 256-428-4244, and Candice Bynum braved the ice to visit Woodbury Reports.



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Let not a man guard his dignity, but let his dignity guard him. ~ Ralph Waldo Emerson

NEW STAFF AT DRAGONFLY
(Nov. 30, 2006) Mona Treadway, Admissions for Dragonfly Transitions & Adventures, Klamath Falls, OR, 541-850-0841, announced Justin Heilenbach, MSW, and Matt Schoch have joined their staff.

FREER UPDATES
(November 30, 2006) Julia Andrick, Marketing Director of Catherine Freer Wilderness, Albany, OR, 800-390-3983, sent several updates on Catherine Freer. The program completed an onsite survey by the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations (JCAHO). Freer was one of the first wilderness therapy programs to become fully certified by JCAHO in 2000. Freer also received the Middle Fork Ranger District Forest Service Blanket Award in recognition of their volunteer service.

TIMBER RIDGE 5TH ANIVERSARY
(Dec. 1, 2006) Virginia Short, Admissions Director of Timber Ridge Preparatory School, Clark Fork, ID, 208-266-0128, announced the school celebrated their 5th anniversary in September, being accredited during that time by the Northwest Association of Accredited Schools (NAAS).

PARLETT STOPS BY
(December 1, 2006) Mark Parlett, Admissions at Three Rivers Montana, Belgrade, MT, 877-221-1115, dropped by the Woodbury Reports office for a visit.



UHS CRITICIZED
(Dec. 1, 2006) SEIU, the nation's largest Health Care union issued a report critical of Universal Health Services Behavioral Health Facilities for alleged poor case management and understaffing at some UHS facilities. The report cited incident reports from 13 states. More...

