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COLORADO AYA ESCAPEES RESCUED

(December 28, 2007) The Montrose Daily Press, Colorado, reported two clients placed by public authorities in the Alternative Youth Adventures (AYA) wilderness program near Uravan, CO were found and rescued.

EDUCATION KEY TO LONG LIFE

(January 3, 2007) The New York Times, in the Health section, explores the idea that the most common element in a long life is the length of formal education.

SELF-HYPNOSIS HELPS ADOLESCENTS

(Jan. 5, 2007) Will Meek, writing in PsychCentral, describes a study reported by the BBC that showed young adolescents with anxiety benefited from learning self-hypnosis.

REVOLTING UK TEENS A SMALL MINORITY

(Jan. 7, 2007) A recent survey of UK teens reported in the UK Telegraph News shows that most listen to and respect parents, that those revolting against society's norms are a very small minority.

NO TOLERANCE FOR 'ZERO TOLERANCE'

(Jan. 13, 2007) A writer for the globeandmail.com, a Canadian online newspaper, observes that the rigidity of 'zero tolerance' policies is creating a backlash and a call for a return to common sense policies.

HEADMASTERS' SALARIES ON THE RISE

(Jan. 20, 2007) Valerie Strauu, writing in the Washington Post, describes that since the mid-1990s, salaries for headmasters of Washington DC private schools have drastically increased, the average surpassing the salaries of superintendents of public schools in the area.

UK EMPHASIZES EMOTIONAL LITERACY

(Jan. 21, 2007) The UK Telegraph, in an article titled "Teaching children how to be happy," explains the growing requirement in UK schools to teach children to talk about their emotions and techniques in handling them.

GENERATION WE - 11 AND UNDER

(Jan. 22, 2007) CNET News reports that children the age of 11 and under expect instant contact with friends and family throughout the world, bringing them a global perspective that previous generations didn't have.

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SEEN N' HEARD...

LATEST WRINKLE IN FINDERS FEES

(November 4, 2006) In a conversation between Lon Woodbury, MA, CEP, founder of Woodbury Reports, Inc., 208-267-5550, and an IECA member, the Educational Consultant discussed being approached by an individual representing a program participating in the IECA swap meet at Miami Beach. The person offered to split the finders' fee he might receive for any student referred to him. When reminded of the IECA prohibition against accepting fees from a school for placement of a child, the person responded that this was no problem because he was on contract and not staff of the school. Therefore, the deal would be between the consultant and an independent person and the Consultant would not be receiving any money from a school or program. Needless to say, the IECA member turned him down flat.

NATSAP CHANGES BOARD MEMBERS

(December 2006) Jan Moss, Executive Director of the National Association of Therapeutic Schools and Programs (NATSAP), Prescott, AZ, 928-443-9505, announced in the 4th Quarter 2006 report for the organization, that the last two founding board members just finished their eight-year term serving on the Board. John Mercer and John Santa, PhD stepped down to make way for three new board members, Linda Carpenter of Hope Ranch, Michael Merchant of Anasazi and Sidney Parham of Family Foundation School.

SCHMIDT ADMISSIONS AT ASHBY

(December 19, 2006) Dr. Alfred Allen, Headmaster at Ashby Academy, Ashby, MA, 877-386-0055, announced Vincent Schmidt, MA, was hired as Director of Admissions and Marketing. The school has also become an associate member of NATSAP and is starting the accreditation process through NIPSA.

ELK MOUNTAIN CELEBRATES 13 YEARS

(December 21, 2006) Loretta Olding, Director of Admissions at Elk Mountain Academy, Clark Fork, ID 208-264-5318, announced that Elk Mountain Academy celebrated its 13th year of service in December 2006. She also announced enhanced services in the therapeutic and academic components of the program.

GATEHOUSE GRADUATES ACCEPTED

(December 21, 2006) Glenna Conway, Admissions Director at Gatehouse Academy, Wickenburg, AZ, 928-231-5004, submitted a press release describing four recent graduates of Gatehouse Academy, who had their artwork accepted for display in several locations around the Wickenburg community.

TALISMAN OFFERS MORE

(January 17, 2007) Linda Tatsapaugh, Director of Talisman Programs, Black Mountain, NC, 888-458-8226, announced their first Academic Semester for teens with Aspergers' Syndrome started on January 15. Also, this summer they are offering expeditions for teens with ADHD and Aspergers in New York, Oregon and Washington, including backpacking, paddling and sailing on a tall ship.

SHAFFER WELCOMES GRANDDAUGHTER

(January 18, 2007) Linda Shaffer, MA, Educational Consultant, Sandpoint, ID, 208-263- 8394, announced the birth of her granddaughter, Kiera Ann Shaffer, who was born on Sunday, January 14, 2007, to her son Alex and his wife Stace. Kiera weighed 7 lb, 14 oz.



FAMILY SCHOOL ALUMNI ORGANIZE

(January 19, 2007) Ann Kozak, Marketing Specialist for the Family Foundation School, Hancock, NY, 845-887-5213, reported that a dozen members of the new Family Foundation School Alumni Association met on January 13, 2007, in Scranton, PA, to develop a mission statement, establish priorities and discuss outreach efforts. Invited guests included Mike Ducey, VP of Development for the school. The Alumni Association grew out of the school's first alumni reunion held last September which attracted more than a 125 former Family Foundation School students from around the country.

ICR STUDENTS IN BURUCA RITUAL

(January 19, 2007) Guy Leguyonne, Admissions Director for Introspections of Costa Rica, 888-280-4227, announced that the students recently participated in a 500 year old annual ceremony with an indigenous tribe. During the ritual, the tribe gathers an extract used to create the purple dye for the tribe's hand woven materials for the entire year.

MEN OF VALOR RANCH OPENS

(January 19, 2007) Matthew Bruner, Director of Men of Valor Ranch, Northport, WA, 509-732-8936, announced the ranch opens February 1, 2007. Men of

Valor Ranch is a 12-month residential program for struggling young men ages 18-25.

CALL FOR PRESENTERS

(January 19, 2007) NATWC (National Association of Therapeutic Wilderness Camping) has issued a call for presenters for its 14th Annual conference. The conference will be held Sept. 16-18 on Jekyll Island, GA. The conference focuses on sharing practical skills, best practices, and cutting edge research with both front-line and management staff of Therapeutic Wilderness Courses. Presenter applications and information are available on their website or contact Linda Tatsapaugh at 828-779-2635.

NEW CLINICAL DIRECTOR AT SAN CRISTOBAL

(January 19, 2007) Christy Leach, Admissions Director of San Cristobal Academy, Taos, NM, 866-918-8383, announced the appointment of Dr. Linda Salvucci as the new Clinical Director. Dr. Salvucci will help oversee all therapeutic activities for the families and students of San Cristobal Academy.

VOYAGEUR JOURNEY APPLICATIONS

(January 20, 2007) John Huie, Director of the Environmental Leadership Center for Warren Wilson College, Asheville, NC, 828-771-3006, announced applications are available for the Voyageur Journey August 4-11, 2007 four hours north of Toronto Canada for those interested in re-connecting with the natural world.

ROGERS SPONSORS DISORDER CONFERENCE

(January 22, 2007) Rogers Memorial Hospital, Oconomowoc Wisconsin, 800-767-4411, announced their sponsorship of Seeds of Hope, the first annual Crisis to Action Conference in Madison Wisconsin February 17, 2007 for a gathering of eating disorder professionals.

KOCUREK'S OPEN IN DALLAS

(January 22, 2007) Carolyn Kocurek, Educational Consultant with Academic Answers, Austin, TX, 512-306-8567, announced that she and Chris have recently opened an additional office in Dallas. The toll free number for the Dallas office is 866-306-8585.

WEDIKO ACCEPTING SUMMER APPLICATIONS

(January 22, 2007) Patrick Ryan, Assistant Director of Wediko Children's Services Summer Program, Windsor, NH, 617-292-9200, announced they are accepting applications for their 45-day summer program for 2007.