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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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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.