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Angeles Times of the disconnect between rising grades (grade inflation) and lower or flat scores in the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP).

STUDY DEBUNKS VIDEO GAME/VIOLENCE LINK

(March 7, 2007) The iNews, an Australian online publication, discussed an American Sociological Association (ASA) report that claims there is no link between violent video games and homicidal behavior in children.

THERAPEUTIC ADVENTURE BEST PRACTICES CONFERENCE

(March 7, 2007) Michael Young announced the 2007 Therapeutic Adventure Best Practices Conference will be held June 22-24, 2007, at the University of New Hampshire in Durham, NH. Registration information is available at www.aee.org.

STUDENTS RESTIVE UNDER RAIN OF RULES

(March 11, 2007) Ian Shapira writes in the Washington Post about student frustration with ever-increasing rules and restrictions from security conscious, risk-adverse "helicopter administrators."

SOBRIETY HIGH IN MINNESOTA

(March 12, 2007) The Voice of America website reports on the success of a student in one of eight Sobriety High schools in the State of Minnesota.

BOYS TOWN PRESS CATALOGUE AVAILABLE

(March 12, 2007) The Boys Town Press, available from Father Flanagan's Boys' Home, Boys Town, NE, offers resources on Parenting, Teen Relationships, At-Risk Youth, Character Development, Teacher Development and other topics.

PARENTAL ALIENATION AWARENESS DAY

(March 13, 2007) Robin Denison and Sarvy Emo, founders of The Parental Alienation Syndrome Awareness Campaign have set April 25 for the 2nd Annual Parental Alienation Awareness Day.

VIDEO GAMES CAN IMPROVE VISION

(March 20, 2007) The journal Psychological Science reported that researchers from the University of Rochester in New York found that "playing action video games for an hour or so daily actually helps sharpen visual acuity."

"Psychology as a science dares not
imagine what it cannot measure."

~ James Hillman

SEEN N' HEARD

BRANDON HALL SUMMER SCHOOL

(February 15, 2007) Marcia Shearer, Director of Admissions for Brandon Hall School, Atlanta, GA, 770-394-8177, announced their coeducational day and boys' boarding summer program will have several sessions between June 11 and July 20, with a major emphasis on study skills.

ASHBY ACADEMY ENROLLING

(February 19, 2007) Alfred Allen, PhD, Headmaster of Ashby Academy, Ashby, MA, 877-386-0055, announced that their Middle Boarding School for boys with NLD, Asperger's Syndrome or other social/behavioral challenges now has five boys and they are actively processing additional applications.

BARTOLOMEO INTERIM DIRECTOR ASR

(February 19, 2007) Don Vardell, Executive Director of Academy at Swift River, Cummington, MA, 800-258-1770, announced he has taken a position with another company and that Frank Bartolomeo, LICSW will serve as Interim Executive Director of Academy at Swift River until a replacement can be found. Don also announced Bo Turner, Senior Vice President of the Aspen Eastern Regional Residential Schools will assist Frank and will be responsible for leading the search for a permanent replacement.

JEFF BRAIN STOPS BY FOR A VISIT

(February 23, 2007) Jeff Brain, Admissions Director for Family Foundation School, Hancock, NY, 845-887-5213, and for Betton House, Scranton, PA, 877-723-8866, stopped by Woodbury Reports, Inc., for a visit and got his picture taken by the Woodbury Sign.



NATSAP MEMBER LICENSURE PERCENTAGES

(February 23, 2007) Jan Moss, Executive Director of The National Association of Therapeutic Schools and Programs (NATSAP) Prescott, AZ, 928-443-9505, announced the Association has completed its 2007 Annual Renewal of membership. During this process, NATSAP found 76.3 percent of the members that serve children and adolescents are licensed, 30 percent are accredited by the Association of

SILVERADO OPENS SECOND CABIN

(March 14, 2007) Denise Westman, Admissions Director for Silverado Boys Ranch, Panguitch, UT, 435-690-9185, announced Silverado has opened a second cabin allowing them to enroll more students.

VARDELL AT UHS

(March 14, 2007) Beverley Cordray, Executive Secretary of UHS, Inc., Ponte Vedra Beach, FL, 800-927-3288, announced Don Vardell is now the Divisional Director of Business Development, Behavioral Health Division of UHS, Inc in King of Prussia, PA.

NEWES TEACHES CLINICAL FIRST RESPONDER

(March 15, 2007) Scott Bandoroff, PhD, founder of Peak Experience Training, Ashland, OR, 541-951-4329, announced that Sandy Newes, PhD has joined Peak Experience Training as a principal trainer of the Clinical First Responder curriculum. Dr. Newes has served a variety of roles within the wilderness treatment industry over the past ten years. Dr. Newes will also be involved in developing and teaching a new training for wilderness therapists to be launched in the fall of 2007.

TIMBER RIDGE ACCREDITED

(March 16, 2007) Virginia Short, Admissions Director for Timber Ridge Preparatory School for Girls, Clark Fork, ID, 208-266-0128, announced Timber Ridge was regionally accredited by the Northwest Association of Accredited Schools (NAAS). Timber Ridge was also approved by the State Accreditation Committee for the academic year 2007.

ALL GIRLS SUMMER COURSE

(March 19, 2007) Julia Andrick, Marketing Communications Director for Catherine Freer Wilderness Therapy, Albany, OR, announced Catherine Freer is offering two all-female expeditions this summer, beginning July 8 and August 5. The expeditions will be led by three female staff, including a therapist with CADC certification who resides in the field for the entire expedition. Groups will focus on issues such as body image, boundaries, trust building, substance abuse and healthy relationships.

MMS STUDENTS EARN SCHOLARSHIPS

(March 19, 2007) Colleen Harrington, Assistant School Head of Mission Mountain School, Condon, MT, 406-754-2580, announced that several members of the Class of 2007 received a variety of unsolicited merit based scholarship offerings. One student was awarded the Provost Scholarship from Wittenberg University in Ohio. This is the most prestigious scholarship offered by Wittenberg, at \$64,000 for four years. Other merit based scholarship offerings included \$42,000 from Randolph Macon College in

Virginia, \$39,000 from Linfield College in Oregon and \$24,000 from Gonzaga in Washington.

FFS ADDS WEIGHT TRAINING/ ALUM GOES PRO

(March 20, 2007) Bill Musgrove, Athletic Director, The Family Foundation School, Hancock, NY, 845-887-5213, announced that weight training classes are now part of the PE curriculum at the school. The fitness-based classes are held in the newly completed weight room and focus on proper work-out techniques and musculature, rather than on body building. Instructors Musgrove and Geoff Westby are certified AFPA (American Fitness Professionals & Associates) trainers. In other news, Ann Kozak, Marketing Specialist, announced that Wells Thompson, starting midfielder for the 2001 Family Foundation School soccer team, was chosen by the New England Revolution as the number five overall draft pick in the 2007 Major League Soccer (MLS) Super Draft in Indiana in February. Thompson attended The Family School in 2000 and 2001 and completed the program.

TEMPORARY CHANGES AT SAN CRISTOBAL

(March 20, 2007)

Christy Leach, Admissions Director for San Cristobal Academy, Taos, NM, 866-918-8383, announced that Don Purves will temporarily be stepping in as Admissions contact while Christy takes maternity leave.

UPDATE: Congrats to Travis and Christy Leach... It's a Boy!



STICC BENEFITS FROM RIVER RUN

(March 21, 2007) John David Reuben, Chairman/ Founder of Saving Teens In Crisis Collaborative (STICC), Sudbury, MA, 877-249-1336, announced the proceeds from the New Charles River Run on June 24, 2007, in Cambridge, MA, will go to support Saving Teens in Crisis Collaborative.

PROMOTIONS AT ST. PAUL'S ACADEMY

(March 21, 2007) Hal Elliott, Headmaster of St. Paul's Preparatory Academy, Phoenix, AZ, 602-956-9090, announced the development of a new focus management team which included, effective March 26, the promotions of Rich Nastro assuming full-time duties as Dean of Academics (replacing Linda Gill), Dennis Moran as Dean of Students, Mike Testa as Director of Residential Life and effective June 1st Dan Utrera as Director of Counseling.