Are Learning (or miss learning) From the Internet," "Elements and Factors That Influence Government Regulation Development," and "Demonstration and Discussion: Neurofeedback Tools Currently Being Used In Programs." Registration cost for the "Northwest Get Together" is $30. Please RSVP by Aug. 31. For registration information, contact Laura Morton.

**Sober College Opens Learning Center**
(July 6, 2007) Annika Richards, Director of Public Education for Sober College, Los Angeles, CA, 818-795-8647, announced Sober College opened a "state of the art" Learning Center. The new 11,000 square foot building features networked computers and classrooms, and offices for clinical, admission and ancillary staff. There is also a social arena that includes 50's style diner booths, a study and lounge area with table games.

**Yellowstone BGR Celebrates 50 Years**
(July 6, 2007) Andrea Kenney, Director of Public Relations for Yellowstone Boys & Girls Ranch, Billings, MT, 406-655-2125, announced over six-hundred people gathered to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Yellowstone Boys and Girls Ranch, which began in 1957 as a place for juvenile delinquent boys as young as 10-years-old. The goal was to help them find a new direction and prevent them from becoming hardened criminals. Since the ranch began, over 5,000 children have called Yellowstone their home.

**Eating Disorders Across The Lifespan**
(July 6, 2007) Remuda Ranch, Wickenburg, AZ, 800-445-1900, announced they will offer a presentation titled "Eating Disorders Across The Lifespan: A Closer Look" by Dena Cabrera, PsyD, Friday, August 24, 2007, in Boise, ID from 11:30am to 1:30pm.

**Henry Winkler At Starr Commonwealth's Founders Day**
(July 9, 2007) Dana Jacob with Starr Commonwealth, Albion, MI, 800-837-5597 x 2312, announced Henry Winkler, the actor known as "The Fonz" from the sitcom "Happy Days," will appear at its 2007 Founder's Day event October 7, 2007, marking the anniversary of Floyd Starr, his family and 13 boys moving into Gladsome Cottage on October 3, 1913. Starr Commonwealth has expanded beyond its Albion campus to include sites in Battle Creek and Detroit, MI, as well as in Van Wert and Columbus, OH. The programs serve boys and girls through Montcalm Schools, families through foster care and day treatment and professionals through a variety of programs such as No Disposable Kids®.

**Montcalm School For Girls Expanding**
(July 11, 2007) Dana Jacob at Starr Commonwealth, Albion, MI, 800-837-5591, announced Montcalm School for Girls in Van Wert, OH, has plans underway to open a third cottage. This will allow opening of enrollment to 13 more girls.

**Vive! Expands**
July 11, 2007) Susan Holden Walsh, HoldenMcClure PR, for Vive! in Boulder, CO, 303-449-2526, announced Vive! moved the national headquarters to 207 Canyon Blvd., Ste. 202. The new space enhances Vive's ability to assist teens in transition with more private family meeting rooms, and will allow Vive! to host round table discussions and other referral and community building functions.

**Mission Mountain Students Go To Nationals**
(July 12, 2007) Colleen Harrington, Assistant School Head for Mission Mountain School, Condon, MT, 406-754-2580, announced four students participated and rode in a national horse show in Bozeman, MT. All four girls placed in each of their respective classes. The entire school attended the event to cheer them on as part of a multiple-day camping trip.

**Phoenix Sun VP Talks to St. Paul's Students**
(July 12, 2007) Donna Wittwer, MEd, Director of Admissions for St. Paul's Preparatory Academy, Phoenix, AZ, 602-956-9090, announced David Griffin, VP of Basketball Operations for the Phoenix Suns, spoke to students regarding his insights and wisdom about the qualities a person must develop to be successful in business.

**New Dean At King George School**
(July 12, 2007) Jay Ramsey, Director of Human Resources at King George School (KGS), Sutton, VT, 802-467-1200, announced Rebecca Vieth-Albrecht, MA, LPC, is the new Dean of the school. Rebecca comes to the KGS with fifteen years of experience directing residential and school programs. She obtained her Master's in Counseling Psychology from Webster University and has been in private practice for the last eight years. In addition to her clinical experience, Rebecca worked as a principal of a school in Missouri for the last four years.

**KGS Approved For NonImmigrant Students**
(July 12, 2007) Jay Ramsey, Director of Human Resources for King George School (KGS), Sutton, VT, 802-467-1200, announced KGS has approval of its petition to the Student and Exchange Visitor Program (SEVP) to accept Nonimmigrant Students. The SEVP is part of US Immigration and Customs Enforcement, which is a division of the Department of Homeland Security.

from the U. of NC, has attended the Substance Abuse Treatment Training Institute; the North Carolina Foundation for Alcohol and Drug Studies and holds a BA in Spanish.

**Aspen Achievement Parenting Class**
(July 19, 2007) Kristen L. Hayes, Communications Manager for Aspen Education Group, Cerritos, CA, 562-467-5531, announced Aspen Achievement Academy now offers live online parenting classes that teach parent's skills they can apply to their child enrolled in the Aspen program.

**Family Foundation School Graduates 41**
(July 19, 2007) Ann Kozak, Marketing Specialist for the Family Foundation School, Hancock, NY, 845-887-5213, announced that 41 seniors graduated from the school on June 23, 2007. Each of the students received two diplomas: one from New York State for successful completion of the high school curriculum, and a second from The Family Foundation School for successful completion of the school's character education program. Each graduate has been accepted to a community college, four-year college, or university.

**Natsap Principles Of Good Practice Summit**
(July 20, 2007) Jan Moss, Executive Director of the National Association of Therapeutic Schools and Programs (NATSAP), 928-443-9505, announced NATSAP will hold a Principles of Good Practice Summit, in September 2007, to review the Principles of Good Practice, the Supplemental Principles of Good Practice and the recently developed Principles of Good Practice for Small Residential Programs. The existing Principles will be reviewed to ensure they continue to clearly address the best practices set forth by NATSAP.

**North Idaho And Montana Tours Offered**
(July 20, 2007) Kay C. Ford, Owner of CKC Consultant Tour Services, Crozier, VA, 804-784-3037, announced CKC Tours has put together a three-day tour of programs in the North Idaho/ Montana area the 10-12 of September. If you want more information or are interested in joining Judge Mason on this tour, please call Kay. Optional touring on Thursday the 13th may be arranged as schedules allow.

**Brehm Preparatory School Celebrates 25 Years**
(July 20, 2007) Donna Collins, Director of Admissions for Brehm Preparatory School, Carbondale, IL, 618-457-0371, announced Brehm Preparatory School will celebrate 25 years of success with several activities including an Open House and Ribbon Cutting Ceremony, August 14, 2007. For more information about all the activities, contact the Admissions Department.

**AMATS Executive Committee Formed Standards Adopted**
(July 20, 2007) Jeff Johnson, Executive Director of the Association of Mediation and Transport Services (AMATS), 435-491-0398, announced AMATS elected an Executive Committee from the nine provisional members of the recently formed organization. Committee members are Cathy Villines of Center for Safe Youth, Bill Lane of Bill Lane and Associates, and Brian Shepherd of Right Directions. In addition to the executive committee, the nine provisional members include Adolescent Guidance Services, Journeys Adolescent Services, Safeguard Adolescent Services, Traverse Youth Transport, Youth Transportation Services, and Westshield Adolescent Services. In addition, Jeff announced AMATS has created and approved their "Outline of AMATS Standards".

**New Stone Mountain Executive Director**
(July 20, 2007) Paige Thomas, Admissions at Stone Mountain School, Black Mountain, NC, 888-631-5994, announced the new Executive Director of Stone Mountain School is Susan Hardy. Susan was formerly the Executive Director of Adirondack Leadership Expeditions, a therapeutic wilderness program New York. She has worked in the therapeutic education industry for over 17 years.

**KGS Seeks New Admissions/ Marketing Director**
(July 20, 2007) Karen Fitzhugh, PhD, Head of School for King George School, Sutton, VT, 800-218-5122, announced King George School is searching for a seasoned professional with private, therapeutic industry experience to direct admissions and marketing activities.

**I get the feeling that most media in the country are on a search to show the unconventional is the norm and have unlimited capacity to find experts somewhere who will say just about anything, especially if it seems to make no common sense.**

**~ Michael Levine**