

TEENS ESCAPE FROM ACADEMY

(September 20, 2007) Four children, two boys and two girls are missing from the Gulf Coast Academy in Lucedale. Harold Dabel, the school administrator claimed the escape was planned, although boys and girls are kept segregated. Gulf Coast Academy is the most recent name for the teen boarding school. The Rev. Herman Fountain originally founded the school as the Bethel Children's Home in 1988. Student riots, runaways and charges of child abuse have plagued the school, which was closed in 1990, and reopened as the Bethel Boys Home. Later the name was changed to Eagle Point Christian Academy.

TEENS UNPREPARED FOR WORKFORCE

(September 20, 2007) The America's Promise Alliance (the Alliance) released "Under-Equipped and Unprepared: America's Emerging Workforce and the Soft Skills Gap," which finds that America's young people do not have the "soft skills," such as teamwork, conflict resolution, communication and leadership, that are necessary for success in the workforce.

UK VOTERS AGAINST PRIVATE EDUCATION

(September 24, 2007) The Independent Online news reported a poll concluding that "Only 29 percent of people believe parents should have the right to send their children to fee-paying schools." The main reason cited was an aversion to privilege in education.

PUBLIC PAY FOR PRIVATE TUITION

(October 1, 2007) An article in the Boston Globe Online regarding a case before the US Supreme Court regarding public payment for private tuition, reported "special education students placed in private schools at public expense has risen steadily, from about 2,012 pupils in 1996 to 71,082 in 2005, according to the US Department of Education."

ONLINE CHARTERS EXPANDING IN NEVADA

(October 1, 2007) The Las Vegas Sun discussed the rapid expansion of online charter schools in Nevada including the entry of national companies to meet the apparent demand from parents frustrated by the quality of public education and concerned about overcrowded classrooms, bullies and bored children in remedial classes.

EIA CONCERNED ABOUT NCLB

(October 5, 2007) Steve Pines, Executive Director of the Education Industry Association (EIA), Rockville MD, 800-252-3280, expressed concern about a move regarding the reauthorization of the No Child Left Behind national education legislation to limit the role of for-profits in contracting with public education systems. "We simply ask Congress to allow for profit

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The common idea that success spoils people by making them vain, egotistic and self-complacent is erroneous; on the contrary, it makes them, for the most part, humble, tolerant and kind.

Failure makes people cruel and bitter.

~ W. Somerset Maugham

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