**NATSAP TESTIFIES TO CONGRESS**
(October 10, 2007) Jan Moss, Executive Director of the National Association of Therapeutic Schools and Programs, Prescott, AZ, 928-443-9505, testified to Congress in the Congressman Miller Hearings aimed at our network. "As the numbers of kids who attempt suicide, engage in destructive and criminal behavior, and fail to graduate from High School rise, concerned parents have turned to therapeutic schools and programs. We are committed to working with Congress, the states, other organizations, and parents to ensure that regulations and legislation provide for realistic and workable therapeutic programs that meet the highest standards of care."

**MURRAY LEAVES PROVO/ CANYON CREEK**
(October 10, 2007) James Murray announced his resignation as Director of Business Development at Provo Canyon School and the Academy at Canyon Creek, Provo, UT, 413-268-7022. Questions regarding either program should be directed to Brad Gerrard at 801-229-1038.

**ESPLIN ADMISSIONS AT PROVO CANYON**
(October 10, 2007) Susan Hawkins of Provo Canyon School, Orem, UT, 801-852-1138, announced Brent Esplin, LMFT is the new Admissions Director of Provo Canyon.

**CATHERINE FREER RESPONDS TO HEARINGS**
(October 11, 2007) Julia Andrick, Marketing Director for Catherine Freer Wilderness Therapy Program, Albany, OR, 208-265-8355, responded to the House Hearings with "We support Rep. Miller and the Education Committee in doing what is possible to eliminate abusive and neglectful programs. At the same time, we believe it is important to preserve viable options for children and families in need of responsible and ethical therapeutic schools and programs. Our program has consistently supported regulations and standards for the treatment industry and we currently hold the highest level of state licensing and national accreditation that is available to us today."

**BILL LANE STOPS BY FOR A VISIT**
(October 14, 2007) Bill Lane, Founder/ President of Bill Lane & Associates, San Diego, CA, 858-488-5319, stopped by to pick up his T-Shirt and get his picture taken by the Woodbury Sign while in town visiting.

**VALLEY VIEW PARENTS WEEKEND**
(October 17, 2007) Rick Bulger, Associate Director for Valley View School, North Brookfield, MA, 508-867-6505, announced that Valley View School recently celebrated another Parent's Weekend, with close to 200 parents and other family members attending. The key speaker was nationally recognized expert Dr. Robert Brooks, who talked about the phenomenon of "resilience" as a component of adolescent development.

**FFS NAMES CONSULTING PSYCHOLOGIST**
(October 19, 2007) Emmanuel "Mike" Argiros, President of the Family Foundation School, Hancock, NY, 845-887-5213, announced that Mark P. Vogel, PhD, Clinical Psychologist, is a new consulting psychologist at the school. Dr. Vogel, whose practice includes child, adolescent, and family therapy, has worked extensively with educational institutions in the diagnostic testing of children with emotional problems and learning disabilities. He has taught numerous community workshops on parent/teenage relations and child-rearing techniques and is a specialist in alcoholism and substance abuse. His role at FFS will include the psychological evaluation of new students and individual psychotherapy as needed. The school's previous psychological consultant, Dr. Charles Moss, retired in September.

**OPI WELCOMES DIRECTOR OF MARKETING**
(October 22, 2007) Jodi Haines Blinn, Associate Director of Marketing for Optimum Performance Institute, Woodland Hills, CA, 818-430-1714, announced Sianita Calon is the new Director of Marketing. Sianita earned a Bachelor's degree from the University of Southern California with majors in Broadcast Journalism and Ethical Philosophy, and is currently pursuing a graduate degree from California State University, Los Angeles in Psychology and Counseling.

**Strength does not come from winning. Your struggles develop your strengths. When you go through hardships and decide not to surrender, that is strength.**
**~ Arnold Schwarzenegger**

