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and non-profit organizations to compete on equal footing for school solutions and allow state and local procurement officials the flexibility to choose the partners that best meets their needs."

KIDS UNDER AGE 14 BINGE DRINKING
(October 10, 2007) The Telegraph in the UK announced that one in seven of people taken to the hospital in the UK for drinking too much were under 14 years of age.

DIGITAL 'SMART MOB' COMING OF AGE
(October 19, 2007) The "Jena Six" protests in Louisiana are the latest and biggest example of how technology-spawned activism is sweeping the country's young people. Without obvious leaders and based on text-messaging, blogs, etc., knowledge and rumors are sweeping schools throughout the country allowing group activism to flourish at almost an instant's notice.

...according to our theory the people are wiser than the government. Here the people do not look to the government for light, for instruction, but the government looks to the people. The people give law to the government...

To entrust government with the power of determining education which our children shall receive is entrusting our servant with the power of the master. The fundamental difference between the US and Prussia has been overlooked by the board of education and its supporters.

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KNIGHT HEADS WILDERNESS QUEST
(September 17, 2007) Troy Knight, MS, Executive Director for Wilderness Quest, Monticello, UT, 435-459-9223, announced he accepted the position of Executive Director for the Wilderness Quest team. Troy was the Program Director and Quality Assurance Director for Wilderness Quest for the past two years and has worked in the field of behavioral health care for over 15 years. Troy holds a Masters degree in Health Care Administration and has specialized training in Joint Commission standards and compliance.

WIEGRATZ NEW ROGERS OUTREACH REP
(September 19, 2007) Rogers Memorial Hospital, Oconomowoc, WI, 800-767-4411 x573, announced Mary Jo Wiegratz is the new Senior National Outreach Representative replacing Beth Baus who left to pursue a graduate degree at Vanderbilt University.

SUNRISE LAUDS CLINICAL TEAM
(September 23, 2007) David Prior, Executive Director for Sunrise Academy, Hurricane, UT, 435-635-1185, recognizes the clinical team of: Dr. Jack Hinman, Clinical Director, Michele Peterson, licensed clinical social worker and Brad Simpson a clinical social worker. Prior states "Sunrise's clinical team is in a position of great strength".

SCHMIDT ADMISSIONS DIRECTOR AT SUWS
(September 24, 2007) Kathy Rex, Executive Director at SUWS Adolescent and Youth Program, Shoshone, ID, 208-886-2565, announced Vincent Schmidt as the new Director of Admissions. Vince began his career as a primary therapist at a youth program in 1995. He then joined Aspen Education Group's Academy at Swift River as a founding therapist, and worked his way up to become one of the program's clinical managers. Vince discovered a passion for admissions, and became the Admissions Director at a therapeutic boarding school before joining SUWS.

NEW PROGRAM/ ACADEMIC DIRECTORS AT NORTHSTAR
(September 24, 2007) Sean Fievet, Executive Director for NorthStar Center, Bend, OR, 541-385-8657, announced Scott Fitzwater and Alice Huskey have been named Program Director and Academic Director, respectively. Scott once served as a Case Manager for NorthStar, and most recently as Program Director for SageWalk, the Wilderness School. Alice was promoted to Academic Director upon the retirement of Tina Linden-Levy, having served as an Academic Instructor for four years.