website of NATWC is up and running in time to preview the NATWC Annual Training Conference, September 21-23 at Villas by the Sea, Jekyll Island, GA. The conference features a State of the Industry symposium, with guests from NATWC, NATSAP, AEE, IECA, OBHIC, as well as politicians and college and university representatives. For more information, contact Tick McClintock at 724-329-1098.

STROWD AT NORTHSTAR CENTER
(August 12, 2008) Chesley Strowd has joined NorthStar Center as the Admissions Director. Chesley has a Bachelor of Arts degree in Psychology from the University of Mississippi, and had previously worked at a therapeutic boarding school for six years. For more information, contact Sean Fievet, Executive Director at Northstar Center, 541-385-8657.

CORAL REEF INTRODUCES MY CHOICE
(August 11, 2008) My Choice Program is a new drug free residential therapeutic community for young men ages 18-24 with addiction issues. The program is located in Samoa, and is part of Coral Reef Academy. The key staff consists of Craig Hughes, Residential Director; Allison Hughes, Academic Director; Nathan Sellers, MSW, Primary Therapist; Dorthea Mills, MA, Clinical Assistant. Andy Ferguson, MSW, is the new Primary Therapist at Coral Reef Academy, Julia Ferguson is the Parent Liaison and Nick Lawrenson, is the Experiential and Cultural Coordinator of both programs. For more information, contact Bryan Marks, Admissions Coordinator, 702-233-0444.

FALL EVENTS AT LIFESPAN
(August 11, 2008) According to Steven Curtis, PhD, NCSP, Lifespan in Bainbridge Island, WA, is offering the following workshops and groups for parents and children: Puzzling Behavior Support Group for Parents, September 17; Help Your Child Find Success Parent Workshop**,** October and Navigating the Adolescent Social World for Girls, September 16. For more information, contact Steven Curtis at 866-645-2470.

RECOVERY MONTH AT EXCEL
(August 13, 2008) EXCEL Academy of Texas, Conroe, TX, 800-260-9178, a division of CRC Health Group, will host a variety of activities to celebrate Recovery Month 2008, which will include a breakfast buffet, guest speakers and a BBQ. After lunch, everyone will participate in a simultaneous release of environmentally friendly balloons along with over 100 other CRC and Aspen Education Group programs. For more information, contact Don Vardell, Executive Director.

SHINGLER AT SYCAMORE CANYON
(August 13, 2008) Sycamore Canyon Academy in Oracle, AZ, announced Kathy Shingler as Admissions Manager. Contact Kathy at 520-896-9391 ext 103.

HIRED POWER BRIDGES THE GAP
(August 14, 2008) Hired Power uses certified personal recovery assistants (CPRA) in its program to bridge the gap between treatment centers and living in recovery at home by collaborating with family members, treatment programs and addiction professionals. For more information, contact Monique Harding, Director of Operations, 800-910-9299 or Nanette Zumwalt, Owner, at 714-964-6730.

REAMER & SIEGEL'S NEW BOOK
(August 14, 2008) Frederic Reamer, PhD, and Deborah Siegel, PhD, (husband and wife) are professors at the School of Social Work at Rhode Island College, and are the authors of a guide for parents and professionals, called *Finding Help for Struggling Teens*. Their new book, *Teens in Crisis: How the Industry Serving Struggling Teens Helps and Hurts Our Kids* will be out this October. For more information on this article, go to the Tehran Times English website.

BLAINE LEAVES DUCK RIVER
(August 14, 2008) Janna Blaine, formerly Director of Admissions at Three Springs Duck River, Huntsville, AL, 931-729-5040, announced she is leaving Three Springs, moving back to Canada to be closer to her family and to start school. Deidre Butte will take the reins as Director of Admissions, a position she previously held for five years.

FERRERO AT SAN CRISTOBAL
(August 14, 2008) Marty Ferrero has joined San Cristobal Ranch Academy as the Director of Recovery and Residential Services. In his new role, Marty will provide leadership for all aspects of SCA's chemical dependency and residential programs. For information contact Don Purves, Marketing Director at 866-918-8383.

MISSION MOUNTAIN TAKES SABBATICAL
(August 15, 2008) After 19 years of service, John Mercer, MS, School Head, and Colleen Harrington, Assistant School Head, Co-founders of Mission Mountain School in Condon, MT, have decided to take a sabbatical from running the school. All of the current students graduated high school, completed the program or transitioned to another placement. John and Colleen thank everyone for their support over the years. The wrap up can be found on their website.

WEIGHT LOSS SCHOLARSHIPS
(August 17, 2008) The New York Times reports several weight loss camps, including Wellspring, offered free or subsidized stays at their summer camps, with applications in the hundreds. Wellspring is seeking corporate sponsors to help provide more scholarships.

GREENBRIER DENIES CHARGES
(August 18, 2008) The Charleston Gazette reported a former employee of Greenbrier Academy for Girls in Pence Springs, WV, has sued Greenbrier Academy. The school's statement denying all charges can be found on StrugglingTeens.com.