

WHY FEMALE PUBLIC SCHOOL TEACHERS TARGET BOYS

(December 20, 2008) World Net Daily reports female teachers who target boys for sex are putting themselves into the same peer group as their students. In their minds, they romanticize them and make them caring, sensitive, honest and insightful.

EVIDENCE GAP: DRUG REHAB OR REVOLVING DOOR?

(December 22, 2008) The New York Times reports that very few rehabilitation programs used for those suffering with drug addictions have evidence showing they are effective, yet many clinics across the country have waiting lists to get in.

WARNING LABELS NEEDED FOR CHILDREN'S BOOKS?

(December 26, 2008) the Dailymail.co.uk reports a former president of the National Association of Head Teachers believes children's books are becoming so violent and sexually explicit that they should have explicit content warning labels attached to the bookshelves where they are sold.

INDICTMENTS DROPPED

(December 30, 2008) Channel 2 News out of Southern Utah reported indictments against Alternative Youth Adventures (AYA) Program Director James Omer, Medical Director Keith Hooker and emergency medical technician Ben Askins have been dismissed against them in the death of a 15 year old who died from a staphylococcus infection in May 2007 while attending AYA. Colorado officials closed AYA two months after the teen's death.

JUVENILE JUSTICE SERVICES TAKE A HIT

(December 27, 2008) Tennessean.com reports that TN, SC, KY and VA have cut their budgets on juvenile justice

spending, which is forcing young criminals out of counseling programs, group homes and programs that try to rehabilitate children, into juvenile prisons.

'INDULGENT' PARENTS FUEL CLASSROOM DISRUPTIONS

(December 29, 2008) Telegraph.co.uk reports teachers say most problems with their students came from overly indulged children. In addition, teachers shared how they were confronted by irate parents after they attempted to discipline their child.

RISKY BEHAVIOR ON MYSPACE STOPPED

(January 6, 2009) REUTERS reports a study of teenagers who use MySpace and their disclosures of risky behaviors that include substance abuse, sexual behavior and violence were curbed when they were sent a message from "Dr. Meg" who warned about the risks of disclosing personal details online.

DEATH OF TEEN RULED HOMICIDE

(January 5, 2009) Fox News reports county coroners have ruled the death of a 17 year old teen girl at Parmadale Family Services a homicide. The teen died after being physically restrained by two staff members at the facility on December 13, 2008.

DIVINE PRAYERS FOR DESPARING PARENTS

(January 8, 2009) A new book written by Susanne Scheppmann, titled "Divine Prayers for Despairing Parents: Words to Pray When You Don't Know What to Say," is available through New Hope Publishers. For more information on this book, contact Ashley Crafton at 205-991-4920.

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