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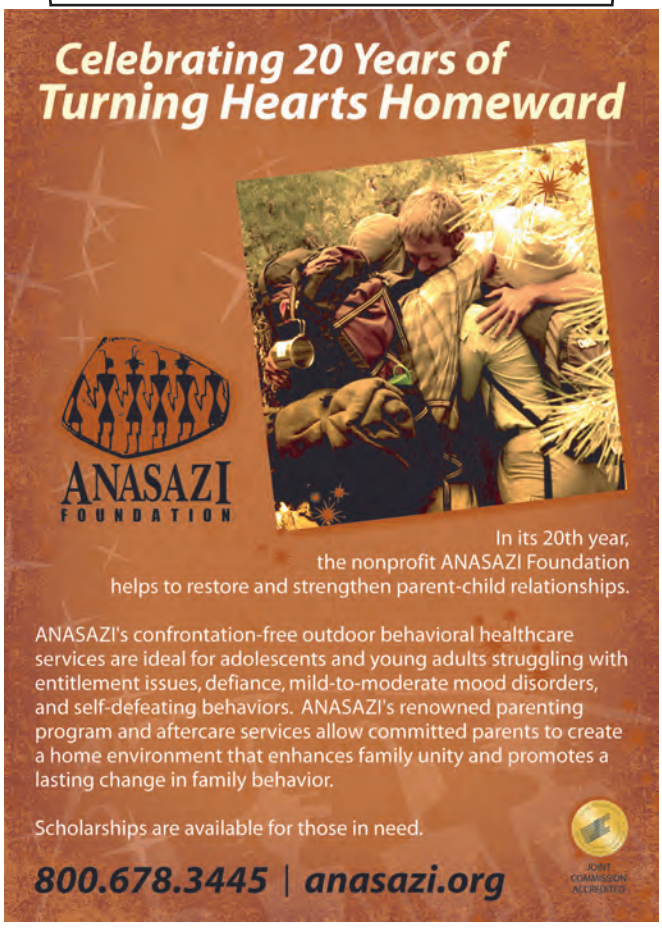
classroom as well as outdoor classrooms, travel classrooms, daily living classrooms and work ethic classrooms.

Erik Erikson was first an artist and later came to the field of Human Development. He brought his view as an artist to the work, as did Robert Coles, Marie Montessori and other giants in the field of education.

It is my hope that Emotional Growth Education will stand on its own and continue to offer expanded healing and learning experiences to young people and their families. Emotional Growth Education is a very "alive" method. It must operate outside the box of diagnosis and treatment in order to be meaningful.

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> The first lesson of economics is scarcity: There is never enough of anything to satisfy all those who want it. The first lesson of politics is to disregard the first lesson of economics.
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> – Thomas Sowell



VISITS...

LIFE DESIGNS, INC.

Cusick, WA
Vincent Barranco, Director
www.lifedesignsranch.com

Visit by Larry Stednitz, May 5, 2009

The Life Designs transitional program for young adults, ages 18-26, is housed in a large home overlooking the Selkirk Mountains and the Pend Oreille River. Loi Eberle published a visit report three years after the program was founded in 1998. Loi reported: "Life Designs program director/owners Randy Russell and his wife Colleen welcome up to 10 residents into their home, offering them a safe space where they rekindle, or find for the first time, their creativity and passion for life. Life Designs is an opportunity for the residents to decide what direction they want to take in their future education or training. It is a way to help them develop their insights and skills so that when they are ready to take that next step, in some other setting, they can be successful." At this time, the program is under new ownership; Vince Barranco and his wife Bobbie are the new owners as of 2005 and Vince serves as the director.

Vince worked as the program director at Life Designs for three years before assuming ownership. Formerly a teacher and a coach, it is clear that he has a passion for what he does, assisting young adults to learn a strong work ethic and integrity in all that they do. Their motto is, "work hard and play hard."

Kim Minarik is Life Designs clinical director, with 15 years of experience, including as a therapist at Wilderness Quest. She is also a licensed therapist and addictions counselor.

