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> The intelligence tests made it easy to decide which children would get a broad liberal education and which would be placed into a vocational track or into a watered-down general curriculum that led nowhere.
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> [talking of IQ tests popularity in the 1920s]
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> ~ Diane Ravitch
> Left Back
> NYSimon*Shuster: 2000 p. 161

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Parent Choices Hosts AERO: 'What Is Democratic Education?' was the topic on Lon's Internet talk radio show on October 31, 2011. According to Jerry Mintz, "The basis of Democratic Education is a childs natural curiosity and urge to learn." To listen to the podcast free, subscribe via itunes or visit www.latalkradio.com/Lon.php for the archive. 516-621-2195

Scholarships Available At Eagle Summit: Angie Fusco, Executive Director of Eagle Summit, announced that a limited number of student scholarships have been made available for families seeking placement for their son at Eagle Summit. 866-924-0304

New Beginnings At Seven D's Ranch Expands: New Beginnings at Seven D's Ranch is excited to announce the acquisition of a new ranch home in Southerland, UT. This new facility is about 10 minutes from the main ranch house in Delta and allows the program to house five additional residents. 435-979-6372

Sober College Welcomes Maclean To Admissions: In a definitive move to keep itself on the forefront, Sober College hired an admission's professional who holds a Master's Degree in Addiction Counseling to head up its' enrollment process. Iris Maclean, formerly in the admissions department at Family Foundation School, has recently accepted the position as Director of Admissions for Sober College. 800-465-0142

Parent Choices Hosts Auldern Academy: Lon Woodbury interviewed Jane Samuels and Elizabeth Guarnaccia of Auldern Academy on his LATalkRadio show on October 24,

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Reports office for a visit while in the northwest. Ken is currently the National Outreach and Business Development professional for Palm Beach Institute in West Palm Beach, FL. 928-231-2918

Boys Town Achieves National Recognition: Boys Town achieved national recognition as one of America's Promise Alliance's 100 Best Communities for Young People presented by ING for its initiatives to help young people. 402-498-1973

Parent Choices Hosts Dr. Kim Dennis: "Although disordered eating is fairly widespread and can usually be helped by family and local resources, clinical Eating Disorders are fortunately less common but a very serious and potentially deadly problem." explained Dr. Kim Dennis, Medical Director of Timberline Knolls on Lon's LATalkRadio Show October 10, 2011. To listen to the podcast of "The Trauma Beneath Eating Disorders" free, subscribe via itunes or visit www.latalkradio.com/Lon.php for the archive. 630-343-2332

Auldern Names Gustafson Director Of Counseling: Auldern Academy is pleased to announce that Gail Gustafson was promoted to the position of Director of Counseling Services. Gail is a Licensed Clinical Social Worker in both North Carolina and California. She first joined Auldern in January of 2010, accepting a position as a clinician. 919-837-2336

Hardy Joins Lake House Academy: Lake House Academy is pleased to announce that Susan Hardy, MEd will be joining the team as Academic Director. Susan obtained her master's degree in Special Education from Vanderbilt University. This experience launched her into a career of over 20 years working with students with behavioral and learning needs and their families. 828-355-4595

Valley View School Update: The summer program offered numerous opportunities designed to provide youngsters with explorative learning experiences and many of these endeavors are highlighted in a new area on our website. Valley View School has added several sections to highlight numerous community based field trips as well as other productive summer events. 508-867-6505

Hayes Joins Montford Hall Board Of Directors: Montford Hall is thrilled to announce that David Hayes has joined our Board of Directors.With his experience in finance and management, active support of the local community, and commitment to advancing Montford Hall's mission, David is an invaluable asset to our organization. 828-333-2034

Parent Choices Hosts Ron Thompson: "Common Sense Parenting" was the topic of interview on Lon's radio show October 4, 2011. "Common Sense Parenting is the result of more than 22 years of research in studying what works with at-risk children," explained Ron Thompson, Director of Boys Town Research Institute. "Through our own research and formal collaboration with several research centers, we have evidence of what works best in working with children with problems and can provide practical parenting advice training to around a thousand parents a year throughout the country." To listen to the podcast free, subscribe via itunes or visit

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