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Christian Science Monitor "Parents Speak: Home Care is Way Better than Day Care" New study shows today's moms distrust day-care centers and prefer to be at home with their children.

Detroit Free Press

"Colleges Learn that Making New Students Comfortable Keeps Them on Campus" A number of university studies have found that if a student doesn't make a connection to his or her new surroundings or feel like he or she fits in within the first six weeks, chances are high that student will drop out.

New York Times (requires one-time free registration) "New Textbooks, New Pencils, New Internet Use Policies? The new school year is fast approaching. Students are getting ready to head back to class. Teachers are preparing their lessons. Administrators are reviewing and updating their schools' existing Internet use policies, ensuring they reflect rapidly changing technologies.

New York Times (requires one-time free registration) "Four Schools, Among Worst, to be Closed" Schools Chancellor Harold O. Levy has ordered the closing of 4 of New York City's worst-performing schools and the redesign of 12 others, finding that they have repeatedly failed to meet heightened statewide performance standards.

Baltimore Sun "Judge Backs School Plan" A Baltimore circuit judge upheld yesterday the state's authority to turn over the operation of three failing city elementary schools to a private company, rejecting an attempt by the Baltimore Teachers Union to block the move.