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SOME OF THE TOP STORIES

***Quality Counts 2006* finds states' standards-based efforts linked to gains on NAEP**
However, negative relationships found between teacher quality indicators and student achievement gains

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