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Teachers as Heroes

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"Where are the heroes of today?' a radio talk show host thundered.

He blames society's shortcomings on education. Too many people are looking for heroes in all the wrong places. Movie stars and rock musicians, athletes, and models aren't heroes; they're celebrities. Heroes abound in public schools, a fact that doesn't make the news. There is no precedent for the level of violence, drugs, broken homes, child abuse, and crime in today's America. Education didn't create these problems but deals with them every day.

You want heroes?

Consider **Dave Sanders**, the schoolteacher shot to death while trying to shield his students from two youths on a shooting rampage at Columbine High School in Littleton, Colorado. Sanders gave his life, along with 12 students, and other less heralded heroes survived the Colorado blood bath.

You want heroes?

Jane Smith, a Fayetteville, NC teacher, was moved by the plight of one of her students, a boy dying for want of a kidney transplant. So this woman told the family of a 14 year old boy that she would give him one of her kidneys. And she did. When they subsequently appeared together hugging on the Today Show, even Katie Couric was near tears.

You want heroes?

Doris Dillon dreamed all her life of being a teacher. She not only made it, she was one of those wondrous teachers who could bring the best out of every single child. One of her fellow teachers in San Jose, Calif., said, 'She could teach a rock to read.' Suddenly she was stricken with Lou Gehrig's Disease which is always fatal, usually within five years. She asked to stay on job ...and did. When her voice was affected, she communicated by computer. Did she go home? Absolutely not! She is running two elementary school libraries! When the disease was diagnosed, she wrote the staff and all the families that she had one last lesson to teach: that dying is part of living. Her colleagues named her Teacher of the Year.

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Mausoleum Crypt for Sale: Single large crypt (inside location) at Hollywood Memorial Park, Union. Walk-in price of \$9000, yours for only \$4990. A price to die for.

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Townhouse for Sale-Sayreville, 2 bedroom, 2.5 bath. New carpeting, freshly painted, new Trex decking with vinyl railings, new stove, counters and sink. Updated bathroom. Pool one block, laundry room includes washer/dryer. Asking price \$285K.

Call Kim or Joe (908)783-4203

Education Foundation

Members of the community are invited to our annual reception to honor recipients of Township of Union Education Foundation grants. This year's Cocktail and Dessert reception will be held on Thursday, May 15, 2008 at Schering Plough Corporation, Morris Avenue, Union from 5:30 to 8:30 pm. Donation is \$20.00. Checks may be made payable to Township of Union Education Foundation and sent to Irene Goldie Petras, 1113 Liberty Avenue, Union, NJ 07083. It is always a wonderful night and we look forward to seeing everyone there.

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Great to Be an Educator Day
Thursday, June 19, 2008

Notice:

The Eagle's Eye newsletter will appear only 2 times a school year, in or around the months of October and May. Please visit the UTEA website for updated news and information.

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U.T.E.A. Spring Fling

Friday June 13, 2008 @ 6:00 PM
Costa's Restaurant in Roselle Park
Includes Dinner, Dancing, & Open Bar

Teacher Recognition Recipients

Battle Hill	Mary Ferrise
Burnet	Manny Disporto
Central Five	Vicky Pollack
Connecticut Farms	Sheryl Erman
Franklin	Kathy Schackman
Hannah Caldwell	Marisa Caruso
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