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PRACTICE TEXT

325 Sunset Drive
 Unionville, PA 19832
 August 23, 2011

Ms. Sheila Jones, Editor
 The Gazette
 Unionville, PA 19832

Dear Ms. Jones:

I am a faithful and loyal reader of *The Gazette*. I appreciate and thank you for the thorough research and accurate reporting its reporters provide. This is why I was disappointed with today's coverage of the student protest held outside of City Hall. The coverage of the protest did not meet my expectations.

The event was held to focus attention on a critical and vital issue: the city's new law that prohibits nonprofit agencies from addressing the needs of homeless individuals. As *The Gazette* previously reported, this issue caused lengthy debates among city council members and caused a letter-writing campaign by concerned residents. As the newspaper correctly stated, the focus of today's protest has "been a source of city-wide friction for several weeks."

However, rather than interviewing and reporting the views of concerned citizens exercising

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their right to peacefully protest this questionable law, *The Gazette* concentrated on two individuals

who got into a fistfight and broke one of City Hall's historic stained glass windows. While this was

“news that is fit to print,” it was a minor incident that involved individuals who were not at City Hall

for the protest. By focusing on this unfortunate and unfavorable incident, *The Gazette* made the protest

seem like a gathering of ruffians determined to denounce the new law by damaging city property. The

protestors were portrayed as violent people who wanted to hurt City Hall. This was clearly not the

intent of the protestors, and none of them were engaged in activities that would harm city property.

Although the newspaper's coverage of the unfortunate violence is accurate, it fails to correctly portray

the nature of the protest.

Please consider amending today's report with additional coverage of the protest. It would

be more in line with the newspaper's usual, thorough coverage to interview some of the protestors,

who obviously oppose the new law, and some of the city council members who voted in favor of it. *The*

Gazette has taken this approach for similar issues, such as last summer's controversy over closure of

the public swimming pool. The swimming pool closure last summer got fair and balanced coverage.

As a protestor, I am not requesting favorable coverage of one side over another. I simply request *The*

Gazette stay true and honest to its usual quality by accurately, correctly, and thoroughly covering this

important protest and the contentious controversy behind it.

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I am eager to read the newspaper's continuing, ongoing coverage of this issue in the coming

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days. Thank you for considering my concerns.

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Sincerely,

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Rachael Sanders

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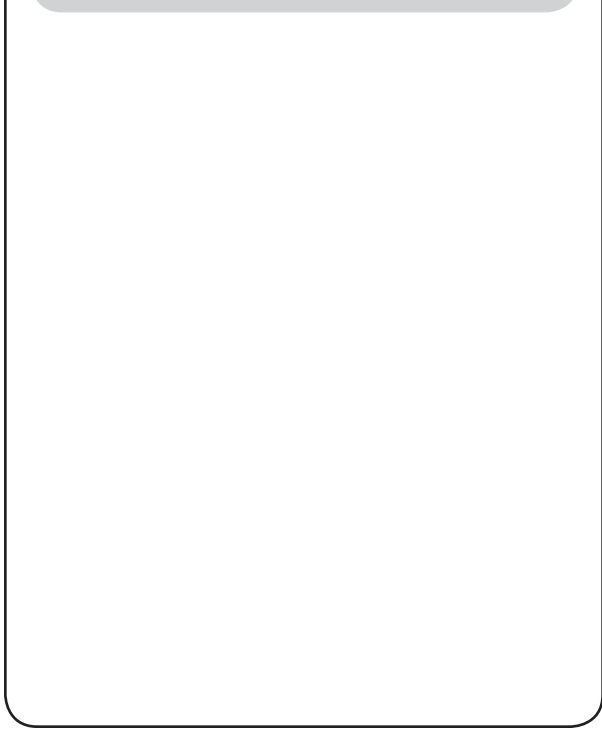
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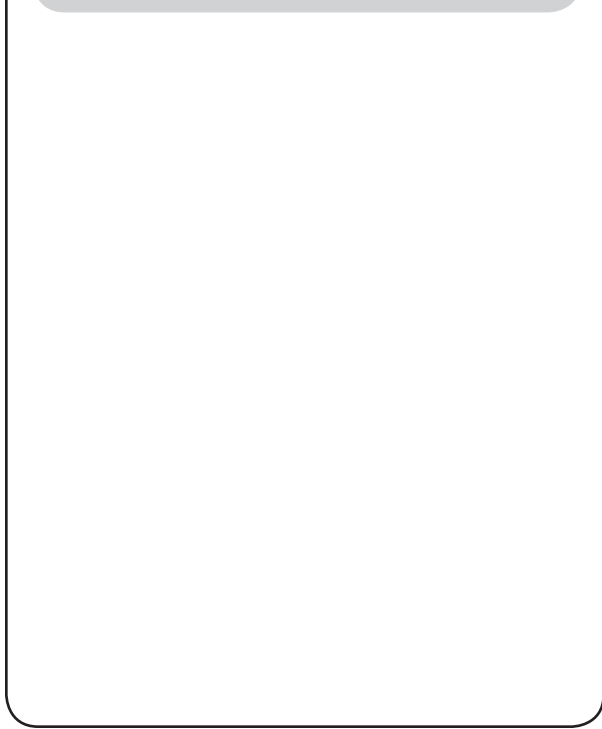
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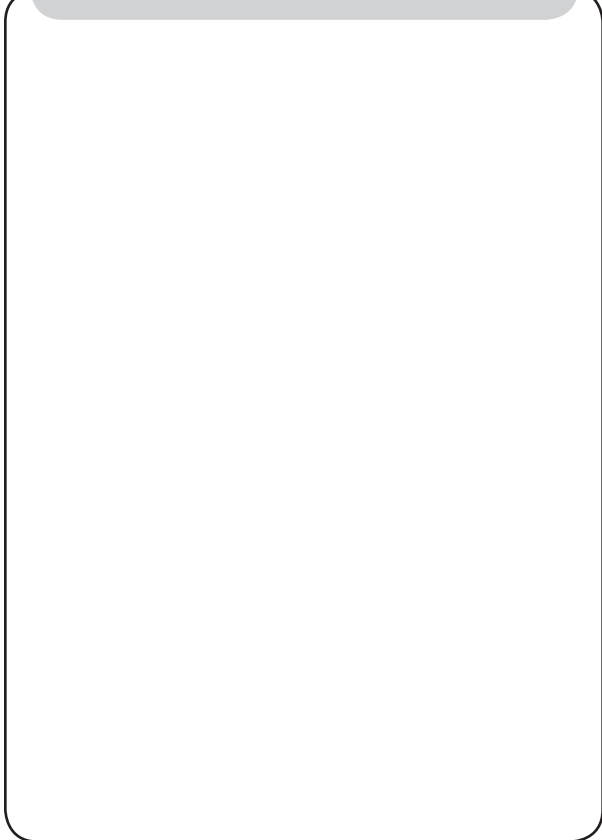


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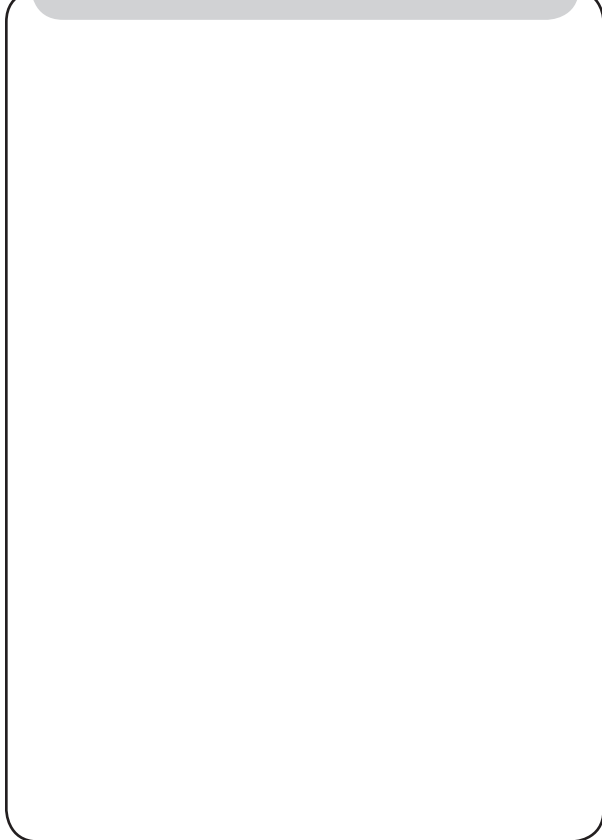
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