Heart-felt gifts

TASHAN COAXUM, 15, with the heart pillow he decorated with inspirational words at the Jersey City Boys & Girls Club. The pillows and quilts decorated by the kids will be donated to young patients at the Jersey City Medical Center. The project was made possible by Soaringwords and Goldman Sachs Community Team Works program.

JIALE HICKS, 10, top photo, decorates a quilt with inspirational drawings and words.

OLUMIDE OJUGBELE, 13, left, shows the message he inscribed on a pillow.

Odds and Ends

Shoo flies, shoo

CHARLESTON, W.Va. — Officials at the state Department of Environmental Protection are in an ethical quandary.

They need to rid the agency's headquarters of an insect infestation but they don't want to use pesticides.

"In the days of old we would've just got some bug spray or let the exterminators kill them," spokeswoman Jessica Greathouse said. "But we're the Department of Environmental Protection, and we have the first environmentally friendly building in the state, so we want to try every alternative we can."

Thousands of tiny winged insects called midges have invaded the building in the past six weeks.

Plenty in a name

MEDINA, Ohio — A pair of identical twins have traded anonymity for infamy.

Scott C. Wurgler and Matthew A. Wurgler, both 21, of Strongsville, have changed their names, becoming Sacco Vandal and Vanzetti Vandal, respectively.

The names were inspired by Nicola Sacco and Bartolomeo Vanzetti, who were arrested in 1920 in Massachusetts after shoe company employees were shot and robbed.

Sacco and Vanzetti were described as anarchists and executed, despite all the...