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ISSUE-RESPONSE PROGRAMMING  
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For the Period: January 1, 2014 to March 31, 2014

**TOPICS ADDRESSED**

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**Health Care**

**Crime**

**Education**

**Environment**

**Government and State Agencies**

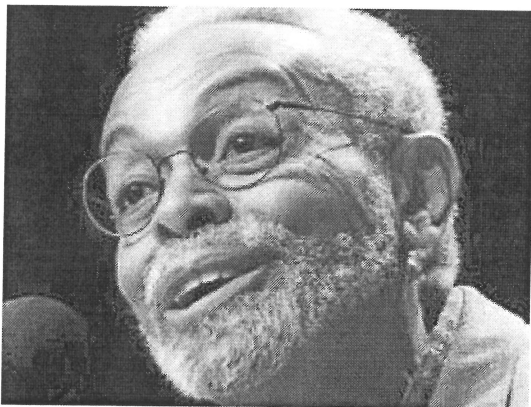
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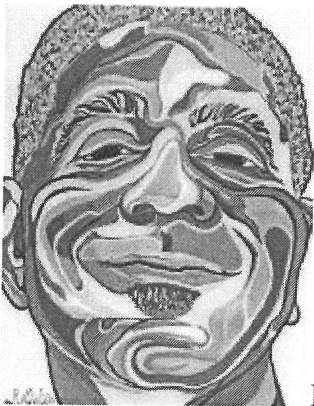
## *Arts and Culture*

### **Remembering Amiri**



Poet and political activist Amiri Baraka died this week at a Newark Hospital at the age of 79. We'll have highlights of a 2010 interview with Baraka just prior to the first Dodge Poetry Festival in Newark in which he talks about what inspired his poetry. The eight-minute interview airs in the January 10, 2014 WBGO Journal at 7:30pm.

### **The Art of Ramsess**



Doug Doyle chats with the artist, Ramsess, about his work currently on display in the WBGO Gallery, and how the music played on WBGO has inspired his art. The nine-minute interview airs in the January 17 WBGO Journal at 7:30pm.

## Review: Beautiful



Theater critic [Michael Bourne](#) reviews **Beautiful**, the new Broadway musical about songwriter Carole King. (*Jessie Mueller as Carole King in Beautiful - The Carole King Musical*. Photo by Joan Marcu) The three-minute review airs in the January 17 WBGO Journal at 7:30pm.

## *Business and Economy*

## Ready for the Big Game?



Spencer Raine takes a look at whether New Jersey is truly ready for this weekend's Super Bowl at the Meadowlands. (*photo by Spencer Raine*) Seven-minute feature airs in the January 31 WBGO Journal.

## A Super Facelift

With a big help from The Prudential Foundation, the Boys and Girl Club on Avon Avenue in Newark has gotten a much-needed facelift. It was also part of the NFL's commitment to Super Bowl host cities. Prudential Foundation Program Officer Sarah Keh talks about the commitment to kids in Newark. Doug Doyle's five-minute interviews airs in the January 31 WBGO Journal.

## The Mail-Order House of Yesterday



Jon Kalish has a profile of one woman's fascination with the kit houses Sears used to sell in its catalogs. The five-minute features airs in the February 21 WBGO Journal.

## Health Care

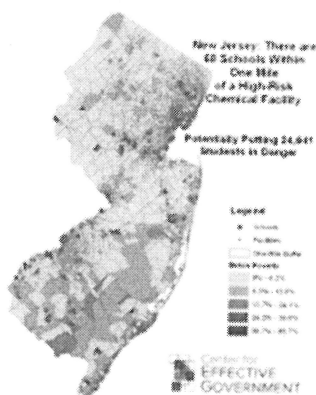
## Medical Marijuana for All





Doug Doyle reports on this week's hearing focusing on the need to make medical marijuana available for children. (*Hopatcong resident Phil Joana speaks at Statehouse news conference. Photo by Phil Gregory*) the four-minute report airs in the February 28 WBGO Journal.

## A Chemically Safer NJ



## *Crime*

### **Christie's Mea Culpa**



Doug Doyle reports on the fallout from the release of documents connecting top staffers to Governor Christie to the closings this fall of a ramp to the George Washington Bridge that left Fort Lee gridlocked for four days. *(photo by Phil Gregory)*

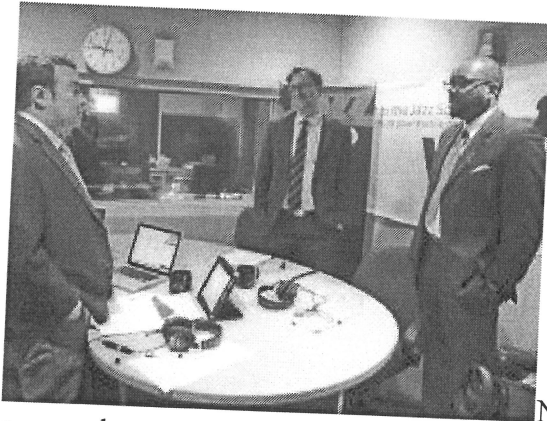
### **A Monitor For The Newark PD**

Alexandra Hill looks at the possibility that the Newark Police may soon have a federal monitor. Alexandra's five-minute report airs in the February 14 WBGO Journal at 7:30pm.

### **Commentary: Enough is Enough-Gate**

Commentator Father Hugh Burns laments the use of tacking on the word gate to the scandal of the moment. The four-minute commentary airs in the February 14 WBGO Journal at 7:30pm.

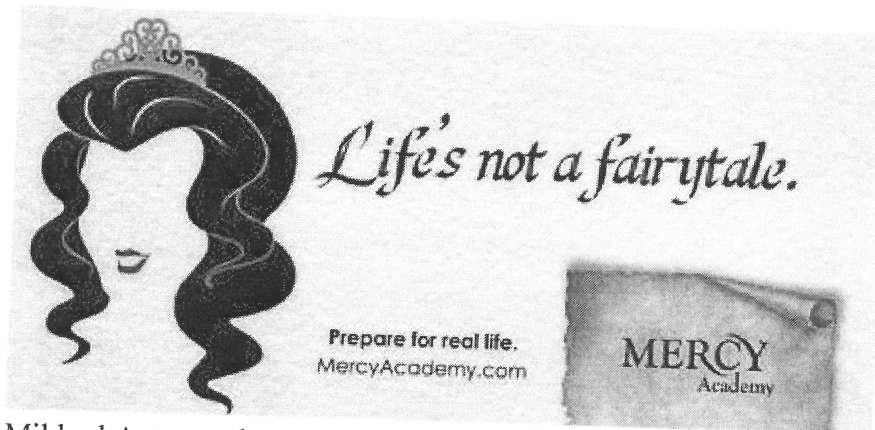
## Newark Police Under the Microscope: Stop and Frisk



Newark Councilman Ron Rice shares a very personal story on last night's Newark Today program about the impact the police practice of stop and frisk had on his own life as a young man. (from the March 13th edition of Newark Today, l. to r. - Andrew Meyer, Udi Ofer and Councilman Ron Rice. Photo by Julie Daurio) The five-minute report airs in the March 14 WBGO Journal at 7:30pm.

### Education

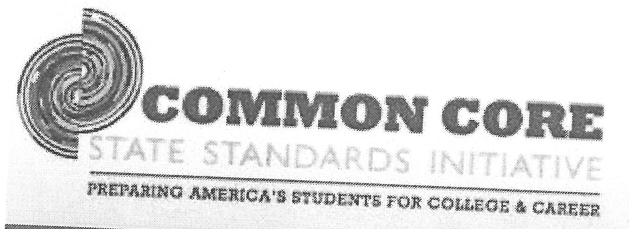
## Commentary: Princess Power



Mildred Antenor shares her thoughts on an advertising campaign from one small Catholic School and the message it sends to girls today. The three-minute commentary airs in the February 28 WBGO Journal at 7:30pm.

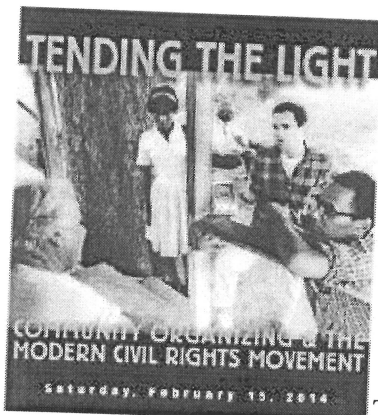
Commentator

## Mining the Common Core



The federal Common Core is supposed to establish clear standards for education in the U.S. Investigative reporter Cindy Weightman looks into concerns that the testing associated with the Common Core is being used by the government and others to gather sensitive information about kids. The eight-minute investigative report airs in the February 7 WBGO Journal at 7:30pm.

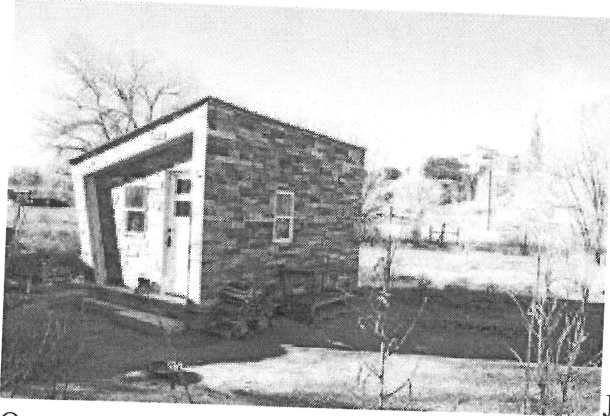
## Marion Thompson Wright Lecture 2014



The 2014 Marion Thompson Wright Lecture Series is Saturday, February 15th at Rutgers-Newark. Doug Doyle chats with two of those involved, Mark Krasovic of the Institute on Ethnicity, Culture and the Modern Experience at Rutgers-Newark and Junius Williams, Director of the Abbott Leadership Institute. The eight-minute interview airs in the February 7 WBGO Journal at 7:30pm.

## *Environment*

### **A House for the 21st Century**

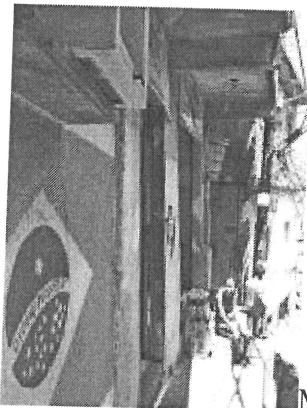


Queens recently where all the pieces of a house where cut using computer-controlled machines. (photo by Jon Kalish) Jon Kalish reports on a Maker Faire in The feature airs in the January 10 WBGO Journal at 7:30pm.

### **One Too Many Snowstorms**

Doug Doyle takes a look at the toll this winter is taking on the stockpile of road salt, not to mention snow-removal budgets. Four-minute segment airs in the February 14 WBGO Journal at 7:30pm.

### **In The Way Of The Games**



Monica Miller talks with Theresa Williamson, a community activist in Rio de Janiero who is fighting the eviction of the city's most disenfranchised

communities, the favelas to make way for this year's World Cup and the 2016 Summer Olympics. Monica's report airs in the March 14 WBGO Journal at 7:30pm.

*State Agencies.*

## **The State of the State: Business Not As Usual**



Governor Christie laid out his agenda for the coming year in his State of the State address, but will it be overshadowed by the George Washington Bridge scandal. Andrew Meyer has the latest on what's been a very busy week in Trenton. (*Governor Christie at this week's State of the State address. Photo by Phil Gregory*) Andrew's four-minute report airs in the January 17 WBGO Journal at 7:30pm.

## Who's Reading Your EZ Pass



Think your EZ Pass tag is being used only to pay your tolls? Think again. Investigative reporter Cindy Weightman looks into who's mining what information from your electronic toll tag. *(photo by Cindy Weightman)* Cindy's nine-minute report airs in the March 21 WBGO Journal at 7:30pm

## GWB Report: Vindication or Whitewash?



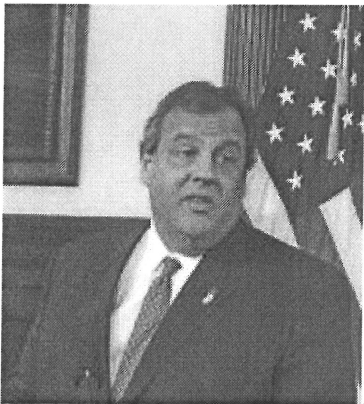
Doug Doyle talks with Bob Hennelly about the release this week of a report by Governor Christie's own lawyer which found that the Governor had no knowledge of the politically-motivated lane closures at the George Washington Bridge orchestrated by top aides. *(photo by Monica Miller)* Eight-minute chat airs in the March 28 WBGO Journal at 7:30pm.

*Politics*

## **NYC's New Mayor**

Doug Doyle reports on this week's swearing-in of New York City's new mayor, Bill de Blasio. The three-minute report airs in the January 3 WBGO Journal at 7:30pm.

## **Christie's Mea Culpa**



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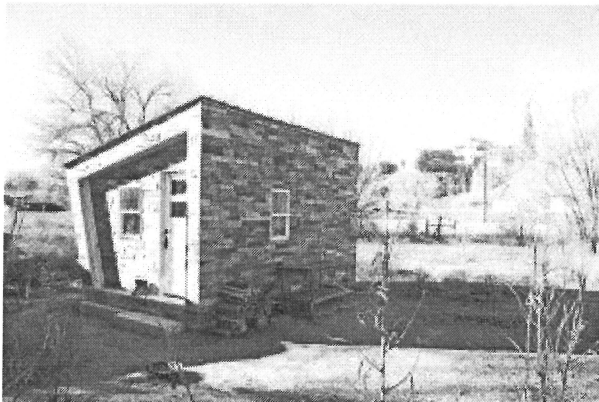
## Christie Back In The National Spotlight



Governor Christie spoke this week at the Conservative Political Action Conference, his first appearance before a national audience since the George Washington Bridge scandal broke. While he was enthusiastically received, Doug Doyle reports it comes at a time when the Governor continues to be dogged by the scandal and lagging recovery efforts from Sandy. *(photo by Tim Larsen/Governor's Office)* Five-minute segment airs in the March 7 WBGO Journal at 7:30pm.

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### *Race and Ethnicity*

## Ethiopia Rediscovered Jazz

Monica Miller takes a look at the resurgence of jazz in Ethiopia, after having been driven underground during three decades of a Marxist dictatorship in that country. The nine-minute sound-rich segment airs in the January 24 WBGO Journal at 7:30pm.

## Commentary: A Closer Look at 12 Years

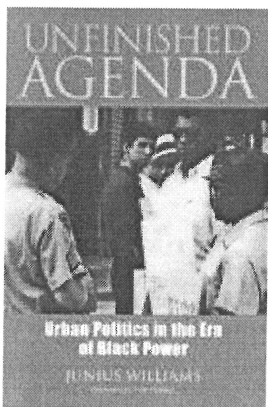


Commentator Mildred Antenor says the movie **12 Years A Slave** reveals an often overlooked aspect of the nation's dubious history: the role of white women in slavery. The three-minute commentary airs in the February 2 WBGO Journal at 7:30pm.

## Luna Stage: Master Harold and the Boys

Doug Doyle talks with two of the stars of the Luna Stage production of Athol Fugard's **Master Harold and the Boys**. The play based on racism in South Africa airs in the February 14 WBGO Journal at 7:30pm

## Junius Williams' Unfinished Agenda



Doug Doyle talks with community activist Junius Williams about his new memoir, **Unfinished Agenda: Urban Politics and the Era of Black Power**. The nine-minute segment airs in the March 21 WBGO Journal at 7:30pm.