



HAPPY HOMECOMING...Enjoying the recent Fall Fair and Homecoming at the Wardlaw-Hartridge School, 1295 Inman Avenue in Edison, pictured, left to right, are: Devon Daly of Scotch Plains, Samantha Mellina of Westfield, and Sarah Gries of Plainfield. Sponsored by the Parents' Association, the annual event offered a variety of activities both indoors and outdoors. Children participated in crafts and carnival games while parents shopped at the boutiques, bake sale, and greenhouse.

Aluminum Can Donations Have Exceeded Over \$20,000

The Westfield Fire Department, Firemen's Benevolent Association Local No. 30, with the help of the people of Westfield, have collected aluminum cans for Saint Barnabus Burn Foundation for the past 10 years. In that time span, collections have exceeded \$20,000.

Saint Barnabus Medical Center in Livingston operates the largest burn facility in New Jersey, according to a spokesman for the Westfield department.

The facility has a 12-bed intensive care unit that treats approximately 300 patients each year. Twenty-five percent of the patients are under the age of 18, and 15 percent are under the age of two, the spokesman emphasized.

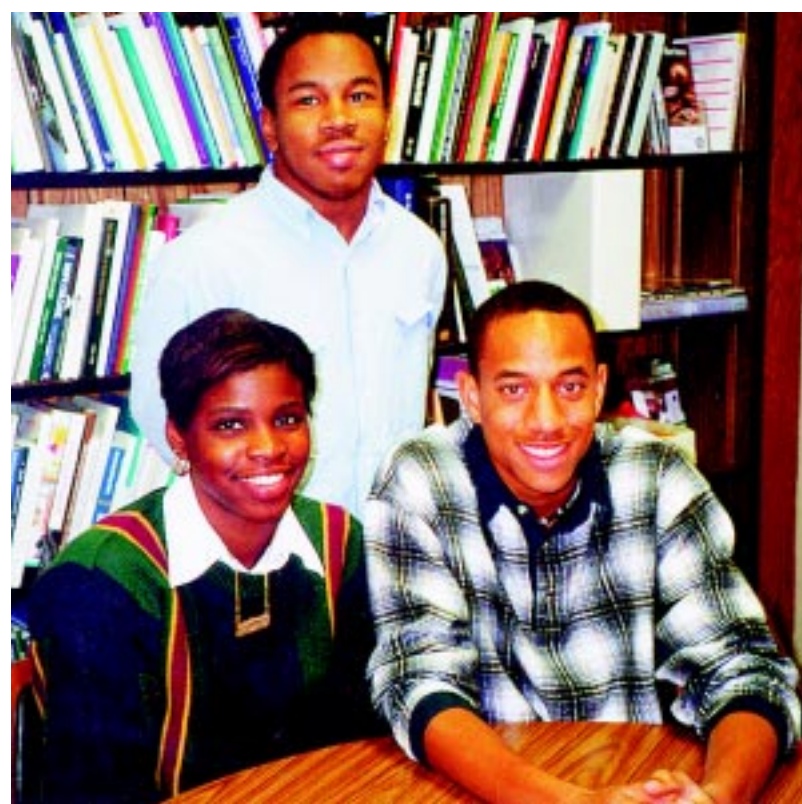
The Westfield Fire Department does not profit from the collection of the aluminum cans as all monies go

directly to Saint Barnabus Burn Foundation. The monies are then used for burn prevention education as well as patient-parent boarding, and the continuance of burn care education for nurses.

Since the programs inception in 1986, the total amount collected just from aluminum cans throughout the state from firefighters collections has exceeded \$1 million.

"This is a reflection on all firefighters in the state that participate in this noble cause," the spokesman noted.

The collection of aluminum beverage cans can be dropped off any time, day or night, behind the firehouse on North Avenue in Westfield. The firefighters will load the cans into the trailer. The public is asked only for their help in dropping the cans off at the firehouse.



IN TOP 5 PERCENT...Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School seniors Shawna Morgan and William Leak, standing, and Adam Bowser have been commended in the National Achievement Scholarship Program. These students scored in the top 5 percent of the 100,000 Black Americans who requested consideration in the 1998 program. This annual competition is conducted by the National Merit Scholarship Corporation and the honored local students will be commended to United States colleges and universities based on their outstanding performance on the 1996 Pre-Scholastic Achievement Test (PSAT)/National Merit Qualifying Test (NMQT).

Holy Trinity School Among Upcoming Blood Drive Sites

The Blood Center of New Jersey has announced upcoming blood drive locations and is asking healthy adults to sign up to donate. A blood drive will be held on Sunday, November 2, at Holy Trinity Parochial School, 336 First Street in Westfield, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

"Blood is needed every day for victims of accidents and trauma, and for the ongoing needs of cancer patients and those with blood disorders," said Judy Daniels, spokeswoman for the blood center.

Each pint donated is tested and broken down into components which have different uses, according to the spokeswoman.

Donors must be 18 years of age. Seventeen year olds may donate with parental permission. There is no upper age limit for donors, provided they have donated within the last two years, or have a doctor's note.

Donors should know their social security number and bring a signed form of identification.

People with cold or flu symptoms should wait until they are feeling better before donating, and there is a 72-hour deferral for dental work, including routine teeth cleaning.

Those who have traveled outside of the United States recently, are advised to call the blood center for eligibility criteria.

For more information or to sign up for a blood drive, please call the blood center at 1-800 BLOOD NJ.

Precious People Center Holds Grand Opening

Precious People Early Learning Center, a year round, full-day preschool serving children ages 2 through 5, celebrated its grand opening with an open house on September 28.

The open house was attended by nearly 100 enrolled children, parents and teachers. It afforded parents the opportunity to tour the brand new center and for parents and teachers to share goals and aspirations for the coming year.

Precious People is located at 132 South Avenue East, just east of the Westfield Train Station. It offers two-, three- and five-day programs. Those who missed the open house and are interested in obtaining more information or touring the center may contact the Director, Lisa Sanzalone, at 233-2330.



AN IMPORTANT VISITOR...Rotary International District Governor John J. Wilczynski, center, is shown with Westfield Rotary Club President Dr. D. Michael Hart, left, and Russel A. Ferri, Deputy Governor, after the Governor's annual visit to Westfield Rotary Club.

Academic Biologist to Give Talk to Historical Society

An academic biologist will use an unusual teaching technique developed as a hobby in a slide-lecture on "New Jersey Trivia" at the First Wednesday luncheon of the Westfield Historical Society on November 5 at B.G. Fields restaurant in Westfield.

William E. Dunscombe, Chairman of the Union County College (UCC) Biology Department, will present his program dealing with New Jersey's history, standards, symbols and natural history.

His teaching style is to ask the audience, via slides, a series of trivia questions. After the audience submits a variety of answers, the correct answer is shown on a slide with interesting factual information and some incorrect answers. It ends with a sing-along.

Professor Dunscombe has been Associate Professor of Biology at UCC since 1971, also serving as part-time golf coach since 1981, and also in interim positions as Acting Vice President of Academic Affairs, and Director of Athletics.

Before joining UCC, he graduated from Delaware Valley College, studied entomology at Pennsylvania State University with a National Science Foundation traineeship, earned a master's degree in entomology at Rutgers University, taught biology for two years at Kean College (now Kean University), and pursued doctoral studies in the Graduate School of Education at Rutgers.

He has designed and written six courses given at UCC: Biological Techniques and Instrumentation, Human Anatomy and Psychology, Human Biology, Man and the Environment, General Ecology, and Natural History of New Jersey.

Regular attendees at the First Wednesday luncheon will be contacted by a committee of the historical society to verify their reservations. Space permitting, others are welcome to attend by calling (908) 233-2930 before noon on Monday, November 3, for seating information.

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District Governor Pays Visit To Westfield Rotary Club

Westfield Rotarians were honored recently when District Governor John J. Wilczynski paid his official visit to review the club's programs and plans for the Rotary 1997-1998 year.

He was accompanied by his Deputy Governor Russell A. Ferri.

After a welcome to the meeting, Governor Wilczynski praised the Westfield club as having a long history of service to the community and for being a "dynamic unit in the family of Rotary Clubs."

He mentioned the fact that he has 350 helpers designated to assist in running the district and cited Westfield Rotarians Jimmy Coventry, Mary Ellen O'Boyle, Weyman Steengrafe and Robert P. Yaeger, for their efforts.

The Governor passed on mes-

sages from this year's Rotary International President Glenn W. Kinross of Australia, who stressed that individuals are keys in the organization and everything happens at club level.

Governor Wilczynski called on Westfield to claim a Presidential Citation to which they are entitled, to keep up membership by inviting new candidates to join, support the foundation, encourage fellowship and education, serve youth through Rotary youth programs and be active in community and international projects.

He closed his talk by reminding members to heed President Kinross' call to "show Rotary cares - for your community, for our world, for its people."



CONGRATULATIONS!...Immediate Past Presidents of the Rotary Club of Westfield Robert P. Yaeger and Dr. Ronald A. Swist were honored at a recent Rotary Club meeting. The club presented them with Paul Harris Fellow Awards by donating \$1,000 in the name of each recipient, to the Rotary International Foundation. The Foundation supports Rotary International programs in health, food production, education, student and group exchanges, among others, promoting goodwill, peace and international understanding. Pictured, left to right, are: Mr. Yaeger, Dr. Swist, President D. Michael Hart and District Governor John J. Wilczynski.

Holiday Boutique Nov. 1 at Vo-Tech

The sixth annual fund-raising Holiday Boutique will be held at the Union County Vocational-Technical Schools (UCVTS) on Saturday, November 1, from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. The event will be held indoors at the UCVTS campus at 1776 Raritan Road.

All proceeds from the event will benefit deserving UCVTS students. Heinz Ricken, Chairman of the Boutique, announced that students will receive their awards during the Awards Night ceremony prior to graduation in June.

Admission to the Holiday Boutique is free and ample parking will be provided on the campus. Refreshments will be available.

Mr. Miller to Hold Signing of New Book At Town Book Store

Westfield author Lee Miller will be available to discuss his new book, "Get More Money in Your Next Job," on Thursday, November 13, from 6 to 8 p.m. at The Town Book Store, located at 255 East Broad Street in Westfield.

In his book, Mr. Miller, an employment law expert, discloses negotiating techniques that help job seekers, from the sales person to Chief Executive Officer, land the best possible deal.

For free job-hunting advice, visitors are invited to come to The Town Book Store and meet Mr. Miller.

For more information, please call the store at (908) 233-3535.

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