



# beautiful Westchester!

A Quarterly Newsletter

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## From Mayor John J. Sinde

Happy New Year, Westchester residents and business owners! To start this new year off with a homerun, let me tell you that sometime in February, a new family restaurant will be opening in the Westchester Corporate Center, Tower 2. See the story on page 10 for more information. The owner and operator of this restaurant, Mike Galderio, is a pleasure to know and you will find him most hospitable.



Mayor John Sinde

Construction work is well underway at the Currie Motors site, too. I can tell you there will be some surprises with the occupants and a great convenience for our residents. I assure you that this development will be another proud accomplishment for your Village. I hope you were quite proud of our 2004 holiday decorations on Mannheim Road and especially our Village tree.

Furthermore, it is my sincere wish that we make a resolution to utilize all the good places in Westchester, such as Le Petite Cafe, Family Video, Quizno's, Giordano's, Young Prince, Joe's Place and Alpine Banquet House. Remember, these businesses need your support to stay in this beautiful Village and the best support we can give to them is our patronage.

## Quitting a bad habit

The following are some tips on quitting the bad habit of smoking in this new year:

- Set a quit date and stick to it.
- Make a list of reasons why you want to quit.
- Don't do it alone. Get support from family and friends.
- Stock your house with cigarette substitutes such as gum, hard candy or carrot sticks.
- Make a list of things to do instead of having a cigarette.

## From the Sheriff on Ritalin

A note from the Cook County Sheriff's Youth Services: The use of Ritalin, a central nervous system stimulant, should be prescribed by a physician. This drug is currently gaining popularity as a recreational drug for teenagers! For more information, contact the Cook County Sheriff's Youth Services Department at 1311 S. Maybrook Drive, Maywood, IL 60153 or call 708-865-2900.

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## THANK YOU!

Representative Bob Biggins continues to do an excellent job for the Village of Westchester, along with State Senator Dan Cronin. On behalf of all of us, I want to thank them and wish them both a happy and healthy new year. Pictured, Mayor Sinde (left) and Rep. Biggins.

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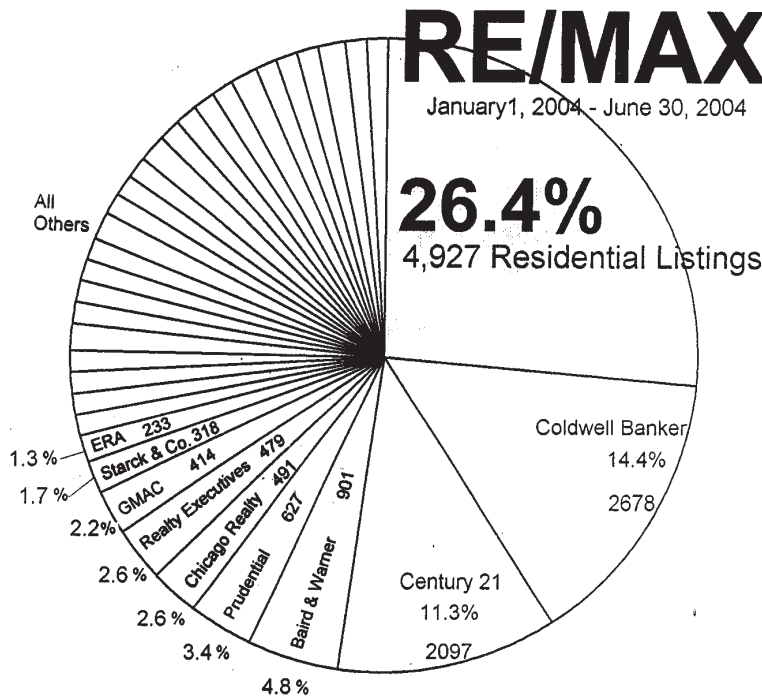
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## From the Mayor's Desk, continued

### Cooperation on the move

There has been much improvement with the issue regarding the times our residents have set out their garbage and recycling items. However, we still need the cooperation of the entire Village! With your help, we will not have to issue any citations and whether you realize it or not, the Village will look nicer, smell nicer and continue to be that place we call the "beautiful Village of Westchester."

### To new and long-time residents

For those who walk their dogs in our beautiful Westchester, we want to advise you of the necessity of carrying the appropriate scooper as another means of keeping our Village clean and pleasant smelling.

### If the weather outside is frightful...

On snow plowing day, please give the right of way to the plow. Thank you!

### Kindness goes a long way

Always be kind to an elderly person. Although sight, hearing and wit may dim, the warm feelings of love and family will always be there. Treat older people with honor and respect. For like you, they were once full of vigor, life, hopes and dreams. Now the vigor is going...or maybe not!!!

### Three cheers for cheerleaders

Congratulations to the following girls who participated in the December 1st, 2004 National Cheerleading Competition in Orlando, Florida: **4th Place, Jr. Midget Cheer:** Sachi Ahrweiler, Jessica Ayala,

Shannon Cawley, Maeve Cloherty, Leah Gallegos, Kim Glisson, Megan Hawkins, Tameka Hillsman, Amber and Ashley Kinzel, Gabby Kouimelis, Makayla Kuehn, Megan Landahl, AnneMarie LeCompte, Liana



Marino, Jessica Montalvo, Jenna Pozesky, Stacy Reynolds, Maria Rosales, Susan Scheve, Chloe Stockholm,

Emily Ticknor, Jessica Trzandel, Nicole Velez, Casey Witt.

**2nd Place, Jr. Pee Wee Cheer:** Catherine Arens, Rebecca Arp, Bernadette Balek, Brittany Behrendt, Caitlin Berek, Tiffany Brescia, Gianna Coco, Natalie Crisanti, Stefanie D'Anna, Lindsay Gordon, Cassie Hauschild, Lindsay Hawrylicz, Maribel Hernandez, Taylor Hesslau, Alyssa Malon, Bridget McDowell, Jennifer O'Hagan, Tony Ortiz, Gianna Pascua, Annie Pinta, Atalia Saric.

**1st Place, Pee Wee Cheer:** Tiana Brescia, Bridget Brogan, Alexis Carter, Meredythe DiVittorio, Breanne Dunn, Natalie Foy, Diana Golden, Jennifer Hollowed, Kelly Kramer, Liz Larson, Kristyn Lubas, Stephanie Vasquez, Alexis Villunas, Valarie Ziegler.

### Thank you!

Thank you to the graduates and members of our Citizens Police Academy who helped with our annual Veterans Day Run: Julie Noesen, Tom Noesen, Louis Simmons, Alfreda Wilson, Dick Frandsen, Kathy Triska, Allan Trucksa, Michelle Trucksa, Mike Malpier.

Wishing good health and happiness and love for all of you,

—**Mayor John J. Sinde**

## westchester's food pantry needs your donations

Donations of paper products, non-perishable food items, cash or checks made payable to the Westchester Food Pantry may be dropped off at the Village Hall from 8:30 am until 5 pm Monday through Friday each week.

Special thanks go out to all local resident contributors as well as Family Video, Old Glory Masonic Lodge, Indian Guides, Westchester area schools, the Westchester Chamber of Commerce and

the MacNeal school kids.

For more information on the Westchester



Food Pantry and how you can help make a difference, contact Judy Saraceno Swenson for volunteer or service project information at 708-531-0535.

## From Editor Mike Del Re

It is official: Mayor John Sinde, after 32 years in public office, will not seek re-election this Spring, in the April 2005 election, because of his health.

I have known Mr. Sinde for about 30 years—both as an elected official and as a member of the baseball board. During my own tenure as a Trustee, we have been on the same side of some issues and on opposite sides of others. But no matter what the issue, John Sinde has always had the best interests of the people and the Village of Westchester as his primary motivation.

No one is perfect or without mistakes. But the fact remains that when the Mayor assessed the outcome of any issue facing our Village, his main concern was how it would impact the town.

To a fault, his battle cry was, "We are here to serve the community." Some of his efforts to serve were quite complicated and couldn't be accomplished; others were easier to implement.

I would like to take this

opportunity thank Mayor Sinde on behalf of all of the residents who feel as I do that he deserves our gratitude for three decades of true dedication and service to his "beautiful Westchester."

Many of you knew him as your crossing guard; others knew him as a tireless advocate for senior citizens; others admired him for his perseverance despite his many physical obstacles.

Still others knew and appreciated his love for a good joke and his generosity toward the children of the Village, especially during the Fun Fest, through our DARE

program, our Fire Safety House and many other projects put into place under his leadership.

I sincerely hope that whatever he chooses to do in the future will be done with the same dedication and energy he has shown in the past.

I wish him good health and happiness in the new year and in the years ahead.

"Good Luck, Tiger" and thanks for the memories.

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**EDITOR is Mike Del Re**

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**VILLAGE PRESIDENT**

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**Chris Edmonds, Village Attorney**

## ***Sign Up For Westchester Girls Softball***

**Westchester Girls' Softball, Inc. will hold registration for the 2005 season from 5:30 to 8:30 pm on January 14th and January 21st at the Westchester Community Church. WGS provides a recreational activity for Westchester girls currently in grades K-12. Registration forms will be mailed to all past participants. Forms will be available at the Park District Community Center Main Office. For more information, call Leigh Rossi at 708-562-7039 after 6 pm.**

## From the Front Office

### Recycling Bins.

Residents should imprint their address on their recycling bins to help prevent the "mysterious" disappearance of bins!

### After-hours Payments.

Use the drop in the lobby of the Village Hall, located in the main lobby just to the left of the doorway into the Village offices after hours.

### Check Your Meter With Us.

It is recommended that every time you receive a water bill you should read both the water meter, located inside the house, and the read-o-matic on the outside of the house and see that they are reading the same.

If the numbers are different, contact Carrie in the Village Office at 345-0020.

### From the Building Department.

Village ordinance requires all properties being sold to be inspected by the Building Department prior to sale. Rental agents/owners must be registered with the Village; all single-family homes and apartments are to be inspected prior to rental; all common areas of apartment buildings are inspected once per year. For details, call the Westchester Village Hall at 345-0020.

### Are you registered to vote?

Please be sure you are registered to vote in the April 5, 2005 local election. Registration deadline is February 28, 2005.



Make a note of it...  
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VEHICLE	FEE (2/15)	FEE (2/16)
Auto	\$25.00	\$50.00
Motorcycle	\$22.00	\$44.00
Truck (B Plate)	\$50.00	\$100.00
Truck (C Plate)	\$60.00	\$120.00

Seniors: \$10 to seniors age 65 by 2/14/05. One per person. Dog tags are \$3 until February 28, 2005 and \$4 beginning March 1. Cat tags are \$4.

Newly-acquired dogs and cats must be licensed within 30 days after receiving their first rabies vaccine. Rabies certification must be presented upon registration.

The Village Hall will be open for your convenience on Saturdays, February 5 and 12th, 9 am to noon. Village Hall office hours on Monday through Friday are 8:30 am to 5 pm.



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Please call Officer Joe Manna or Officer Rich Stieber at 708-345-0060 to register for the next session. Our next 12-week class starts February 2, 2005!

**Blood program to give away two \$50 dinners!**

In an effort to attract more blood donors to help patients in Chicago area hospitals, the Westchester Blood Program will draw the names of two people after its January 15th drive and present them with \$50 gift certificates from area restaurants. All donors, volunteers and anyone else at the January 15 drive will be eligible to enter the random drawing.

After completing another successful year, the Blood Program will join with LifeSource Blood Services in sponsoring its first area-wide drive of 2005 from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. on January 15 in the Mayfair Room of Divine Providence School, 2500 Mayfair.

The organization collected 500 units in 2004, marking 15 straight years it has received at least 500. The flip side of that coin is that, in the late 1980s and '90s, the group collected at least 600 and sometimes more than 700 units.

Late last year, the blood-assurance organization was honored by LifeSource, which serves 600 hospitals, as one of its two most productive community programs.

At its October and November drives, 20 first-time donors took part, coming from their homes across the western suburbs: Jawania Anderson, Jamie Bucio, Gary Derrico, Deborah Fogue, Angela Grant, Thomas Jackson, Tanya Jech, Mike Lorenzen, Ed Marchewka, Craig Marousek, Linda Mitchell, Rachael Palermo, Allan Reader, Wayne Rollag, Danielle Sances, Laurel Schmidt, Alison Schwanz, Garry Smith, Matthew Stafford and Ruth Wollard.

**ONLY 5% GIVE REGULARLY**

It is important to remember that only 5% of Americans nationwide donate blood regularly. And, in the Chicago area, that number is less than 4%. That means that around 96% of Chicago area residents, when requiring hospital attention, depend on those few donors for their lives. And yet the donation procedure is safe and fast, normally taking no more than 40 minutes.

**THE SCHEDULE OF OTHER DRIVES THIS YEAR:**

**SATURDAY, APRIL 23**

Community Center, 8:30am-3pm

**SATURDAY, JULY 23**

Divine Providence School, 8:30am-3pm

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 22**

Community Center, 8:30am-3pm

# SPRINGFIELD BUS TOUR MAY 2005



The Westchester Chamber of Commerce invites you to join its 8th annual bus tour to Springfield on Wednesday, May 4, 2005 leaving at 6:30 a.m. from Mid America Bank and returning at approximately 9 p.m. The cost of the tour is \$70 per person and includes snacks on the bus, lunch, dinner and guided tour. Our host in Springfield is Senator Dan Cronin. In addition to a tour of the Capital, we'll visit the Constitutional offices of state officials, where you'll have the opportunity to meet with and have photo opportunities with many legislators. Our tour will include visits and introductions to the floor of both the Senate and the House and gallery viewing of both while in session. The coach will swing by the Governor's Mansion as the bus departs Springfield. Bring your cameras and prepare for a fun-filled and educational trip. Make reservations early! Space is limited. Contact Bill Ernst at 708-343-4300 for details.



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# from the **Water Department**

## **WATER DEPARTMENT**

**From John Fecarotta,  
Superintendent**

The cold weather has arrived! Please note our winter warnings: Make sure the outside water spickets are turned off in the basement during the winter months to prevent pipes from cracking and freezing. If you are leaving town for warmer weather, please inform the Water Department so we can shut off the water at the Buffalo Box while you are away.

Residents: This winter season, adopt a fire hydrant—help keep a hydrant clean and free of snow so that our snow plow drivers and the Fire Department can easily identify it and recognize the fire hydrant.

If residents see an unusual or extreme amount of water in the streets or parkways (indication of a possible main break), please call the Water Department at 708-345-0041 or 708-345-0060 (police non-emergency number) to report it so we can check it immediately.

Residents are advised to contact the Water Department at 708-345-0041 before signing a contract with a plumber to rod the sanitary line. Our department will check to make sure the problem is not in our sanitary lines. All plumbers working in the Village of Westchester need a contractor's license from the Building Department plus a certificate of insurance. A permit is required to assure codes are met and an inspection from our Water Department is necessary.

Because we can't stress it enough, please don't put cooking grease or oils into your sink as it enters our system and creates a major problem. Please put all grease and oils into a container and freeze it and then dispose of it with your garbage. We greatly appreciate your help! Thank you.

# from the **Public Works Department**

## **FROM PUBLIC WORKS**

**John Doolittle, Superintendent  
and Mike Del Re, Director**

We will be starting our regular branch pick up on Monday, April 11, 2005. Watch for all the details and the schedule in your spring newsletter.

Restoration of parkways that have been damaged due to work performed by Village crews will resume in the spring as weather permits.

Start the New Year right and register now for our shared-cost sidewalk replacement program. We are taking applicants on a first-come, first-served basis. Call Public Works at 708-345-0041 to register.

Also, we are accepting applicants for the 2005 parkway tree program. The Village will share the cost of a new parkway tree and planting.

Anyone interested should call

Public Works now at 708-345-0041 for details. Planting begins in April 2005.

## **STREET DEPARTMENT**

**Dale Bogda, Superintendent**

November and December were great but can it last? When the snow falls, our crews will be working to keep our streets clear. Please help us to do our job

better by observing simple rules:

◆ Place your garbage cans **BEFORE** the curb line and **NOT** in the street as this forces us to plow around them and therefore we aren't able to clear the street curb to curb.

◆ Please observe the "**NO PARKING**" and "**SNOW ROUTE**" signs and kindly remove your automobile from all other streets until after the snow has been cleared. Every car left parked causes **THREE (3)** car lengths of street to be unplowed.

◆ Do not throw/blow the snow back into the street once it has been plowed as this could cause a very dangerous situation and accidents due to slick spots.

The Street Department works long and hard to keep streets clear and safe. With your continued support, we can make it through another winter together.

**REMEMBER, this year the parking signs will be enforced!**

from your westchester chamber of commerce



You are cordially invited to attend the  
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# It's Duct Season! <sup>sm</sup>

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# WESTCHESTER HEADLINES

## Dana Mandarino crowned homecoming Queen at Montini High School

Dana Mandarino of Westchester, daughter of Mark and Kim Mandarino and granddaughter of Westchester Mayor John Sinde, was crowned Queen of Homecoming at Montini Catholic High School in fall 2004. Dana also earned a place on the Montini Honor Roll along with Phillip Smunt, James Bajzek, Roy Brown, Cassandra Milleville, Ashley Borchardt, Anthony De Natale, Dominic LoBello,



Gianna Mandarino, Michael Bajzek, Kevin Cerven, Jacquelyn Glowinski, Emile Kopija, Michele Lieberman, Desiree Morales, Kevin Pope, Michael Schoenhardt and Curtis Suva. On the High Honor Roll: Andrew Kerstein, Steven Montalto, Mary Sedlack, Shane Tierney, Dominica Cassata, Erica Luciano, Alyssa Montalto and Bryan Wisniewski.

## Trustee's grandson celebrates Mass at alma mater St. Joseph High School

Newly-ordained Father Robert Schultz returned to his alma mater, St. Joseph High School, to celebrate Mass. Father Schultz, who graduated in 1991, went on to study at St. Xavier University and Mundelein Seminary. He was ordained in 2001



by Cardinal Francis George at Holy Name Cathedral. Father Schultz is a native of Westchester and grandson of Trustee Angelo Luciano, a member of the Village Board. He celebrated his first Mass at his home parish of Divine Providence.

*Pictured, left to right, Chad Polak, resident of Westchester, Father Robert Schultz, James Randolph of Broadview and Dustin Baldassari, also a resident of Westchester.*

## A Dream Come True

### Balagio Ristorante

It was always a dream of owner Mike Galderio to have a restaurant where people could enjoy the finest homestyle Italian food, impeccable service and an atmosphere that would make people feel like they were dining at a restaurant in downtown Chicago—all at an affordable price. That dream comes to Westchester in February when Balagio Ristorante opens in the Westbrook Corporate Center, Tower Two, at Cermak and Wolf Roads, by Valentine's Day.

Mike Galderio, with Italian family recipes and creative chefs, has already perfected an imaginative and sumptuous menu at his locations in Homewood and Frankfort. With the same great food, wonderful service and beautiful decor, Balagio in Westchester will soon become one of this area's favorite places to enjoy Italian American cuisine at its finest.

Balagio uses only the freshest ingredients in all of the menu items; the homemade sauces and soups are known throughout the area. Incredible seafood selections, the best cuts of beef and veal and perfect pastas, Balagio desserts, wine list as well as lunch and dinner specials will please everyone.

Featuring nightly entertainment with the soft sounds of pianists during the dinner hour, Balagio proudly welcomes vocalist Jim Bulanda and his tribute to Frank Sinatra later in the evening. Open weekdays for lunch, Balagio is the perfect place for business meetings and luncheons. Balagio has private and semi-private rooms for smaller functions. Visit the website at [www.balagio-restaurant.com](http://www.balagio-restaurant.com) for updated grand opening information or call 708-409-1111.

# Illinois Senate News

## OPEN LETTER

**From Senator Kimberly Lightford  
4th District**

Dear Neighbors,

The General Assembly has been busier than usual, with such issues as budget and education reforms taking center stage.

With education continuing to be a major issue of discussion, I am pleased to have been appointed Vice Chairperson of the Senate Education Committee. This new leadership position gives me a greater opportunity to continue working for quality educational opportunities for the children of the 4th District and across the State.

In addition to the budget and education reforms, I introduced and sponsored several important pieces of legislation this spring to benefit our communities.

As an incentive for Illinois students to get involved in community service, I introduced Senate Bill 2981 creating the Youth Service Scholarship

Program. This program will provide public school students who have completed 100 hours of community service a \$500 scholarship to use at any private or public college, or vocational institution in Illinois.

To protect Illinois' senior citizens from being financially exploited, I introduced Senate Bill 2707, which requires the Commissioner of Banks and Real Estate to encourage financial institutions to participate in the Department on Aging's financial exploitation of the elderly intervention program.

To help protect Illinois' working families, I introduced Senate Bill 2981 creating the Homeowners' Emergency Mortgage Assistance Program. This program will help homeowners avoid foreclosure by providing emergency assistance if they are unable to pay their mortgages due to unforeseen circumstances through no fault of their own.

As always, if I can be of any other service to you, please feel free to call my Chicago or Springfield offices. Thank you again and God bless.

Sincerely,

*Kimberly A. Lightford*



### RESIDENTIAL WATER/SEWER RATES PER 1,000 GALLONS

Town	Water	Sewer
Westchester	3.45	0.10
Melrose Park	2.97	w/water
River Forest	3.07	0.53
Broadview	3.28	0.80
Northlake	3.47	3.30/mo.
Bellwood	4.74	1.65
LaGrange Pk.	4.92	1.86
Brookfield	4.92	1.33
LaGrange	5.23	0.84
Berkeley	5.60	1.17
Hillside	5.70	0.45
<i>(water rate includes waste pick-up)</i>		
Maywood	5.72	0.40
Riverside	6.75	1.67

## ABOUT THE SEWER FEE

The Village of Westchester instituted a sewer fee on October 30, 1990 with a charge of .10 cents per 1,000 gallons of water use. The sewer fee is based upon actual usage and there is no minimum sewer charge. The Village's sewer system is aging and requires maintenance each year. Therefore, on October 1, 2004, the Village implemented an increase to .50 cents per 1,000 gallons.

This is the first and only increase in the sewer charge in the last 14 years. On October 1, 2004, the Village's water rate was increased from \$3.45 to \$3.75 per 1,000 gallons. In the period June 1, 1981 to March 1, 2004, the City of Chicago increased the cost of water to the Village of Westchester by 86.6%. Over that same time period, the water rate paid by Village residents increased only 27.78%. Therefore, during this period, the Village absorbed three quarters of Chicago increases and only passed along one-quarter of the increases to our residents. On the accompanying chart, you can see a comparison of neighboring communities' water and sewer rates, which indicate that the Village of Westchester still has one of the lower rates.

## Dawid joins women's tennis team at Elmhurst College

Alyse Dawid of Westchester is a new member of the Elmhurst College women's tennis team. Dawid, a freshman, is an art major at Elmhurst College.

A graduate of Immaculate Heart of Mary High School, Dawid received a Most Valuable Player award her sophomore year, earned a varsity letter and went on to become captain her senior year.

She is the daughter of Thomas and Jane Dawid of Westchester.

Founded in 1871, Elmhurst College is affiliated with the United Church of Christ.

## Nazareth first quarter "A" honor roll

From Westchester: Roseanne Aguilar, Mary Jo Bobak, Anthony Gattuso, Larry Gorski Jr., Kelsey Hopkins, Timothy Kennedy, Aaron Lemkau, Patrick McGinnis, Kathryn Smith, Sara Brown, Amanda Carvelli, Cory Griffith, Erica Holmes, Tanya Jech, Colette Jordan, Jillian Memmel, Ellen Stewart, Daniel Weber, David Wisinski, Theresa Battaglia, Mary Elizabeth Calabrese, Karen Cynkar, Rachel Grogan, Sara Hawkins, Sarah Hermanowski, Stefanie Hiebel, Megan Novak, Roberto Paniagua, Katerina Patselli, Daiva Ragas, Laura Barnes, Tito Catuncan Jr., Marissa Dellacroce, Holly Eisenhart, Kristen Farmer, Garrett Griffith, Susan Kolodziej, Kaitlyn Kribbs, Lindsay Noesen, Dominic Rocco, Andrea Sforza, Daniel Smith, Margaret Xenakis.

## St. Joseph "A" Honor Roll

St. Joseph High School, the premier laptop learning school, where all students have laptops and over 95% of students are accepted into the college of their first choice is proud to announce the first quarter honor roll for 2004-2005.

From Westchester: Spencer Battersby, Sean Callahan, Kevin Dawid, Kurt Dawid, John LaPaglia, Anthony Longano, James Moldenhauer and Jeffrey Woss.

St. Joseph is the only Catholic high school to receive the highest endorsement from the North Central Association of Colleges.

## IHM first-year students choose reps

IHM first-year students have named home-room reps to the IHM Student Council in a recent election at the school. Angelica Martino of Westchester will represent Room 306.

## Divine Providence Honor Roll

For the first quarter of 2004-2005: 8th Grade Golden Honors: Alexandra Johnson; 8th Grade Silver Honors: Elizabeth Di Zenzo and Shani Mendez. 7th Grade Golden Honors: Kim Bajzek, Laura Lopez, Jasmine Macabulos, Robert Moore, Patrick Murray, Phillip Schroeder, Stephanie Suchy; 7th Grade Silver Honors: Jonnie Brown, Katie Callahan, Briana Gonzalez. 6th Grade Golden Honors: Ryan Fleming and Anthony Lodico.

## IHM "First Honors" Honor Roll

From Westchester: Deanna Allen, Colleen Blase, Gintare Cepukaite, Kathryn Favia, Susan Gabel, Melissa Jacklin, Anne Liotine, Janelle Macabulos, Luann Maslana, Margaret Meza, Peggy Mueller, Jessica Ortiz, Nancy Paniagua, Kristen Petkevich, Gianna Pollastrini, Catherine Roberts, Brittany Scannicchio, Lisanne Scannicchio, Lisa Songco and Megan Wasz.

## Divine Infant Accelerated Readers

The Accelerated Reader Program is a special reading opportunity for children of Divine Infant School; it encourages the reading of classical children's literature and checks comprehension of reading through computer tests.

During the first quarter, 385 books were read and tests taken.

The following students have been named the top ten readers for the first quarter: Mary Beth Xenakis, grade 6, Laura Laskiewicz, grade 6, Justin Chenski, grade 4, Michael Shimizu, grade 6, Robert Tworek, grade 3, Dominic Belluomini, grade 8, Dominique Finley, grade 7, Benjamin Wojtynek, grade 2, Andrew Brandt, grade 5 and Anna Tassi, grade 6.

# Triton COLLEGE



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### ***The Xtra Terrestrial Files***

Fridays and some Saturdays until February 26. Explore the controversial subject of ETs and investigate everything from alien abductions to interstellar travel in this loose take-off of the hit TV series "The X Files."

### ***Children's Shows***

Dinosaurs in Space, Sundays at 2 pm.

Dinosaur! Sundays, 3 pm

### ***Laser Light Shows***

The Beatles, The Wall and Zeppelin Unbound!

### ***Monthly Skywatch***

Saturdays, 7:30 pm January 15 to February 19

The Cernan Center is on Triton's main campus at 2000 Fifth Avenue, River Grove.

Visit the web at

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## Illinois State Scholars at IHM

Students ranking in the top 10% of the state's high school graduating seniors have been named State Scholars by the Illinois Student Assistance Commission. From Westchester: Catherine Roberts and Lisa Marie Songco were named.

## Proviso West Honor Roll

For the first quarter of the first semester, from Westchester: High Honors-Pamela Becerra, Johanna Bone, Scott Brandt, Jessica Cox, Judith Kaufamn, Jessica Kozelsky, Anna Kucher, Kelsea Mills, Mario Miranda, Niquanda Reid, Tyara Simpson, Nina Walters. "A" Honors-Brian Davis, Brian Ernst, Kathryn Gorr, Maricruz Guillen, Sharita Haralson, Monique Hickman, Jazmyn Holley, Anna Ludwin, Michael McGuinness, Myrene Pidu, Kevin Steinhauer, Nicole Trammel, Jessica Wachholz.

## Divine Infant Honor Roll

High Honors students: 6th grade-Michael Shimizu; 7th grade-Dominique Finley, Dawn Mitchell and Michael Saraceno; 8th grade-Joseph Adolfini, Simone Bolack, Colleen Casey, Teresa Herman, Julia Jekli, Ryan Jordan, Patrick Weber. Honors: 6th grade-Justine Cabrera, Kevin Farmar, Samantha Herman, Laura Laszkiewicz, Bryan Novak, Rachael Smietana, Anna Tassi, Marybeth Xenakis; 7th grade-Christine Cabrera, Marissa Roberson, Krizia Vance, Theresa Weber, Kyle Wooten; 8th grade-Dominic Belluomini, Collin Dent, Jillian Green, Kathleen Mullins, Mark O'Connor and Kirstie Songco.

## News Briefs from IHM

In IHM's December performance of "The Magic Theatre," cast members included Sam Hansen of St. Joseph High School and Rose Stovicek, both of Westchester.

Four Immaculate Heart of Mary students have earned the designation of AP Scholar by the College Board in recognition of their exceptional achievement on the college-level Advanced Placement Program (AP) Exam. Among the four, Jessica Bolack qualified for the AP Scholar with Distinction Award. Jessica was the Class of 2004 commencement salutatorian.

## Westchester Public Schools 92-1/2 Kindergarten registration begins

Kindergarten registration for the 2005-2006 school year will be on Monday, February 7, 2005. Doors open at 3:30 p.m. and registration begins at 6:30 p.m. at Westchester Primary School, 2400 South Downing. Registration ends at 7:30 p.m.

Packets will be available for pick up in the WPS School Office beginning Thursday, January 13, 2005 from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m. It is not necessary to bring the child to registration.

Requests for morning or afternoon kindergarten sessions will be honored on a first-come, first-served basis. Numbers will be passed out at registration. If you are unable to pick up a packet in the School Office, one will be available for you to complete on February 7th.

**To register, the following information is required:** completed registration packet with Certificate of Residence notarized; proof of residency in District 92-1/2 through tax bill, mortgage statement, payment book, title or bill of sale. Renters should bring current original lease, driver's license, auto insurance statement, utility bill, with your name and address indicated; an official birth certificate (child must be 5 on or before September 1, 2005); child's social security number; and, if the child resides with a divorced parent, a copy of the custody and parenting portions of the official divorce or separation decree must be provided.

If residing in a relative's home, please call the School Office at 562-1509 for information.

Forms for required school physicals and dental exams will be included in the packets. These forms must be completed and turned in at registration in August. The dates and times for this registration and fee payment will be announced at a later date.

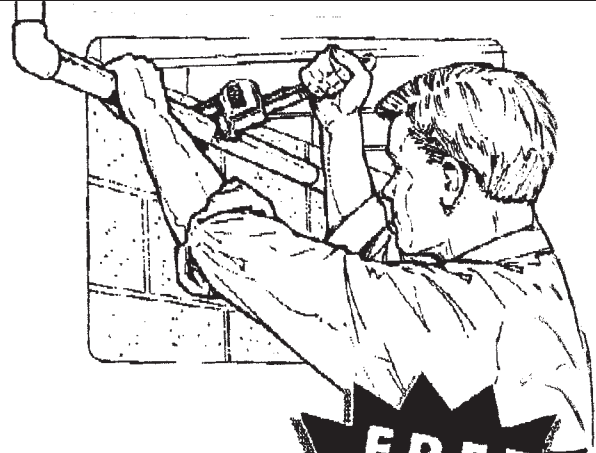
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