#### Selling roses to fight diabetes

The Luzerne County Chapter of the American Diabetes Association is again holding its Mother's Day Rose Sale to help raise badly needed funds for their ongoing program of research to find a cure or preventative for diabetes, the leading cause of blindness in the United Sates. Boxed, long-stem, red roses will be available, by prior order, at selected locations throughout Wyoming Valley on May 11 and May 12. Each dozen roses will be available for only \$18.00 per dozen. Deadline for orders is May 4.

One group assisting with this year's campaign is the Lake-Lehman High School Key Club. Shown above are, from left, first row, Nicole Gardner, Anjanette Rodzinak, Gayle Rogers, Melissa Billington, Key Club President; Molly White and Judy Andrejko, treasurer. Second row, Angelo Grasso, Ada Chapter President; Charles Wasserott IV, ADA Rose Sale Chairman; Rich DeRemer, Ray Hall, Adam Clark, Gene Shendock, Key Club Advisor and Dr. Gary Smith, ADA board member.



### Selected for Johns Hopkins Program

Cathy Grossman an eighth grade student at the Dallas Middle School was recently selected to participate in the CTY program sponsored by John Hopkins University

The university's Center for the Advancement of Academically Talented Youth (CTY) annually searches the nation in an effort to locate and serve mathematically and verbally talented youth. In 1989-1990 over 34,000 middle school students took the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) under the auspices of the annual CTY talent search. Cathy Grossman has qualified for the writing program offered by Johns Hopkins and now has the opportunity to attend the CTY 1990 Summer Residential Program at Dickinson College, Carlisle, Pa.

Pictured are Mr. John Wolensky, guidance and Cathy Grossman.

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# Essay contest winners honored at Penn State

Penn State Wilkes-Barre recently honored the top finishers in a "World of Tomorrow" essay conof the new Center for Technology at the campus in Lehman.

Jennifer Doran, Hanover Area Junior High School, took first place honors in the 8th grade category. Kimberly Daniels, Lake-Lehman

They competed against more

Junior High School, placed sec- mony held at the Tech Center.

### Leena Shah is awarded National Merit Scholarship Leena Shah of Dallas has been has won numerous awards and

awarded a National Merit Scholarship. She will receive a \$2,000 scholarship from the National Merit Scholarship Foundation.

More than one million students in over 19,000 high schools entered the 1990 Merit program. Miss Shah is one of approximately 6,000 who will receive awards.

Miss Shah is a senior at Wyoming Seminary School, where she

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than 40 entries in the essay contest held as part of the dedication test, each addressing the theme "Changes, Choices and Challenges of our Future Technological World." Certificates and U.S. Savings Bonds for first and second place (\$100 and \$50, respectively) were presented at a special awards cere-

prizes and is a member of the Cum

Laude Society, the Madrigal sing-

ers, the orchestra and chorus. She

plans to study medicine.

## Notes from school

#### Dallas Band Boosters to meet May 1

The Dallas Band Boosters' Association will hold their meeting Tuesday, May 1, 7:30 p.m. in the Dallas Senior High School Band

On the agenda will be the Election and Installation of Officers for the 1990-91 school year.

All parents of Instrumental Music Students and Band Front Students are invited to attend.

#### Plans continuing for Kingswood Scholarship

Applications for the Kingswood Scholarship will be accepted by Wyoming Seminary College Preparatory School from ninth, 10th and 11th grade students who are members of the United Methodist Church. Deadline for submission of all forms is May 15.

Interested applicants should contact Wyoming Seminary's Admission Director John R. Eidam in writing, or by calling 283-6060. Candidates will be required to submit an information sheet, plus recommendations from their pastor and teachers, and a school transcript. Through this program, Wyoming Seminary may provide two \$2000 Kingswood Scholarships to new students each school year.

Jennifer Bradley of Kingston and Roy Harvey of Tunkhannock are the 1989-90 winners of these Kingswood Scholarships to Wyoming Seminary.

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### Caution while tanning can help prevent skin cancer

My daughter plans to spend a lot of time this spring and summer, working on her tan. I am afraid that she is asking for trouble. Can exposure to too much sun cause cancer?

The sun acts cumulatively in damaging our skin. It is not just today's sun that is harmful: The damage may start with overexposure to the sun in our childhood, and continue to accumulate.

Skin cancer is the most common form of cancer, but if detected and treated early, it is the easiest to cure. The skin, the body's largest organ, is constantly subjected to external abuse by infections and by irritations from clothing, the weather and chemicals in the air. Internally, the products of our normal bodily functions also affect our skin.

The worst external enemy of skin is the sun. And as our leisure time increases, we are spending more time

This summer there are ways you can prevent the sun from damaging or "poisoning" your skin: Use common sense and avoid overexposure to the

• Wear a sun-screening lotion or cream, and if you have very fair skin, wear a broad-brimmed hat and

long-sleeved shirt. • Stay our of the summer sun when its rays are the

most intense at midday. Because people are living longer and spending more time pursuing outdoor activities, physicians expect to see a greater incidence of skin cancer in the future.

The two most common forms of skin cancer are basal cell cancer, a common but slow-growing malignancy, and squamous cell cancer, which is found less frequently but may spread more rapidly. These cancers usually appear on exposed parts of the body; the arms, neck, face and the backs of hands.

Basal cell and squamous cell cancers are characterized by a pale, waxy, pearly nodule that ulcerates and crusts, or by small, red, scaly bumps or patches. They usually grow locally and don't spread to other parts of

A third and far more serious form of skin cancer is malignant melanoma, which, while still relatively uncommon, is increasing in incidence. This form of skin cancer is characterized by a rapidly growing black or dark brown mole-like growth that may become ulcerated and bleed easily if injured even slightly. The survival rate for malignant melanoma is 70 percent, lower than 99 percent rate of other forms of skin cancer because it spreads so quickly.

Older people often develop precancers called actinic keratosis, which may eventually become cancerous. Although they are non-malignant, these precancers should be examined and treated if they enlarge before they develop into squamous cell cancers.

If you have any bump or growth on your skin that changes in size or color or bleeds persistently, you should have it examined by a doctor. Your doctor will continue to examine you regularly for other malignant bumps or growths, because anyone who has had one skin cancer is more susceptible to others. Detected early, skin cancers usually can be cured.

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