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## Rendell drops by with a check

By M.B. GILLIGAN  
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DALLAS — A host of local officials were on hand when Governor Ed Rendell visited the Dallas Borough Building Thursday morning to announce grants to five Luzerne County municipalities.

"I think we were the smallest

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Governor Ed Rendell, a Democrat, listened as Dallas Borough Mayor Timothy Carroll welcomed him to the Republican stronghold. Rendell stopped by to announce five grants, including one to the borough.

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## Grant funds will make walking easier, safer

New and repaired sidewalks are meant to make walking convenient between locations.

By RONALD BARTIZEK  
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DALLAS — The "Streetscape" project in Dallas Borough should more tightly link Main Street with College Misericordia, while making a walk to the library and Gate of

Heaven School safer and more pleasant.

"We're committed to bringing the campus closer to downtown," said borough Manager Joe Moskovitz last week. While that doesn't mean moving any buildings, new and rebuilt sidewalks along Lake Street will make a stroll to "downtown" businesses more appealing to students.

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## 24th ANNUAL ROSSETTI ART SHOW



FOR THE POST/CHARLOTTE BARTIZEK

John Dymond, Shavertown, admires artwork hung for the 24th annual Suzanne Maria Rossetti Memorial Juried Art Show, which opened last weekend. He paid special attention to the work by his daughter, Elizabeth. More photos on page 3.

## Student art draws admirers

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### SHOW CONTINUES THROUGH MARCH 23

"This is like the Super Bowl for young local artists," said Donna Evans of the annual Suzanne Maria Rossetti Juried Art Show, which opened last weekend in Dallas.

Named for and dedicated to a young woman who was brutally murdered in Phoenix, Arizona in 1981, the show celebrates the talents of area artists in seventh through twelfth grades who live within the Dallas, Lake-Lehman, Tunkhannock and Northwest Area school districts. It is sponsored by Sue and Joe Hand, owners of Sue

The Suzanne Maria Rossetti Juried Art Show honors art by students in grades 7-12 who live in the Dallas, Lake-Lehman, Tunkhannock and Northwest school districts. It continues through March 23, at the MacDonald Art Gallery on the campus of College Misericordia. Gallery hours are Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays, 12-5 p.m., and 6-8 p.m., and Saturday and Sunday from 1-5 p.m. There is no admission charge.

Hand's Imagery of Dallas.

"Sue read about my daughter in Time magazine and wanted to do something for us," said Louise Rossetti, who travels here from her home in Massachusetts for each year's show. "She and her husband Joe coincidentally met friends of Suzanne's and then they got in touch with us. I lost a daughter that night but I gained this wonderful

family in Pennsylvania."

Heather Hand Madeira was only 13 when Louise met her. "Now, (Heather's) daughter is in this show. It's been wonderful for me to watch them grow," said Rossetti.

Laura Madeira, a seventh grade student who is home schooled, earned two first place awards, a third place award, and a special sports award. "I'm excited about

this show and I hope to be in it again next year," said Laura.

There is not much doubt of that. Laura started drawing with her mother and grandmother as soon as she was old enough to hold colored pencils.

"We really made an effort to ensure that the judges had no idea that the pieces were Laura's," said Sue Hand. "We didn't want any question about it but we also didn't want to deny her the right to participate."

Gerry and Shirley Bennett were on hand to take pictures of their

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## Developments before planning commission

By RONALD BARTIZEK  
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DALLAS TWP. — Two proposed residential developments will be on the agenda at the March 8 meeting of the Dallas Township Planning Commission.

Last week, the developer of the proposed 101-lot Saddle Ridge subdivision submitted changes for review. A preliminary plan for the development, between Lower Demunds Road and Wyoming Road, has been criticized by the Luzerne County Planning Commission for its roadway and traffic plans and storm water management layout. Township supervisors have expressed concerns about road grades and have asked that all sewer manholes be located out of paved streets.

### MEETING TIME

The Dallas Township Planning Commission will meet Tuesday, March 8 in the township building along Route 309, beginning at 7 p.m.

Other points addressed by the county include wetlands, street lighting, lack of fire hydrants and sidewalks and the installation of guide rails, which is not recommended.

The county planning commission has no authority to stop development in a municipality that has its own planning commission, as Dallas Township does, and the township is not compelled to follow its recommendations.

Landview Properties is expected to ask for a simple subdivision of nearly 800 acres between Upper Demunds Road and Route 309. The split would leave about 300 acres with Tuula D'Anca, the seller, and create a 485-acre parcel that Landview plans to divide into approximately 140 lots.

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## Cingular seeks height variances for 3 cell towers

The company has plans for "mono-pole" towers in three townships.

By GAVIN ROBB  
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Cingular Wireless, a cellular phone service provider, has applied for three height variances, one each in Dallas Township, Fairmount Township and Ross Township, to install "mono-poles" which the company says will improve cell phone reception in those immediate areas.

Ellen Webner, spokesperson for Cingular Wireless, said the proposed poles in Fairmount and Ross townships will improve Cingular's coverage along the Route 118 corridor and may bolster coverage for other wireless companies as well.

"It's going to fill a gap in the coverage area that really needs service," said Webner. "We are the first carrier applying for these sites, but they (the poles) will be tall enough to accommodate other carriers."

Cingular requested a variance from the required maximum height of 35 feet to 160 feet on property to the north side of Route 118, about 2,300 feet east of Red Rock Corners in Fairmount Township, and a variance from 35

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## Think and acting fast to save lives

For a simulation, using live electronic links to a weather satellite.

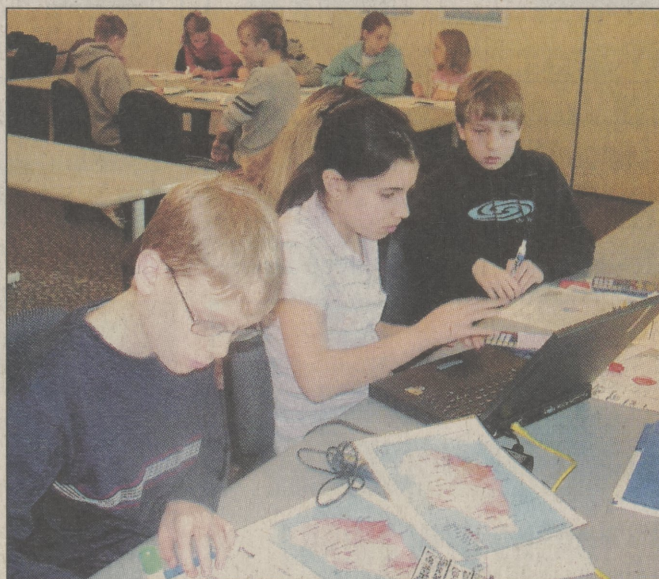
By M.B. GILLIGAN  
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DALLAS TWP. — The excitement was palpable as 19 sixth grade students prepared to link up to Mission Control Center from the Distance Learning Lab at Dallas Middle School late last month. The students were participating in an innovative "E-Mission" via a direct, live link with the Wheeling Jesuit University's Center for Educational Technologies.

The program is provided through the Challenger Learning Centers, a growing network of centers nationwide established in memory of the crew of the ill-fated Challenger space shuttle.

The program simulated a real-life operation on the island of Montserrat in 1996. Operation:

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Team members, from left, Randy Stair, Lauren Rosen, and Tim Reinert, plot the course of the hurricane.

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