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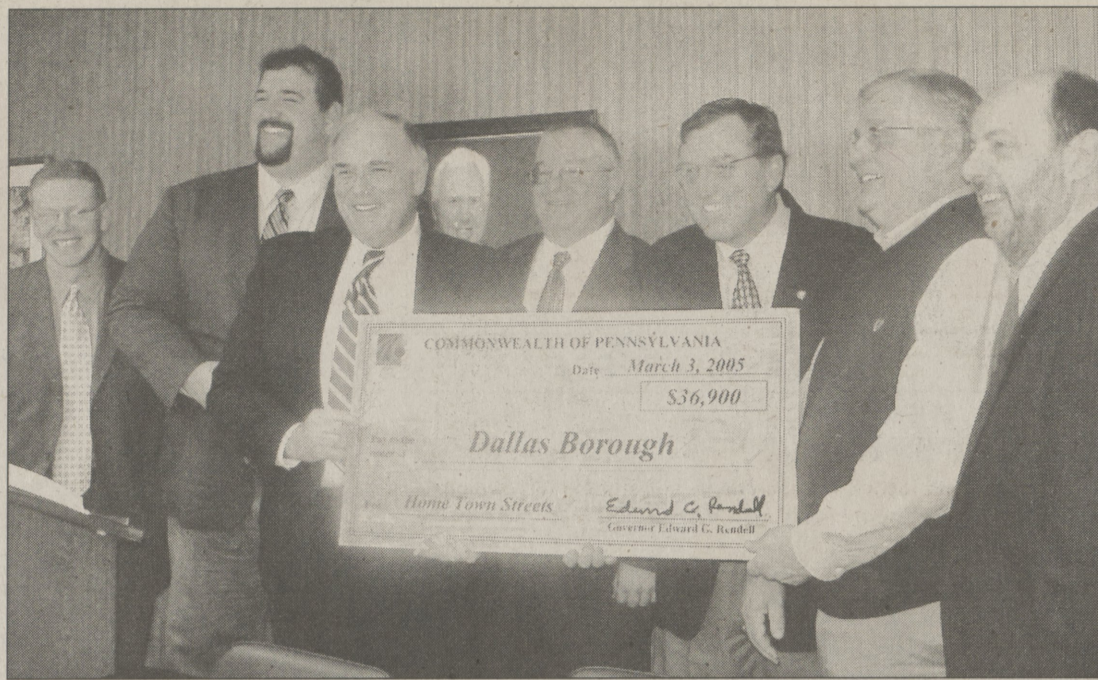
community to get an award and he picked us to visit," said Pat Peiffer, Dallas Council member. "It says a lot about what Dallas Borough is doing. We are really progressive. We're doing a lot of things to improve the borough while maintaining a Main Street community."

That was just what the governor was looking for in this Home Town Streets and Safe Routes to Schools funding program. "Not only was the grant application (of the Borough of Dallas) excellent," said Rendell. "It fits in with all of the other things Dallas is doing."

The last governor to visit the Back Mountain was Tom Ridge, who made a visit to Offset Paperback about 10 years ago. He did not visit the local government offices at that time, though.

"We've never had a governor come to the Borough Building," said Bob Post, a former council member.

That impressed County Commissioner Greg Skrepenak.



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There were smiles all around when Gov. Ed Rendell presented a \$36,900 grant to Dallas Borough. The money will be used to repair and build sidewalks, plant trees and shrubs and take other steps to make the borough more pedestrian friendly. From left: Luzerne County Commissioners Todd Vonderheid and Greg Skrepenak, Rendell, Dallas Borough Mayor Timothy Carroll, State Rep. George Hasay, Dallas Borough Councilman John Oliver and Dallas Borough Manager Joe Moskovitz.

"This governor has made it a point to take care of all of Luzerne County — not just the seat in Wilkes-Barre but the entire county," Skrepenak said in his welcoming remarks.

Dallas Mayor Tim Carroll

was delighted to not only earn the grant but to have the Democratic governor visit the Democratic stronghold. "That's even better," Carroll joked. "They're coming to our side."

Other visiting dignitaries

included County Commissioner Todd Vonderheid, Hazleton Mayor Lou Barletta, Rep. George Hasay, Rep. John Yudichak, Sen. Todd Eachus and former Scranton mayor Jim Connors.

WALKING

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Much of the project, which also is slated to include benches, pavement markings, trees and shrubs, will be funded by a \$36,900 grant awarded through the state's Hometown Streets program. The grant is passed through federal funds, and a 20 percent local match — \$9,225 — is required.

Dallas was the smallest of five municipalities in Luzerne County that received grants, but its application ranked the highest in meeting the objectives of the Hometown Streets

and Safe Routes to Schools programs. Governor Ed Rendell and other officials announced the grants March 3 at the borough municipal building.

Moskovitz described the work as "pedestrian friendly environmental amenities." He hopes another feature will be an information kiosk that will point walkers to the proposed urban greenway alongside Toby's Creek, the Back Mountain Trail and other nearby attractions.

But, "sidewalks are the first component," he said. The work will take place along Lake Street, Machell Avenue and Huntsville Road, improving the walk to the Back Mountain Memorial Library and Gate of Heaven School.

The improvements will be kept away from the "five-points" intersection at the center of town, where a separate PennDOT project — possibly including the area's first roundabout — is under consideration. By working outside of

that area, nothing will have to be removed to make way for the intersection work, which may not occur for several years.

Moskovitz expects work to begin this summer, in conjunction with the tearing down of eyesore buildings, for which the borough has received a county grant. "We need to demonstrate that we are moving in the right direction," as the borough tries to revitalize its Main Street area, he said.

Dallas Township wins recycling grant

A Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) Recycling Performance grant of \$67,083 has been awarded to Dallas Township, Luzerne County.

The grant is based on the total tons recycled and the municipality's overall recycling rate for the 2003 calendar year and is in addition to the funds that DEP allocates to municipalities to establish and maintain recycling programs.

The grant was made possible from DEP's Recycling Performance Grant Program, which provides incentive to help Pennsylvania communities increase their recycling rates and exceed the statewide goal of recycling 35 percent of all municipal waste.

For more information on recycling, visit the Internet at www.dep.state.pa.us.

DEVELOPMENTS

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Developer Jim Comes last year showed a sketch of his plans to the supervisors, who at the time were unhappy with the layout for streets. Since then, Comes has purchased property along Lake Catalpa Road that

would give the development an entrance there and off Upper Demunds.

"He's got a lot of things to address," said township Zoning Officer Leonard Kozick. "He's working on them."

Comes said last week that it could be several months before he can present a formal plan.

The planning commission meeting will start at 7 p.m. in the municipal building.

CROSSWORD ANSWERS

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 1. GAVEL
 2. DORIC
 3. SPAT
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SIMULATION

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RAM was scheduled to plan the evacuation of the island as it was threatened by the dual natural catastrophes of a volcanic eruption and a hurricane.

The scenario, set by Mission Control at the beginning of the operation, was that the space shuttle was being launched to repair a weather satellite that stopped functioning a few days earlier. At that time, a hurricane on Montserrat was showing signs of activity.

"As soon as the satellite is repaired, you will begin receiving stored data and current data," said the voice of Mission Control. "You must immediately begin to evaluate that data."

Students had been preparing for this exercise for several weeks and already knew what their jobs would be.

"Mission control, we copy that," said Communication Officer Spencer Youngman.

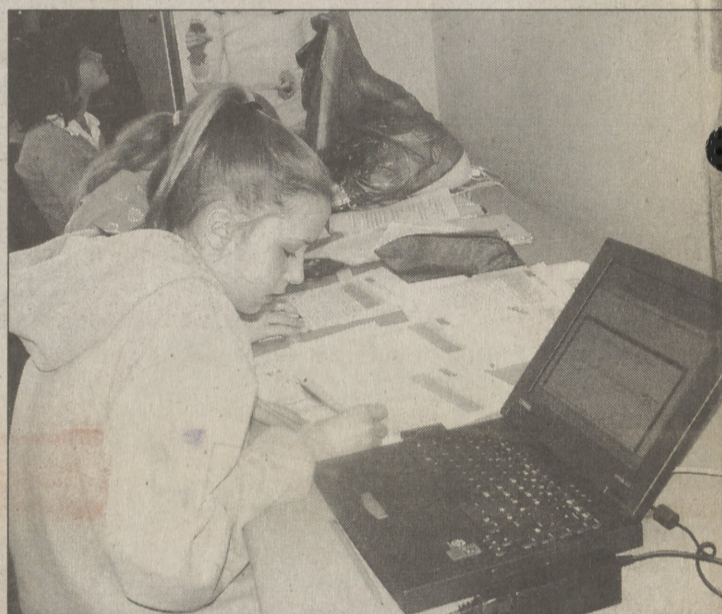
Once the data started coming in, things got very hectic for the hurricane, volcano and evacuation teams. Each needed to evaluate the data and report back to mission control via the communications officer. The time parameter was set so that each five minutes of real time was the equivalent of one hour of mission time. Updated reports needed to be made every six minutes. Each team had a message runner, data analyzers and someone responsible for listing their current status on large poster boards.

The hurricane team, comprised of students in Nancy Shaw's sixth grade math class, learned that the hurricane was indeed heading toward Montserrat. Using the incoming data, they needed to determine the size, direction, speed and intensity of the hurricane.

Volcano experts were made up of Joan Rakowski's science class. "We're missing a few team members today," she said in reference to the number of students absent due to illness. "They're doing an excellent job anyway."

The members of Susan Holthaus' social studies class handled the duties of evacuation and communications. Evacuation officer Paul Sgroi was also required to report directly to mission control. His team needed to know how many people were on the island and exactly where they were. They were told how many cars and buses were available. His team then developed a strategy to send the available vehicles to bring all the residents to the evacuation site.

The e-mission program meets the science and math standards for grades 6-12 and has applications to language arts and social studies. "The mission was a success," said Sue Holthaus. "The hurricane veered off course, and, although the volcano erupted, the team successfully evacuated the island and no lives were lost."



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Emily Spring downloaded data needed to determine volcanic activity.

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