

Veteran engineer makes issue of environment

By CHARLES Q. FINLEY

"Ocean pollution and limiting development of open spaces also are on the high priority list. An efficient, ongoing watchdog operation is needed to protect the sea."

Ex-cop cited in shooting after crash

Raymond's attorney, Jeffrey Scott Beckerman of South Orange said, "Now that the criminal stigma has been erased, we will proceed with the civil litigation against the officer and the department."

Essex women lawyers pick Askin as president

Other new officers include Patricia Roche of Maplewood, vice president; Emily Gosnell of Montclair, recording secretary; Frances Farber-Walter of Newark, corresponding secretary, and Theodora Buklad of South Orange, treasurer.



Eugene and Marguerite DeStefano with their sons Gene, left, and Paul in their Bridgewater home

DeStefano's wife, Marguerite, has been a volunteer over the years in literacy and retarded citizens assistance programs. The couple has three children—Paul, 21, graduating this week from St. Joseph's University in Philadelphia with a B.S. degree in food marketing; Paul's twin brother, Gene, a senior at the New Jersey Institute of Technology; and Teresa, 26, who is attending the University of Pennsylvania Dental School.

DeStefano plays racquetball, lifts weights and goes for long walks, but he credits his wife with helping him avoid stress.

"She's the glue that holds the family together, and she's my special support service. I've been married 28 years and still take her along when I travel.

"And I also basically have an easygoing outlook, believing the world is too serious to take too seriously. Be-

sides, if there were no problems, nobody would need me."

Born in Newark and graduated from Metuchen High School, DeStefano served in Newfoundland as a Navy Seabee before returning to school to earn a B.S. degree in engineering from NJIT. After a stint with the state Department of Transportation, he was employed 18 years by Woodbridge Township, where he wore many hats, including that of public works director, township engineer and zoning official.

In 1982, he joined the engineering firm of Elson T. Killam Associates in Millburn as a vice president. In 1987, he became executive vice president in charge of marketing and director of the Waste Management Division, which he established, the posts he holds today.

"Eugene DeStefano exhibits qualities of leadership, ethical behavior and dedication, not only in his business relationships, but in his voluntary and civic activities as well," said Bernard R. Berson, vice president of the New Jersey Society of Professional Engineers.

DeStefano serves many professional organizations, including the American Public Works Association, the Authorities Association of New Jersey, the New Jersey Consulting Engineers Council, the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection and the National Solid Waste Management Association.

In 1968 he received the Eagle Award for "outstanding contributions" from the New Jersey Alliance for Action.

DeStefano said he adheres to a policy of "building up" people, both at home and in the office.

"No matter what business it may be, you're not going to get anywhere unless you consistently try to bring out the best from those around you, and that also applies to life at home. I gain much support by motivating everyone in every way possible."



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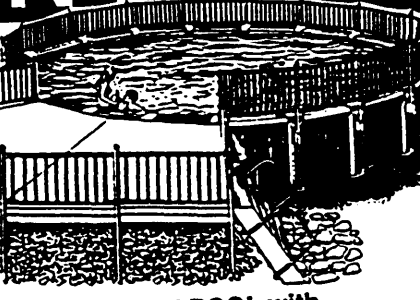


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