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# NEWS

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## **OBITUARIES**

## JOHN STRAIGIS

#### Active in youth soccer

John "Jack" Straigis, 56, of Dallas, died October 27, 2004 at his home.

Born in Wilkes-Barre, Feb. 19, 1948, he was the son of the late John and Marion (Wallace) Straigis. He was a 1966 graduate of Lehman High School and formerly resided in Kingston and Lehman. Mr. Straigis was last employed at Lowe's Home Improvement and was previously employed at Keystone Coca-Cola and HPG International Inc.

He was a founder of Kingston Youth Soccer Association in 1984. He served as the association president, coach and referee for over 10 years. He also served as a board nember to Wyoming Valley outh Soccer League and was past president on Wyoming Valley West Soccer Booster Club. Mr. Straigis was active with the CCD programs at St. Mary's Nativity and St. Hedwig's with his wife. He was a volunteer firefighter and firetruck driver in Edwardsville and had served on the ambulance crew. He was an avid reader and loved to camp and hike with his family.

He was preceded in death by son, Michael.

Surviving are his wife of 31 years, the former Antoinette "Toni" Petcavage; sons, John, of Palo Alto, Calif.; Daniel, at home.

Interment, St. Mary's Nativity Cemetery, Plymouth.

Memorial donations, if desired, may be made to St. Therese's Church Building Fund, c/o St. Therese's Church, Davis Street, avertown.

### **STANLEY MOLOWSKI**

#### Sweet Valley man had been a fire chief

Stanley Molowski, 66, of Sweet Valley, formerly from Berwick, died Oct. 26, 2004, at Geisinger Medical Center, Danville.

He was born in Wyano and was a son of the late John and Anne Chirp Molowski. He served as fire chief for the West End Fire Department, erwick, for many years, retirng 20 years ago. He was a member of Bloomingdale Bible Church.

#### L. MARGUERITE GORDON

# Born at Harveys Lake

L. Marguerite Gordon, age 97, of Grandview Health Homes of Danville, and formerly of RD 3, Bloomsburg, Pa., died October 25, 2004 at her home at Grandview.

Born Oct. 9, 1907, at Harveys Lake, she was the daughter of the late Corey and Amy (Marcy) Grey.

Marguerite attended Lake Township High School and was a graduate of the Practical Bible School of Binghamton, N.Y. She was also a teacher's aide at the Bloomsburg Christian School.

Mrs. Gordon was a member of Calvary Baptist Church, Bloomsburg, and served on its Mission Committee.

She is survived by son D. Glenn Gordon of Auburnville, Fla.; son Melvin J. Gordon of Winterhaven, Fla.; son Roy B. Gordon of Lairdsville, Pa.; son David H. Gordon of Ashland, Maine; step-daughter Liva DeCesare of Cambridge, Md.; step-son, George Gordon of Excelsior, M.N.; 17 grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; 10 step-grandchildren; 26 step great-grandchildren; 26 step great-great-grandchildren; sister Josephine Boyce of Skaneateles, N.Y.

She was preceded in death by her husband, O. Roy Gordon, in 1992. She was also preceded in death by daughter Mabel Kelly, son Willard Gordon and step-sons Walter and Robert Gordon, and grandson Timothy Gordon.

Interment, Maple Grove Cemetery.

Donations may be made to the Bloomsburg Christian School, 3300 Ridge Road, Bloomsburg, PA 17815.

## MICHAEL ECKROD

#### **Dallas High School** graduate

Michael A. Eckrod, 36, of Pottstown, died Oct. 23, 2004, at Pottstown Memorial Hospital.

Born in Danville on Nov. 26, 1967, he was the son of Joyce (Palembas) Eckrod and Michael E. Eckrod. Michael was a graduate of Dallas High School. He was employed as a chef at the Hill School, Pottstown. He had also worked as a cook at ManorCare Health Services, Kingston, and at various local restaurants.

## MARGARET ROWETT

### Furrier; had lived in Dallas

Margaret H. Rowett, 87, formerly of Columbia Ave., Dallas, passed away Oct. 21, 2004 at the Hospice Care of the VNA, Heritage House, Wilkes-Barre. Born in Wilkes-Barre, she was the daughter of the late William and Johanna (Reich) Horst. She was a graduate of GAR High School, Class of 1935. Before retiring, she was a furrier for Stein's of Wilkes-Barre. She was a member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Dallas, and its choir and Dorcas Society, and a member of the Northeast Orpheus Choral Society.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Walter T.; sister, Esther Horst. She will be remembered for her mounds of Christmas cookies, chocolate cake, pasties, and her holiday feasts. Margaret was a fine seamstress, sewing countless outfits for her five children and tailoring clothes for her friends. Her greatest joy was singing in the church choir and the Orpheus Choral Society.

Surviving are sons, Thomas W., W. Caldwell, N.J.; William A., Lanesville, Ind.; David J., Shavertown; daughters, Linda Luebke, Doylestown; Amy Cybulski, Kingston; sisters, Dorothy Davis, Kingston; Eleanor Richard, Harveys Lake; grandchildren, Gabrielle and Adam Luebke, Jill and Laura Rowett, Rebecca and David Rowett Jr., John and Jaime Cybulski.

Interment, Fern Knoll Burial Park, Dallas Township.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Paul's Lutheran Church or the Hospice Care of the VNA.

## JENNIE MORGAN

#### Belonged to **Dallas United Methodist**

Jennie V. Morgan, 80, of Davenport Street, Dallas, passed away Wednesday, Oct. 20, 2004, at the Meadows Nursing Center, Dallas.

Born in Edwardsville, she was a daughter of the late John and Lydia (Youells) Hopple. She had resided in Dallas most of her life. She was a member of the Dallas United Methodist Church.



FOR THE POST/M.B. GILLIGAN

Pictured around the table playing four simultaneous games of chess are, from left: Ryan Frania, 9, Shavertown; Bailey Endler, 7, Kingston; Michael and Mitchell Rock, 10, Kingston; George Trent, Erick Sam, three-time state champion, and Josef Bystrik, 7, of Brooklyn, New York.

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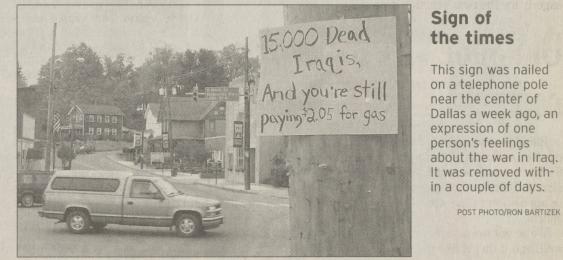
Chess Club in Brooklyn. "It is a very good, intelligent, social chess club where he is taught by masters of the game," said his father, Leonid, who is originally from the Ukraine. "I like the way George (Trent) teaches. He is trying to present the game through basic, wellknown life concepts. He has a way of teaching chess and how

belongs to the White Rook to live your life at the same the library. You can also check time."

> The local club plans to meet every other Saturday morning at the Back Mountain Memorial Library. The club uses the community room for a nominal fee and members contribute to help defray that cost. All students are welcome to join the club and more information is available by calling

out some great books on chess, such as "Beginner Chess" by Bruce Pandolfini and four volumes on basic tournament play by Yassir Serwain that were recently donated.

"One of my favorite chess quotes is, 'If you think chess is just a game, you don't know how to play,' " said Trent.



# PROPERTY TRANSFERS

The following property transfers were recorded recently at the Luzerne County Courthouse:

Connell J. O'Donnell per \$500. agent to Kevin Lauckner and spouse, Deer Meadow Estates, Dallas, \$415,000.

of Blind to Sally Freed, Harveys Lake, \$500.

Greater Wilkes-Barre Assoc. of Blind to John Moran and spouse, Hill St., Harveys Lake,

Kingston Township, \$120,000. US Dept. of Housing & Urban Dev. to Remey Renovations Inc., Kingston Township, \$75,000.

Stephen Benson and spouse

His first Ruth wife, Molowski, died in 1993.

He is survived by wife, the former Shirley LaBar; sons, Stephen Molowski, Berwick; David Silvetti, Hunlock Creek; daughters, Melanie Dreyer, Batesville, Ind.; Debra Haughney, Sweet Valley; Donna Matzer, Kingston; Danielle Kurowsky, Brick, N.J.; brothers, Donald Molowski, Mount Pleasant; Larry Molowski, Latrobe; 11 grandchildren; and three greatgrandchildren.

Interment, Maple Grove Cemetery, Pikes Creek.

Memorial contributions may be sent to the Bloomingdale Bible Church, 238 Silo Road, Shickshinny, PA 18655.

## ENIORMENUS

Senior Citizens Centers sponsored by the Area Agency on aging for Luzerne and Wyoming Counties offers hot noon meals Monday through Friday to people 60 years of age or older. Donations from participants are gratefully accepted and needed in order to expand this program. The following is the menu for the week of Nov. 1-5. All menus include margarine, milk and coffee. The Senior Center is located at 22 Rice St., Dallas.

MONDAY: Picnic burger on sandwich roll, hash brown potatoes, wax beans, granola.

TUESDAY: Baked pork chop, sweet potatoes, peas, vanilla pudding.

WEDNESDAY: Veal parmesan, pasta with tomato sauce, vegetable medley, banana.

THURSDAY: Chili con carne, tossed salad with Italian dressng, corn bread, chilled pears. FRIDAY: Tuna salad sandwich on whole wheat, vegetable soup, low-fat yogurt.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents and aunts and uncles.

Surviving are mother, Joyce Eckrod of Dallas; and her companion, Louis W. Jones Jr. of Shavertown.

Interment, Chapel Lawn Park, Dallas Memorial Township.

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She was preceded in death by her husband, Frank L.; and son, James J. Hopple.

Surviving are children, Lydia Blaine, Sweet Valley; Frank J., Dallas; Jennie Grey, Dallas; three grandsons; one granddaughter; two great-grandchildren; sisters, Elizabeth Scott, Dallas; Pearl Biggs, Harveys Lake.

Interment, Memorial Shrine Park, Dallas.

Jeffrey DeAnthony and spouse to MSR Ventures Inc., Roosevelt St., Dallas Township, \$45,000.

John Halbing and spouse to Raed M. Hamad, Ondish Hills, Dallas Township, \$27,000. John E. Halbing III partners

to Matthew Williams and spouse, Roosevelt St., Dallas Township, \$41,500.

Greater Wilkes-Barre Assoc.

Joseph Gonzalez to Bernard Saylor and spouse, Harveys Lake, \$23,000.

Richard Hogoboom and spouse to Jonathan Spohrer, Jackson Township, \$370,000.

Charles Gelso partner to Walter Del Gaudio and spouse, Windsor Farms, Kingston Township, \$67,900.

Kimberly Bonham to Robin S. Evans, Sunrise Park, Kingston Township, \$139,000. Gerald Reisch and spouse to

Centhalo Properties LLC,

to Philip Winter and spouse, Lake Township, \$205,000.

Robert S. Kaleta to Eric Hansen and spouse, Lake Township, \$130,000.

Charles Raver to David Mahle and spouse, Lake Township, \$60,000.

William Dittimar to Richard Buzen and spouse, Ross Township, \$74,800.

William L. Dittmar to David Nolan and spouse, Ross Township, \$52,000.

