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## Enestam: Nato-jäsenyydestä päätetään lähivuosina

Puolustusministeri Jan-Erik Enestam (r) uskoo, että tuleva hallitus päättää Suomen Nato-jäsenyydestä. Aikarajana hän pitää uuden turvallisuusstrategian laatimista.

Uutistoimisto AFP:lle antamassaan haastattelussa Enestam toteaa, että uuden turvallisuusstrategian valmistelu toimii lähtölaukauksena keskusteluille Nato-jäsenyydestä. Turvallisuusstrategia on määrä uusia vuonna 2004.

Enestamin mukaan Suomen Nato-päätökseen voivat vaikuttaa muutokset lähialueiden turvallisuuspolitiikassa. Enestam toteaa, että erityisesti Ruotsin mahdollinen Nato-jäsenyys vaikuttaisi myös Suomen ratkaisuun.

(MTV3, AFP)

## Euromaiden työttömyys ennallaan 8,4 prosentissa

Euromaiden työttömyys on pysynyt ennallaan. Työttömyysaste oli tammikuussa 8,4 prosenttia eli sama kuin vuoden 2001 joulukuussa.

Eurostatin tällä viikolla julkistamien tietojen mukaan työttömyysprosentti koko Euroopan unionissa oli myös ennallaan, 7,7 prosenttia. Alhaisinta työttömyys oli Hollannissa, 2,4 prosenttia (tieto joulukuulta 2001) ja Luxemburgissa, 2,6 prosenttia. Itävallan työttömyysprosentti oli 3,9, Tanskan ja Irlannin 4,2 prosenttia.

Suomen työttömyysaste oli Eurostatin tilaston mukaan tammikuussa 9,3 prosenttia eli EU:n toiseksi korkein. Se oli pysynyt ennallaan joulukuusta 2001. Suomea korkeampi työttömyysprosentti oli vain Espanjassa, 12,8 prosenttia.

Miesten työttömyysprosentti euroalueella oli noussut joulukuun 6,9 prosentista 7,1 prosenttiin, kun taas naisten työttömyys oli vähentynyt 10,4:stä 10,1 prosenttiin. (HS)

## EU-alueelle oma internet-tunnus

EU on pääsemässä vuosien jatkailun jälkeen sopuun omasta kansainvälisestä internet-tunnuksesta. Parlamentti hyväksyi viime viikolla säännöt, joilla internetin käyttäjät voivat hakea osoitteeseensa .eu -loppuosaa ensi vuoden alussa. Tunnus vastaa siis esimerkiksi nykyisiä .fi, .com ja .int -päätteitä.

Yritykset ovat EU-virkamiesten mukaan kyselleet omaa eurooppalaista tunnusta jo pitkään. Etenkin useamman kuin yhden Euroopan maan alueella toimivat yhtiöt halusivat profiloitua internetissä EU:hun, eivät yksittäisiin maihin.

Tunnuksen hyväksyminen viipyi lähinnä jäsenmaiden poliittisen väännon vuoksi. Ranska ja Espanja halusivat säännöistä selvät, jotta esimerkiksi Baskimaan itsenäisyyttä ajava järjestö ETA ei voisi hakea .eu-tunnusta.

Maat eivät halua rekisteristä "anarkistista", niin kuin esimerkiksi .com-tunnus niiden mielestä on tällä hetkellä. Lisäksi ne vaativat, että maantieteellisiä nimiä ei saisi rekisteröidä. Pariisi.eu tai Barcelona.eu -tunnuksia yritykset siis eivät voisi saada.

Kun EU:n jäsenmaat antavat vielä hyväksyntänsä asetukselle, jäsenmaat, komissio ja alan asiantuntijat sopivat rekisterin tarkemmista periaatteista. (HS)



## Saving a modern masterpiece

NEW YORK CITY - A conference spotlighting international drive to save the historic Viipuri Library, above, designed by architect Alvar Aalto will take place, March 18, in New York City. more on page 7.

## Presidentti Halonen varoittaa EU-maiden eriytymisestä

Suomen tasavallan presidentti Tarja Halosen mukaan Euroopan unionin suurten jäsenmaiden eriytymiskehityksen aiheuttama huoli on aiheellista.

Taloustoimittajien tilaisuudessa puhuneen Halosen mukaan juuri tämän takia unionin tulevaisuutta pohtivan konventin työ on nyt tavattoman tärkeää.

Presidentti haluaisi kehittää EU:n päätöksentekojärjestelmää niin, että viralliset päätökset syntyvät unionin omissa prosesseissa eivätkä niiden ulkopuolella.

### Halonen kaksi vuotta presidenttinä

Presidentti Haloselle tuli viime viikolla kaksi vuotta täyteen presidentin virassa. Halonen aloitti tasavallan presidenttinä maaliskuun ensimmäisenä vuonna 2000. Kautta on nyt jäljellä neljä vuotta.

Halosen kausi jatkuu työn merkeissä sekä Suomessa että ulkomailla. Tässä kuussa tasavallan presidentti tekee virallisen valtiotvierailun Liettuaan. Sen jälkeen vuorossa lienevät Barcelonan EU-huippukokous ja YK:n kehitysratifikonferenssi Meksikossa. (MTV3)

## Ministeri Jari Vilén: Nato politisoitumassa

Ulkomaankauppaministeri Jari Vilén (kok) uskoo, että sotilasliitto Nato muuttuu nykykehityksen valossa luonteeltaan sotilaallisesta järjestöstä entistä enemmän poliittiseksi järjestöksi.

Poliittisuutta osoittaa hänen mielestään myös Naton toimenkuvan laajentaminen turvallisuuspolitiikan ja yhteiskuntien varautumisen eri aloille.

"Tärkeimmät uudet kysymykset, joiden ympärillä Naton roolia rakennetaan, ovat kansainvälisen terrorismin torjunta ja joukkotuhoaseiden leviämisen estäminen."

Natolla voi olla tehtävä jäsenmaiden toiminnan koordinoimiseksi ja poliittisen yhtenäisyyden lujittamisessa, hän arvioi äskettäin 163. maanpuoluskurssin avajaisissa Helsingissä.

Nato lähestyy uutta laajentumispäätöstä. Vilénin näkemyksen mukaan sen merkitys saattaa olla suurempi poliittisesti kuin sotilaallisesti, ainakin lyhyellä aikavälillä.

"Laajentumispoliittikka tähtää osaltaan Kes-

jatkuu sivulla 3

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## Suomen uutisia

### Vanhaja rahoja kierrossa vielä 46,3 miljardin euron arvosta

Helmikuun päättyessä lopullisesti käytöstä poistuvia euro maiden kansallisia seteleitä oli viime perjantaina kierrossa vielä 46,3 miljardin euron arvosta. Koko euroalueen setelmäärä supistui Euroopan keskuspankin viikkotaseen mukaan 8,6 miljardilla eurolla 287,7 miljardiin euroon.

Liikkeessä olevien euroseteleiden määrä kasvoi selostusviikon aikana 2,7 miljardilla eurolla ja nousi viikon päättyessä 241,4 miljardiin euroon. Vanhojen kansallisten seteleiden liikkeessä oleva määrä supistui selostusviikon aikana 11,3 miljardia euroa. (STT)

### Kansainväliset avioliitto- ja perintäsäädökset voimaan

Suomessa on astunut juuri voimaan uusi avioliittolaki ja perintökaari. Lain mukaan avioerotapauksissa noudetaan sen maan lakeja, jossa aviopari on asunut viimeiset viisi vuotta. Samoin kuolemantapauksessa perintö määräytyy sen maan perintökaaren mukaan, jossa perhe on asunut viimeiset viisi vuotta.

Suomessa pysyväisluonteisesti asuvien ulkomaalaisten aviovarallisuus- ja perintösäädöksiä aletaan siten myös entistä useammin soveltaa Suomen lakia. Kansalaisuus ei siten enää määrää sitä, miten esimerkiksi omaisuus jaetaan avioliiton purkautuessa.

Tähän asti varallisuussuh-teisiin on sovellettu sen maan lakia, jonka kansalainen mies on ollut avioliittoa solmittaessa. Myös perimyksen sovelletaan ensisijaisesti sen maan lakia, jossa perittävällä oli koti. (SS)

### Pokka haluaisi Saksalta investointeja Lappiin

Lapin maaherra Hannele Pokka esittää, että Saksa voisi korvata Lapin sodan tuhot esimerkiksi investoimalla sinne. Pokan mukaan aika olisi sopiva Suomen ja Saksan neuvotteluille korvauksista.

Saksalaiset polttivat suuren osa Lapin rakennuskannasta Suomesta toisen maailmansodan loppuvaiheissa vetäytyessään.

Viime syksynä Suomeen tekemällään vierailulla Saksan liittopresidentti Johannes Rau pahoitteli tuhoja.

*Etelä-Suomen Sanomien* ja *Satakunnan Kansan* haastattelussa Pokka toivoo anteeksipyyntöä myös Venäjältä, koska neuvostopartisaanit tekivät sodan aikana tuhoisia iskuja Itä-Lappiin. (SS)

### EU:n

#### tulevaisuuskonventti kokoontuu

EU:n tulevaisuutta pohtiva neuvottelukunta aloitti työnsä viime viikolla Brysselissä. 105-jäsenisen konventin tehtävänä on miettiä, miten EU:ta pitäisi uudistaa, jotta unioni toimisi myös sitten, kun siihen on liittynyt uusia jäseniä.

Suomen hallituksen edustajana konventissa on EU-tutkija Teija Tiilikainen. Eduskuntaa edustavat kansanedustajat Kimmo Kiljunen ja Matti Vanhanen. Konventin puheenjohtajana toimii Ranskan entinen presidentti Valéry Giscard d'Estaing. (MTV3)

#### Kulttuurirahasto jakoi ennätykselliset apurahat

Suomen kulttuurirahasto on jakanut apurahoita ja palkintoja ennätykselliset 13,7 miljoonaa euroa. 25 000 euron tunnustuspalkinnon saivat professori, säveltäjä Erkki Salmenhaara, valokuvataiteilija Ulla Jokisalo sekä professori Reino Kurki-Suonio, joka palkittiin tietojenkäsittelyopin kouluttajana ja tutkijana. Apurahoja jaettiin peräti 1270:lle taiteen ja tieteen harjoittajalle tai yhteisölle. (MTV3)

#### Lipponen haluaa pitää presidentti-instituution

Maanantaina TV1:n aamutelevisiossa esiintynyt pääministeri Paavo Lipponen (sd) torjui esitykset presidentti-instituutiosta luopumisesta ja vakuuttaa, että tällä hetkellä yhteistyö presidentin ja pääministerin välillä sujuu hyvin. Presidenttiydestä luopumista esittivät äskettäin emeritusprofessori Antero Jyränki ja Jaakko Nousiainen. (HS)

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## Suomen uutisia

### Väkiluku yhä hienoisessa kasvussa

Suomen asukasluku kasvoi viime vuonna hieman entisestä. Maassa asui vuodenvaihteessa 2001-2002 kaikkiaan 5 194 901 henkilöä, joista naisia oli 2 657 304 ja miehiä 2 537 597. Asukasluku kasvoi edellisvuodesta 13786 ihmisellä.

Suomessa asui vuodenvaihteessa lähes satatuhatta ulkomaan kansalaista, joista miehiä ja naisia oli lähes tarkalleen saman verran. Kolme suurinta ulkomaalaisryhmää olivat venäläiset (vajaat 23 000), virolaiset (hieman alle 12 000) sekä ruotsalaiset (noin 8000). Ulkomaalaisia asui vuodenvaihteessa jokaisessa maan 448 kunnassa, kuitenkin eniten Helsingissä. (MTV3, STT)

### Vapaaehtoisen asepalvelukseen haki yli 500 naista

Vapaaehtoiseen asepalvelukseen on hakenut tänä vuonna kaikkiaan 508 naista. Hakijoiden määrä nousi edellisvuodesta. Kymen sotilasläänissä asepalvelukseen pyrkivien naisten määrä lähes kaksinkertaistui. Naisten armeijainto laimeni eniten Pohjois-Karjalan ja Hämeen sotilasläänissä.

Naiset hakivat nyt pääsääntöisesti ensi vuoden saapumiseriin, joskin osa hakijoista saattaa aloittaa palveluksensa jo tämän vuoden heinäkuussa.

Ensimmäiset naiset aloittivat asepalveluksensa vuonna 1995. (MTV3, STT)

### Lipponen ja Putin tapasivat

Pääministeri Paavo Lipponen (sd) teki viikolla vierailun Moskovaan, missä hän tapasi mm. presidentti Vladimir Putinin. Lipponen mukaan Venäjästä voi tulla merkittävä tekijä koko Euroopan unionin energiahuollolle. Putinin mukaan Venäjä on valmis kaasu- ja öljytoimituksissa pitkäaikaisiin sopimuksiin ja edullisiin hintoihin.

Putin kertoi Venäjän ja Naton suhteiden edistyvän, mutta hänen mukaansa Venäjä ei pyri Naton jäseneksi eikä saamaan veto-oikeutta järjestön päätöksenteossa. Putin ilmoitti arvostavansa Suomen ja Ruotsin liittoutumattomuuspolitiikkaa. Lipponen mukaan Suomi kehittää Nato-suhteitaan siltä pohjalta. (SS)

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## Ulkomaankauppa- ministeri Jari Vilén: Välimeri-Itämeri yhteistyötä vahvistettava

Suomen ulkomaankauppa-  
ministeri Jari Vilén (kok) pu-  
hui Barcelonassa 28. helmi-  
kuuta järjestetyssä Välimeren  
aluetta ja Itämeriä sekä EU:n  
pohjoista ulottuvuutta käsit-  
televässä seminaarissa. Vie-  
railun aikana hän tapasi  
myös Katalonian autonominen  
alueen pääministerin  
Jordi Pujolin, joka vieraili  
Suomessa viime kesänä.

Ministeri Vilén muistutti pu-  
heessaan, että paras tapa  
vaalia kansallisia etuja  
EU:ssa on toimia ulkoisesti ja  
sisäisesti vahvemman EU:n  
puolesta.

Pohjoinen ulottuvuus ja Euro-  
Välimeri-yhteistyö eivät ole  
toistensa kanssa kilpailevia,  
vaan toisiaan täydentäviä  
prosesseja.

Eräs pohjoisen ulottuvuuden  
perusperiaatteista on laa-  
jentuvan EU:n yhteistyö Venä-  
jän kanssa. Huolet ympä-  
ristön tilasta ovat yhteisiä  
niin Välimeren kuin Itämeren  
alueella, muistutti ministeri  
Vilén. Hyvänä käytännön esi-  
merkkinä tästä on pohjoisen  
ulottuvuuden ympäristö-  
kumppanuus.

Tämä mahdollistaa lahjoitta-  
jamaiden, EU komission sekä  
kansainvälisten rahoituslai-

tosten sitoutumisen ympäris-  
työyhteistyöhankkeisiin lähi-  
ympäristömme ongelmien lie-  
ventämiseksi, sanoi Vilén.

Pohjoisen ulottuvuuden tu-  
kipilareita ovat myös infor-  
maatioteknologia-yhteistyö ja  
Riikassa viime syksynä laa-  
dittu pohjoinen e-ulottuvuus  
-ohjelma. Ohjelman toteutta-  
minen on aloitettu, ja se on  
osa laajempaa eEurooppa-  
hanketta. Vastaavia ohjelmia  
on Välimeren maiden kesken.

Myös liikennesektorilla Suo-  
mi on ollut aktiivinen ja eh-  
dottanut "Itämeren moottoritie"-  
projektia, jonka tarkoi-  
tuksena olisi vahvistaa liiken-  
neväylyä Itämeren alueelta  
Keski-Eurooppaan.

Tärkeintä Välimeren ja Itä-  
meren välisessä yhteistyössä  
on EU:n lähialueiden turval-  
lisuuden, vakauden ja vau-  
rauden lisääminen.

Kaupankäynti on tärkeä kei-  
no tämän tavoitteen edistä-  
miseksi. Vahva yhteistyö ete-  
län ja pohjoisen välillä luo  
mahdollisuuden oppia tois-  
temme kokemuksista ja ra-  
kentaa yhä kilpailukykyisem-  
pää, dynaamisempaa ja vau-  
raampaa Eurooppaa, totesi  
Vilén.

MINISTERI...  
jatkoa etusivulta

ki-Euroopan ja Baltian mai-  
den vakauttamiseen. EU:n ja  
Naton laajentumiset tukevat  
toisiaan sikäli, että niihin  
kuuluu samankaltaiset poliit-  
tiset jäsenyyshdot, hän huo-  
mautti.

### EU:lla kasvava poliittinen rooli

Vilénin mielestä EU:n panos  
kansainvälisen terrorismin  
vastaisessa toiminnassa ja Af-  
ganistanin kriisin hallinnassa  
on Yhdysvaltain näkökulmas-  
ta epäilemättä keskeisen tär-  
keä.

EU:n ja Yhdysvaltain turval-  
lisuuspoliittisilla suhteilla on  
kuitenkin laajempi vaikutus  
lähtövalaisuuden ratkaisuihin.

"Euroopan unionilla on pait-  
si taloudellinen myös kasvava  
poliittinen rooli kansainväli-  
sessä turvallisuuskehityk-  
sessä. Atlantin yli käydään  
vuoropuhelua, jossa EU ja  
EU-maat toimivat Yhdysval-  
tain liittolaisina ja yhteistyö-  
kumppaneina mutta samalla  
myös haastajina", hän koros-  
ti.

Vilénin arvion mukaan Yh-  
dysvaltojen kannanotot on  
tulkittu varoitukseksi, että se  
turvautuu tarpeen mukaan  
yksipuolisesti ja ennaltaeh-  
käisevästi voimankäyttöön  
kansainvälisen terrorismin  
tukemisen ja joukkotuhoasei-  
den tavoittelun muodostamaa  
uhkaa vastaan. Esillä ovat  
nimettyinä valtioina erityisesti  
Irak sekä myös Iran ja Poh-  
jois-Korea.

"Euroopassa näkymää ka-  
vahdetaan. Afganistanin krii-  
sin luoma yhteisrintama ei  
kestäisi sotilaallisen voiman-  
käytön laajentamista nykyi-  
sen tilanteen pohjalta. Ase-  
telma on laajentunut kan-  
sainvälisen terrorismin tor-  
junnasta. Mukaan on tullut  
aineksia, joista vallitsee pe-  
rustavia eturistiriitoja ja nä-  
kemyseroja myös suurvalto-  
jen kesken", hän tiivisti.

(MTV3, STT)

### Nummiselle 1000. NHL-ottelu

Phoenixin suomalaispuolus-  
taja Teppo Nummisesta, 33,  
tuli toinen suomalaispelaaja,  
joka sai täyteen 1000 NHL:n  
runkosarjan ottelua. Phoenix  
voitti Nummisen juhlaottelus-  
sa Columbuksen 2-1.

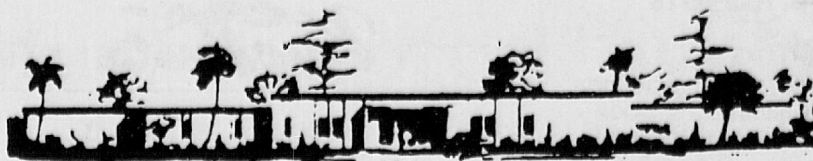
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ottelua. Niissä syntyi tehot  
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neiden syntymäpäiviä. Juh-  
lan ohjelmasta vastasi hanu-  
ripartio Osvi Niemen johdolla  
sekä Erkki Planting, joka tie-  
tenkin itsekin oli helmikuun  
syntymäpäiväsankari. Saim-  
me tilaisuuden näin laulaa  
hänelle "Paljon onnea vaan,  
Erkki..." Hän lauloi meille  
mm. ruusuaiheisia lauluja,  
jotka ilahduttivat kuulijoita.

Syntymäpäiväsankarimme  
Eino Takanen kysäisi, että  
osaako hanuripartio soit-  
taa Säkkijärven polkan, johon

vastaus oli, että kyllähän to-  
ki. Niin pojat vetäisivät heti  
alkuun rempseästi Säkkijär-  
ven polkan. Myöhemmin  
Osvi salavhkaa mainitsi, että  
se oli ensi esitys.

Syntymäpäiväsankarim-  
me olivat helmikuussa Eino  
Takanen, Olga Kiiskinen,  
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Vielä kerran onnea!

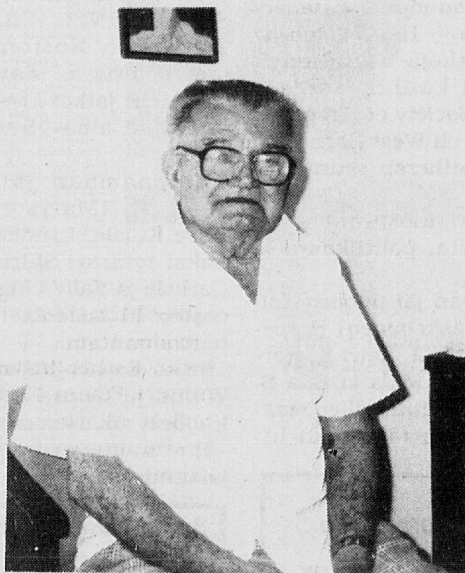
Maanantaina meillä oli tilai-  
suus saada tänne jo monet  
paikalliset sydämet musiikil-  
laan valloittanut sellotaitelija  
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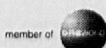
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FITCHBURG, MA - Lauri E. Rahnasto, 91, 29 High Rock Road, kuoli helmik. 23, 2002 Birchwood Care Center'ssä.

Hän oli syntynyt heinäk. 10, 1910 Herman ja Hanna (Nissinen) Rahnaston poikana. Fitchburgiin hän muutti 50 vuotta sitten.

Edesmennyt aloitti liikemieselämänsä puun välittäjänä ja siirtyi myöhemmin veljensä Heimon palvelukseen Patari Oil Co.:iin. Veljensä jäätyä eläkkeelle hänestä tuli liikkeen omistaja. Hän itse jäi eläkkeelle 1977.

Rahnasto oli Finnish Center at Saima Parkin, Fitchburg Art Museum ja Friends of Fitchburg Public Libraryn jäsen. Hän oli omistautunut perheelleen ja oli erinomainen puutarhuri. Hän oli matkustanut useita kertoja Suomeen ja Ruotsiin ja oli tehnyt lukuisia Kalifornian matkoja.

Kaipaamaan jäi puoliso Ellen K. (Koittila) Rahnasto; poika Lauri E. Rahnasto Jr., Groton; kaksi tyttäätä, Karen Rahnasto Kay, Brookline ja Nancy Rahnasto Osborne, Sherman Oaks, CA; kolme lastenlasta, Eric ja Kristen Rahnasto, Groton ja Alexander Osborne, Sherman Oaks. Veljet Wiljo M. ja Heimo H. Rahnasto sekä sisko Martha Patari olivat kuolleet aikaisemmin.

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**Kuolleita****William A. Korpela II**

HYANNIS, MA - William Anselm Korpela II, 67, kuoli helmik. 3, 2002 Brigham and Woman's sairaalassa Bostonissa kärsittyään pitkään sydäntaudista.

Hän oli syntynyt ja viettänyt lapsuutensa Hyannisissa. Päästyään Barnstable High Schoolista hän jatkoi opintojaan Massachusetts Maritime Academyssa valmistuen koneenrakentaja- ja sähköinsinööriksi 1955. Sitä seurasi palvelusaika U.S. laivastossa.

Korpela asui suurimman osan elämästään West Hartfordissa (CT), missä hän työskenteli Pratt & Whitney/United Technologies firmassa vuoteen 1983. Sieltä hän siirtyi General Electric firman palvelukseen, kunnes jäi eläkkeelle ja muutti takaisin Cape Codille.

Edesmennyt oli kiinnostunut genealogiasta ja oli intohimoinen suomalaisesta perinteestään. Hän oli tehnyt useita matkoja Skandinaviaan. Hän kuului Finnish-American Society of Cape Cod seuran ja oli West Barnstablen First Lutheran seurakunnan jäsen.

Hän oli kiinnostunut myös tietokoneista, politiikasta ja historiasta.

Kaipaamaan jäi puoliso Toini T.E. (Jääskeläinen) Korpela; kaksi tyttäätä, Katri K. Korpela, Marston Mills ja Ella S. Desrocher, Centerville; sisarusten lapsia; tätti; sekä lukuisia muita sukulaisia täällä ja Suomessa.

Kolmas tytär Elsie H. Korpela murhattiin vuoden 1997 joulukuussa.

Hautausmaahan West Barnstablessa.

Vainajaa voi muistaa lahjoituksella First Lutheran kirkon tukemiseksi, 1663 Main St., West Barnstable, MA 02668.

**Eino A. Kujala**

HOLDEN, MA - Eino A. Kujala, 96, 44 Reservoir St., kuoli helmik. 10, 2002 UMass Memorial Medical Center - University Campus sairaalassa Worcesterissa.

Hän oli syntynyt Worcesterissa Salomon ja Hilda (Fiandt) Kujalan poikana. Hän oli kivenhakkaaja ammattiltaan. Teini-ikäisenä hän oli ollut kivenhakkaajana Glen Fallsissa (NY). Sitä seurasi 36 vuotta Norton Co.:ssa Worcesterissa. Samanaikaisesti hän jatkoi kivenhakkaajan työtä aina 75-vuotiaaksi asti.

Kaipaamaan jäi puoliso Mary H. (Mattson); poika Dave Kujala, Landenberg, PA; kaksi tyttäätä, Shirley Sauer, Carlisle ja Sally Lingner, Worcester; 11 lastenlasta; 11 lastenlasten lasta.

Sisko Esther Miller ja veljet Wäinö ja Onni Kujala olivat kuolleet aikaisemmin.

Hautausmaahan tapahtui hiljaisuudessa.

**Mildred Kallioinen**

MCKNIGHTSTOWN, PA - Mildred (Mäki) Kallioinen, 76, kuoli heinäk. 12, 2001 Gettysburg sairaalassa. Hän oli Eugene Kallioisen leski.

Hän oli syntynyt lokak. 30, 1924 Toivolassa (MI) Albin ja Minnie Mäen tyttärenä. Hän oli Painesdale High Schoolin kasvatti.

Kallioinen oli työskennellyt Suomi Collegien presidentin sihteerinä. Lisäksi hänellä oli oma klassillinen radio-ohjelma.

Edesmennyt muutti West Palm Beachiin (FL) 1962. Päästyään Palm Beach Junior Collegesta hän opiskeli Florida State Universityssa ja suoritti kasvatustieteen B.A. tutkinnon Florida Atlantic Universityssa. Hän suoritti myös ravinto-opin Masters ja Ph.D. tutkinnot. Hän oli työskennellyt ala-asteen opettajana.

Edesmennyt kuului St. Andrews Finnish Lutheran seurakuntaan Lake Worthissa. Hän oli paikallisen Finlandia Foundationin entinen presidentti. Hän oli toiminut Special Olympics järjestön suomenkielen tulkkina New Yorkissa ja Miamissa.

Kaipaamaan jäi lapset, Judy Lindgren, MI, Sherry Turner, PA ja James Kallioinen, FL; neljä lastenlasta; kaksi lapsenlapsipuolta; kolme lastenlasten lasta; kaksi lastenlasten lapsipuolta; veljet, Raymond Mäki, MI ja Robert Mäki, TX; siskot, Helen Salani, MI, Shirley Allen, FL, Nancy Stemberger, WI ja Loraine Widmark, CA; sekä useita sisarusten lapsia ja serkkuja.

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## Window on the past



Trucks of the United Co-operative Society of Fitchburg (MA) in the mid-1950s. The fleet included oil trucks, coal truck and milk trucks and here they are lined up on the Co-ops's lower parking lot off Central St. The "Co-op" chimney was torn down in 1958 when the upper parking lot (off Academy St.) was expanded. In the background can be seen the Fennia Market (left) on Academy St., the Fitchburg Art Museum (the building with the skylights

behind the brick house next to the market), the Nester Building (left of chimney), the Lindell apartment house (right of chimney) and the Co-op's dairy building (right). Behind the Lindell building is the B.F. Brown Middle School. The buildings still standing today are the art museum, the Nester Building (now part of the art museum) and the school. The property of the former Co-op is now owned by Workers' Credit Union. - Jonathan Ratila

WASHINGTON, D.C. - Northern Spell, opening at the Embassy of Finland on March 22, 2002, is a collective show of works by four photographers from Helsinki: Marjaana Kella, Ola Kolehmainen, the late Andrei Lajunen and Jyrki Parantainen.

Created in cooperation with the University of Art and Design Helsinki, and curated by Timothy Persons, the exhibit is a collection of large-scale color photographs which provide an insightful view of the art form in Finland.

**Jyrki Parantainen** has a passion for film and frequently uses references to cinema. Included in the show is a new series titled *The Mystery of Satisfaction*, whose elongated form and large scale bring to

mind both the cinema screen and the comic strip. Wild animals, curtains and the color red are recurring themes in these works, which have been said to carry a resemblance to the art of the famous English filmmaker Peter Greenway.

**Ola Kolehmainen's** photos are inspired by architecture and light. Taking as its subject matter the famous building of the Institut du Monde Arabe in Paris, designed by the architect Jean Nouvel in the 1980s, the artist focuses on and shows us the beauty of abstract structures rather

than architectural form. Kolehmainen's works can be seen as a critical comment on the ideals of Modernism. What meets the eye is not all there is to these photographs; as with Marjaana Kella, the message is all but transparent.

The photographer **Andrei Lajunen** passed away unexpectedly in 1999. The works included in the exhibit reflect the artist's simultaneous obsession with chaos and meticulous detail. The diptych *Hospital Beds* also shows a kinship with Ola Ko-

lehmäinen through its strongly abstract quality. A series of photographs of the police are in fact an exploration of symbols of power.

**Marjaana Kella** presents a series of portraits entitled *Hypnosis* (1997-2000). The artist reflects on the traditions of portrait-making in photos which are startling due to an apparent contrast between the direct photographic shot and their simultaneous sense of impenetrability. While looking at photos of hypnotized people we as members of the audience

remain ignorant of their identity beyond their names. These photographs are, finally, a disturbing study of emptiness.

All four artists have studied at the University of Art and Design Helsinki; Kella and Parantainen are also active as faculty members. Timothy Persons is known as the innovative founder of the University's Gallery TAIK, which became the first major forum for the presentation of contemporary Finnish color photography.

The Exhibit is a collaborative project between the University of Art and Design Helsinki and the Embassy of Finland in Washington, D.C.

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## NORTHERN SPELL: Contemporary Finnish Photography



## 'The Viipuri Library - saving a modern masterpiece'

March 18th conference spotlights international drive to save historic 20th century landmark by master architect Alvar Aalto in Russia

NEW YORK - Alvar Aalto's Viipuri Library in Vyborg (Viipuri), Russia - an endangered masterpiece of early modern architecture completed in 1935 - is the focus of a conference being held in New York on March 18 at 4 p.m. to raise public awareness of an international rescue campaign and to mark the significant progress made in that effort to date.

This innovative International Style structure, widely considered one of the highlights of twentieth-century architecture, remains of huge importance today not only artistically, but because it provided a new functional prototype for the modern library that has been followed the world over ever since.

A distinguished group of architects, preservationists, and scholars will speak in the Aalto-designed Edgar J. Kaufmann Conference Room at the Institute of International Education, at 809 United Nations Plaza, on First Avenue between East 45th and 46th Streets.

The plight of this long-neglected landmark and the comprehensive plans to save it will be the subject of this event, through which the international group the Friends of the Viipuri Library is spearheading its \$7million fundraising drive to implement the building's rehabilitation. Marking the tenth anniversary of the project's inception in 1992, this conference will call attention to what still needs to be done to secure the future of this seminal structure.

Jointly sponsored by former President of Finland Martti Ahtisaari along with the Consulate General of Finland in New York, American-Scandinavian Foundation, DoCo-MoMo US, Phyllis Lambert of the Canadian Centre for Architecture, the Museum of Modern Art, and the World



Alvar Aalto

Monuments Fund, this convocation signifies the urgency with which the project is viewed in the global cultural community.

As Ahtisaari emphasizes in his statement for the conference, this is not simply historic preservation, but an act of faith in the central role that knowledge must play in contemporary society.

"Aalto emphasized aesthetic and humanistic concern in all of his architecture and design," he writes. "That is why the significance and influence of his work do not diminish over time. A good example is the Viipuri Library, which even in its present poor condition gives the feeling of a strong and secure cultural institution."

Thus far, some \$1.1 million has been raised, much of it earmarked for the most urgent measures for keeping the Viipuri Library from falling deeper into ruin, including the repair of the roof and basic heating and lighting services.

Originally built in what was then a province of Finland but is now part of Russia, the Viipuri Library now cannot depend only on the support of the financially straitened Russian government. It is therefore necessary to seek help from donors who recognize the seminal significance of this building, as well as the vital role it continues to play as an educational center in its local community and for the entire Karelia region.

Speakers at the March 18

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## Finland and other Nordic nations best at safeguarding environment

Finland is the best in the world when it comes to environmental sustainability, while the US is 51st, according to a joint study by Yale University, Columbia University, and the World Economic Forum, a group better known as a target of environmental protest.

The study, released early this month at the forum's annual meeting in New York, ranks 142 nations on topics such as environmental systems and stresses, human

vulnerability, and stewardship of shared resources. The top 10 countries in the 2002 index:

1. Finland
2. Norway
3. Sweden
4. Canada
5. Switzerland
6. Uruguay
7. Austria
8. Iceland
9. Costa Rica
10. Latvia

(CSM)

## News from Finland

### Germany rejects calls for Lapland War compensation

Germany has rejected calls from Finnish Lapland for compensation for damage inflicted on the area during the so-called Lapland War at the end of 1944 and into early 1945. At that time, after the end of the Continuation War between Finland and the Soviet Union, German forces stationed in Northern Finland carried out a scorched earth policy as they retreated into Norway pursued by Finnish troops.

Hannele Pokka, the provincial Governor of Finnish Lapland, said in an article appearing in two Sunday newspapers that the time would be right for Finnish and German leaders to discuss the subject.

The German Ministry of Foreign Affairs said on Monday that Germany's discussion partner is the Finnish Government and it has not made any proposals for talks on the subject. (HS)

### Nordic countries to push full energy reform at EU summit

Finland, Sweden and Denmark teamed up on Monday to put pressure on the European Union to produce a clear timetable for reform of Europe's energy markets, including the retail sector, at its Barcelona summit.

The EU members in the Nordic region have grown frustrated over what they see as foot-dragging by bigger European countries with less liberal energy markets than their own.

"It's like having a big guy and small guy in a boxing match, and the little guy should only box with one hand and the big guy with both hands," Finnish Prime Minister Paavo Lipponen (SDP) told a news conference with his Swedish and Danish counterparts.

The issue will be debated at the March 15-16 EU summit, but France has opposed setting firm deadlines for full energy market liberalization before its general elections in June, and the Nordic leaders on Monday were not optimistic about a deal. (Reuters)

### Newspapers and magazines read by increasing number of Finns

Finns read newspapers and magazines more often than before. The number of newspaper readers has increased by an average of 1.4 percent over the past six months, reveals the National Readership Survey.

The average Finn reads three newspapers and ten periodicals. The 36 largest newspapers in the country reach 86 percent of the population over the age of twelve.

The tabloid *Ilta-Sanomat* succeeded in increasing its readers the most in six months, or 7.6 percent. The *Helsingin Sanomat* weekly pullout *NYT* topped its category with 9.5 percent more readers.

The past strong growth witnessed for computer and information technology publications has now slowed down.

Women and men differ in their reading habits. Where women read magazines that focus on home decorating, men enjoy home electronics and even Donald Duck. At the workplace, Finns most often read business-oriented newspapers.

In relation to the population, Finns are the third most avid readers of newspapers in the world. One reason behind this is the Finnish custom of newspapers being delivered directly to homes. Four in five Finns reads a newspaper that is brought to the doorstep in the morning.

The most popular newspaper in Finland is *Helsingin Sanomat* with over one million readers. According to the Finnish Newspapers Association, Finns read newspapers in order to keep up to date on current events, and to develop and to educate themselves. (HS)

### Vilén warns USA not to take unilateral action

Finland's Minister of Foreign Trade Jari Vilén (Nat. Coalition) joined in the criticism voiced by Foreign Minister Erkki Tuomioja (Soc. Dem.) concerning current policy of the United States. However, Vilén chose his words somewhat more cautiously than Tuomioja.

On Monday Vilén warned the United States not to engage in "unilateral pre-emptive use of force" against Iraq, Iran, and North Korea.

"This kind of a prospect is shunned in Europe. The common front created by the crisis in Afghanistan would not withstand the expansion of the use of force on the basis of the current situation. The setup has expanded from that of fighting international terrorism. Aspects have been included which involve fundamental conflicts of interest and differences of opinion among the great powers as well," Vilén explains.

Vilén was speaking at the opening of the latest national defense course being held in Helsinki. Vilén took office in January and the speech is the first one that he has given on security policy.

Foreign Trade Minister Vilén pointed out that the European Union and the EU member states are allies and partners of the United States, but they are also its competitors.

Vilén had this advice for the USA: "If the United States resorts to force, it must have unequivocal proof to justify it, and an international justification as well as a UN mandate are needed for military action, as was the case in Afghanistan."

On the question of possible Finnish NATO membership Vilén followed the basic line adopted by the Ministry for Foreign Affairs, according to which NATO is increasingly becoming a political organization. However, he said that it would be an exaggeration to call it a "reinforced OSCE" - as long as the article on security guarantees is in force, the US is the leading country and NATO has a common planning apparatus as well as forces committed to common use.

Vilén predicted that the enlargement of NATO will raise fewer waves than had been previously expected.

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### Government plans to tighten language skill requirement of Ingrians

The government plans to make rapid decisions on the Finnish language skill requirement for Ingrian returning migrants. The Parliamentary Foreign Affairs Committee was informed of the matter by Minister of the Interior Ville Itälä (Nat. Coalition) last week.

The Ministry of the Interior is drafting a law that would require all future Ingrian immigrants to possess enough Finnish language skills to get by in everyday life. The Foreign Affairs Committee also heard from Minister of Labor Tarja Filatov (SDP) and Minister for Foreign Affairs Erkki Tuomioja (SDP). (HS)

### SDP most popular a year ahead of elections

Support for Finland's ruling Social Democratic Party (SDP) eased slightly in February but the party retained its lead among voters a year ahead of parliamentary elections, a poll published this week found.

Support for Prime Minister Paavo Lipponen's SDP, which leads a five-party coalition government, fell to 24 percent in February from 24.6 percent in January, the survey by polling agency Taloustutkimus for national broadcaster YLE's radio news, showed. (HS)





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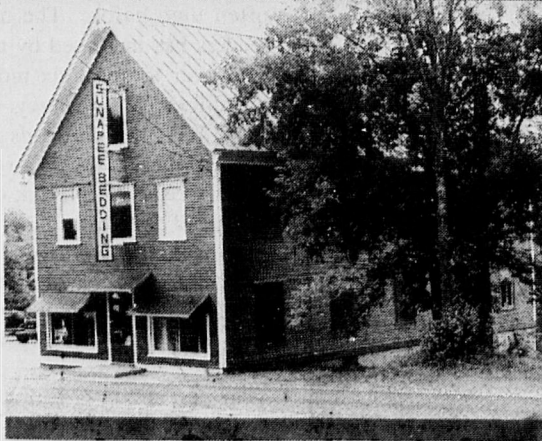
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### It's 7 olympic medals for Finland!

There was plenty of drama and excitement - and some bad blood - at the Winter Olympics as Salt Lake City.

Finland sent 100 men and women to compete and took home some hardware from seven different events, highlighted by three golds for Samppa Lajunen in the Nordic combined (ski-jumping, cross-country).

Lajunen, a 22-year-old from Jyväskylä, edged team mate Jaakko Tallus in the 15Km XC portion of one event after Tallus had assumed the lead from his previous day's jumps. So Tallus got the silver.

Lajunen easily won the Big hill-7.5Km XC for another gold. Then the Finnish Nordic Combined crew of Jari Mantila, Jaakko Tallus, Hannu Manninen and, again, Samppa Lajunen as anchor grabbed the gold in the team competition.

Another Finnish gold was won by Janne Lahtela of Kemijärvi up in Lapland in the free-style Men's Moguls.

Finland had some tough breaks in Ski-Jumping, particularly where they lost first place in the team competition to Germany by one-tenth of a point! But the Finnish team of Matti Hautamäki, Veli-Matti Lindström, Risto Jussilainen and Janne Ahonen did take a heartbreaker of a second.

In his final jump Ahonen had put Finland ahead, but Martin Schmitt, a great German jumper went just a mite hair better in the final jump of the competition. Talk about drama!

Hautamäki did pick up an individual bronze in the Normal Hill K120 jump. Another men's jump close call came in the K90 event won by Simon Hannawald of Switzerland. Three Finns came in 4th, 5th and 6th: Ahonen, Lindström and Hautamäki.

The Finnish women's hockey team, heretofore a perennial bronze medallist, made it to that round again this time, but was edged by Sweden, 2-1. Of course, the sensational outcome of the championship found the Canadian women pucksters defeat the seemingly invincible United States. Canadian men also topped the U.S. in the men's hockey final.

In the women's 15Km cross-country skiing, Finland's Kaisa Varis finished 5th. Two Finnish-American biathlon specialists (skiing and shooting) competed on the U.S. women's and men's teams in several events.

They were Kara Salmela of Duluth (MN) and Jay Hakkinen of Kaslof (AK). Neither came even close to the top

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# WARNS

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"Finnish decisions on security policy will be thoroughly assessed in the report of 2004. Recent developments have shown that the timing is appropriate," Vilén said without explicitly endorsing or opposing possible Finnish NATO membership.

The Foreign Trade Minister feels that the most important aspect in defining Finland's security policy line is the development of the EU. He also said that NATO should be assessed "without political tensions." (HS)

# VIIPURI

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conference include several leading figures in the world of architecture, design, and historic preservation:

Eric Adlercreutz, Helsinki-based architect, chairman of the Finnish committee for the restoration of the Viipuri Library, and designer of an addition to Alvar Aalto's University of Technology in Helsinki.

Stanford Anderson, architect, professor, and head of the architecture department at MIT, is renowned for his research and writing on the history of early modern architecture.

Ritva-Liisa Elomaa, chairperson since 1997 of the Friends of the Viipuri Library, has served as a diplomat and cultural affairs officer for Finland and is a vigorous exponent of Alvar Aalto's architecture.

Steven Holl, the acclaimed American architect and designer of the Kiasma museum of contemporary art in Helsinki, has often acknowledged the influence of Alvar Aalto on his own work.

Maija Kairamo, who practices architecture in Helsinki, is secretary general of the Finnish committee for the restoration of the Viipuri Library and helped to restore Aalto's Paimio Sanatorium.

Theodore H. M. Prudon, a New York-based architect and U.S. president of DoCoMoMo (Documentation and Conservation of Monuments, Buildings, Sites, and Neighborhoods of the Modern Movement.)

Peter Reed, curator in the department of architecture and design at New York's Museum of Modern Art, organized the centennial exhibition *Alvar Aalto: Between Humanism and Materialism* in 1998.

John Stubbs serves as vice president for programs for the World Monuments Fund, which recently placed the Viipuri Library on its list of the world's 100 most endangered landmark sites.

Because seating at this event will be limited, please respond to 212-750-4400 or finnconny@ix.netcom.com by March 8.

# Kalenteri

## CALIFORNIA

Apr. 14 - Los Angeles Finlandia Foundation Annual Awards Banquet, 11:30 am-3:30 pm, Ahmanson Dining Room, 7900 Loyola Blvd, Los Angeles. Past LAFF president Elissa Della Rocca to be honored. Performance by Ulla Suokko, Finlandia Foundation Performer of the Year.

Apr. 20-21 - Scandinavian Festival 2002, 10 am-5 pm, California Lutheran University, 60 W Olsen Rd, Thousand Oaks. Info: 805-493-3269.

## COLORADO

Mar. 9 - Music & storytelling workshop conducted by Ulla Suokko, Finlandia Foundation Performer of the Year, 10 am, Clement Community Center, 1580 Lakewood. Info: 303-697-4825.

- Kalevala Dinner & Celebration, Doubletree Denver. Songs, stories, flutes & kantele by Ulla Suokko, Finlandia Foundation Performer of the Year. Info: 303-989-0980. Sponsored by Finlandia Foundation of Colorado.

Mar. 14 - St Urho's Celebration, 6-9 pm, Clancy's Irish Pub, 10117 W 37th Place, Denver. Sponsored by Finlandia Foundation of Colorado. Info, reservations: 303-989-0980.

## CONNECTICUT

Mar. 17 - St Urho's Day, 1 pm, Finnish Hall, 76 North Canterbury Rd (Rt 169), Canterbury.

Apr. 4 - Finnish American Heritage Society membership meeting, 7 pm, Finnish Hall, Canterbury.

Apr. 6 - Finnish Culinary Delights, 2 pm, Finnish Hall, Canterbury.

## FLORIDA

Mar. 15 - Wasa Order of America meeting, 1:30 pm, Kerhotalo, 908 Lehto Lane, Lake Worth. Info: 561-586-3713.

Mar. 16 - St Urho's Day Mojaka Dinner, Program & Dance, 6 pm, Finnish American Club, 6016 Delaware, New Port Richey. Advance tickets required: 849-6349, 845-0097, 942-3916.

Mar. 17 - Birthday lunch, 1-2 pm, Finland House, 301 W Central Blvd, Lantana.

Mar. 18 - Finland House monthly membership meeting, 2 pm, Finland House, Lantana.

Mar. 23 - Dance, 7 pm, Finland House, Lantana. Sponsored by North Star.

Mar. 24 - Talkoilitamat, 7 pm, Finland House, Lantana. Sponsored by Finland House & organizations which use it.

Mar. 28 - Fashion Show & Luncheon, 12 noon, Finnish American Club, New Port Richey. Advance tickets required.

Mar. 30 - 'Easter Chick' dance, 7 pm, Finland House, Lantana.

Apr. 3 - Membership meeting & pot luck, 12 noon, Finnish American Club, New Port Richey.

## MASSACHUSETTS

Mar. 9 - Finnish-American Society of Cape Cod monthly meeting, 12:30 pm, West Barnstable Community Building, Rt 149, West Barnstable.

Mar. 10 - Breakfast by Maynard Knights of Kaleva, 7-11 am, Kalevaiset Lodge, Fort Pond, Littleton.

Mar. 13 - Finnish Center at Saima Park Inc membership meeting, 7:30 pm, Saima Park, Scott Rd, Fitchburg. Teacher Karen Walsh Fortin will present a 'culture' program about Haiti.

Mar. 15 - Finnish dinner (7 pm) & concert of Finnish music by accordionist Brent Buswell (8 pm), Maison Robert restaurant, 45 School St, Boston. Info: 617-227-3370.

Mar. 16 - Old-fashioned Penny Sale, Kalevaiset Lodge, Littleton. Food & refreshments available beginning 5:30 pm; prizes drawn after 7.

Mar. 17 - Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner Dance, 2-6 pm, Viking Club, Braintree. Irish & Scandinavian music by Nils Lundin. Reservations: 508-378-9991.

Mar. 16 - Finnish School of New England, 10 am-12 noon, Waldorf School, 739 Mass Ave, Lexington.

## MICHIGAN

Mar. 15 - St Urho Party, Finnish Center, 35200 W Eight Mile Rd, Farmington Hills. Supper 5:30-8 pm. Program of music, readings & crowning of St Urho. Info: 248-478-6939.

Mar. 17 - Kalevala Day Program, 3 pm, Finnish Center, Farmington Hills. Kalevala skit & light lunch.

Mar. 19 - FinnWeavers Workshop, 9 am-2 pm, Finnish Center, Farmington Hills.

Mar. 22 - Supper with music by Soitoniekat, 5:30-8 pm, Finnish Center, Farmington Hills.

## MINNESOTA

May 3-5 - Spring Work Weekend, Salolampi Language Village, Turtle River Lake, County Highway 20, northeast of Bemidji. Contribute labor for lodging, meals, sauna & comradeship with Finns & non-Finns. Reservations: 218-564-4266 or 715-268-7884.

May 5-11 - Spring Adult Week, Salolampi Language Village, northeast of Bemidji. Language instruction & Finnish cultural presentations. To register: 800-450-2214.

Aug. 7-11 - FinnFest USA 2002, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis. Info: office@finnfest02.org; www.finnfest02.org; tel 651-647-0200; fax 651-647-6800; hotline 612-573-7676 or FinnFest USA 2002, 2147 University Ave W Ste 117, St Paul MN 55114.

## NEW JERSEY

June 8 - Scandinavian American Heritage Society Midsummer Celebration, Ramapo College, Mahwah.

## NEW YORK

Mar. 9 - Finlandia Foundation New York Metropolitan Chapter Annual Awards Gala, The Union League Club, 38 East 37th St, New York City. 2002 Arts & Letters Award recipient: Johanna Grussner. Dancing to music of Christof Knoche Band. Info, reservations: 914-232-3948 or Marbolino@sorosny.org

Mar. 21 - Guitar virtuoso Ben Monder teams up with Sound of Village Duo (Yusuke Yamamoto & Mika Pohjola), 9 pm, Cornelia Street Café, 29 Cornelia St, New York City. Tel. 212-989-9319.

Apr. 12 - 'Northern Exposure,' Finnish documentary film festival begins, 6:30 pm, Scandinavia House, 58 Park Ave, New York City. 'The Idle Ones' (2001) by Susanna Helke & Virpi Suutari. Info: 212-879-9779 or info@amscan.org

- Finlandia Foundation Metropolitan Chapter membership-program evening, Estonia House, 243 E 34th St, New York City.

Apr. 13 - 'Northern Exposure' festival continues with films by 'Finns on Finland,' Scandinavia House, New York City:

10 am - 'Milkpayday' (1991) by Mikko Piela; 'The

Banished' (1998) by Visa Koiso-Kanttila.

12 noon - 'The Diver' (2000) by PV Lehtinen; 'Miina!' (2001) by Lasse Naukkarinen.

3 pm - 'Three Smiths' (2001) by Pekka Uotila;

'Suckers' (1993) by John Webster.

5 pm - 'Christmas in the Distance' (1994) by Anu

Kuivalainen; 'Gracious Curves' (1997) by Kiti

Luostarinen.

7 pm - Seminar organized by the DocuClub.

Apr. 14 - 'Northern Exposure' continues with films by 'Finns on Others,' Scandinavia House, New York City:

10 am - 'Wanted' (1998) by Milla Moilanen, 'Trans-

Siberia' (1999) by Kanerva Cederström.

12 noon - 'P(l)ain Truth' by Ilppo Pohjola.

3 pm - 'A Strange Message From Another

Star' (1999) by Veli Granö; 'Eclipse of the Soul'

(2000) by Marja Pensala.

5 pm - Film Reception in Volvo Hall.

6 pm - 'Six Ways to Approach a Woman' (1990) by

Jaakko Virtanen; 'The Stars' Caravan' (2000) by Arto

Hälonen.

8 pm - 'Blatnoir Mir' (2001) by Jouni Hiltunen.

April 15 - 'Northern Exposure' continues at the Pioneer Theatre, 155 East 3rd St, New York City. 7 pm: 'Mothers of Life' (2002) by Markku Lehmuskallio & Anastasia Lapsui; 9 pm:

'The Idle Ones' (2001) by Susanna Helke & Virpi Suutari.

April 16 - 'Northern Exposure' continues at the Pioneer Theatre, New York City. 7 pm: 'Atman' (1996) by Pirjo Honkasalo.

Apr. 25-27 - Sir Colin Davis to conduct the New York Philharmonic, 8 pm, Avery Fisher Hall, Lincoln Center, New York City. Program includes Sibelius's Pohjola's Daughter, Six Humoresques, Symphony No 5.

## TEXAS

Mar. 21 - Finnish-American Society of Dallas/Ft Worth monthly meeting, 7:30 pm, King of Glory Lutheran Church, 6411 LBJ Freeway, Dallas.

## VERMONT

Mar. 16 - Third Annual Vermont St Urho's Day Celebration, 4-9 pm, Waterbury Senior Citizen's Center, Stowe St, Waterbury. Bring a dish to share (snack, dessert, whatever) & your own drinks. Dancing to live music provided by Papu; also CDs. RSVP to John Nutting (jrnutt@pshift.com) or 244-8042.

## WASHINGTON

Apr. 7 - Mostly Nordic Chamber Music Series celebrates Jean Sibelius, 4 pm, Nordic Heritage Museum, 3014 NW 67th St, Seattle. Program by Metropolitan String Quartet includes String Duo in C major, String Quartet in D minor, Op 56, Piano Quintet in G minor.

## WASHINGTON, DC

Mar. 10 - Finlandia Foundation National Capital Chapter meeting, 3 pm, Embassy of Finland, 3301 Mass Ave NW. Program: 'Shipbuilding and Cruise Industry' by representatives of Kvaerner Masa Yards, Wärtsilä North America & Wärtsilä Cruise Ship Sales. Free admission but must register by Mar 7th to: e-mail Finn2@erols.com or Dennis Harrington, 6534 Greyledge Ct, Alexandria VA 22310. Coffee & pulla will be served.

Mar. 16 - Finlandia Foundation National Capital Chapter Kalevala Celebration 2002, 6 pm, Embassy of Finland. Smörgåsbord of traditional Finnish foods, music, program, dancing to music of Mika Pohjola Trio. Reservations deadline Mar 11. Info: 703-978-3562 or 703-378-0036.

Mar. 28 - Mikko Franck to guest conduct the National Symphony Orchestra, 7 pm, Kennedy Center. Program includes Sibelius: En Saga, Op 9; Rautavaara: Violin Concerto (1977). Tickets, info: 800-444-1324 or 202-467-4600.

Mar. 29 - Mikko Franck to guest conduct the National Symphony Orchestra, 8:30 pm, Kennedy Center. Program includes Sibelius: En Saga, Rautavaara: Violin Concerto.

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## Finlandia Foundation

### New York Metropolitan Chapter

Date: March 09  
Place: The Union League Club, 38 East 37th Street, New York City  
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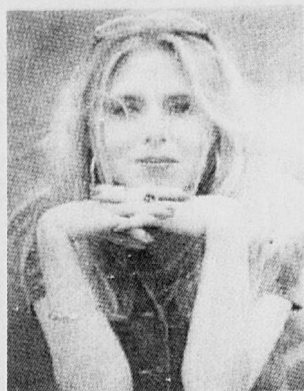
The Finlandia Foundation Metropolitan Chapter Gala Dinner Dance is the major source of funding for various Scholarship Grants as well as allowing the Foundation to acknowledge organizations and individuals who have made outstanding contributions to the Finnish American cultural dialogue.

The Finlandia Foundation is by far the largest private supporter of Finnish culture in this country. The Foundation grants annually over \$100,000 in scholarships and grants to Finnish and American recipients.

The Arts and Letters Award will be presented to jazz singer/chorus conductor Johanna Grüssner for her incredible contributions in increasing American public awareness of Finnish culture and music. Ms. Grüssner and some of her young P.S. 86 School Chorus singers will be performing. Raffle and Silen Auction.

The Union League Club was founded in 1863 by a group of concerned citizens to help preserve the Union. Members of the Union club were instrumental in establishing the Metropolitan Museum of Art and the American Red Cross, in addition to helping erect both the Statue of Liberty in New York Harbor and the Lincoln Monument in Union Square. Fifteen presidents, seven senators, many congressmen, diplomats and cabinet members have been members of the Club during the past hundred and thirty years.

Reservations: Maija Arbolino 914-232-3948 Marbolino@soronsy.org or Peter Finke, pfinke@savvy.net.



Johanna Grüssner will receive the Arts and Letters Award

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Thank you also to: the February coffee hostesses Tuulikki Leino and Marja Roth-Sopanen.

#### Other events

April 12: Membership program evening, Estonia House, 243 E. 34th Street, NYC.

May 10: Membership program evening

June: Annual family picnic at Williams Lake Resort, Rosendale (NY).

#### Other Finnish events

Finnish Lutheran Congregation worship services at 3 p.m., March 17, at Park Avenue Methodist Church, 106 E. 86th Street, New York City.

Alpo Niskanen 718-892-2712, Finnrican@wol.com, Pekka Vartiainen 212-427-9639 or Tarja Koskela@finnchurchny.org

March 28 at 6:30 p.m. evening church.

Finnchurch of New York worship services, March 24, at Norwegian Seaman's Church, 317 E. 52nd St. (betw. 1st & 2nd Ave.).

The Rev. Tarja Koskela 718-545-0798, tarja.koskela@finnchurchny.org

March 28 p.m. evening church together with Finnish Lutheran Congregation at Park Avenue Methodist Church, 106 E. 86th Street, NYC.

The Finlandia Foundation and the Salolampi Foundation have teamed up to provide matching scholarship funds for children sponsored by Finlandia Foundation Chapters. Salolampi, Finnish for "Lake of the Woods" is one of 12 Concordia Language Villages located on Turtle River Lake near Bemidji (MN).

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#### Membership meeting

Karen Walsh Fortin, a transitional teacher at Northwest Elementary School in Leominster, will be the guest speaker at the March 18th membership meeting.

Fortin will present a "culture" program on Haiti. She'll show slides from her recent visit to that country where she stayed in St. Helene, a small town in the southwestern part of the country. There she offered assistance at the school, clinic and hospice center.

The meeting will begin at 7:30 p.m. Suzanne Sangunetti and Sally Tracy are the hostesses.



Väinö Kosonen turned 80 in January. Here he is cutting the birthday cake.

### Finnish War Veteran Väinö Kosonen turns 80

DANBURY, CT - On January 20 Väinö Juhani Kosonen celebrated his 80th birthday at his home.

Several old friends gathered there for the occasion, including John Kirk who is the president of the Finnish War Veterans in America, other Finnish-American friends, and a couple from Hungary.

The writer of this report, who is Mr. Kosonen's son, was also present.

It was a beautiful sunny day here in Connecticut for the occasion, and the sunshine seemed to add to the joy of the celebration.

My father was kept busy answering the phone, which rang periodically with calls from well-wishers from as far away as Finland and even Australia.

Mr. Kirk announced that on behalf of the Finnish War Veterans in America, my father would be their Honorary President from now on. This is truly a great honor!

As my father's son, I must say that I am grateful for his service as an artilleryman in

the Finnish Army during the war. My father was lucky - he came home alive and unhurt, but eighty-thousand young Finnish men did not survive. That is a great loss in lives for a small nation of only four million inhabitants at that time.

Every Finnish village has its *sankarhaudat* - hero graves - where the fallen local boys lie in eternal repose. I once saw the moving Christmas Eve ritual at one of these churchyards - candles were lit on all the hero graves, and an honor guard of alternating veterans and schoolchildren stood watch through the night at strict attention. It was a very powerful sight!

If my parents' generation of Finns had not made this great sacrifice, Finland would have shared the fate of Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania and become another Soviet Republic. Much of the Finnish nation would have been deported east to Siberian labor camps, and others would have been killed outright.

Had this happened, there is a strong probability that my sister and I would never have been born, and I would not be writing this letter today. Or, if I had been born, I would be living in miserable poverty somewhere in the wreckage of the Soviet empire, as so many millions of unfortunate people are today.

Instead, I am alive and healthy and living here in America, and my Finnish relatives are living in one of the highest standards of living in the world in free Finland.

A few years ago my father and I traveled through Finland in a luxurious double-decker train. We traveled near the Russian border. It occurred to me that just a couple of kilometers to the east, the people on the other side of the border were living in a

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## Werner Wiskari: 'NO NIIN'

Max Jakobson, an elegant former Finnish diplomat and a noted historian, has written another of his elegant books.

In "Pelon ja toivon aika" ("Time of Fear and Hope"), he surveys Finland's postwar history in new detail and with a broader perspective than in previous books, and he also makes use of newly available Soviet archives. The book, which covers the postwar years through 1971, is written in an elegant Finnish.

Elegance of language - Finnish, English or whatever language he chooses to write in - is his hallmark. As a prime example, there is the unforgettable sentence that illuminates his earlier book "The Diplomacy of the Winter War" - "Great events approach us often in their stocking feet."

Jakobson is highly skilled in putting Finland's best foot forward. This he amply demonstrated to foreign correspondents while serving as the Finnish Foreign Ministry's press chief during the severe Soviet-Finnish crises of 1958 and 1961.

In covering those crises for *The New York Times*, I soon learned to check with the Finnish Prime Minister or other Finnish Cabinet ministers for what he had left out of his briefings. I also learned to recognize some shortcomings in his analysis.

These shortcomings are evident in his earlier books. They are evident as well in "Time of Fear and Hope."

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Max Jakobson's major error of analysis is to write of the aged Väinö Tanner as if he was the actual chairman of Finland's Social Democratic Party for six years beginning in 1957, when he was 76 years old. This failing has long been shared by other Finnish writers on political affairs, and it was the failing of Finnish journalists of Tanner's time as well.

Like them, Jakobson does not point out that Tanner was only the titular chairman from 1957 to 1963 and that the party was actually led then by Väinö Leskinen, a member of its executive committee.

Leskinen wanted to be chairman in 1957. But lacking the votes to win the chairmanship for himself, he pushed for the election of Tanner, who had been a powerful Social Democratic chairman in the early years of Finnish independence.

That young Tanner had turned his working-class party toward the West, and thereby had earned Moscow's undying hatred, according to Arvo (Poika) Tuominen, the secretary-general of the Finnish Communist Party in the

1930's. For the rest of his life, Tanner was No. 1 on the Soviet blacklist of undesirable Finns.

The aged Tanner of 1957, Leskinen knew, could be manipulated, making it possible for him, Leskinen, to run the party. Finnish analysts and journalists knew that, too, but they chose to write of Tanner - as does Jakobson - as though Tanner was the strong man of old. And so they perpetuated the image that Moscow continued to accept as real.

After Tanner had been re-elected chairman in 1960, I asked Heikki Tikkanen of the *Helsingin Sanomat*, Finland's leading newspaper, why he had written only of the vote for Tanner and had not gone on, as I had done, to detail Leskinen's machinations. Tikkanen, who later became his paper's editor in chief, replied that Finland needed the Social Democratic Party.

Tikkanen said that the matter had been discussed at the *Helsingin Sanomat* and that it had been decided that writing about the role of Leskinen would only continue the splintering of the Social Democratic Party that had already occurred.

The party had emerged from the Parliamentary elections of 1958 as Finland's largest, with 51 M.P.'s, but then 14 of them had bolted to represent a new Left-wing Socialist Party, leaving only 37. Tikkanen said the *Sanomat* editors had decided it was necessary to help keep the party from splintering any further.

I said the *Sanomat*, in not fulfilling its responsibility as a newspaper to explain Leskinen's role, underestimated the toughness of the Social Democratic Party that remained. In any case, I said, if the party was so weak that the truth about its leadership could not be told, it deserved to disappear.

It has not, of course. Some years later, it returned to its usual place as Finland's largest party.

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Väinö Tanner vehemently disagreed with the judgment of many Finnish analysts and his political foes that he owed it to Finland to stay out of politics after the war to refrain from antagonizing the Soviet Union. That, according to "Time of Fear and Hope," is Jakobson's view as well.

Tanner said it was up to Finnish voters, and not any Finnish analysts or political foes - or the Soviet Union - to decide whether he should be a Member of Parliament. And similarly, he said, it was up to the members of the Finnish Social Democratic Party, and not any Finnish analysts or political foes - or

the Soviet Union - to decide whether he should be party chairman.

That political philosophy, which Tanner regarded as the only proper one for an independent Finland, was put to a stern test at the end of August 1958, when a five-party coalition Government, including Leskinen and another Tanner lieutenant among its ministers, was formed in Helsinki. This aroused fears in Moscow that the coalition might try to press for a change in Finland's foreign policy of neutrality and friendship with all nations, especially the Soviet Union, and tilt it toward the West.



Max Jakobson provides a new look in his "Time of Fear and Hope" at two Soviet-Finnish crises and other events in Finland's postwar history. Väinö Tanner, shown in a drawing by Mille Wiskari, was regarded by Moscow as the principal villain in both crises.

Reinforcing that fear, in Moscow's view, was the fact that a majority of the coalition's ministers - representing the Social Democratic and Conservative Parties - were political foes of President Urho Kekkonen. Moscow trusted Kekkonen to conduct a foreign policy that would not stray one whit from neutrality.

The Soviet Union soon showed its anger over the new Finnish Government silently but devastatingly. It recalled its ambassador from Helsinki, stalled on economic talks that had been under way and cut back on imports from Finland.

Tanner, however, was convinced that the Government, which enjoyed the backing of 137 of the 200 members of Finland's Parliament, could weather Soviet displeasure if President Kekkonen stood strongly behind it. But President Kekkonen was convinced that it was his patriotic duty to do everything he could to bring the coalition down.

"I could not gamble with Finland's security," he once

told me in explaining why he had not backed the coalition. Asked if he had tried to convince Soviet leader Nikita Khrushchev that Tanner actually supported Finland's neutrality policy, Kekkonen said he had but had stopped when he could see it was no use.

And so, with the Soviet Union applying silent pressure from the outside and Kekkonen attacking the Finnish coalition from within, the Government collapsed in early December 1958.

It was now clear to the Social Democrats that, since Kekkonen had refused to support a majority coalition, they

had demanded could be put off. They were never held.

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Among the disappointing facets of Max Jakobson's book is his argument that it was Kekkonen's power of persuasion and not Honka's withdrawal that had ended the Soviet-note crisis.

Khrushchev, Jakobson asserts, had agreed to put off the consultations 14 hours before Honka withdrew. But, as Ahti Karjalainen, Finland's Foreign Minister at the time, told me years later, Khrushchev knew that Honka was about to withdraw. The Soviet-Finnish communique, however, was not issued until



had to obtain a President who would. Consequently, they nominated as their candidate for the 1962 Presidential elections Olavi Honka, a retired civil servant so politically neutral that four of the seven other Finnish parties also made him their candidate.

The Russians soon showed their concern. Khrushchev said a vote against Kekkonen was a vote against the Soviet Union, and in the fall of 1961, Moscow sent Finland a note demanding defense consultations because, it said, peace was being threatened by West Germany. Finland stalled as long as it could.

In a final attempt to avoid the entanglements that such consultations might bring, Kekkonen journeyed to Novosibirsk in Siberia to meet with Khrushchev, who was then on a visit there.

Honka announced that he was withdrawing "in the national interest," and a subsequent joint Finnish-Soviet communique said Khrushchev had agreed that the defense consultations Moscow

the Soviet leader could be sure that Honka had done so.

In "Time of Fear and Hope," Jakobson is continuing what he was doing in 1961 as a Foreign Ministry official.

By contending that Kekkonen persuaded Khrushchev to put off the defense consultations, Jakobson is trying to put the best construction on the severe blow to Finnish democracy that resulted from the crisis - the ending of contested Presidential elections for the rest of Kekkonen's tenure. Admitting that Honka's withdrawal was what actually resolved the Soviet-note crisis would have put the focus on Soviet pressure on Finns.

Jakobson then makes the extraordinary statement that Kekkonen returned to Helsinki as "the fatherland's savior" and accordingly was re-elected President in early 1962 by a large margin. He does not mention that the end of Honka's five-party candidacy had left Kekkonen only



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### SPORTS

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When Samppa Lajunen arrived home at Jyväskylä, he was asked what he'd like to have his hometown award him for the three golds he brought back with him. (Remember when Arsi Harju's hometown gave him a huge Harley Davidson motorcycle when he won the Olympic shotput gold in the Summer Olympics.)

Lajunen's response was: "Kätelnen raha, tonkki, mökki, omakotitalo - kaikki kelpaavat." (Cash, a building lot, a summer cabin, a house - all are acceptable.)

For me the clear highlight of the Olympics was the fantastic victory of 16-year-old American Sarah Hughes in the women's figure skating where she upset the two more experienced heavy favorites Irina Slutskaya and Michelle Kwan with her exquisite free-skating performance. However, we mustn't overlook Finnish figure skater Elina Kettunen who who moved up to 11th after an 18th place first day ranking after the short program.

I watched some of the Olympics on television. There was the usual excess of jingoism, a couple of doping disqualifications, and bad blood, particularly around the issue of judging in the pairs skating. While I enjoy seeing the Finns do well, I applaud the superlative efforts of athletes of any nation who might happen to excel.

Who couldn't admire the fantastic ski jumping of the baby-faced Swiss youngster Simon Ammann? And I was delighted to see the American bobsledder Vonetta Flowers who became the first African-American to win a winter Olympics medal, when she and her partner Jill Bakken took a bronze.

And the politicized judging

in the pairs figure skate was more than compensated for in the double gold presented to Canada's Jamie Sale and David Pelletier and Russia's Yelena Berezhnaya and Anton Sikharulidze and the wonderful grace and sportsmanship they displayed, the Olympic spirit at its best.

Which brings me to the excess commercialism. In one of the most beautiful moments of the Olympics when these skaters were being showed hugging each other in friendship and mutual appreciation, McDonald's greasburgers had to rear its ugly head pointing out that all the television lower screen captioning was made possible by the Big Mac empire. This even hit the faces of one of the women from the audience.

But I do admit that some of the commercials were clever, imaginative, and funny works of art. But my favorite pitch never appeared on the TV screens but was reported on some billboards at Salt Lake. That was the beer ad for "Polygamy Porter - Why Stop at One. Take Some Home to the Wives." All this to the chagrin of the Church of Latter-Day Saints. What would have been more droll had Polygamy Porter been named the "Official Beer of the Winter Olympics".

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token candidates to run against.

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The Soviet-Finnish crises of 1958 and 1961 both had severe and far-reaching consequences in Finland.

In the aftermath of the 1958 crisis, Social Democrats were kept out of Finnish governments until 1966, when Tanner and Leskinen were no longer in leadership positions, and Conservatives were sidelined until 1987, when their last leader on Moscow's hate list was in political retirement.

The 1961 crisis ended all attempts by the Finnish Social Democrats and everyone else to defeat a President so strongly backed by the Soviet Union. For the rest of his 25 years in office, only token Presidential candidates ran against Kekkonen.

The Presidential election of 1982, which Mauno Koivisto won in a landslide, was the first to be freely contested since Kekkonen was first elected in 1956.

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poverty that few of us can imagine, while here we were in the cleanest, most comfortable and modern train that I had ever seen, travelling through prosperous, clean little towns bustling with vitality.

My father and mother (who is also a veteran because she served on the administrative staff of a military hospital during the war) and their generation of Finns made that contrast possible. I owe my life to them, and I just wish to say *Kittos* - Thank you - to them.

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