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Presidentti Halonen vakiinnutti asemansa

Presidentti Tarja Halonen on onnistunut vakiinnuttamaan asemansa koko kansan presidenttinä. Sanomalehti *Kalevan* teettämän tuoreen mielipidemittauksen mukaan 75 prosent-



Tarja Halonen

tia kansalaisista on tyytyväisiä Halosen toimintaan. Vain kahdeksan prosenttia vastajista sanoi olevansa tyytymätön presidenttiin. Reilu kymmenes suhtautuu häneen neutraalisti.

Reilu vuosi sitten presidentin tehtävät vastaanottaneen Halosen suosio on *Kalevan* mukaan noussut vuodessa 23 prosenttiyksiköllä. Halonen on suosituimpi kuin edeltäjänsä Martti Ahtisaari. (MTV3)

Matkailu Suomeen myötätuulessa

Ulkomailta Suomeen suuntautuva matkailu on kehittynyt viime vuosina suotuisasti, ja ulkomaankauppaministeri Kimmo Sasi (kok) uskoo matkailuelinkeinoalan myötätuulen jatkuvan. Rekisteröidyissä ulkomaisissa yöpymisissä ylitettiin viime vuonna ensi kertaa neljän miljoonan raja.

"Tavoitteena on saavuttaa 7 miljoonan ulkomaisen rekisteröidyn yöpymisen ja 15 miljoonan kotimaisen yöpymisen määrät vuoteen 2010 mennessä, jolloin matkailun taloudellinen merkitys olisi 50 miljardia markkaa", linjaa Sasi. (STT)

EU-elinten vallan lisäämiselle tukea

Yli puolet suomalaisista europarlamentaarikoista tukee EU:n toimielinten vallan lisäämistä. *Helsingin Sanomat* kysyi Suomen kuudeltatoista euroedustajalta, haluaisivatko he lisätä EU:n toimielinten vai jäsenmaiden valtaa unionissa. Innokkaimmin EU-elimia vahvistaisivat sosiaalidemokraatit, vihreät ja suurin osa kokoomuslaisista.

Kansainvälinen toiminta aiheuttaa poliisille rahapulaa

Kansainväliseen toimintaan joudutaan käyttämään poliisin perustoiminnan varoja, sanoo Suomen sisäministeriön kansliapäällikkö Kari Häkämies. Muun muassa Schengenin-sopimus ja Europol-toiminta ovat syöneet poliisin palkkavaroja.

Häkämiehen mukaan poliisin ja valtiovarainministeriön näkemys ero määrärahoista on noin 150 miljoonaa markkaa.

Rahapula vaikuttaa poliisin näkymiseen katukuvassa. Tutkimusten mukaan suomalaiset kaipaavat kadulla partioivaa poliisia turvallisuuden tuojana.

Häkämiehen arvion mukaan pohjoismaiselle tasolle pääseminen tässä suhteessa vaatisi tuhat uutta poliisivirkkaa. (SS)



Outstanding contributions recognized

Betty and Albert Jokela received the Los Angeles Finlandia Foundation's "Honoree 2001" plaque from LAFF president Terrisa Jurgens Nelson during the chapter's annual Awards Luncheon on April 7 at the Sportsmen's Lodge in Studio City, California. Above, from left, Terrisa Jurgens Nelson with Betty and Albert Jokela. More on page 11.

photo: Elissa Della Rocca

Ulkoministeriö kutsuu kansalaisia ottamaan kantaa

Suomen valtionhallinnon keskustelufoorumia www.otakantaa.fi internetissä isännöi huhtikuun ajan ulkoasiainministeriö. UM pyytää kansalaisten näkemyksiä siitä, miten Suomen ja suomalaisten etuja pitäisi maailmassa tänään ajaa sekä kertoamaan kokemuksia ja kysymään konsulipalveluista.

Ulkosaainministeri Erkki Tuomioja antaa toukokuussa hallitukselle ja eduskunnan ulkoasiainvaliokunnalle selvityksen ministeriön tehtävistä, tavoitteista ja resursseista sen palvellessa Suomea ulko- ja konsulipalveluissa ja Suomen tunnetuksi

tekemisessä.

UM:n toimintamäärärahat ovat pysyneet kymmenisen vuotta samalla runsaan 800 miljoonan markan tasolla, samalla kun sen tehtäväkenttä on laajentunut ja edustustoja on perustettu lisää. Tämän selvityksen tueksi kansalaiset voivatkin nyt ottaa kantaa siihen, mitä ulkoasiainhallinnon tulee heidän mielestään tehdä ja millä resursseilla.

Uudistettu konsulipalvelulaki on ollut voimassa joulukuusta 1999. Sen mukaan ulkoasiainministeriö ja sen ulkomailta olevat edustustot avustavat jatkua sivulla 2

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Postipalvelulaki vahvistettiin

Ensi vuoden alusta voimaan tulevan postipalvelulain mukaan jokaisessa kunnassa pitää olla vähintään yksi postipalveluja tarjoava toimipiste. Toimipiste voi olla postiyhtymän oma, asiamiesposti tai yhteispalvelupiste. Postipalveluja on voitava tarjota pysyvästi ja kohtuullisin hinnoin kaikille suomalaisille.

Postitoiminnassa sallitaan myös kilpailu. Yleispalvelun tarjoajaksi aiotaan kuitenkin nimetä Suomen Posti Oy.

Uuden lain mukaan kaikkien postiyhtymien on keräiltävä ja jaettava kirjeet ja paketit vähintään kerran jokaisena työpäivänä. Keräyspisteitä eli postilaatikoita on oltava kohtuullisen matkan päässä asiakkaiden asunnoista, laissa määrätään. (SS)

Kemin lumilinna jäi puoleen kävijätavoitteesta

Kemin lumilinnakausi päättyi pääsiäismaanantaina. Vieskelin uhriksi joutunut linna suljettiin jo kertaalleen viikkoa aikaisemmin. Yöpakkasten ansiosta linna saatiin kuitenkin kiirastorstaina avattua pääsiäisvieraita varten.

Kemin kuudes uuden lumilinnayhtiön ensimmäinen linnatalvi ei sujunut odotusten mukaan. Kävijöitä oli noin 110 000. Ennakkoon linnaan odotettiin 200 000:ta vierasta. (HS)

Kääntäjäpalkinto Pentti Saaritsalle

Kansan sivistysrahaston Irene ja Kalevi Sorsan rahastoon perustetun kääntäjäpalkinnon saa ensimmäisenä runoilija Pentti Saaritsa. Palkinto myönnettiin Saaritsalle tunnustuksena pitkästä ja merkittävästä päivätyöstä modernin, erityisesti romaanisen ja suomenruotsalaisen kielialueen runouden parissa sekä aatteellisen runouden kääntämisestä. 10 000 markan palkinto jaetaan tästä edes vähintään viiden vuoden välein. (STT)

Suomalaismestareita Retretissä

Retretti esittelee Salvador Dalín teosten rinnalla Suomen kultakauden ajan mestareiden maalaamia henkilökuvia. Taiteilijoina ovat tutut Albert Edelfelt, Akseli Gallen-Kallela, Elin Danielson-Gambogi, Helen Schjerfbeck ja Maria Wiik. Näyttely, joka on saanut nimekseen *Julkisen ja intimitin*, koostuu runsaasta neljästäkymmenestä maalauksesta. Näistä viisitoista on saatu lainaksi yksityiskokoelmista. (STT)

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Lääkärilakon kuudes viikko tietää helpotusta terveyskeskusten asiakkaille. Lakko-vuorossa olleet kuuden kaupungin terveyskeskuslääkärit palaavat tällä viikolla töihin.

Sairaaloiden erikoislääkäreistä lakkoon siirtyvät nyt gynekologit, korva-, nenä- ja kurkkutautilääkärit, silmä-lääkärit sekä röntgenlääkärit.

Lääkäriliiton puheenjohtaja Heikki Pälve ja Kunnallisen työmarkkinailaitoksen työmarkkinajohtaja Jouni Ekuri tapaavat valtakunnansovittelija Juhani Saloniuksen alku viikolla. (STT)

80 vuotta

oppivelvollisuutta

Huhtikuun 15. p:nä tuli kuluneeksi 80 vuotta, siitä kun oppivelvollisuus astui voimaan. Oppivelvollisuus alkaa yhä siitä vuodesta, jolloin Suomen kansalainen täyttää seitsemän. Oppivelvollisuus päättyy sinä vuonna kun oppilas on täyttänyt 17 vuotta tai kun hän on suorittanut peruskoulun oppimäärän. (MTV3)

Kuolemantuomio saa kannatusta

Vajaat puolet suomalaisista hyväksyisi kuolemanrangaistuksen vakavien rikosten rangaistuksena. Väli-Suomen sanomalehtien *Sunnuntaisuomalaisen* kyselyyn vastanneista kuolemanrangaistuksen hyväksyisi kaikkiaan 46 jatkaa sivulla 4

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April 12, 2001
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Suomen uutisia

Lipposen hallituksella juhlapäivä

Suomen hallitus vietti 15. tätä kuuta kaksivuotissyntymäpäiväänsä. Pääministeri Paavo Lipposen (sd) toinen hallitus on pysynyt vallan kahvassa kaikkiaan 732 päivää. Hallituksen päätöksiä on tehty lähes samalla kokoonpanolla tosin jo kuuden vuoden ajan.

Lipposen ensimmäinen hallitus oli tähänastisista historian pitkäikäisin. Molemmista Lipposen hallituksissa mukana istunut nykyinen puolustusministeri Jan-Erik Enes-tam (r) arvioi hallitusta vireäksi keski-ikäiseksi.

Politiikan hoito on Enestamin mukaan muuttunut vuosien varrella selvästi liikemiesmäisemmäksi. Hänen mukaansa taloudella ei ole koskaan ollut niin merkittävää roolia politiikassa kuin nykyään.

Pääministeri Paavo Lipponen oli hallituksen kaksivuotispäivänä pääministeritilastossa toisena 2 195 ministeripäivällänsä. Pisimpään pääministerinä on toiminut Kalevi Sorsa (sd), joka hoiti tehtävää 3 652 päivää. (MTV3, STT)

Veikkaus erotti Matti Ahteen

Veikkaus on erottanut toimitusjohtaja Matti Ahteen. Ahteen työsuhde päättyi eilen 17. huhtikuuta. Veikkauksen hallitus teki päätöksen asiasta kokouksessaan tiistaina. Yhtiön hallitus katsoo, ettei Ahteella ole edellytyksiä johtaa yhtiötä todettujen ahdistelutapausten vuoksi.

Tiistaiamuna oikeustieteen tohtori Pirkko K. Koskinen esitteli Veikkauksen hallitukselle selvityksensä seksuaalisesta ahdistelusta, johon Ahteen väitettiin syyllystyneen. Koskinen kertoisaneensa työnsä aikana selvityksen 4 - 5 uskottavasta ahdistelutapauksesta. Koskinen mukaan tapaukset olivat lieviä.

Vaikka tapaukset olivat lieviä, Koskinen mielestä yhtiön toimitusjohtajan käyttäytymiselle on asetettava suurempia vaatimuksia kuin muille työntekijöille.

Ahde itse kiisti tiistain tiedotustilaisuudessa edelleen väitteet seksuaalisesta ahdistelusta.

Toimitusjohtajan tehtäviä hoitaa Ahteen varamies Jussi Isotalo siihen asti, kun uusi toimitusjohtaja valitaan. (HS)

Suomen puolustukseen suunnitteilla muutoksia

Suomen sotilaalliseen puolustukseen suunnitellaan huomattavia muutoksia. Hallitus valmistelee puolustuspoliittista selontekoa, jossa nopeasti liikkuvien valmiusjoukkojen roolia korostetaan entisestään.

MTV3:n uutisten mukaan nykyinen aluepuolustus ollaan säilyttämässä, mutta sitä voidaan keventää muun muassa reserviä pienentämällä. Nopeille valmiusjoukoille ollaan hankkimassa alempaa parempaa kalustoa, mahdollisesti myös taisteluhelikoptereita.

Suunnitelmaa vaikeuttaa kuitenkin rahan puute. Hallitus on MTV3:n uutisten mukaan tietävästi valmis lisäämään puolustusmenoja yli miljardilla markalla vuodessa. Armeijan laskema minimitarve on kuitenkin kaksi miljardia markkaa.

MTV3:n uutisten saamien tietojen mukaan hallitus ja presidentti päättävät parin viikon kuluttua, siirretäänkö selonteko ensi syksyyn. (SS)

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Suomen kansalaisia ja Suomessa pysyvästi asuvia ulkomaalaisia näiden joutuessa ulkomailla hädänalaiseen asemaan tai kriisitilanteeseen. Lisäksi annetaan notaari- ja eräitä muita palveluita sekä myönnetään passeja ja viisumeita. Nettikeskustelussa UM haluaa kuulla kansalaisten kokemuksia konsulipalveluista ja vastata niistä koskeviin kysymyksiin.

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From the desk of Stig Häggblom:

Politiikassa on kyse tahdosta! Näin sanoi presidentti Tarja Halonen pari vuotta sitten ulkoministerinä toimissaan.

Missä sanotaan, että laittumisen pitää olla vihreä? Näin kysyy tämänkertaisen kolumnini kuvassa talonpoika ja hänen lehmänsä mainiossa kuvassa, mikä löytyi erästä vanhasta Hesarin kuukaustiluksesta.

Kuva on hyvä ja sitä paitsi mukana kuvaamassa erästä kampanjaa, jota Euroopan Yhteisö osittain rahoitti. Suruttomasti valitsin kuvan kuvittamaan tämänviikkoista RAIVAAJAN kolumniani. Tein sen siksi, että uhrasin yli tunnin löytääkseni heikosti hoidetusta kuva-arkistostani jonkun olympiajoukkueemme naiskiekkopelaajan, mutta eihän sitä vaan löytynyt...

Tahdosta on yleensä kyse myös silloin, kun puhumme urheilusta ja sen alan saavutuksista.

Minkälainen oli se tahto, joka johdatteli Suomen hiihtäjiä keuhkonkeuhkoille Lahden MM-kisoissa?

Ja siitä jatkeeksi: minkälainen oli se tahto, mikä johdatteli Suomen naisten jääkiekkopelaajia Minneapolisissa, missä juuri päättyivät tämänvuotiset MM-kisat, joissa piti antaa jonkinlainen tyylinäyte ensi talven Salt Lake Cityn olympiakisoja ajatellen.

Kolme vuotta sitten oli antoisaa seurata Japanin Nagassan suomalaisia joukkueita. Naiset pelasivat ensi kertaa jääkiekkoa olympialaisissa. Suomalaisyhtöt toivat kotiin pronssia, aivan kuten miehetkin. Suomi oli kisoissa

ainoa maa, joka ylsi kahteen jääkiekkomitaliin.

Kun täällä USA:n puolella näin keuhkotatvan ratoksi syötetään NHL-kiekkoa vähän liian kanssa, oli rentouttavaa seurata tyttöjen vähän pehmeämpiä edesottamuksia omassa MM-turnauksessaan.

Näyttää siltä, että naisten jääkiekko on tullut jäädäkseen. Silti kehityksestä on vain vähäisiä merkkejä Amerikan mantereella. USA ja Kanada taistelevat edelleen tiukasti voitosta ja herruudesta.

Ei ollut paljon noka koputtamista Suomen tyttöillä, kun kävivät ottelunsa USA:ta ja Kanadaa vastaan. Tie mitalitaistoon tuli sillä, että Suomi peri lohkoksa voitot Kiinasta ja Saksasta. Toisessa lohkoksa Kanada ja Venäjä menivät mitalitaistoon Ruotsin ja Kazakstanin tultua eliminoiduiksi.

USA:n tyttö muistivat hyvin kovakuntoiset suomalaiset olympiaturnauksesta, mutta tällä kertaa vastus oli leppämpi. Vai olisiko niin, että USA:n kovaotteinen leiritys puolen vuoden aikana kaksinkertaisessa olympiaympäristössä Lake Placidissa olisi tuonut niin paljon lisätehoa joukkueeseen? Ehkä oli niin.

4 421 maksavaa todistajaa oli paikalla näkemässä kuinka suomalaisjoukkue kaadettiin peräti 9-0. Eräluvut USA:lle 3-0, 5-0, 1-0. Kanada kaatoi samana iltana Ruotsin vieläkin perusteellisimmin, 13-0, ja sitten oli seuraavana iltana Suomen vuoro. Melkein yhtä heikosti meni kuin USA:ta vastaan. Kanada kesytti Suomen 8-0. USA puolestaan otti mittaa

Naiskiekkopelaajamme matkalla Salt Lake Cityyn

Venäjältä voittaen 6-1. Hyvin selvät olivat nämä maalierot, mutta mitaliotteluista oli tuleman tiukemmat.

Jo seitsemännen kerran Kanada pystyi voittamaan USA:n. 1990 oli vuosi, jolloin nämä MM-kisat saivat alkunsa. Vaikka ottelu oli tiukka,

numerot puhuivat puolestaan: Kanada 3 maalia, USA 2. Näin Minneapolisissa 8. huhtikuuta.

Pronssiottelu oli siinä vaiheessa jo käyty. Suomi tämän hävisi Venäjälle voiton numeroin 2-1. Herkullista venäläisille lienee se, että

voittomaalin teki Katia Pashkevich, joka toimii yliopistotason valmentajana USA:ssa ja asuu lähellä Bostonia Lowellin kaupungissa.

Näin voidaan katseet vähitellen siirtää Salt Lake Cityyn. Laittumen ei tarvitse olla vihreä...



Tahto on se, josta on kyse politiikassa. Suomen presidentti Tarja Halonen väitti näin ulkoministerinä ollessaan. Entä sitten urheilussa? Tämän kuvan myötä Stig Häggblom käsittelee aiheita tämänviikkosisä kolumnissaan.

FITCHBURG, MA - Raivaaja Publishing Companyn johtokunta valitsi Walter Gordon Woodingtonin Lincolnin yhtiön uudeksi presidentiksi osakkeenomistajien huhtikuun 7. päivänä Saiman Puistossa pitämän vuosikokouksen jälkeen.

Osakkeenomistajat valitsivat kaksi uutta johtokunnan jäsentä, Woodingtonin ja Odd Rydenin Andoverista.

Uudelleen valittiin: Raimo Ahti, Lunenburg; Steven Autula, Westminster; Marita Cauthen, Royalston; Tracey Duggan, Bolton; L. Irene Kamila, Westminster; Mary A. Leiter, Westminster ja Jonathan Ratila, Fitchburg.

Johtokunnassa palvelleita Eugene Heikkilää, Lunenburg ja Armas Kaukoranta, Fitchburg, ei valittu uudelleen.

Seuraavia ehdolla olleita henkilöitä ei myöskään valittu johtokuntaan: Oiva Anderson, New Ipswich (NH); Alice Heikkilä, Lunenburg; Vilho Lucander, Westminster ja Sally Tracy, Ashby (joka veti nimensä pois ennen äänestystä).

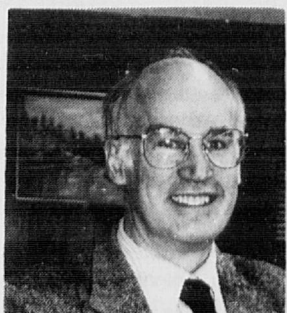
Äänet jakautuivat seura-

vasti: Ahti 783, Anderson 241, Autula 894, Cauthen 859, Duggan 832, A. Heikkilä 302, E. Heikkilä 395, Kamila 658, Kaukoranta 347, Leiter 836, Lucander 381, Ratila 845, Ryden 898, Tracy 112, Woodington 864.

Osakkeenomistajat valitsivat Tracey Dugganin jatkamaan sihteerinä ja Jonathan Ratilan rahastonhoitajana.

Johtokunta valitsi Steven Autulan varapresidentiksi.

Sekä lehden päätoimittaja Marita Cauthen että liikkeenhoitaja Jonathan Ratila totesivat menneen vuoden olleen rankan, koska energiaa oli jouduttu tuhlaamaan liaksi



Walter Gordon Woodington

Walter Gordon Woodington Raivaajan uudeksi presidentiksi

tyhjäänpäiväisiin ja turhautaviin toimiin. Kummankin mukaan kysymyksessä oli selvästi kontrollointipyrkimys eikä yhtiön oma etu.

Vaikeuksista huolimatta Cauthen ja Ratila sanoivat Raivaajan 95-vuotismerkivuoden olleen hyvän ja ilmaisivat uskovansa paremman huomisen koittavan

vuosikokouksen jälkeen.

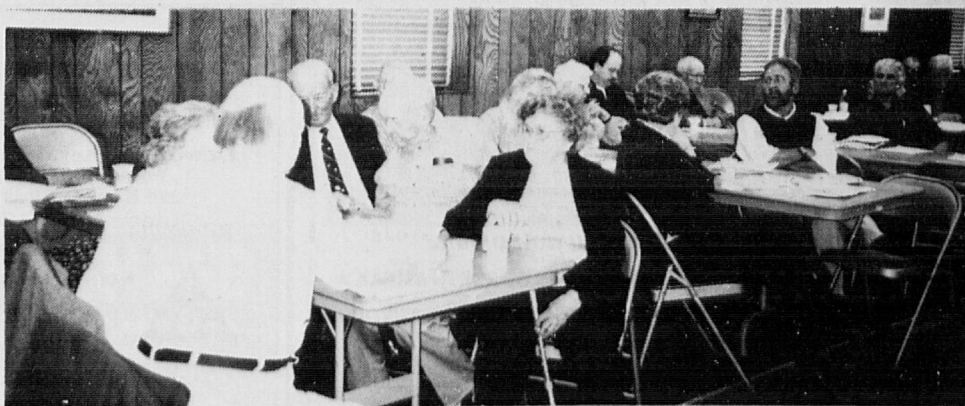
"Merkitäpä on historiallinen amerikansuomalaisessa julkaisuyhteisössä", Ratila totesi. Se on mahdollista vain palvelemalla yhteisöä ja sen tarpeita.

Ratila kiitti monia uskollisia avustajia ja tukijoita, niiden joukossa Finlandia Foundationin käännöstötyöhön myön-

netty apuraha, Kesäjuhlien ja Friends of Raivaajan lahjoitukset, Mettala säätiön lahjoitus sekä muistolahjoitukset. Kaikki ovat arvokkaita.

Hän kiitti päätoimittaja Cauthenia, konekirjoittajaa Liisa Liedestä, postittajaa Janice Dingea ja vapaaehtois-

jatkuu sivulla 5



Raivaaja Publishing Companyn osakkeenomistajia vuosikokouksessa.

Kuolleita

Toivo W. "Toby" Savela

FITCHBURG, MA - Toivo W. "Toby" Savela, 92, 350 Water St., kuoli huhtik. 13, 2001 River Terrace hoitokodissa Lancasterissa.

Hän oli syntynyt maalisk. 4, 1909 Fitchburgissa Mikko ja Beeda (Lehtonen) Savelan poikana ja oli asunut elinikänsä paikkakunnalla.

Edesmennyt oli Fitchburg High Schoolin kasvatti ja kuului koulun Alumni yhdistykseen. Hän oli ollut Fitchburgin palolaitoksen palomies monia vuosia ja oli vanhin elossa ollut eläkkeellä oleva palomies.

Savela kuului Elm St. Lähetysseurakuntaan ja Suomalaiseen Kultaisen Iän Kerhoon.

Kaipaamaan jäi poika Kenneth T. Savela, Stow, VT; neljä pojantytärtä, Mary Ellen

Doolittle, Jacksonville, FL, Anne-Marie Stevens, Stow, VT, Heidi Nelson, Ipswich ja Bridget Ridgman, Wayland; kuusi lastenlasta; veljentytär Linda Young lapsineen, Fitchburg.

Edesmenneen puoliso Hilja (Vellamo) Savela kuoli 1996. Veli, Massachusettsin valtionpoliisi Alje M. Savela sai surmansa ollessaan palvelusvuorossa 1951.

Muistotilaisuus pidetään 26. toukokuuta myöhemmin ilmoitettavaan kellonaikaan. Hautausmaahan Forest Hill hautausmaahan.

Vainajaa voi muistaa lahjoituksella Elm St. Lähetysseurakunnan tukemiseksi, 264 Elm St., Fitchburg, MA 01420.

Bosk Funeral Home, 85 Blossom St., huolehtii järjestelyistä.

Urho E. Mäki

LUNENBURG, MA - Urho E. Mäki, 82, 242 Sunset Lane, kuoli huhtik. 5, 2001 Fairlawn hoitokodissa Leominsterissä lyhyen sairauden seurauksena.

Hän oli syntynyt heinäk. 16, 1918 Fitchburgissa Emil H. ja Mandi (Ruusukallio) Mäen poikana ja oli asunut suurimman osan elämästään paikkakunnalla ennen Lunenburgiin muuttamista.

Mäki oli työskennellyt yli 20 vuoden ajan Fitchburg Paper Companyssa ennen kuin jäi eläkkeelle 1981. Sitä ennen hän oli ollut Boston/Maine Railroad Companyn palveluksessa Fitchburgissa useita vuosia.

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Hän oli syntynyt Chicagossa Samuel ja Elizabeth Huskan poikana.

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GREER, SC - Daniel Eric Parkkonen, 22, 209 N. Ceres Drive, kuoli maalisk. 19, 2001 Greenville Memorial Medical Center'ssä.

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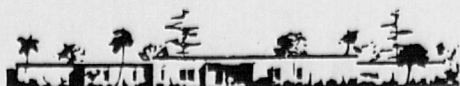
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Maaliskuun 11. päivänä saavuimme tänne auringon ja palmujen luvattuun maahan, edessä kolmen kuukauden työharjoittelu Lepokodilla luokkatoverini Annikan kanssa. Suomessa paukkuivat vielä pakkaset, lunta oli kinnoksittain. Kyllä oli Kokkolan työllä ihmettelemistä, kun lentokoneesta astuimme kosteaan ja lämpimään ilmaan.

Annen kanssa olen työskennellyt ensimmäisen kuukauden, askartelu- ja sommitte-lutaidot ovat olleet koetuksella. Mutta kuukausi on ollut mitä onnistunein.

Tätä kirjoittaessani on pitkäperjantai, vuoden kiireetömin ja rauhallisin perjantai. Täällä Lepokodilla on työpäivä, mutta pääsiäiskoristeet ja -tunnelma ovat kuitenkin

aistittavissa. Suomessa on aloitettu pääsiäisen vietto ja kiirastorstaina; pitkäperjantaina aina toiseen pääsiäispäivään saakka on työpäikoista ja kouluista lomaa.

Juhlapyhien vietto ja niihin rauhoittuminen ovat suurimpia eroavaisuuksia mitä täällä olen huomannut.

Kerronpa hiukan kuluneesta viikosta ja sen tapahtumista. Kauan kaivattu esiintyjämme, Hannes Juntunen lauloi meille perjantain kahvikonsertissa. Kaunis kiitos hänelle.

Maanantaina Eino Koivuhallme lauloi komealla äänellään ja runoili itse kirjoittamia runoja, jotka saivat yleisön antamaan raikuvat suosio-osoitukset. Toivottavasti saamme kuulla laulua ja runoja tulevaisuudessakin, kiitos Einolle.

Torstaina Erkki Planting oli tervehtimässä meitä lauluil-laan, Merja Poutiainen säestäessä. Erkki oli viimeisen kerran tänä keväänä luo-

namme, mutta toivottavasti syksyllä Suomesta palattu-aan saamme hänet taas vieraaksemme. Kiitos hänelle, ja hyvää kesää Suomeen.

Maanantaina leivoimme pik-kuleipiä ja maalasimme pää-siäismunia, jotka koristivat nyt raituhojen keskellä au-laamme.

Kiitokset jälleen Lydia Knuttilalle, Leo Jaakkolalle, Charlie Hedlundille sekä Tapani Kupariselle trumpeteineen, joka yllätti meidät vierailu-laan lauantain kahvihetkel-lä. Lämmin kiitos myös har-tauden pitäjille Hans Nyhol-mille ja Eino Salolle.

Toivon Teille kaikille luki-joille hyvää ja rauhallista ke-vään jatkoa. Tervetset myös kaikille Lepokodin asukkaalle ja henkilökunnalle, on ilo olla luonanne.

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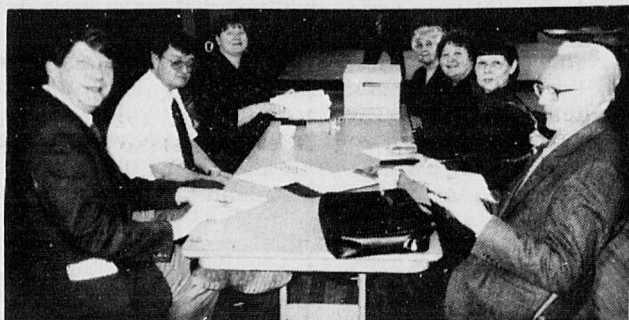
postittajaa Maija Mårdia.

"Olen optimisti. Tehtävämme on palvella ihmisiä. Haluan tähdätä tulevaisuuteen", hän päätti.

Cauthen myös mainitsi Raivaajan 95-vuotisuuden historiallisesta merkityksestä. Hän ilmaisi mielihyvää uudesta englanninkielisestä kolumnistista Werner Wiskarista.

"Hän on erinomainen journalisti ja koska hän on työskennellyt Skandinaviassa, hänellä ei ole materian puutetta. Hän on suurenmoinen lisäys RAIVAAJAN kirjoittajien listalle."

Cauthen kiitti myös erillään USA:ta toimivista kirjeenvaihtajista, joiden ansiosta lukijakunta pysyy ajantasalla amerikansuomalaisien yhteisöjen tapahtumien suhteen.



Raivaajan uusi johtokunta (vas.) Jonathan Ratila, Steven Autula, Tracey Duggan, L. Irene Kamila, Mary A. Letter, Marita Cauthen and Odd Ryden. Kuvasta puuttuu Walter Gordon Woodington ja Raimo Ahti.

Äänestystä edelsi pitkä keskustelu siitä, mikä on "oikea" tulevaisuuden tie Raivaajalle. Oiva Anderson käytti puheenvuoron, missä hän sanoi edustavansa ns. "aktivistiryhmää". Hänen mukaansa aktivistien urastukset eivät ole saaneet Raivaajan henkilö-

kunnan eikä yhtiön nykyisen johtokunnan tukea.

Andersonilta kysyttiin, miksi ryhmän "vaalikirjettä" ei oltu lähetetty kaikille osakkeenomistajille. Anderson sanoi luulleensa, että se postitettiin kaikille.

Armas Kaukoranta otti vastuun kirjeen postittamisesta, sanoen että hänellä ei ollut kaikkien osoitetta.

Syntynyt

Kaksoistytöt Anita ja Olli Alangolle, Arlingtonissa (VA). Susanna Lydia ja Kristiina Emilia syntyivät 2. huhtikuuta, 2001, kumpikin painaen 5 paunaa 9 unssia.

Isovanhemmat ovat Aune ja Aarre Pellinen, Arlington (VA) sekä Rauha ja Heimo Alanko, Kauhajoki, Suomi.

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Mark ja Liisa Kaunisto Raivaajan toimituksessa.

Paluu synnyinkaupunkiin

FITCHBURG, MA - Mark Kaunisto oli 5-vuotias muuttaessaan Suomeen synnyinkaupungistaan Fitchburgista. Huhtikuun alussa, 25 vuotta myöhemmin, hän vieraili paikkakunnalla ensi kertaa tullessaan katsomaan täällä asuvaa äitiään Liisa Kaunistoa.

Tampereen yliopistossa opiskeleva Kaunisto uurausta parhaillaan englantilaisen filologian tohtorin väitöskirjan parissa. Ennen Fitchburgiin matkaamista hän esitelmöi

International Linguistics Associationin (ILA) konferenssissa New Yorkissa.

Monia muistoja Kaunistolla ei Fitchburgista ollut. Burbankin sairaalan mäen hän kyllä tunnisti samaksi, missä hän oli veljensä kanssa lastetellut.

Raivaajan toimitukseen hän halusi tutustua, koska "se oli tuttu lehti".

Kaunisto kertoi asuneensa Tampereella kymmenen vuoden ajan, muttei ole "ikänä syönyt mustaa makkaraa".

Kultaisen Iän Kerho

FITCHBURG, MA - Suomalainen Kultaisen Iän Kerho kokoontui huhtikuun 10. p:nä klo 2 iltapäivällä Salmen Puistossa Scotta Roadilla.

Puheenjohtaja Armas Kaukoranta avasi kokouksen lausumalla kaikki tervetulleiksi. Sitten laulettiin "America" ja "Maamme" laulut. Vieraina joukossamme olivat pastori John ja Mrs. Buczinski. Heidät lausuttiin tervetulleiksi.

Syntymäpäiväänsä viikolla vietti Mamie Lauricella. Hänelle laulettiin "Happy Birthday".

Lahjoituksia kahvipöytään tekivät seuraavat: Armas ja Barbara Kaukoranta, Aino Si-

pilä, Helen Heimo, Elma Groves, Mildred Heino, Irene Vilakari, Helvi Fiskaali sekä Ray ja Irma Leslie.

Kaikkille sairaille toivomme pikaista parantumista.

Ohjelma oli seuraava: Elm St. Lähetyskirkon pastori John Buczinski esitti taikatemppuja aina verraten raamatun psalmeihin ja opetuksiin. Esitys oli oikein mielenkiintoinen ja hämmästyttävä. Sitten Allie Kamila lausui virren "He Lives".

Huhtikuun 17. p:nä esiintyy "Golden Smoothies".

Kahvi jo tuoksui hyvälle, niin siirryttiin pöydän ääreen.

MILDRED HEINO

Helsingissä harvinainen
vaivaisukko-näyttely

Helsinki on saanut harvinaisia vieraita: bussilastillisen hyvin hiljaisia ukkoja pohjoisesta. Vaivaisukkoja voi käydä ihmettelemässä Suomen rakennustaiteen museossa.

Esimerkiksi Kuoreveden ukko on hyvin hauras - 150 vuoden ajan on hän seissyt Kuoreveden kirkon seinustalla ja kerännyt varoja varattomille. Salosten ukolla on pistävä katse. Jurvalla ukko on nöyrempi. Ilmajoen ukkoa voisi kuvata jo melkein hilpeäksi. Alavieskan ukkoa aidoksi pohjalaiseksi. Soinista tulee harvinaisuus "vaivaisukko": siellä seurakunta usko kauniin tytön tenhovi-maan.

Suomen kaikkiaan sadasta vaivaisukosta 34 plus Soinin

tyttö uskaltautui matkalle Helsinkiin.

Vanhin ukko on Hauhon Bartimeus. Sillä on ikää noin 350 vuotta. Ikäänsä nähden ukko on hyvässä kunnossa, vain päässä on ikävän näkönen arpi. Se on vuodelta 1713. Kerrotaan, että se on sapelinisku venäläisen rosvojoukon jäljiltä.

Tietysti joissakin seurakunnissa ukot ihan oikeasti keräävät rahaa niin joku seurakunta ei uskaltanut antaa koska sitten jotkut kymmenykset olisivat menneet hukkaan", kertoo Etelä-Pohjanmaan maakuntamuseon johtaja Marja-Liisa Haveri.

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*The Finnish-American***RAIVAAJA****Long Days' Journey:****Reflections of the Fulbright experience in Finland**

By Harvey Green

In *A Baltic Odyssey* (1999), journalist Tim Bird recounted his return to the cities and countryside surrounding the Baltic Sea. An engaging mixture of history and acute observation of people and landscape, the book is a pleasant introduction to this part of the world. Most of the countries touching on some part of the Baltic are off the beaten path of most American travelers. The region's history is little known - if at all - among Americans, whose education in European history is usually confined to that of Great Britain and the nations of the northern coast of the Mediterranean.

Bird's journey began and ended in Helsinki, on the fortified harbor island of Suomenlinna. My own experience began in Turku, Finland, on the southwestern tip of the country, and ended in Helsinki in June 2000.

I was a Fulbright professor in American Studies and American Cultural History for one term in the autumn of 1995, and I returned as Fulbright Bicentennial Professor of American Studies for the academic year 1999-2000.

Unlike Bird, I did not make a circle around the Baltic (though I did travel to many of the same cities). I did travel throughout Finland, visiting Inari and Rovaniemi in the far north, Oulu, Rauma, Naantali, and Turku on the western coast, Jyväskylä, and Iittala in the center of the country, as well as Hanko, Porvoo and Helsinki.

In 1995 my assignment was primarily to teach. I conducted three lecture courses and one advanced seminar. Finland was for the most part unfamiliar territory, with a language that seemed to have no connection to any of the Romance or Germanic languages, and precious few cognates with English.

I knew little about the history of the country, save that it had been attacked by the Russians in 1939, had allied with the Germans later in the War, and that it had paid its reparations after the conflict. I also knew that the nation had produced two great distance runners, Paavo Nurmi and Lasse Viren, as well as some Olympic champions in ski jumping, and that the Finnish national ice hockey team had just won the World Championship. I had appreciated the music of Jean Sibelius, the works of the architects and designers Alvar Aalto, Eero Saarinen, and Eliel Saarinen, the ceramics of the Arabia works, and the glassware of Iittala.

I arrived at the Helsinki airport, tired but grateful for the

signs in Finnish, Swedish, and English, and made my way to the bus line for Turku. The driver was courteous and explained to us that we would be transferring to another bus on the main highway, and that he would telephone (from the bus) the connecting bus to ensure that we would make our connection.

As we rolled into Turku, impressed with the efficiency of things, the bus telephone rang, with a call for us from two staff members from the English Department awaiting us. They drove our luggage and us to our flat in the University's newly renovated guesthouse. And that is how it went, from the first day until the last of that term, and how it continued so when we came to Finland again in July 1999. Everything works there.

That "everything" included my students. Despite some outward similarities, both Finnish students and the Finnish system of higher education are quite different than in the United States.

As in many European educational systems, Finnish students have a considerable amount of freedom in designing their education, and the credit system has many more options than does that of the U.S.

Most begin their university careers slightly older than their American counterparts, since Finnish secondary schools graduate students on year later than do American high schools. In addition, many male students complete their 11-month compulsory military training between high school and university education.

Having passed the highly competitive entrance examinations, they enter the university with a stipend for liv-

ing expenses (usually for five years) and pay no tuition. My classes were entirely in English, and my students were fluent in at Finnish and Swedish (the country is bilingual by law) and in English. Some had knowledge of other languages as well.

Course options range from a straightforward lecture course that meets once a week for one and one-half hours for one credit to intensive research seminars that can yield five credits. There are seemingly infinite variations in between, to be negotiated between the student and the professor early in the term.

For one credit the student normally takes an examination at the end of the term. More credits mean more work, usually a paper (or more) based upon additional reading or research. Once I got it through my head that the credit situation was a function of arrangements made between the student and me, it was comfortable. Professors seem to have a considerable amount of authority in these situations, and appear to command great respect not only from their students, but also from the general public in Finland.

Attendance at lectures was not mandatory, and I did not receive a formal roster at any time during the terms I taught. Students readily signed a roster sheet on the first day of class, complete with their identification numbers and e-mail addresses.

When the course was complete and the examinations and papers written, I evaluated them and turned in the grades. Grade sheets, complete with student names, were posted. A copy was sent to the University records office. That constituted registration and reporting of

grades. Students were amazed that American students were guaranteed anonymity for their grades, but many pointed out that since taxpayers paid for their education, their grades ought to be public.

My Fulbright advance literature warned me that students in Finland had a tendency to be quiet in class, fulfilling what some superficial observers (especially those who concocted the dreadful 60 Minutes segments that have aired in the past few years) take to be a national reticence. This is by and large an accurate state of affairs in the lecture course, but that is because they are supposed to be lectures, rather than discussions. Students expect that professors have something intelligent to say to them and want to hear that, rather than themselves.

In seminars the situation is altogether different. I had little or no trouble getting a discussion going, and occasionally had to pry my way into the discourse. My two-and-one-half hour seminar in nineteenth-century literature and culture in the United States flew by in Turku, as did my class in American Material Culture. Students regularly asked questions of the slides I showed, perhaps emboldened by the darkness of the room.

In Helsinki my advance seminar in the Material Culture of the U.S. was a joy, and the students produced some of the best analytical papers I have ever had presented. One was offered a job as a researcher for the company that made the artifact about which she wrote. Another is made-to-order curator who may have found her calling.

Nearly all students who originally signed up for my lec-

ture courses took the final examination. (Those who do not need or want the credit for one reason or another simply do not take the exam. This provides an escape for those who might be temporary or habitual slackers, or who might be ill, but I saw little of that.) The grade range was about what it is in my courses in the U.S., with median grade around C+. In seminars the self-selection process had taken hold and the grades were much better.

Few students visited me during office hours or at off times in the office, but when they did, it was to seek advice and aid in planning their work. No one ever complained about a grade. Books in English are often expensive in Finland, but the seminarians found ways to get their hands on copies of assigned readings, and equally importantly, they did the assignments on time.

In seminars students got their papers to their classmates before the date of discussion and were adept at analytical criticism of each other's work. Many students also used e-mail to contact me with questions or commentary.

My students were unfailingly polite. They did not begin packing up their belongings five minutes before the end of a class period, and forewarned me if they had to leave early for one reason or another. Often they would come up to the desk after class for further discussion after class had ended.

In the course of these and more casual discussions, it became clear to me that Finnish men and women had a somewhat different "take" on world events and history, and on the culture of the U.S., than do most Americans. They are aware of the terrible problems of race that persist in the United States, and of the shameful history of Native American-white relations.

I realized quickly that my U.S. and British/Mediterranean-centered training in history ignored important cultural and historical knowledge to be found in the history of northern Europe. My teaching of the American Revolution, I discovered, would make more sense if I treated that conflict as part of a world struggle between European powers, including Sweden and Denmark. Both had been major naval and imperial states in the seventeenth century, but had begun to lose ground in the imperial race of the eighteenth century. Similarly, I decided that it

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Harvey Green and his wife Susan Williams in their Helsinki apartment in August 1999.



Nokia CEO Jorma Ollila

CEO Jorma Ollila at Nokias Annual General Meeting: Nokia targets market share gains in both infrastructure and handsets

At Nokia's annual general meeting last month in Helsinki, Nokia's chairman and CEO Jorma Ollila emphasized the importance of the mobile communications industry: "Mobile communications is on its way to becoming one of the largest industries in the world. We continue to see enormous opportunities for Nokia in the mobile world, especially as the industry moves towards third generation networks and mobile Internet services."

"In the coming 18 months we are planning to launch several truly epoch-making products and solutions that will change the conception of mobile services and the Internet. They will enable new kinds of custom-built digital offerings, which can be used irrespectively of time and space."

In his speech Ollila also stated that the company is well positioned to become the world's leading mobile e-business company. He was refer-

ring to the transformation process Nokia is going through turning itself into an effective e-business company, with substantially all revenues generated via e-mode. This process will generate significant cost savings across the company in everything Nokia does.

Ollila also discussed the changes in Nokia's shareholder base.

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Nokia Internet Communications, a division of Nokia Inc. based in Mountain View has launched its first global print campaign. The campaign is designed to raise awareness of Nokia's position as a leading provider of IP Network Security and Virtual Private Network (VPN) solutions. The campaign promotes the theme "Welcome to the Real World", highlighting Nokia's ability to provide security products that address the real problems that people have today when conducting business through the Internet.

"Nokia is a leader in mobile communications and connecting people to people. Nokia Internet Communications enhances this connection by bringing a new level of security and reliability to the network - enabling an Internet transaction that is personal and trusted," says Julie Parrish, vice president of Marketing for Nokia Internet

Communications. "Since its inception in October 1999, Nokia Internet Communications has become one of the fastest growing divisions of Nokia and has already established a market-leading footprint in the IP Network Security and VPN market segments. We need to continue to build our market position and now is the time to get this message out to the market," she adds

Created by the San Francisco office of Contra Integrated, a global advertising agency, the new campaign reinforces the globally recognized Nokia brand by using the familiar colors and people-oriented graphics.

The advertisements will appear in more than 50 leading business publications worldwide. Throughout the year, the current ads will be refreshed with new rotations featuring Nokia Network Security Appliances and Virtual Private Network products.

Nokia

News from Finland

Finland to withdraw from WTO

Finland has been a member of the World Tourism Organization (WTO) since 1982 but will now withdraw from the organization.

This rare decision was reached a couple of weeks ago in Parliament, and its justification was simple and noble: the membership, which costs FIM 750,000 a year, was deemed to not benefit Finland in any way.

The organization has a term of notice of one year so the resignation will take effect next spring.

The WTO was founded in 1975 as an inter-governmental organization. It has close ties to the United Nations and its development program, UNDP. The headquarters of WTO are located in Madrid and it has 138 member states.

This group of member states does not include any other Nordic countries and after Finland leaves the ranks only eight European Union countries will remain as members.

The withdrawal of Finland is a considerable setback for the organization. After hearing of Finland's intentions, WTO sent a representative to Helsinki to provide assurance of the virtues of membership. This presentation only strengthened the will to resign.

In the government proposal brought to Parliament no sensible reasons to remain a member of WTO were found. The only benefit has been statistics on travel, but these can also be viewed for free on the internet. (HS)

Poll: Finns equally split on nuclear plant issue

According to a recent poll the construction of a fifth commercial nuclear reactor for Finland has as many supporters as it has opponents. The poll, commissioned by the news department of the commercial television network MTV3, indicates that both supporters and opponents of more nuclear energy got 45 percent.

The poll also reveals a sharp difference in the thinking of men and women on the issue. Only 27 percent of women were in favor of building more nuclear power, while a new nuclear plant had the support of 63 percent of men.

Six out of ten women and three out of ten men were opposed to building more nuclear energy. (HS)

Strong economic basis

Finland may escape the troubles created by the slowdown of the global economy as the country's current economic basis is exceptionally strong, Finance Ministry head official Martti Hetemäki said in an interview. (KL)

More small village schools on chopping block

The trend toward shutting down small village schools does not appear to show any signs of slowing down. According to a study commissioned by the association of municipalities in Finland's border regions, one out of every three village schools in areas in Eastern and Northern Finland in which the population is declining are expected to close in the next ten years.

According to the forecast, these areas would have 60 percent fewer schools in the year 2010 than they did in 1990. At present, the communities which responded to the questionnaire have a total of 326 village schools. (HS)

Ahde sacked following sexual harassment allegations

The Board of Finland's state-run gaming and lottery company Veikkaus met Tuesday to discuss a confidential report concerning allegations of sexual harassment in the workplace made against the company's CEO Matti Ahde. At the end of their meeting, the Board members issued a statement to the effect that Ahde no longer enjoyed the confidence of the Veikkaus Board, and that he will be dismissed.

The report, filed for the Veikkaus Board by former Deputy Parliamentary Ombudsman Pirkko K. Koskinen, followed an article in *Helsingin Sanomat* and the revelation of the name behind the story in a subsequent program on the TV channel, Nelonen. Both Ahde and Koskinen were present at the meeting.

Koskinen commented that she received a great number of approaches from women who claimed to have been the object of unwelcome attentions in the workplace by Ahde, but that in only four or five cases was there a justifiable case to be made.

Matti Ahde, a 56-year-old former electrician, has been a long-serving MP for the Social Democratic Party, and led the party's parliamentary wing from 1975-82. He has served as Speaker of Parliament (1987-89), and as Minister of the Environment (1983-87) and Minister of the Interior (1982-83). He has been on the Board of the national lottery operator Veikkaus since 1980, and was Chairman from 1990 to 1999. (HS)

Bits and pieces

Big stocks of timber are weighing on performance of Finnish sawmills, with profitability not expected until the second half at the earliest. (KL)

Reconciling differences between the Leftist Alliance and the Conservatives has been the main difficulty for the Social Democrat-led five-party coalition government, SDP parliamentary group head Antti Kalliomäki said, evaluating Prime Minister Paavo Lipponen's government at the mid-point of its four-year term. (Uutispäivä Demari)

A special government task force is preparing a new proposal in an attempt to level out income differences between rich and poor municipalities. (HS)

In its European Union euphoria, Finland has neglected relations with its neighboring countries, especially Russia, former president Mauno Koivisto claims in his new book. (HS)

A study of 22 countries by consulting company Accenture places Finland as the sixth most advanced in the quality of web-based services, but government officials say public net services in particular need to be enhanced further. (KL)

The merger of Finnair's oneworld-alliance partner American Airlines with Trans World Airlines will benefit the Finnish national carrier through a widened route network and increased connecting flights. (KL)

Finnish ship builders have succeeded in capturing a foothold in the rapidly growing U.S. passenger cruise ship maintenance and upgrading market. (TS)

Spring events at Aura Hall

VOLUNTOWN, CT - Talvi has ended and spring events are beginning. Once again a big thanks to all the members who maintained the hall through the winter. And a great welcome back to the "snow birds" from the south.

We have lost some cherished members through this winter but know that they have gone to a greater feast in heaven. Imagine the pulla baking, music, joy and friendship up there....

This year our first meeting is scheduled for Sunday, April 22 at 2 p.m. A delicious coffee hour will begin at 1 p.m. Everyone is welcome.

On Saturday, April 28, we

will have our TORI/Finnish yard sale from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Arts and crafts, plants, jams, new items and old treasures will line the hall and yard. Baked goods, soups and refreshments will tempt the taste buds and music will echo through our hall. Please come to say "hi" to old and new friends.

Other events planned for the 2001 season include performers from abroad, a joint picnic and dance with FAHS, dances, chicken barbecues, pancake breakfasts, and more.

We are all looking forward to a joyous summer sharing our Finnish heritage with all.

Lili Rafeldt

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Chicago News

by Bob Kujanpaa

Dora Alanen attended the 70th anniversary of the Agri-cola Lutheran Church in Toronto March 24 and 25. Dora performed two Sibelius selections at the anniversary concert on Saturday, March 24.

The annual Skokie Festival of Cultures will be held at Oakton Park in Skokie May 19 and 20. Alli Leone and Betty Kangas Petroski are representing the Chicagoland Finnish Community on the festival committee and will be in charge of the Finnish booth.

The Finnish American Society of the Midwest (Finlandia Foundation Chapter) will hold their annual Vappu Party at the Estonian House on April 28. The evening will include refreshments and a cash bar, the traditional toasts, entertainment and dancing to the music of a DJ. The fun begins at 7:30. There will not be a dinner this year.

The FASM will also sponsor the Sunday dinner at the Estonian House on May 20. They will begin serving at 1 p.m.

Readers are reminded once again that the "Good Design" exhibit featuring many Finnish entries opens April 27 at the Chicago Athenaeum at 307 North Michigan Avenue in Chicago. The exhibit continues through May 27. For further information call 847-895-3950.

Finnish Literature Day
Saima Park

**Richard
Impola**

Sunday May 6 • 2:00 p.m.

Susan Kamppinen and Donald Friday were married March 9 at Grace Lutheran Church in Mount Prospect. Following the ceremony, a reception was held at the Chambers in Niles. Congratulations, Susan and Don!

Riitta and Charles West vacationed in Florida in March. Among former Chicagoans they visited were Charles' sister, Shirley Johnson, and Kaisu Wuori.

Finnish American Heritage Society

Canterbury, CT

An Open House on June 3rd and June 10th from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. will be held at the Finnish Hall, Route 169 (76N. Canterbury Rd.), to display and demonstrate Finnish folk weaving as well as to focus on a driveway beautification project completed this spring.

A grant from the Connecticut Cultural Heritage Arts Program of the Institute of Community Research has partnered members of the Finnish American Heritage Society with weaver Seija Floderus of Barrington (R.I.) for a master weaver/apprentice program.

The beautification project was enabled by a grant from the Quinebaug-Shetucket Heritage Corridor, Inc. given in partnership with the Master Gardeners program, U-Conn Cooperative Extension service.

A lending library of donated books will also be introduced. Through the generosity of a grant from Finlandia Foun-

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**Saturday, April 28, 2001
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NOTICE

The Semi-Annual Membership Meeting of the Finnish-American Rest Home, Inc., Lake Worth, Florida, will convene on Saturday, April 28, 29001 at 2 PM in Annan Maja at the facility headquarters at 1800 South Dr., Lake Worth, Florida 33461. The agenda will include items pertaining to a regular semi-annual meeting with no specific alterations.

ILMOITUS

Finnish-American Rest Home, Inc., jäsenten puolivuotiskokous Lepokodin Annan Majalla, 1800 South Dr., Lake Worth, Florida, lauantaina 28. päivänä huhtikuuta, 2001, alkaen kello 2 iltapäivällä. Esityslista: Puolivuotiskokoukseen kuuluvat asiat.

Sirkka Lehtonen
Secretary

Littleton, MA

Upcoming Kaleva events at Fort Pond

An old-time Penny Sale will be hosted by the Ladies of Kaleva on Saturday, April 21, at Fort Pond. Corn chowder, sandwiches, Finnish bread, coffee and other refreshments will be offered at 5:30 p.m. with the first Penny Sale numbers being drawn at 7 p.m. It's great family fun.

Friends of the Kaleva are invited to a May Day (Vappu) Celebration at Fort Pond on Saturday, May 6, at 2 p.m. There will be refreshments, fellowship and a brief program.

There will be an old-fashioned Sunday breakfast homecooked by the Maynard Knights of Kaleva at the Kaleva Lodge overlooking Fort Pond on Sunday, May 13 (Mother's Day) from 7 to 11 a.m. Blueberry or plain pancakes, eggs, homefries, bacon or sausage, toast, Finnish coffee bread and juice will be available to treat "mummu" with.

On Saturday, May 19, a rummage sale will be held by the Ladies of Kaleva at Fort Pond, Littleton from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Susan Alatalo

Maynard Ladies of Kaleva

New York City

Finnish Urban Network is sponsoring Cinco de Vappu vapputanssijaiset on May 5 from 8 p.m. onwards in Chelsea Brewing Company at Chelsea Piers, Westside Highway at 19th Street.

A dance orchestra will be playing Finnish dance music - tango, humppa, waltz, polka. The cover charge will include a buffet dinner. In addition there will be open bar with wine and microbrew beer, balloons and party favors for everyone, raffle ticket included.

You are encouraged to dress in your best Vappu garb and flaunt your student cap if you have one - and do not forget your dancing shoes... This is the carnival of the year!

All Finns and friends are welcome!

What is Vappu? It is a celebration of spring that originates from prehistorical heathen feasts celebrating the end of the long and dark Nordic winter. In Medieval times, university students adopted the fest, making it the highlight of the academic year.

Today, Vappu is the party of the year in Finland with open-air markets, rituals like donning a student cap onto Helsinki's beloved Havis Amanda statue (depicting the goddess of the Baltic Sea) and ending in a champagne-drinking feast in the parks (never mind it may snow in May in Helsinki...)

Everyone who ever graduated from high school wears their white "student cap" and especially university students party like there is no tomorrow.

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Gordon Woodington elected Raivaaja president

FITCHBURG, MA - Walter Gordon Woodington, of Lincoln, was elected president of Raivaaja Publishing Company by the company's board of directors following the annual meeting of company shareholders on April 7 at Saima Park.

Shareholders elected two new directors, Woodington and Odd Ryden, of Andover.

Shareholders also re-elected seven directors: Raimo Ahti, of Lunenburg, Steven Autula, of Westminster, Marita Caution, of Royalston, Tracey Duggan, of Bolton, L. Irene Kamila, of Westminster, Mary A. Leiter, Westminster, and Jonathan Ratila, of Fitchburg. Heikkilä, of Lunenburg, and Armas Kaukoranta, of Fitchburg, were not re-elected.

Also nominated but not elected for the board were: Oiva Anderson, of New Ipswich (NH), Alice Heikkilä, of Lunenburg, Vilho Lucander, of Westminster, and Sally Tracy, of Ashby (who withdrew her name).

In addition, shareholders also re-elected Duggan as secretary/clerk and Ratila as treasurer.

The board of directors elected Autula as vice president of the company.

Sports Roundup

by Harri Siitonen

Ralf Schumacher first time Formula One winner

Formula One point leader Michael Schumacher's kid brother Ralf, tooling his Williams, won his first Formula One race in taking the San Marino Grand Prix on April 15. Meantime Bro. Michael, the defending champ, was forced to quit the race because of gear selection problems and a left front tire blowout after 25 laps which put him in last place.

David Coulthard powered his Mercedes-McLaren into second place, while his McLaren team-mate Finland's Mika Häkkinen had his best result of the season with fourth place. Ferrari's Rubens Barrichello of Brazil took thirds.

Meantime rookie Finn Kimi Räikkönen had another bit of ill luck when the steering wheel of his Sauber came loose at a corner of the 17th lap and his car veered left and crashed into a wall. Fortunately, he wasn't injured.

Coulthard and Michael Schumacher are now tied for the Formula One seasonal lead with 26 driver points a piece. Häkkinen now has four points and Räikkönen remains at one.

Kalenteri

CALIFORNIA

- Apr. 29 - Los Angeles Finlandia Foundation membership meeting, 1-4 pm, Pasadena Historical Museum, 470 West Walnut, Pasadena. Pot luck luncheon; all are welcome. Program: 'The Survivors - North American Finns in Stalin's Russia' video by Anita Hokkanen Middleton.
- May 6 - Film 'Rikos ja rakkaus' (Love and Crime), 2:30 pm, Dining Room, Kaleva Hall, 1970 Chestnut St, Berkeley. 1999 comedy directed by Pekka Milanoff, starring Kai Lehtinen & Tiina Lymi. Video format, no English subtitles. Info: 510-845-5352.

CONNECTICUT

- Apr. 21 - Finnish pancake brunch, 10 am-1 pm, Finnish Hall, 76 North Canterbury Rd (Rt 169), Canterbury.
- Apr. 22 - Aura Seura meeting, 2 pm, Aura Hall, Voluntown. Coffee hour 1 pm.
- Apr. 28 - Tori/Finnish Yard Sale, 9 am-3 pm, Aura Hall, Voluntown. Info: 860-376-4833
- Spring clean-up day, 9 am-1 pm, Finnish Hall, Canterbury.
- May 3 - Finnish American Heritage Society membership meeting, 7 pm, Finnish Hall, Canterbury. Coffee 6 pm.
- May 19 - Yard sale/cookie sale, 9 am-3 pm, Finnish Hall, Canterbury.

FLORIDA

- Apr. 28 - Finnish-American Rest Home Inc semi-annual membership meeting, 2 pm, Annan Maja, Finnish-American Rest Home, Lake Worth.
- Apr. 29 - Vappu Pot Luck, Program & Tea Dance, 2-5 pm, Finnish American Club, 6016 Delaware, New Port Richey.
- May 2 - Membership meeting & pot luck, 12 noon, Finnish American Club, New Port Richey.

ILLINOIS

- April 28 - Finnish American Society of the Midwest annual Vappu Party, 7:30 pm, Estonian House, Lincolnshire.
- May 20 - Sunday dinner, 1 pm, Estonian House, Lincolnshire. Sponsored by Finnish American Society of the Midwest.

MAINE

- Apr. 29 - Finnish American Heritage Society of Maine annual membership potluck luncheon, 1 pm, Heritage Center, Maple St, West Paris. Bring Finnish food if possible. Business meeting follows lunch.

MASSACHUSETTS

- Apr. 21 - Suomi-koulu, 10 am, Waldorf School, Lexington.
- Ladies of Kaleva Penny Sale, 7 pm, Fort Pond, Littleton. Corn chowder, sandwiches, Finnish bread, coffee & other refreshments 5:30 pm.
- Apr. 22 - Finlandia Foundation Boston Chapter meeting, 3 pm, Nokia House, Burlington. Program: 'Finnish Politics with Harvard Experience' by Esko Aho, former Finnish prime minister.
- Apr. 24 - Finnish Golden Age Club meeting, 2 pm, Saima Park, 67 Scott Rd, Fitchburg.
- Apr. 28 - Dance, 7:30-11:30 pm, Saima Park, Fitchburg. Music by 'Rhythm.'
- Apr. 29 - Vappu Celebration, 2-6 pm, Finnish Center at Saima Park, Fitchburg. Buffet & dancing to music of Veikko Honkala & Juhani Puutio. Reservations (deadline Apr 24): 978-582-7717 or 978-874-2017.
- May 1 - Finnish Golden Age Club meeting, 2 pm, Saima Park, Fitchburg.
- May 6 - Finnish Literature Day, 2 pm, Finnish Center at Saima Park, Fitchburg. Speaker: Richard Impola, translator.
- Vappu Celebration, 2 pm, Kalevaiset Lodge, Fort Pond, Littleton. Refreshments, fellowship, brief program.
- May 8 - Finnish Golden Age Club meeting, 2 pm, Saima Park, Fitchburg.
- May 12 - Suomi-koulu's Children's Concert, 12 noon, Kaleva Maja, Littleton. Kengurumeininki band from Finland will perform.
- May 13 - Sunday Breakfast cooked by Maynard Knights of Kaleva, 7-11 am, Kalevaiset Lodge, Fort Pond, Littleton.
- May 19 - Ladies of Kaleva rummage sale, 9 am-2 pm, Fort Pond, Littleton.
- Suomi-koulu's 10th Anniversary Gala, 7 pm, Nokia House, Burlington. Dinner & Finnish singer Mikko Kuustonen. Info: 781-648-4171 or saanamcdaniel@net.scape.net
- May 20 - Mini Accordion Jamboree Dinner (2 pm) & Dance (4 pm), Viking Club, 410 Quincy Ave, Braintree. Music by Nils Lundin Orchestra. Benefit of Breast Cancer Renewal Project. Reservations: 781-659-2206.
- June 23-24 - 95th Summer Festival, Saima Park, Fitchburg.

MICHIGAN

- Apr. 27 - Supper in the Lounge with music by Soittoniekat, 5:30-8 pm, Finnish Center, 35200 W Eight Mile Rd, Farmington Hills.
- May 4 - Kalevala Study Group, 6:30 pm, Finnish Center, Farmington Hills.

- May 5 - Finnish Center Association Volunteers Dinner, 2 pm, Finnish Center, Farmington Hills. Reservations: 248-478-6939.
- FCA Bowling Banquet, 6:30 pm, Lounge, Finnish Center, Farmington Hills. Reservations: 248-478-6939.
- May 12 - Soittoniekat Jam Session, 1-4 pm, Finnish Center, Farmington Hills.
- May 13 - FCA Mother's Day Champagne Brunch, 12:30-3 pm, Finnish Center, Farmington Hills. Tickets available at a discount until May 2 (final deadline May 7): 248-478-6939.
- May 15 - FinnWeavers Workshop, 9 am-2 pm, Finnish Center, Farmington Hills.
- May 20 - Finnish American Singers Concert, 3 pm, Finnish Center, Farmington Hills.

MINNESOTA

- May 6-11 - 'Suomi Minnesotassa,' Spring Adult Week, Salolampi Finnish Language Village, Turtle River Lake, County Highway 20, Bemidji. Info, registration: 800-450-2214, 218-586-3623 or kennedy@cord.edu
- June 11-16 - Student Summer Session for ages 7-11, Salolampi Finnish Language Village, Turtle River Lake, Bemidji. Application form: 800-222-4750 or info@finnsonline.org
- June 18-23 - Student Summer Session for ages 11-15, Salolampi Finnish Language Village, Bemidji.
- June 25-July 7 - Student Summer Session for ages 11-18, Salolampi Finnish Language Village, Bemidji.
- June 25-July 21 - Student Summer Session for high school ages, Salolampi Finnish Language Village, Bemidji.
- July 8-11 - Student Summer Session for ages 8-11, Salolampi Finnish Language Village, Bemidji.

NEW JERSEY

- June 16 - Midsummer Celebration, County College of Morris, Randolph. Sponsored by Scandinavian American Heritage Society.

NEW YORK

- Apr. 21 - Children's film 'Poika ja lves' (Tommy and the Wildcat) 12:30 pm, Scandinavia House, New York City. Directed by Raimo O Niemi (1998); created & co-directed by Ville Suhonen; 96 min; 35 mm; original English-language version. With Konsta Hietanen, Antti Virmavirta, Kristiina Halttu, Jarmo Mäkinen and Väiski the lynx. Info: 212-879-9779.
- Apr. 25 - Film 'Badding,' 6 pm, Scandinavia House, New York City. Directed by Markku Pölönen (2000); written by Heikki Metsämäki and Markku Pölönen; 103 min; 35 mm; Finnish with English subtitles. With Janne Reinikainen, Peter Franzén, Karoliina Blackburn, Hannu Valtonen. Tickets: 212-879-9779.
- Apr. 28 - 'The Kalevala' and other stories will be told by Carol McGirr of the Hans Christian Andersen Storytellers, 11:30 am, Heimbald Family Children's Learning Center, Scandinavia House, New York City.
- May 5 - Cinco de Vappu Vapputanssijaiset, 8 pm, Chelsea Brewing Company, Chelsea Piers, West Side Highway at 19th St, New York City. Dance orchestra playing Finnish dance music; buffet dinner; raffle ticket plus included in \$40 cover charge. Sponsored by Finnish Urban Network.
- May 6 - Finnish War Veterans in America annual meeting, 1 pm, Lomala Hall, Fishkill. Info: 845-897-5902, 203-438-1890 or jmkirk@attglobal.net
- May 11 - Finlandia Foundation New York Metropolitan Chapter annual membership program meeting, 8-10 pm, Estonia House, 243 East 34th St, New York City.

PENNSYLVANIA

- Apr. 28 - Finnish-American Society of Delaware Valley annual meeting, 4-8 pm, Swedish Museum, Pattison Ave, Philadelphia. Vappu Dance follows meeting. Music by Ole Vesterquist.
- May 11-13 - Scandinavian Dance/Culture weekend, Land of the Vikings, Sherman. Info: Helvi Impola, 20 DuBois Rd, New Paltz NY 12561-3820; phone/fax 845-255-6678; email: impolar@newpaltz.edu
- June 10 - Annual ceremony at the First Finnish Settlers Monument, 2 pm, Crozer Park, Chester. Dinner 4 pm at Ramada Inn, Essington. Reservations: 302-239-0641.
- July 26-29 - FinnFest USA 2001, Villanova University, Villanova. Info: Phone 856-489-1594; FAX 856-489-1106; e-mail: mail@finnfest2001.org; web site: www.finnfest2001.org

VERMONT

- May 5 - Vappu Tanssit, 7 pm, 57 Starbird Rd, Jericho. Music by Carol 'Papu' Reinholm. Coffee, desserts provided; bring lawchairs, beverages of choice, musical instruments, cds or tapes. Info, RSVP: 802-899-3005.

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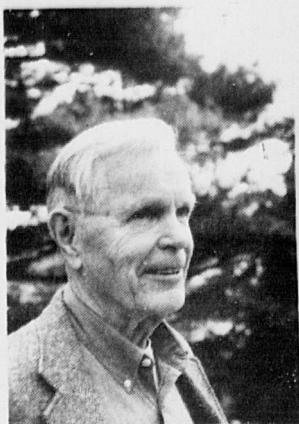
- Apr. 21 - Finnish School of Seattle Spring Gourmet Brunch, 10:30 am-1:30 pm, Nordic Heritage Museum, 3014 NW 67th St, Seattle. Tickets: 425-820-1819.
- Apr. 29 - Finlandia Foundation Seattle Chapter annual meeting, 1 pm, Maki Hall, Finnish Lutheran Church, Ballard. Info: 425-641-8724.

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Helsingin Sanomat has described Richard Impola as the most effective proponent of Finnish literature in North America. In 1993 he was awarded the American-Scandinavian Foundation's Inger Sjoberg Prize for translation. He has a Ph.D in English literature. He is currently working on Väinö Linna's great trilogy of novels Täällä Pohjantähden alla, which will be published by Aspasia Books of Toronto.

Richard Impola Literature Day speaker

Richard Impola is the speaker for our second annual Finnish Literature Day at Saima Park. This event is a very special and wonderful day in our calendar of educational and social events. And Saima Park is a wonderful place for Finnish Americans to gather, socialize and listen to Richard Impola talk about a subject that he is personally enthusiastic for and highly qualified to speak about.

This exciting day is Sunday, May 6, and the program begins at 2 p.m., and although the talk by Richard Impola is somewhat academic, it is Finnish Literature Day. All will enjoy the afternoon turning our thoughts to Finland.

We want to and we need to know more about the land, people and history of Finland, the land of our heritage. And since Richard Impola has translated Seven Brothers by Aleksis Kivi and Koillismaa and Storm Over the Land by Kalle Päätalo, Finland's most popular author, his talk will give us more understanding and appreciation of our Finnish heritage.

So come out and help make this a wonderful educational and cultural day at Saima Park. Although this is a free educational event, we will be pleased to receive donations to help maintain Saima Park. Also if some members and guests who are attending would please bring a small plate of goodies, desserts for our coffee table, we would very much appreciate the help.

Books will be on sale in the clubhouse. Business manager Jonathan Ratila of Raivaaja will set up the book table.

Tervetuloa

Pauli Oinonen

Finlandia Foundation

Boston Chapter

Former Prime Minister Esko Aho at April Meeting

Finlandia Foundation Boston Chapter eagerly welcomes Esko Aho to talk about "Finnish Politics with Harvard Experience" Sunday, April 22, 3 p.m., Nokia House, Burlington.

Esko Aho served as Finland's Prime Minister from 1991 until 1995. He has been a Member of Parliament since 1983 and the Leader of the Centre Party since 1990. As the youngest prime minister in Finland's history, at age 36, Mr. Aho responded to his country's recession by implementing strong economic reforms and bringing Finland into the European Union.

In his recent bid for Finland's presidency, Esko Aho lost by a narrow margin to Finland's first woman president. As an adjunct lecturer at Harvard Kennedy School of Government, Mr. Aho leads a weekly study group on the European Union and its political and economic implications for global relations.

Nokia House is a new, multi-story building visible from Route 128 in Burlington. From Route 128 take exit 33A. Go through the light and take your first right onto Wayside Road. Nokia House is the first building on your left.

Message from the President

"There has been much talk about how we Finns are not able to show our emotions. But at least those of you who were fortunate to hear and see Pentti Hietanen and Heini Kivimäki-Hietanen perform must admit that it is not true.

"Tenor Pentti Hietanen has an incredible voice with which he could deeply touch our inner feelings. The performers had skillfully chosen a program which had songs from different parts of

Uno L. Thiesen passes

A Fitchburg (MA) native, Uno L. Thiesen, 96, of Milwaukie, OR, died of a stroke on Feb. 27 in Portland (OR). He was born on July 21, 1903, in Fitchburg.

Details about his life are not available to me. He had lived in the Berkeley (CA) area and was a long time member of Berkeley Lodge 21 of the United Kaleva Brothers and Sisters organization. He remained a member of the Lodge even after moving to Oregon.

Members attending the April 10, 2001 meeting of lodge 21 stood in a moment of silence in remembrance of Brother Thiesen.

Harri Siitonen

Finland, songs that varied from beauty and love to powerful anger.

"I want to thank all of you, who made this concert possible: Saana McDaniel who, among other things, helped to promote the concert; Ruth Luna and Alina Wirta for organizing once again a marvelous coffee table and Liisa Chanoff for donating beautiful flower decorations and helping in the kitchen. We are indebted to St. John Evangelical Church for inviting us to their premises in a very short notice. We thank Nokia for their support and thank you all for coming.

"In March I had a wonderful opportunity to attend a seminar held at Harvard University. The focus of the conference was on the changing political geography of the Nordic Countries. It was about European Union and Nordic cooperation, human rights abroad and at home and about economic reform in the 1990s. Most of the speakers were sympathetic to the European Union, although the people of the countries are still quite divided about the pros and cons. There was criticism of the immigration policy and worry about the growing dislike of the foreigners.

"Afterwards I have been reading the report of the Center for Finnish Business and Policy Studies (EVA). EVA specializes, among other things, in researching Finnish attitudes. Their report about Finnish attitudes in 2001 was quite interesting. Most of the Finns were worried about the increasing social inequality. They want to maintain the Welfare State, even if it is expensive. Interest in the environmental issues is constantly growing. Tax reduction or taking care of the deficit was not so important for most of the Finns; to increase the defense budget was one of the least important matters of the public policy.

"What makes these findings interesting is the comparison to the topics of the policy discussions of the United States. It seems that the policy emphases are quite different, which is not so surprising, if we compare the size, history and homogeneity of these countries.

"There will be more politics in our next meeting in April. We are very lucky to have an experienced politician, Esko Aho, visiting Harvard this year. Take advantage of this opportunity to hear him talk about Finnish politics; come with your opinions and with your questions. We are very grateful to Nokia for their offer to host this event."

Sirkku Konttinen

Hospitable thanks

We want to thank those who generously contributed to the success of the coffee table. Wonderful treats were provided by Vivian Kallio, Sirkku Konttinen, Linda Lindell, and Saana McDaniel. The beautiful flowers were provided by Liisa Chanoff. Assisting in the kitchen with the set-up and the clean-up were Raija Nieminen, Liisa Chanoff, Saana McDaniel and Sirkku Konttinen. We are grateful to all of you.

Luna and Alina Wirta,
Hospitality co-chairs

Suomi-koulu events

April 21 - Suomi-koulu, 10 a.m. Waldorf School, Lexington

May 12 - Suomi-koulu's Children's Concert, 12 a.m., Kengurumeininki band from Finland will perform. Kaleva Maja, Littleton

May 19 - Suomi-koulu's 10th Anniversary Gala, 7 p.m., Nokia House, Burlington. Finnish singer Mikko Kuustonen and dinner. For more information call Saana McDaniel 781-648-4171 or e-mail saanamcdaniel@netscape.net

Participate in Research

Members of the Finlandia Foundation-Boston Chapter and their Finnish friends have an opportunity to participate in a dissertation research project conducted by Marja Urponen from Boston University. Marja is looking for Finnish-born individuals for her research on language intuition. Participation in her research is easy; the research task is a card game of English sentences and require neither speaking nor writing. However, it requires a Finnish-speaking brain! The card game takes about 15 minutes and the background questionnaire is quicky to complete.

The project calls for 150-200 Finnish-born participants who are/have been married to an American and have lived in the United States for 5-60 years. Or who have lived in the United States at least for twenty years. Participate in this research and support Finnish research!

You can play the card game at times convenient for you at different Finnish events or elsewhere this spring. Please sign up for this research by contacting Marja (work 978-937-7694, home 978-458-6286 or murponen@massed.net) or by writing your name into the Research List at the FF-Boston meeting.

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was important to get beyond the Western-front emphasis that had crept into my teaching about World Wars I and II.

Because Finland is a numerically small nation (five million people), positioned between the great powers of East and West for generations, its people see the U.S. and the world differently than do Americans. Respectful of the United States' achievements and its ethnically and racially diverse society, they are often astonished at the way Americans trivialize politics and tear at their leaders. Conscious of their own complicated historical experience, they wonder at our amnesia about our own past.

Aware of the United States' position as the lone superpower in the world (at the moment), they find it strange that we do not pay our bills at the United Nations and that we hesitate to send troops on peacekeeping missions when they are among the first to do so.

Conscious of the omnipresence of American material and cultural products that they are happy to consume, they are resolute in preserving their own traditions. Any notion of Finland becoming "Americanized" because of a few television shows and films, or soft drinks and fast food, or the near omnipresence of spoken English is, as Mark Twain might have put it, greatly exaggerated.

In the course of my stays in Turku and in Helsinki, I was privileged to get to know some truly exceptional colleagues. In 1995 I was based in both the English and Cultural History departments at the University of Turku. In 1999-2000 I was situated in the University of Helsinki's Renvall Institute for Area and Cultural Studies, an interdisciplinary unit of the Faculty of Humanities.

Some of my colleagues were professors of one rank or another, and many were advanced graduate students. Most of the latter were older than their American counterparts, and had been active in research and publishing for years. The process to a Ph.D. takes longer in Finland than it does in the U.S., and some had published reputable monographs and many articles before they finished their doctoral dissertations. Some had worked for different ministries of the Finnish government from time to time, and others had been occasional journalists.

The boundaries between academic work and public policy are much less rigid than they are in the U.S., and Finns outside of the university expect the print and electronic media to seek out and interview scholars about all sorts of issues.

Since I first came to Finland, several of these colleagues

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**Gornick presents
'mixtures'**

VAN NUYS, CA - The Finnish Lutheran Church in Van Nuys was the setting on Saturday, March 17, of a deluxe musical event sponsored by the Los Angeles Finlandia Foundation and the Finnish Lutheran Church, presenting Vicki Lundberg Gornick, Finlandia Foundation National's Performer of the Year 2000, in a program of organ music entitled "Finnish Mixtures."

Gornick performed selections of folk, sacred, patriotic, and contemplative music from great Finnish composers - Fredrik Pacius, Gabriel Linen, Harri Viitanen, Atso Almila, Jean Sibelius, Taneli Kuusisto, Oskar Merikanto, Joonas Kokkonen, Erkki Melartin - and spiced the blend with a few surprise elements, specifically, her own lively adaptations for organ of two popular tunes - "Satumaa" and "Villiruusu," and her own composition "Summer Night on Sillisaari."

With "Sillisaari" she lured her listeners into her magical musical net and held them close. She closed her program with Sibelius' heart-stirring "Finlandia".

In the space of one hour, Vicki Lundberg Gornick celebrated, musically, life's pleasures, life's seasons, and life's source.

Gornick received a standing ovation from her audience. From Pastor Rueben Perttula and LAFF President Terrisa Jurgens Nelson she received words of thanks and an armful of flowers.

A reception followed in the social hall, allowing the guests to meet the artist, to socialize, and to enjoy coffee table prepared by the ladies of the Church and laden with Finnish delicacies.

Vicki Lundberg Gornick is a professional church organist and choral director, and maintains a studio for private piano and organ instruction in Chisholm, Minnesota. She is an adjunct faculty member of Hibbing Community College, a member of the American Guild of Organists, a representative of the Finnish Expatriate Parliament, and an alumna of the University of Minnesota, Duluth.

Gornick has studied with Sibelius Academy organ instructor Eero Annala in recent years, supported by a grant from the Finlandia

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dation, start up supplies for a lending library, as well as bulletin boards and archival supplies were purchased.

During the Open House, a brief program will include the demonstration by members of poppana weaving. A coffee table will be provided for our visitors and friends.

For more information, call 860-546-6671 or visit: www.fahs-ct.org/.

Bill Aho

Finlandia Foundation**Los Angeles Chapter**

Vicki Gornick

photos: Elissa Della Rocca

Foundation Trust, and she has performed as a soloist and accompanist in the United States, Canada, Sweden, and Finland.

The Los Angeles Chapter of Finlandia Foundation celebrates the selection of Vicki Lundberg Gornick as "Finlandia Foundation Performer of the Year 2000" and thanks the Finlandia Foundation Trust for helping to make this event possible.

**Finnish war memorabilia
displayed and discusses**

PASADENA, CA - On March 18 at the Los Angeles Finlandia Foundation's monthly membership meeting

at the Pasadena Historical Museum, the Giddings Room was filled to near-capacity by LAFF members and guests who were highly interested in Jim and Sirkka Aldridge's unique collection of Finnish war memorabilia.

The Aldridges, wearing uniforms from the past, displayed and discussed helmets, flare guns, medals, rifles, photos, knives, and many other artifacts.

A few of the LAFF members who served as soldiers and lottas during Finland's Winter and Continuation Wars brought to the group their own stories and personal war memorabilia to share along with the presentation.

The Los Angeles Finlandia Foundation has, since the turn of the year, been remem-

bering the war years through programs and special events: on January 21, at LAFF membership meeting, Dr. Åke Sandler spoke on the Winter and Continuation Wars; on February 17, at a special event co-sponsored by the History Department of Loyola Marymount University and LAFF, and with the help of the Consulate General of Finland, Börje Vähämäki and Varpu Lindström presented the program entitled "War and Remembrance in Finland" at Loyola Marymount University; on April 29, at the LAFF membership meeting, we will screen, with permission, "The Survivors - North American Finns in Stalin's Russia" by Anita Hokkanen Middleton.

Chapter honors**Betty and Albert Jokela**

Albert and Betty Jokela have been awarded the Los Angeles Finlandia Foundation's top honor in recognition of their outstanding contributions to and support of the Finnish community of Los Angeles and their untiring work on behalf of the Alliance for the Mentally Ill of Orange County, California.

Presentation of the "Honoree 2001" plaque by LAFF president Terrisa Jurgens Nelson came during the Chapter's recent annual Awards Luncheon at the Sportsmen's Lodge in Studio City. Past president Kalervo Halme was the master of ceremonies.

Albert and Betty Jokela are two of the mainstays of the Los Angeles Finlandia Foundation. Al has served, since 1991, as the treasurer of the chapter and as the indispensable "right-hand-man" for the past six presidents of the chapter.

Al and Betty devote countless hours not only to the Finnish community of Los Angeles, but between the two of them, they donate 60 hours a month to the Alliance for the Mentally Ill of Orange County. Betty is the past chairperson of special projects for the organization. The dedication, generosity and good-natured spirit of both Al and Betty have won the respect and admiration of all that have had the pleasure of their acquaintance.

An outstanding highlight of the award ceremony was a narrative of Al and Betty's life by Kalervo Halme. Halme's time-travel capsule took guests back to the earliest of Jokela days, to memories not often revived.

Al Jokela is a native of Ne-gaunee (MI), the first of eight children born to parents who had emigrated from Finland. Al, at age 18, entered the adult world of labor and responsibility when his father died of miner's tuberculosis.

Al was able to find work in Michigan to keep the family together, and then, to his good fortune, he learned of the U.S. Navy's Pilot Flight Training Program. He applied, was accepted, and received training as a Navy Pilot Cadet in Corpus Christi (TX). Al went on to serve as an aircraft fighter pilot in the Pacific during WWII.

After the war, Al received a degree in aeronautical engineering, and then he began to carve for himself a long and fulfilling career as a flight test engineer.

Al's career in aerospace was, indeed, the bringer of good fortune and led to his introduction to an attractive North American Aviation employee named Elizabeth (Betty) Hardin, a native of Arizona.

Al and Betty married in 1951, molded themselves into a powerful team, and together raised a family of five wonderful children. Their life has been something of an adventure, partially owing to Al's periodic job relocations.

Betty, stimulated rather than discouraged by the geographical shifts, took up the challenge and found interesting jobs in every "port." While raising their children, Betty worked in the field of education and patient care. When the time for retirement came, Al and Betty, with their carefully honed skills, were ready to devote much of their time and talents to good works.

At the honors banquet, which normally they coordinate for the LAFF, the Jokelas were able to sit back and enjoy the entertainment with their family and friends.

On the large, polished dance floor the featured entertainers, Milla Korja and Petri Kauppinen, professional dance instructors from Finland, in their authentic folk costumes, brought beautiful songs and exquisitely choreographed dances to the appreciative guests, in number more than one hundred.

A raffle was organized to fuel the LAFF Scholarship Fund. The Grand Prize, two round-trip tickets JFK-Helsinki, was provided by FINNAIR, and FINNAIR's Armand Zago drew the winning ticket - that of Finny Martin, LAFF member. A dozen additional prizes of considerable value were distributed.

The Los Angeles Finlandia Foundation was established in 1974 and counts in its Honoree Hall of Fame twenty-two influential Finnish Americans and Friends of Finland.

Several of the former honorees were present at the luncheon, including: Paul Halme, Elma Karttala, Rev. Rueben Perttula, Consul Bert Salonen, and Kristina Woodhouse.

For additional information regarding the Los Angeles Finlandia Foundation, please contact: president Terrisa Jurgens Nelson (310) 547-2056 or TJurgens@webtv.com.

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Sirkka and Jim Aldridge

Lukijan kynästä

The LUKIJAN KYNÄSTÄ (From a Reader's Pen) Section invites readers to discuss current issues of the Finnish American community. Everyone is welcome to contribute.

Debate, observe, question, suggest - express your opinion! If possible, keep your letter to the length of one typewritten page or two handwritten pages. Letters selected for publication may be shortened for space reasons.

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Vapputanssit

Greetings Everyone!

The weather is getting warmer, and the snowbanks are receding. Tulips and daffodils are making their way from the thawing ground. It must mean that spring has arrived! With that, a renewed energy is starting to creep back into our sleepy winter bodies. It's time to celebrate the coming of spring!

There's no better way to celebrate than with Vappu Tanssit! However, if the snow doesn't melt fast enough, we'll be having a hankitanssi (dancing on the hardened snow)!

The festivity will be held on Saturday, May 5th starting around 7pm. I will provide the

location, coffee and desserts. Carol "Papu" Reinholm will supply the music. You provide: Lawn chairs, your own beverage of choice if desired, musical instruments if you play one and would like to jump in, music cd's or tapes so Papu can dance too, and lots of joyful merriment!

My address is 57 Starbird Rd in Jericho (VT). Home phone is 802-899-3005. An RSVP would be appreciated, but not necessary (I would just like to know how many pastries I need to supply).

I hope to see everyone there!

Terveisiä!

Anne

via email

Looking for relatives

I'm searching for my relatives who migrated from Finland to USA in early 1900's. Their names were Juho, Katri (Carin?), Sofia, Ida, Mina (Minnie), and Antti Piironen (they can be Piironen, Piirainen, Piirainen depending how close officials got writing them down).

They traveled from here 1901, 1903, 1905 and 1906. Their destination was Fitchburg, MA.

I also have photos and letters from Fitchburg. I know

the dates and ships but here ends all information I've got. Since almost all were girls, their surnames must have changed due marriage.

If you can anyway help me finding my ancestors and their living relatives, I'd be very thankful.

I can also pay for any information leading to them or concerning them.

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have completed and defended their dissertations. This too is a different sort of experience than that to which Americans are accustomed. The defense in Finland is called a *disputation*, and it is a public presentation usually attended by between 25 and 150 interested people. An *opponent*, usually of international reputation, is brought in, and it is the opponent's duty to challenge the *disputant's* work, page-by-page, if he or she deems such a trial necessary.

This process usually takes two or three hours, but several have gone on for as many as six or eight hours. Then the audience is polled for questions. After attending a few disputations, it is my conviction that the best way to experience them is from the audience.

The quality of the work of these scholars is extraordinary. There is a cohort of young scholars in their mid-to late-thirties that can stand shoulder to shoulder with the very best in the world in cultural history, linguistics, environmental history, political science, Native American Studies, and literary studies. Moreover, these younger scholars and their senior colleagues were almost without exception friendly and engaging, and forthcoming with their knowledge.

This is especially significant because for some of them it meant conversing and engaging in other social activities in what was usually their third or fourth language. (Despite considerable effort and formal classes, real competence in the Finnish language eludes me. I found that I was much more likely to be reticent if I had to try to converse in Finnish, and I suspect that some "reticence" is actually language uncertainty.)

Getting the privilege to teach and do research in Finland (or just about anywhere else, I imagine) doesn't provide a teacher and a scholar with knowledge from the "other side," but a perspective from another side. It helps one examine what had previously been unexamined assumptions about oneself and one's nation, about the history and culture of other peoples, and about the similarities that unite the human race, as well as those characteristics of our cultures that make us different.

As investment go, I am convinced that this one is a good one. Teachers don't change every life with which they come in contact, but some students are changed, and mostly for the better. And I am also certain that I, and others fortunate enough to teach in Finland, are changed by those we encounter in the classroom and in the society at large in which we live, even for the brief time we are privileged to be here.

Exchanges such as mine offer first-hand experience with alternative living situations, environments, and ultimately, ideas about society, and politics. I was born and raised in the country, but attended undergraduate and graduate school in urban settings. I teach in an urban university.

But Helsinki is different than just about any city I have ever visited or in which I have lived. It is clean. There is an efficient, multi-modal public transportation system that covers the city and that links together cities, towns and the rural countryside. Helsinki is actually *expanding* commuter and long-distance rail service. Cities are safe enough that people feel comfortable walking alone late at night.

In both Helsinki and Turku I found a lively art and culture scene. In both cities the center of the city is the most desirable place to live. Small shops and grocery stores abound, and there are several public markets and market halls in which to shop.

The Finnish tax rate seems high to Americans, but the price is one that Finns are willing to pay. In Finland higher education is tuition-free, and all citizens are provided with full medical and dental coverage, generous pensions, substantial maternity benefits (eleven months of paid leave, job protection, day care), and other social services.

When I added the costs (both to me and to my employer) of Social Security and medical insurance to my tax burden in the U.S., it was close to a wash. I needed complex dental care while in Finland and my wife saw a physician. Not only was the quality of the care extraordinary in both cases, there was far less paperwork and clerical

staff involved in the processes.

Both my dentist and her physician treated us continually during our respective visits, rather than as one of three or four other patients they were treating simultaneously. Both our appointments took far less time to complete treatment than they would have in the United States. There is definitely something for Americans to learn from the Finnish experience, though the knowledge gained might put many thousands of non-medical employees out of work in the American health-care industry.

There are a few Finns who complain loudly about the taxes there, and some have even high-tailed it for countries with an apparent lower tax burden (after getting their education on the backs of their countrymen and women). One particularly vocal critic also announced, seemingly with no sense of irony or embarrassment, that he would return to Finland to educate his children.

For the most part, however, those Finns in and out of the academy that I met were proud of their commitment to their system, and resolute in their intention that theirs would be a society in which civic responsibility was as important as the freedoms they also hold dear.

For my part, the Finnish educational experience has been a transformative one. The students in my classes were some of the brightest and most hard working I have encountered in two decades in the classroom. Daily life in two graceful cities has shown me something of the potential of urban life.

In the end, however, it is the experiences and communication with a people whose culture has been shaped in ways utterly different than that of most Americans that has made the difference. One cannot come to Finland, meet its people, and learn of the nation's history and culture and still see the United States in quite the same way as before.

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