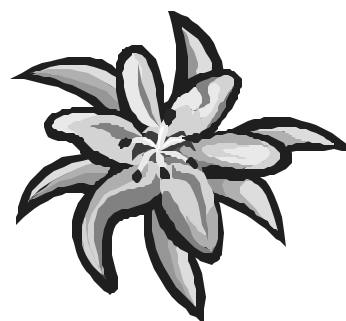


# BRIDGES

- 4** Efforts continue to restore funding for Baltic-oriented programs  
The Joint Baltic American National Committee, Inc.  
*Voice of America and Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty still waiting for funding.*
- 5** Protocols of Accession amended to enlarge NATO  
The Joint Baltic American National Committee, Inc.  
*Seven new members admitted into alliance.*
- 6** The United States Marines celebrate their birthday in Vilnius  
Edvardas Baranauskas  
*A Marine Corps celebration.*
- 8** Celebrations in honor of... Mindaugas the King  
From *TULPE TIMES* and Regina Narušis  
*The 750th jubilee of a Lithuanian king is celebrated.*
- 10** BALSSI 2003 comes to Seattle  
Rimas Žilinskas  
*The Baltic Studies Summer Institute is coming to Seattle.*
- 12** A book delivers... *The Immigrant as Diplomat*  
Vytautas J. Sliupas  
*A newly published book highlights Lithuanian life from 1870 to 1922.*
- 13** A limited edition of *Singing the Tears*  
Rasa Ardys-Juška  
with words from Albert Gustaff  
*A legacy for a family is published with love.*
- 15** Recent news from the LAC  
From the Lithuanian-American Community, Inc.  
*Updates on the LAC's activities.*

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- 17** CURRENT EVENTS



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*Linksmu Velyku!*

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