

Couple will give view of Europe war

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Croatia and Bosnia-Herzegovina, two republics carved from the former nation of Yugoslavia, are studies in contrasts: while pilgrims flock to the little Bosnian town of Medjugorje, where the Virgin Mary is reported to have appeared, nearby villages in both countries are being torn apart by fighting.

Back Mountain residents will have the opportunity to learn firsthand of the "ethnic cleansing" and other horrors suffered by the citizens of Croatia and Bosnia-Herzegovina Tuesday, May 11, in a special program presented by native Croatians Helen and Joseph Sarcevic at Shavertown United Methodist Church.

Mr. and Mrs. Sarcevic, who say they have both lost relatives and friends to Serbian aggression, regularly travel to their homeland, leading pilgrimages to Medjugorje and stopping along the way to render humanitarian aid to people living in refugee centers.

"Everyone who isn't Serbian is in danger," Mrs. Sarcevic said. "We have seen churches, hospitals, schools, roads, bridges - all reduced to rubble. The Serbians wipe out the entire civilization in an area, occupy it and rebuild it their own way."

The Croatians are mostly Catholic, with some Moslems, while the Serbians, once Orthodox Christians, are now non-believers due to decades of Communist rule, she said.

"The people are really struggling, reduced to subsistence living. They try to grow their own food, but must rely mainly on outside help," Mrs. Sarcevic continued.

Meet the candidates May 11 at Westmoreland

The Westmoreland Elementary PTO, in conjunction with the Dallas Elementary PTO, will conduct a "Meet the Candidates Night" at the Westmoreland School on Lehigh Street in Trucksville Tuesday, May 11 beginning at 7:30 p.m. All Dallas school board candidates have been invited to participate in a nonpartisan forum to discuss relevant issues regarding the education of children within the Dallas School District.

Property transfers

Property transfers recorded at the Luzerne County Court House from April 15, 1993 to April 20, 1993. Prices are extrapolated from transfer taxes paid.

Raymond L. Bartholomew to Donald G. Bayko Jr. RD 1, Culver Hill Road, Pittston, property 3.23 ac. Franklin Twp., \$85,000.

James Barbacci to Todd McCarroll, RR 2, Box 311, Dallas, property 3.9 ac., Lehman Twp., \$8,000.

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IN HER NATIVE LAND - Helen Sarcevic will speak about the conflict in the former Yugoslavia May 11 at the Shavertown United Methodist Church. She and her husband left the country in 1957 but return frequently to lead pilgrimages and offer aid.

Considered by the Communists to be intellectuals and therefore threats to the government, the Sarcevic fled their country in 1957, staying in a refugee camp in Italy for two years until they were allowed to emigrate to the United States.

The process euphemistically called "ethnic cleansing" was going on while the Communists ruled Yugoslavia, but the government presented a false picture to the world, Mrs. Sarcevic said.

Only after referendums in 1990 resulted in the republics of Croatia, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Slovenia, Vojvodina, Montenegro and Macedonia splitting from Yugoslavia, did the efforts of the Serb-led Yugoslav army's offensives against Moslem and Croatian villages become publicized, according to pamphlets distributed

by the Croatian Information Center of America in Eastlake, Ohio.

"We did not have a voice to speak for us then. I think that it means a lot to the ones in the refugee camps to know that somebody cares. I will be their voice, and share their need for help with any group who will listen," Mrs. Sarcevic said.

After the program, Mr. and Mrs.

Sarcevic will be available during a social hour in the church's fellowship hall to answer questions and accept free-will donations for the Croatian Franciscan Emergency Relief Fund.

Sponsored by the United Methodist Women and the Outreach Committee of the Shavertown United Methodist Church, the program will begin at 7:30 p.m.

Spring cleanups

Several Back Mountain communities have announced their spring cleanup schedules. The dates and procedures are listed below. All require proof of residency.

Dallas Borough

WHEN: May 10-15, 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. weekdays, 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday.
WHERE: Borough garage, behind the borough building, 25 Main Street.
WHAT: Household items including appliances. Freon must be removed from refrigerators and air conditioners.
NOT ACCEPTED: Yard waste, toxic materials, asbestos, construction debris, paint in cans, sealed containers, batteries, ashes.
CHARGES: \$5 each for "white goods" appliances. \$2 each for mattresses and tires off the rims.
INFORMATION: Call 675-1389 weekdays between 8 a.m. and Noon.

Dallas Township

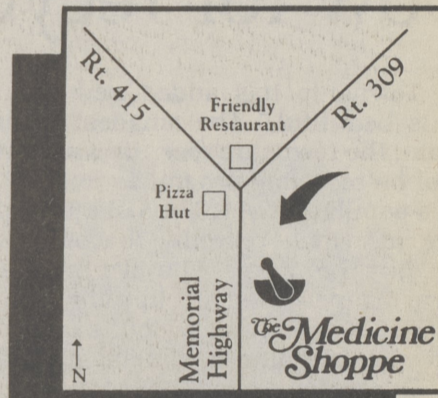
WHEN: May 10-15, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. weekdays, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday.
WHERE: Rear of Dallas Township building, Route 309.
WHAT: Household items including appliances. Only 2 tires per household.
NOT ACCEPTED: Hazardous waste, chemicals, brush, tree stumps, cinder block, animal or human waste, construction materials, leaves, grass, garbage, newspapers.
CHARGES: Cars, no charge. Pickup load, 8' box, \$20; Pickup load, 3' box, \$15; Mini pickup, \$15; Tag-a-long trailer load, \$20; Larger trucks according to size. Also, there will be a service charge for large items such as carpets, couches and other furniture and appliances.
INFORMATION: Call 675-5217.

Kingston Township

WHEN: May 10-15, 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. weekdays, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday.
WHERE: Kingston Twp. maintenance building, 225 East Center Street, Shavertown.
WHAT: Household items. Limit of 2 tires per household.
NOT ACCEPTED: Washers, dryers, refrigerators, air conditioners, hot water heaters, recyclable materials, tree stumps, brick, stone, concrete, construction debris, commercial waste, paint, chemicals and other materials as prohibited by law.
CHARGES: Cars, vans and station wagons no charge. Residents with pickup trucks and larger vehicles must obtain an admission coupon at the township office before entering the cleanup site. Vehicles larger than a pickup truck, \$25. All vehicles with commercial licenses must have an admission coupon. Coupons available at the Kingston Township Municipal Building Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
INFORMATION: Call 696-3809.

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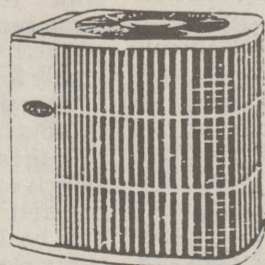
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