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ÅBO AKADEMI

Gunilla Widén Named New Rector of Åbo Akademi – University Eyes Strategic Renewal

Åbo Akademi University has appointed Professor Gunilla Widén as its new Rector for the term August 1, 2026 to July 31, 2031, following her service as Acting Rector since April 2025. Widén brings a strong academic and leadership background, with over 120 scientific publications and decades of university experience.

The university's Board, led

by Chair Dag Wallgren, highlighted that Widén's deep understanding of the ongoing transformation effort at Åbo Akademi made her the standout candidate among a competitive field. She will now guide the institution through strategic implementation and future development.

Professor Widén's research focuses on societal information environments, information behavior, and knowledge management—areas seen as increasingly relevant in the digital age. In addition to her roles as Vice-Rector for Educa-

tion and subject leader, her extensive leadership experience positions her well to steer the Swedish-language university toward new academic goals.

Her appointment signals a renewed focus on academic excellence and strategic vision at Åbo Akademi as it navigates future challenges.

Source: Åbo Akademi press release – Gunilla Widén appointed new Rector, January 27, 2026.ari 2026

VR

Pendolinoroutes between Vaasa and Seinäjoki will be reduced for a month



The train routes between Seinäjoki and Vaasa will be reduced during the period 7 February to 13 March 2026, VR announces. The reason is that a Pendolino train has suddenly been taken out of service at the same time as the cold winter weather has increased the need for maintenance and service on the trains.

Several services along the route will be cancelled, and

some departures between Helsinki and Vaasa will also be affected. Passengers who have purchased a ticket for a cancelled train will automatically be offered a seat on another train or can choose to cancel and get a refund via VR's digital services.

VR encourages passengers to check their journey well in advance of departure in the VR app or on vr.fi,

where cancelled services are also updated. Bus and season tickets starting or ending in Vaasa or Terijoki are automatically extended by 35 days as compensation without the passenger having to do anything

Lähde / Sources / Source: VR-Yhtymä tiedote: Perumme osan Vaasan Pendolino-vuoroista 7.2.–13.3.

Photo of the Week:



Penkkarit 5.2.2026

STATISTICS

Statistics Finland: Assaults Increased Last Year – Record High Reported

New figures from Statistics Finland's offences and coercive measures statistics show a notable rise in the number of reported assaults in Finland last year. Authorities received reports of approximately 44,600 assault cases, marking a 7.4 % increase compared with 2024 — and the highest number ever recorded in official statistics.

The increase occurred both in private homes and public spaces: assaults in residences were up around 8 %, while public-place incidents rose by nearly 6 %.

Although minor assaults decreased slightly, the number of more serious assault cases climbed, contributing to overall concern about public safety. The broader category of crimes against life and health also rose.

Kimmo Haapakangas, chief actuary at Statistics Finland, emphasizes that the trend highlights changing patterns in violent crime and underscores the importance of effective prevention and community safety measures.

Source: Statistics Finland – Offences and Coercive Measures 2025

SVENSKA STUDIEFONDEN

Last Chance to Get Thousands for Your Studies – Scholarship Deadline Nears!

Swedish-speaking students in Finland now have a limited opportunity to ease study costs – but time is running out! Svenska Studiefonden's annual application period is open throughout February for financial support for full-time university or college studies in Finland or abroad.

The scholarship can help cover essential expenses such as rent, textbooks, laptops, travel costs or even semester-long study

abroad programs that count toward your degree. To qualify, you must be a Finnish citizen or permanent resident, study full-time in a bachelor's or master's program and use Swedish as your mother tongue or language of instruction. You can only apply once and it must be for your first degree at this level.

In recent years, Studiefonden has awarded nearly €1 million in grants, enabling hundreds of students to pursue their education without financial

strain. This support comes from a partnership of foundations and cultural funds working to strengthen Swedish-language education in Finland.

But hurry – applications must be submitted before the end of February! For many students, a Studiefonden stipend can be the difference between struggling to make ends meet and focusing fully on academic success.

Source: Svenska Studiefonden – Studerande (Studiefonden.fi)

TODAY

EDITORIAL

Don't Be Fooled! – Fake Doctor Ads Flood Social Media



Across social media platforms, deceptive advertisements are circulating that falsely claim well-known doctors endorse “miracle” products or health solutions. Real physicians do not appear in paid pharmaceutical or health product ads on Facebook, Instagram, or TikTok

Recent investigations have uncovered a rise in fake ads using stolen names, photos, and even AI-generated videos (deepfakes) of real doctors. These posts often promote unproven products with extravagant health claims, from joint pain cures to weight loss “remedies.” In one documented case, a product sold under a famous doctor’s name turned out to be nothing more than ordinary potato starch.

Medical professionals worldwide are alarmed at these scams, which exploit public trust in healthcare expertise. The Irish Hospital Consultants Association has issued warnings about fake social media adverts that misuse physician identities to market dubious

products. In Finland, the national medicines regulator Fimea has also alerted the public to deceptive online ads falsely implying official approval.

Platforms like Facebook and Instagram struggle to keep up, as removed ads often reappear under new accounts or slightly altered names. With AI tools becoming more accessible, creating convincing fake endorsements has become alarmingly easy.

- Consumer tips to avoid scams:
- Be skeptical of ads promising unrealistic health benefits.
 - Verify products through official health regulatory databases.
 - Do not click on suspicious links; report them to the platform.

Healthcare experts emphasize that legitimate medical advice should come only from licensed practitioners during a proper consultation—not from a sponsored social media post.

Source: Lääkärilehti – Harvinaisen vastenmielistä toimintaa, 30 January

NEWS

VACCINATIONS

THL: Phone Reminder for Adult Vaccines – My Kanta App Alerts Users to Boosters



pertussis (whooping cough) booster. MyKanta is currently the only app in Finland that provides reminders for booster vaccinations included in the national immunisation programme.

Health authorities say that booster shots are easy to forget, because they occur infrequently in adulthood. The notification feature aims to help users stay protected against serious diseases by alerting them directly to their mobile device when a booster is due.

To receive the reminders, users must allow push notifications in the app’s settings. The service reflects a broader digital effort to make preventive health care more accessible.

Public health officials hope that this tech-driven nudge will improve vaccination coverage and reduce preventable infections across the population.

Source: THL

Finnish adults are now able to receive automated booster vaccine reminders through the MyKanta (OmaKanta) app. The updated ser-

vice will notify people aged 25, 45 and 65 when it’s time for their tetanus and diphtheria booster shots — and for 25-year-olds, this includes a

WÄRTSILÄ

Wärtsilä Plows €140M Into Vaasa - A Massive Finland Expansion to Fuel Global Power and Marine Demand



The additional production capacity will be integrated into an STH expansion initially announced in April 2025, and is slated to be operational by the first quarter of 2028. STH, a sprawling innovation and manufacturing hub, already assembles every type of Wärtsilä engine and hosts training and remote monitoring facilities.

This strategic bet reinforces Wärtsilä’s position as a long-term partner in decarbonizing energy and marine sectors, while preparing the company for sustained growth amid intensifying global competition.

Source: Wärtsilä press release, 4 February 2026
Image caption: Wärtsilä to further expand its production capacity in Finland by 35% to meet global increase in demand in energy and marine © Wartsila

Finnish technology firm Wärtsilä is launching a massive production expansion to capitalize on soaring global demand for energy and marine solutions. The company will invest approximately €140 million to increase production capacity by 35 % at its Sustainable Tech-

nology Hub (STH) in Vaasa, Finland and strengthen its global supply chain. The move comes as industries worldwide electrify, data centers multiply, and demand mounts for more reliable, flexible power and fuel-efficient marine engines. Wärtsilä’s advanced technologies have become a go-to choice for customers navigating evolving energy and shipping landscapes.

Photo Supplement



NEWS

CHRISTOFFER INGO

SFP’s Ingo Warns: Russia’s Hybrid Influence Isn’t Over – ”Other EU Countries Must Prepare”



”Europol’s role in the fight against international crime is a key part of our integrated region. Forms of crime are constantly changing, so it is important to monitor how we can also prevent future threats to our societies through extensive European

Finland’s security is under threat, despite the closed border. Swedish Parliamentary Group MP Christoffer Ingo attended Europol’s secret security meeting in Cyprus. According to him, Russia could strike unexpectedly – and the threat may not come as border

crossings.

Europol’s Parliamentary Scrutiny Group meeting addressed Russia’s hybrid influence, human trafficking, and economic crime. Ingo emphasized that other EU countries must remain vigilant.

”Finland is investing heavily in the police, the Border Guard, and the Security Intelligence Service,” Ingo says. Although Finland’s

eastern border is strictly guarded, the threat could come from elsewhere – such as cyberattacks or influence operations.

Finland is preparing but needs EU support. Cooperation through Europol is crucial in combating the hybrid threat.

Source: STT Info - Suomen ruotsalainen kansanpuolue r.p.

VAASA CHOIR FESTIVAL

VAASA CHOIR FESTIVAL TURNS 32 – HOEDOWNS, SINFORNETTA AND CLASSICS ON THE MENU



The City of Vaasa is preparing to celebrate a milestone as the 32nd annual Vaasa Choir Festival fills the city with choral singing on May 14–17, 2026. The four-day music festival promises a diverse program for all ages and tastes.

The festival’s headliners include the masters of Finnish a cappella music, Club for Five, performing on Saturday at Club Ritz.

Their repertoire takes the listener through Finnish music from different eras. The Finland’s Women’s Choir Association’s Choir of the Year, Jyväskylä Women Singers, will also arrive at Vaasa City Hall. On Friday, a full house awaits when the Helsinki Chamber Choir performs in Vaasa Church together with the Vaasa City Orchestra, and the program includes works by Rautavaara and Beethoven, among others. The day is packed with music:

Wasa Sinfonietta and Children’s Choir Estradi bring the ”Pikku Ankka Vaakkunokka” performance to the stage.

The festival is an event that brings together professionals and amateurs. The program also includes plenty of free concerts in different parts of the city.

Source: City of Vaasa – Vasa stad / Press release 15.1.2026

VAASA

Cultural Buzz in Vaasa Now: Money Handed Out – See If Your Favorite Gets Funding!



Cultural grants have now been distributed in Vaasa. The city’s Culture and Sports Board has awarded over €218,000 in grants for 2026. The funding consists of cultural grants (€196,400), rental subsidies for the Funkkis premises (over €22,000), and a grant for twin city cooperation.

Culture and Library Director Sanna Bondas shares an interesting development: the number of applications grew slightly, but the total amount requested increased by a significant 37% from the previous year. ”This is primarily due to applications for operational support,” says Bondas. Out of a total of 81 applications, 39 were for project grants and 42 for operational support.

The beneficiaries include artists, music projects, a children’s theater production, and the Vähäkyrö Youth Art Workshop. Rental support for Funkkis was granted to a record 22 cultural operators.

Ahlbäck, Cata	1 500 €
Blåfield, Paula	2 000 €
Gelain, Valentina	1 500 €
Improvisaatioteatteri Intopiukeet ry	1 500 €
Kauppinen, Miikka	1 000 €
Kivioja, Vesa-Matti	600 €
Koivumäki, Vesa	1 000 €
Mäenpää, Arto	2 000 €
Näyttämötaidekollektiivi	2 000 €
Palosaaren asukas-yhdistys	1 500 €
Penttinen, Reija	1 500 €
Rantamäki, Jenni	1 700 €
Sri Lankan Association of Vaasa ry	tilatuki Draama-saliin
Suomen Kirjastomuseo-yhdistys	600 €
Tanttari, Piritta	1 500 €
Vaasa-Mustasaari oppaat ry	800 €
Vaasan Musiikkiluokkien tuki ry taloon	tilatuki kaupungin-
Vaasan Varttuneet Ystävät ry	500 €
Wilenius, Hugo	1 500 €
Österlund, Jenni	600 €

3-vuotiset

Nukketeatteriyhdistys Pikku Aasi ry (2024-2026)	8 000 €
Pohjanmaan tanssi ry, Dans i Österbotten rf (2026-2028)	8 000 €
Sundom bygdeförening.r.f. (2024-2026)	8 000 €
Vaasan Taiteilijaseura ry (2026-2028)	10 000 €
1-vuotiset	
65 Hz ry	2 000 €
Edvininpolun perinneseura ry	1 000 €
Elokuvakeskus Botnia	8 000 €
Filmkollektiv et EKTA r.f.	500 €
Filmverkstaden rf	5 000 €
Finland Ukraina Ostrobotniia Kalyna ry	500 €
Föreningen Brage i Vasa r.f.	3 500 €
Katukulttuuri Ry	4 000 €
Korsholman Musiikkijuhlat	38 000 €
Kpanlogo Yede ry	1 000 €
Offside rf	600 €
Ristinummen Musiikkikoulu	5 000 €
Skafferiet Ritz	5 000 €
Taito Etelä-Pohjanmaa ry	8 000 €
Tanssimajakka ry	4 000 €
The Doo-Bop Club r.f.	2 000 €
UFin Art Terra	1 000 €
Understödsföreningen musikplattform Gerby rf	2 000 €
Vaasa Jazz Club ry	2 000 €
Vaasan Kamarimuusikot ry	3 500 €
Vaasan Merihistorian Yhdistys ry	5 000 €
Vaasan Taidegraafikot ry	2 000 €
Vaasan Taidekerho	1 500 €
Vaasan veteraaniautoseura ry	2 000 €
Vaasan Ylioppilasteatteri Ramppi	7 000 €
Vasa Baroque	15 000 €
Vähäkyrö-Seura ry	3 500 €
Österbotten Försvarsgille - Pohjanmaan Maanpuolustuskilta ry	3500 €
Österbottens hantverk	3 000 €
Source Vaasan kaupunki - Vasa stad / Tiedote 6.2.2026	

NEWS

POTATOES WEEK 9-15.2.2026

The Potato Is a Food Security Superhero and it is much more

When you hear potato, you might think of simple home cooking. But in Finland, the humble potato is much more: a cornerstone of national food security, a resilient crop that helps keep food available, affordable and nutritious all year round.

Potato: A Reliable Food Source

Finland's potato production is broad and stable, with farmers across the country cultivating millions of kilograms of potatoes annually. The crop stores well and ensures that potatoes stay in grocery stores throughout the year, even in times of market pressure or logistical challenges.

Potatoes are naturally gluten-free, lactose-free, and fat-free, and they provide essential carbohydrates alongsi-

de vitamins like C and B-group, as well as minerals such as potassium and magnesium. Nutrition experts recommend potatoes as part of a balanced diet because of their versatility and nutritional value.

Affordable and Sustainable Choice

Potatoes are not only healthy; they are also affordable. The local production system and efficient storage mean that Finnish consumers have access to fresh potatoes year-round without long transport distances. This strengthens food sovereignty and reduces the environmental footprint of our daily diet.

As climate concerns grow, potatoes remain a low-impact crop – they thrive in Finnish conditions with relatively low fertilizer and water

needs, making them a sustainable option for both home cooks and professional chefs alike.

Clearing Up Misconceptions

Don't fall for the idea that potatoes are unhealthy or outdated. Prepared properly – boiled, baked, or roasted – potatoes can be a nutritious substitute for more processed carbohydrates and complement a healthy lifestyle.

Key Takeaways:

- Potatoes are a pillar of food security in Finland.
- They are nutritious, affordable, and versatile.
- With strong domestic production and storage, potatoes help ensure food is available year-round.

Source: STT Press Release: Kotimainen peruna on ruokaturvan supersankari



ONION WEEK

This Winter's Everyday Hero: Abundant Domestic Onions



In kitchens across the country, one humble yet indispensable ingredient is taking center stage: the Finnish onion. Thanks to an abundant harvest last summer, domestic onions are now plentiful in stores—and this week, January 19–25, 2026, celebrates their versatility, flavor and everyday importance.

The Onion Theme Week aims to remind food lovers that onions are more than a supporting player—they are a foundational vegetable with culinary and nutritional value. The current supply includes not only classic yellow onions but also red onions, shallots, garlic, specialty varieties and fresh chives. This diversity reflects strong production and smart storage over the winter.

Roots in history and rich nutrition

Onions have a long history in Nordic agriculture. What once grew in manor gardens and clergy plots gradually spread to household kitchens and commercial farms. Today, onions are grown widely across Finland, contributing to food security and year-round availability.

According to agricultural

experts, favourable weather conditions during last year's growing season brought excellent yields—and those onions have been carefully stored for quality. In addition to being flavourful, onions are nutritious: they contain vitamins C, B1, B6 and K, as well as fibre and minerals like potassium and magnesium.

Culinary star of winter cooking

Onions are a staple in countless dishes, from hearty soups, stews and casseroles to fresh salads and sides. Food market specialist Heidi Siivonen recommends sautéing onions gently until soft and translucent, avoiding browning to preserve sweetness—a technique that brings out depth in winter recipes.

This themed week is also a call to embrace local, affordable, and healthy produce. With onions in abundance, consumers have a chance to rediscover classic recipes and try new ones. Whether used raw, roasted or caramelized, onions add complexity to everyday meals.

Source: STT Press Release: Kotimaista sipulia on nyt runsaasti – teemaviikko nostaa esiin talven arki-suosikin (MTK ry, January 15,

MALAX

New workshop in Malax – this is how you can influence the digital future of the municipality!

The municipality of Malax invites residents to a practical workshop on better communication and messages from the municipality. On 18 February, participants will explore how to make information clearer, more understandable and more user-friendly – and they will also receive 25 euros as a thank you for participating. Great interest is expected when the municipality wants to listen to citizens' ideas about future digital investments. Source: <https://www.malax.fi/nyheter/inbudan-att-delta-i-workshop>

MALAX

Young people have a voice in Malax – a special opportunity for questions to attract young people!

In Malax, a new opportunity is now opening up for children and young people to influence the municipality's decisions. Through the special event, young people can send questions and ideas for future policy discussions. The initiative opens up the voices of 0–29-year-olds in everything from leisure opportunities to digital solutions. The municipality encourages participation and emphasizes that young people can really make a difference with their views! Source: <https://www.malax.fi/nyheter/horande-av-barn-och-unga>

MALAX

A unique poster exhibition of St. Olof is on display at the Malax Library!

Currently, the Malax Library hosts a sensational poster exhibition that tells about St. Olav's pilgrimage route and its cultural heritage. The exhibition highlights the historical traces of St. Olof in Ostrobothnia, with images that fascinate both history and culture enthusiasts. There is a great deal of interest and the disclosure will help to increase understanding of the region's significance in Nordic pilgrimage and cultural tradition. Source: <https://www.malax.fi/nyheter/affischutställningen-i-spärrén-av-sankt-olof-kan-ses-pa-biblioteket>

PILGRIMAGE

Pilgrimage in Ostrobothnia is growing – 500 km of new trails attract nature lovers!

St. Olav Ostrobothnia, Ostrobothnia's own pilgrimage route of about 500 kilometres that connects the coastal towns from Kokkola to Kristinestad, is now about to start. The route is certified as part of the famous St. Olavsleden and offers both nature, culture and the opportunity to disconnect from the stresses of everyday life. The new pilgrimage center in Vaasa offers information and stigma for those who want to try the partial route. Source: <https://stolavostrobothnia.fi/>

KORSHOLM

Ruusa Viljanen Rossi named Gunnar of the Year – let's celebrate in Korsholm!

Ruusa Viljanen Rossi has been named Gunnar of the Year 2025 in Korsholm, a prestigious award that rewards commitment and efforts to the local community. The laureate is thanked for her contribution to culture and social work, where she has created new gathering places and made an impact on both young and old. The residents of the municipality are now celebrating the popular hobbyist – and there are more surprises to come. Source: <https://korsholm.fi/2026/01/ruusa-viljanen-rossi-ar-arets-gunnar-2025>

KORSHOLM

Sustainable tourism in the Kvarken Archipelago – closing seminar gathers actors!

The municipality of Mustasaari and partners are arranging a concluding seminar for the project Sustainable tourism in the Kvarken archipelago. The focus is on how the region's unique nature and cultural landscape can attract more visitors without harming the environment. The seminar will highlight new insights, partnerships and future initiatives that can make the Kvarken a role model for green tourism in the Nordic region. Source: <https://korsholm.fi/2026/01/slutseminarium-hallbar-turism-kvarkens-skargard>

OPENING OF PARLIAMENT

President at Parliament Opening: “The US Is Transforming”



Republikens president Alexander Stubb höll ett tal vid riksmötets öppnande den 4 februari 2026. Foto: Matti Porre/Republikens presidents kansli

In a striking speech at the opening of Finland’s Parliament on February 4, 2026, President Alexander Stubb declared that the post-Cold War world has ended and a new global order is emerging. His address delivered a powerful message about shifting geopolitical realities and the changing role of the United States.

Stubb identified three major forces reshaping global security: the Russian war in Ukraine, the rise of China, and the evolving foreign policy of the United States. In a section that caught international attention, he stated that the ideology driving the current U.S. foreign policy conflicts with European values and undermines the established international order.

– “We must honestly

acknowledge that the United States is changing,” Stubb said – while stressing that the U.S. remains an important ally.

The Finnish president warned that Washington’s focus appears to be shifting away from Europe toward its own hemisphere and the Asia-Pacific, a development that challenges traditional transatlantic cooperation. Stubb urged European nations to strengthen their own strategic autonomy

and deepen collaboration within NATO and the European Union.

He emphasized that Europe can no longer take American support for granted, highlighting Finland’s intent to update its foreign and security policy doctrine in response to the evolving global landscape.

Stubb’s speech reflects growing debate in European capitals about the future of transatlantic relations.

While recognizing the enduring importance of the U.S. alliance, he made clear that Europe must prepare for greater responsibility and leadership in ensuring regional stability.

Källa / Source: Republikens president Alexander Stubbs tal vid riksmötets öppnande den 4 februari 2026 – presidentti.fi officiellt tal.

VAASA CITY THEATRE

Truth Unmasked – Love, Lies & Betrayal Explode on Vaasa Stage!



For the very first time in Finland, Florian Zeller’s acclaimed play The Truth (La Vérité) is hitting the stage – and it promises a hilarious but brutally honest look at the deceptions that define modern relationships.

Opening on February 12, 2026, in Vaasa, the production centers on Vincent – a man desperate to keep a secret affair

hidden from both his wife Sophie and his best friend Paul. Believing the truth is overrated, Vincent weaves a web of lies that quickly spirals into chaos.

Zeller’s original Parisian hit has thrilled audiences in over 30 countries with its sharp wit and theatrical brilliance, exposing how easily trust collapses when deception takes center stage.

Directed by Emma

Mattila, the Finnish cast delivers a performance packed with comic timing, emotional punches, and moments that make audiences laugh at themselves. The production begs the question: Can love survive when the truth finally emerges?

Source: Florian Zeller’s Totuus / The Truth premieres in Vaasa on February 12, 2026. Photo : Totuus (2026). Toni Ikola and Milla Kangas. KGuillaume Roujas

UNIVERSITY OF VAASA

New TexMat Machine Lets You Cash In on Old Clothes!



A major innovation in textile recycling is underway as VTT, the University of Vaasa, Pääkaupunkiseudun Kierrätyskeskus and Emmy Clothing Company team up to develop the TexMat deposit-return machine.

The goal? Make dropping off used clothes easy, rewarding and profitable for consumers. Using AI and future digital product passports, the system automatically evaluates garment condition and resale potential. Unlike traditional collection points where you must sort items yourself, the TexMat machine accepts all types of used clothes at once and automatically routes them to resale or recycling. Once an item is sold, the consumer receives their share of the proceeds directly – an unprecedented system in textile circularity. The pilot project aims to dramatically increase textile collection and reuse rates across Europe, where each person creates about 16 kg of textile waste annually but only a fraction is actually recycled or reused. Image: University of Vaasa

THL

New Work Meal Rules Revealed – Eat Right and Boost Your Energy!

Finland’s health authority THL has released new workplace meal guidelines aimed at improving workers’ health and performance. The recommendations focus on proper timing and balanced nutrition, especially for shift workers and physically demanding jobs. Experts say better eating habits could reduce fatigue and illness. Employers are now urged to take food breaks more seriously.

Source: THL
<https://thl.fi/-/uusi-tyoika-koskeva-ruokailusuositus-edistaa-terveellista-ravitsemusta-eri-tyotehtavissa>

THL

Are You Gambling Too Much? New THL Test Sounds the Alarm

THL has introduced new gambling risk limits and an online self-test to help players recognize dangerous habits. The tool reveals whether gambling is becoming harmful before it’s too late. Authorities are worried about rising addiction rates, especially among young adults. Officials hope the new system will encourage people to seek help earlier.

Source: THL
<https://thl.fi/-/thl-lanseeraa-uudet-rahapelaamisen-riskirajat-ja-rahapelitestin-pelaajan-luottorivi-auttaa-pelaamisen-hallinnassa>

STAT FINLAND

Tourism Boom! Finland Breaks All Records in December

December became a historic month for Finnish tourism. According to Statistics Finland, overnight stays reached an all-time high. Winter attractions, business travel, and foreign visitors fueled the surge. Hotels were packed across the country. Industry leaders celebrate the success but warn that infrastructure may soon struggle to keep up.

Source: Statistics Finland
<https://stat.fi/fi/uutinen/Matkailijoiden-yoeymisissa-rikottiin-ennaetysia-joulukuussa>



ARTEMIS II

Stunning NASA Photo – Full Moon Shines Over Artemis II. Launch in March

NASA has released a breathtaking image showing the full moon glowing behind the Artemis II spacecraft. The photo has been hailed as one of the year’s most impressive space shots. Artemis II is a key step toward future lunar missions. The image has gone viral, thrilling space fans worldwide.

Source: NASA
<https://www.nasa.gov/image-article/full-moon-over-artemis-ii/>
Photo: NASA/Sam Lott

BIOGRAPHICAL LIBRARY

WOMEN'S VOICE

Women's Voice biographical library celebrates its 11th anniversary – more than 1350 women's stories are already recorded

Women's experiences, actions and influence in society have long been underrepresented in the writing of history. The Women's Voice biographical library, founded ten years ago, has reversed this trend by collecting and publishing the life stories of Finnish women online.

To date, more than 1350 biographies have already been compiled, and the work is still ongoing!

The Women's Voice project was initiated by the Finnish Women's Association and has grown over the years to become a significant part of Finnish history. The aim of the project is to document and share information about how women have contributed to society, how they have lived and what challenges they have overcome. In 2017, the Women's Voice project was approved as a Finland 100 project.

Examples of biographies related to Vaasa include Irma Rewell, Ritva Hyöky, Eeva Kauppi, Alexandra Frosterus-Sältin and Rosina Heikel.

In 2024, a significant milestone was reached when the thousandth biography was added to the biography library. Currently, there are more than 1350 stories, including at least 50 women from Vaasa, whose lives and influence are visible locally and nationally.

The biographical library features almost all professional groups in Finland

Here are a few examples of the number of biographies that mention a particular profession or position:

- Merchant 80 biographies
- Teacher 77 biographies
- Secretary 79 biographies
- Author 77 biographies
- Professor 67 biographies
- Lotta 63 biographies
- Artist 63 biographies
- Vicar 61 biographies
- Member of Parliament 59 biographies
- Doctor 57 biographies
- Actor 55 biographies
- Priest 54 biographies
- Midwife 49 biographies
- Nurse 41 biographies
- Journalist 39 biographies
- Deaconess 37 biographies
- Cleaner 32 biographies
- War veteran 18 biographies
- Opera singer 11 biographies
- Library assistant 1 biography

A typical example of a really interesting story is the biography of Beata Lundahl. By the end of the 1700s, Raahe was one of the towns where a trained midwife had been hired. In Raahe, Beata Lundahl had an extensive career of 57 years as a midwife or parnmorska. When the midwife took office, her name was announced in all churches in the area. The place of residence had to be known to everyone and a professional badge had to be hung on the doorstep. During her career, Beata helped 2,000 children into the world.

The Women's Voice biographical library is a cultural act that strengthens women's voices in Finnish historiography. It highlights the destinies of life from different parts of Finland, building a comprehensive and polyphonic picture of women's impact on society. This is not just a ten-year project – it is an ongoing project that will enrich our understanding of history for decades to come. Every recorded biography is a valuable part of our common heritage. It would be great if as many people as possible would join us in writing history and ensuring that women's voices are heard also in the future!



Irma Rewell - Vaasan oopperan sielu

Kirjoittaja: Katarina Korkman

Sauli ja Merita Kentalan seitsemästä lapsesta vanhin, Irma Lahja syntyi viattomien lasten päivänä 1929 Kaustisella. Hänet vihittiin 1954 Vaasassa Tauno Emil Oskar Rewellin kanssa. Tauno Rewell toimi 1960-luvulla maan suurimpiin rautakauppoihin kuuluvan Vaasan Teräksen toimitusjohtajana. Hän oli vuosikymmenten ajan tunnettu hahmo Pohjanmaan ja Vaasan elinkeinoelämässä ja sai ansiostaan kauppaneuvoksen arvon.

Irma Rewell edusti urheilukilpailuissa Vaasan Vasanaa lajeinaan 100 metrin juoksu, aitaus ja pituushyppy. Hänen voitontaltonsa oli erityisen vahva: Rewell lähti aina kisaan voittamaan. Tarmokas ja määrätietoinen nainen oli jo nuorena lahjakas. Rewell opiskeli Helsingin yliopistossa liikuntatieteitä ja toimi opintojen jälkeen vuosina 1957–1990 Vaasan yhteiskoulun liikunnan ja terveysopin vanhempain lehtorina. Opettajana hän oli tiukka, mutta persoonallinen ja kannustava. Hän korosti erityisesti arkkliikunnan merkitystä. Naisten aseman ajaminen isostui oppilaisiin jo varhain tyttöjen oman liikunnanopettajan toimesta. Opettaja Rewell kehotti äänestämään naisia.

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Eeva Kauppi - arvostettu oikeuspsykiatri ja vahva yhteiskunnallinen vaikuttaja

Kirjoittaja: Marjatta Björkås

Eeva Kaupin kunden sanan hento-ohje: "rajaava rakkaus, valvottu vapaus, lempeä väkivalta"

Lapsuus.

Eeva Ottilia Kauppi syntyi vuonna 1921 Mäntylän suurperheen kymmenenä lapsena. Perheeseen syntyi yhdeksän lasta, joista yksi poika kuoli maassa raivonneeseen espanjankuumeseen. Isä oli torpan poika Kaarlo Vihtori Haavisto, joka toimi lehtorina Sigrid Ottilia Tammen kotitalossa.

Sigrid ihastui talon lehtorin ja sai alkuvastustuksen jälkeen vanhempiensa suostuksen avioliiton solmimiseen. Nuorelleparille annettiin jopa rahoitus tilan ostoon Kokemäen Kaurolasta. Silloisen tavon mukaan nuori isäntä raivasi suosta luvunsa saaden niin perheelleen keskikokoisen maatilan, jossa oli 20 ha viljeltyä ja 40 ha metsää. Sigridin isän vaatimuk-

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Alexandra Theodora Frosterus-Sältin, unohdettu vaasalainen taiteilija

Kuuntele

Kuka on Suomen tunnetuin ja samalla unohdettuin naispuolinen taiteilija? Kenen teoksia miljoonat suomalaiset ovat ilaistelleet yli sadan vuoden ajan? Kuka vaasalainen taiteilija on ollut unohdettu kymmenien vuosien ajan ilman, että Vaasassa olisi ainostakaan muistomerkkiä tai patsasta hänelle, pöytämuuttakaun oiti, ettei kaupungeissa ole yhtään hänen mukaansa nimettyä katu? Kuka on taiteilija, jonka terveyttä edistävät piirustuksia koululaisensa ovat katselleet 120 vuoden ajan? Kuka naispuolinen taiteilija on inspiroinut Eppu Normaalin koskettavan laulun "Marheellisten laulujen mas"? Kuka on vaasalainen taiteilija, jonka piirustukset olivat osayksä suien, että Suomessa oli historian alussa kieltoalaki? Kuka on vaasalainen taiteilija, jonka taidu on presidentin kauliassa? Täällä kuuluu taiteilija on tehtori Alexandra Theodora Frosterus-Sältin.

Lapsuus

Alexandra Frosterus syntyi 6. joulukuuta 1837 Inkoossa. Hänen vanhempiensa olivat teologian professori Benjamin Frosterus ja Wilhelmina Sofia af Odolin. Benjamin Frosterus oli syntynyt Podajärvellä 28. heinäkuuta 1792. Kallajona kirkkoherran Johan Frosteruksen ja tšisti ensimmäisen vaimon Marion Westrythinkin poikana. Robert Frosterus, Kuopion ensimmäinen piispa, oli hänen veljensä. Benjamin Frosterus vietti teologiansa vuonna 1821 ja vihittiin papiksi 1824. Hänestä tuli kirkkohistorian professori vuonna 1829. Benjamin muutti perheineen 1. toukokuuta 1838 Vaasaan. Hänestä tuli silloiselta nimeltään Mustasaaren ja Vaasan seurakunnan kirkkoherra. Alexandra vietti lapsuutensa Hagas pappilassa. Talo seisoo edelleen samalla paikalla lähellä Vanhaa Vaasa ja toimii nykyään Vaasan ruotsinkielisen seurakunnan edustustilana.



Alexandra Theodora Frosterus-Sältin 1860-luvulla (Museolaitos, kuva väritetty)

AI

META - A NEW ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

The AI-War Heats up: META AI Storms the North – is this the end for CHATGPT?

Spring is in the air, but on the tech front, a full-scale battle is raging. Mark Zuckerberg's latest weapon, Meta AI, is landing in the pockets of users across the globe with a bang. But is it making us smarter—or is it just a new way to vacuum up our personal data?

Everywhere You Already Are

While ChatGPT requires its own dedicated app and Google Gemini relies on the power of search, Meta AI strikes where we spend most of our time: Facebook, Instagram, and WhatsApp.

Powered by the cutting-edge Llama model, Meta AI isn't just another chat window. It's integrated directly into your social feeds. You can ask it to plan a grocery list for a weekend trip directly inside a WhatsApp family group, or have it analyze the fashion style of an Instagram post with a single command.

Why is Meta "Better"?

Meta's biggest trump card is seamlessness. You never have to switch apps to get an answer. Furthermore, the new Ray-Ban Meta smart glasses take the technology a step further: you can ask, "Hey Meta, what building am I looking at?" and the AI answers directly in your ear based on what the camera sees.

Meta AI's advantages over the "older" giants:

Integration: It lives inside the apps you already use daily.

Speed: The Llama architecture is famous for being lightning-fast and efficient.

Creativity: It is exceptionally sharp at generating images and editing content directly within social media platforms.

"This is the Swiss Army knife of the AI world. It's not just a tool; it's becoming a part of our social fabric," says one tech analyst.

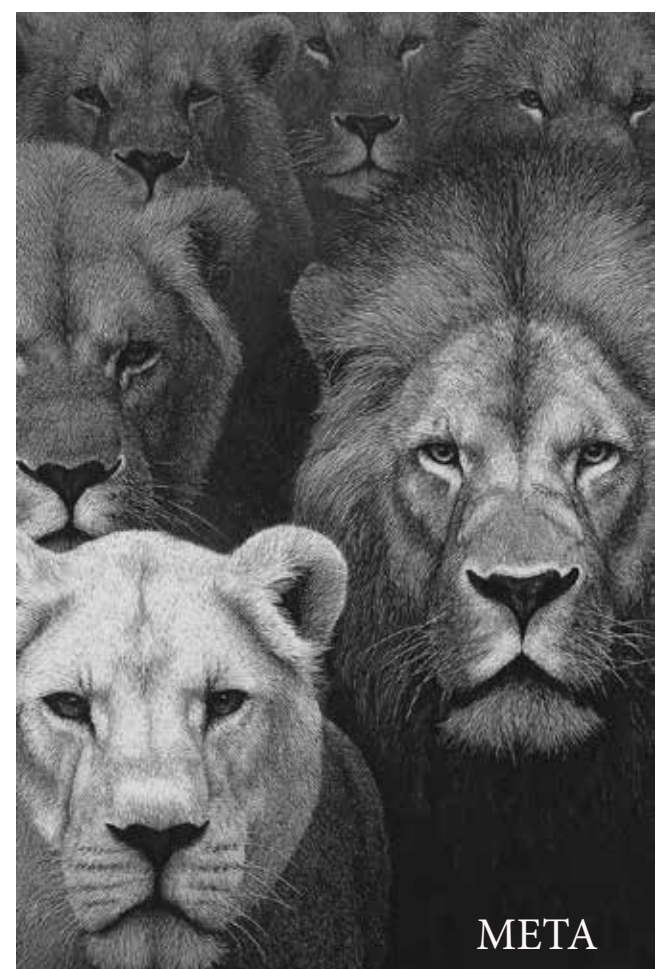
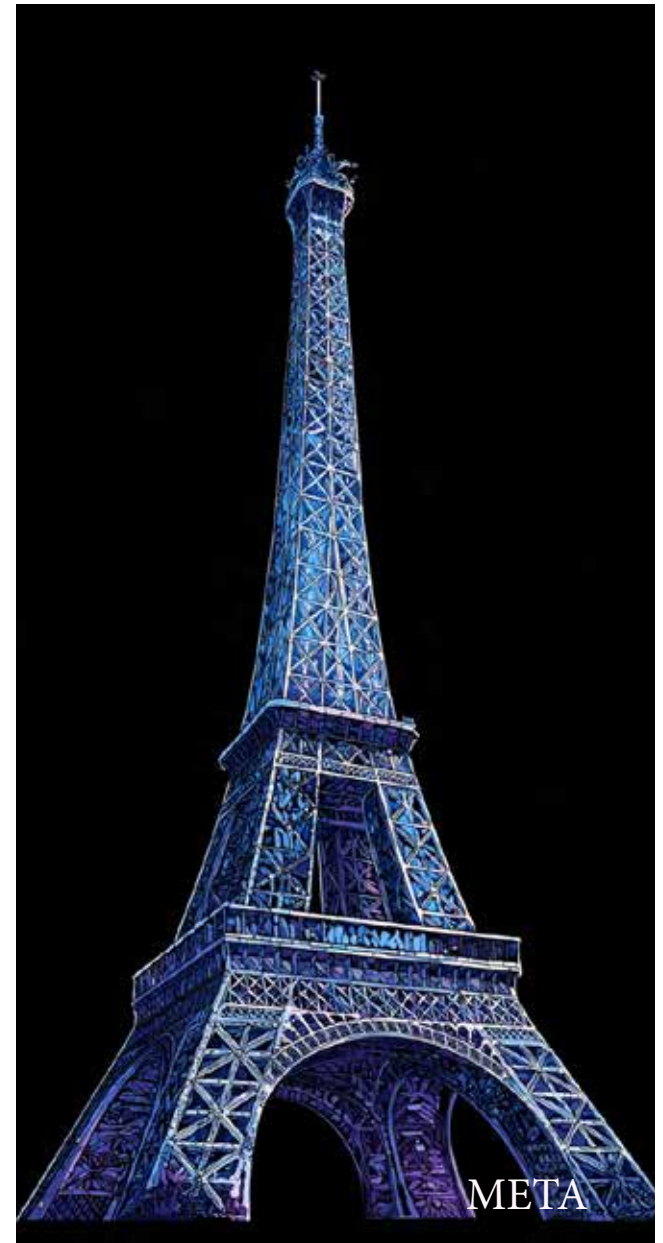
Is it Truly the King of the Hill?

While Meta AI excels at everyday tasks, ChatGPT still holds its ground when it comes to deep academic research and complex coding. Meta is optimized for conversation and entertainment, whereas its competitors focus more on technical precision and heavy-duty logic.

However, the rollout has raised massive privacy concerns. Meta uses public posts from Facebook and Instagram to train its AI, which has put data protection authorities on high alert. While users have the right to object, doing so often requires digging through complex settings menus.

Convenience vs. Privacy: You Decide

Meta AI is undoubtedly the most "social" AI available today. It might not be the world's smartest professor, but it's that quick-witted friend who is always available in your group chat. Is it better? That depends entirely on whether you value convenience more than your personal data.



GOOGLE TRANSLATE

Google Translate now speaks 249 languages, including Sámi! But not the Närpes dialect!

The Sámi language and several Russian minority languages are included in Translate's language selection.

Google Translate has significantly expanded its language range with 110 new languages. This is the largest expansion in the translation tool's history and brings the total number of languages to 249. The new languages include several minority languages, the most important of which is the addition of Sámi languages. Sámi languages are spoken by around 40,000 people in the Nordic countries and Russia, and are in danger of disappearing. With Google Translate, Sámi speakers can easily translate text into other languages and vice versa, helping them communicate with a wider audience and preserve their language.

Other new languages include:

Minority languages in Russia: Udmurt, Karelian, Mari, Karelian, Mordvinian languages (Mordovia-Ersa and Mordovia-Moksha), Chuvash and Bashkir, Tatar, Avarian, Yakut, Buryat, etc. Other languages: Hausa, Yoruba, Igbo, Amharic, Oromo, Somali, Zulu, Xhosa, Shona, Welsh, Gaelic (Irish and Scottish), Corsican, Hawaiian, Tahitian, Maori, etc.

However, it is important to note that the Närpiö dialect is not currently in the list of languages in Google Translate. Hopefully, it will be added in the future so that people who speak the Närpiö dialect can benefit from this powerful translation tool.

What does this mean for you?

If you speak one of the 110 new languages, you can now translate text into the other 109 languages using Google Translate. This can be useful in a variety of situations, including:

Travel: You can translate street signs, menus, and other text while abroad.

Work: You can translate documents, emails, and other materials between languages.

Keep in touch with friends and family: You can translate conversations and messages between languages.

More improvements are coming

In addition to adding new languages, Google has also improved the accuracy of translations for existing language pairs. The company uses new machine learning models and techniques to improve the quality of translations and has achieved significant improvements in many language pairs.

Google Translate is a powerful tool that can help people communicate between different languages. Expanding to 110 new languages and improving the accuracy of existing language pairs makes the service even more useful and efficient.

The goal is for Google Translate to be able to speak 1,000 languages, out of all the languages spoken in our world.



Even though Translate doesn't understand the Närpes dialect, it still tries to translate the news text into this dialect. However, it doesn't really succeed. What do you think of the "translation" below:

Google Translate å häidär 110 nya språttjen – men vi väntar nou på närpesiskan!

Hörni, Google Translate har vorte riktigt stort nu när tåm har lagt ti heila 110 nya språk. Hä e den största ändringen i hela historien för tåm, å nu finns hä totalt 249 språk i maskinin. Bland tåm nya språttjen finns måånga små språk, å hä som e viktiast för oss e att samiskan e me nu. Samiskan talas av ungefär 40 000 människor i Norden å Ryssland, å hä e ju språk som helder på å försvinner. Me Google Translate kan tåm som talar samiska lätt översätt text ti andra språk å tvärtom, så tåm kan pråt me folk å räid opp språtje sitt.

Andra nya språk som har kommi me e: Små språk i Ryssland: udmurtiska, komiska, mariska, karelska, mordvinska (ersa å moksja), tjuvasjiska, basjkiriska, tatariska, avariska, jakutiska, burjatiska å så vidare. Andra språk: hausa, yoruba, igbo, amhariska, oromo, somaliska, zulu, xhosa, shona, walesis-

ka, gaeliska (iriska å skotska), korsikanska, hawaiianska, tahitiska, maori, å så vidare.

Men hä som e så synd e att närpesdialektin int finns me på liston ännu. Vi får hoppas att tåm lägger ti den nån gång i framtijd, så att vi som talar närpesiskan konna ha nytta av det häär verktyje.

Vad betyder hä häär för de? Om du talar någå av tåm häär 110 nya språttjen, kan du nu använd Google för ti översätt text ti tåm andra 260 språttjen. Hä kan va bra i måånga situationer, som ti exempel:

När man e ut å reiser: Du kan översätt vägs-kylltar, matsedlar å allt möjligt i andra länder.

I arbejde: Et kan översätt papper, e-post å annat som behövs mellan olika språk.

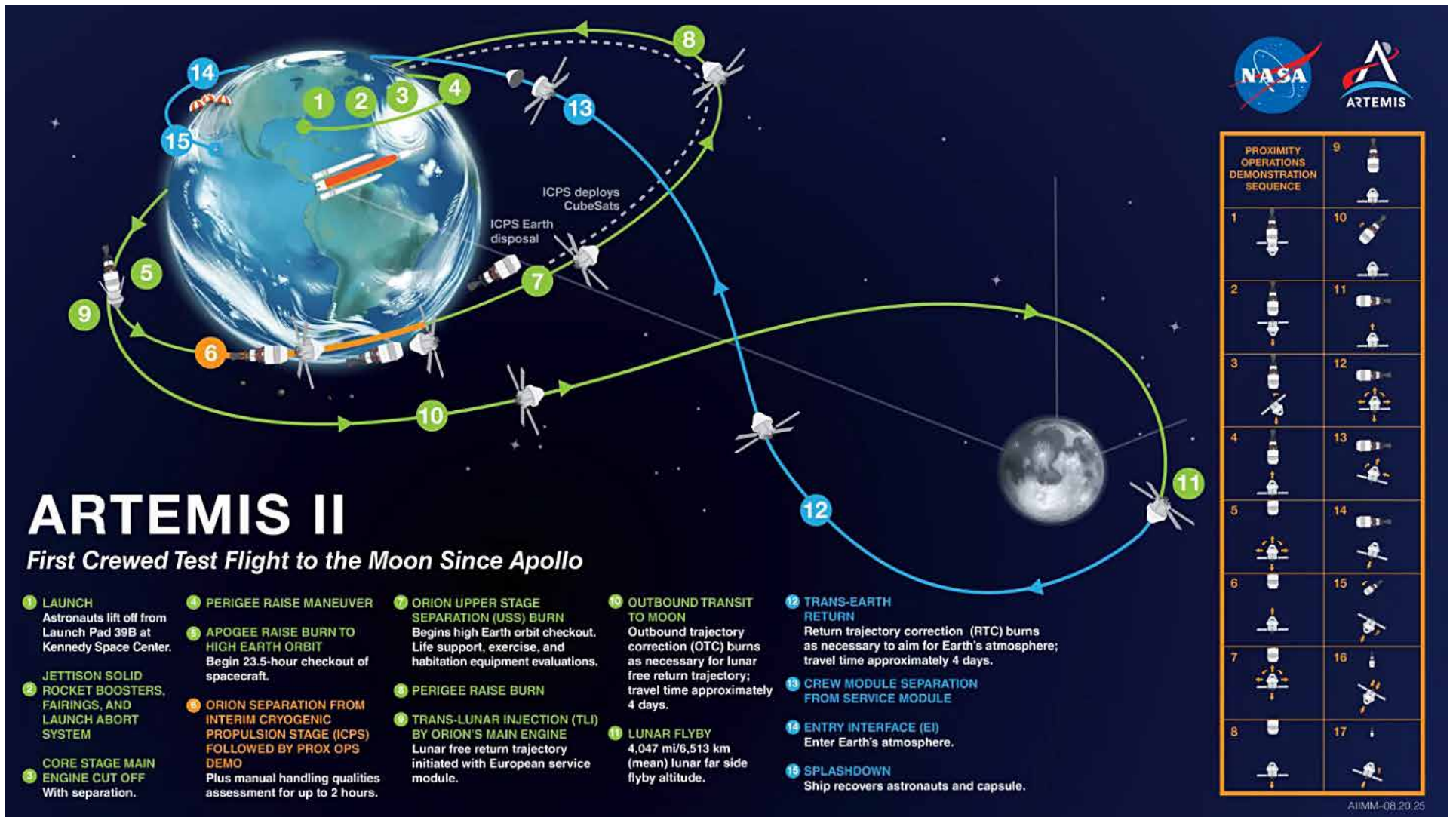
Håll kontakten me släkt å vänner: Du kan översätt va folk skriver å säger på nätet.

Hä kombär meira förbättringar Förutom att tåm lägger ti nya språk, har Google också vorte bättre på tåm språttjen som redan fanns. Tåm använder nya smarta datamodeller för ti få översättningarna ti var riktigt bra.

SPACE TRAVEL

ARTEMIS II

NASA Nears Historic Artemis II Crew Mission to the Moon Launch between February 6 – 11?



NASA is making its final preparations for the Artemis II mission, a pivotal milestone in human spaceflight that will send astronauts around the Moon for the first time in more than 50 years.

The Space Launch System (SLS) rocket and Orion spacecraft have been transported to Launch Complex 39B at the Kennedy Space Center in Florida, with liftoff targeted no earlier than February 6, 2026. This 10-day flight will not land on the lunar surface but will carry four astronauts on a deep-space journey, testing life support, navigation, communication systems and other critical hardware ahead of future surface missions.

The crew—Commander Reid Wiseman, Pilot Victor Glover, Mission Specialist Christina Koch, and Canadian Space Agency astronaut Jeremy Hansen—will fly farther from Earth than any humans since the Apollo missions of the

early 1970s. The rollout of the rocket follows extensive vehicle assembly and integrated testing, and the next key milestone is a “wet dress rehearsal” by early February to validate fueling and countdown procedures.

Artemis II is the first crewed flight of NASA's Artemis program, which aims to return humans sustainably to the Moon and prepare for eventual missions to Mars. Insights gained from this mission will directly inform the more complex Artemis III landing mission planned later in the decade near the Moon's south pole.

Experts describe the mission as a major step in lunar exploration, demonstrating systems and operations that will be essential for long-duration human presence beyond low Earth orbit.

Source: Final Steps Underway for NASA's First Crewed Artemis Moon Mission - NASA

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ARTEMIS II

Meet the Crew Poised for a Historic Lunar Orbit



NASA's Artemis II mission — the first crewed flight around the Moon in more than half a century — will carry a team of four experienced and pioneering astronauts on a 10-day journey into deep space. Scheduled for launch no earlier than February 2026, the mission will test life-support systems and operations aboard the

Orion spacecraft as part of NASA's broader plan to return humans to the lunar neighborhood.

Reid Wiseman, commander of Artemis II, brings extensive spaceflight experience to the mission. A U.S. Navy veteran and former chief of NASA's Astronaut Office, Wiseman previously served aboard the

International Space Station for 165 days in 2014 during Expedition 41, participating in hundreds of scientific experiments and spacewalks.

Victor Glover, selected as pilot, is also a seasoned space traveler. A former naval aviator and test pilot, he flew as the pilot of SpaceX's Crew-1 mission to the

International Space Station and contributed to Expedition 64 and 65 operations.

Christina Koch will serve as mission specialist. An engineer and explorer, Koch previously logged 328 consecutive days in space aboard the ISS during Expeditions 59, 60 and 61, setting a record for the longest single spaceflight by a woman and participating in historic all-female spacewalks.

Representing the Canadian Space Agency, Jeremy Hansen joins Artemis II as a second mission specialist and will be the first Canadian to travel beyond low Earth orbit. Hansen, a former fighter pilot selected as an astronaut in 2009, has broad mission operations experience and has worked in NASA's Mission Control Center in Houston.

Together, this diverse crew symbolizes a new chapter of lunar exploration and international cooperation in space.

UKRAINE PRESIDENT

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The President Granted National Status to the State University “Kyiv Aviation Institute” and Met with Its Students



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STATEMENT FROM THE PARENTS OF ALEX PRETTI, MICHAEL AND SUSAN PRETTI

"We are heartbroken but also very angry.

"Alex was a kindhearted soul who cared deeply for his family and friends and also the American veterans whom he cared for as an ICU nurse at the Minneapolis VA hospital. Alex wanted to make a difference in this world. Unfortunately he will not be with us to see his impact.

"I do not throw around the hero term lightly. However his last thought and act was to protect a woman. The sickening lies told about our son by the administration are reprehensible and disgusting. Alex is clearly not holding a gun when attacked by Trump's murdering and cowardly ICE thugs. He has his phone in his right hand and his empty left hand is raised above his head while trying to protect the woman ICE just pushed down all while being pepper sprayed.

"Please get the truth out about our son. He was a good man. Thank you."

ART EXPERIENCE OF THE WEEK



Jeanette Möller
5.1.1825, Stockholm
25.3.1872, Düsseldorf
Queen Christina and the Lord High Chancellor Axel Oxenstierna, 1856
Finnish National Gallery Collection / Ateneum Art Museum
Photo: Finnish National Gallery / Aleks Talve

George Orwell
1984
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'You haven't a real appreciation of Newspeak, Winston,' he said almost sadly. 'Even when you write it you're still thinking in Oldspeak. I've read some of those pieces that you write in "The Times" occasionally. They're good enough, but they're translations. In your heart you'd prefer to stick to Oldspeak, with all its vagueness and its useless shades of meaning. You don't grasp the beauty of the destruction of words. Do you know that Newspeak is the only language in the world whose vocabulary gets smaller every year?'

Winston did know that, of course. He smiled, sympathetically he hoped, not trusting himself to speak. Syme bit off another fragment of the dark-coloured bread, chewed it briefly, and went on:

'Don't you see that the whole aim of Newspeak is to narrow the range of thought? In the end we shall make thoughtcrime literally impossible, because there will be no words in which to express it. Every concept that can ever be needed, will be expressed by exactly one word, with its meaning rigidly defined and all its subsidiary meanings rubbed out and forgotten. Already, in the Eleventh Edition, we're not far from that point. But the process will still be continuing long after you and I are dead. Every year fewer and fewer words, and the range of consciousness always a little smaller. Even now, of course, there's no reason or excuse for committing thoughtcrime. It's merely a question of self-discipline, reality-control. But in the end there won't be any need even for that. The Revolution will be complete when the language is perfect. Newspeak is Ingsoc and Ingsoc is Newspeak,' he added with a sort of mystical satisfaction. 'Has it ever occurred to you, Winston, that by the year 2050, at the very latest, not a single human being will be alive who could understand such a conversation as we are having now?'

'Except----' began Winston doubtfully, and he stopped.

It had been on the tip of his tongue to say 'Except the proles,' but he checked himself, not feeling fully certain that this remark was not in some way unorthodox. Syme, however, had divined what he was about to say.

'The proles are not human beings,' he said carelessly. 'By 2050--earlier, probably--all real knowledge of Oldspeak will have disappeared. The whole literature of the past will have been destroyed. Chaucer, Shakespeare, Milton, Byron--they'll exist only in Newspeak versions, not merely changed into something different, but actually changed into something contradictory of what they used to be. Even the literature of the Party will change. Even the slogans will change. How could you have a slogan like "freedom is slavery" when the concept of freedom has been abolished? The whole climate of thought will be different. In fact there will be no thought, as we understand it now. Orthodoxy means not thinking--not needing to think. Orthodoxy is unconsciousness.'

One of these days, thought Winston with sudden deep conviction, Syme will be vaporized. He is too intelligent. He sees too clearly and speaks too plainly. The Party does not like such people. One day he will disappear. It is written in his face.

Winston had finished his bread and cheese. He turned a little sideways in his chair to drink his mug of coffee. At the table on his left the man with the strident voice was still talking remorselessly away. A young woman who was perhaps his secretary, and who was sitting with her back to Winston, was listening to him and seemed to be eagerly agreeing with everything that he said. From time to time Winston caught some such remark as 'I think you're so right, I do so agree with you', uttered in a youthful and rather silly feminine voice. But the other voice never stopped for an instant, even when the girl was speaking. Winston knew the man by sight, though he knew no more about him than that he held some important post



in the Fiction Department. He was a man of about thirty, with a muscular throat and a large, mobile mouth. His head was thrown back a little, and because of the angle at which he was sitting, his spectacles caught the light and presented to Winston two blank discs instead of eyes. What was slightly horrible, was that from the stream of sound that poured out of his mouth it was almost impossible to distinguish a single word. Just once Winston caught a phrase--'complete and final elimination of Goldsteinism'--jerked out very rapidly and, as it seemed, all in one piece, like a line of type cast solid. For the rest it was just a noise, a quack-quack-quacking. And yet, though you could not actually hear what the man was saying, you could not be in any doubt about its general nature. He might be denouncing Goldstein and demanding sterner measures against thought-criminals and saboteurs, he might be fulminating against the atrocities of the Eurasian army, he might be praising Big Brother or the heroes on the Malabar front--it made no difference. Whatever it was, you could be certain that every word of it was pure orthodoxy, pure Ingsoc. As he watched the eyeless face with the jaw moving rapidly up and down, Winston had a curious feeling that this was not a real human being but some kind of dummy. It was not the man's brain that was speaking, it was his larynx. The stuff that was coming out of him consisted of words, but it was not speech in the true sense: it was a noise uttered in unconsciousness, like the quacking of a duck.

Syme had fallen silent for a moment, and with the handle of his spoon was tracing patterns in the puddle of stew. The voice from the other table quacked rapidly on, easily audible in spite of the surrounding din.

'There is a word in Newspeak,' said Syme, 'I don't know whether you know it: DUCKSPEAK, to quack like a duck. It is one of those interesting words that have two contradictory meanings. Applied to an opponent, it is abuse, applied to someone you agree with, it is praise.'

Unquestionably Syme will be vaporized, Winston thought again. He thought it with a kind of sadness, although well knowing that Syme despised him and slightly disliked him, and was fully capable of denouncing him as a thought-criminal if he saw any reason for doing so. There was something subtly wrong with Syme. There was something that he lacked: discretion, aloofness, a sort of saving stupidity. You could not say that he was unorthodox. He believed in the principles of Ingsoc, he venerated Big Brother, he rejoiced over victories, he hated heretics, not merely with sincerity but with a sort of restless zeal, an up-to-dateness of information, which the ordinary Party member did not approach.

HUMOUR ONE HUND- RED YEARS AGO

Wedding
Old witty master Grundman was invited to a wedding and asked as an old family friend to say a few words to the bride, young, beautiful and blushing:
— To me, who has followed the fates of Lisa and her parents for the last 19 years, it seems that she inherited her wisdom from her father
The he did not know what to say, received a flashing look from his wife, regained his composure and ability to speak, and said:
— Because look, her mother still has hers left.

Stradivarius
— Your violin is descended from the famous Stradivarius, father? - Yes.
— And the strings are made of intestines? — Yes.
— Are they Uncle Stradivarius' intestines then?

IN THE CHURCH
Pastor Talgren exhorts his audience.
— There is one thing that I especially want to talk to you about, dear listeners, and that is the inappropriate way in which you all rush out of the church, so that there is formal crowding and noise at the door. Now, as a personal favor, I ask you to remain quietly in your seats until everyone has left.

LUNDBERG
— Do you know Lundberg? — Yes, of course! I know him so well that I don't know him anymore.

NOT HOME
Mrs.: Here comes Mrs. Petterson, tell her I'm not home.
Maid: Good, madam.
Mrs.: Well, what did she say?
Maid: Thank God.

FISHING LUCK
— Well, what did you do this summer?
—We've been fishing, you know. And when we fish, we always have on liter 96% with us, and for every fish we take a sip, ; and if we get a lot of fish, we go home and take another liter

TWO STREET LAMPS
On the streets of Kemi city, there are two lamps on the same pole.
— Why do you have to be two?
— Well, you see, one must illuminate the other.

APPENDIX
— That doctor must have sent a rudely large bill. But it will probably be the last time he

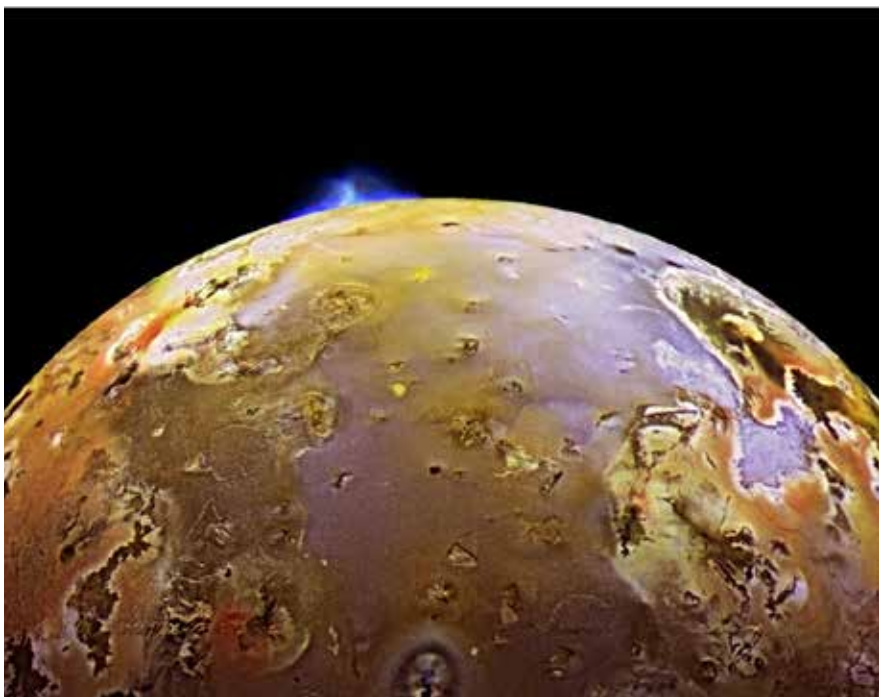
gets to operate on my appendix.

COMMUNISM
— If you had two houses, would you give one to me?
— Yes.
— If you had two horses, would you give one to me?
- Of course!
— You have a liter of alcohol at home. Give me half a liter!
— You crazy, human! Never!

IN THE BEST FAMILIES
"You see, Mrs. Eriksson, the best family is a family in which there was no such thing as occurred even in the best families."

Difficult to choose maid
— Dear friend, you speak of the difficult maidservant question, yes, I am very unhappy. If I take an old and ugly one, my husband is never at home and if I take a young and beautiful one, I dare not go out myself

Astronomic picture of the week:



Volcano Erupts on Io (Galileo) (2020-38-4721-Image).png

NASA's Galileo spacecraft captured this image of a volcanic eruption on Io in 1997. Io is the most volcanically active world in the solar system, thanks to constant flexing brought on by the gravitational push and pull from Jupiter as well as fellow moons Ganymede and Europa. The extreme tidal forces generate a tremendous amount of heat within Io, keeping much of its subsurface crust in liquid form seeking any available escape route to the surface to relieve the pressure. Hundreds of huge volcanoes cover a surface only slightly larger than the Moon, with erupting lava fountains reaching dozens of miles high.

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Fabulous February Horoscope

☐ Aries (March 21–April 19)
Your energy could power an entire ski resort, but remember: not everyone appreciates surprise skiing trips—especially without skis.

☐ Taurus (April 20–May 20)
Your main goal this February? Stay as close to warm woolen socks as possible and as far from snow shovels as you can.

☐ Gemini (May 21–June 20)
Your communication skills are top-notch! Too bad not everyone is ready to receive 12 voice messages in a row.

☐ Cancer (June 21–July 22)
Romance is in the air—or maybe it's just the neighbor's leftover ginger-

bread scent. Either way, your heart is warming up!

☐ Leo (July 23–August 22)
You're like the winter sun—rare but brilliant when you do show up. February is the perfect time to shine!

☐ Virgo (August 23–September 22)
You're ready to organize everything—including your neighbor's hallway. Just remember, not everyone appreciates unsolicited reorganization.

☐ Libra (September 23–October 22)
Fairness is key in your life, but in February, you face a big decision: who gets the last cream-filled bun?

☐ Scorpio (October 23–November 21)
Your mysterious aura is magnetic, but try not to

be too cryptic. "Maybe I'll come, maybe I won't" isn't the best RSVP.

☐ Sagittarius (November 22–December 21)
Your thirst for adventure is strong, but February reminds you to check if the ice is actually thick enough—both literally and figuratively.

☐ Capricorn (December 22–January 19)
You're working hard, but remember: spreadsheets don't count as a snack. Take a break and treat yourself—preferably with extra whipped cream.

☐ Aquarius (January 20–February 18)
February boosts your creativity, but not everyone is excited about your attempts to convince them that ice swimming is "relaxing."