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# TODAY

## The Heat Will Kill You First: A Grim Warning for a Scorching Summer



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The Heat Will Kill You First: A Grim Warning for a Scorching Summer

This summer, as temperatures soar and heat waves grip regions around the world, Jeff Goodell's book, "The Heat Will Kill You First: Life and Death on a Scorched Planet," takes on a terrifying immediacy. Goodell, a veteran environmental journalist, meticulously details the dangers of rising global temperatures, particularly the devastating effects on human health.

His message is stark: heat is the often-overlooked "first order threat" of climate change, a silent killer that disrupts ecosystems, strains infrastructure, and puts millions at risk. While wildfires and floods grab headlines, Goodell argues that heat exacts a deadlier toll, dis-

rupting vital bodily functions and leading to heatstroke, organ failure, and even death.

The book isn't just a scientific treatise; it's a wake-up call. Goodell weaves together her personal stories of those already impacted by extreme heat – from farmworkers in California to residents in India – with clear explanations of the science behind climate change. This blend makes the urgency of the situation all too real.

This summer, with record-breaking temperatures predicted, Goodell's warnings are tragically prescient. Thousands are likely to succumb to heat-related illnesses, a grim testament to the human cost of inaction on climate change.

"The Heat Will Kill You First"

is not just a book; it's a call to action. Goodell doesn't shy away from outlining solutions, emphasizing the need for rapid transition to renewable energy sources and improved urban planning to mitigate the effects of heat waves.

Here is a short quote from the prologue of Jeff Goodell's book:

"When it comes, it's invisible. It doesn't bend tree branches or blow hair across your face to let you know it's arrived. The ground does not sheke. It just surrounds you and works on you in ways that you can't anticipate or control. You sweat.

Your heart races. You're thirs-

ty. Your vision blurs. The sun feels like a barrel of a gun pointed at you. Plants look like they're crying. Birds vanish from the sky and take refuge in deep shade. Cars are untouchable. Colors fade. The air smells burned. You can imagine fire even before you see it."

As we face another scorching summer, let Goodell's book serve as a motivator. By understanding the threat of heat and taking decisive action, we can still build a more resilient future. But the time to act is now, before the heat truly becomes the silent killer of our generation.

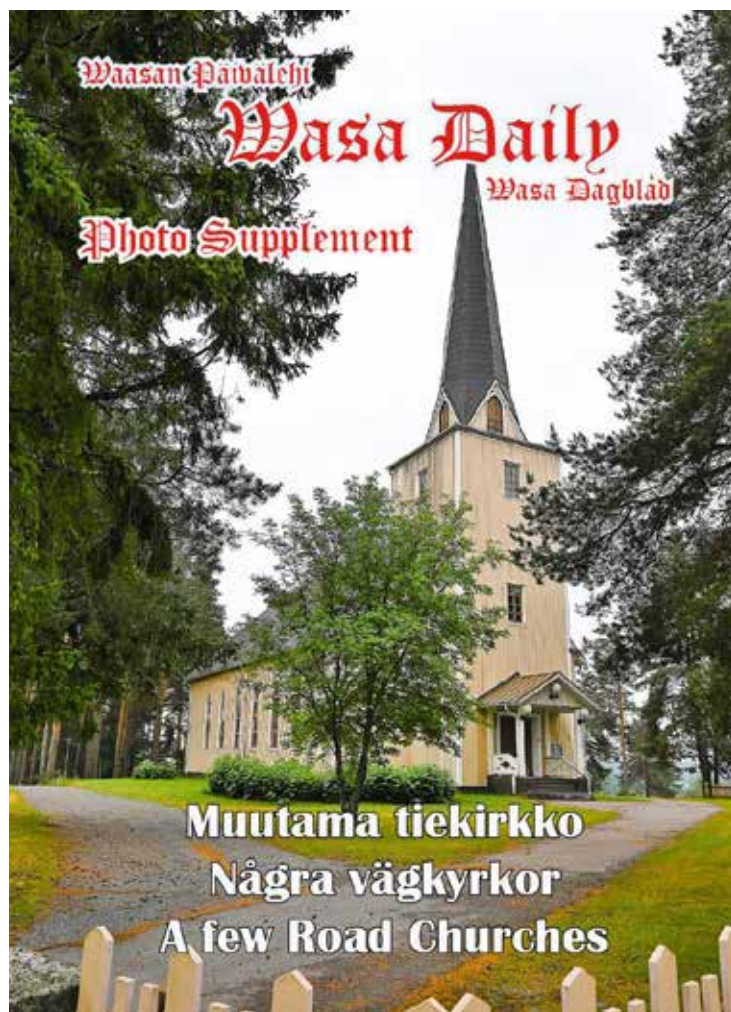
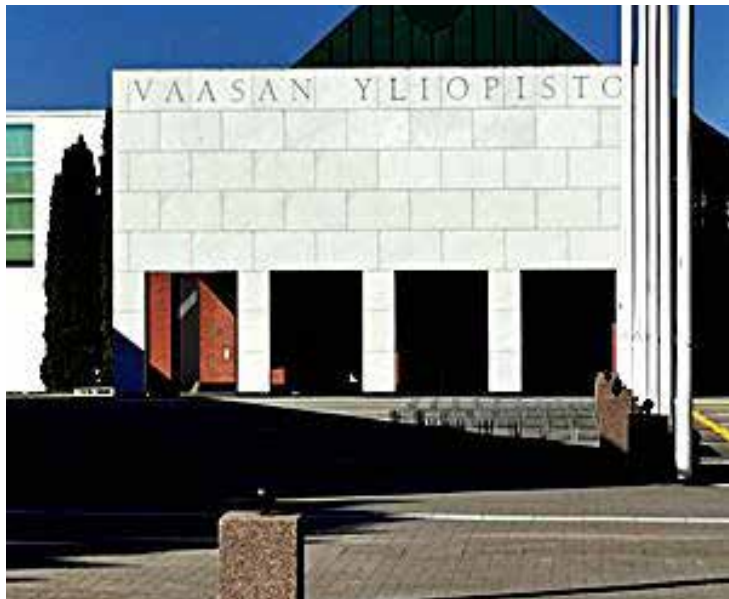


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## NEWS

# Vasa University Secures Over 2.2 Million Euros in Research Funding



Vasa University has received substantial funding at the beginning of the summer for several different projects, totaling over 2.2 million euros. The new projects include research on microgrids, energy storage, and packaging reuse, development of new biofuels, education in quantum technology, and concepts for managing food waste in schools, as well as promoting the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions in small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs).

University Rector Minna Martikainen is delighted with the grants: "Our researchers have done an excellent job in securing external funding for research projects. The obtained grants develop and strengthen Vasa University's research and its impact."

**IDEAL4GREEN Project: Microgrids and Doctoral Training**  
Professor of Electrical Engineering Hannu Laaksonen has secured approximately 573,000 euros in funding from the EU's Horizon Europe Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions program as part of the IDEAL4GREEN project. The project focuses on developing microgrids essential for renewable energy management and carbon dioxide emission reduction, and creating a

comprehensive doctoral training network. Two doctoral candidates will be recruited to Vasa University within the project's framework, and they will also work at project partner Danfoss.

**QUANTUM+ Project: Education in Quantum Technology**  
Assistant Professor Ahm Shamsuzzoha has received 104,000 euros in Erasmus+ funding from the EU as part of the QUANTUM+ project, led by Vasa University and starting in October. The project aims to develop a course that teaches university students and business leaders the basics of quantum technology and its potential applications. Partners from Greece, Italy, and Spain are involved in the project.

**FOR-BLEND and RESILIFY: Biofuels and Energy Storage**

The Interreg Aurora program has recently granted funding for two projects. Senior Researcher Carolin Nuortila leads the FOR-BLEND project, which aims to develop a feasible process for the local processing of forest waste and the production of sustainable fuel blends. Vasa University's share of the funding is approximately 156,000 euros. The project also involves the Swedish research organization RISE and

Åbo Akademi.

The second project, RESILIFY, focuses on the needs of energy storage solutions and creating an overview of actors and networks. Vasa University conducts technical and economic feasibility studies, develops optimization models, and performs case studies with pilot projects. The project is led by Luleå University of Technology, and Vasa University's share of the funding is approximately 314,000 euros.

**Other Projects: Sustainable Development and Reduced Carbon Emissions**

Vasa University is also participating in the Reusify research project, which aims to make Finland a leader in packaging reuse. The project is mainly funded by Business Finland, and Vasa University's share of the funding is 450,700 euros.

## The City Orchestras grand idea: a park concert!



On Friday 19.7, the Vaasa Philharmonic Orchestra organised a grand free concert in the Church Park with the duo of powerful pop music: conductor Antti Rissanen and singer Diandra. The popular park concert made a comeback and the event gathered a large crowd of entertainers in the area between the town hall and the church.



The weather was glorious and the atmosphere was at its best when Rissanen and Diandra performed their curated concert ensemble "Music of Divas", which was heard for the first time in Vaasa. The concert program consisted of music by world-famous divas such as Adele, Celine Dion, Tina Turner and Lady Gaga. In addition, the concert featured legendary songs from the films Titanic, Bodyguard, The Lion King and Blues Brothers.

The concert could be seen for free on a big screen in front of Vaasa City Hall. In addition, concert lovers could buy a ticket and watch the performance from the ballroom.

The park concert organised by the Vaasa Philharmonic Orchestra was a success and brought joy to music in the middle of a beautiful summer evening. The event is yet another example of how a vibrant and diverse cultural life Vaasa offers its residents and visitors.

**THIS PAPER CAN BE READ ANYWHERE:**



Like here, in Paris waiting for the Olympics

# Vaasa's beaches meet quality standards

The City of Vaasa's latest bathing water samples were taken on 15.7.2024 from all 13 public beaches: Ahvensaari, Hietasaari, Kustaanlinna, Mansikkasaari, Strömsö, Isolahti, Kronvik, Paratiisisaari, Viikinga, Merikaarro southern and northern shores, Camping and Säivänkangas in Laihia.

The results of the samples showed that bathing waters in all the bathing areas examined complied with the quality standards. On the day of sampling, a small amount of blue-green algae was detected in Hietasaari, but the next day the blue-green algae was no longer detectable.

According to the Decree of the Ministry of Social Affairs and Health (177/2008), the bathing water quality requirements for individual monitoring surveys are as follows:

**Coastal bathing waters**

Enterococci of intestinal origin: less than 200 cfu/100 ml

Escherichia coli: less than 500 cfu/100 ml

Cyanobacteria (blue-green algae) must not be detected organoleptic in bathing water or on the beach

**Freshwater bathing areas**

Enterococci of intestinal origin: less than 400 cfu/100 ml

Escherichia coli: less than 1 000 cfu/100 ml

Cyanobacteria (blue-green algae) must not be detected organoleptic in bathing water or on the beach

The water quality of Vaasa and Laihia beaches will be monitored regularly during the bathing season 15.6. - 31.8.2024. The next sampling date is 5.8.2024.

More information and up-to-date results can be found on the website of the City of Vaasa. The City of Vaasa advises swimmers to watch for possible blue-green algae warnings and follow the instructions given to ensure a safe swimming experience. (Vaasa.fi)

## Reading Buddies Encourage Children to Read in Vaasa

In Vaasa, there is a focus on developing children's reading skills through the use of reading buddies. In June, the Vaasa City Library launched a project where two reading buddies, Sanni Nieminen and Celine Lundberg, worked at the library, in daycares, and at camps. This summer job exper-

iment, conducted for the first time, has received a lot of positive feedback.

### Reading Buddies at Various Events

During the two-week period, Sanni Nieminen and Celine Lundberg read at the 4H Association's summer camp in Alkula, at the youth services' skateboarding camp, at TaiKon's day camp's afternoon activities, at the Settlement's family café, and during the girls' activities, as well as in daycares. Additionally, they held bilingual summer storytime sessions in the main library's park and in Laivapuisto Park.

– The job has involved a lot of planning in addition to reading, as we have considered what literature is suitable for different age groups. Daycares have also requested books related to emotional skills, which has been interesting to discuss with the children, says Nieminen.

### Reading Buddies and the Joy of Reading

Both young women read a lot in their free time, so the job as a reading buddy was appealing to them. They believe that reading aloud to children increases their interest in literature and encourages them to read more.

– The children's enthusiasm for reading has been inspiring! Different interactive elements in the books are also effective and fun, especially for younger children.

It's great to see how the children hope for us to come back and read again, which makes us feel appreciated, says Lundberg.

### Positive Feedback

The reading buddies, hired as summer workers for the first time, have received a lot of positive feedback.

– We are very happy and proud of our reading buddies. They have bravely and energetically read at various places and held storytime sessions. The experiment was also exciting for us at the library because it was conducted for the first time, but the experience has been very positive. The young people have shown that our concerns were unfounded, says Vaasa City Library's Information Specialist Minna Rinta-Valkama.

### Commitment to Improving Reading Skills in Vaasa

Research shows that Finnish children are reading less and less. An important skill that affects all learning has weakened as children and young people have other activities to occupy their free time. In Vaasa, however, there is a commitment to improving reading skills, for example, through reading buddies.

The idea of reading buddies came from Vaasa City Library's Service Manager Anna Pakka. Pakka had read several articles about how young people in Sweden read aloud to children and young people.

– It has proven to be a good way to increase children's and young people's interest in reading and thereby improve their reading skills. The example of reading young people has been seen as inspiring in Sweden, says Pakka.

(Vaasa.fi)

**They, who know a little more are They, who read Wasa Daily**

## Inflation Calming Down



According to the latest figures from Statistics Finland, inflation is finally slowing down. In June, the annual change in consumer prices was 1.3%, compared to 3.3% in January. This is welcome news for many who have struggled with rising prices recently.

### Harmonized Consumer Price Index (HCPI)

The annual change in the Harmonized Consumer Price Index (HCPI), produced for the European Central Bank, was 0.5% in June, compared to 1.1% at the beginning of the year. The HCPI does not take into account price developments for owner-occupied housing, interest rates, or gambling, providing a slightly different picture of inflation.

### Impact of Interest Rates on Inflation

Interest rate increases have been a significant factor in inflation formation. In June, mortgage interest rates rose by 30% and consumer loan interest rates by 16.5% compared to last year. This has also raised the prices of maintenance charges for owner-occupied housing, which increased by nearly 7% over the year. Interest rate hikes particularly affect homeowners with mortgages, whose monthly expenses have risen significantly.

### Food Prices

Food prices are now roughly at last year's level. This is a relief for many households that have had to adapt to higher living costs. Fresh vegetable prices rose from May to June, especially with new potatoes, whose price increased by an average of 39%. On the other hand, fresh fruit prices fell by 3.6%.

### Service Prices

Although inflation appears to be generally moderate, service prices continue to rise. The start of the holiday season has increased prices in the service sector. Long-distance bus fares rose by 7% in a month, international air travel by 8%, and ferry trips by 9%. Amusement park ticket prices also increased by an average of 7%, and holiday cottage rentals by 12%.

### Comments

It is encouraging to see inflation slowing down, but we need to be cautious. Interest rate hikes

## Viikon taide-elämys:



**Helene Schjerfbeck**  
10.7.1862 - 23.1.1946  
Mother and Child, 1886

affect many Finns, and rising service prices can still burden households, especially during the holiday season. It is also interesting to note that the introduction of stronger beers, ciders, and long drinks in retail stores is not significantly reflected in the index. This is because entirely new products cannot be included in price development calculations and are thus excluded from the measurement.

Although food prices have stabilized, price fluctuations in fresh products indicate that the market situation remains volatile. It is important for consumers to stay informed about price developments and adapt to changing market conditions.

### Conclusion

The slowing inflation is a step in the right direction, but we must continue to monitor and adapt. The dynamics of the economy are constantly changing, and it

is important to remain vigilant and prepared for future changes. Collaboration and open discussion about economic challenges are crucial to collectively overcoming these challenging times.

### Statement by President of the Republic of Finland Alexander Stubb

An act that derogates from the Constitution and that is vital for our national security has now been passed. Parliament made its decision by the required broad majority. I today approved the bill at the presidential session of the Government.

I understand the legal and humane considerations associated with this act. The debate is an indication of Finnish people's strong commitment to national security and the rule of law.



Despite differing views, we all pursue Finland's best interest. Let us always foster a climate of discussion in which we listen to and respect each other's views.

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Now also from Tampere and Joensuu

The well-known green mobility provider FlixBus opened a new bus route from Finland to Europe a year ago. This route connects passengers from Vaasa to Pori, Rauma, Raisio and Turku and offers connections to various destinations around Europe. Now this popular route is expanding, as FlixBus will also start operating from Tampere and Joensuu.

Soon you will be able to take the bus from Joensuu to Hamburg, YLE recently reported. The company has applied for permits for new routes in Finland and also wants to transport passengers from Rovaniemi to Krakow and from Tampere to Vilnius. FlixBus' goal is to expand its operations further in Finland, and tickets for the new routes are already on sale. A trip from Joensuu to Helsinki costs just over 12 euros in August.

With its characteristic green buses, FlixBus flies in an impressive 40 countries in Europe, North and South America. The company has gained a lot of popularity as a provider of sustainable and affordable travel. In 2023, FlixBus transported more than 81 million passengers, and

the company's sustainability strategy is at the heart of its operations.

André Schwämmlein, CEO and co-founder of FlixBus, commented on the company's future prospects: "We are determined to transform long-distance transport globally. In our eleventh year of operation, we stand firmly behind our vision and strive to be at the forefront of a sustainable future. Sustainability remains the guiding principle on this path, and we focus on protecting the environment and creating value for our stakeholders and the communities we serve."

FlixBus' analysis of the emission benefits of public transport highlights its importance in promoting sustainable travel. According to the analysis, public transport is an important means of making travel more sustainable, and according to the company's calculations, more than one million tonnes of carbon dioxide emissions were avoided thanks to FlixBus services in 2023 when passengers chose the bus over the car or plane.

The expansion of FlixBus in Finland gives more and more Finns the opportunity to travel sustainably and affordably throughout Europe. The company's continuous focus on environmental friendliness and responsible business operations makes it a significant player in the modern tourism sector.

## Deer Hunting Permits Granted in Coastal Ostrobothnia

The Finnish Wildlife Agency has issued a significant number of hunting permits for elk and white-tailed deer in Coastal Ostrobothnia for the upcoming hunting season. This year, 1,711 permits have been granted for elk hunting and 846 permits for white-tailed deer hunting in the region. Elk Hunting Permits The Finnish Wildlife Agency has allocated 1,711 elk hunting permits for the Coastal Ostrobothnia region for this autumn. During the 2023 hunting season, 82.7% of the 1,173 elk hunting permits issued were utilized, resulting in a total catch of 1,304 elk. White-Tailed Deer Hunting Permits

For the upcoming season, 846 permits for white-tailed deer hunting have been granted. Last year, 1,088 permits were issued, of which 44.7% were used, leading to a catch of 670 white-tailed deer. Permit Details Each deer hunting permit allows hunters to take down either one adult deer or two calves.

The number of permits issued is determined by the moose population density targets set by the Regional Game Council of Coastal Ostrobothnia. These targets, which are specific to deer farming areas, are revised every three years.

For Coastal Ostrobothnia, the current targets are 3-4 elk and 1-7 white-tailed deer per thousand hectares. The allocation of hunting permits is a crucial aspect of wildlife management in Coastal Ostrobothnia, ensuring the balance of elk and white-tailed deer populations in accordance with ecological targets. By regulating the number of permits, the Finnish Wildlife

Agency aims to maintain sustainable wildlife populations while providing hunting opportunities for the community. With the new hunting season approaching, hunters in Coastal Ostrobothnia are preparing for a busy and productive season, contributing to the region's wildlife management and conservation efforts.

## Dragsvik safety: Pia Kauma worried about the safety of military service: Written question in Parliament



Member of Parliament Pia Kauma (National Coalition Party) has submitted a written question in Parliament on the safety of military service. According to him, conscripts and women volunteering for military service must be able to perform their service in safe conditions. Kauma refers in particular to recent accidents that have raised concerns about the level of service safety.

### Concerns about service safety

Kauma's examples include a serious accident in the Uusimaa Brigade in October 2023 during a coastal jaeger examination, in which several conscripts were submerged in water, and the tragic accident during the night shooting exercise in Syndalen in Hanko in 2015, in which a student officer died. He also mentions the level crossing accident in Raseborg in 2017, in which three conscripts died and four were injured.

### Otkes report

According to a report by the Safety Investigation Authority (Otkes), the accident in the Uusimaa Brigade was caused by several reasons, such as shortcomings in exercise management, contingency plans and the personnel's experience. Kauma emphasizes that it is necessary to ensure that only people with skills and experience corresponding to the complexity of the situation are responsible for leading in parti-



cularly risky exercises.

Questions to the Minister

Mrs Kauma puts the following questions to the Minister concerned:

How does the Finnish Defence Forces intend to improve its command and control system so that, for example, a coastal jaeger can rely on the safety of the exercise in sea or other water conditions?

How does the Finnish Defence Forces intend to ensure that only persons with skills and experience corresponding to the complexity of the situation are responsible for command in particularly risky exercise situations?

How does the Finnish Defence Forces intend to improve the safety of conscripts and conscripts, especially in Uusimaa, where several serious accidents have occurred?

In what way are the service regulations to be reformed in terms of safety following the accidents experienced in recent years and showing that lessons have been learned from dangerous situations?

Kauma emphasises that every person entering military service must have the right to perform their service in safe conditions. According to him, this is necessary for Finnish society and the reliability of the conscription system.

**Broader discussion**

Kauma's question highlights the need for a broader discussion on the safety of military service and the measures taken by the Defence Forces to prevent accidents. Military service must not only be efficient and prepare young people for national defence, but also safe and well-managed.

Kauma expects concrete answers and measures from the minister to ensure the safety of conscripts and volunteers during their service.

**The rental market in Vaasa is on the rise!**

Vaasa has risen incredibly much in the ranking of Finnish landlords' cities! Just a few years ago, the city ended up at the bottom of the list, but now it has climbed to ninth place, just in the top ten. This turnaround is excellent news

for investors, as it heralds strong rental performance and positive development prospects.

What is Vasa's secret? An important factor is population growth. Previously, the population declined, but now the forecasts have become positive. This, of course, increases the demand for housing and raises rent levels.

Another important factor is the development of the city. Vaasa has invested a lot in infrastructure and business, and the future prospects are very bright. This attracts new residents and businesses, further fueling rental demand.

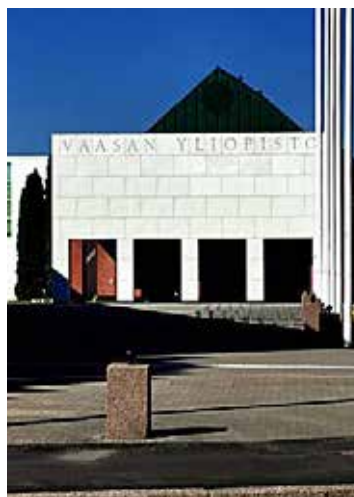
From the investors' point of view, Vaasa is a very attractive destination. Rent levels have risen moderately, but the outlook for development is very positive. This means that investors can expect a good return on their investments in the coming years.

What does this mean for the tenants?

Unfortunately for the tenants, the increase in Vaasa may mean slightly more expensive rents. However, it is important to remember that the rent increase is moderate and is balanced by the excellent living conditions and services offered by the city. Vaasa is a very pleasant and safe city to live in, and it has a lot to offer students, young adults and families.

If you are thinking of renting a property in Vaasa, now is a great time to act! Rent levels are still reasonable, but they are expected to rise in the future. Therefore, if you find a suitable apartment, you should quickly seize the opportunity.

The rental market in Vaasa is currently lively, and both investors and tenants have a lot to offer



**University of Vaasa to award top experts at the Conferment of Doctoral Degrees in September 2024**

The University of Vaasa will organise its sixth conferment ceremony on 19–21 September 2024. The ceremony gives the University the opportunity to honour and recognise important scientific and social figures by awarding them honorary doctors. An honorary doctorate is the highest award a university can award, and this year it will be awarded to twelve prominent people.

According to Rector Minna Martikainen, the appointments have emphasised the impact and importance of both science and society, not only from the point of view of the University of Vaasa, but also from the perspective of Finland as a whole. This year's group of honorary doctors is exceptionally broad and authoritative and consists of President of the Republic Alexander Stubb, Minister of Agriculture and Forestry Sari Essayah, Chairman of the Board of Directors of investor Jacob Wallenberg and CEO of the ABB industrial group Björn Rosengren.

**Pekka Toveri: We are at war**

Pekka Toveri writes in messaging service X:

"And we are now at war with Russia. Just look at all the sabotage that Russia is doing. Since Russia cannot seriously threaten us militarily, it is looking for weaknesses in our defense through hybrid warfare."

The writing has attracted a lot of attention. Someone says that former President Niinistö has also agreed:



"Russia says it is at war with the West – we are part of the West." Image: Eduskunta.fi

**President Stubb: Finland is not at war**

Stubb commented on Pekka Comrad's recent statement in which he said that Finland is at war. At the press conference on 5.7, President Stubb sent out an emphatic message: Finland is not at war with Russia



"At the same time, I note that the line between war and peace is drawn in water today. It is becoming blurred, and that, of course, is what Russia is trying to do."

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## EVENTS

**SIC FESTIVAL**

23-28.7.2024  
www.kirkkomusiikkijuhlat.f

**KORSHOLM MUSIC FESTIVAL**

Tjuvstart-Varaslähtö-Early Start  
23.7.24 kl 19.30  
Vaasa City Church  
"POHJALAISIA"-silent movie,  
Jimi Järvinen organ  
www.korsholmmusicfestival.fi

**KORSHOLM MUSIC FESTIVAL 2024**

24.7-31.7.2024  
www.korsholmmusicfestival.fi

**PÖRTÖM CHURCH Music in the August evening**

in Pörtöm church  
Thursday 1.8. at 8 pm  
Emilia Tikkala and Gerd Lindén-Liljehage with young guests  
Thursday 8.8.24 at 8 pm  
Närpes Male Choir  
Tobias Udd, conductor and trumpet  
Thursday 15.8.24 at 8 pm  
Barnabas Mebrahtu from Eritrea, vocals  
Mirella Rantamäki, vocals  
Thursday 22.8.24 at 8 pm  
Fredrik Teir, vocals  
The Pörtömören  
Arr: Närpes parish's music activities

**TOVE TEUVALLA-OPE-RA**

Östermark kyrka .Teuvan kirkko  
3.8.24 - 11. 8.2024

<https://www.korsholmmusicfestival.fi/tove-teuvalla/operan-tove-teuvalla>

**VAASA FESTIVAL**

1-3.8.2024  
<https://vaasafestival.fi/>

**WASA FUTURE FESTIVAL**

5-10.8.2024  
The Wasa Future Festival 2024 is set to take place from 5th to 10th August. This event gathers knowledgeable and motivated individuals from the business world, universities, regional decision-making bodies, and ministerial corps to focus on solving issues in Vaasa and across Finland. The event can be followed on Wasa Future Festival YouTube channel. Wasa Innovation Center  
Gerbyntie 18  
65230 Vaasa  
<https://wasafuturefestival.fi/>

**NIGHT OF THE ARTS**

In Vaasa  
15.8.2024

**VAASAN MARSSI**

9.-11.8.2024  
Vaasan Kävelyklubi ry/rf  
www.vaasanmarssi.fi

**RUSK**

Chamber Music in Jakobstad  
19-23.11.2024  
The Beauty of Longing  
International creativity at the darkest time of the year  
ruskfestival.fi

**TIKANOJA****THE ART EVENT OF THE YEAR!**

Eero Järnefelts exhibition opens on Nov 23, 2024

**MEDIALANGUAGE (In Swedish) 2025: Seminar XX**

Vaasa 22-23 January 2025.  
Media Language 2025 is organised by the Swedish Press Service and the Centre for Lifelong Learning at Åbo Akademi University in collaboration with Svenska Yle, Hufvudstadsbladet Ab, HSS Media, ÅU Media, Friends of Swedish Public Schools, the Åbo Akademi University Foundation, the Swedish Cultural Foundation in Sweden, the Harry Schauman Foundation and Konstsamfundet.  
Media Language's language leaders are Jennie Storgård, Minna Levälähti and Leni Sundman at the Swedish Press Service (SPT).

In January 2024, the well-attended seminar was held at Hana-saari in Helsinki.

<https://www.mediesprak.fi/se->

minariet/

**Korsholm Music Festival**

The festival programme book and the libretto of the opera Tuve Teuvalla have been published



Both are for sale at the festival office. The programme book costs 7 € and Tove's libretto book 8 €. The programme book is a 112-page non-fiction book about concerts, the artists performing in them and the music. The book is trilingual.

**The festival office is open**

Tomorrow, Monday, from 9 am to 4 pm.  
23.7-31.7 every day from 9 am to 7 pm.  
The address is Koulukatu 31, courtyard. Phone 040-833 2022

**Jane Trygg Kaipiainen's exhibition**

Jane Trygg Kaipiainen's exhibition 'Musical Portraits' at the Korsholm Music Festival Festival Centre 24.-31.7.2024.

**Concert Excursions Summer 2024**

25.7.2024 Thursday  
Evening treat and concert



In addition to the wonderful music in the evening's concert, you can enjoy a delicious evening meal at Lyckans Café after the concert. You can take our festival bus or drive to Stundars yourself.

#### Program for the evening:

17.15 Departure from Vaasa City Hall

18.00 Concert No. 3 "Perpetuelle" in Stundars

ca. 19.30 Evening meal at Lyckans Café

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ca. 20.15 Return to Vaasa City Hall

Note that you can prolong your concert evening by continuing to the evening concert in Solf Church, concert no. 4 at 9 pm. Tickets to this concert are sold separately.

Lyckan Café's concert pie: Delicious ham and cheese pie with Herrgård ham filling. Served with a fresh salad.

Vegetarian option: Kale and feta cheese pie.

Bookings for the evening meal before 22 July. Please inform us about special dietary requirements and allergies.

Price: 32,90 € regular / 28,90 € pensioner. Incl. evening meal and concert ticket.

Return trip bus 10 €, paid separately. Please inform the bus driver if you want to go back to Vaasa center after the meal.



#### 27.7.2024 Saturday

A DAY IN UNESCO'S WORLD HERITAGE SITE Excursion to UNESCO's World Heritage Site "Kvarken"

The guided tour begins from Vaasa City Hall by bus into the World Heritage Site "Kvarken".

We stop at Restaurant Arken in Replot boat harbour for lunch. After lunch the tour continues to Salteriet for the concert in the old Salting House, where will hear an inspired combination

of classical music and stand-up from the artists, violinist Nicolas Dautricourt and double bassist Knut Erik Sundquist. We will then enjoy nature in the Unesco World Heritage Site before continuing to the concert in Replot Church. After the evening concert, we will return to Vaasa.

11.00 Departure from Vaasa City Hall by bus

12.00 Lunch at Restaurant Arken

15.00 Concert No. 8 at Salteriet

ca. 16.30 Getting to know the history of Replot area with guide

19.00 Concert No. 9 in Replot Church

Menu at Restaurant Arken:

Perch soup with Scandinavian rye and malt bread

Restricted number of seats available.

PRICE: 79 € incl. return trip bus, lunch, guide services, concerts No. 8 & 9

### Korsholm Music Festival starts with Tjuvstart-Varaslähtö-Early Start event on 23.7.

The 42nd season of Korsholm Music Festival opens with the Tjuvstart-Varasstart-Early Start event at Vaasa Church on 23 July at 7.30 pm. The program has a unique combination of silent film and organ playing.

The silent film "Pohjalaisia" (1925) depicts Ostrobothnia and its people in the late 1800s and early 1900s. The film was directed by Teuvo Puro and is one of the classics of Finnish silent film. The organ accompaniment is by Jimi Järvinen,

The event is free of charge. It is organised in cooperation with Vaasa Parish Union.

The Tjuvstart-Varasstart-Early Start event is a great opportunity to get to know the atmosphere of Korsholm Music Festival and experience a unique experience with historical silent film and organ accompaniment.

## CLIMATE

**Copernicus: June 2024 Marks Another**

## Month of Broken Records

June 2024 continued a disturbing trend, according to data from the European Union's Copernicus Climate Change Service (C3S). It was the hottest June ever recorded globally, surpassing the previous record set in 2023. This is significant not just for the headline-grabbing "hottest month" title, but because it marks the 12th consecutive month where global temperatures have been at least 1.5°C higher than pre-industrial levels (1850-1900).

### A Long, Hot Streak

While a single month of record heat can be due to natural variations, a string of 12 months is extremely concerning. It highlights the relentless rise in global temperatures driven by greenhouse gas emissions. This isn't entirely unprecedented - a similar streak occurred in 2015/2016 - but it serves as a stark reminder of the urgency of climate action.

### Not Just a Global Issue

The news isn't all global. Europe also saw its fair share of heat, with June 2024 tying for the second-hottest June on record. This heat, combined with other extreme weather events we've seen this year, underscores the very real impacts of climate change being felt around the world.

### Looking Ahead

The record-breaking temperatures of June are a worrying sign. The high average temperature for the past year (July 2023 - June 2024) is the highest on record. This trend is likely to continue unless we take significant steps

to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

### Comments

This data from Copernicus is a stark reminder that climate change is not a future threat, it's happening now. The continued rise in global temperatures will have far-reaching consequences, and we need to act decisively to mitigate them. (Source: C3S)

## Wasa Daily

A modern newspaper with a layout with features of the press of the 1870s. Back then, newspapers had only 4-8 pages. Lots of text, but no images at all, so there's a lot to read on a few pages. Our paper is one of the very few newspapers in English serving English-speaking inhabitants in the Ostrobothnia region

The magazine contains quotations from old daily newspapers taken from the National Archives (digi.kansalliskirjasto.fi). GPT3, Gemini and Monica do some of the routine editing work, such as translation, corrector reading, and short notice writing. All texts have been checked by journalists and the editorial staff is responsible for all the content of the texts.

Wasa Daily is a daily newspaper type publication, so far it is published on Sunday mornings. But our goal is for it to come out every morning in the future.

The magazine is available online for free.

Editor-in-chief Hans Björknäs.

Readers' writings are welcome!

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# ROAD CHURCH

## The Church in Ylistaro - an interesting road church



"A Handsome Church (Komia kirkko)" is an apt name for Ylistaro Church, which is the pride of the Seinäjoki parish. This stone and brick church is the third in Ylistaro and was completed in 1850. The church was consecrated in May 1852. It was designed by state architect E. Lohrman and supervised by Jaakko Kuorikoski. This majestic church is the third largest in Finland, with galleries on two floors on its sides.

The original seating capacity of the church was 2500, but today there are slightly fewer seats. You can read more about Ylistaro Church in Finnish, Swedish, German and English via the Android and iOS mobile app, which can be downloaded from Play Store and App Store (Nettikirkko - Seinäjoki Parish).

### Opening hours and events

Ylistaro Church is open in summer 8.6.-4.8. every day from 11 am to 6 pm. On Wednesdays 5.6.-7.8., summer evening devo-

tionals are held in the chapel at 6 pm, when the church is open until 7 pm. On Midsummer's Eve and Midsummer's Day, the church is closed. During opening hours, there will be a guide who will tell you about the history of the Church and answer questions.

Services are held on Sundays at 10 a.m., and everyone is welcome to attend. The address of the church is Lapuantie 138, 61400 Ylistaro. Other events and events can be viewed on the website of the Seinäjoki parish: events.

### Services

On the church grounds there is free parking, a guide, accessible access, a toilet and a toilet for disabled people. Ylistaro Church offers its visitors the opportunity to experience the atmosphere of the historic building and learn about the local cultural heritage.

This magnificent road church is definitely worth a visit on a summer holiday





# ROAD CHURCH

## The church in Veteli



Veteli's church, the third in the parish, is a magnificent wooden church that represents the area's rich cultural history. The current church was built by Erkki Kuorikoski in 1843 and its bell tower was built by Jaakko Kuorikoski in 1859. The church's altarpiece, which originates from the earlier church, was painted by Johan Backman in 1751.

The church's musical history is also impressive. Both organs are manufactured by the organ factory in Kangasala. The larger choir organ with 27 voices is from 1939 and the smaller choir organ with 11 voices from 1979. The first organ in the church was built by Peter Lybeck from Kruunupy in 1880 and it had 12 sounds.

### Opening hours and services

The Church is open during the summer 3.6.-11.8.2024 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Visitors can enjoy the peaceful atmosphere of the church and explore its historical details.

The church grounds have free parking, accessibility, restrooms, and toilets for the disabled, making it easy and convenient for anyone to visit.

### Worship services and other services

Services are held in the Church on Sundays at 10 am. The services can also be listened to and viewed online via a link on the church's website.

The address of the church is Torpantie 130, 69700 Veteli. Other events and events can be viewed on the ward website or in the Church announcements.

Veteli Church south of Kokkola is an important part of the local history and culture, offering a peaceful place for spiritual silence and an opportunity to discover the rich heritage of the parish. Welcome to get acquainted with Vetel's church and its fascinating history!











# HOROSCOPE FOR JULY 2024



**Aries (March 21 - April 19)**  
This month, Aries, you'll finally discover that your true calling in life is to be the one who always asks, "Are you going to finish that?" Embrace your inner scavenger, but beware: your friends might start labeling their food in the fridge. Your lucky number is 7, and your lucky condiment is ketchup.

**Taurus (April 20 - May 20)**  
July will see you embarking on an epic quest to find the perfect lawn chair for your summer lounging. Unfortunately, every chair you find will be just slightly uncomfortable. Your persistence will pay off, though, when you accidentally discover the lost art of "resting while standing." Your lucky color is plaid.

**Gemini (May 21 - June 20)**  
This month, Gemini, you'll be so charming and witty that people will wonder if you've secretly been replaced by a talk show host. Use your powers wisely—maybe try negotiating world peace or at least a free coffee. Your lucky word is "quixotic," and your lucky time is 3:17 PM.

**Cancer (June 21 - July 22)**  
July is all about self-care for you, Cancer. You'll perfect the art of the nap and become a connoisseur of the best pillow fluffiness. Warning: you might be so relaxed that people start poking you to see if you're still breathing. Your lucky snack is potato chips.

**Leo (July 23 - August 22)**

As a Leo, you'll spend July basking in the glory of your own fabulousness. You'll start giving yourself pep talks in the mirror, and your hair will look amazing every day. Just try not to get too distracted by your own reflection. Your lucky accessory is sunglasses, because you're always shining bright.

**Virgo (August 23 - September 22)**  
This month, Virgo, you'll find joy in organizing everything in sight, from your closet to your neighbor's sock drawer (don't ask how you got in there). People will be in awe of your tidiness, and you'll be crowned "Supreme Ruler of Order." Your lucky app is the calendar.

**Libra (September 23 - October 22)**  
In July, Libra, you'll finally achieve the perfect balance in your life, right before you trip over your own feet and spill coffee everywhere. Embrace the chaos with grace, and remember: a spilled coffee is just the universe's way of saying, "Take a break." Your lucky dance move is the moonwalk.

**Scorpio (October 23 - November 21)**  
July will be a mysterious month for you, Scorpio. You'll develop a knack for appearing and disappearing at social events like a ninja. Use your powers for good—like sneaking away from boring conversations. Your lucky hobby is people-watching.

**Sagittarius (November 22 - December 21)**  
This month, Sagittarius, you'll feel an overwhelming urge to travel, even if it's just to the other side of your living room. Embrace your inner explorer and turn every mundane task into an adventure. Your lucky mode of transportation is the rolling office chair.

**Capricorn (December 22 - January 19)**  
July will be all about career advancement for you, Capricorn. You'll impress your boss by showing up to Zoom meetings in a full business suit—pants included. Your ambition will pay off, but remember to take a break before you become a PowerPoint presentation. Your lucky beverage is espresso.

**Aquarius (January 20 - February 18)**  
This month, Aquarius, you'll come up with so many innovative ideas that people will start calling you "The Idea Factory." Just make sure to write them down, or you might forget them while chasing the next shiny object. Your lucky gadget is the sticky note.

**Pisces (February 19 - March 20)**  
July is a dreamy month for you, Pisces. You'll find yourself lost in thought more often than usual, contemplating the mysteries of the universe—or just what to have for dinner. Don't worry, your daydreaming will lead to some truly profound insights, like the perfect pizza topping combo. Your lucky phrase is "serendipitous whimsy."





# HUMOUR ONE HUNDRED YEARS AGO

## APPENDIX

— That doctor have sent a rudely large bill. It will surely 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."

## NEWS

A; "You must have written in your newspaper that I am a fake gambler and a fraud!"  
B: .Impossible! My magazine only contains news!

## BORN TO DANCE

"Don't you think, captain, that one must be born to dance?"  
"Sure. . . I have never seen an unborn dance".

## THE MORE YOU GET, THE MORE YOU WANT

"It's quite peculiar, the more you get, the more you want!" "Listen, tell me one thing! Have you ever had twins?"

## WITH A MAN ON THE BEACH

Him: A week ago you had no idea that you would now be sitting on the beach with a man you didn't know at all.  
Her: Well, I probably did.  
Him: But dear little friend, you didn't know me then.  
She: No, but I knew myself

## DO NOT STAND THE LIGHT OF DAY

— You say that he has a job that doesn't stand the light of day?  
— Yes, he develops plates with a photographer!

## WOMEN'S CLOTHING

Nothing dresses a woman better than nothing.

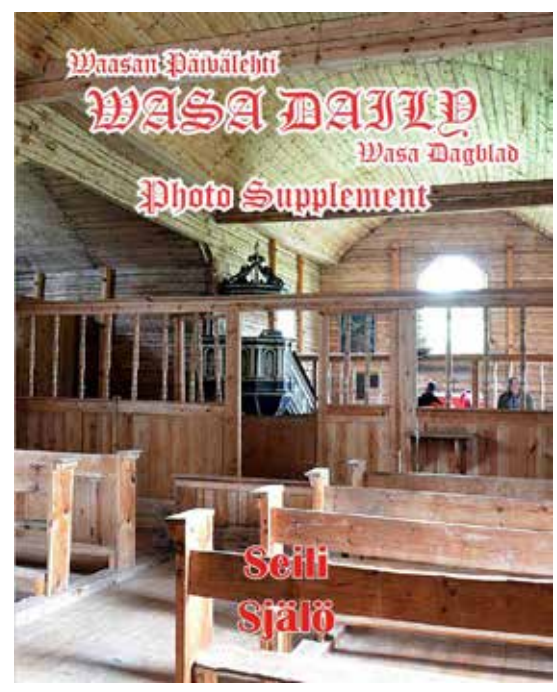
## Astronomical image of the week:



**Psyche asteroid (Artist's Concept) (3) (cropped).jpg**

Artist's impression of the Psyche asteroid  
This artist's concept depicts the 140-mile-wide (226-kilometer-wide) asteroid Psyche, which lies in the main asteroid belt between Mars and Jupiter. Psyche is the focal point of NASA's mission of the same name. The Psyche spacecraft is set to launch in August 2022 and arrive at the asteroid in 2026, where it will orbit for 21 months and investigate its composition. Scientists think that Psyche, unlike most other asteroids that are rocky or icy bodies, is made up of mostly iron and nickel — similar to the Earth's core.  
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## NEXT WEEK:



## From our readers

We very much welcome submissions from our readers. Comments, stories, memories, debate, news from home. Probably this will be the most important part of this spring paper. But space is limited, so please write as short as possible! So please send posts to: wasadagblad@gmail-com

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