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Вітаємо всіх українців у Ваасі! Сподіваємося, вам тут сподобається і навіть залишитеся після закінчення війни в Україні! А

warm welcome to all Ukrainfans in Vaasa! We hope you will enjoy yourselfthere and even stay after the war in Ukraine is over! NEW GUIDELINES FOR JOURNALISTS IN FIN-LAND

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New guidelines for journalism: The triumph of transparency and accountability

nalism have entered into force in Finland, brines and additions. These guidelines not only reof modern media, but the expense of the victims. also reinforce the imporin editorial work. This is a step in the right direction for journalism professionals and the public alike.

Transparency in financing delivery independence a prio-

One of the most significant changes is the guidelines that allow an external funder for editorial work, but only under certain conditions. It is imperative that the donor is brought to the fore if a topic within its sphere of influence is selected for discussion. This is a welcome addition that improves the transparency of editorial work. It prevents viewers and readers from suspecting that editorial content is hidden advertising or dictated by a funder.

At the same time, the guidelines stress that, regardless of the funder, journalistic decisions must be made in the editorial office. This reminds us of a fundamental pillar of journalism: it must be independent and free from external pressures. Maintaining editorial independence is vital for audiences to have confidence in the honesty and objectivity of the

Discretion and safety - respect for people first

Another significant change concerns news coverage of cases of

cidents and crime. The new gui- published news and prevents faced by today's media and set of discretion and respect for vic- ted or removed in situations whe- tect the public, news items and ging important chang- tims. This is especially important re it is not necessary. at a time when media consump- The permanence of publications themselves. tion is constant and fast. News is an important principle that pre- It is gratifying to see that the printhat spreads instantly can leave serves history and ensures that ciples of journalism - indepenspond to the challenges lasting marks and must not be at the media stands by the work dence, ethics and responsibility

transparency and ethics material is requested from the cally appropriate. public, for example at the scene Conclusion: Towards more ing world without losing its core of an accident, they must be instructed to act in such a way that safety is not endangered. This is an important step that increases accountability and prevents situations where public participation could lead to dangerous consequences. It also prevents news coverage from becoming unethical or sensationalist.

Warning of the Power of the **Word - Protection of Life and** Health

Particular care should be taken in situations where reporting in the news could endanger someone's life or health. This guidance reflects a deep understanding of the impact journalism has on people. Journalists are often under pressure to produce news quickly, but in these cases you need to put on the brakes and consider whether publishing the news is worth the

Such guidelines show that journalism has a great responsibility to protect people's safety and well-being. This is not only a good principle, but also a reminder that journalism should always put people's well-being first.

Persistence of publications - preservation of history

Last but not least, the new guidelines specify that published editorial content may not be removed after the date of publication except for particularly compelling reasons. This guideline

New guidelines for jour- illness and death, as well as ac- emphasizes the permanence of pond to many of the challenges delines underline the importance content from being misrepresen- important boundaries that pro-

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responsible and transparent values. They serve as a reminder iournalism

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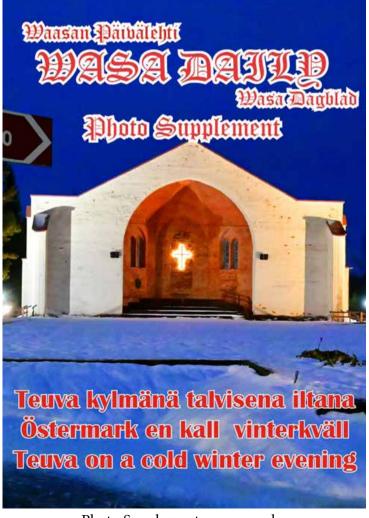


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NEWS

The Night of the Arts in Vaasa on Aug 15







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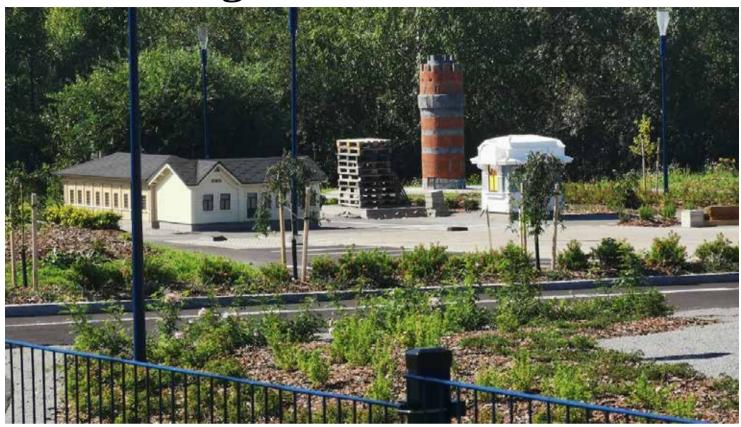


This weeks art experience:



Helene Schjerfbeck 10.7.1862 - 23.1.1946 Head of a Girl, 1886

A New Miniature Neighborhood Opens in Vaasa on August 29th!



Onkilahti right next to the skapreparations are in full swing for the long-awaited traffic park and pump track, which will soon be completed. The official opening of these exciting new additions to Vaasa is scheduled for August 29th. The traffic park offers children a fun and educational experience, featuring a miniature version of Vaasa with familiar buildings in tiny form. The pump track, where visitors can ride bikes, skateboards, rollerblades, or scooters, has already generated significant interest among the city's residents. - It's great that the pump track is attracting interest and is eagerly anticipated, but we ask for a little more patience. While construction is ongoing, it is strictly forbidden to enter

the construction site, reminds site manager Janne Mattila.

Over the past few years, Metviks Park has developed into a popular area for recreation and physical activity. The park already features a skate park, completed in 2021, and an outdoor gym. With the addition of the traffic park and pump track, the park's appeal will only increase. - While construction work is ongoing, unauthorized access to the traffic park's construction site is also prohibited. It's important to wait for the official opening so that the work can be completed on time and safely, emphasizes head gardener Kaj-Erik Grandell. The future of Metviks Park looks bright, with plans already in place for a children's adventure forest, a sledding hill, a viewpoint, as well as sports fields and playgrounds. The aim is to create a versatile and inspiring environment that encourages movement and play for people of all ages. The official opening of the traffic park and pump track will take place on August 29th, when residents of Vaasa will finally get to enjoy these new attractions, enriching the city's recreational offerings.



Changes in Tikanoja's art home exhibition "Eastern Spirituality"



day 18 August, after which new about 60 similar works. works will be presented. This gives visitors the opportunity to tern philosophy and Buddhism uploads/2024/08/Bokbussens-tiexperience the exhibition in new and depicts an enlightened state dtabell Kirjastoauton-aikataulu. dimensions.

New works and museum care

August are finely tuned drawin- nying Buddha symbol guides the gs by Venny Soldan-Brofeldt viewer's point of view. After the for European Green (1863-1945), such as "Anitra's end date of the work, its bricks Leaf 2026 Dance" and "Maggie as an Angel will be donated to the public on The city of Vaasa has achieved / The Winged Dancer". They are Wednesday, August 28, starting a prestigious position as one replaced by new works by Sol- at 10 a.m., reflecting the principle dan-Brofeldt, such as "Anitra in of generosity and material circu-Oriental Costume" and "Anitra's lation. Dance, Sketch". The exchange is based on museum practice, ac- and new experiences cording to which light-sensitive works may not be displayed for exhibition at the Tikanoja Art long periods of time to ensure Home offers a unique opportunitheir preservation.

lay in its current form until Sun- acquainted with significant art day 18 August. A guided tour will history. The changes in the works be arranged in Swedish at 1 p.m. keep the exhibition alive and dyand in Finnish at 2 p.m. Guided namic. tours are included in the entrance fee. The new works will be on display from Wednesday 21 August and the exhibition will run until 27 October 2024.

A unique cycle towards a clean planet

In the courtyard of the Tikanoja Art Home, there is a temporary work "Towards a Pure Land" by

In August, the popular exhibition the state-awarded artist J.O. Mal- The Korsholm mobi-The Spirituality of the East will lander, which is part of the exbe on display at the Tikanoja Art hibition Spirituality of the East. Home, with art changes that will The work is on display until 23 timetable make it possible to present new August. Mallander is known as a This came into force on Monday, works of art. The current exhibi- pioneer in environmental art, and 12.8. tion will be on display until Sun- this brick installation is one of

The work is inspired by Easof mind called "the pure land". pdf The work is placed in the form Among the works exchanged in of a mandala, and the accompa-

Commentary: Cultural heritage

"Eastern Spirituality' The ty to delve deeper into the themes The exhibition will be on disp- of Oriental spirituality and get

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The timetable can be found

https://korsholm.fi/wp-content/

City of Vaasa Finalist

of the finalists in the European Green Leaf 2026 competition. Organized by the European Commission, this competition aims to highlight European cities that have successfully addressed environmental challenges, such as climate change, pollution, and the loss of biodiversity.

Vaasa is one of seven cities that have qualified as finalists in the competition, which focuses on cities' efforts to create sustainable and healthy living environments. This is particularly significant for Vaasa, a city that has long been recognized as the Nordic energy capital, with a strong foundation in energy technology.

"The Green Leaf competition is an excellent way to showcase Vaasa as a leader in climate and energy issues. We are the Nordic energy capital, and in addition to our world-class energy technology expertise, we now want to highlight solutions that create healthy environments for our residents," says Suvi Aho, Director of Strategy and Area Services for the City of Vaasa. She also mentions the city's innovative stormwater solutions and the world's most environmentally friendly passenger ferry, Aurora Botnia, as examples of Vaasa's high ambitions in environmental work.

Johanna Punkari, Energy and Climate Expert for the City of Vaasa, also emphasizes the value of the feedback received through the competition. "We also entered the competition because all participating cities receive valuable feedback from independent experts on how effective their environmental measures are compared to other European cities," she explains.

In addition to Vaasa, other cities competing include Agueda in Portugal, Saint-Quentin in France, and Sant Boi de Llobregat in



Spain in the category for cities with fewer than 100,000 inhabitants. In the category for cities with over 100,000 inhabitants. the finalists are Heilbronn in Germany, Guimarães in Portugal, and Klagenfurt am Wörthersee in Austria.

Winners to Be Announced in October

The finalist cities will present their environmental plans and communication strategies to the jury in October, aiming to win the coveted title. The winners will be announced on October 24, 2024, in this year's European Green Capital, Valencia, Spain.

The European Green Leaf title is awarded to one or two cities, with the winning cities receiving €200,000 in prize money and the opportunity to host several international events during the winner year.

For Vaasa, reaching the finals already represents a significant recognition of the city's work on sustainability and environmental issues, with high hopes of securing the title.

Bird Flu Vaccine Still Available for High-Risk Groups in Ostrobothnia

Ostrobothnia Well-being Services has issued a reminder that the bird flu vaccine is still available, free of charge, to individuals aged 18 and over who are at increased risk of infection due to their occupation.

An estimated 800 people in the Ostrobothnia region are considered to be in a high-risk group. However, only a few dozen have received the vaccine so far.

"The low interest in the vaccine has been surprising, although it is understandable given that it's the holiday season," said Silvia Grönroos-Pada, Senior Physician for Infectious Diseases.

"We hope that people in the risk groups will seek out the vaccine now in August. It provides effective protection against severe disease."

Who is eligible? Individuals

aged 18 and over who are at increased risk of infection due to their occupation, such as those working in poultry farms or laboratories, are eligible for the free bird flu vaccine.

Why get vaccinated? The bird flu vaccine offers effective protection against severe illness caused by the avian influenza virus. It's particularly important for those who are at higher risk of exposure.

For more information, please contact your local healthcare provider or the Ostrobothnia Well-being Services.

Vaasa residents are invited to give their opinion on library services



Vaasa City Library has opened a new survey where residents can express their opinions on the city's library services. The survey is open from 12 to 31 August 2024, and it can be answered on the library's website or on paper at local libraries.

What is the aim of the survey? The purpose of the survey is to find out what kind of library services Vaasa residents are currently using and what improvements or changes they would like to see. With the help of the survey, the city also wants to survey residents' views on new types of service points and forms. This may mean, for example, a wider range of digital services, new opening hours or organising various events in library facilities. The survey is based on the City of Vaasa's financial balancing

programme, approved by the City Council in spring 2024, which also includes changes to library services. The aim is to ensure that library services meet the needs of city residents also in economically challenging times.

Finland's most popular barbecue restau- väskylä rants - Foodora lists restaurants and dishes Malmönkatun Grilli third

Finns enjoy grilled food especially when staying at their cottages in the summer, but barbecue flavours are also attractive in many popular grill restaurants during the summer season. Foodora has tion: The well-being of compiled a list of Finland's most popular grill restaurants, and this time it is not the restaurants in the Helsinki metropolitan area that come out on top.



Foodora listed the most popular grill restaurants and dishes.

In summer, tourists and summer cottages move around Finland, and although many people enjoy cooking food outdoors, ordering food is still a popular option during the summer months. Consumers may want to take a break from cooking, or summer events may also attract barbecue hibition in Stockholm lovers. In any case, the popularity of barbecue restaurants is at its peak, especially in summer.

Foodora has compiled a list of Finland's most popular barbecue The Sven-Harry Art Museum's restaurants around the country. The delicacies offered by these skap" is open until 15 September. restaurants are definitely worth

tasting, as they are also Foodora's most popular grill restaurants in winter. In addition, Lahti is particularly different from the list, as the list includes as many as three grill restaurants in Lahti.

Kino Grilli, Oulu Itähariun Grilli, Turku

Malmönkatu Grilli, Vaasa

Lounaispuiston grilli 21, Jy-

Best burger, Joensuu Jykän Grilli, Seinäjoki Eepin Grilli, Mikkeli Jonen Grilli, Lahti Burger Mafia Kivimaa, Lahti Burger Mafia Fly, Lahti Ohana Grille, Tampere Grilli Veskari, Savonlinna City Burger, Porvoo (Foodora.fi)

Kalevi Sorsa Founda-Finns has collapsed

The report "State of inequality in Finland 2024", published today by the Kalevi Sorsa Foundation, paints a worrying picture of the well-being of Finns. According to the report, the quality of life in Finland has deteriorated significantly in recent years. This trend is particularly worrying, as Finns' satisfaction with their lives has traditionally been at a high level.



Fanny Churberg's ex-

Vaasa-based 1800s artist Fanny Churberg's unique nature-themed paintings are on display in Stockholm.

exhibition "Mot ett nytt land-

EVENTS



PÖRTOM CHURCH Music in the August evening

in Pörtom church 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 Pörtomkören

Arr: Närpes parish's music activities

RIT7 23.8.2024 AT 7 PM In front of the face of the sea - film concert

Unique film concert where the Ostrobothnia Rhythm Orchestra performs music by composer Jussi Lampela for the film In front of Meri's face! The film has text boxes in Finnish and Swedish.

In front of the sea is a 1926 Finnish silent film directed by Teuvo Puro. The film is based on Arvid Mörne's 1921 novel Inför havets anlete (1926) and premiered on 31 October 1926 at the Capitol Theatre in Helsinki. Kirkkopuistikko 22A, Vaasa www.ritz.fi

COELIAC DISEASE WEEK

2-8.9.2024

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IX JORMA PANULA INTER-NATIONAL CONDUCTING COMPETITION"

SEPT 3 - 7

www.panulacompetition.fi

Friday 6.9.2024 19:00 -21:30

"Stop Cancer" concert

Stop Cancer 2024 at Ritz is a charity concert organized by Korsholm cancer club, the proceeds of which go to Österbottens cancerförening.

Abela, Cornelia Björk, Fredrik Furu, Edit Koskinen, Sofie Lundell, Lotta Borg, Månskensbonden, Sam's Garage, Rebecka Sretenovic, Peter Svanström Kirkkopuistikko 22A, Vaasa www.ritz.fi

KONSTRUNDAN

- Open studios 7-8.9.2024

Hundreds of artists invite us to their studios. Nearly 30 from Ostrobothnia, including Karin Lipkin-Forsén and Carina Ahlskog. And Anders Lindman at Oskar's bell foundry in Sundom. www.konstrundan.fi



VASA CITY THEATRE CABARET-musical

Premiere Sept 12, 2024 www.vaasankaupunginteatteri.fi

WASA THEATRE CAKE CANDLES

Premiere 14.9.24

A drama comedy that takes you on a journey through a woman's life, from the time she is 17 until she turns 107. Went to Broadwy 2022 with the name "Birthday Candles". www.wasateater.fi

SEINÄJOKI CITY THEAT-Själö

Musical about the island of bro- LAUTASELLA-messut ken hearts

Release date: 14.9.2024

Själö tells of a time just a few generations ago. The musical takes place in the Archipelago Sea, on the island of Själö, where Finland's first mental hospital operated until 1962. For the past 70 years of operation, Själö has functioned as a closed mental hospital for women.

The stories of these women deserve to be told. If only we could also keep hope as bright as the women of Själö in their TIKANOJA own closed community. - Director Pauliina Salonius

https://seinajoenkaupunginteatteri.fi/ohjelmisto/seili/

WASA THEATRE Bellman - If I am born. I want to live!

Premiere in Vaasa: 3.10.2024 Together with Klockriketeatern, Wasa Teater offers a performance based on the life and works of the Swedish singer and poet Carl Michael Bellman.

www.wasateater.fi

HELSINKI BOOK FAIR



24-27.10.24 Helsningin Messuhalli https://kirjamessut.messukeskus.com/

WORLD OPERA DAY 25.10. 2024

World Opera Day is celebrated on 25 October, the birthday of Georges Bizet and Johann Strauss II

https://www.worldoperaday. com/

Abluit special diets Helsningin Messuhallissa 26-27.10.24

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Eero Järnefelts exhibition opens on Nov 23, 2024 MEDIALANGUAGE (In Swedish) 2025: Seminar XX



THE END OF THE VILLA SEASON



Ostrobothnian Rescue Department: Use of fireworks at the end of the villa season and in the Venetian

According to Section 91 of the Chemical Safety Act (390/2005), the rescue authorities must be notified in advance of the use of fireworks outside the turn of the year.

Section 92 of the Act allows the rescue authority to allow the use of fireworks at certain times or in certain places without notifying the rescue authorities. According to section 6 of the Rescue Act (379/2011), the rescue authority may also prohibit open fires in the rescue service area or part of it for a fixed period.

The Director of Rescue Services decides that the use of fireworks will be allowed in the area of the Ostrobothnian Rescue Department without notice during 31.8.2024 at noon. 18.00 - 24.00 under the following conditions: • During a wildfire warning issued by the Finnish Meteorological Institute, the use of fireworks is prohibited. • Fireworks may not be used in prohibited areas, urban centres, residential areas or near buildings.

An announcement about the use of fireworks and the notification procedure will be published in the region's official gazettes and distributed to sales points before sales begin.

MUSEUMS



Museums i Vaasa closed on Monday-Tuesday

In accordance with the economic balancing program of the city of Vaasa, the city's museums will be closed on Mondays and Tuesdays from June. The change will take effect from June 1, 2024.

The museums in Vaasa affected by the change are:

Museum of Ostrobothnia Tikanoja art home Kuntsi Museum of Modern Art Museum of Old Vaasa

In the past, museums have only been closed on Mondays, but now they remain closed on Tuesdays as well. This change is part of a wider program of measures aimed at balancing the economy of the city of Vaasa. The goal is to achieve savings of around 40 million euros during the years 2024–2027.

The new opening hours of the museums from Wednesday to Sunday are as follows:

Kuntsi Museum of Modern Art: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m

Museum of Ostrobothnia: 10 a.m.–5 p.m

Tikanoja art home: 10 a.m.-5 p.m Old Vaasa Museum: 10 a.m.-5 p.m. (open June 1–August 31, 2024) The city of Vaasa regrets the possible inconveniences that the new opening hours may cause to residents and visitors, and thanks for

your understanding during the measures to balance the economy. The museums welcome everyone to visit on open days and explore the city's rich cultural heritage and art collections.

Other museums:

Vaasa War Veterans Museum:

Summer opening hours 4.6. from Tuesday – Friday 10 – 12 and 1 – 4, Saturday 10 – 14.

Vaasa Maritime Museum:

Open

20.5.-23.8.2024 Mon-Fri at 11:30 a.m.-6:00 p.m.

CLIMATE CHANGE

July 2024: Second-Hottest Month on Record Globally, Close on the Heels of 2023

The latest data from Copernicus Climate Change Service reveal that July 2024 was the second-warmest month ever recorded globally, narrowly missing the top spot held by July 2023. With an average surface air temperature of 16.91°C, the month was 0.68°C above the 1991-2020 July average, and just 0.04°C cooler than last year's record.

This statistic marks the end of a remarkable 13-month streak where each month set a record as the hottest of its kind since reliable measurements began. This kind of prolonged heatwave is unusual but not unprecedented—an analogous pattern occurred during the strong El Niño event of 2015/2016.

Closer Look at the Heat

While July 2024 didn't surpass the overall record set by July 2023, it did see Earth's two hottest days on record, with global average temperatures hitting 17.16°C and 17.15°C on July 22nd and 23rd. Given the small margin and the inherent uncertainty in the data, it's impossible to say definitively which day was hotter, but the significance

temperatures. The month was 1.48°C warmer than the estimated pre-industrial average (1850-1900), a sobering indicator of



shifted due to human activity. ced more moderate conditions. cooler-than-average

The Year What Lies

unless there is an unexpected tures over the coming months-

tinent, trailing only July 2010. Southern and eastern Europe Notably, while parts of the bore the brunt of the heat, while

and Globally, regions such as the ping La Niña, many other Ahead western United States, wes- ocean regions remained unustern Canada, most of Africa, the ually The broader picture of 2024 is Middle East, Asia, and eastern the effects of global warming. equally concerning. The year-to- Antarctica saw the most signidate global temperature anomaly ficant deviations from average Implications for the Future (January-July) stands at 0.70°C temperatures. In contrast, areas above the 1991-2020 average, like western Antarctica, parts of The persistence of such high temmaking it 0.27°C warmer than the United States, South Ame- peratures underscores the urgenthe same period in 2023. This rica, and Australia recorded cy of addressing climate change. anomaly suggests that 2024 is on temperatures below average, il- As 2024 edges closer to becotrack to potentially surpass 2023 lustrating the complex and une- ming the warmest year on record,

nal Heatwaves and Cool Spots in July 2024, the second-highest ever recorded for the As these trends continue, the relarly hot, with temperatures ave- record set in July 2023. This ecosystems, economies,

Pacific showed temperatures, hinting at a develowarm,

as the warmest year on record, ven nature of climate impacts. the data from July serves as both a warning and a call to action. and significant drop in tempera- Oceans Also Feeling the Heat The patterns we're seeing are not isolated anomalies but part of a an occurrence that is extreme- The world's oceans mirrored larger trend that demands global ly rare in the historical data. this warming trend. The sea attention and a concerted effort surface temperature (SST) over to mitigate the worst impacts Europe and Beyond: Regio- 60°S-60°N reached 20.88°C of a rapidly warming planet.

of such extreme heat is clear. In Europe, July 2024 was particu- month, just 0.01°C shy of the percussions will be felt across This July was also a stark remin-raging 1.49°C above the 1991- data point ends a 15-month pe-communities worldwide, making der of the ongoing trend of rising 2020 baseline, making it the riod where the SST had con- it more crucial than ever to accesecond-warmest July for the con-sistently set monthly records. lerate efforts toward sustainable solutions.

CLIMATE CHANGE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration in USA: July Hottest in History



has confirmed July 2024 was the temperatures, a stark tems was still severe. indicator of the accelerating climate crisis.

According National Centers for En- surface temperatures were

hottest month ever re- Africa, Asia, and Europe corded on Earth. This enduring their most bliste-

bal surface temperature in the fifteen consecutive 77% chance that 2024 will to a sustainable future.

and Atmospheric Ad- 2.18 degrees Fahrenheit marine heat. However, ex- cord, with an almost certain ministration (NOAA) above the 20th-century av- perts warn that this tem- top-five ranking. This grim erage. This unprecedented porary cooling is unlikely forecast underscores the urthat heatwave scorched vast to signal a reversal of the gent need for global action swathes of the planet, with long-term warming trend. to reduce greenhouse gas

milestone ring Julys on record. While this sustained heat are far- change. marks the four-teenth North America experienced reaching. Extreme weather consecutive month of the impact of the impac the impact of extreme heat droughts, and wildfires, is sounding the alarm. Therecord-breaking global on populations and ecosys- have become increasingly se record-breaking tempe-The oceans, too, are of life and property but also planet in crisis. As the world showing signs of unpre-disrupt economies, food grapples with the escalating NOAA's cedented stress. July's sea supplies, and ecosystems.

The National Oceanic July soared to a staggering months of record-breaking be the hottest year on reemissions and mitigate the The consequences of worst impacts of climate

The scientific community frequent and intense. These ratures are not anomalies disasters not only cause loss but rather symptomatic of a climate emergency, it is imperative that policymakers, Information the second-warmest on re- Looking ahead, NOAA businesses, and individu-als (NCEI), the average glo- cord, a slight reprieve from scientists are predicting a work together to transition

CLIMATE CHANGE

Urban Heat Islands: A Growing Threat Exacerbated by Climate Change



Cities, particularly large ones, are becoming increasingly hotter than their surrounding rural areas. This phenomenon, known as the "urban heat island effect," means that the temperature in urban environments can be significantly higher than in the countryside.

The consequences are serious and can negatively impact human health, increasing the risk of cardio-vascular and respiratory problems, heatstroke, and other health issues. With climate change threatening our planet, the urban heat island issue is becoming increasingly acute.

The reason behind the heat island effect is the artificial infrastructure and human activities that characterize cities. Compared to rural areas, which are often covered in grass, crops, shrubs, or forests, urban areas have a significantly higher propor-

tion of paved surfaces. Vegetation helps to cool the air, while asphalt and concrete, on the other hand, absorb heat, leading to temperature increases. Additionally, buildings and narrow streets contribute to trapping heat by restricting airflow. Human activities, such as heating buildings and driving cars, also add heat to the urban environment.

Overall, all of these factors lead to the urban heat island effect, which is most pronounced at night. Then, the temperature in cities can be up to 10°C higher than in rural areas. This is because the heat stored in buildings and roads during the day is released at night.

The effect is particularly evident in larger cities. For example, temperatures in central London and Paris are regularly recorded to be around 4°C higher than in the surrounding countryside at night. Both of these cities, as well as many others around Europe and the

world, experience heat stress that leads to public health problems.

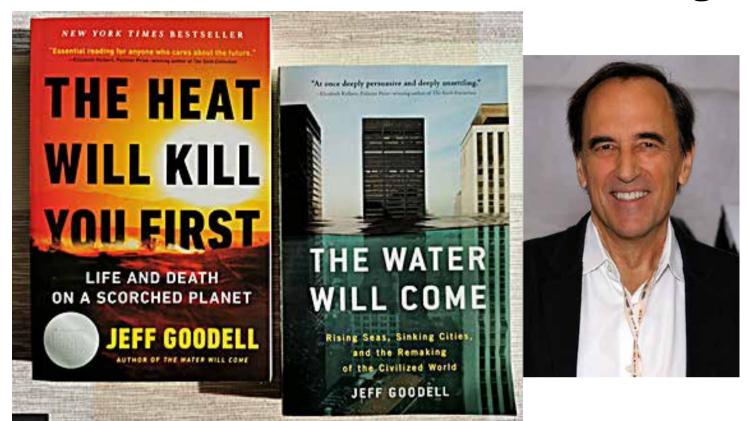
To address this growing problem, urban planners and local governments are working to develop strategies to reduce heat stress in cities. Solutions may include increasing the amount of so-called green-blue infrastructure. Examples of this include increased vegetation cover, such as through green roofs, and more water surfaces. However, to implement these changes, they first need to get a detailed picture of how temperature varies within the urban environments they are responsible for.

Managing urban heat islands is an important part of making cities more sustainable and livable, especially in light of future climate change. By reducing heat stress, we can create a better quality of life for residents while also contributing to a more sustainable future.

(Source: C3S)

LITTERATURE

Jeff Goodell: The Chronicler of Climate Change



ged as one of the most Apple. recent works, Will Come," provide a sharp but necessary picpreparing for us.

Jeff Goodell is a well-known American author who has dedicated his career to studying and reporting on climate change. Born in 1959 in Palo Alto, California, Goodell has experienced a varied life before his career as a writer. He has worked as a blackjack dealer, glass fitter, cleaner, bartender, professional motorcyclist, editor of a Russian literary maga-

Jeff Goodell has emer- zine, and technology writer at devastating effects of a heat informative and inspiring.

formative and engaging.

mentator in various media.

nd his calling in studying cli- pare for future challenges.

wave. Goodell not only des-Goodell's diverse backgrou- cribes rising temperatures, ling stories that make us think prominent voices on nd may have influenced his but studies its concrete con- and act," wrote The New York climate change in the ability to approach climate sequences for people, society Times Book Review. "The literary world. His two change from different pers- and ecosystems. The book is Heat Will Kill You First" is pectives. He has managed to both scientifically informati- a disturbing and necessary combine scientific rigor and ve and humanly touching, and book." "The Heat Will Kill You human storytelling in a way it has received a lot of praise First" and "The Water that makes his books both in- from critics and readers alike. praised for providing a realis-

Goodell is also an active so- on the other hand, focuses on effects of sea level rise. "Goocial influencer. He has been a the threat of rising sea levels. dell has managed to capture ture of the kind of world visiting scholar in New Ame- Goodell is carefully exami- the reader's attention and raithat climate change is rica and received a Gugge- ning how climate change is se concerns about the future," nheim Fellowship in 2020. In changing life in coastal areas wrote The Guardian. addition, he is a regular com- and what consequences it will have globally. The book is Kuva: Author Jeff Goodell at the 2023 Although Goodell's life has both a warning and a call to United States. Larry D. Moore been full of adventure and action, and it has sparked a Creative Commons Attribution 4.0 work experiences, he has fou- debate about how we can pre-

mate change. His writings are Goodell's writing style is important voices that help us clear and informative, but at understand the scope and im- the same time he manages to plications of this global chal- convey a sense of urgency to the reader. She combines "The Heat Will Kill You scientific facts with personal First" is a deep dive into the stories, making her books both

"Goodell is a master at tel-

"Water Is Rising" has been "The Water Will Come," tic and concrete picture of the

Texas Book Festival in Austin, Texas,

ASTRONOMY and ASTROLOGY

Mercury Retrograde: Understanding the **August 2024 Phenomenon**

As August 2024 unfolds, the astrological event known as Mercury retrograde once again captures the attention of sky-watchers and astrology enthusiasts alike. This phenomenon, often blamed for communication breakdowns, travel disruptions, and technological glitches, is steeped in lieved to be more prone to has become a cultural touchsto- sions. Reflect on what might both celestial mecha-

when Mercury appears to move backward in its orbit Astrologers happens three to four times a review year, each lasting for about th- double-check

The Astrology cury In astrology, Mercury governs communication, travel, The Cultural Impact of technology, and information Mercury



misunderstandings,

often advise details

The August 2024 retrograde The August 2024 retrograde Navigating period spans from August 4th in Virgo emphasizes attention cury ing the astrological effects analytical thinking. Miscomattributed to this period. munications may arise more Double-Check of Mer- environments or in matters projects, Retrograde related to health and service. tails are

delays, ne, often invoked humorously need adjustment rather than and errors. Contracts signed, to explain everyday mishaps. launching into new ventures. nics and cultural lore. emails sent, or travel plans From missed appointments made during Mercury retro- to computer crashes, many Stay Flexible: Expect the un-What Is Mercury Retrograde? grade are often thought to be people cite Mercury retrogra- expected, and try to remain Mercury retrograde occurs more susceptible to problems. de as a convenient scapegoat adaptable when plans go awry. for life's little annoyances.

Earth. This optical illusion trograde, suggesting people approach this phenomenon information, and be mindful of carefully, with a balanced perspective. potential misunderstandings. communica- While some people find it useree weeks. In reality, Mercury tions, and avoid making major ful to align their activities with Looking isn't moving backward, but decisions until the retrograde astrological insights, others As Mercury retrograde in Aurather, it is overtaking Earth in has passed. It's a time often view Mercury retrograde as gust 2024 draws to a close on its orbit. This creates the im- recommended for reflection a reminder to slow down and the 28th, many will breathe a pression of retrograde motion and reevaluation rather than practice patience, regardless sigh of relief. Whether or not when observed from Earth. initiation of new ventures. of their belief in astrology, you believe in its astrologi-

se the zodiac sign of Virgo, may bring challenges related us, there are practical ways to which it also rules, amplify- to organization, health, and navigate Mercury retrograde: For those who follow ast-

> frequently in professional From travel plans to work smoother sailing in areas of ensure all confirmed back-up plans are in place. nal the end of an intriguing

Retrograde Embrace Reflection: exchange. When it enters re- Beyond the technicalities of this time to review past pro- tural expression. trograde, these areas are be- astrology, Mercury retrograde jects, relationships, or deci-

Communicate Clearly: Take from our vantage point on caution during Mercury re- However, it's important to extra care in how you convey

cal implications, this period Mer- can serve as a reminder of the Retrograde importance of mindfulness, to August 28th. During this to detail, practical concerns, Whether you're a firm believer preparation, and adaptabilitime, Mercury will traver- and daily routines. This period in astrology or simply curio- ty in our fast-paced world.

> rology, the end of Mercury Everything: retrograde marks a return to de- communication and planning. and For others, it may simply sigperiod where celestial events Use meet human curiosity and cul-

BIOGRAPHICAL LIBRARY



Eeva Kauppi, a well known psychiatrist from Vaasa

Women's Voice ("Naisten Ääni") project: Stories of a thousand women added to the biographical library

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At least 50 stories related to Vaasa, some very new!

The history of Finnish society and culture has largely been built on people's actions and influence, but the role of women in this story has often been neglected. The actions, influences and life experiences of women have been surprisingly little recorded in the collective memory. To change this, the Women's Voice project has been born, which aims to make women's stories and influence part of the Finnish historical narrative.

The Women's Voice online publication, launched in 2017 to celebrate the 100th anniversary of Finland's independence, is part of the effort launched by the Finnish Women's League to produce extensive material on the lives of Finnish women and their impact on

society. At the heart of the project is the desire to produce and disseminate information about what women have done, how they have contributed to the development of society, how they have lived and how they have overcome life's challenges.

In spring 2024, the thousandth biography was published, and many more have been added since then. At least fifty stories tell about women from Vaasa or women whose lives are connected to our city.

Mention should be made of a few well-known Vaasa residents whose biography can be found in the Women's Voice library: Irma Rewell, Ritva Hyöky, Eeva Kauppi, Alexandra Frosterus-Såltin, Rosina Heikel,

Diverse participation in the online publication is welcome, and national, local and family women are welcome to participate. The aim is to highlight different stories and experiences: everyday heroines, those who have toiled in organisational work, visible and invisible, loud and silent. We want to compile material that reflects the diverse

contribution of Finnish women to society and culture.

You can write new biographical articles for the Women's Voice online publication or copy previously published articles in the journals of women's organisations, as long as the original publisher has permission to republish. In addition, we challenge organisations and individual citizens to participate in collecting and documenting women's stories in their own communities. The aim is to make the Women's Voice project a show of women's strength and at the same time create a unique set of data on the lives of Finnish women.

The Join us page contains more thoughts and ideas on how each of us can participate in the Women's Voice project and make the stories of Finnish women more visible and meaningful. Join us and help us tell the unforgettable stories of Finnish women! The Women's Voice library is online permanently and will also serve researchers for decades to come – or centuries!

Here you can find the Women's Voice biographical library:

Viola Gahmberg, vaasalainen rakastettu Lis Laviola







Viola Gahmberg, joka tunnetaan näyttämön lady Lis Laviolana, on tehnyt merkittävän 42 vuoden uran teatterissa.

Sukujuuret

Lis Saviolan sukujuuret ovat mielenkiintoiset. Hänen esivanhempien elämää ovat muokanneet suuret maailman tapahtumat, kuten Puolan jakautuminen ja Venäjän vallankumous. Esivanhemmat ovat kotoisin Puolasta, joka on ollut monien perimyssotien ja jakojen näyttämönä. Puola jaettiin vaiheittain Venäjän, Preussin ja Itävallan kesken, ja Wienin kongressissa 1815 suurin osa Puolan Kuningaskuntaa siirtyi Venäjän omistukseen. Kapinat ja vallankumoukset jatkuivat, ja alkoi häiläilemätön venäläistämietyö. Venäjän vallankumouksen



Viola Gahmberg



Viola Gahmerg, better known as Lis Laviola









Fanny Churberg syntyi 12. joulukuuta 1845 silloisessa Nikolainkaupungissa, eli nykyisessä Vaasassa. Hän oli lasarettilääkäri Matias Christian Churbergin ja hänen vaimonsa Maria Ulrika Peranderin seitsenlapsisen perheen kolmas lapsi. Neljä lapsista kuoli nuorena, ja Fanny menetti äitinsä vain 12-vuotiaana. Hän varttui kahden nuoremman veljensä, Waldemarin ja Torstenin, kanssa, ja osallistui heidän hoitamiseensa. Fannyn isän kerrotaan olleen hieman erikoinen luonteeltaan ja pitkään sairastellut ennen kuolemaansa vuonna 1865, kun Fanny oli 20-vuotias.

Teini-ikäisenä Fanny lähetettiin opiskelemaan vuosiksi 1857–1859 Porvooseen Emma Christina Peranderin tyttöpensionaattiin, ja sen jälkeen Viipurin tyttökouluun vuosina 1860–1861. Isänsä kuoleman jälkeen sisarukset muuttivat Helsinkiin tätinsä luokse.

Fanny saattoi olla kihloissa tunnetun taiteilijan Berndt Lindholmin kanssa, mutta he eivät koskaan avioituneet.



Fanny Churberg, a well known artist from Vaasa

Alexandra Theodora Frosterus-Såltin, unohdettu vaasalainen taiteilija







Kuka on Suomen tunnetuin ja samalla unohdetuin naispuolinen taiteilija? Kenen teoksia miljoonat suomalaiset ovat ihastelleet yli sadan vuoden ajan? Kuka vaasalainen taiteilija on ollut unohdettu kymmenien vuosien ajan ilman, että Vaasassa olisi ainoatakaan muistomerkkiä tai patsasta hänelle, puhumattakaan siitä, ettei kaupungissa ole yhtään hänen mukaansa nimettyä katua? Kuka on taiteilija, jonka terveyttä edistäviä piirustuksia koululaisemme ovat katselleet 120 vuoden ajan? Kuka naispuolinen taiteilija on inspiroinut Eppu Normaalin koskettavaan lauluun "Murheellisten laulujen maa"? Kuka on vaasalainen taiteilija, jonka piirustukset olivat osasyynä siihen, että Suomessa oli historian alussa kieltolaki? Kuka on vaasalainen taiteilija, jonka taulu on presidentin kansliassa? Tämä kuuluisa taiteilija on tohtori Alexandra Theodora Frosterus-Sáltin.

Lapsuus

Alexandra Frosterus syntyi 6. joulukuuta 1837 Inkoossa. Hänen vanhempansa olivat teologian professori Benjamin Frosterus ja Wilhelmina Sofia af Gadolin. Benjamin Frosterus oli syntynyt Pudasjärvellä 28. huhtikuuta 1792, Kalajoen kirkkoherran Johan Frosteruksen ja tämän ensimmäisen vaimon Marian Westzynthiuksen poikana. Robert Frosterus, Kuopion ensimmäinen piispa, oli hänen velipuolensa. Benjamin Frosterus väitteli teologiassa 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 seurakuunan kirkkoherra. Alexandra vietti lapsuutensa Hagan pappilassa. Talo seisoo edelleen samalla paikalla lähellä Vanhaa Vaasa ja toimii nykyään Vaasan ruotsinkielisen seurakuunan edustustilana.



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

Alexandra Frosterus-Såltin, an artist from Vaasa



Marie Johansdotter Berg. känd under sin pseudonym Pali-Maja, föddes den 10 december 1784 i Pali, en gårdsgrupp vid Österlandsvägen i Pörtom. Hennes far, Johan Hansson Uppgård, hade flyttat till Pörtom från Pjelax i Närpes, sedan han gift sig med Maria Greta Uppgård och därmed blivit ägare till hälften av ett hemman med namnet Uppgård. Då hemmanet skiftades fick familjen flytta till en äng med namnet Pala eller Pali, ett namn som lever kvar ännu i vår tid. Familjen hade 14 barn, varav 9 klarade sig till vuxen ålder. Isak Smeds berättar om familjen i den diktbok som publicerades år 1882: "Alla barnen var utrustade med klokt huvud och lyckliga anlag att lära allt vad som föll dem i hågen."

Hon avled den 11 oktober 1867 i Närpes. Hon var på sin tid den mest produktiva kvinnliga poeten i vårt land.

På sin tid var hon en av de mest aktade personerna i Närpesnejden. År 1882 publicerades en bok innehållande de dikter som återfunnits och i förordet till denna skriver lektor Isak Smeds från Petalax: "Den skaldinna, vars visor otvivelaktigt allmännast sjungas över hela Österbotten och vilken jag i barndomen i min hembygd hört med så stor beundrad och aktning omtalas."

Pali-Maj måste nog ha varit väldigt begåvad, för redan som 18-åring blev hon "skolmästarinna" och i den rollen handhade hon undervisningen av barn i många byar i Närpes. Redan som 18-åring började hon skriva dikter. Som 20-åring besökte hon Stockholm, en resa som gick med båt från Närpes. Hennes medresenärer lär ha betecknat henne som en "sångfågel".

År 1814 födde hon en son vars far var Mats Matsson Snickars från Normäs i Närpes. På den tiden var utomäktenskapliga förbindelser både skamliga och olagliga. Hon fick sota för detta "brott" med böter, men värre var att hon fick lida för sitt skamfilade anseende resten av sitt liv.



Pärmbilden till den diktsamling med Pali-Majas dikter som utgavs år 1882

Pali-Maja, a poem writer frpn Pörtom, in Swedish

And here You find the library: https://www.naistenaani.fi/

HEALTH

Processed Meat and Dementia: New Evidence **Highlights a Troubling Link**



processed red meat may be control. linked to an increased risk of Processed vs. Unprocessed for Brain Health dementia.

are thought to contri-bute to the meat itself. cognitive decline.

ed concerns about the health nal daily serving of processed processed meats to a range of piece of the puzzle when it risks of processed meats, par- red meat was linked to an equ- he-alth issues, including heart comes to dementia preventi--ticularly their potential im- ivalent of 1.6 years of cogni- disease, cancer, and diabetes. on. A holistic approach to brapact on brain health. A study tive aging. This aging effect The high levels of saturated in he-alth also includes regupresented at the Alzheimer's was par-ticularly evident in fats, sodium, and chemical lar physical activity, adequate International areas of the brain responsible preservatives in processed sleep, social engagement, and Conference has added to the for language and executive meats are known to contribute mental stimulation. growing body of evidence function, which are crucial for to these conditions, which are As we continue to live longer, suggesting that a diet high in decision-making and behavior also risk factors for dementia. the choices we make today

Meat: A Key Distinction

high levels of sodium, which processed meats rather than tu-tes.

Dietary Recommendations about what we eat can have

The Study and Its Findings It's important to note that experts recommend reducing processed meat consumption The study, which monitored unprocessed red meat, like fre- the intake of processed red could be a simple yet signifiover 460,000 adults for more sh beef or lamb, was not asso- meats and replacing them cant step towards preserving than four decades, found that ciated with the same cognitive with healthier alternatives. brain function and reducing in-dividuals who consumed at risks. In fact, moderate consu- Incorporating more plant-ba- the risk of de-mentia as we least two servings of proces- mption of unprocessed meat sed foods like nuts, beans, age. sed red meat per week had a might even have a protective and vegetables into your diet In conclusion, the growing 14% higher risk of developing effect on brain health, though not only reduces the risk of evidence against processed dementia compared to those this area requires further rese- dementia but also sup-ports meats underscores the imwho consumed fewer than arch. The distinction between overall well-being. For those portance of dietary choices three ser-vings per month. processed and unprocessed with limited access to fresh in maintaining brain health. Processed red meats, such meat is critical, as it suggests produce, options like canned While the case isn't closed, as bacon, sausages, and deli that the harm-ful effects are li- beans (with reduced sodium) the current research strongly meats, are often laden with kely due to the additives and and frozen vegetables can be suggests that when it comes to preservatives like nitrites and preservation methods used in practical and nutritious substi- processed meats, less is more

The Bigger Picture

Broader Health Implications While the study's findings are Interestingly, the study also This research aligns with ear- compelling, it's essential to

Recent research has intensifi- highlighted that each additio- lier studies that have linked remember that diet is just one

long-lasting impacts on our Given these findings, health cognitive health. Reducing

> - not just for our he-arts, but for our minds as well.

HEALTH

It is Possible to Cure Type II Diabetes **Not Easily Though**

Type 2 diabetes has long been millions of people living with study, the NHS Type 2 Diabetes Path to Remission (T2DR) While not a magic cure, the pro-

(TDR). This approach, while

achieving normal blood sugar levels without the need for dia- The T2DR Program: betes medication for at least th- A Deep Dive into Interventions HbA1c measurements achieved remission. This number increased to 32% among those who completed the entire 12-month program.

These results are particularly encouraging as they were Initial Intensive Phase: rather than the controlled environment of a clinical trial. It portion of people with type 2

However, it's essential to acknow-Not everyone who starts the program completes it, and weight loss, while crucial, is not guaran- Behavioral Support and Education Transition teed. The study also highlights the Alongside TDR, participants retained hensive data in a real-world setting compared to a clinical trial.

considered a chronic, incura-type 2 diabetes. It underscores ble condition. However, re- the importance of lifestyle incent research and real-world terventions, particularly weight interventions are challenging loss, in managing and potenthis notion. A groundbreaking tially reversing the disease.

program, has shown promising gram represents a significant step results in reversing the disease. forward in diabetes care. It emphasizes the need for continued rese-The T2DR program is a arch, improved access to support 12-month behavioral interven- services, and personalized treattion focused on weight loss, ment plans to maximize the bewith an initial intensive phase nefits of weight loss interventions involving total diet replacement for people with type 2 diabetes.

demanding, has proven effective Ultimately, the T2DR program's in inducing remission in a sig- success story is a testament to the nificant number of participants, power of human resilience and the potential of lifestyle changes Remission in this context means in combating chronic diseases.

ree months. The study found that $% \left(\frac{1}{2}\right) =\frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) =$ around 27% of participants who to Remission (T2DR) program started the program and had two is a comprehensive approach to diabetes management that focuses on weight loss as a primary ragementthroughouttheprogram. ting habits learned during the driver of remission. To achie- Group sessions: Participants program. Continued behavioral

T2DR program offers hope for personalized guidance and encou- le maintaining the healthy ea- considered.



ve this, the program employs a attend group sessions to share support is essential during this multi-faceted strategy involving: experiences, learn from others, phase to prevent weight regain. and build a support network. Education on healthy eating: Long-Term supported weight loss program. vide balanced nutrition while vides guidance on incorpo- managing potential challenges. significantly reducing calorie rating exercise into daily life. intake. This phase is crucial for Psychological support: Add- It's important to note that the ledge the challenges involved. rapid weight loss and impro- ressing emotional and psy- success of the T2DR program vement in blood sugar control, chological factors related to is dependent on a combination Weight difficulty of collecting compre-ceive intensive behavioral sup- After the initial three-month ate support services. While the One-to-one support: Dedicated phase. This involves gradually solution and individual needs Despite these limitations, the healthcare professionals provide reintroducing regular food whi- and circumstances should be

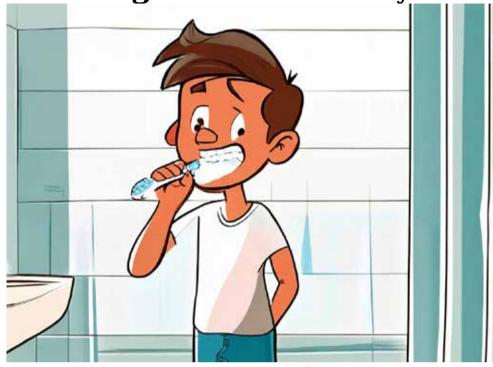
Management obtained in a real-world setting, Total Diet Replacement (TDR) Participants receive compre- The T2DR program aims to The program begins with a hensive education on heal- equip participants with the tools three-month period of total diet thy eating habits, portion and knowledge necessary for demonstrates that remission is replacement (TDR), where par- control, and meal planning. long-term weight management achievable for a substantial pro-ticipants consume meal replace- Physical activity: The program and diabetes control. This inment products exclusively. These emphasizes the importance cludes ongoing support, regular diabetes through a structured, products are formulated to pro- of physical activity and pro- monitoring, and strategies for

> weight management is crucial. of factors, including participant Sus- motivation, adherence to the Loss program, and access to appropriport and education. This includes: TDR phase, participants transi- program has shown promising tion to a sustained weight loss results, it's not a one-size-fits-all

HEALTH

Tooth inflammation causes stroke in young people,

according to a Finnish study



Prevention of stroke!

A new Finnish study has bacteria into the bloodstre- Alzheimer's drug, Lecaneous form of gum disease, to the risk of stroke in suscep- of the disease. an increased risk of stroke tible individuals. The study mic stroke (CIS), a type of risks. stroke with unknown caulink between recent inva- drug will arrive sive dental procedures and Finland next year? an increased risk of stroke. especially in people with a heart defect called patented foramen ovale (PFO). Researchers believe that the inflammation caused by periodontitis may play a role in the development of blood clots, which can lead to stroke. Additionally, dental procedures can introduce

Alzheimer's disease is a devastating disease gradually takes away memory and thinking ability. Although there is no perfect cure yet, there is light at the end of the tunnel on the horizon. The US Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has approved a new

linked periodontitis, a seri- am, potentially increasing mab, for the early treatment

Lecanemab is a so-calin young adults. The resear- emphasized the importance led disease-modifying drug ch, published in the Journal of good oral health, especi- that removes plaque from of Dental Re-search, found ally for young people. Re- the brain, so-called betathat people aged 18 to 49 gular dental check-ups and -amyloid. These plaques with periodontitis were si- proper oral hygiene can have been linked to the degnificantly more likely to help prevent periodontitis velopment of Alzheimer's suffer cryptogenic ische- and its associated health disease. Although the drug has not yet been shown to prolong the life of patients se. The study also found a **The new Alzheimer's** or cure the disease, it has in shown promising results by slowing the progression of the disease.

> Lecanemab has shown in clinical trials to significantly reduce amyloid plaques in the brain. This is an important step forward, as previous studies have suggested that amyloid plaques are a key factor in the pathology of Alzheimer's disease. While Leca-

nemab is a promising drug, it's important to remember that it's not yet widely available. The safety and efficacy of the medicine still need to be studied in more detail. Additionally, the price may be high at first, which may limit its availability.

In Finland, lecanemab is expected to arrive next year if it is approved by the Finnish Medicines Agency Fimea, but the introduction of the drug will require careful evaluation and a clear selection of patients.

It is important to emphasize that research into Alzheimer's disease is ongoing and that new treatments are being developed all the time. Lecanemab is one of the promising alternatives. but it is not yet the solution to all problems for people with Alzheimer's disease. More research and development is needed to defeat Alzheimer's once and for

However, there is reason to hope that in the future there will be opportunities for more effective treatments and even prevention of the disease.

NB:

This article does not replace the information provided by the doctor. People with Alzheimer's disease should discuss their treatments with their own do-

ROAD CHURCH



St. Nicholas Church (Vaasa)

St. Nicholas Church in Vaasa is a stunning example of English Gothic architecture, designed by architect Carl Axel Setterberg. The church was consecrated on September 9, 1866 (according to the old calendar) in honor of St. Nicholas the Wonderworker.

Interior and Furnishings

The church's interior and furnishings are mainly donations from merchant Lisizin and church items acquired from St. Petersburg. The iconostasis was constructed based on drawings by Professor G. Solnzev of the St. Petersburg Academy of Arts. The chandelier in the church hall is a gift from the Valamo Monastery after our recent wars.

Open

Open: June 25 - August 2, 2024, Mon-Fri 11:00-16:00

Services

Tue, August 6, 2024, 10:00: Liturgy. Transfiguration of Christ. Welcome to the service!

Address

Nikolainkuja 1, 65100 Vaasa

Other Events

Mon, July 29, 2024: Korsholm Music Festival: Papa Bach and Father Mozart

Welcome to visit St. Nicholas Church and enjoy its peaceful atmosphere and beautiful architecture!

ART HISTORY

Fanny Churberg: A Painter with Her Whole Heart

Fanny Churberg was born on December 12, 1845, in what was then Nikolainkaupunki, now known as Vaasa. She was the third child in a family of seven, where her father, Matias Christian Churberg, was a doctor, and her mother, Maria Ulrika Perander, was a homemaker. Four of the children died young, and Fanny grew up with her two younger brothers, Waldemar and Torsten.

As a teenager, she was sent to Porvoo to attend school at Emma Christina Perander's girls' boarding school from 1857 to 1859. She also attended a girls' school in Vyborg from 1860 to 1861. Her mother died in 1858, when Fanny was only 12 years old, and her father passed away in 1865, when Fanny was 20. The siblings moved to Helsinki to live with their aunt. Fanny was possibly engaged to Berndt Lindholm, but they never married.

In Helsinki, Fanny Churberg began her art studies by taking private lessons. Her teachers included Selma Schaeffer and Alexandra Frosterus-Såltin (1865–1866), Emma Gyldén and Berndt Adolf Lindholm (1866–1867). She continued her studies as a private student under Carl Ludwig from 1867 to 1868 and from 1871 to 1874 in Düsseldorf, Germany, which had a prestigious art academy. However, she always returned to Finland to paint during the summers. She was also one of the first Finnish artists



to study in Paris. Churberg was a private student of Vilhelm von Gegerfelt in Paris in 1876. In 1878, she visited the Paris World's Fair, and her interest in folk art grew.

Churberg is one of the most significant figures in Finnish art history. Her short but intense career left a lasting mark on the national art scene. Churberg's work is exceptionally powerful and personally marked, and her paintings continue to fascinate and inspire.

Churberg was one of the bold wo-



men of her time who broke traditional gender roles. She studied art in Düsseldorf, which was rare for women at the time. Her years in Germany strengthened her interest in landscape painting, which later became her main style.

In Churberg's paintings, nature is more than just a background; it is the main character. She captured the deepest essence of Finnish nature, its light, colors, and moods. Her works contain both strength and rawness, but also deep love and understanding.

Churberg's most famous paintings include "After the Thunderstorm," "Autumn in Porvoo," and "Pine Forest." These works are like win-

dows to another world, where nature is both beautiful and frightening, calm and stormy. Churberg managed to convey a holistic experience to the viewer that lingers long.

Unfortunately, Churberg's artistic career was cut short for several reasons, including her brother's and her own illness. Her career ended in 1880. Before that, however, she had painted about 300 works. She died in 1892. Her death was a great loss to the art world, although her significance to Finnish art became clear only in the early 20th century.

In Arena magazine, issue 1 in 1920, Signe Tandefelt wrote a long article about Fanny Churberg. The last paragraph of the article reads: "The intensity that she put into all her work throughout her life, in external and internal experiences, could not help but consume her vitality and by 1892 it was forever gone. Her continuous, tireless life full of work, Fanny Churberg devoted only a few years to artistic creation, but what she produced during those years belongs to the best and most personal Finnish art."

Fanny Churberg remains one of the brightest stars in Finnish art. Her work continues to inspire and amaze generations.

(Source: e.g., Wikipedia)

RUSSIAN WAR AGAINST UKRAINE

We Must Inflict Maximum Damage on All Russian Positions, and We Are Doing That - Address by the President



I wish you good health, are doing that. I thank each of fellow Ukrainians!

The main points. There have and for resilience. Commanalready been several reports der-in-Chief Syrskyi reported by Commander-in-Chief Syr- on our defensive steps in the skyi about the frontline si- Donbas: Pokrovsk and Toretsk tuation and our operation in directions. As well as our adthe Kursk region. We see that vance in the Kursk region. We License: Creative Commons Attributhe occupier is suffering los- are eliminating the Russian tion-NonCommercial-NoDerivatives ses, and this is helpful, very military presence in the area helpful for our defense. It is of our operations there, and about destroying the logistics replenishing "the exchange of the Russian army and drai- fund" for our state. ning their reserves. We must inflict maximum damage on

our warriors for their precision, I thank them for strength

Second. The new Ambasall Russian positions, and we sadors of the partner countri-

es - Belgium, India, the Netherlands, Slovakia, Italy, and Mexico – have arrived to work in Ukraine. I have received their letters of credence and am grateful for the clear support of our territorial integri- Satan interfered ty and international law. Also the Paris Olympics today, I held several meetings The Moscow newspapers tell us that regarding our further diplo- Satan caused the failure of the Olymmatic efforts aimed at bringing peace for Ukraine closer, a just peace, and at protecting this Olympics has surpassed any our people. We are preparing Olympics ever held. There were some news.

And one more thing for today, which is extremely im- first place. I have a nasty overall impportant. I spoke with members ression." of the Council of Churches This report was published in the and Religious Organizations. And I am grateful for their - An athlete got wet in the bay, drank support of our course towards water and got sick. Now let's consispiritual independence Ukraine. A draft law has been ced the IOC: submitted to the Verkhovna Rada; it can actually guaran- **Ex-President** tee that there will be no ma- dev ill nipulation of the Ukrainian According to information in Rus-Church by Moscow. This draft sian Telegram channels, ex-president law should work and contribute to the unity of Ukraine, our true spiritual unity.

I thank everyone who is st- 2 years left. rengthening the independence of Ukraine!

Glory to Ukraine!

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RUSSIA

Strange

pic Games in Paris.

Russian national team coach Pokrovskaya is said to have said: "I think problems in TGokyo as well, but they were somehow solved quickly... Has Satan come to earth? And then the queue at these games was in the

newspaper "Ura".

Some readers comment:

of der together whether Satan influen-

Medve-

Dmitry Medvedev is seriously ill. He has been diagnosed with prostate cancer that has metastasized to several organs. According to Russian doctors, he has a maximum of

Putin is considering banning dollars. And divorces.

According to what is expected, dollars and euros will be banned in Russia this autumn. In other words, no Russians are allowed to have dollar or euro banknotes. In addition, divorce will be banned. And childless people will receive an infertility tax of 9%. All to counteract the population decline.

RUSSIAN WAR AGAINST UKRAINE

TASS a few days before the Russian invasion into Ukraine TASS 20 Feb 2022, 22:56

Russia not invading Ukraine and has no such plans — Russian ambassador to US

and continues declare its through problems Antonov said

20. /TASS/. Russia has no plans of any "invasion" of Ukraine and is not implementing it now, Russian tes.," he said. Ambassador to the United States Anatoly Antonov said in an interview with CBS.

"There such plans," said.

"The leadership of our has repeatedly country declared and continues to declare its readiness to continue solving outstanding problems through diplomacy. <...> Every state has the right to protect its territory and borders. The Russian

The leadership of Federation, the United Staour country has re- tes, or any other country is no exception. Russian declared troops are on our sovereign to territory. We don't threaten anyone. Why do other countries try to dictate to continue us where can we deploy solving outstanding our troops and how many. I would like to emphasize once again that this is our diplomacy, Anatoly own territory. Can one even imagine that Russia will demand the U.S. not to deploy WASHINGTON, February its troops in Alaska or Florida? I am sure that such a requirement would be unacceptable for the United Sta-

We don't threaten anyone.

The interview was aired **no** on CBS on Sunday. The **he** transcript released later demonstrated that the TV company has abridged Antonov's answers. The interview was not aired live.

> The West and Kiev have recently been echoing allegations about Russia's po-Kremlin Spokesman Dmitry Peskov castigated these claims as "empty and un-



to escalate tensions

founded", serving as a ploy Ukraine would have serious consequences.

Peskov pointed out that Russia did not pose any threat whatsoever to anyone.

Peskov pointed out that consequences." Russia did not pose any threat whatsoever to anyone. However, Peskov did not rule out the possibility of provocations aimed at tential invasion of Ukraine. justifying such claims and warned that attempts to use military force to resolve the crisis in southeastern

Comment:

"Peskov warned that attempts to use military force to resolve the crisis in southeastern Ukraine would have serious

Yes. He was perfectly right. It did have serious consequenses. Abova all for Russia.

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The best AI is yet to be decided



intelligence, a handful te. of models have emerversatile AI assistants. GPT-3.5, GPT-4, GPT-4.0, Gemini Pro, Moweaknesses.

As the AI industry continues to advance at breakneck speed, the question of

In the rapidly evolving which model reigns supre- ability to engage in more For now, the crown of

GPT-3.5 and GPT-4, detop spot, each with boasts enhanced reasoning AI interactions. its own strengths and abilities and improved con-

in certain appli--cations, ticularly sing.

Monica, niche for itself it. with its focus

re dia-logues sets it apart.

veloped by OpenAI, have Anthropic, has gained re- bution to the field. As these -ged as frontrunners garnered significant atten- cognition for its strong em- technologies continue to in the race to create tion for their im-pressive phasis on safety and ethical advance, users and deve-lothe most capable and natural language processing considerations. With buil- pers alike will need to carecapabilities. GPT-3.5 offers t-in safeguards and a com- fully consider their specific a good balance of perfor- mitment to responsible AI requirements and ethical -mance and cost-effective- development, Claude 3.5 conside-rations when chooness, making it accessible appeals to users who prio- sing an AI model. nica, and Claude 3.5 to a wider range of users. ritize trustworthiness and are all vying for the GPT-4, on the other hand, ethical align-ment in their from settled, and the best

> text understanding, but co- nue to evolve, their relative even greater breakthroughs mes with a heftier price tag. strengths and weaknesses in artificial intelligence, one Google's Gemini Pro has shift. GPT-4.0, for instance, thing is certain: the race to entered the fray with pro- promises even greater capa- create the ultimate AI assismising multimodal capabi- bilities than its predecessor, tant is far from over. lities, able to process and but details remain scarce.

generate both The rapid pace of develotext and images. pment means that today's This versatility leader could be overtaken gives it an edge by tomorrow's innovation.

Each model presents its par- own set of advantages and those drawbacks. While some requiring visual excel in raw pro-cessing understanding power and breadth of knoalongside lan- wledge, others shine in guage proces- specific domains or in their appro-ach to user interaca tion. The "best" AI ultimalesser-known tely depends on the specific contender, has needs and values of the user carved out a or organization deploying

As researchers push the on emot-ional boundaries of what's possiintelligence ble in AI, we can expect to and empathy in see even more powerful and conversations. sophisticated models emer-While it may ge. The competition betnot match the ween these AI giants drives raw processing innovation, pushing each to power of some improve and differentiate itcompetitors, its self from the pack.

landscape of artificial me remains open for deba- nuanced, emotionally awa- "best AI" remains unclaimed, with each model offe-Claude 3.5, developed by ring its own uni-que contri-

The AI landscape is far may indeed be yet to come. As these models conti- As we stand on the cusp of

20 Everyday Abbreviations You Need to **Know (and Maybe a Few You Don't)**



Abbreviations are eve- 6. rywhere these days. From mation (A heads-up for texting acronyms to tech- someone) nical jargon, those handy 7. 3-letter (and sometimes Time of Arrival (Lets you longer) combos can be con- know when to expect sofusing if you're not in the meone) know. But fear not, fellow 8. abbreviation adventurer! (Formal request for a re-This article will equip you sponse to an invitation) with the knowledge to de- 9. cipher 20 of the most com- Document Format (A mon abbreviations you'll common file format for encounter in everyday life. documents)

- 1. LOL: Laughing Out Loud (This one might already be a classic for many!)
- 2. BRB: Be Right Back (Perfect for a quick bathroom break during a chat)
- OMG: Oh My God (Expresses surprise or strong emotion)
- IMHO: In My Humble Opinion (A way to preface your opinion politely)
- As Possible (Lights a fire under someone... nicely)

- FYI: For Your Infor-
- ETA: Estimated
- RSVP: Please Reply
- PDF: Portable
- JPG: Joint Photo-10. graphic Experts Group (A popular image file format)
- GIF: Graphics Interchange Format (Another image format, known for animations)
- 12. TIFF: Tagged Image File Format (Used for high-quality images)
- WWW: World Wide 13. Web (The foundation of the internet we know)
- HTTP: Hypertext Transfer Protocol (The ** ASAP:** As Soon language webpages use to talk)
 - 15. GPS: Global Positi-

oning System (Helps you navigate the world)

- ATM: Automa-16. ted Teller Machine (Your friendly neighborhood cash dispenser)
- 17. DIY: Do It Yourself (For the handy folks out there)
- 18. VIP: Very Important Person (Someone who gets special treatment)
- TBA: To Be Announced (Stay tuned for more information)
- TBD: To Be Determined (We're still figuring things out)

This is just a taste of the abbreviation world, with these 20 under your belt, you'll be well on your way to deciphering the everyday lingo, from casual texts to technical documents. So, the next time you see an abbreviation that leaves you scratching your head, remember this list and keep on exploring

the wonderful world of shorthand communication!

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DPE FOR AUGUST 202

19) You'll be the life of every barbecue, Aries! Just remember: the grill master controls the tongs and your ego. Try not to

Taurus (April 20 - May 20)

Your determination is legendary, Taurus, but maybe it's time to admit that the lawn chair assembly instructions aren't a personal vendetta against you.

Gemini (May 21 - June Social butterfly? More like social dragonfly this month! You'll flit from event to event, dazzling everyone. Just don't forget where you parked your broomstick.

Cancer (June 21 - July 22)

Home is where the heart is, Cancer, and also where the A/C is. Let others battle the heat while you become a blanket burrito with a book.

Leo (July 23 - August 22) August is your month to roar, Leo! Just make sure your majestic mane

doesn't get too tangled in boldly. But maybe pack your party hat. It's hard to be the life of the party when you're stuck in a tinsel trap.

Virgo (August 23 - September 22) Organization is your game, Virgo, but even you can't alphabetize the clouds. Take a break from your color-coded planner and enjoy some spontaneous sunbathing.

Libra (September 23 -October 22) Balance is key, Libra, but if you spend any more time weighing the pros and cons of watermelon versus cantaloupe, summer will be over. Just pick a fruit!

Scorpio (October 23 -November 21) Your mysterious allure will be in full force, Scorpio. Be careful though, too much brooding by the pool can lead to unwanted tan lines... and conspiracy theories.

Sagittarius (November 22 - December 21) Adventure calls, Sagittarius! Whether it's hiking a new trail or trying the latest ice cream flavor, go

a map and a Lactaid, just in case.

Capricorn (December 22 - January 19) Work hard, play hard, Capricorn. Just remember, your boss doesn't need a 15-slide Power-Point on why your beach day was productive. Enjoy the sand between your toes!

Aquarius (January 20 -February 18) Your inventive spirit will have you devising the perfect summer cocktail. Just ensure it doesn't involve a chemistry set or you might end up reinventing the hangover.

Pisces (February 19 -March 20) Dreamy Pisces, August is perfect for your daydreams. Just don't let them take you so far away that you forget sunscreen. Sunburns are real, even in fantasy lands.

Enjoy the quirky twists and turns of August, and remember: it's all in the stars, but you control the sunscreen!

HUMOUR ONE HUNDRED YEARS AGO

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Two newly married young wives sit and chat. One talks about his marriage: »Think - my husband is twice as old as me, it's a shame anyway!» The other: How old is he then?? — Yes, I'm 22(!) as you know and he's 44. Isn't whole bunch of them, and that right??

— Yes, they're terrible think when you'll be 44, then he'll be — 88 years old!!!

FOOD AND DRINKS

Some Americans were hiking in the Scottish Highlands. The provisions ran out, so one of the participants was sent to the nearest town to get provisions for a week. He returned with 20 whole John buy some flowers to celeb-Beggs whiskey and a loaf of bread. When he showed his companions what he had bought, one of them exclaimed: - excellent, but who the hell is going to eat the bread?

CHILDREN AS POSTMEN

"Where have you been, my little darling?" asked little Albert's mother, when he came home after being gone for a couple of hours. "Yes, we were out with Kalle and Olle playing postman," answered the darling.

"So! How did it happen then?"

»Well, we went around to all the houses around here and put letters in all the boxes.»

"But were they really real letters?"

»Yes then!»

»Where did you get them then?»

»Yes, yes, we found them in mother's desk drawer. It was open, and they were so beautiful, and there was a they were tied with cut silk ribbons».

DAMN LUCK

- Hello, my lord, cried the energetic flower seller, buy some flowers for your darling.
- I have no sweetheart, said the young man.
- Then buy some flowers for your wife.
- I have no wife.
- Well, lucky cheese, then rate your damn luck.

Astronomical image of the week:



Hubble's Views of Spiral Galaxy

Face-on spiral galaxy, NGC 1087.

In Hubble's images, the gas and dust show up as hazy dark brown lanes. following the same spiral shapes. Its images are about the same resolution as Webb's, but the gas and dust obscure a lot of the smaller-scale star formation. The cores of Hubble's image may appear yellow, washing the central region in a soft glow and fully obscuring individual points of light. Hazy brown dust lanes may also cover part of this area. In Hubble's images, older stars are emitting some of the longest wavelengths of visible light Hubble captures, which is why the color assignments are different. (Compare the wavelengths of light Hubble and Webb observe.)

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