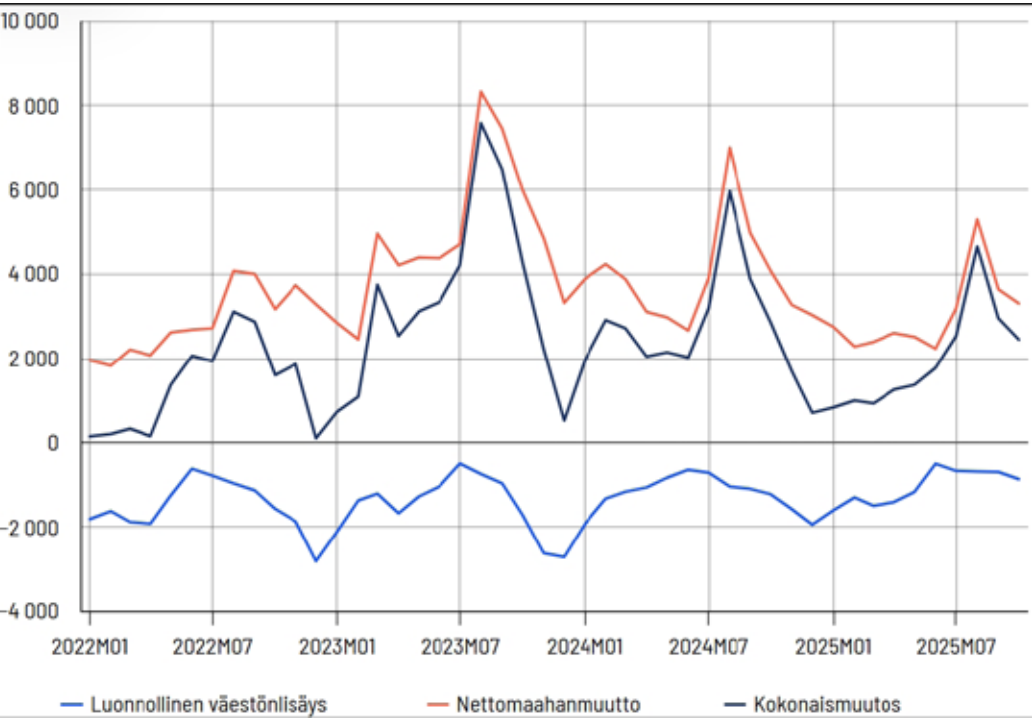


STATISTICS

Finland’s preliminary population figure was 5,655,715 at the end of October 2025



Finland’s population is growing thanks to immigration. At the end of October 2025, Finland’s population was 5,655,715, according to recent preliminary data from Statistics Finland. The population grew by 19,744 persons during January–October. This growth is mainly due to migration gain: 42,954 persons immigrated to Finland from abroad in January–October, while 12,740 emigrated from Finland.

During this period, there were 38,575 births and 48,977 deaths, so the difference between the birth rate and the mortality rate was negative. In other words, natural population growth reduced the total population, but immigration masked the decline in the birth rate and kept the overall population growth on the positive side. Experts point out that this development confirms previous forecasts: at the current level of net immigration, Finland’s population growth could increase the population

CHRISTMAS CAROLS

Sing Christmas carols with the Vaasa City Orchestra at Rewell – free admission



The Vaasa City Orchestra warmly welcomes everyone to the Christmas Sing Along event, which will be held on Wednesday 3 December at 6 pm at the Rewell Shopping Centre.

During the evening, the audience will be able to sing the most beloved and atmospheric Christmas carols together with the orchestra. The participants are the Vaasa City Orchestra, conductor Petri Sakari, soloist Serene Erhie and host the legendary Hippi Hovi.

There will be the joy of singing together, beautiful tunes and the magical atmosphere of Christmas – just what we need in the darkest time of the year. Wonderful orchestral arrangements and singing together will make the evening unforgettable.

Program (duration approx. 60 min):
En etsi valtaa, loistoa • Joulun kellot • Santa Claus Is Coming to Town • Konstan joululaulu • Hanget korkeat nietokset • Rauhaa vain rauhaa • Sy-dämeen joulun teen • Tonttu • Sleigh Ride • Marian poika • Sylvian joulu-laulu • Tulkoon joulu • Varpunen jouluaamuna
Source: Vaasa.fi

VAASA

Electric scooter rental

The Vaasa Urban Environment Committee has approved the new permit terms for renting electric scooters. There were no major changes to the conditions that were on display in October. The new terms and conditions are valid from 1 January 2026.

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to 6.5 million by 2070. Although the birth rate remains low and the population is ageing, immigration has become a crucial factor in maintaining population growth. Without migration gain and net patient income, the population would be declining in 2025. The situation raises questions from the perspective of public services, labour and integration, among other things. Political decision-makers and authorities must prepare more clearly for demographic changes and ensure that the growing population is secured through functional housing conditions and services – and that immigrants are integrated into Finnish society.

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UNIVERSITY OF VAASA

University of Vaasa and Hitachi to cooperate

The University of Vaasa and Hitachi Energy Finland Oy have signed an extensive strategic agreement on education and research cooperation, the university announces on 24 November.

The agreement applies especially to teaching, the recruitment of experts and research projects. One of the key forms of cooperation is the CoDoc model, in which doctoral students complete their doctoral dissertations in close interaction with the company.



Hitachi and the university intend to work together to develop solutions that support the green transition and sustainable development. Research collaboration strengthens innovations and aims to bring new technologies to the energy industry. The agreement also includes a commitment to societal impact and the strengthening of regional intellectual capital. Matti Vaattovaara, CEO of Hitachi Energy Finland, describes the agreement as “a natural continuation of years of close partnership” and emphasizes its importance for both academia and industry. Minna Martikainen, Rector of the University of Vaasa, emphasizes that the collabo-

ration supports the university’s strategic goals: “The strategic partnership with Hitachi Energy is a significant step towards the green transition and building a sustainable future.” The agreement aims to strengthen the role of the Vaasa region as a centre of energy technology and increase competitiveness through long-term knowledge building. The new partnership offers students and researchers the opportunity to participate in high-quality projects and develop their careers in globally significant areas of energy. PHOTO: CEO Matti Vaattovaara and Vice President Mika Grundström. University of Vaasa. Image free to use.

Image of the Week:



Four weeks to Christmas!

INDEPENDENCE DAY

Vaasa invites you to a traditional celebration – and children’s day party at the City Hall



On Saturday, 6 December, Vaasa will celebrate Independence Day with a wide range of activities – from solemn ceremonies to a child-friendly day party at the City Hall.

The day will begin with a solemn flag raising at the traditional wall at Kasarmi Square at 09.00. After that, a

bilingual service will be held in the Trinity Church at 10:00 a.m., in cooperation between the city’s parishes. The service will be followed by the laying of wreaths at the memorial in the cemetery at 11.30 a.m. – a minute’s silence and a grateful thought to the country’s war heroes. For those who wish, the celebration will continue at Vähäkylä Church, where

another service with wreath-laying will be held at 11:00, with Scouts and reservists present. Afterwards, there will be refreshments in the parish hall. But the day is not just serious and festive – for families with children, the city also organises a children’s party at the City Hall between 14:00 and 16:00. The popular party has become a tradition in

recent years. The programme includes circus performances by the Sweet Circus group at 2 and 3 pm, as well as workshops where children can try circus tricks and equipment. There is also a circus-themed photo corner, and lemonade is served free of charge to all visitors. The event is open to everyone and has free admission. For those looking for music and reflection, the celebration continues during the evening with a concert in Brändö church at 15.00, with patriotic songs. At the same time, a Finnish-language mass will be held in the Trinity Church at 16:00. The day ends with the students’ torchlight procession along Raastuvankatu to the Statue of Liberty, with a gathering at 16.40, followed by the student unions’ solemn greeting at 17.00 at the statue, with speeches and choir singing. With this broad programme – from quiet devotional and solemn ceremonies to playful elements for children and fellowship for young people – Vaasa wants to invite all residents to celebrate Independence Day together. Source: vaasa.. fi

UNEMPLOYMENT

October Employment Bulletin: Unemployment is rising, still the lowest in mainland Finland

At the end of October, there were a total of 8,491 unemployed jobseekers in the regions of Ostrobothnia and Central Ostrobothnia, which was 635 more than a year earlier. On the other hand, compared to the previous month, the number decreased slightly, by 16 people

The share of unemployed jobseekers in the labour force in the region was 7.4%, which is the lowest of all the ELY Centre areas in Mainland Finland.

At the same time, the number of open job vacancies plummeted: in October, there were 1,281 vacancies in the region, which is 616 fewer than a year ago – a decrease of 32.5%. The number of people laid off full-time was 636, which is 83 fewer than a year ago, or -11.5% per year.

The number of long-term unemployed continued to grow. The number of persons who had been unemployed without interruption for more than a year was 2,873, up 576 on the previous year. The number of persons who had been unemployed continuously for more than two years was 1,363, an increase of 240 persons in a year. Unemployment in the region increased by 8.1% in a year, which is slightly less than the national average (+10%).

Statistics show that although unemployment in the region increased, it was still clearly lower in relative terms than the national level. The decrease in job vacancies, on the other hand, highlights the challenges of job search and the tightening of the labour market. The increase in long-term unemployment is also a cause for concern. Employment and Economic Development Services pay particular attention to the availability of vacancies and the activation of the long-term unemployed, as employment development is not only a question of the unemployed – it is also a question of a reduction in the supply of work.

However, the lowest unemployment rate in the region provides a framework for optimism: although the employment situation is deteriorating, the starting level is still stronger than in many other regions. At its core, it offers an opportunity for a faster recovery if vacancies are re-available and support services for jobseekers are activated effectively.

The Ostrobothnia Centre for Economic Development, Transport and the Environment publishes its Employment Bulletin monthly and closely monitors the development of the Employment Service Statistics.

Source: Ostrobothnia Centre for Economic Development, Transport and the Environment | Centre for Economic Development, Transport and the Environment in Ostrobothnia

Orange Days: a global fight to end violence against women



The story behind Orange Days

In 1999, the UN Secretary-General launched the international campaign Orange Days against Violence Against Women in 1999. The campaign is part of the UN's initiative to eliminate violence against women and girls, which has a deep-rooted history in the global struggle for human rights. The Orange Days begin every year on 25 November, the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women, and end on 10 December, International Human Rights Day. The symbolic color orange represents a non-violent future and calls for action and awareness. During the campaign, events, seminars and lighting of buildings around the world will be held in orange to draw attention to the problem.

Violence against women: a global crisis

Violence against women is one of the most common human rights violations in the world. It takes many forms—physically, psychologically, financially, and sexually—and affects women of all ages and social classes. The UN estimates that one in three women in the world has been subjected to some form of violence during her lifetime. In many societies, violence is normalising and victims do not always have access to legal or social support. To combat this, the UN and other international organisations have been working to raise awareness and involve both governments and civil society.

Link to Human Rights Day

On Human Rights Day, 10 December, the UN Universal Declaration of Human Rights in 1948 is adopted. The fact that the Orange Days campaign ends on this very day highlights the link between violence against women and human rights violations. The right to live free from violence is a fundamental human right, and the campaign emphasises the importance of protecting it. Finland and violence against women Despite its reputation as one of the most equal countries in the world, Finland has a dark side when it comes to violence against women. According to statistics for 2022, one in ten Finnish women has been a victim of domestic violence. This is a challenge that requires a coordinated response from both public authorities and civil society. Early intervention, victim support and awareness-raising campaigns are key to breaking the cycle of violence.

Vaasa participates in the campaign

The City of Vaasa is also actively participating in this year's Orange Days campaign. The city has illuminated two of its landmarks – the Alskattie pedestrian and bicycle bridge and the De Geer artwork at the end of Kauppapuistikko – with orange light as part of a global movement. The aim is to raise awareness and show solidarity with victims of violence all over the world. Orange Days is not just a symbolic campaign, but a call to action. It reminds us that violence against women is something that affects us all – as members of society, neighbours and fellow human beings. By supporting victims, reporting suspected violence and participating in such campaigns, we can all help create a world where women and girls can live in safety and dignity.

Let's take note of the message behind the orange light that illuminates the bridges and artworks in Vaasa: violence against women must stop – and it is a fight that we must all participate in.

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KORSNÄS

Survey on offshore wind power



Residents are allowed to express their opinion on the Korsnäs project.t.

Metsähallitus and Vattenfall are moving forward with plans for an industrial-scale offshore wind farm off Korsnäs in the Gulf of Bothnia. The project also includes submarine cable routes and electricity transmission on the mainland. Now the stakeholders want to hear the residents' views: a comprehensive housing survey will be conducted on 17 November and 31 December 2025.

The survey, which is available online at app.maptionnaire.com/q/korsnas-kysely-2025, is aimed at both permanent residents and holiday residents in the project area. The aim is to get a picture of how the area is used today and what consequences the residents foresee in terms of recreation, living conditions and landscape changes, among other things. Other interested parties can also respond and provide comments on the effects of the project and on the various alternatives being investigated.

To facilitate participation, Metsähallitus is organising a number of open events in Korsnäs and along the planned cable and transmission line routes. On these occasions, visitors can get help to fill out the survey and ask questions about the project.

The events will be held according to the following schedule:
2.12 at 5–8 p.m. Yhdistystentalo, Teuva
3.12 at 17–20 Pörtom UF
4.12 at 17–20 UF Strimman, Långåminne
8.12 at 17–20 Byagården, Helsingby
15.12 at 5–8 p.m. Metsähallitus, Korsnäs
The Korsnäs project is one of the largest planned offshore wind power projects in Finland. The survey is seen as a key tool for gathering local perspectives before further decisions are made.

MALAX

Music in the churches in Malax for Christmas

The Christmas spirit spreads in Malax's churches with a series of concerts that offer both Finland-Swedish and Finnish music traditions.

The program begins on Sunday 30 November at 5 p.m. in Malax Church with an atmospheric Advent concert. On stage are Catrin Sjögren, Yngve Lithén, Fred Berg and Tom Håkans, who together open the Christmas period of the church year with classic Advent hymns and music in warm arrangements.

Joulun alla myös suomenkielinen musiikki saa tilaa. Perjantaina 5.12 klo 18 Maalahden kirkossa kuullaan konsertti Suomalaisten hengellisten laulujen konsertti, jossa esitetään rakastettuja suomalaisia hengellisiä lauluja ja joulunajan säveliä.

The traditional series The Most Beautiful Christmas Carols continues in several parts of the municipality.

On Wednesday 10.12 at 7 pm in Bergö church, the congregation will gather to sing the most beloved songs of Christmas.

On Thursday 11.12 at 7 pm in Petalax church, the songs will continue in the same spirit.

On Saturday 13.12 at 7 pm in Malax church, there will be another opportunity to sing along and listen to the well-known melodies

Viikon huipentaa Kauneimmat joululaulut Maalahden kirkossa sunnuntaina 14.12 klo 18, jolloin seurakuntalaiset voivat yhdessä virittäytyä joulun tunnelmaan suomalaisten joululaulujen kautta.

STATISTICS

The new median salary register illustrates what "median salary" means



According to the latest publication, the median salary of a Finnish wage and salary earner was EUR 3,611 per month in 2024.

But what does the median salary actually mean? In short, the median is the wage level below which half of the employees

earn and above which the other half earns.

Unlike the average – which is the sum of all wages and salaries divided by the number of people – the median is not distorted even if there is a small group of very high-paid people among them. This often makes the median salary a better picture of the "typical" wage earner.

For example, if there are a few very high-paid people in the

group, the average may give an overly optimistic picture of the general level of earnings. With the median, this illusion is left aside.

The median salary is an important tool in salary analyses and salary discussions: it shows the actual income level of employees and helps to compare salaries in different sectors and regions without distorting the results by a small group of top earners.

When the news or statistics talk about the median wage, remember: the figure corresponds to the salary earned by the "average worker" – not the average, which may cause top wages to raise the average unrealistically.

BOOKSTORES

Academic bookstore will soon be AdLibris



Swedish online bookstore AdLibris acquires the traditional Finnish Academic Bookstore. The acquisition strengthens AdLibris' position in Finland and at the same time brings consumers a new combination of online and brick-and-mortar stores.

AdLibris and Akateeminen are both part of the media group Bonnier Group. The change of ownership will take effect on 1 January 2026. According to the companies, the agreement will enable a better selection and services, as well as a lighter cost structure online and in brick-and-mortar stores.

tar stores.

Akateemis has four stores in Finland, in Helsinki, Espoo, Turku and Tampere – as well as an established online store. AdLibris, on the other hand, manages 24 stores in Sweden and also operates in Norway. The merger will bring AdLibris its first brick-and-mortar stores in Finland.

For example, the CEO of AdLibris has emphasized that Finland is an important market for the company. With the brand merger, the aim is to take advantage of Akateeminen's long history and reputed position as a bookstore, while bringing in the digital efficiency of AdLibris and a versatile ordering and distribution system.

BALTIC SEA

Christmas cruises to Tallinn pass through a devilish area. Report on the state of the Baltic Sea

The Baltic Sea has turned into a geopolitical "pressure cooker" in which security risks and environmental threats weaken the sea at the same time. A recent expert report warns that the Helsinki-Tallinn route, which carries millions of passengers every year, runs directly through the region, where Russia's hybrid operations create constant instability.

The report, "Operation Baltic Sea", published by the Toivo think tank and the Wilfried Martens Centre, emphasizes that passenger ships sail for an hour in the international exclusive economic zone, which Russia uses to bully host countries. This has recently manifested itself in airspace violations, GPS jamming and damage to critical undersea cables and pipes. According to experts, Russia's "boiling frog" strategy aims to normalize these low-threshold attacks and test the unity of the EU and NATO.

The "Shadow Fleet" threatens the archipelago with a catastrophe

In addition to geopolitical tension, the Baltic Sea faces an imminent risk of an environmental catastrophe caused by Russia's "shadow fleet". These often old, poorly insured tankers transport Russian oil in the Baltic Sea. According to Member of Parliament Pauli



Aalto-Setälä, an oil spill from a shadow fleet vessel would be "the greatest environmental threat to the Baltic Sea", which could destroy the fragile archipelago ecosystem for up to a hundred years. For example, in January 2025, the tanker Eventin, linked to the shadow fleet, had to be towed off Germany due to an engine failure, carrying 100,000 tons of oil. So far, however, international sanctions against shadow fleet enablers have been lacking.

Ympäristöyhteistyö halvaantunut erityyksen vuoksi

Turvallisuusuuhkien keskittyminen on sivuuttanut ympäristökysymykset, minkä lisäksi Venäjän eristämisen on halvaannuttanut alueellisen ympäristönsuojelun. Professori Nina Tynkkynen huomauttaa, että kun HEL-COM sulki Venäjän pois päätöksenteosta, yhteisten toimenpiteiden tehokkuus heikkeni. Venäjän valuma-alue, mukaan lukien Nevajoki, on silti merkittävä ravinne- ja öljykuormituksen lähde. Ilman Venäjän ympäristötie-toja ja yhteistä seurantaa, Itämeren tilan kokonaisarviointi heikkenee, mikä vaikeuttaa koko alueen suojelua.

Ilmastomuutos ja kotimainen kuormitus

Raportissa nostetaan esiin myös ilmastomuutoksen vaikutukset. Meren tutkija Jari Hännisen mukaan lämpimämmät ja sateisemmat talvet ovat tehneet Itämerestä makeamman, mikä uhkaa monien lajien selviytymistä.

Suomen ilmaston- ja ympäristöministeri Sari Multala puolestaan korostaa kansallisten toimien tärkeyttä. Hallituksen tavoitteena on poistaa Saaristomeren alueen maatalouden ravinnekuormitus HELCOMin ns. Hot Spot-listalta vuoteen 2027 mennessä, jolloin Suomi pääsisi eroon viimeisestä saastepisteestään listalla. Mul-tala kuitenkin muistuttaa, että Suomi ei voi yksin pelastaa Itämerä, vaan kansainvälinen yhteistyö on välttämätöntä.

Raportin loppusanoma on kuitenkin toiveikas: kun Itämeren demokraatiat tekevät tiivistä yhteistyötä ja puo-lustavat merta määrätietoisesti, alueen häiritäjä saadaan kuriin. Tavoitteena on pelastaa "ainutlaatuinen me-ri" tuleville sukupolville.

WELLBEING SERVICES COUNTIES

Google helps with the activities of the wellbeing services counties



The wellbeing services county of Central Uusimaa (Keusote) has announced that it will carry out a historically large-scale transition to Google technologies. More than 4,000 employees will switch to Google Workspace instead of Microsoft solutions during 2026–2027, says Keusote in its press release.

The goal is to move to a completely cloud-based work environment, which will allow for more flexible working from any device. Keusote's Chief Information and Digital Officer Antti Ylä-Jarkko describes the decision as "significant as a change in the patient information system".

Another significant reform is the democratisation of artificial intelligence: all

employees will have access to Google Gemini artificial intelligence without a separate licence cost. "When artificial intelligence becomes available to everyone as part of daily tools, it opens up completely new opportunities for improving the efficiency and quality of work. Nurses, doctors and administrative professionals can utilise artificial intelligence in their daily work without having to think about budgets or licences," Ylä-Jarkko continues.

Keusote estimates that within five years, the reform will generate savings of at least EUR 10 million in licensing, support service and workstation costs. The funds released are intended to be directed directly to nursing and the development of services.

Maria Borgström, Project Manager of the project, emphasises that the transition is not the easiest: "We are boldly going where few public sector actors have dared to go. This requires careful planning and strong change management, but we believe that this is the model of the future."

Keusote's project represents a new era of digitalisation and cloud technology in social welfare and health care – and can serve as a role model for other wellbeing services counties.

MEDICINE

Ozempic can be dangerous for your eyes

Ozempic, which enjoys great popularity as a diabetes medication and weight loss product, and the ingredient semaglutide it contains received an important warning from the European Medicines Agency (EMA). A possible, albeit very rare, side effect of the drug has been identified as the eye disease NAION (non-arteritic atic ischemic neuropathy).

WHAT IS NAION?

NAION is a serious but rare eye disease that damages the optic nerve. It originates from a disturbance in the blood supply to the optic nerve and can lead to sudden and per-

manent loss of vision in one eye. Usually, impaired vision is the only symptom of the disease and is not accompanied by pain. People with diabetes, high blood pressure or elevated blood lipid levels, for example, are at the highest risk of developing NAION. There is currently no permanent treatment for the disease.

The decision was taken by the EMA's Pharmacovigilance Committee (PRAC) after reviewing available data, including small studies suggesting an increased risk in patients taking semaglutide. It is important to emphasize that this is still a very rare side effect and that the majority of people who use the drug do not have any risk of it.

What does this mean for patients?

The most important thing is to be aware of the possible symptoms. If you experience a sudden decrease in vision, blurred vision or dark areas in your field of vision, contact your family doctor or ophthalmologist immediately. Always mention to your healthcare professional that you are taking a medicine containing semaglutide.

Finally, it can be said that all medications have possible side effects, and it is important to have regular medical check-ups and be aware of the possible risk factors in your own health. Although NAION is rare, it is essential that patients and doctors are aware of this potential connection in order to be able to act quickly if necessary.

THE WINTER WAR BEGAN 86 YEARS AGO

Moods in Finland on 30 November 1939

On November 30, 1939 - yesterday, 85 years ago - the Soviet Union launched a surprise and brutal attack on Finland. This day marks the beginning of the Winter War, a war that would define Finland, both as a nation and in the eyes of the world.

The initial attack shocked not only the Finns, but also international opinion. The bombing of Helsinki, Vyborg, Lahti and other places created chaos, grief and anger, but they also awakened a deep-rooted determination to fight for freedom and independence.

A nation in shock and mobilization
The news of the attack spread like wildfire through Finland. In Helsinki and other cities, sirens were heard, and residents rushed to bomb shelters or sought safety in panic. Air raid sirens followed one another, and in several cities, civilian targets were hit, including hospitals. Newspaper reports the next day testify to the devastation caused by the bombings, especially among women and children. Despite the shock, there was a clear realization that this war could not be avoided.
President Kyösti Kallio declared a state of emergency, and the country's defence forces were mobilised immediately. For the Finns, this was not just a military attack, but an existential crisis. As Foreign Minister Eljas Erkkö expressed in his speech to the United States: "We have no other way out than to fight for our freedom and existence."

International reactions
The attack on Finland aroused immediate disgust around the world. In the United States, President Roosevelt and Secretary of State Hull reported on the crisis and discussed possible measures against the Soviet Union. American public opinion was greatly outraged by the attack, especially given that the Soviets had violated a previous non-aggression pact without warning. In Europe, there were many expressions of sympathy for Finland. Denmark's King Christian sent his condolences to President Kallio, while Western newspapers condemned the Soviet action as a violation of international law and of fundamental human values.



The Soviet Union's propaganda machine tried to justify the attack with claims of Finnish provocations, but few outside the Soviet Union were convinced. Unity and fighting spirit While Finland was facing this national crisis, the people showed remarkable unity. All social classes were united in a common effort to defend the country. Although the Soviet Union was a military superpower and Finland a small nation, it was clear that the Finns would not give up without a fight. In Turku and other cities, initial reactions were marked by a certain distrust – could this really be the beginning of a full-scale war? But as soon as the first air raid sirens sounded and the official reports were confirmed, this distrust was replaced by decisiveness. Volunteers signed up in droves for the army, and the civilian population organized to support the defense efforts.

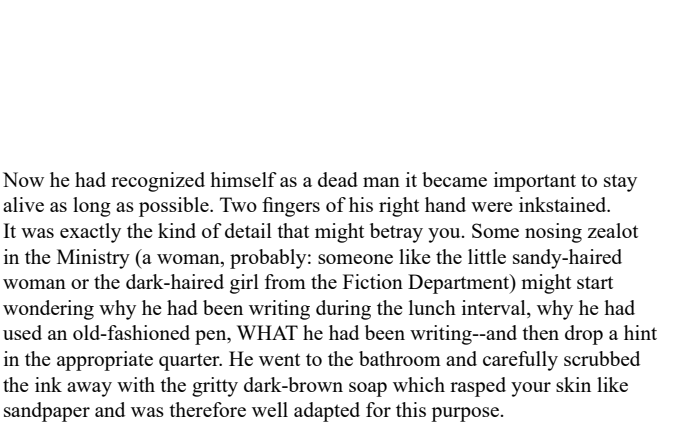
Historical perspectives
What followed on 30 November was one of the most heroic and talked about periods in Finland's history. Despite its inferiority in men and equipment, the Finnish army managed to resist the Soviet superiority for several months. This will to resist was not only rooted in military strategy, but in a deep-rooted desire to defend one's independence, one's way of life and one's national pride.

The attack of November 30, 1939, was not only the beginning of a war; it was the beginning of a story of courage, togetherness and perseverance that still forms the cornerstone of Finland's national identity today. The mood of that day, a mixture of sadness, anger, and determination, came to define an entire people's struggle against overwhelming odds.

George Orwell

1984

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Now he had recognized himself as a dead man it became important to stay alive as long as possible. Two fingers of his right hand were inkstained. It was exactly the kind of detail that might betray you. Some nosing zealot in the Ministry (a woman, probably: someone like the little sandy-haired woman or the dark-haired girl from the Fiction Department) might start wondering why he had been writing during the lunch interval, why he had used an old-fashioned pen. WHAT he had been writing—and then drop a hint in the appropriate quarter. He went to the bathroom and carefully scrubbed the ink away with the gritty dark-brown soap which rasped your skin like sandpaper and was therefore well adapted for this purpose.

He put the diary away in the drawer. It was quite useless to think of hiding it, but he could at least make sure whether or not its existence had been discovered. A hair laid across the page-ends was too obvious. With the tip of his finger he picked up an identifiable grain of whitish dust and deposited it on the corner of the cover, where it was bound to be shaken off if the book was moved.



Winston was dreaming of his mother.

He must, he thought, have been ten or eleven years old when his mother had disappeared. She was a tall, statuesque, rather silent woman with slow movements and magnificent fair hair. His father he remembered more vaguely as dark and thin, dressed always in neat dark clothes (Winston remembered especially the very thin soles of his father's shoes) and wearing spectacles. The two of them must evidently have been swallowed up in one of the first great purges of the fifties.

UKRAINE PRESIDENT

Russia Is Eager for Ukraine to Make Mistakes; We Won't Make Any – Address by the President



28 November 2025 - 17:27

Dear Ukrainians!

Just now – over the past few days – I have already held nearly twenty conversations with our partners, and every single one of them says the same thing: we are impressed by how Ukraine is holding on under the current pressure, by how Ukraine keeps fighting in pursuit of peace for its people, and in truth, for everyone in Europe, at the very least in Europe. Today, I spoke with the President of Finland. Alex briefed me on what Russia conveyed, both formally and informally, and on the conditions Russia is putting

paring for a meeting with the American side to discuss the steps needed to make peace a reality. And to ensure it is a dignified peace. And when all attention is focused on diplomacy and on defending ourselves in this war, we need internal strength. Internal strength is the foundation of our external unity and of our relations with the world.

I thank everyone who stands with Ukraine! I thank everyone who defends Ukraine now and always. I thank everyone who ensures that pressure is placed on Russia – on the cause of this war – and not on our state, not on our people, not on Ukrainians. Ukrai-

matters most. Russia is eager for Ukraine to make mistakes. We won't make any. Our work goes on. Our struggle goes on. We have no right to fall short, no right to retreat or turn on one another. If we lose our unity, we risk losing everything – ourselves, Ukraine, and our future. We must stand together. We must hold our ground. There is no other choice. There will never be another Ukraine. We defend Ukraine.

Glory to Ukraine!

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ART EXPERIENCE OF THE WEEK



Albert Edelfelt
21.7.1854, Kiialan kartano, Porvoon mlk
18.8.1905, Haikko, Porvoon mlk
Woman Sitting, Aino Ackté, 1900

At this moment his mother was sitting in some place deep down beneath him, with his young sister in her arms. He did not remember his sister at all, except as a tiny, feeble baby, always silent, with large, watchful eyes. Both of them were looking up at him. They were down in some subterranean place—the bottom of a well, for instance, or a very deep grave—but it was a place which, already far below him, was itself moving downwards. They were in the saloon of a sinking ship, looking up at him through the darkening water. There was still air in the saloon, they could still see him and he them, but all the while they were sinking down, down into the green waters which in another moment must hide them from sight for ever. He was out in the light and air while they were being sucked down to death, and they were down there because he was up there. He knew it and they knew it, and he could see the knowledge in their faces. There was no reproach either in their faces or in their hearts, only the knowledge that they must die in order that he might remain alive, and that this was part of the unavoidable order of things.

He could not remember what had happened, but he knew in his dream that in some way the lives of his mother and his sister had been sacrificed to his own. It was one of those dreams which, while retaining the characteristic dream scenery, are a continuation of one's intellectual life, and in which one becomes aware of facts and ideas which still seem new and valuable after one is awake. The thing that now suddenly struck Winston was that his mother's death, nearly thirty years ago, had been tragic and sorrowful in a way that was no longer possible. Tragedy, he perceived, belonged to the ancient time, to a time when there was still privacy, love, and friendship, and when the members of a family stood by one another without needing to know the reason. His mother's memory tore at his heart because she had died loving him, when he was too young and selfish to love her in return, and because somehow, he did not remember how, she had sacrificed herself to a conception of loyalty that was private and unalterable. Such things, he saw, could not happen today. Today there were fear, hatred, and pain, but no dignity of emotion, no deep or complex sorrows. All this he seemed to see in the large eyes of his mother and his sister, looking up at him through the green water, hundreds of fathoms down and still sinking.

Suddenly he was standing on short springy turf, on a summer evening when

the slanting rays of the sun gilded the ground. The landscape that he was looking at recurred so often in his dreams that he was never fully certain whether or not he had seen it in the real world. In his waking thoughts he called it the Golden Country. It was an old, rabbit-bitten pasture, with a foot-track wandering across it and a molehill here and there. In the ragged hedge on the opposite side of the field the boughs of the elm trees were swaying very faintly in the breeze, their leaves just stirring in dense masses like women's hair. Somewhere near at hand, though out of sight, there was a clear, slow-moving stream where dace were swimming in the pools under the willow trees.

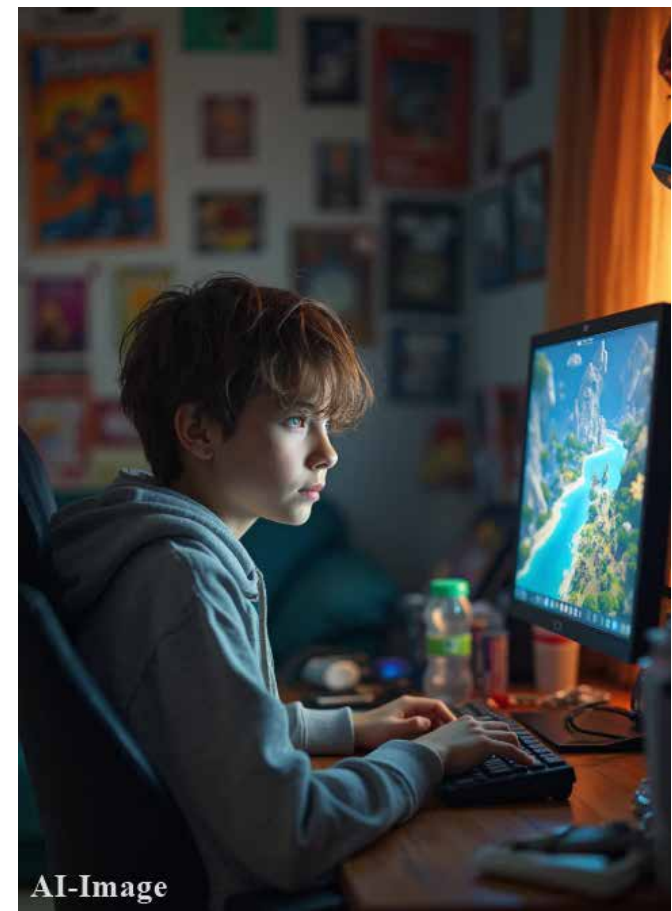
The girl with dark hair was coming towards them across the field. With what seemed a single movement she tore off her clothes and flung them disdainfully aside. Her body was white and smooth, but it aroused no desire in him, indeed he barely looked at it. What overwhelmed him in that instant was admiration for the gesture with which she had thrown her clothes aside. With its grace and carelessness it seemed to annihilate a whole culture, a whole system of thought, as though Big Brother and the Party and the Thought Police could all be swept into nothingness by a single splendid movement of the arm. That too was a gesture belonging to the ancient time. Winston woke up with the word 'Shakespeare' on his lips.

The telescreen was giving forth an ear-splitting whistle which continued on the same note for thirty seconds. It was nought seven fifteen, getting-up time for office workers. Winston wrenched his body out of bed—naked, for a member of the Outer Party received only 3,000 clothing coupons annually, and a suit of pyjamas was 600—and seized a dingy singlet and a pair of shorts that were lying across a chair. The Physical Jerks would begin in three minutes. The next moment he was doubled up by a violent coughing fit which nearly always attacked him soon after waking up. It emptied his lungs so completely that he could only begin breathing again by lying on his back and taking a series of deep gasps. His veins had swelled with the effort of the cough, and the varicose ulcer had started itching.

'Thirty to forty group!' yapped a piercing female voice. 'Thirty to forty group! Take your places, please. Thirties to forties!'

USING DATA

DNA: In Vaasa, young people use data up to 14 times more than older people



DNA published a new analysis that reveals significant differences in mobile data usage between different age groups in Finland's 50 largest municipalities. Young adults (18–29 years old) consume the most mobile data, with an average daily consumption of 2,975 megabytes (MB), while those over 80 only consume a few hundred megabytes.

Especially in Vaasa, DNA's statistics highlight a large

gap: young people use a huge amount of data compared to older people. The difference can be as much as 14-fold when comparing the average consumption of young and oldest age groups.

However, mobile data use is also increasing in older age groups. For example, according to DNA, 50–59-year-olds already have a daily data use of more than 1,000 MB in all the municipalities examined. Mikko Valtonen, Director of Mobile Business at STT Info DNA, sums up the situation: "Users can be roughly divided into th-

ree groups: young adults, middle-aged people and those approaching retirement age, whose data use is clearly lower."

There are major differences between municipalities. According to DNA's statistics, Raase, Savonlinna, Kotka, Tornio and Imatra, among others, belong to the group of young heavy consumers: 20–29-year-olds use more than 3,700 Mt per day in these municipalities. On the other hand, in Ylöjärvi, Tuusula and Vihti, for example, young people's data use is below the national average.

Valtonen also highlights the factors behind municipality-specific differences: the age structure, use of public transport and distances may explain why mobile data consumption is higher in certain areas. STT Info In addition, he emphasises that improved devices and networks will further increase data usage: better video quality consumes more, and more and more work, entertainment and social interaction are handled by phone.

DNA's statistics are based on billable consumer subscriptions for January–October 2025. The comparison is based on average daily data usage, but it is worth noting that the average is increased especially by very heavy consumers – i.e. not all users really consume the same amount.

In the end, DNA's data highlights one clear trend: young people are leading in the data age, but older generations are also joining in. This development reflects a broader digital transformation in which the mobile network is no longer just a privilege for young people.

FIKTIVE FANTASY

3I/ATLAS and satellites around Jupiter

When the object 3I/ATLAS streaked through the Solar System, most astronomers called it debris — a cosmic stone tossed by chance. But Professor Ana Ruiz, who had studied Avi Loeb's theories for years, saw something else: precision. The object entered the Jupiter system with a slowing that no fragment of rock could achieve.

Then the signals began. Jupiter's magnetosphere crackled as 3I/ATLAS released seven slender structures, each taking position like chess pieces around the giant planet.



Their orbits stabilized within hours. Humanity stared, breathless.

"What do they want with Jupiter?" the world demanded. Ana didn't have an answer — until she did. Jupiter, the great shield of the Solar System, absorbed more cometary impacts than every other planet combined. A perfect energy reservoir. A perfect beacon generator.

The satellites ignited. Vast arcs of plasma joined them in a glowing web, pulsing like a

heartbeat across the void. "They're using Jupiter as a lighthouse," Ana whispered. "A signal to someone far beyond us."

Not a threat. A message. But the question remained — to whom?

The final pulse blazed outward, brighter than any human transmission ever made. Ana stared at the light and shivered.

"It's not us they're talking to," she said. "It's someone who already knows them."

AI

AI-Generated Podcasts: A New Era in Audio Content

In the rapidly changing world of digital media, artificial intelligence (AI) continues to push boundaries and shape industries and redefine creative processes.

One of the most significant advancements is Google's NotebookLM, an advanced language technology that has the potential to revolutionize the podcast world. Its ability to produce high-quality audio content that matches that produced by humans opens up new and exciting possibilities for AI-powered storytelling, education, and entertainment.

The rise of AI-generated podcasts As the podcast industry grows at breakneck speed, content creators

and media companies are constantly looking for innovative tools to boost production and boost creativity. NotebookLM, which initially gained attention for its ability to produce high-quality texts, has now made the leap into audio content. This cutting-edge technology can produce podcasts that are almost indistinguishable from human creation, opening up new possibilities for the future.

NotebookLM The appeal of podcasts is based on a number of unique features that set them apart from traditional podcasts:

Natural sound: NotebookLM can produce audio content that mimics the natural rhythm and tone of human speech. This ensures a smooth experience for the listener, where it is difficult to detect that the podcast is generated by AI.

Variety of topics: Whether it's news, current events, or light sto-



ries, NotebookLM can cover a wide range of topics. Its flexibility makes it an ideal tool for content creators.

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HUMOUR ONE

HUNDRED YEARS AGO

MR WESTER

A well-known joker once came in company into a restaurant, where he saw a familiar gentleman named Wester sitting drinking toddy.

"Listen, Wester," he exclaimed, "can you tell me what is the resemblance between the sun and a toddy?"

"No", he replied. "Well, both go down in the west," was the answer.

HAPPY SWEAT

"Where are you from?" "From the station. I followed my sister-in-law." "But the other day you said that you never bothered with something like that for your sister-in-law's sake." "When she comes, yes, but when she leaves, it's something else entirely."

NO DETAILS THANKS!

The American billionaire was on a road trip around the world. "Where are we now?" he asked his driver as the dust swirled around the wheels. The driver leaned to the side and said: : Paris." "Oh," said the billionaire, "I don't care about any details. I mean which part of the world?"

WILD MAN

"Hello, old friend, were you lucky?" cried a man to an acquaintance who was coming from a hunt. "Shoot seventeen ducks." "Were they savages." "No, not exactly, but the man on whose land they were."

EAT CHEESE IN THE EVENING

Larsson: "I don't know why, but when I eat cheese in the evening, I can't sleep." Lisa: "With me, it's quite the opposite, when I sleep, I can't eat cheese."

THE WORK ALDAR

The priest; "There is nothing degrading about working, Jonas. Jonas; "No, I also always preach that to my wife.

LOGICAL

Elbert H. Gary, director of The United States Steel Corporation is known for his apt answers. A lady asked him one day: Do you think steel stocks will go up or down? Yes, was the answer, I think so. They rarely stand still and they cannot move to the side

GIFTED FAMILY

You are an incredibly talented family, said the polite guest. Your son plays the flute, your wife is a pianist and your daughter a violinist. What are you yourselves? Pessimistic, was the answer.

THUNDER WEATHER

The gentleman: There was a terrible thunderstorm last night...

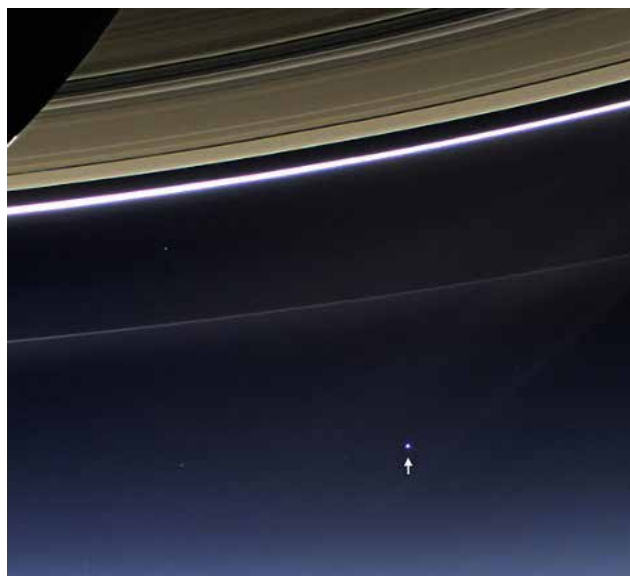
Wife: Oh, God, why didn't you wake me up? You know I can't sleep when the thunder goes!

SHORT DRESS

A new point of view. Mr. and Mrs. Mattson await guests for dinner and Mr. Mattson critically exami-

Astronomic picture of the week:

Earth as seen from Saturn by the Cassini spacecraft in 2013



Earth, which is 898 million miles (1.44 billion kilometers) away in this image, appears as a blue dot at center right; the moon can be seen as a fainter protrusion off its right side. An arrow indicates its location. The Saturn rings are in the upper part of this image. This is only the third time ever that Earth has been imaged from the outer solar system.

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Next week:



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