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DIALECTS

Dialect in the Classroom? New Dissertation Says It Can Boost Learning

Can pupils switch between dialect, standard Swedish and Finnish during lessons — and still learn more effectively? A new doctoral dissertation from the University of Jyväskylä suggests exactly that, challenging long-held assumptions about language use in Finland-Swedish schools.

Researcher Paulina Nyman-Koskinen followed a primary school class in Ostrobothnia, where the local Swedish dialect is a natural part of everyday communication. Her findings show that pupils move fluidly between dialect, standard Swedish and Finnish without disrupting the learning process. In many cases, this linguistic flexibility actually supports understanding, participation and confidence.

In the classroom, standard Swedish remains the teacher's main instructional language. Yet dialect surfaces constantly in peer conversations, group work and spontaneous exchanges. Finnish appears more selectively, often when pupils help each other find words or clarify concepts. Instead of seeing this mix as a problem, Nyman-Koskinen argues that it creates a "translanguaging space" — a learning environment where pupils can draw on their full linguistic repertoire.

According to the study, this multilingual reality has always existed in Finland-Swedish schools, but has rarely been examined systematically. The results challenge the idea that effective teaching requires strict monolingual norms. Instead, the dissertation suggests that dialects and additional languages can function as valuable resources that make learning more accessible and inclusive.

Nyman-Koskinen's dissertation has been publicly examined on 11 April 2026. The findings are expected to spark discussion about how teacher education and classroom practices should adapt to an increasingly multilingual Finland.
Källa: Jyväskylä University
Photo: Star Media



Image of the Week:



The Korsholm Music Festival performed at the Tempeliaukio Church in Helsinki

LOCAL NEWS

VAASA

Vaasa joins top research: can the shingles vaccine also protect against memory problems?

The people of Vaasa will soon have a unique opportunity to participate in a study that will find out whether the shingles vaccine can reduce the risk of memory disorders. The FINDEMENTIA study is now looking for volunteers aged 60-85 who have not previously received the shingles vaccine.

The study is based on international observations that the virus caused by shingles may affect brain health. Now Finnish researchers want to find out whether the vaccine also has a protective effect on memory functions.

Participation is free of charge and includes a health check-up, vaccination and follow-up visits. Those interested can register at fvr.fi/findementia and check if they meet the participation criteria.

If the link to the prevention of memory disorders is confirmed, it may be one of the most significant discoveries in promoting the health of the elderly.

KORSHOLM

Are you dreaming of your own deserted house? Now it can be yours

One of Mustasaari's most talked-about abandoned houses may soon be given a new lease of life. Within the project Many Villages — small investments, the municipality is now looking for new owners who want to transform an abandoned house into a living part of the village again. The

house, which has been empty for years, has become a symbol of both decay and possible development.

The municipality attracts with support, advice and the opportunity to become part of a larger rural lift. There is already a lot of interest — everyone from young families to renovation enthusiasts has contacted us. The goal is to save cultural environments and at the same time create more attractive housing in the villages.

"This is a chance to do something really meaningful," says the project management. Now all that remains is to find the right person with the right vision.

Source: Korsholm.fi



KORSHOLM

Full speed at the senior disco — Smedsby swings again 30.4 at 13-14.30

There was glitter, dancing and unexpectedly many quick steps when the senior disco returned to Smedsby. The event, which has become something of a local cult classic, attracted both seasoned dance foxes and curious beginners.

The DJ mixed everything from 60s classics to more modern rhythms, and the dance floor filled quickly. Many participants highlighted the importance of social activities that get both body and mood moving. "You get younger from this," laughed one of the evening's most energetic dancers.

The municipality now hopes that the success will lead to more recurring events. Because if one thing was clear this evening, it is that the joy of dancing has no age limit.

Source: Korsholm.fi

GEORGE ORWELL

Orwell's 1984 flies off the shelves in Russia. The obvious question – which the Russian press avoids asking – is why right now, and why this particular book?

Sales of George Orwell's classic novel have skyrocketed by over 80 percent in one year. But while the buyers read, the Russian state press interprets the book in its own way – and points the finger of accusation at the West.

It is one of the most influential novels of the twentieth century, written as a warning against the mechanisms of totalitarianism. Now, recent sales figures show that George Orwell's 1984 is experiencing a remarkable renaissance in one of the world's most watched book markets – the Russian one.

According to data from the Russian bookstore chain Chitai-Gorod (Читай-город), sales of 1984 have increased by 54 percent in the last month. Compared to March 2025, the increase is even more dramatic: as much as 81 percent. These are numbers that are normally associated with bestsellers at film releases or the Nobel Prize in Literature – not with a seventy-year-old dystopia.

Not alone at the top Orwell dominates, but he is not alone. Among the best-selling titles in the same genre are also his own The Animal Farm, Aldous Huxley's The Beautiful New World, and Yevgeny Zamyatin's We – a novel that many literary scholars see as the direct model for 1984. Zamyatin classics from 1924 have increased by 53 percent compared to the same period last year, a figure that suggests that interest is not a temporary fashion but a broader cultural trend.

Anxiety seeks its form What drives Russians to the bookstore after Orwell? E. Pisareva, editor-in-chief of the Russian publishing group Litres, offers an explanation: in times of uncertainty and political tensions, people turn to dystopian literature. Novels such as 1984 give the reader a way to process their worries within



a safe, fictional framework – a kind of controlled encounter with what feels threatening in reality.

It is a psychological mechanism that literary scholars have long known about. But in the Russian context, it is loaded with a political charge that is difficult to ignore. The obvious question – which the Russian press consistently avoids asking – is why right now, and why these particular books.

The most likely answer is simple: many Russian readers feel that the society in which they live is changing in a direction described in 1984. Surveillance systems, information control, rewriting history, punishment for dissenting opinions – these are themes that no longer feel abstract. Putting your worries into words through a novel can be a way to understand your situation without

having to formulate it openly.

The flip side of the mirror: the interpretation of the state press But the Russian state press sees the matter in a completely different way. RIA Novosti – a state-controlled news outlet – has published articles claiming that 1984 is primarily not a depiction of the Soviet Union or Russia, but of modern Western society.

The arguments are well known from the Kremlin's communication arsenal: Western media practice censorship and filter opinions; social pressure forces citizens to express "correct" values; dissenting voices are excluded from public discourse. The conclusion that is drawn is that the development of liberalism in the West, rather than Russian state power, is what Orwell really wanted to warn about.

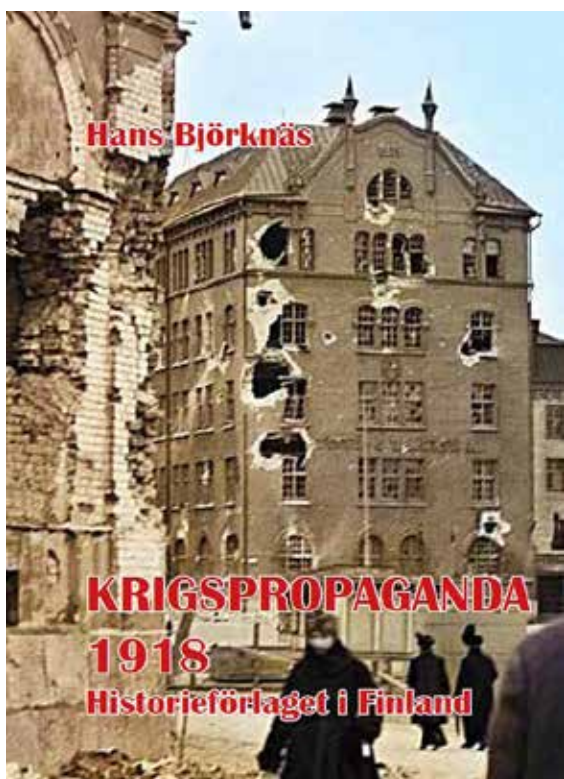
To strengthen the geopolitical reading, the texts highlight that the three great powers in the novel – Oceania, Eurasia and East Asia – function in practice in the same way, and that none of them are morally superior. By implication: all great powers are equally malicious, and Russia's actions are not fundamentally different from those of the West.

A mirror that turns outwards It is an interpretive strategy with a long history in Russian information policy. Analyses of the Russian media landscape repeatedly show how state-controlled media reinterpret Western cultural references in order to turn criticism away from their own system. Orwell, himself a socialist and deeply critical of Stalinism, is transformed in the process into a tool for the very kind of propaganda he spent his life exposing

However, readers in Russian bookstores seem to have a different opinion. They vote with their wallets – and choose to read about the world where Big Brother sees you.

Image: The cover image of an edition of 1984 that was published in Russia in 1984. Photo: издательстве «Прогресс» Public domain

Photo Supplement



KORSHOLM

Cat owners are warned: common mistakes can be costly

Korsholm is now sharing new advice for cat owners – and several of them are surprising. Many people think that cats can take care of themselves, but the municipality reminds that even independent pets need more care than you might think.

Among the tips are everything from avoiding dangerous plants to reviewing your cat's outdoor time. The importance of ID marking and neutering is particularly emphasized, as stray and homeless cats have become a growing problem in the region. The municipality also urges owners to think about exercise and mental stimulation – a bored cat can quickly become an unhappy cat.

The advice has been received positively and is now expected to spread widely among animal lovers in the area.

Source: Korsholm.fi

KORSHOLM

Mustasaari invests in safer routes to school – major changes are underway

A new official letter shows that Korsholm is planning several measures to make the school routes safer. Among the proposals are improved lighting, clearer signage and new pedestrian and cycle paths. The municipality also wants to review speed limits near schools.

The background is increasing traffic and concerns from both parents and school staff. The goal is for children to be able to get to school safely – regardless of whether they walk, cycle or travel by bus. The changes can begin to be implemented as early as later this year, if the decisions are passed.

The municipality emphasizes that security is a priority and that the investment is part of a larger long-term work.

Source: Korsholm.fi

SFP

SFP Osthrobotnia nominates eight candidates for parliamentary elections

– I am happy to present the first candidates for the parliamentary elections. We are well on our way to a really strong candidate list, the goal of which is to secure RKP's four seats with the largest possible margin, says chairman Roberth Sjöström.

The district meeting gave the district board the responsibility to continue nominating candidates, and the goal is to have the candidate list ready before the end of the year. RKP will participate in the elections with a full list.

The candidates nominated are:

- Nina Brännkärr-Friberg, 49 years old, founder of Project Liv r.y, domiciled in Pietarsaari
- Inger Damlin, 57 years old, chairwoman of the association, domiciled in Vöyri
- Johanna Holmäng, 43 years old, midwife, domiciled in Pedersöre
- Christoffer Ingo, 31 years old, member of parliament, domiciled in Mustasaari
- Anders Norrback, 62 years old, member of parliament, domiciled in Närpiö



Anne Salovaara-Kero, 51 years old, director, domici-

NEWS

VAASA

The bridge will be closed – boaters will be on detours all summer

The busy connection to Vaskiluoto will soon be broken: the new bridge promises to make everyday life easier, but before that, an exceptional summer awaits both cyclists and boat owners.

An important road between the centre of Vaasa and Vaskiluoto will be renovated when the demolition of the pedestrian and bicycle bridge begins on 20 April. At the same time, the boat route between Kalaranta and the inner harbour will also be closed throughout the summer, forcing boat owners to make a detour via Vaskiluoto.

This is a significant change, as the route is one of the busiest walking and cycling connections in the city. It is used daily by commuters and leisure

enthusiasts alike. During the closure, pedestrians and cyclists will be asked to drive around via the Blue Road bridge.

Construction work will begin because the current bridge has reached the end of its life cycle: it is only 2.5 meters wide and causes difficult encounters. A bridge that is more than twice as wide, 5.2 meters, will be built in its place, which will significantly improve safety and flow.

The summer brings special arrangements for boat owners, but the city strives to ease the situation by adding guest boat berths to the inner harbour. The new bridge is expected to be completed in early September, when both traffic and the boat route will return to normal.

Source: vaasa.fi

Photo: City of Vaasa / Vera Røyttä



led in Vaasa

Niclas Sjöskog, 54 years old, farmer, domiciled in Pedersöre

Joakim Strand, 43 years old, minister, domiciled in Vaasa

Mikko Ollikainen will no longer stand as a candidate.

Chairman Roberth Sjöström and vice-chairmen Ida-Marie Jungell and Nicklas Nygård will continue in their positions for a second year. Source: SFP

PALOSAARI

Vaasa is looking for your memories – a factory era will be preserved for eternity

The old industrial area at Rahkola and the soap factory in Palosaari in Vaasa are undergoing a major transformation when the land is planned for housing. In April, the City of Vaasa's Cultural Services will organise two open discussion events to collect memories, photographs and stories from the area. A Walk of Memories will be held on Monday 20 April at 2–3 p.m., starting from the Vaasa Maritime Museum, and an Evening of Memories will be held on Thursday 23 April at 5–7 p.m. at Brändö Library. The material is used by artists Valentina Gelain and Bekim Hasaj and will form the basis for an art project and future public art. Read more: vaasa.fi

WELLBEING

THE WELLBEING SERVICES COUNTY

Pietarsaari won the health prize – the secret?

Associations and low threshold On 14 April 2026, the City of Pietarsaari received the Wellbeing Services County of Ostrobothnia's Wellbeing Deed Award for its comprehensive work to

promote the health and well-being of residents of all ages. The award committee highlighted the city's life-cycle approach and the broad preventive perspective – from the Vippari service bus for the elderly to free school lunches during the summer holidays. The prize was awarded at the seminar How is Ostrobothnia? in Jakobstad. The role of associations was also highlighted as central to reaching out to residents that the city would not otherwise reach. Read more: sttinfo.fi/.../staden-jakobst ad-fick-pris-for-sitt-halso-och-valfards-framjande-arbete

THE WELLBEING SERVICES COUNTY

Free childbirth in Vaasa? The proposal can become a reality

In April, the Board of the Wellbeing Services County of Ostrobothnia considered a proposal to make childbirth at Vaasa Central Hospital free of charge during a trial period from 1.8.2026 to 31.12.2027. The idea is to ease the financial burden on families with children – at present, a day of care costs 71.50 euros and a birth usually lasts 2–3 days. Approximately 1,500 children are born in Ostrobothnia each year, of which about 1,000 are in Vaasa. If the Board supports the proposal, it will be forwarded to the county council for a decision. The department will also have renovated premises with its own toilets and showers in the autumn of 2026.

Read more: sttinfo.fi/.../forslag-avgiftsfria-forlossningar-i-vasa-i-fortsattning-en

EXHIBITION

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Fabulous textiles on display in Vaasa - still today

tn first glance, it looks like a fairy tale. But it's for real. From 31 March to 19 April, Galleria 2 at Art Center Tornio in

Vaasa will be filled with warm, colourful textiles – all in the spirit of wool. The exhibition "Villan lumo" offers almost fabulous jackets, hats, home textiles and accessories. The works are written by five dedicated women: Pirkko Jokinen, Anelma Lehto, Erja Rinne, Maritta Sandler and Heli Vuorenmaa.



They have worked with felting – mainly in wool and silk, but also silk fabrics such as chiffon and sari silk.

"An entire room is filled with clothes," says one of the artists. Don't miss the spring lier hat!

Free admission. Pitkäkatu 66, Vaasa.

MUSIC

POHJANMAALTA KAJAHTAA!

Enthusiastic audience filled the Temppeleaukio church for top-level concert



The church was nearly full as the concert "Pohjanmaalta kajahtaa!" brought together musicians from Ostrobothnia for an evening of high-quality performances on April 16th. The audience responded with enthusiasm to a diverse program showcasing both technical skill and artistic expression. Featuring a wide range of instruments and styles, the concert offered a rich and engaging musical experience. The event highlighted the strong musical tradition of the region and demonstrated the continued appeal of live classical performances among local audiences.

POHJANMAALTA KAJAHTAA!

Vaasa Baroque with Kajsa Dahlbäck at the Temppeleaukio Church



As part of the concert, the audience also heard a program by Vasa Baroque

THE PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA

Free classic in the city hall – today at 4 pm



The Vaasa Philharmonic Orchestra offers a free chamber concert on Sunday 19 April at 16.00 at Vaasa City Hall.

Under the title Grand Music for Winds & Strings, the orchestra's skilled musicians take the audience on a musical journey through time from the early Romanticism of the 19th century to contemporary Estonian music. The programme includes works by Louis Spohr, Ernst Dohnányi and the Gotland-based Estonian composer Mirjam Tally, whose cello works in a humorous way depict a battle between goats. Admission is free and no advance booking is required. Read more: vaasa.fi/

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NEWS

BRIDGE REPAIRS

Millions to be invested in bridges – Ostrobothnia launches a major renovation



Those driving on the roads of Ostrobothnia will soon be able to breathe a sigh of relief. As much as seven million euros have been reserved for the renovation of the bridges in the area – and there will be renovations that can be seen and felt.

The road network in the Ostrobothnian regions has suffered from wear and tear for years, and the old bridges in particular have been hard hit by heavy traffic. Now the state and the operators in the region are shifting into high gear: a total of approximately EUR 7 million will be allocated to repairing, strengthening and improving the safety of bridges.

It's not just about a surface renovation. Many bridges will receive completely new structures, and some will undergo extensive renovations that will extend their service life by up to decades. The aim is to ensure that passenger cars, buses and heavy vehicles can move safely in the future as well.

It is considered particularly important that the repairs support the vitality of the area. Companies in Ostrobothnia have long wished for better transport connections, and bridges are bottlenecks in many places. Now, the investments can facilitate logistics and improve the flow of traffic throughout the region.

The renovations will start in stages already this year. Residents are promised that the construction sites will be implemented as undisturbed as possible – even though congestion and detours will not be completely avoided.

New bridges and bridges to be repaired, the renovation of which has already begun and the bridges will be completed during 2026

Lapväärtinjoki bridge, Kristinestad (highway 8) The renovation of the bridge along the busy Highway 8 will be completed by mid-June.

Joksholm Bridge, Pedersöre (Highway 8) The renovation of the bridge has begun and the bridge will be completed in 2026.

Mälsörkanava bridge, Korsholm (highway 8) The renovation of the bridge has begun and the bridge will be completed in 2026.

The repair work on the following bridges will begin during the spring and will be completed during autumn 2026:

Rudo Bridge, Laihia (Highway 3)

Madesjoki Bridge, Maalahati (Highway 8)

Brage Bridge, Vaasa (Highway 3 motorway)

Pitkänmäki underpass (west) (Highway 3 motorway) Vaasa

Pitkänmäki underpass (east) (Highway 3 motorway), Vaasa

The renovation of the bridges is not only a technical project, but also a message that there is a desire to invest in the region's infrastructure in the long term. The investment of seven million euros is one of the largest in recent years, and it is expected to bring benefits to traffic, businesses and ordinary road users alike.

Source: Vitality Centre

Photo: Rudo Bridge Laihia is one of the bridges to be repaired in 2026. Several bridge construction sites are located along very busy roads. The aim is to carry out the work in such a way that the inconvenience caused by traffic remains as minimal as possible. Photo: Vitality Centre

featuring soprano Kajsa Dahlbäck. The repertoire included Italian Baroque music, with expressive works by composers such as Antonio Vivaldi performed with sensitivity and skill. Vasa Baroque is a year-round early music organization based in Ostrobothnia. It brings together local musicians and international artists through concerts and collaborations, aiming to make Baroque music vibrant and accessible to a wider audience.

CITY ORCHESTRA Rising French star visits Vaasa – harp takes over the stage

The young French conductor Félix Benati, who impressed greatly in the Jorma Panula competition in 2024, will make his official debut with the Vaasa Philharmonic Orchestra on Thursday 23 April at 18:00 at Vaasa City Hall. In a thorough program, the harp – the queen of instruments – is highlighted with Israeli Sivan Magen, principal harpist for RSO Berlin, as soloist. The program includes works by Henriette Renié, Maurice Ravel and the long-overlooked composer Louise Farrenc. Tickets cost 34/28/2 euros. Read more: vaasa.fi/sv/.../ranskalainen-ilta

CITY ORCHESTRA Cheers Vaasa! Walpurgi Night kicks off with musical and student caps

Walpurgi Night is not complete without the Vaasa Philharmonic Orchestra's traditional concert – Cheers! Vappu Concertti – which will take place on Thursday 30 April at 19.00 at Vaasa City Hall. Shortly after the Topelius statue received its student cap, conductor Martin Segerstråle and Vaasa-based singer and actress Sarah Nedergård take over the stage. The program offers musical songs from Evita, West Side Story and My Fair Lady as well as classical orchestral pieces. Tickets cost 34/28/2 euros. Read more: vaasa.fi/

27 April 2026, 81 years after the end of the war. The theme is Yhdessä eteenpäin katsoen (Together we look to the future).



The day will begin at 10:00 a.m. with an ecumenical service in the Parish Church, after which the main national festivities will be held at 1:00 p.m. in the Martti Talvela Hall in the Mikaeli Congress Hall. The festival programme includes singer Saara Aalto, Rakuunasoittokunta and lauluyhtye Evenio. The party will be broadcast live on Yle1 and Yle Areena from 1 p.m. Veteraan Week runs from 20 to 27 April with a rich programme throughout Mikkeli. Read more: mikkeli.fi/.../kansallisen-veteraanipaivan-valtakunnallinen-paajuhla

RUSSIA

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”AI drones change the war – Russian frontline soldiers warn of new threat”

Russian war correspondents now describe a dramatic change on the battlefield. According to several reports, Ukrainian forces have started using new types of drones controlled by advanced AI systems. These drones are said to be able to navigate independently, avoid interference and find targets without direct operator contact. Several Russian commentators claim that this has made the so-called "intermediate attack" impossible to sustain. This means that logistics, fuel transports and ammunition depots up to 300 kilometres behind the front can now be knocked out much easier than before.

The reports describe a growing concern among Russian soldiers and analysts, who believe that technology is changing the dynamics of the war at a rapid pace. Independent experts have not yet confirmed all the data, but note that AI drones are already being used by several countries and that the development is going very fast. Source: Telegram

RUSSIA

Celebrity's open criticism sparks debate – video of Putin is spread in Russian channels

A video in which the Russian blogger and TV personality Victoria Bonya directs sharp criticism at the country's leadership is now widely spread on Russian social media. In the clip, which is widely discussed in political circles, Bonya says that many Russian citizens "fear their president". She also mentions several current crises, including the floods in Dagestan and reports of mass deaths of livestock in Siberia. What has attracted the most attention is her claim that the country's president would be "misled by his own subordinates". The statement has led to extensive discussions, as public figures rarely express such criticism openly.

BOOKS

RIIKKA PURRA Finland's Thatcher? Now comes the book about Purra



Now the book about Riikka Purra has been released, "Riikka Purra – Finland's Iron Lady". The book promises in-depth analyses of the hard-line power players of the True Finns. Expectations are high – and so are the critics. The question is whether the book will be a declaration of love or a nail-biter. Is she Finland's Thatcher? Source: STTinfo

FINLAND

VETERAN'S DAY Mikkeli honours veterans – Saara Aalto sings and Yle broadcasts live

Mikkeli – the päämajakaupunki of war – will host National Veterans' Day on

NEWS

WORLD HERITAGE WEEK

The magic of the Kvarken attracts thousands – Vaasa is now gearing up for this year’s big World Heritage Festival

The Kvarken archipelago is not only beautiful – it moves. Literally. And this summer, visitors will have the chance to experience the World Heritage Site up close when Vaasa organizes a whole week filled with nature, culture and spectacular events.

The Kvarken Archipelago is Finland's only natural world heritage site, and it shows. Here, the land rises from the sea by almost a centimetre per year, making the area one of the world's most fascinating geological laboratories. The strange moraine ridges, the long, narrow islands and the rocky beaches are the result of a force of nature that is still going on.

During World Heritage Week, the doors to the secrets of both nature and culture are opened. The program offers everything from guided boat trips and hikes to concerts, craft markets and family activities. Many events are free, and several are held out in the archipelago where visitors can experience the World Heritage Site for real – with wind in their hair and salt splashes on their cheeks.

This year, the organizers are investing extra in families with children and in highlighting local food, music and crafts. There will also be lectures on climate change, land uplift and how the archipelago changes year by year.

PROGRAM

Photographer Jaska Salo will show photos from the World Heritage Site for decades at the Vaasa Maritime

Museum at 18:00 on Tuesday 21.4.2026. Free admission. Arr. Vaasa Maritime Museum

The Finnish World Heritage Association organises its annual meeting with a seminar at Hanken School of Economics in Vaasa at 13.00-16.00 on Wednesday 22.4.2026 (advance registration)

The Ministry of the Environment's World Heritage Forum will be held in the banquet hall of the Alma Adult Education Centre in Vaasa from 10 am to 4 pm on Thursday 23 April 2026 (advance registration). Reception at the Museum of Ostrobothnia/Terranova at 18.00 on Wednesday 22.4.2026. Organised by the Ministry of the Environment, the Ministry of Education and Culture, the Association of World Heritage Sites of Finland and the Kvarken World Heritage Association.

"Follow along Finland's coastal routes" – book publication and lecture with Harri Ahonen in Scandic Vaasa at 6 pm on Thursday 23.4.2026. Arr. VisitVaasa

Hiking in land uplift terrain on Öjberget's nature trail Saturday 25.4 at 11.00-about 12.30 in collaboration with the Meteorita section within Sundom rural association

Throughout the week 22-26.4 you can play Terranova's World Heritage Bingo at the Museum of Ostrobothnia from 10 am to 5 pm.

For Vaasa, the week is more than an event – it's a chance to showcase one of the Nordic region's most unique environments. And for visitors, it's an opportunity to see how nature's slowest movement can create landscapes that take your breath away.

Source: vaasa.fi



RUSSIA

Flood chaos in Dagestan – the death toll is estimated to be more than a hundred

Dagestan continues to be hit by widespread floods, which have destroyed entire communities and forced thousands to leave their homes. According to information circulating on Russian channels, the death toll is now believed to exceed 100 people, although the figure has not been officially confirmed. Several are still missing. Many of the dead were not found until the water began to recede and rescue workers were able to reach the flooded residential areas. Local authorities are reportedly struggling to find compensation for the affected families, but according to several reports, there is not enough support for everyone. Criticism has been directed at a lack of preparation and a slow response, while NGOs try to cover up resources. The situation is described as one of the most serious natural disasters in the region in years.

Source: Telegram

RUSSIA

"Peskov: Internet will recover as companies 'follow the law' – experts doubt"

Russian press secretary Dmitry Peskov said at a press conference that the country's internet restrictions will only be lifted when the affected companies "start complying with Russian law." Restricted platforms include WhatsApp, Telegram, YouTube, and several other international services. According to Russian law, content that is perceived as criticism of the state or the war may not be published. Many analysts therefore believe that it is unlikely that global tech companies will be able to meet the requirements without violating their own rules or international standards. Peskov's statement has raised questions about how long the restrictions can continue and how they will affect Russian users' access to information. The discussion continues in both the Russian and international media.

Source: Telegram

RUSSIA

PRICE SHOCK IN RUSSIA – MOBILES COULD BE TWICE AS EXPENSIVE

A perfect storm of crisis in the Middle East and new tariffs are expected to cause the prices of imported goods in Russia to skyrocket. Experts warn that smartphones and computers could be up to twice as expensive as early as the end of the year.

The main culprit is the crisis in the Middle East, which is driving up electricity prices and thus the production costs of technology. Add to this a new technical tax on imported electronics that will be introduced on September 1, and suddenly the future looks expensive for Russian consumers. "Electronics will become more expensive quickly, and there is no avoiding that," says analyst Eldar Murtazin to URA.RU.

According to Murtazin, prices could rise by 40-50 percent on average, and for devices with a lot of RAM, the price could double. The new levy is expected to land at 2.5-5 percent of the retail price, which will further add to the blow for households.

Time and place: The fee will be introduced on 1 September 2026 in Russia, but the price effects are already being felt. Source: URA.RU, 15 April 2026

RUSSIA

FINNISH MUSEUM ATENEUM ANGERS RUSSIA – MAKES REPIN UKRAINIAN

A Finnish museum has angered Russian cultural guardians considerably. In the Ateneum Museum in Helsinki, the great painter Ilya Repin is now listed as Ukrainian – something that makes Putin's assistant Vladimir Medinsky go through the roof.

"There will always be stupid and ignorant people. But with time, the world becomes wiser," Medinsky said at the Baltic Cultural Forum.

The background is the growing Russophobia in Finland, according to Russia's ambassador to the country, Pavel Kuznetsov. He calls the museum's decision "absurd" and an example of how distrust of Russia is now seeping into the cultural world.

Medinsky, who is deputy director of the Russian Military Historical Society, believes that attempts to attribute a Ukrainian identity to Russian artists will continue. But he dismisses them as a sign of ignorance.

Time and place: The statement was made on 16 April 2026 at the Baltic Cultural Forum in Russia, OM an exhibition at the Ateneum Museum in Helsinki. Source: URA.RU, 16 April 2026

RUSSIA

RUSSIA THREATENS EU-

ROPEAN DRONE FACTORIES – "SLEEP WELL, FRIENDS"

Russia's Ministry of Defense has presented a list of European factories that produce drones for Ukraine. And the threat is crystal clear: they may be bombed.

"The list of European objects that manufacture drones and other equipment is a list of potential targets for Russia's armed forces," writes Dmitry Medvedev, deputy chairman of Russia's Security Council, on X.

At the same time, Medvedev takes the opportunity to wish European partners a good night. Several European experts, including Norwegian professor Glenn Diesen, call for calm and call for a de-escalation of the conflict.

"Medvedev warns the Europeans against further escalation," Diesen writes on X.

According to Russian analysts, Europe fears that the ongoing peace negotiations between Putin and Trump could end with an agreement that does not benefit European interests.

RUSSIA

PUTIN'S PROBLEM – RUSSIAN ECONOMY DECLINES

TWO MONTHS IN A ROW

It is not only on the battlefield that things are going hard for Russia. The economy has also begun to stumble. In January and February, GDP fell by a total of 1.8 percent, prompting Vladimir Putin to demand answers from his ministers. According to information to Telegram, Putin noted that manufacturing, construction and industrial production are all underperforming compared to forecasts. The president now wants an explanation as to why the numbers are worse than expected, and he calls for new measures to boost growth. The question is whether there are any simple solutions. Russia's economy is under severe pressure from sanctions, high military spending and a weak ruble. Reversing the trend is likely to require more than just a few adjustments to the budget.

Time and place: The data refer to January-February 2026 and are from a government meeting in Moscow. Source: Telegram

CLIMATE CHANGE

EUROPE

Europe is warming twice as fast – experts are panicking

"We are not ready for what is to come" Europe is warming twice as fast as the rest of the world. Over the past five years, the temperature on our continent has been as much as 2.4 degrees above pre-industrial levels. Now the EU's Scientific Climate Council is sounding the alarm: adaptation measures are far too weak. The extreme heat alone killed an estimated 24,000 Europeans in the summer of 2025, and the economic damage lands at a staggering €45 billion a year. "Robust risk management is not voluntary – it is about protecting lives and livelihoods," said the Council President. Politicians get five pieces of advice

Reactions are mixed: some users praise her courage, while others question her motives. Regardless, the video has become one of the most talked about features of the week in Russian online forums. Source: Telegram

RUSSIA

Rumours are gaining momentum: authorities are investigating claims that Prigozhin is alive

Russian media and social channels are once again filled with speculation about the former leader of the Wagner Group, Yevgeny Prigozhin. After an interview with Pavel Gubarev, former "People's Governor" of the self-proclaimed Donetsk People's Republic, several Russian authorities – including the FSB and SVR – are reported to have begun investigating rumors that Prigozhin is alive. Prigozhin was reported dead in a plane crash in 2023, but theories that he survived have been circulating ever since. Gubarev's statements have now given new fuel to the speculation, although no evidence has been presented.

The authorities have not commented publicly on the information. Analysts point out that similar rumors often arise around controversial people, especially in environments where information is scarce and mistrust is widespread.

Source: Telegram

NEWS

HEALTH

Does the shingles vaccine prevent memory disorders? Soon the people of Vaasa will be able to participate in a study about this

Could one vaccine protect against both painful shingles and memory disorders in later life? This exceptionally interesting question is now being investigated in the FINDEMENTIA study, in which the people of Vaasa are also invited. This is one of the largest studies on the health of the elderly in Finland, and its aim is to find out whether the shingles vaccine can affect brain well-being in the long term.

The study is based on observations that the virus that causes shingles can cause inflammatory reactions in the nervous system when activated. International data have shown that vaccinated people may have a lower risk of memory disorders – but there is no definite evidence yet. Now Finnish researchers want to investigate the matter thoroughly.

How to participate in the study

The FINDEMENTIA study is open to people aged 60–85 who have not previously re-

ceived the shingles vaccine. Participation is voluntary and free of charge. The study includes a health check-up, vaccination and long-term follow-up, in which the participants' health and memory functions are charted.

Registration takes place on the study's website at fvr.fi/findementia, where you can fill in a pre-questionnaire and check whether you meet the participation criteria. The website also provides more information on the course of the study, safety and contact persons.

Why is research important?

Memory disorders are one of the fastest growing public health problems in Finland. If the vaccine proves to be protective, it could be a major breakthrough – an affordable, safe and easy-to-implement way to reduce morbidity in the future.

The people of Vaasa are now at the forefront of finding out whether one injection can affect two different diseases. The researchers emphasize that each participant is valuable: the more people involved, the more reliable the results will be.

Source: FinDementia



ART

The super success at the MET – now Schjerfbeck's paintings are on the way back to Finland

New York got to enjoy Finnish mastery – for this time. After weeks of record-breaking crowds, Helene Schjerfbeck's long-awaited exhibition "Seeing Silence" at The Metropolitan Museum of Art is over.

Thousands of visitors flocked to Manhattan to pay tribute to the artist, who has long been an unknown name in the United States. But now the paintings are on their way back to their home turf in Finland.

"The exhibition became a hot trend in cultural circles," says a spokesperson.

Schjerfbeck (1862–1946) became the first Finnish artist to have his own solo exhibition at the Met. Max Hollein, the museum director, hailed her as "an extraordinary artist" with a "unique vision".

For Finnish art lovers, however, it is comforting that the works are now back home. But the question is: when will they show up in a Finnish hall? A decision is still missing.



Helene Schjerfbeck, *Fragment*, 1904. Oil on canvas, 12 3/8 x 13 3/8 in. Villa Gyllenberg / Signe and Ane Gyllenberg Foundation, Helsinki Photo: Matias Uusikylä / Signe and Ane Gyllenberg Foundation

into the bargain. The only question is whether anyone is listening.

Source: Europaportalen.se, EU Scientific Climate Council 17 February 2026

CLIMATE CHANGE

UN sounds the alarm: "All climate indicators are red"

"Now it's serious – for real" The years 2015 to 2025 were the eleven warmest ever recorded, the World Meteorological Organization (WMO) states in its new report. "All climate indicators are glowing red," says the UN Secretary-General. The ocean has absorbed more than 91 percent of the heat from emissions – equivalent to 18 times the total energy consumption of humans during the same period. The ice in the Arctic was at a record low, Antarctica's ice extent the third lowest ever. And the changes don't stop here. They will affect us for hundreds, perhaps thousands of years to come. So maybe it's time to take this summer's heat waves seriously?

Source: SMHI/WMO, 23 March 2026

FINLAND

Winter with little snow punishes Finland – drought threatens harvests and electricity prices

"Winter fooled us – now comes the bang" Finland hardly got any snow last winter. And now the price is starting to be paid. Yle's forecast shows that lakes and groundwater levels are at record lows – especially in Eastern Finland. Saimaa is expected to be half a metre shallower than normal this summer. The consequences? Harvests are at risk of failure, forest fires can ravage and hydropower, which accounts for 10–20 percent of the electricity supply, may have problems delivering. The authorities have already started to cut off flows from Saimaa to save the levels. A dry summer awaits – and perhaps more expensive electricity bills.

Source: Yle News, 5 April 2026

CLIMATE CHANGE

Climate breaks the wallet – 43 billion euros up in smoke in one summer

"Insurance refuses to pay – now the crisis is here" Heat waves, torrential rain and drought in the summer of 2025 cost EU countries as much as €43 billion in damage, according to a new WWF report. The worst affected are Italy, France and Spain. And the worst thing is that only 5–20 percent of the losses were covered by insurance. The rest? That bill lands on ordinary people and taxpayers. WWF warns that cumulative losses could reach €126 billion as early as 2029 if nothing is done. "Our forests, mangroves and wetlands are our best protection – they must be at the heart of strategies," says WWF's director. Otherwise, it will be expensive. Really expensive. Source: WWF European Policy Office, 15 January 2026

CLIMATE CHANGE

EU puts its climate foot in the gas – 90 percent emissions target nailed

"Damn it – here comes the green straitjacket" On March 5, 2026, the EU Council of Ministers passed the stricter climate law. The new statutory target: reduce net greenhouse gas emissions by as much as 90 per cent by 2040, compared to 1990 levels. At the same time, the EU's carbon tariff CBAM has come into full force from 1 January this year. This means that imported cement, steel, aluminium, fertiliser and hydrogen will have a price tag that reflects the climate impact. "A milestone for fair competition," says the European Commission. For companies that do not change? It will be expensive to be the climate villain.

Source: European Council, 5 March 2026 and EU Climate Action, January 2026

UKRAINE PRESIDENT

Support for Ukraine and Cooperation on Strengthening the Ukrainian Combat Aviation Fleet with Swedish Gripen Aircraft: Volodymyr Zelenskyy Held a Meeting with the King of Sweden

17.4.2026

In Lviv, President Volodymyr Zelenskyy held a meeting with King Carl XVI Gustaf of Sweden, who visited Ukraine for the second time since the restoration of our independence and for the first time since the beginning of Russian aggression. His Majesty was accompanied by a government delegation.

The Head of State thanked His Majesty for his visit to Ukraine and for his support for our people from the very beginning of the full-scale Russian invasion.



“Sweden is indeed among the top five largest donors in terms of support for our Armed Forces and our population. And only for this year, for 2026, Sweden has approved support of €4 billion. This is very significant support for us, for our defense, and for the resilience of the Armed Forces of Ukraine,” the President noted.

The King of Sweden emphasized that Ukraine is a country of major importance for Europe, and that public support for Ukrainians within Swedish society is very strong.

The President separately highlighted discussions with Sweden on strengthening Ukraine’s future Air Force, including Gripen.

Volodymyr Zelenskyy stressed that Ukraine is interested in a long-term, mutually beneficial partnership that will strengthen the defense capabilities of both Ukraine and Sweden. Our country is ready to share its experience and technologies with Sweden and to expand cooperation in the defense industry. The President also spoke about relevant agreements with countries in the Middle East and the Gulf region, as well as European countries – Germany, Norway, Italy, and the Netherlands.

The parties also discussed continued support in the humanitarian sphere. Volodymyr Zelenskyy expressed appreciation for Her Majesty Queen Silvia’s support for humanitarian programs through the Childhood

Foundation, including the Bring Kids Back UA initiative and the program of First Lady of Ukraine Olena Zelenska on School Nutrition Reform.

“Queen Silvia supports this effort; Her Majesty is in constant contact with the First Lady of Ukraine. And we truly have a very special relationship with Sweden,” the President added.

Energy assistance was also discussed. In terms of financial contributions to the Ukraine Energy Support Fund, Sweden ranks second in Europe. The President noted that our country is already preparing for the next winter and would be grateful for continued support from Sweden.



ART EXPERIENCE OF THE WEEK



Ferdinand von Wright
19.3.1822, Haminalahti
31.7.1906, Haminalahti
Pigs and Magpies, 1875
Finnish National Gallery Collection / Ateneum Art Museum
Photo: Finnish National Gallery / Hannu Aaltonen

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George Orwell

1984

Part 26

He walked on. The bomb had demolished a group of houses 200 metres up the street. A black plume of smoke hung in the sky, and below it a cloud of plaster dust in which a crowd was already forming around the ruins. There was a little pile of plaster lying on the pavement ahead of him, and in the middle of it he could see a bright red streak. When he got up to it he saw that it was a human hand severed at the wrist. Apart from the bloody stump, the hand was so completely whitened as to resemble a plaster cast.

He kicked the thing into the gutter, and then, to avoid the crowd, turned down a side-street to the right. Within three or four minutes he was out of the area which the bomb had affected, and the sordid swarming life of the streets was going on as though nothing had happened. It was nearly twenty hours, and the drinking-shops which the proles frequented ('pubs', they called them) were choked with customers. From their grimy swing doors, endlessly opening and shutting, there came forth a smell of urine, sawdust, and sour beer. In an angle formed by a projecting house-front three men were standing very close together, the middle one of them holding a folded-up newspaper which the other two were studying over his shoulder. Even before he was near enough to make out the expression on their faces, Winston could see absorption in every line of their bodies. It was obviously some serious piece of news that they were reading. He was a few paces away from them when suddenly the group broke up and two of the men were in violent altercation. For a moment they seemed almost on the point of blows.

'Can't you bleeding well listen to what I say? I tell you no number ending in seven ain't won for over fourteen months!'

'Yes, it 'as, then!'

'No, it 'as not! Back 'ome I got the 'ole lot of 'em for over two years

wrote down on a piece of paper. I takes 'em down reg'lar as the clock. An'

I tell you, no number ending in seven----'

'Yes, a seven 'AS won! I could pretty near tell you the bleeding number.

Four oh seven, it ended in. It were in February--second week in February.'

'February your grandmother! I got it all down in black and white. An' I tell you, no number----'

'Oh, pack it in!' said the third man.

They were talking about the Lottery. Winston looked back when he had gone thirty metres. They were still arguing, with vivid, passionate faces. The Lottery, with its weekly pay-out of enormous prizes, was the one public event to which the proles paid serious attention. It was probable that there were some millions of proles for whom the Lottery was the principal if not the only reason for remaining alive. It was their delight, their folly, their anodyne, their intellectual stimulant. Where the Lottery was concerned, even people who could barely read and write seemed capable of intricate calculations and staggering feats of memory. There was a whole tribe of men who made a living simply by selling systems, forecasts, and lucky amulets. Winston had nothing to do with the running of the Lottery, which was managed by the Ministry of Plenty, but he was aware (indeed everyone in the party was aware) that the prizes were largely imaginary. Only small sums were actually paid out, the winners of the big prizes being non-existent persons. In the absence of any real intercommunication between one part of Oceania and another, this was not difficult to arrange.

But if there was hope, it lay in the proles. You had to cling on to that. When you put it in words it sounded reasonable: it was when you looked at the human beings passing you on the pavement that it became an act of faith. The street into which he had turned ran downhill. He had a feeling that he had been in this neighbourhood before, and that there was a main thoroughfare not far away. From somewhere ahead there came a din of



shouting voices. The street took a sharp turn and then ended in a flight of steps which led down into a sunken alley where a few stall-keepers were selling tired-looking vegetables. At this moment Winston remembered where he was. The alley led out into the main street, and down the next turning, not five minutes away, was the junk-shop where he had bought the blank book which was now his diary. And in a small stationer's shop not far away he had bought his penholder and his bottle of ink.

He paused for a moment at the top of the steps. On the opposite side of the alley there was a dingy little pub whose windows appeared to be frosted over but in reality were merely coated with dust. A very old man, bent but active, with white moustaches that bristled forward like those of a prawn, pushed open the swing door and went in. As Winston stood watching, it occurred to him that the old man, who must be eighty at the least, had already been middle-aged when the Revolution happened. He and a few others like him were the last links that now existed with the vanished world of capitalism. In the Party itself there were not many people left whose ideas had been formed before the Revolution. The older generation had mostly been wiped out in the great purges of the fifties and sixties, and the few who survived had long ago been terrified into complete intellectual surrender. If there was any one still alive who could give you a truthful account of conditions in the early part of the century, it could only be a prole. Suddenly the passage from the history book that he had copied into his diary came back into Winston's mind, and a lunatic impulse took hold of him. He would go into the pub, he would scrape acquaintance with that old man and question him. He would say to him: 'Tell me about your life when you were a boy. What was it like in those days? Were things better than they are now, or were they worse?'

Hurriedly, lest he should have time to become frightened, he descended the steps and crossed the narrow street. It was madness of course. As usual, there was no definite rule against talking to proles and frequenting their pubs, but it was far too unusual an action to pass unnoticed. If the patrols appeared he might plead an attack of faintness, but it was not likely that they would believe him. He pushed open the door, and a hideous cheesy smell of sour beer hit him in the face. As he entered the din of voices dropped to about half its volume. Behind his back he could feel everyone eyeing his blue overalls. A game of darts which was going on at the other end of the room interrupted itself for perhaps as much as thirty seconds. The old man whom he had followed was standing at the bar, having some kind of altercation with the barman, a large, stout, hook-nosed young man with enormous forearms.

HUMOUR ONE HUND-RED YEARS AGO

BAD FOOD

Have you ever tasted a raw oyster? I have twice. Once when it went down and once when it came up.

NEWSPAPER CLIP

“What did you cut out of that newspaper?”
“Just a little news story about a man getting a divorce from his wife because she used to look at his bills.”
“What are you going to do with that news story?”
“I’ll just put it in my own pocket.”

KNEW THE ANSWER.

A traveling salesman met a young girl. Getting into conversation with her, he asked her; “How old are you now?”
“Eleven years old,” was the answer.
“Can you tell me how old you will be when you are sixteen?”
The girl replied: “I’ll be old enough to flirt with boys then.”

SEE IN THE DARK

Little Esther: Can that beautiful Aunt Smith see in the dark?
Mom: Not at all. Why do you ask that?
Little Esther: Because I heard her tell Papa last night in the dark room that hcheeks needed a shave.

DENTIST

The dentist has pulled out little Jussi’s tooth. Jussi wants the tooth for himself. The doctor asks; “What are you going to do with it?”
Jussi: I’ll take it home and fill the hole with sugar and see if it hurts. «s

SALARY

Lecturer: The time will come when a woman will have to get a man’s salary . . . Cheap man; Yes, at the end of the month..

BRICK ON THE HEAD

SpongeBob happens to be walking past a house under construction just as a brick falls from the scaffolding on the fourth floor. A stone hits SpongeBob in the middle of the head. He stops and shouts to the men on the scaffolding:
“Hey, you guys up there! Be more careful! You dropped a brick on my head, what a bang that would have made me bite my tongue off.”

KISS

Groom: If I kissed you now, would you call your mother?
Girl: No, unless you wanted to kiss our whole family.

EFFECTIVE MEDICINE

An old woman who had been cured of her ailments by a patent medicine wrote the following letter to a

pharmaceutical company:
“Four weeks ago I was so weak that I could not beat our little child. After taking three bottles of the medicine you sent me, I am now so strong that I can beat my husband, along with other household chores. God bless you.”

WIDOW

The teacher asked: — can one of you explain to me what “widow” means.. — A widow, answered little Anna, is a wife who lived with her husband for so long that he died.

SWIMMING COMPETITION.

Little Karl was with his mother at a swimming competition. Now follows - said the mother - 100 meter breaststroke for ladies.
Little Karl: — Mother — is it forbidden to use the arms?

EINSTEIN

— Has the lady read Einstein’s theory of relativity?
— Well, yes, I’ll wait until it comes out as a film.

SEEN WITH YOUR OWN

Astronomic picture of the week:



PSYCHE (Asteroid)

An illustration depicting the target of NASA’s Psyche mission: the metal-rich asteroid Psyche, in the main asteroid belt between Mars and Jupiter. Credits: NASA/JPL-Caltech/ASU
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HOROSCOPE FOR APRIL 2026

April Horoscope – The Stars Are Mumbling (And Maybe Making Some Sense)

□ Aries (March 21 – April 19)

You’re full of energy and initiative, but don’t pick a fight with the coffee machine – it always wins.

□ Taurus (April 20 – May 20)

Your patience will be tested this April. Maybe it’s time to accept that sighing loudly won’t make the checkout line move faster.

□ Gemini (May 21 – June 20)

You have a thousand ideas and zero time to execute them. Try finishing one thing before jumping to the next – or just embrace the chaos!

□ Cancer (June 21 – July 22)

April might be an emotional month, but remember: no one expects you to save the

world... just to deal with your own stuff.

□ Leo (July 23 – August 22)

You love being the center of attention, but maybe let someone else tell the joke at the coffee break – just once.

□ Virgo (August 23 – September 22)

You have a plan, a backup plan, and a backup plan for the backup plan. Breathe – the worst that could happen is... well, not much, really.

□ Libra (September 23 – October 22)

Decisions are tough. If you’re spending over an hour choosing what to eat, maybe that’s a sign you should just cook something yourself. Or not.

□ Scorpio (October 23 – November 21)

Your magnetism is at its peak. Use it wisely – or you’ll once again find yourself at a party you don’t know how to leave.

□ Sagittarius (November 22 – December 21)

Your adventurous spirit is soaring, but maybe start small? Like taking a different route to work before booking a one-way ticket to Mongolia.

□ Capricorn (December 22 – January 19)

Your hard work is finally paying off! Soon, you can reward yourself with something big – like an overpriced coffee, guilt-free.

□ Aquarius (January 20 – February 18)

Your ideas are brilliant, but not everyone is ready for them yet. Maybe wait a bit before suggesting that all meetings should be replaced by memes.

□ Pisces (February 19 – March 20)

You’re daydreaming more than ever. That’s adorable – as long as you remember to get off at the right bus stop.

□ The stars whisper – but you do whatever you want anyway!

