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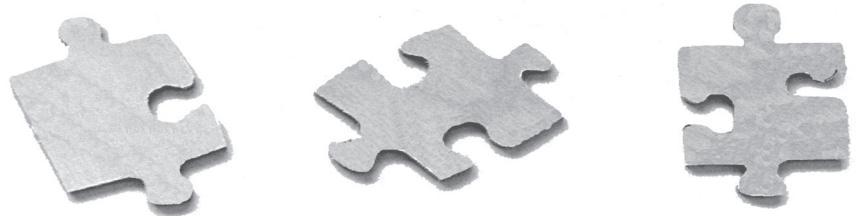
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Dalarna is recommended by The NY Times

The New York Times has published a list on the internet about “The 45 Places to Go in 2012,” which has some interesting suggestions. Helsingfors (Helsinki in Finnish) is destination #2, and you can find places like Vienna, London, Oakland, Tokyo, Moscow, and many other well-known places on the list. But as #44 they recommend the province of Dalarna as an attraction both for summer and winter, and the SAG editor quite agrees.

(travel.nytimes.com 2012 Jan.7)

The Minnesota Day

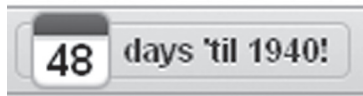
The customary Minnesota Day, which used to be celebrated in Växjö every summer, will in 2012 be held on **4-5 August** somewhere in the Växjö area. Exact location will be published later, but the dates are fixed.

(Information from the *Emigrantinstitutets Vänner* Jan. 2012).

Ancestry Index of all Swedes born 1860–1920

Ancestry now has an index of all Swedes born 1860-1920, but it is very badly done by Chinese, that do not read Swedish names well enough. Ancestry says that they are now working on getting the records straight, but I wonder...

A friend looked for the name *Nordenstedt* and found hundreds of them, which surprised him a lot, as he has been searching for that family for years. He looked at the original pictures and found that what had been read as *Nordenstedt*, was the word *Nedkomstort*, which means place of birth.



Noticed on *Ancestry.com* 14 Feb. 2012.

TEXAS POSTEN.

Nytets oen Annonstidning
för svenskarne i Texas.

This Swedish language newspaper from Texas is now online. It seems to cover the period from 1896 to 1901. [Link on page 30.](#)

150 years ago



On January 30, 1862, the *USS Monitor* was launched by its builder, Continental Works, from Greenpoint, Brooklyn, New York.

She was designed by John Ericsson for emergency service in the Federal navy during the American Civil War and was designed to serve in shallow water and to present as small a target as possible, the water around her acting as protection.

The Battle of Hampton Roads, on March 8–9, 1862, between the *Monitor* and *CSS Virginia*, was the first engagement between ironclad vessels. There were several such battles over the course of the American Civil War and the dozens of monitors built for the United States Navy reflected a ship-to-ship combat role in their designs.

(*Wikipedia.org*)

Allt för Sverige 2

Meter Television is searching for Americans with Swedish ancestry for a reality-TV show. After the major success of *Great Swedish Adventure – Allt för Sverige* (The Swedish title of the show) season 1, we are now casting for season 2.

The producers of the Swedish version of “*American Idol*” and “*Minute To Win It*” are coming to the U.S. to find fun, outgoing Americans with Swedish ancestry to participate in their new television series “*Allt för Sverige*.”

Brian Gerard, the winner of season 1, says: *Before I used to hear the stories, now I lived the stories...*

Americans will travel to Sweden and participate in an exciting television series. Chosen participants will compete in extreme cultural challenges to discover their rich and fascinating roots while trying to win their grand prize: Meeting with the Swedish relatives.

This is an extraordinary opportunity to discover a new land and culture and have a chance to win a spectacular prize.

Allt för Sverige will be shot and broadcast in Sweden, and potentially other countries as well.

Apply now at

www.greatswedishadventure.com

Karlstad Bridge Conference Sept. 12–16

There will be a new conference in Karlstad, Sweden, in the fall. The theme will be *Green Living, Young entrepreneurs, and Exchange programs*. There will be students present from both Sweden and the U.S.

It is possible now to announce an interest in participating, either to the *Sweden America Center* or to the *Swedish Council of America*.

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