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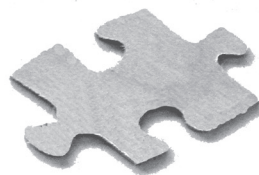
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Birger Jarl celebrates his 800th!

Birger Magnusson was the most powerful man in Sweden during the 1200s. He was born around 1210, possibly in Bjälbo, southwest of Vadstena in Östergötland. He was of noble birth, married the King's sister, and had the office of Jarl. He was the real ruler of Sweden. His son Valdemar was elected King of Sweden, but was soon dethroned by his brother Magnus.

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New Archivist of Sweden

Recently it was announced that Mr. *Björn Jordell* is to be the next Archivist (*Riksarkivarie*) of Sweden. He will be the head of *Riksarkivet* (National Archives), an organization that started in 1618. All the regional archives (*landsarkiven*) are branches of *Riksarkivet*.

Mr. Jordell has been the City Archivist (*stadsarkivarie*) for Stockholm since 2003, and has been a good friend of the genealogical community, which is the greatest user of the archives. During his time many records have been digitized and made available on the internet. It is hoped that he will follow this line in his new position.

Ancestry Magazine ceases publication!

For years I have subscribed to *Ancestry Magazine*, the paper magazine published by the same company as *ancestry.com*. And suddenly I found out that they are discontinuing the magazine with their March-April issue!?

On their web site it just says "For 25 years, *Ancestry* magazine has been a valuable, timely resource for family history professionals, hobbyists, and novices alike. For a variety of reasons, the time has come for us to discontinue publication.

"Over the last few years, we have found that with the expanded accessibility of terrific family history content published online at *Ancestry.com* we can reach a larger and broader audience than the limited distribution of a print publication."

Personally I think this is a wrong decision – you just can not find everything on the internet, and to be able to sit quietly and read a good magazine is not outmoded!

The Crafoord Prize

Sweden's Royal Academy of Sciences (*Vetenskapsakademien*) has awarded American scientist *Walter Munk* the 2010 Crafoord Prize in Geosciences for his research on ocean circulation. The 92-year-old will receive the 4 million SEK prize on May 11 in the presence of Sweden's King Carl XVI Gustaf. The academy announced that Munk received the award "for his pioneering and fundamental contributions to our understanding of ocean circulation, tides, and waves, and their role in the Earth's dynamics." He became professor of Geophysics at the University of California, San Diego, in 1954.

(SCA eUpdate February 2010)

Most popular girls' names in Sweden 2009

1	(6)	Alice
2	(1)	Maja
3	(4)	Ella
4	(2)	Emma
5	(5)	Elsa
6	(7)	Alva
7	(3)	Julia
8	(8)	Linnea
9	(9)	Wilma
10	(14)	Ebba

The number in () shows the position in 2008.

Most popular boys' names in Sweden 2009

1	(1)	Lucas
2	(4)	Elias
3	(2)	Oscar
4	(3)	William
5	(5)	Hugo
6	(6)	Alexander
7	(12)	Oliver
8	(11)	Viktor
9	(7)	Erik
10	(15)	Axel

The number in () shows the position in 2008.

Who Do You Think You Are?

The U.S. version of popular British genealogy show "Who Do You Think You are?" was shown on NBC Friday March 5, 2010, and showed some of the ancestors of actress Sarah Jessica Parker. This episode got very good reviews from well-known genealogist Paula Stuart-Watten on her blog at paulastuartwarren.blogspot.com