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New U.S. ambassador to Sweden



Azita Raji, who fled Iran as a teenager, has been a prominent supporter of U.S. President Barack Obama since leaving the financial sector in 2008, bringing in more than \$3 million in campaign funding and serving as the President's national vice-chair for finance. She will be Sweden's first female U.S. ambassador.

"Congratulations to Ambassador-designate Azita Raji on her confirmation in February 2016 by the U.S. Senate. We look forward to welcoming her to Stockholm soon," the U.S. embassy in Stockholm said in a Facebook post announcing her appointment as ambassador to Sweden.



A hepatica – a sure sign of spring!

Cyndi's List is 20!

Cyndi's List celebrated its 20th anniversary on March 4, 2026. It was founded in 1996 by professional genealogist Cyndi Ingle. It is a list of links to other website of value to genealogists. It currently contains more than 330,000 links. Fortunately they are categorized to allow users to hone down on specific topics.

The purpose of Cyndi's List remains the same today, 20 years after its creation: to be a free jumping-off point and a catalog for the immense genealogical collection that is the Internet.

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The Bocksten man

In 1936 a young farming couple were harrowing a field near the Bocksten bog in Rolfstorp parish (Hall.) and found the remains of a murdered man, with three stakes through his body, which is now in Varberg.

The man probably died about 1360. His remains shows that he was not a farmer, but from the upper levels of society. Maybe he was a tax collector? It has been shown that he lived his last year in Varberg (Hall.).

Now DNA research will tell more about his life and death. It might show if he has now-living relatives.



The reconstructed face of the man.

Royal news

The new Swedish prince

His Royal Highness Prince *Oscar Carl Olof* of Sweden was born 2 March 2016 in Stockholm. He is the 2nd child of H.R.H. Crown Princess Victoria and her husband H.R.H. Prince Daniel.



Photo: Kate Gabor / Kungahuset.se

Little Prince Oscar is now also the new Duke of Skåne.

Barbro Osher gets Patriotic Medal

Well-known philanthropist *Barbro Osher* of Los Angeles was in December 2016 awarded the Medal of Cultural Heritage (*Kulturarvsmedaljen*) by the The Royal Patriotic Society of Stockholm, Sweden.

"In my work to consequently support Swedish culture and history I feel a great gratitude to also be able to do this on two continents," Barbro Osher said at the award ceremony.

