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Chairman's Message

Our last meeting was well attended and we were treated to pizza, salad, and wings-- THANK YOU Betsy and Lori. We were disappointed that the Swedish Cowboy was not in attendance, but maybe we will see him at Vasa Park for Scandinavian Hostmarknad and the Swedish Meatball Competition. Everyone needs to attend to support our own meatball maker Sharlene. There will be lots of activities for the children. Besides, it should be a fun day, and beautiful at the park.

The next big thing on our agenda will be the meeting in November when there will be a traditional Thanksgiving dinner courtesy of the McGinley family. The District Officers are invited, so let's have a great turn out in support of the District.....

hope to see everyone on November 8th.

October 11th will be our next meeting. Perhaps the Great Pumpkin will surprise us with good things.....don't let the ghosts and goblins get you on the way to the meeting.

Next month there will be an article regarding our scholarships. Be thinking about those who would be eligible. If you received a scholarship last year, you will not be eligible this year, and you must be a full time student. More details will be given next month.

Enjoy the beginning of fall.

Beau

Anita Bos and Gerd Fleming

Both ladies were long time Skandia members and both resigned in the last year or two. After many years of living in Sierra Madre, Anita moved to a care home, in Arcadia, last spring. She had not been able to get around for years and had to use a wheelchair a lot of the time.

Gerd and her Norman moved back to Sweden about 8 years ago. Norman had bad health problems and died about 4 years ago. Now Gerd had trouble taking care of her self so she moved to a home close to Jonkoping.

Last week I had a message that said that both ladies had passed away, apparently just a week apart. The two were good friends but didn't get together that often since the Flemings move to Cambria 20 years ago. Bob and I had many great times with the Flemings in the Pasadena area and in Cambria. I never socialized alone with Anita but many times in smaller groups. According to Anita's wishes, her son will take her home to Finland.

Nel

How to Throw Yourself in the Wall

Here are 17 Swedish expressions to use daily and improve your life. Bonus points if you've heard a VASA member use some of them. *-)

1. A Swede doesn't tell someone to "take a hike"... he tells someone to "throw themselves in the wall." (*Släng dig i väggen*)
2. A Swede doesn't "beat around the bush"... he "walks like the cat around hot porridge." (*Gå som katten kring het gröt*)
3. A Swede doesn't tell you to "chill-out"... he asks you to "bring your spikes down." (*Tagga ned*)
4. A Swede doesn't say, "No worries" if everything is alright... he tells you there is "no cow on the ice." (*Ingen ko på isen*)
5. Alternatively he tells you there is "no danger on the roof." (*Ingen fara på taket*)
6. A Swede is never "drunk"... he is "round under his feet." (*Rund under fötterna*)
7. Alternatively he is "on the cinnamon." (*På kanelen*)
8. A Swede doesn't "fight until the last drop"... he fights "all the way into the tile." (*Ända in i kaklet*)
9. A Swede doesn't say you "aren't sharpest tool in the shed" when he thinks you're not smart... he says you "don't have all the hens at home." (*Alla höns hemma*)
10. Or that you "don't have all your horses in the stable." (*Inte alla hästar i stallet*)
11. A Swede doesn't "seek revenge"... he "gives back for old cheese." (*Ge tillbaka för gammal ost*)
12. A Swede doesn't "keep an eye" on something... he "hits an eye" on something. (*Slå ett öga på*)
13. A Swede is not "raging mad"... he is "forest crazy." (*Skogstokig*)
14. A Swede doesn't have "a skeleton in his closet"... instead he "doesn't have clean flour in his bag." (*Inte ha rent mjöl i påsen*)
15. A Swede is not "ahead of the game"... he "lies in the front edge." (*Ligger i framkant*)
16. A Swede is not "dressed to the nines"... he is "dressed up to his teeth." (*Klädd up till tänderna*)
17. A Swede is not "hungover"... his "hair hurts." (*Ont i håret*)

Michael Lent

October Happenings

Birthdays:

- 1 Nancy Hedlund
- 1 Dana Hedlund Buchanan
- 1 Clara Miller
- 10 Kenneth Pearson
- 20 Solveig Von Lutzow
- 24 Erna Ohlsson

Business Meeting: (2 nd Thursday)

October 10
7 pm Dinner
8 pm Meeting

Hostesses

Jillian Risigari-Gai
Alma-Marie Nordquist
Marie Ibsen

Source: <https://matadornetwork.com/abroad/17-funniest-expressions-swedish-use>

Bob's Page

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Swedish Roadways

Some years ago I was driving on Highway 30 out of Växjö on my way to Stockholm when I experienced a visual jolt. I was suddenly on an airport runway! There was no doubt; I was an experienced pilot and had flown from hundreds of different runways. My immediate impulse was to get off of the runway before there was a collision with an aircraft. Fortunately a turnoff was at hand and I exited into the forest. I soon encountered a facility with large jet fuel tanks, parking for several aircraft, and storage buildings presumably containing ammunition, bombs, spare parts and temporary living space for pilots and mechanics.

It was one of dozens of unobtrusive airfields scattered around Sweden so that in time of war the Swedish Air Force could be dispersed around the country. Large military airports would be prime targets in time of war, while these mini-airfields would attract little attention. The runway is part of the national highway system and the aircraft parking and maintenance area is hidden in the forest.

In addition to being part of the national defense system, Sweden's roadways are the safest in the western world. Annual road deaths in Sweden are one quarter the number per capita in the US and

are fewer than per capita road deaths in Western Europe, Canada and Japan.

It was not always this way. In the last two decades the Swedish Transport Administration shifted its focus from preventing collisions to preventing deaths. For example, accident data showed that collisions with pedestrians and bicyclists were

fatal less than 10% of the time if the auto was going below 25 mph but this rate approached 100% for speeds over 45 mph. Solution: separate pedestrians and autos whenever possible, and limit speeds to below 25 mph where pedestrians and autos can come in contact.

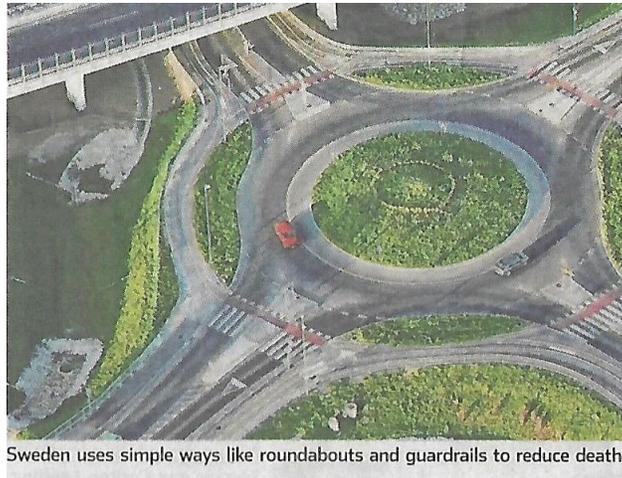
Another cause of fatalities was autos crossing over into lanes going in the opposite direction. These were almost always fatal but could be easily avoided by a divider barrier between opposite going lanes. Installation of such barriers cut head on collisions by 80%.

The intersection of two roads can be controlled by traffic lights, but this results in substantial delays and stacking up of stopped traffic. A better solution is roundabouts similar to those

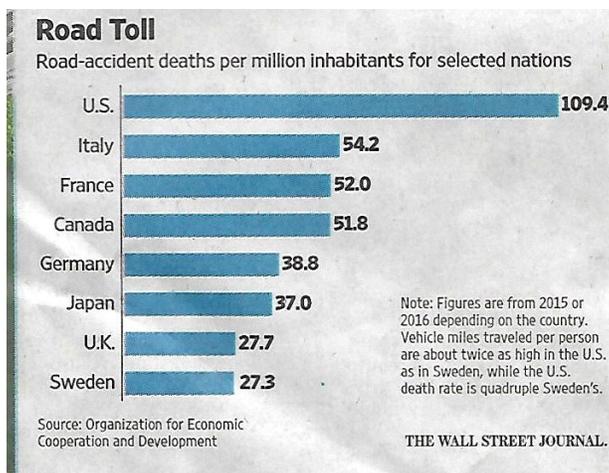
used in England. The traffic momentarily slows for the merge but never stops and the delays and accidents of left turns are eliminated.

As in the United States and elsewhere, mixing alcohol or distractions like cell phones with driving is discouraged by education and severe

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Sweden uses simple ways like roundabouts and guardrails to reduce deaths



From Our Members

South West Regional Finals !

Skandia's Patrick McGinley was off swimming again this time at the Southwest Regional Finals held in beautiful Mission Viejo!

The famed Mission Viejo Pool, (which just underwent a 9 million dollar remodel), home to many Olympic Gold medalist like Brian Goddell, and Greg Louganis, always has a strong draw.

There were 327 top athletes that made up the roster for this three day long meet, competing in age groups of 5 year spans starting at 18 and going all the way up to 100 years of age. These competitors represented 42 teams from all over the Southwest, not to mention teams that came from as far away as the state of Washington, and New Mexico.

Skandia's McGinley swimming for the Rose Bowl Aquatic Center Master's Team swam six individual events and 5 relays. He medaled in his grueling signature events, the Mile swim, the 400 Individual Medley and the 200 Meter Butterfly.

The meet went very well for both the Rose Bowl's Master Team and McGinley. The team was awarded the first place finishers award and Patrick won the high point towel for scoring the most points for his age group.



Above: Patrick McGinley with coaches

From Our Members

Bend It Like Ibrahimovic



Proving that Scandinavians do not require snow or ice to excel at sports, the Swedish national soccer team (*svenska fotbollslandslaget*) advanced to the quarter finals of the 2018 World Cup competition for the first time since 1994. In fact, from 1945 to late 1950s, the Swedes were considered one of the greatest teams in Europe. They took the gold medal at the 1948 Olympics and the bronze in 1952. Sweden also took third place at the 1950 World Cup where they were declared European Champion. The team was runner-up to Brazil in 1958.

In that fine tradition, Swedish superstar Zlatan Ibrahimovic arrives to our local club LA Galaxy in the MLS. At an imposing height of 6 feet 5 inches, Ibrahimovic is a prolific scorer of more than 500 goals who plays the forward position. He has been regarded as the third best soccer player in the world behind Lionel Messi and Cristiano Ronaldo.

Ibrahimovic was born in Malmö to a Muslim Bosnian father and a Catholic Croat of partial Albanian descent. Both emigrated to Sweden in 1977 where the couple first met.

Malmö a city of over 300,000 people, sixth largest in Sweden. Known for its surprisingly mild climate, the area is a hub for biotech and IT companies, as well as a showcase for both many historic buildings and cutting edge architecture.

In December 2014, Swedish newspaper Dagens Nyheter named Ibrahimovic the second-greatest Swedish sportsman ever, after tennis legend Björn Borg. Nicknamed “Ibla,” (the Lion), Ibrahimovic never suffers from modesty or lack of confidence. In fact, upon arrival to Los Angeles, he took out a full page ad that simply said, “Dear, Los Angeles: You’re Welcome.”

While there is no denying Zlatan Ibrahimovic’s greatness as a player, such brashness may have cost him a spot on Sweden’s 2018 World Cup team.

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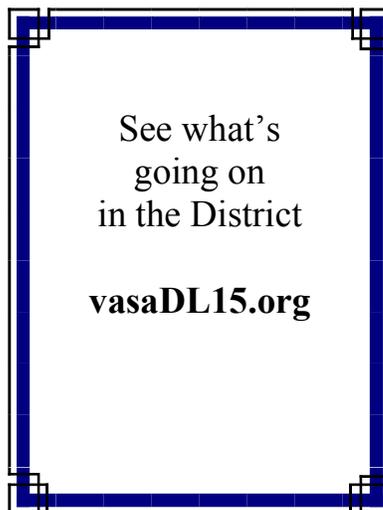


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penalties. Penalties and education are known to have little effect; the Transport Administration realizes that a better solution is to equip cars with radar which detects obstacles or slowing traffic and applies the brakes. Drifting out of the lane boundaries can be prevented by sensors which detect the boundaries and steer the car to stay within those boundaries. Whether the entire operation of autos can be delegated to computers and electronics remains to be seen. Engineering and experience are advancing rapidly in this field.

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