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# NEWSLETTER SERVICE

Dear Lodge/District Editors:

We are pleased to provide the latest edition of the Newsletter Service. This complimentary service is printed six times each year and may be used as a supplement to your lodge newsletter. The Newsletter Service provides a variety of information, ranging from current news and culture related articles to word finds and crossword puzzles. The Newsletter Service is also available on the Web at [www.sonsofnorway.com](http://www.sonsofnorway.com), under the "Members Only" section. We hope you enjoy this issue and find its content to be beneficial.

Fraternally,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Eivind J. Heiberg".

Eivind J. Heiberg

*A Little in English...*

## Princess Martha Louise gives birth to a baby girl

A daughter has been born to Norway's Princess Märtha Louise and Ari Behn at 8:20 a.m. on April 8. The new daughter is their second child and second girl.

The palace announced that the president of Norway's parliament, the *Storting*, had been informed of the birth and that the baby would be named Leah Isadora Behn.

The newborn weighed 3,760 grams (8 lbs 4 oz) and was 52 centimeters (20.4 inches) long.

The king and queen expressed their joy at the birth of their third grandchild.

The palace announced that Princess Märtha Louise was expecting on Sep. 20 last year and said the child was expected in mid-April 2005 - in other words, Leah Isadora arrived a week or two early.

The palace also planned that the birth would take place at the national hospital, Rikshospitalet University Hospital, just as Maud Angelica. There was speculation that the princess wished for a home birth at Bloksberg, where the family is now staying.

Leah Isadora Behn will be fifth in line for the throne, after her older sister, her mother, Princess Ingrid Alexandra (daughter to Crown Prince Haakon) and Crown Prince Haakon. Leah Isadora will not have a royal title.

On April 29, Maud Angelica celebrates her second birthday.

-from *Aftenposten*



*Litt på norsk...*

## Prinsesse Märtha fikk en datter

Prinsesse Märtha Louise og Ari Behn fikk en datter klokken 8.20 den 8. april. Den nye datteren er parets andre barn og datter nummer to.

Kronprinsregent Haakon har meddelt Stortingets President at barnets navn er Leah Isadora Behn.

Den nyfødte veide 3760 gram og er 52 cm lang.

Kong Harald og Dronning Sonja uttrykker glede over å ha fått sitt tredje barnebarn.

Slottet kunngjorde at Märtha Louise var gravid 20. september i fjor. Slottet opplyste da at terminen var i midten av april. Med andre ord er Leah Isadora født et par uker for tidlig.

Slottet opplyste også at barnet ville bli født på Rikshospitalet, slik som Maud Angelica. Det har imidlertid blitt spekulert på om Märtha ville føde hjemme på Bloksberg, så det er ikke direkte overraskende at prinsessen valgte hjemmefødsel.

Leah Isadora Behn blir nummer fem i arverekken etter sin storesøster, sin mor, Prinsesse Ingrid Alexandra (datter til Kronprins Haakon) og Kronprins Haakon. Leah Isadora får ingen kongelig tittel.

Den 29. april feirer Maud Angelica sin andre fødselsdag. Hun er parets første datter.

-fra *Aftenposten*



Photo By: Ari Behn

## Membership Contest

To address the current year membership decline we are planning to launch a membership contest starting July 1, 2005. Since the organization has an emphasis on attracting younger members, the contest we will focus on recruitment of those in the 30-55 age category.

Contest guidelines:

- The contest is open to all current Sons of Norway members
- For every 5 new members you recruit in the 30-55 age category you get one (1) entry in the drawing for business class airline tickets\* for two (2) on Icelandair to Norway.
- Contest time line: July 1, 2005 – June 30, 2006
- Drawing will take place at the 2006 International Convention.

\* Restrictions apply



**Recruit New Members**



**Win Airline Tickets!**

## New Sons of Norway Credit Card Program!

A new credit card program is being unveiled in May 2005 for our members in the United States! This new program offers very appealing benefits as well as significant and numerous rewards. Some of the advantages of this program include:

- 1) Having a unique card, designed especially for Sons of Norway which will allow members to display their Norwegian pride and pride in the Sons of Norway with every purchase.
- 2) No annual fee.
- 3) Allowing cardholders to earn "points" for net purchase dollars charged to their credit card accounts, which may be redeemed for travel awards, merchandise awards, or gift certificates.

Some examples of gift certificates are: \$50 Best Buy Gift Card, \$50 Red Lobster Gift Card, \$100 Sharper Image Gift Card and \$100 Starbucks Card.

For more information on this exciting new program, please contact us at 1-800-945-8851.

**Unique Card Design**

**No Annual Fee**

**Great Rewards!**



*A Little in English...*

## **New Royal Heir on the Way**

Staff at Norway's Royal Palace announced Monday that Crown Princess Mette-Marit is pregnant and is due in December. The child will be third in line to take over as reigning monarch.

"We are very happy. It is going to be very nice," said Crown Prince Haakon and Crown Princess Mette-Marit to TV2 in Kristiansand.

A statement from the palace Monday afternoon reported that the "crown couple" expect their second child in December.

The statement went on to report that, "on the advice of her doctor," the Crown Princess "will take it easy" during the near future. "The situation isn't dramatic, but the doctor's advice may lead to changes in Crown Princess Mette-Marit's program," the palace concluded.

-from *Aftenposten*

*Litt på norsk...*

## **Nye Tronearvingen på Vei**

Kronprinsesse Mette-Marit er gravid og har termin i desember, opplyser Slottet. Barnet skal være nummer tre i arverekken for tronen.

-Vi gleder oss veldig. Det blir kjempehyggelig, sa kronprins Haakon og kronprinsesse Mette-Marit til TV2 i Kristiansand.

"Deres Kongelig Høyheter Kronprinsen og Kronprinsessen har den glede å kunne meddele at de venter barn i desember," står det i meldingen fra Slottet.

Kronprinsesse Mette-Marit krommer til å ta det men ro fremover, etter råd fra sin lege.

"Situasjonen er ikke dramatisk, men legens råd vil kunne medføre endringer i Kronprinsesse Mett-Marits program," heter det i meldingen fra Slottet.

-fra *Aftenposten*



## New from Sons of Norway!

“Lost Branch,” a familiar feature in *Viking* magazine is now available exclusively on the Sons of Norway website, [www.sonsofnorway.com](http://www.sonsofnorway.com).

We all know that genealogy is an important part of our heritage and many members have taken their search to on-line resources. Lost Branch is the perfect place to begin a genealogical search and to connect with lost relatives.

This service is still FREE to our members, but non-members must pay a minimal fee to connect with their roots.

Members also get the benefit of choosing up to twice the amount of text in comparison to the amount of text allowable to non-members. If you are a Sons of Norway member and would like to advertise on Lost Branch, please visit our website and log on to the members portion of the website. After you are logged on, click [Free Lost Branch Posting](#) on the right-hand column and simply fill out the form. If you would prefer to submit your entry via postal mail, please send it to: Sons of Norway. Attn: Jessica Gleason, 1455 West Lake Street, Minneapolis, MN 55408. Please check your entry after it is posted on-line, to check for spelling and other errors.

For non-member Lost Branch posting, visit the website, click on “Marketplace” drop down to “Advertise With Us,” and click on “Click Here” to enter the information. Near the bottom of the form, please select “Lost Branch” in the “Category” section. If you choose to pay by credit card, you can be reassured that our site is secure.



## Robert Sørлие Wins the Iditarod!

Robert Sørлие won the world’s longest dog race, the Iditarod. This is his second win; he also won the race in 2003. Robert Sørлие’s nephew, Bjørnar Andersen, only 27 years old, took a sensational 4th place.

It was a happy, but tired Robert Sørлие who finished the race. “It feels good. Now I’m ready for breakfast,” said Sørлие just after he arrived in Nome, Alaska.

From Anchorage, in South central Alaska, to Nome on the Western Bering Sea coast, each team of 12 to 16 dogs and their musher cover over 1150 miles in 10 to 17 days. The Iditarod has been named “the last great race on earth”.

Through beautiful nature, freezing temperatures and long hours of darkness one can see the special relationship between Man and his Best Friend. The race route is alternated every other year, one year going North through Cripple, Ruby and Galena, the next year South through Iditarod, Shageluk, Anvik.

“Team Norway” consists of Robert Sørлие, Kjetil Backen and Bjørnar Andersen. Robert is 47 years old and works full time as a fire fighter in Oslo Airport Gardermoen. He had 24 dogs in training for this race, all Alaskan Huskies. When he finished the race, he had 8 dogs left. Bjørnar is Robert’s nephew, 27 years old and the winner of Finnmarksløpet in Norway last year.

- from [www.norway.org](http://www.norway.org)

