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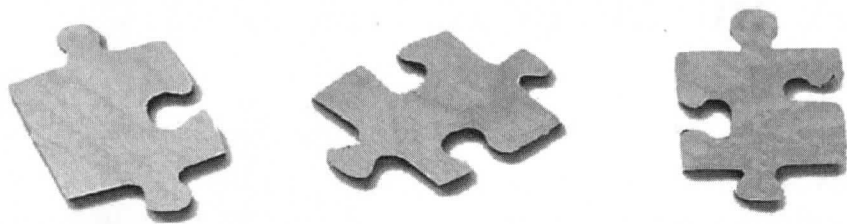
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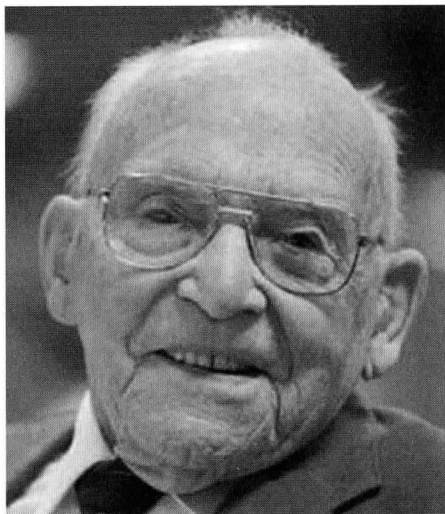


## The oldest man in the U.S. dies

His name was Conrad Johnson, but he was born in Kymbo, Skaraborg *län*, on 19 Jan. 1904 as Karl Konrad Oskarsson. His parents were Oskar Natanael Jansson and his wife Ida Maria Antoinetta Gahnström, who were farmers at Hulegården.

He immigrated 24 Feb. 1923, at age 19, under the name Jansson, with a ticket for New York, but finally settled as a carpenter in Rockford, IL, where he lived the rest of his life.

He passed away as the oldest verified male in the U.S. on 23 Dec. 2014, almost reaching 111 years. (Fred Olsson Funeral Home, Rockford, *obit*). Thanks to Annelie Jonsson for the information.



It is Semla time!



## The Vikings are coming to Chicago

The Field Museum in Chicago is opening a large exhibition about the Vikings on 27 Feb. which ends on 4 Oct. 2015.

Through new archaeological discoveries and hundreds of rare Scandinavian artifacts, you can explore the power of mythology and the symbolism of Viking ships, gain fascinating insights into domestic life and death rituals, and understand the importance of travel and trade. The exhibition is organized in cooperation with the Swedish Historical Museum in Stockholm.

([www.fieldmuseum.org](http://www.fieldmuseum.org))

## Newborn Swedes 2014

Girl's names	Numbers
Elsa	850
Alice	806
Maja	732
Agnes	673
Lilly	646
Olivia	626
Julia	610
Ebba	603
Linnea	594
Molly	579

The source for this list of the most popular names for newborns is the annual name statistics from the Central Bureau of Statistics of Sweden.

The most common names for all females are *Anna* and *Eva*; for all males *Lars* and *Anders*.

## Kerstin Lane awarded the Sandburg medal

The Swedish-American Historical Society has awarded its Carl Sandburg Medal for 2014 to Kerstin Lane of Chicago for her services to the Swedish community. She was the first salaried executive director of the Swedish American Museum in Andersonville, Chicago. During her time there the museum grew in members and space. Congratulations from SAG!

(SAHS Newsletter Nov. 2014)



## Newborn Swedes 2014

Boy's names	Numbers
Lucas	860
William	851
Oscar	805
Oliver	754
Liam	728
Elias	721
Hugo	696
Vincent	641
Charlie	634
Alexander	630