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Happy Golden Wedding Anniversary

John and Ann Zimmerman Gaul were united in marriage on February 27, 1954 at St. Boniface Church in Westphalia, Iowa. Father Aloysius Zimmerman SVD, brother of the bride, officiated.

John, known as Jack in former years, spent most of his working life as a stationery engineer. During his last fifteen years of work, he was Chief Engineer for the Northern Region of United States Cold Storage, retiring from that position in 1996. Ann, a registered nurse, worked mainly at Douglas County Hospital and retired from that institution in 1985.

John and Ann have three children: John Scott, married to Nancy, Lee, married to Diane, and Christopher, married to Sandi. They have five grandchildren who are Tom, Michelle, Nick, Courtney and Mark.

John and Ann observed their 50th anniversary on April 24, 2004, with a Blessing Mass at Holy Cross Church in Omaha. Following this, a reception and dinner were held in the Neapolitan Room of the Venice Inn for their family and that of Vern and Betty Gaul, who had been their wedding witnesses fifty years ago.

Scott and Nancy were Host Couple for the evening. Chris and Sandi had the room beautifully decorated for the occasion and Carrie and Dr. Bryon Gaul had sent flower arrangements to further add to the Fifty year theme.

The couple had compiled a lighthearted fifty year account of their marriage and this was presented by Lee, acting as Toastmaster. The guests, especially the younger ones, were somewhat amused at parts of the story. For instance, in 1956, the going wage for a starting engineer was \$1.56 an



hour. RNs earned \$2700,00 a year and that was considered to be quite good. The price of a gallon of gas was 29 cents but during a "gas war" often dropped to 24 cents. A nicely furnished apartment with a garage went for \$80.00 a month. And the fairly new three bedroom home that was purchased in the late fifties sold for \$14,000.00 with house payments at \$102.00 per month.

The evening was lots of fun with good food and good conversation. John and Ann feel truly blessed to have arrived at this milestone and to have had their family around them on this happy occasion.

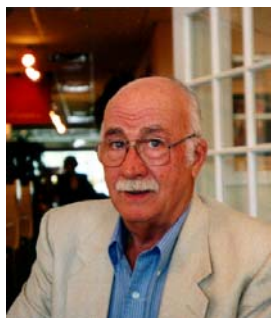


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John's Story Corner

We are all taught not to tell tales about our fellow man, as that is considered gossiping. However let us make an exception as I tell a story about the

Chief Engineer at United States Cold Storage who became my boss and mentor back in August of 1955.



I had just graduated from

U.T.S. a refrigeration and heating trade school here in town, where the largest refrigeration compressor in their hands-on workshop was rated at 5 ton. However at U.S. Cold Storage the smallest refrigeration compressor was rated at 100 ton. Everything in the engine room was just plain huge as was the building itself, which was over 625 feet long.

The chief engineer, Albert Schumacker was born in 1900 and ironically so was the plant's general manager and the head maintenance man. Albert had transferred to Omaha from their Chicago plant, the general manager came from their Detroit plant and the head maintenance man came from a Campbell Soup plant in Michigan City, Indiana. He's the guy who noticed that a couple hundred feet off shore, the water in Lake Michigan never froze, even in the dead of winter. So one autumn he rowed his boat far out into the lake to fetch up some of that water that never froze. However when he used it as anti freeze in his old flat head Ford, it froze solid.

Albert Schumacker originally hailed from somewhere in Pennsylvania and his first job was with the Pennsylvania Rubber Company, which among other things, made automobile tires. This was back, he said, when they still used cotton fabric in car tires which had a tendency to blow

after only a few thousand miles. However the pay at this rubber tire company was pretty good and he soon bought a motorcycle, a big wide leather motorcycle belt, a leather cap and high top boots. With that he also acquired a fond taste for hard liquor, cigarettes and loose women. If his stories were true, Albert was a terror on two wheels.

But his wayward life style made an abrupt change shortly after Prohibition was enacted.

At this tire plant where he worked there was an exhaust fan near the peak of the building which had become blocked with bird nests over the long Fourth of July weekend. Albert volunteered to climb a near by power pole and with a long stick he thought he could dislodge those nests. But in the process of doing so his stick somehow came in contact with the high voltage power lines on the top of that pole. He said he was knocked completely silly, but fortunately only fell a few feet because his big wide motorcycle belt had caught one of the pole's climbing pegs. If not for that he said he'd have fallen about 25 feet. So there he hung.

One of his co-workers jumped on Albert's motorcycle and rode to the power station to report the accident. They in turn shut off the power and called the fire department, which soon arrived with a ladder truck to get Albert down. He was rushed to a near by hospital where he slowly revived however his arm was partially paralyzed and also very discolored.

While recuperating and reminiscing about his close brush with death he was given a flyer put out by the WatchTower organization of Chicago. That became his calling! He was so inspired with reading about this organization that shortly after he was well enough to be dismissed he quit his job, quit drinking, smoking and carousing, sold his motorcycle and moved to Chicago to become a minister.

However he soon learned that ministry work didn't pay very well so he

applied for a job at a newly built cold storage plant.

The United States Army had built this eight-story cold storage plant across from McKinley Park near the Chicago stockyards to serve its military needs. But with the world war now over they no longer had a need for it, so it was sold to the New York Central Railroad.

Albert began work at this cold storage plant as an "oilier," working the 4 to midnight shift. His job description, besides keeping the machine lubricators on the five, 500 H.P. two stage compressors filled with oil, he also made an hourly inspection tour of the cooling tower fans, water distribution nozzles, and the shell and tube condensers.

One evening shortly after sundown while Albert was up checking the cooling tower which was located on the engine room roof, a very large stork like bird flew in from somewhere and perched on the upper cross arms of the pole that supported the plant's incoming power lines. A very strange sight to behold. This bird however must have eaten too many fish or such, as Albert said within moments after folding its wings and making an attempt to preen itself, it also defecated. Almost instantly there was a loud bang like a thunder clap followed by a huge ball of fire mixed with burning feathers and entrails, which Albert swore were coming straight at him. Seconds later he was in near total darkness as was much of the surrounding city.

A bit later when he realized he was unhurt and his night vision returned, he climbed back down to the roof and soon found the stairway to the engine room. The shift engineer met him with a flashlight and was relieved to see that Albert was unharmed, but totally unconvinced that Albert was not the cause of the power failure. Not until the next morning when bits and pieces of Albert's alleged shore bird were found plastered to whatever was he absolved from any wrong doing. To be continued!

... John Gaul

WELCOME TO THE CLAN

John Curtis Pemble was born about 11:30 PM on Wednesday, July 23, 2003, at Immanuel St. Joseph's Hospital, Mankato, Blue Earth County, Minnesota.



He weighs 7 pounds and his proud parents are Melanie and Curtis Pemble of Mankato

Minnesota, his proud grandparents include Jacqueline Charbel and Stephen Enderle, and his proud great-grandparents include Mavis and Dewie Gaul of Sioux City, Iowa. (John, Dewie, Jacqueline, Melanie, John)

Maxwell Mickey McLaughlin was born on November 20, 2003 at 2:24pm in Omaha, Nebraska to Mickey and Jaclyn (Weis) McLaughlin of Omaha,



Nebraska. He weighed 8 lbs 2 oz and was 21 inches long. This is the first grandchild of Ken and Judy (Gaul) Weis of

Omaha, as well as the first great-grandchild for Betty Gaul (Mrs. Ivo Gaul) of Harlan, Iowa. (William, Ivo, Judy, Jaclyn, Maxwell)

Angelina Grace Gaul born December 4, 2003 at Pontiac, Michigan to Andrew and Jackie Gaul. of Holly, Michigan.



She weighed 7lbs 11 oz. She is shown here with her proud parents. Her grandparents are the late

Kenneth L. Gaul and Debie L. Gaul of Davisburg, Michigan. (Paul, Gregory, Kenneth, Andrew, Angelina)

Marie Carter and Steven Gaul, both of Hilliard, FL, exchanged marriage vows on January 17, 2004 at Our Lady of Consolation Catholic Church in Callahan.

Parents of the couple are Robert and Joan Gaul, Harlan, and the late Ernest and



Diana Watford, who were Jacksonville, FL, residents. Steven is a graduate of Iowa State University. Steven is employed as a forester with the Florida

Division of Forestry. Marie is a student at Florida Community College and is employed as an account executive at Richter and Company in Jacksonville. Steven and Marie went on a honeymoon cruise to the Bahamas. The couple is at home in Hilliard, FL. (William, Lawrence, Robert, Steven)

Breanna Nicloe Hendricks born August 7, 2003 in Omaha, Nebraska to Bradley and Melissa Hendricks of Omaha. Her grandmother is Shirley (Gaul) Hauck of Omaha. Her great grandmother is Dorothy Gaul of Earling. (Peter, Ferdinand, Shirley, Bradley, Breanna)

Dennis Ray Galles married **Krystal Sunshine Marie Gaul** on May 22, 2004



at the First Congregational Church in Dunlap, Iowa. Krystal is the daughter of Debbie Rusch of Dow City, Iowa and the granddaughter of Dorothy Gaul of

Earling. Krystal graduated from Boyer Valley High School in Dunlap. Dennis graduated from LeMars Public High School. Both are graduates of Iowa State University in Ames. Krystal is teaching in the Ames area and Denny is an Assistant Manager for the Wal-Mart in Ankeny. (Peter, Ferdinand, Daniel, Krystal)

Slawomir Lopko and Sara Fitzpatrick, both of Peoria were married on May 16, 2003 at St. Mark's Church in Peoria.

Parents of the couple are Carol (Gaul) Walton, Harlan, Iowa; Jim Fitzpatrick, Clear Lake, Iowa; and Henryk and



Teresa Lopko, Jawor, Poland. Grandparents of the bride are Dorothy Gaul, Earling, Iowa and the late Ferd Gaul, and Regina Fitzpatrick, Dunlap, Iowa

and the late Joe Fitzpatrick.

The bride was escorted down the aisle by her father. Sara's accessories included a headpiece and veil made by her mother. A traditional Polish blessing was read at the end of the ceremony. The blessing was written and sent by the groom's parents who live in Poland and were unable to attend.

The bride is a 1999 graduate of Harlan Community High School and a 2003 graduate of Bradley University where she received a bachelor of science degree with honors in secondary education. Sara is a middle school social studies teacher at St. Mark's School.

The groom attended Liceum from 1985-1989. Slawomir graduated from the Institute of St. John, France with a degree in theological and philosophical studies. He is employed as an assisted living attendant.

Sara and Slawomir spent their honeymoon in Myrtle Beach, SC. The couple is at home in Peoria. (Peter, Ferdinand, Carol, Sara,)

Maria Faustina Lopko was born on April 24, 2004 at Peoria, Illinois to Slawek and Sara Fitzpatrick) Lopko of West Peoria, Illinois. She weighed 7 lbs, 11 oz, and was 20.5 inches long. Maria's grandmother is Carol (Gaul) Walton of Harlan, Iowa. Her great grandmother is Dorothy Gaul of Earling. (Peter, Ferdinand, Carol, Sara, Maria)

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Congratulations To The Graduates

Bridget Mary Gaul graduated from Creighton University with a Bachelor of

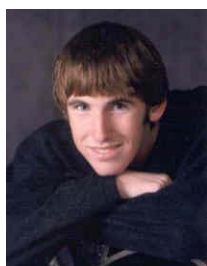


Arts in Psychology. Bridget is the daughter of Gene Gaul of Earling, Iowa and Kathleen Larson of Missouri Valley, Iowa. Her grandparents are Vern and Betty

Gaul of Earling. (John, Vern, Gene, Bridget)

Gregory William Croghan, 2004

graduate from Knoxville, Iowa High



School. He plans to attend Rose Hulman Institute of Technology in Terra Haute, Indiana to study Chemical Engineering and swim. Greg is the son of Don and Kathie Croghan of

Knoxville and the grand son of Adelaide (Gaul) Croghan of Panama, Iowa. (Peter, Adelaide, Donald, Gregory)

Nicholas Christopher Gaul graduated with Honors from Holy Family High School in Broomfield, Colorado. Nick



was 2004 Class President and a National Merit Scholarship finalist. He will attend Seattle University on a Presidential Scholarship. Great aunt Colette (Gaul) Butterfield, longtime

Seattle resident, has already offered her hospitality. Nick's parents are Chris and Sandra Gaul of Thornton, Colorado and his grandparents are John and Ann Gaul of Omaha. They, along with godparents Scott and Nancy Gaul, and cousin Gene Gaul's family made the trip to Colorado for the graduation and party. (John, John, Chris, Nick)

Carisa Marie Gaul, 2004 graduate from Harlan Community High School. Carisa



is the daughter of Richard and Marietta Gaul of Earling, Iowa and the granddaughter of Bernice Gaul of Earling. (Peter, Gerald, Richard, Carisa)

Alexander Edward Knox, 2004 graduate from East Lansing, Michigan High



School. Alex is the son of Brian and Suzanne (Gaul) Knox of East Lansing, Michigan and the grandson of Sylvester and Betty Gaul of Davenport, Iowa (Peter, Sylevester, Suzanne, Alexander)

Brittany Duvall had a big day on December 20, 2003. In the morning, she graduated from the University of Iowa



with a BBA in Accounting (one semester early). Then, in late afternoon, she got engaged to **John Cord**, at the place where they met, church camp.

They are living in West Haven, Connecticut while John attends graduate school at Yale. Brittany's plans for a master's degree were postponed because she accepted a full time accounting position in southern Connecticut. They plan on a June 2005 wedding. Brittany is the daughter of Dennis and Nancy Duvall of Davenport, Iowa and the granddaughter of Sylvester and Betty Gaul of Davenport. (Peter, Sylvester, Nancy, Brittany)

Karla Renae Dell, 2004 graduate from Johnston High School in Des Moines, Iowa. She graduated with honors and



was a member of the National Honor Society. Kara was awarded two Academic Scholarships, one with Grandview College in Des Moines where she is currently enrolled. The

second one was an academic scholarship from the Enlisted Association of the National Guard of Iowa. Kara is majoring in psychology with plans to go on for a master's degree. Karla is the daughter of Terry and Kathleen (Gaul) Dell of Davenport, Iowa and the granddaughter of Madeleine Gaul of Bettendorf, Iowa. (Peter, Isidore, Kathleen, Karla)

Danelle (Gaul) Lockwood received her Master's in Sociology from the University of Nebraska at Omaha.

Danelle is currently employed as a

Sales Analyst for the Carlson Hotels Worldwide, and with her husband Bill, live in Omaha,



Nebraska. Pictured with Danelle, is her husband Bill, and her grandmother Dorothy Gaul. Danelle is the daughter of Larry and Maxine Gaul of Earling, Iowa and the granddaughter of Dorothy Gaul of Earling. (Peter, Ferdinand, Larry, Danelle)

Charles Paul Goetzinger, 2004 graduate from Hilliard, Ohio High School. Charles plans to pursue a career in customizing cars and will attend WYOTECH, a technical college outside of Pittsburgh. He is the son of Joe and Linda Gaul of Hilliard and grandson of Virgil and Irene (Gaul) Goetzinger of Alma, Michigan (Paul, Irene, Joseph, Charles)

Congratulations To The Graduates

Meghan Wooster, 2004 graduate from Denison, Iowa High School. During her high school career she participated in athletics, speech, and Academic Decathlon, where she earned 3 medals at state competition.



Meghan is very active in 4-H being president of both Charter Oak Boosters and the Crawford County 4-H Council and has exhibited cattle, sheep, and swine. She was showman of the 2003

Grand Champion Market Steer at the Crawford County Fair and also the 2003 Crawford County Fair Queen. This fall Meghan will be attending Creighton University with an interest in pre-medicine. Meghan is the daughter of Vinton and Theresa (Croghan) Wooster of Charter Oak, Iowa and the granddaughter of Adelaide (Gaul) Croghan of Panama, Iowa. (Peter, Adelaide, Theresa, Meghan)

Jessica Dobson , 2004 graduate from Lakato West High School in West



Chester, Ohio. She will attend Ohio State University, Majoring in Chemistry and plans to go into the medical field, possibly optometry. Jessica is the daughter of Roy and Marilyn (Croghan) Dobson of Hamilton,

Ohio and the granddaughter of Adelaide (Gaul) Croghan of Panama, Iowa. (Peter, Adelaide, Marilyn, Jessica)

Elissa Marie Croghan, 2004 graduate from Chatfield County High School in Littleton, Colorado. Elissa is the daughter of Michael and Ruth Croghan of Littleton and the granddaughter of Adelaide (Gaul) Croghan of Panama, Iowa. (Peter, Adelaide, Michael, Elissa)

Daniel Andrew Assmann, 2004 graduate from St. Alberts High School in Council Bluffs, Iowa. Daniel is the son Andrew and Cynthia (Gaul) Assmann of Omaha, Nebraska and the grandson of Leo and Agnes Gaul of Harlan, Iowa. (Peter, Leo, Cynthia, Daniel)



Angie Renae Gaul, 2004 graduate from St. Albert High School in Council Bluffs, Iowa. Angie is the daughter of Jeff and Mary Gaul of Council Bluffs and the granddaughter of Bernice Book of Earling, Iowa. (Peter, Gerald, Jeffrey, Angie)

Happy 40th anniversary

Dan and Jean Bieker of Harlan celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary on Saturday, April 24.

Family and friends attended an open house at the C.G. Therkildsen Activity Center in Harlan. Hosting the celebration was the couple's five children: Natalie and Dan Crees, Harlan; Kristina and Art Brockhoff, Minden; Craig and Anne Bieker, Harlan; Brian and Laura Bieker, Pella; and Angie and Rodney Kenkel, Panama.

Dan and Jean have 14 grandchildren.

Dan is employed by the City of Harlan. Jean works at Variety Distributors in Harlan.

Dan Bieker and Jean Gaul were married on May 30, 1964 at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Portsmouth. (Peter, Ferdinand, Jean)

Did your address change?

If yours did, e-mail or drop me a line. If your children no longer live at home, send us their correct address. Thanks!

From the Picture Album

This is the Dr. Kevin Allemagne family of Rockford, IL.



Cecilia Catherine (3-7-01), is in front of Kevin. Julie is holding Jonathan Michael (1-31-03).

Kevin is a faculty member and the director of the Family Center at Northern Illinois University, DeKalb, IL. Julie is the human resource manager at TH Foods, Inc. Love's Park, IL.

The Allemagne family will move to Greensburg, PA this summer. Dr. Allemagne has accepted a position as an assistant professor of marriage and family therapy and as the director of the marriage and family therapy program at Seton Hill University in Greensburg, PA. Julie has accepted the position of director of liturgy and music at Blessed Sacrament Cathedral in Greensburg. (William, Lawrence, Robert, Julie)

Commander Lee A. Gaul

USNR has received notice that he is eligible for two more medals pertaining to his recent deployment.

He will receive the Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal (GWOT-EM) and the Navy Unit Commendation Medal (NUC). This brings to thirteen the number of decorations awarded since becoming a member of the Naval Reserve. (John, John, Lee)

Our Condolences to the Families of:

Ellery Elizabeth Anne Bieker,
infant daughter of Craig and Anne
Bieker, Harlan, who died Wednesday,
May 12 at Children's Hospital in Omaha.

Ellery was born May 8, 2004 at
Methodist Hospital in Omaha, Nebraska.

Besides her parents, she is survived
by grandparents Barry and Margaret
Beck of Sioux City, Ronald and Joan
Breining of Elk Horn and Daniel and
Jean Bieker of Harlan.

Doris Susan Schneider,

80, Harlan, IA. Born April 13,
1923 at Earling, IA. Survived by sons,
Kenneth (Kim) Schneider, Portsmouth, IA,
Jerome 'Buzz' (Connie) Schneider,
Westphalia, IA, Richard (Janet) Schneider,
Avoca, IA, Allen (Susan) Schneider,
Harlan, IA; daughters, Jane (Kenneth)
Foxhoven, Earling, IA, Mary Lee (Gary)
Fitzgerald, Clare, IA, Denise (Mark)
Andries, Cedar Rapids, IA, Jean (Ken)
Friesen, Crescent, IA, Sandra (John)
Busch, Claremore, OK, Pamela (George)
Gingrich, Walnut, IA; sisters, Marie Ebert,
El Paso, TX, Edith Schneider, Harlan, IA;
brother, Ivo (Mildred) Finken, Earling, IA;
29 grandchildren; 8 great-grandchildren.

She was buried at St. Boniface
Cemetery in Westphalia, Iowa.

Ronald M. Book,

69 yrs. Preceded in death by parents,
Joseph and Josephine Book; 4 brothers,
Richard, Russell, Gailand, Urban.
Survived by wife, Helene; children, Judy
Ricker and friend, Tom, Thomas and
wife, Linda Book; 2 grandchildren,
Brandon and Kayla Book, all Omaha; 4
brothers; 1 sister; many nieces; nephews;
friends.

Greg Leo Gaul, 41,

a Des Moines, Iowa Social Worker
was shot and killed by a young client in
Johnston, Iowa on January 27, 2004. Greg
worked at the children's
facility Orchard
Place from
1985 to 2000.
Co-workers say
he was a
dedicated
counselor. Gaul
also worked
with the PACE
program, and
later went into



private practice, Life Works Inc.

"He was dedicated to children. He
just had a way with them. He went above
and beyond for children." said Orchard
Place's Carolyn Hejtmank.

Greg Gaul leaves behind a wife and
six children.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held
Saturday, January 31, 2004 at Holy
Trinity Catholic Church in Des Moines.
Burial was at Glendale Cemetery in Des
Moines.

Greg was born the son of Leo and
Agnes (Schulte) Gaul on May 9, 1962 in
Omaha, Nebraska. He lived in Earling,
Iowa and attended St. Joseph's Catholic
School. He graduated from Harlan High
School in 1980 where he played baseball,
was an All Stater in music and in Boy
Scouts where he attained the rank of Eagle
Scout. Greg received his Bachelor of
Social Work at the College of St. Thomas
in St. Paul, MN where he lived in the St.
Vianney Community and received his
Masters of Social Work from the Univer-
sity of Minnesota.

Greg is survived by his wife, Nan
and their children Simon, Eli, Susie, Sally,
Clara and Frannie; his parents, Deacon
Leo and Agnes Gaul of Harlan; sister,
Mary (Denny) Petersen of Jacksonville,
IA; brother, Tim (Peg) Gaul of Ames;
sister, Cindy (Andy) Assmann of Omaha,
NE;

(Peter, Leo, Gregory)

What they said of Greg:

On May 10, 2004, Gene Gaulof
Earling, Iowa in an e-mail wrote, "Greg
Gaul was featured in yesterday's and
today's Des Moines Register's front page.
Here's a man who died over 3 months ago,
yet he's still being remembered. Greg had
no monetary wealth when he was tragi-
cally murdered. Yet the Governor had a
Greg Gaul Day a couple months ago (*on
March 11*) and on June 20th there is going
to be a benefit auction at the Iowa Cubs
baseball game in Des Moines for his
family. . .

When Greg died Marc Hansen (Des
Moines Register columnist) said, 'Greg
would give the shirt off his back to you,
however you probably would not want it.'
If you can or can not donate to Greg's
family, try to live a little like Greg. If you
see someone who needs help, take time
and render them some aid.

Someday of course I will die, and if
my obituary has just one per cent of the
good things that Greg Gaul's had, in my
mind it'll be a very successful life.

. . . Gene

Greg Gaul Memorial Fund
First American Bank
2805 Beaver Avenue
Des Moines Iowa 50310"

**Excerpts from the Des Moines
Register:**

To the people who knew him,
however, the remarkable thing about Greg
Gaul was not what he did, but the way in
which he lived. From holding the hand of
an AIDS patient dying alone, to showing
empathy for imperfect parents, to making
lonely children laugh, Greg, they said,
showed a constant compassion for others
that many other people wished they had.

Because of their memories of Gaul,
some of his former social-work colleagues
say they are trying to be more helpful to
the needy families they serve. Others say
they are taking more time to be with
family and show patience toward stran-
gers. Some have even undergone spiritual
renewals.

"I came away from Greg's funeral
feeling as though he had totally lived his
faith and that somehow I had wandered
away from mine," said Gaul's cousin,

Mickey Shearer of Portland, Ore. "It
sounds silly, but I tell my friends here I
found God in Iowa because of my cousin.
I had an awakening that I badly needed."

*Thanks for the
"postage relief"*

*I welcome your help and continued
support. But just as important are the
letters and sharing the news of your
families with us all. Thanks again for
your support.*

Pete

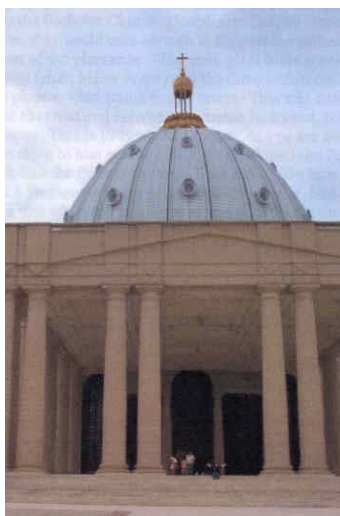
Seth Knox describes his "Adventures in Yommousukro."

Seth Knox, the son of Brian and Suzanne (Gaul) Knox of East Lansing, Michigan, is a Marine Guard at the US Embassy in the African Country of The Ivory Coast.

Yomoussoukro became the capital in 1983, but it's the capital in name only.

Starting in the 1960s, President Houphouët-Boigny began spending lavishly on his native village. The result is a wasteful, bizarre example of what not to do with a lot of money. There are deserted, eight lane highways lined with over 10,000 lights and avenues that end in the jungle.

Virtually no traditional African houses are left; Houphouët-Boigny



replaced them with concrete middle class structures. At the same time there's no city like it in Africa, and the core centre is a lot livelier at night than its grandiose, impersonal appearance suggests. The dazzling centerpiece of it all is the Basilique de Notre Dame de la Paix, an overly long name for an almost exact replica of St. Peter's in Rome.

Built in only three years, the basilica is the tallest church in all of Christendom - which is probably meaningless to a country with few Catholics. Size and shape aside, what you'll remember most are the 36 immense stained glass windows, all hand blown in France. All in all, not bad

for US \$300 million, a sum equalling half the national budget.

The Pope's House:

Two houses were build on either side of the cathedral. One was for the Pope when he came down for the opening of the cathedral. He stayed their one day and went back to Rome. The house was only built for that one day. The other house is for all the priest that preside over the cathedral. They are all Polish because the Pope is Polish.

The Ivorian government did not have the ability to support the cathedral so they donated to the Catholic Church.

Houphouët-Boigny also donated his own personal cocoa plantation to Church so they could earn enough to support the cathedral. They are about to build a catholic university on a part of the plantation.

Pope John Paul w/ detachable head-

This was first carved to look like the Pope at present. They didn't like how it looks so the carver chopped off the head, made a younger looking one, and re-attached it. Not only did that improve the carving it also demonstrated that when the new Pope is appointed the statue can be change with the drop of an ax.



(Peter, Sylevester, Suzanne, Seth)

Schnuettgen/Gaul families:

Check out John Schulte's family website: www.usfamily.net/web/jrschulte/

Enjoying the present of the day

By Alma Gaul
(Written for Mother's day 2004)

Tick, tick, tick

Hear that clock?

I hear it every day as I watch our son and daughter move about our house. There he is sitting next to me at the dinner table talking about weak verbs (a German thing), or asking if he can drive the car.

And there she is sitting next to me on the couch, talking about how she doesn't get philosophy and angsting about what she is going to be, and asking me if I knew what I was going to be when I was her age.

Yesterday?

Yesterday they were the kids in this photo, little guys who wrote with chalk on the driveway and needed us to take care of them.



Tomorrow?

Ah, tomorrow. That is the rub. That is the ticking clock.

Every year they ask what I want for Mother's Day, and every year I think to myself that the real presents already arrived. They arrived on the days they were born and I hardly knew it.

They are lifetime presents that unwrap themselves in multiple layers day after day -every day -revealing something just a little bit different each time. And demanding something just a little bit different of me.

So it has gone for nearly 18 years, but now that clock is so loud, and I don't like it.

Yet if I could, I would not ask that the clock be quieted. That is not the nature of these presents. But enjoy them? Grow with them? Become who I am because of them?

More than I could have imagined.

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Gaul news

And the Winners are!!

Jill (Weis) and her husband Nick Edmundson made their national television debut as contestants on the game show 'Wheel of Fortune.' They were featured as a couple on a 'Sweethearts



Show' that aired the week of Valentine's day on February 11th.

Jill writes, "We auditioned for the show last May at Harrah's Casino in Council Bluffs, IA. There were approximately 15,000 'contestant hopefuls' at the open auditions, but we were fortunate enough to get spotted by the Producers (including Merv Griffin himself!!!) and they were interested in talking to us. They took our picture and asked us back for several follow-up auditions. In December

we finally received a call from the show, and they told us that we had both been selected for the show...and we would be appearing together on a 'Sweethearts Show.'

We taped the show in sunny Phoenix, Arizona on January 10th, 2004. My parents, Ken and Judy Weis, accompanied us and were in the audience that day to cheer us on! I'm happy to report that Nick and I were the big winners of the day..."

Afterwards, they threw a big party for all of their friends and family! (William, Ivo, Judy, Jill)



"This is of all of us celebrating at a restaurant in Phoenix after we taped our show. My parents, Ken and Judy (Gaul) Weis, are the couple in the middle."

Judy (Gaul) Weis - proud mother of the Wheel of Fortune winner had this to add to the story, "There is an interesting tidbit that Jill did not include in her story....and I thought you might be interested.

One of the other couples that appeared on the same show as Jill and Nick had an interesting last name.....GAUL! After the show I spoke to them briefly. Their names were Michael and Michelle Gaul. I am guessing they were in their late 40's. I told Michael as much about my Gaul ancestors as I could in two minutes...and he didn't seem to recognize any of the ancestral names. He lives in Phoenix, Arizona and works for Qwest (the telephone company). It just seems like such a coincidence...and I can hardly believe that somewhere in the past we share a relative!"