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Vital Statistics

Birthdays

Day Age Name

Name

1/1	17	Iolaina Ooteman
1/1	43	Frank Ooteman
1/2	40	Eric Depperschmidt
1/3	43	Janny Joosten-Leijendekker
1/4	9	Jennifer Smoorenburg
1/6	50	Bianca Bijlsma-Smoorenburg
1/7	4	Grace Dawson Depperschmidt
1/10	70	Caspar Smoorenburg
1/10	41	Debra Marie Smoorenburg-Schmuhl
1/12	18	Sebastiaan "Bas" Joosten"
1/12	2	Danique Wolters
1/12	23	Anne E Smoorenburg
1/13	2	Floor Gonneke Smoorenburg
1/16	33	Vonneke Smoorenburg
1/16	28	Katja Oostergetel
1/18	49	Ronnie Ferriss
1/20	48	Mandy Helseth-Smoorenburg
1/20	3	Joacim & Marjan Berglund
1/20	57	Astrid Johnson-Smoorenburg
1/21	11	Dario Wolfen
1/21	35	Marcel Gerardus Smoorenburg
1/23	19	Sarah Berrier
1/26	63	Larry Helseth
1/26	52	Hans Smoorenburg
1/28	42	Marcel Gerardus A Smoorenburg
1/28	23	Christopher Dennett
1/29	39	Esther Leijendekker
1/31	41	Steve Nash
2/3	46	Vera Boumans
2/5	58	Astrid Smoorenburg-Zwaaneveld
2/7	33	Olaf Weinhold
2/8	12	Claire M Smoorenburg
2/8	21	Liesbeth Bijlsma
2/11	24	Christina L Smoorenburg
2/11	11	Erika Depperschmidt
2/14	47	Joe Ramey
2/14	18	Daniel Robert Shea
2/15	55	Jean Smoorenburg-Huot
2/16	70	Leida Nalley-Rademaker
2/18	10	Maxime Leijendekker
2/18	13	Marjoke Joosten
2/19	13	Brian Joseph Smoorenburg
2/19	45	Laura Ann Smoorenburg-La Grange
2/20	40	Miranda Ooteman-Wolfen
2/23	13	Emmanuel Smoorenburg
2/23	8	Juliet Joosten
2/24	32	William Bennett Nalley

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IT'S A GIRL!

TEAGHAM ADELAIDE ELIZABETH NALLEY



TEAGHAM ON OCTOBER 14, 2002



TEAGHAM ON JANUARY 21, 2003

Finally after much anticipation, *Dana (Torrance Nalley) and Omar (Nalley)* are proud and excited to announce the arrival of *Teagham Adelaide Elizabeth Nalley*. Teagham was born at the Ottawa Civic Hospital on Monday, October 14, 2002 at 7:17 a.m., weighing 8 lb. 2 oz (3689 g). She is the thirteenth grandchild for Valerie Torrance of Cornwall and the first granddaughter for Leida Rademaker of Brockville and *William Nalley* of Prescott.

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AN AMAZING VIEW

This photo was taken via satellite, on a cloudless day. Note how the lights are already on in Holland, Paris, and Barcelona, and how it's still daylight in London, Lisbon and Madrid. The sun is still shining on the Strait of Gibraltar, and the Mediterranean Ocean is already in darkness. In the middle of the Atlantic Ocean you can see the Azores Islands; below them to the right, the Madeira Islands; a bit below them the Canary Islands; further south, close to the furthest western point of Africa, the Cape Verde Islands. Note how the Sahara is huge and can be seen clearly both during daytime and nighttime. Morocco is quite green and the bright light is in SW Libya or SE Algeria. To the left, on top, is Greenland, totally frozen.

Photo was sent to me compliments of Leida Rademaker



This amazing view comes to us because of the technology available to us today. Furthermore it impresses upon us the importance of work of NASA and its astronauts to the world. The loss of the space shuttle Columbia and its seven bright minds taken too soon on February 1, 2003 tells us that technology comes to us at a high price but one that mankind is not willing to forego. For when man stops striving to learn or explore, then he'll cease to exist. God bless them for striving to make this a better place to live.

GUS SMOORENBURG RECEIVES RECOGNITION FOR THE RESISTANCE FIGHTERS

"In letters to congressmen and senators, and in public speeches, he is asking for official recognition of contributions from the Dutch resistance, as well as the Belgium "White Brigade," and the French resistance fighters. Smoorenburg said he is not asking for medals or for benefits.

Just a proclamation of recognition, what we surely earned. Consider it a pat on the back from Washington, D. C. Don't you agree?

*Reprint from **The Sun**, serving West Valley communities of Sheridan, Willamina and Grand Ronde, OR, 25 July 2001.*

For his efforts, Gus Smoorenburg received this commendation in the Congressional Record of the United States, on 10 September 2002, Vol. 148, No. 113, page S8447.



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Senate

COMMUNITY HERO

Mr. SMITH of Oregon. No President, I rise to salute a World War II veteran from my home State of Oregon. Today, I want to recognize the efforts of August F. "Gus" Smoorenburg, a member of the European resistance fighters who lived and struggled in Nazi occupied territories throughout the last century's largest and most destructive war.

Born in Amsterdam in the 1920s, Gus was 19 years old when Germany invaded Holland, Luxembourg, and France. To stop the Germans, the Dutch tried using their own landscape, opening the country's famous dams and sluices to stop tanks and trucks filled with soldiers. After the brutal killing of thousands of civilians, including school children, the Dutch surrendered on May 15, 1940.

The European resistance fighters, as they have come to be known, began as independent groups (if youths clandestinely sabotaging the occupying German forces by whatever means at their disposal, Resistance groups sprang up in every Nazi-occupied country, Gradually, like-minded people banded together and worked in secret to overthrow the invaders. Dutch, French and Polish youths risked their lives day and night to slow the advance of the Nazi forces. They accomplished small victories by such simple methods as rearranging traffic signs and filling the gas tanks of their enemy's vehicles with sugar. These groups became a part of an organized European resistance movement when they finally established short-wave radio contact with London and received coded messages.

The risks of joining the resistance were great. A resistance worker caught by the Nazis faced certain death. The Germans sometimes rounded up and executed hundreds of civilians in revenge for an act of sabotage. Gus' life was no exception to this backlash to the resistance fighters. By 1944 his family was living on meager rations of tulip bulbs and two of his fellow resistance fighters and a cousin had been executed by firing squad.

The ferociousness of the fighting and danger that these unsung heroes faced are conveyed by his description of the bombing of Dortmund: "This sight I cannot ever forget: burning roofs collapsing, burning window sills and brick walls crashing down on sidewalks, bricks and debris lying everywhere from roads as well as from houses, blown to pieces. It is unforgettable . . . to see and feel a city, an entire city, on fire." Gus moved to Portland, OR in 1977 to be closer to his oldest daughter. He has been a valuable member of the community and a welcome piece of living history. I believe it is time that he, along with other resistance fighters be recognized for the sacrifices they selflessly made fighting the oppressive forces of fascism during those dark years.

Each allied nation is indebted to patriots such as Gus; without their invaluable efforts the greatest war of the last century might have lasted much longer and cost many more thousands of lives. It is with humble respect and praise that I offer my recognition today to Gus and the European resistance fighters.

THE FIRST TIME ON AMERICAN GROUND

Dear Family Members,

On the 2nd of January we set foot for the very first time on American ground. Just for awhile because the next day we left again on a cruise ship of Carnival Cruise lines, *Spirit*. From Amsterdam, we flew into Miami airport. That afternoon we went to Miami South beach (Ocean drive). The next day we had a walk around the airport. It's very difficult to get into the States nowadays! Especially when we had to leave the ship again in Miami, it took more then two hours to clear the ship by customs. All at that time, more then 2000 human beings wanted to leave the ship.



Cruising is spectacular ... we'll do it again some day. Here's how the trip went. After leaving Miami, we cruised two days to St. Martin, then the next day to Barbados and onto Martinique. Personally I liked St. Martin most (or in Dutch, Sint Maarten). Barbados was too English and the part of Martinique we visited was a mess. *Spirit* was one of the newer ships from April 2001 ... very beautiful, but a bit like the Titanic (but this one didn't sink, not yet). The bartenders and staff were very friendly and made you feel at home. Anyway, if you have a chance to take a cruise, we know which one to take. You'll never regret it.

Bea van Hoff

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ON THE BARBADOS KADE (WHARF), I'M THE ONE ON THE RIGHT.



IN THE BARBADOS AIR TERMINAL, MY HUSBAND AD VAN HOFF IS THE MAN ON THE RIGHT WITH THE CAP.

IT'S ALL IN THE NAME

Let me explain about Marjan's name. As you wrote Marjan Berlund-van der Linden is in the Netherlands the usual way to express her name. However, Marjan made her choice officially that she wanted to use her maiden name and as her second name Berglund. So she is officially registered as **Marjan van der Linden-Berglund**.
Jan van der Linden

HELLO COBY & VIVIAN

Good Morning from the Netherlands,
I was searching on the Internet for my family name and came across **The Smoorenburg Scoop**. I found the name of Vivian Shea-Westerum. She is the daughter of Willy Westerum, the brother of my father. Please extend my greetings to Vivian and Coby. Best regards.

Wim Westerum
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Goedemorgen vanuit Nederland,
Zoekend naar mijn familienaam op Internet kwam ik terecht op jullie huisblad **The Smoorenburg Scoop**. Daar trof ik de naam Vivian Shea-Westerum. Zij is de dochter van Willy Westerum, de broer van mijn vader. Doe Shea en haar moeder Coby de groeten van mij. Hartelijk dank en het beste gewenst.

Wim Westerum
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WHO SUBMITTED THE GEDCOM

I read your request in **The Scoop** so I decided to do some research. Surfing the www.genealogie.nl web page for authors, I found: Mr. H. Pastoors, Borgerweg 3, 6862 ZK Oosterbeek, phone +31(0)26 3340961, Email: h_past@wandaoo.nl. I called this Mr. Hans Pastoors and he is looking forward to your email. *Thanks Bianca!*

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I see you found part of my data on Smoorenburg at **Ancestry.com**. I have had two leads to Smoorenburg (disregarding van and "oo". One lead is via ancestors of my mother. The other was an aunt of my wife. Both lines lead to Jan Aartz Schipper (van Smoorenburg). Regards.

Hans Pastoors
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LOOKING FOR INFO ABOUT CHRISTINA MARIA "STIENJE" SMOORENBURG

My curiosity was aroused when Christina Smoorenburg of Lafayette, LA emailed me asking about her namesake, Christina Maria Smoorenburg who died in Ravensbruck during World War II. I asked Jan & Marion v. d. Linden to find out more about her. We have some info but would like to know more. If anyone has any information on Christina and her involvement in the resistance, email **both** Jan v. d. Linden, jm.linden@quicken.nl and Jean, jeans@hal-pc.org.

Anniversaries

Day Yrs Couple

1/20	3	Joacim & Marjan Berglund
2/2	19	Frank & Miranda Ooteman
2/5	9	Phil & Alice Rauch