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ROAD TRIP

FROM BRUSSELS TO THE CHAMPAGNE REGION AND BEYOND



Brussels is centrally located in the heart of Europe, so a trip to the Champagne Region of France is just a three hour drive away. The four day weekend allowed the perfect opportunity to retrace my steps visiting some of the favorite places I discovered during a two year stay on my barge in France. My fondest memory was arriving in the small village of Marieul-sur-Aÿ in the heart of the Grand Cru region of Champagne not far from Epernay. During the month of April in 1998 Stuart and I traveled, via the canals, from Saint Symphorian, near Dijon, to the Champagne Region. April had a lot of rainy and dreary days that year. On May 1, 1998 we tied up to a new dock in the quaint village of Marieul-sur-Aÿ.

A small Flower and Champagne Festival was underway and just as the sun came out a friendly lady stepped on the dock and greeted us with two flutes of champagne. At that moment I knew we had arrived! We spent the next three months tied to that dock and via mopeds did our best to visit many of the more than 500 Champagne Houses in Champagne Region. We concentrated on the Grand Cru area, designated as the area where the best of the best grapes are grown.

Ten years later, May 1, 2008, we returned to Marieul-Sur-Aÿ, via car. While the village is still quaint and beautiful we found the small Flower and Champagne Festival had grown into a huge Brocante/Vide Grenier (Flea Market) that spanned one kilometer along the canal and throughout the town. We located a large, tent covered, concession selling flutes of Champagne. It is nice to know some things don't change.

We continued our drive through the Grand Cru region to the village of Louvois and our favorite small Champagne House, Guy de Chassey which produces champagne to rival all the famous Champagne houses at less than half the price. The gift shop was open for tasting (degustation). We were delighted to taste the familiar flavor and sparkling bubbles of their outstanding Brut. After purchasing a few bottles, we continued our ride through the town of Aÿ and up the hill to the famous abbey where Dom Perignon discovered champagne. The view of the valley, with all the beautiful vines, is spectacular from this point.

During road trips through Europe we have discovered an economical solution for lodging. We stay at Hotel Formule1. Please note, this concept isn't for everyone but it fits our comfort requirements. We don't linger in hotel rooms, we just want a clean, quiet, comfortable place to sleep and shower. This chain of hotels, usually located along the auto routes, is modern and clean. The rooms are small. For two guests the room includes the basics, a double bed with a single bunk-bed, a TV, a window that opens and sink. Down the hall you will find separate small rooms for showers and bathrooms WC. These small facilities are self cleaning. As you exit the shower or WC room, the door locks and a red light indicates the room is being cleaned. All this for €33 per night for two people. Also, breakfast can be purchased for €3.70 per person which includes, coffee, tea, chocolate, milk, orange juice, cereal, bread, butter, jam,

apple sauce and yogurt. You must reserve and pay for breakfast the evening before and the seating is counter style in the small lobby area. For more information go to: hotelformule1.com

The next stop in France was the highlight of the trip. We enjoyed lunch at the Michelin Three Star restaurant Côte Saint Jacques located in Joigny. This is a major eating event that is priced at the opposite end of the scale from our Hotel Formule1 room. Save this restaurant for special occasions since it is quite pricey but well worth it. The Chef/Owner is Jean-Michel Lorain. The restaurant is located along the Yvonne River and the setting is quite elegant but not stuffy. When we arrived we were seated on a lovely deck overlooking the river where drinks and appetizers were served. Next we were escorted to the dining room, one floor down, via a polished copper elevator. The menu has many wonderful choices. The food was spectacular, my small lamb chops melted in my mouth. Stu's duck was prepared perfectly. After lunch we were escorted back to the serene deck for coffee and tea. This lovely 3 hour meal was served at a leisurely pace by friendly waiters. We now understand why so few restaurants rank the Michelin Three Star rating.

After another night at a Formula 1 hotel near the picturesque town of Auxerre we ventured southward to Gien. This city is home of the famous Gien faience museum and factory. The museum has on display many beautiful pieces of antique Gien faience. The factory store is where the "seconds" of the beautiful Gien dishes are sold. After loading our selections in the car we headed northward for the Sancerre region. In 2000, while barging through this area we developed a fondness for Sancerre wine. Off the barge our mode of transportation were two mopeds which we rode through the vineyards and up into the windy lanes of the small village of Bué. While exploring we happened upon Domaine Bailly-Reverdy winery. The light fruity tasting white Sancerre wine they produce is delicious. It had been eight years since that first visit, we wondered if we could locate the small vintner. After driving the windy roads we turned a corner and saw the familiar small building. We enjoyed a tasting of their 2004 and 2006 whites and we were lucky enough to taste a 1989 from the owners private stock. The owner invited us on a tour of the cellars. It is a modern operation which spans a large underground area with many caves stacked with aging wine. The owner explained that during the past few years the vineyards have been experiencing some significant rain falls in very brief periods of time. The rain comes down with such force it tends to wash the top soil away. To alleviate the problem grass has been planted between the rows of grapes to help hold the soil in place. The grapes of the wine we liked were grown in the Chavignol area of Sancerre.



On weekends the small villages of France have Brocantes or Vide Greniers (Flea Markets). While driving around we spotted a Brocante sign and entered the location in our GPS. After 10 years of searching we spotted a Riddling Rack for sale at a Brocante near Auxerre. These racks were used by the Champagne houses to store the young bottles of champagne with the top of the bottles angled downward. Each day the Riddler would turn the bottles, by hand, a 1/4 of a turn and ever so slightly change the degree of the downward tilt of the bottle. This process gradually moves the yeast and sediment to the cap of the bottle for removing. During the past few years, the Riddlers have lost their jobs to computer operated platforms programmed to rotate the crates of Champagne bottles in the way the Riddlers did by hand. We found a rack but would it fit in the back of our Mini cooper with our luggage, the champagne, wine and dishes we had purchased? With many adjustments and re-loading attempts the Riddling Rack was ours. We now have a unique wine/champagne rack.

You may not want a Riddling Rack but why not take advantage of living in the heart of Europe and travel by car or train to a few of the wonderful sights Europe has to offer. Watch the TMA Trips section for

some great opportunities to see Europe and let TMA do the driving!

Judy Miller

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BRUSSELS ISLANDERS – Are you single or here on 'single' status? Meet other Tri-Missions employees, share fun activities, help each other out and make the most of your tour in Brussels. If you are interested and want to be added to the email distribution list to find out about future events, contact the CLO at CLOBrussels@state.gov or by calling 02 508-2227/2289/2295.

VOLUNTEER TO BE A SPONSOR! It's that time of year and it's only a matter of WHEN you will be sponsoring a new employee/family this turnover season. Remember, a little time and attention to helping someone new settle into our community puts their tour off to a good strong start. This is exactly what we all hope for ourselves when we're moving. Also, if you know someone who will be posted to Brussels and would like to be their sponsor we'd love to hear from you. Call the CLO today!

CLO HOURS AT USNATO - To accommodate Tri-Mission Employees at the NATO facility, the Community Liaison Office will be coming to the

USNATO Mission on a weekly basis on Tuesdays from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. We will be joining TMA at their weekly location, and will be available for community related questions, and provide a variety of materials such as newcomer packets, TDY information packets, flyers of upcoming events and other relevant information to help make your stay in Brussels enjoyable. For more details, please call the Community Liaison Office at 02 508-2227/2289/2295.

Upcoming CLO Events

CLO BOOK CLUB – The CLO Book club would like to invite you to join us each month and enjoy a good book, stimulating conversation and great treats! Get ready for the next meeting when we will discuss *Eat, Pray, Love* by Elizabeth Gilbert. Go to Amazon.com for a book description. If you are interested in joining the club or would like more details, please contact Sylvia Shephard at ShephardS@state.gov.

GOOD FOOD, GOOD TIMES...NO CLEAN UP! - If that sounds like the perfect scenario to you, then it's time you joined the Restaurant Group. This monthly gathering is a great opportunity to catch up with old friends and make new ones while dining on some of the best food Brussels has to offer. If you

would like to sign up, get more details, or recommend a good restaurant for the group to try, please contact Sylvia Shephard at ShephardS@state.gov.

From the Family Liaison Office

Are you leaving post this summer? - FLO highly recommends that you hand carry the following documents during your move. For copies, consider scanning and saving your documents to a disc or memory stick. Or save everything on your laptop and carry it with you. For more information about leaving post, see FLO's Contingency Planning: Don't Leave Home Without It at: <http://www.state.gov/documents/organization/2083.pdf>

Employment Records - Personnel Action forms (SF-50s), Most recent Earnings and Leave Statement (also available electronically), Performance Evaluation Reports Honors, awards, good performance citations, Transcripts from colleges and universities, Letters of recommendation, Letters verifying community service, Credentials, licenses, verifications for skills, Writing samples (put on a computer disc), Names and addresses of personal references (on a computer disc), Resumes and sample cover letters (on a computer disc), and a copy of transfer orders

School Records for Each Child - All transcripts from previous schools, Copies of standardized test scores, Profiles/brochures from last school, List of textbooks used in last grade, Recommendations from principals, counselor/teachers, Copies of representative student work, and IEP for special needs children.

Financial/Personal Records - Up-to-date passports, Social Security cards, Insurance policies (including health and household/personal property), and cards, Medical/dental records, immunization cards (including copies of clearances), and prescriptions, Birth, naturalization, and marriage certificates, Adoption papers, Separation/divorce/custody papers, Driver's license, auto insurance, car title, and registration, Personal checks, registers, bank statements (unless all transactions are done online), Bills, and financial records, Credit Cards, Contact information for doctors, dentists, lawyers, insurance agents, Household effects inventory, Safe deposit box keys, Powers of Attorney (medical, durable and bank), Wills and trust documents, Certified copies of birth certificates, Passwords for internet accounts, and Tax records (last three years).

Belgium Happenings

MEMORIAL DAY SERVICES AT AMERICAN CEMETERIES IN BELGIUM

Ardennes American Cemetery, Neuville-en-Condroz, (WWII): Saturday, May 24 at 10:00 a.m. The cemetery is located near the southeast edge of Neupré (Neuville-en-Condroz), 12 miles southwest of Liège, Belgium. The main highway (N63) to Marche passes the entrance. Liège can be reached by express train from Brussels in about 1 hour. Taxicabs and limited bus service to Neupré are available from Liège. Email: Ardennes@abmc.gov.
Henri-Chapelle American Cemetery, (WWII) Saturday, May 24 at 4:00 p.m. The cemetery is located 2 miles northwest of the village of Henri-Chapelle, which is 4 ½ miles from the Henri-Chapelle Exit off E40 Autoroute between Aachen and Liège. Welkenraedt, the nearest train station with taxicab service to the cemetery, may be reached by train from Brussels. E-mail: Henri-Chapelle@abmc.gov.
Flanders Field American Cemetery, (WWI) Sunday, May 25 at 3:00 p.m. The cemetery is located on the southeast edge of the town of Waregem, Belgium, along the Lille-Gent Autoroute E-17 (Exit 5). It is located 46 miles west of Brussels. Waregem may be reached by train from Brussels via Gent (Gand) in approximately one hour; Taxi service is available from the train station in Waregem. E-mail: Flanders-Field@abmc.gov.

BRUSSELS JAZZ MARATHON Three days, **Friday, May 23, Saturday, May 24 and Sunday, May 25**. About 160 performances will take place in Brussels. Outdoor stages on the Grand Place (Grote Markt), the Sablon Square (Sablon, Zavel), the Sint-Katelijne Square and the Fernand Cocq Square. Various clubs and cafes will offer a fantastic musical weekend. Enjoy jazz, latino, funk, rock and blues. All concerts are free! For more information go to: <http://www.brusselsjazzmarathon.be/home/>

WAREHOUSE SALE All U.S. Tri-Mission employees and their families and friends in addition to the general public are cordially invited to come to our latest and greatest Warehouse Auction Sale on **Saturday, June 14**. Items to be auctioned include vehicles, office and household furniture, appliances, and computer equipment. The items on sale can be viewed prior to the auction on June 11, 12 and 13 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., and on June 14 from 8:00 to 9:20 a.m. Auction bidding starts promptly at 9:30 a.m. For more information, including the location of the warehouse, call Frankie at 02 719-4446. **Please note:** With the exception of individuals directly involved in selecting items to be disposed of or immediately involved in the preparations for or conduct of the sale or anyone acting

on their behalf, Foreign Service national employees, personal service contractors, employees of contractors, and their relatives, are authorized to participate in publicly advertised, competitive bid sales. However, a successful bidder must certify that the property is for his or her personal use and must pay local customs duty and any taxes due. ([14 FAM 417.3-3 \(j\)](#))

TOP 5 ONE-ACT PLAYS AT BAS Brussels American School proudly announces the Middle School Drama Presentation of *Top 5 One Acts*, to be performed **this evening, May 16th** at 7:30 p.m. in the Multi-Purpose room at BAS. Each one act is different. There is something for everyone: music, comedy and plenty of drama! Drinks and snacks will be available for purchase during intermission. There is no charge for tickets, but donations will be accepted at the door.

OMMEGANG TICKETS ON SALE July 1 and 3, one of Brussels' best known events. At €42.50, seats are pricey, but you get a clear view of the grand finale on Grand Place. Visit www.ommegang.be/index2.php?id=2&lg=en and click on "booking" for information about ordering tickets. E-mail brusselsweekly@state.gov for an electronic copy of last summer's article about Ommegang, complete with a map of the parade route.

Take Note New to Belgium? Then you need **The Hints Book: Living and Working in Belgium**, the most accurate and comprehensive publication of its kind. The book is 320 pages of up-to-date information and honest advice on every aspect of life in Belgium. The Hints Book: Living and Working in Belgium is an official publication of the American Women's Club of Brussels. Written by long-time Brussels resident Nancy Kapstein, the latest edition is on sale for €20 at most bookshops in the greater Brussels and Antwerp areas where English-language publications are sold (**including the TMA Store**). The Hints Book is a great resource; even long-term residents of Belgium find it indispensable. For national or international orders please contact hintsbook@awcb.org.

Farewell, A u Revoir, Vaarwel



to GERY JACOBS, who will retire on Friday, May 30. Gery started working for the U.S. Government on November 19, 1973 as a

Clerk-Messenger in the U.S. Information Service (USIS) of what was then called "*The U.S. Mission to the European Communities*" (USEC). 1973 ~ Joseph A. Greenwald was then the U.S. Ambassador to the EC (EU), and Arthur Hoffman the Public Affairs Officer; Edmond Leburton was the Belgian Prime Minister. On November 4 the Dutch experienced their first car-free Sunday; on December 3 OPEC doubled the price of crude oil. The movies *The Exorcist*, *The Sting* and *Live and Let Die* were released. Gery swiftly moved up the ranks, and played a pivotal role in the development of the Mission's computerized Distribution and Record System (DRS), which soon turned into USIS's major management tool. He also provided invaluable assistance during cabinet-level visits to Brussels. Gery established and maintained an outstanding range of contacts, and became the first point of contact of the Brussels-based international press corps at the U.S. Mission. He showed great personal interest in the ever growing political dimension of the U.S.-EU relationship, and his coverage invariably included key developments in both the political and the economic spheres.

Thank you, Gery, for your 34 years and 6 months of dedicated US Government service. We wish you all the best for the future, and many more years in good health!

Farewell, A u Revoir, Vaarwel



to JACQUES EVRARD, who will retire on May 30, 2008. Jacques started working for the U.S. Government as an experienced painter on

May 16, 1978. 1978 ~ in June the World Soccer Cup was held in Argentina. The cup was won by Argentina, beating the Netherlands 3-1 in the final; in September the Camp David Accords were signed between Israel and Egypt and in October Polish cardinal Karol Wojtyla became the 264th pope. Leo Tindemans was the Belgian Prime Minister then, and Anne Cox Chambers the U.S. Ambassador to Belgium. Jacques was a top-notch professional painter and decorator. He was invariably assigned the most difficult painting and wallpapering jobs and excelled as the finest artisan of the painting crew. In the mid-nineties he switched to the plumbing, heating, ventilation and air conditioning team. He and his team mates were heavily relied on in keeping the temperature in the Embassy and JAS at acceptable levels during several hot summers.

Thank you, Jacques, for your 30 years of dedicated US Government service. We wish you all the best for the future, and many more years in good health!

Higher Education

Boston University in Brussels *Celebrating 35 years of excellence.* Join us for "Marketing: Concepts and Practice," part of an ongoing series of seminars in the latest business topics. Senior marketing executive Richard Boyko will discuss basic marketing management, sharing examples of different ad concepts—good and bad. Learn what marketing is, and why you need it. Friday, May 23—13:30-17:30. €25 per person. Blvd. du Triomphe, 174, Triomflaan, B-1160 Brussels www.bu.edu/brussels/seminar • +32 (2) 640 74 74

University of Maryland University College Europe (UMUC Europe) announces Term 5 registration, May 26 through June 6. Condensed into six weeks to accommodate busy, summertime schedules, the Term 5 program offers students more flexibility while maintaining academic quality. On-site courses begin June 9 and are offered in innovative formats including weekends, weekdays, and hybrids – a format combining on-site with online instruction. Students may obtain a listing of Term 5 undergraduate and graduate courses at www.ed.umuc.edu. Financial aid and scholarship information for the 2008-2009 academic school year is now accessible online. Students new to financial aid are encouraged to view the Five-Minute FAFSA Video at www.ed.umuc.edu/financial_aid/.

Religious Activities

FCJ Centre of Spirituality is hosting THE CHRISTIAN CLASSICS BOOK CLUB on **Tuesday May 20th** from 7:30 to 9:00 p.m. at 211 Ave. Winston Churchill, Brussels. Join us as we discuss The Return of the Prodigal Son, A Story of Homecoming by Henri Nouwen. You are welcome to arrive at 6:30 with a bag dinner for fellowship. For more details, email mcgeoughjoan@yahoo.com or call 0472 424 178.



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Discounted tickets available in the TMA store for the following Theme and Amusement Parks in Belgium and Paris: Park Aasterix in Paris (New for 2008), Walibi Belgium, Bellewaerde Park, Belgium and Aqualibi Water Park, Belgium.

TMA will not be making the weekly base run on Wednesday, May 28. If you need anything please place your order by Tuesday, May 20 for our Wednesday run

on the 21st. We will resume the normal weekly run on Wednesday, June 4.

NEW TMA MOBISTAR INFORMATION Effective June 1, the one time activation signup fee for the TMA Mobistar program will increase to €20 for all new activations. This fee increase is necessitated due to the increase of man hours needed to administer this very successful program. If you have not signed up now is your chance as the new fee will go into effect on June 1st, 2008.

IF YOU NEED TO TERMINATE YOUR MOBISTAR ACCOUNT for any reason you will need to fill out a termination request form available in the TMA store, or you have the form sent by e-mail by sending request to deraedem@state.gov.

Betty Mingas the TMA Seamstress will be on leave until May 17. If you need to pick up completed alterations please ask the TMA store for assistance.

YOGA, YOGA, YOGA Cost: 4 Classes for €50, Minimum 4 persons per class. Please notify Elizabeth Ewing if you would like to sign up or have any questions. Phone 02 508-2430 or e-mail ewingea@state.gov.

Get Current Sales, TMA Trips and Promotional Information at Home! If you would like to receive a weekly e-mail from TMA that announces current promotions, TMA Trips, upcoming sales etc., please send your e-mail address to mederrickbs@state.gov and we will put you on the distribution list. We will only send out one e-mail per week and will keep the file as small as possible. Don't miss out on this opportunity to receive useful information!

Special Tri-Mission Logo Polo Shirts Reg. Price €24, Sale Price 16€

Tri-Mission Logo coffee mug was €8.99 now only €5 while supplies last!

TMA/HERTZ DISCOUNT CAR AND VAN RENTAL RATES! To take advantage of these special rates please call Janie McClung at 0476 211 136, or E-mail mederrickbs@state.gov with your request and we will get back to you ASAP.

WOW! MOBISTAR IS CHEAP! JUST ASK SOMEONE WHO HAS THE NEW PROGRAM!

YOUR FIRST CLASS IS FREE! Sign up today for the Parry Pilates as the first classes have now begun. www.parrypilates.com/contact_us/general_enquiry.htm or call Kevin Wellington directly for additional information about signing up. Call 02-657 1521.

IF YOU JUST NEED A COUPLE OF ITEMS FROM THE COMMISSARY OR THE PX you can fill out an order form in the TMA store and we will get them for you. We usually go every Wednesday and your items will be available for pickup on Thursday after 3:00 pm or early on Friday.

TMA SERVICES: Carpet Cleaner Rentals, Grass Cutting and Hedge Trimming, Departure House Cleaning, Dry Cleaning, and Alteration shop, call 02 508-2497 for more information.

The Photo Hall Electronics Store located in the Basilix Shopping Center will give all Tri-Mission Employees 10% off all cash purchases except cell phones and closeouts. Just show your Embassy ID to receive your discount.

Express Lunch to Go! - Call in or E-Mail your lunch order by 11:00am, specify the pick up time and it will be ready when you arrive. Call ext.2484 or E-Mail CuypersK@state.gov.

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Hours of operation by appointment: Mo, Tue, Wed, Fri 8:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m. (closed for lunch from 12:00 to 13:00)

Thursday 8:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. laboratory by appt

Thursday afternoon closed for Administrative Duty

<http://infonet.brussels.state.gov/Health%5FUnit/>

Fire / Ambulance: 112

Health Unit News**May is Mental Health Awareness Month!**

The health unit will be holding a brown bag lunch to discuss depression on May 28, from 1200 to 1300, in the health unit. If you are interested in coming or have further questions please call X2221 or email BayleyER@state.gov

What is Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD)?

PTSD is a real illness. People may get PTSD after living through a disturbing or frightening experience. It can be treated with medicine and therapy.

You can get PTSD after you have been:

- Raped or sexually abused
- Hit or harmed by someone in your family
- A victim of a violent crime
- In an airplane or car crash
- In a hurricane, tornado, or fire
- In a war
- In an event where you thought you might be killed, or
- After you have seen any of these events.

If you have PTSD, you often have nightmares or scary thoughts about the experience you went through. You try to stay away from anything that reminds you of your experience.

You may feel angry and unable to trust or care about other people. You may always be on the lookout for danger. You can feel very upset when something happens suddenly or without warning.

Further information about depression can be found on the National Institute for Mental website: <http://www.nimh.nih.gov/index.shtml>

Trips! call to register:

TMA : 02 508-2497

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TMA

Please note that TMA trips are based on a minimum of 20 persons. If we do not have at least 20 persons sign up, the trip will be cancelled. These trips represent a great value as you travel in a comfortable tour bus driven by "Danny" our very knowledgeable English speaking tour guide. Please support these trips so we can continue to offer these great values to our customers.

IF YOU'VE NEVER BEEN, YOU WON'T WANT TO MISS...CASTLES

OF THE LOIRE VALLEY Friday-Sunday, June 20-22 Friday: Depart from downtown at 6:30 a.m., 6:45 BAS, 7:00 Waterloo and 7:45 SHAPE. We will travel on the motorway via Paris and Orleans to Blois in time for lunch. Afterwards, we will visit the Castle of Blois. We then have free time until 6:00 p.m., when we drive to Amboise on the Loire to our Novotel which is situated on top of a hill overlooking the city and the illuminated castle. Dinner and overnight. Saturday: Buffet breakfast in the hotel, we depart for a self guided tour of the wonderful Castle of Chenonceau at the Cher River. Return to Amboise with free time for lunch at one of the many restaurants at the foot of the castle. In the afternoon we will have a local guide show us the Amboise Castle. Leonardo da Vinci is buried here in the chapel. We have a late afternoon departure for a wine cellar with tasting (red, white and sparkling). We then return to our hotel for dinner and overnight. Sunday: After a buffet breakfast in the hotel, we depart at 8:45 for a visit of the House of Leonardo da Vinci, called Le Clos Lucé, and admire his inventions. After the visit we follow the Loire River north in the direction of the biggest castle in the area, Chambord. You have the option of a self-guided visit of the castle or free time for lunch and to explore the gardens or perhaps watch a horse show. This is a great place for spectacular photos. Souvenir shops and several restaurants are at your disposal. We depart at 2:30 with expected arrival back in Brussels by 9:00. Prices per person: €320 pp twin/double, €370 single, €305 triple (13+ years), €210 child (3-12) in room with 2 paying adults, €80 baby (0-2). Included: bus transport, road taxes, wine tasting entrance to 3 castles and Le Clos Lucé, local guide in Ambois, hotel with dinner and buffet breakfast.

OUTDOOR FUN IN SWITZERLAND! Tuesday-Sunday, JULY 1-6 Tuesday: Depart from downtown at 6:00 a.m., 6:15 from BAS, 06:30 from Waterloo and 7:00 from SHAPE. After a morning coffee stop in Luxembourg we travel over Metz to the Alsace area where will visit Riquewihr, a beautiful medieval village in the wine fields with free time for lunch. We continue on to Bazel, Lucern and to Melchtal, where our hotel and dinner await. Wednesday-Saturday: after breakfast and dinner in the hotel, we will make the following excursions (scheduled according to weather conditions):

- Principality of Liechtenstein. Free time for lunch and exploring. Afternoon visit to Einsiedeln, a famous abbey known in all Switzerland for the pilgrimage to its Black Madonna. Visit of Kussnacht and the chapel dedicated to Queen Astrid of Belgium. We then take a boat ride on Lake Lucern.
- Morning visit to Lucern with a small orientation tour and time for lunch. Afternoon mountain walk at Melchsee Frutt. Possibility for an afternoon of trout fishing on the beautiful clear waters of the mountain lakes! Or, perhaps rent a mini scooter for a downhill trip to Melchtal.
- Visit of Wengen, a mountain village known for all the wood carvers. On to Interlaken for free time to explore and have lunch. Here you have the chance to go paragliding, a fabulous experience! Afternoon visit to Trummelbach Waterfalls.
- Free day for hiking, fishing or taking the oldest COG train to Mount Pilatus.

Sunday: After breakfast at the hotel, we leave the mountains behind and make our return to Belgium Lunch stop in Colmar, France. Then it's via Luxembourg to Brussels with expected arrival at 10:00 p.m. Prices per person: €600 in twin/double/triple, €650 in single, €500 child (3-11) in room with 2 adults, €220 child (0-2).

The above list is subject to change and other day trips may be added.

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*****TMA TRIPS***** Payment must be made within 3 working days of placing your reservation or you will forfeit your space (s). You can pay in the store or by bank transfer ING account # 310-1260423-91. For more information or to make a reservation, contact the TMA Store and speak to Marc or Marina, 02 508-2497 Fax: 02 503-0670. Cancellation insurance available on request.



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ACS CUSTOMER NEEDS SURVEY FY08 How can Army Community Service in Brussels better serve you, our customers? Whether you are active duty military (from any of the branches of service), a civilian employee or a family member, you are eligible to use the services offered by ACS. We value your input and need your opinion on how successful we have been so far in meeting your needs and in providing you with the services you expect. To achieve this, we are setting up an *ACS Customer Needs Assessment* in the format of a questionnaire collecting your comments **during the whole month of May**. You are our most important partners. By giving us feedback, you will tell us your

preferences and what are our strengths and challenges. You will help us implement beneficial changes within ACS. We are well aware of the numerous activities that keep you and your family busy, but we request that you find the time to fill out a form. Consider it an investment in your community, to improve the quality of life for all! The survey is available in hard copies at ACS, on both Brussels Websites at www.brussels.army.mil and www.usagbrussels.eur.army.mil or can be emailed to you upon request. Remember, the more feedback received, the clearer the needed changes will be... Any questions, contact ACS at 02 717-9783 or stop by USAG Brussels, Building 4, top floor. Please take this opportunity to let us know how we're doing. Thank you!

METRO MADNESS will give you practical information as you venture out as a group to try the different modes of public transportation in the European Capital. **Friday, May 23** from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Meeting place is ACS in Bldg 4, at 9:25 a.m. Limited to 10 people so call ACS in advance at 02 717-9783 to reserve your spot.

INTRAMURAL SOFTBALL SEASON The Sports and Fitness Center is currently registering teams for its *2008 Intramural Softball Season* **until Friday, June 13**. Season will run from June 16-August 20. Game days will be Monday, Wednesday and Saturday. Call "Big Will" at 02 717-9667 for info about Coaches' Clinic on June 12.

FATHER'S DAY 5K & 1.5 MILE FUN RUN The 5K Run will begin at 8 a.m. and the 1.5 Mile Run at 8:15 a.m. on **Saturday, June 14**. Fees to join the run are \$10 before June 6th and \$15 after that date. Special awards will be presented to the Top 3 Father/Son teams, the Top 3 Father/Daughter teams, as well as, to the Top Male and Female teams. For further details, contact the Fitness Center at 02 717-9667.

SUMMER IS COMING Get prepared for those long road trips and don't leave yourself stranded on the side of the highway... **Summer Vehicle Checks are being offered on Fridays, by appointment only**. To prepare for the summer season, don't forget to take off your winter tires and have the pressure in your summer tires checked. Call the MWR Auto Craft Shop today at 02 717-9743 for an appointment.

HEBREW NATIONAL HOTDOG PROMOTION **Till August**, come to the 3-Star Lounge to get your hotdog fix! On Thursdays & Fridays from 5 p.m.-11 p.m., all-beef Hebrew National hotdogs will be available for only \$2. During this promotion you'll receive a frequent buyer punch card and earn a free hotdog for every six you purchase. Once you've received your free dog, enter the international drawing for fabulous prizes including an all-expense paid "trip for four" to one of the last New York Yankees game in Yankee Stadium! Contact Jean at 02 717-9761 or -9822.

NEW AT THE ARTS CENTER: BALLOONS! We now carry helium balloons for your birthday party, going away and more... Basic colors start at \$1.60 per balloon. Special requests can be made at the Arts Center and we will make special deliveries to all U.S. Army Garrison offices. Call Jen at 02 717-9629 for questions and orders.

PARIS on Saturday, May 24. Upon arrival, a 1 ½ hour tour of The City of Lights. We'll drive by the famous "Moulin Rouge", the Opera House, Place de la Concorde, Champs-Élysées, Arc de Triomphe, Eifel Tower, the Palais du Louvre and the Ile de la Cité, passing by the Cathedral of Notre-Dame. round 10.30 a.m., Paris is all yours for exploring until 6.30 p.m. when we return to Brussels. Price for adults is \$45 and for children only \$35. Departure from Sterrebeek at 5 a.m., return around 11 p.m. Please reserve your seat(s) in advance: call Leon at 02 717-9775 or 047 468-3544.

For more information about these and other activities, visit www.brussels.army.mil or e-mail Susie.desmon@eur.army.mil to receive the USAG-Brussels Program Info MWR e-sheet.

Brussels Consignment Shop

02 717-9724

10:30 a.m.—2:00 T, W, & Fri

2:00—5:00 p.m., 2nd Thursday only

10:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. 2nd Saturday only

The Shop is two floors up from Three Star Lounge. Log onto www.brussels.army.mil/NSA.htm (scroll down the left-hand column to click on consignment shop), for more information.

Are you overweight? Has your spouse been nagging you for years to lose some weight...lots of it? Have you been told you may not be able to fit into your next home due to your weight problem? The Brussels Consignment Shop has a safe and effective way to help you shed excess pounds and earn money in the process! Our proven method rapidly works miracles without dieting, pills or exercise! No matter what your weight problem, we can help. Do you still have baby weight even though your youngest is now in middle school? We accept cribs, strollers, most everything big or small, related to children. Years of baby weight gone in

a single trip to the Consignment Shop! Perhaps your excess weight involves your hips and backside? We accept sofas, love seats, chairs and other types of furniture in good condition. Exercise problems? Rollerblades, treadmills, devices purchased from late night infomercials and assorted sports equipment? *Just bring it!* Is it just a few annoying pounds you need to loose? We welcome bric-a-brac, knick-knacks, chotchkas, odds and ends from all over the house. The little things really do add up! Don't agonize about your weight anymore, caring volunteers at the Brussels Consignment Shop are eager to help you "Lighten Up!" on Tuesdays and Fridays 11:00 a.m.-2:30 p.m., Wednesdays 11:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. and the 2nd Saturday of each month 11:00 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

Take Note

Attention Ladies! A new **M.A.C.** cosmetics store has recently opened for business in Brussels. Ilona Velez invites you to stop by and discover the world of **M.A.C.** products. The store is located on Place Stephanie (near the Conrad Hotel and next door to the Godiva Chocolate shop); the address is Chaussee de Charleroi 9, 1060 Brussels. Welcome to our store.



Market Place



Vehicles

2006 MINI COOPER S PARK LANE with less than 7000 km. A car that makes driving around Brussels enjoyable! European specs, dark blue (Astro black) with silver roof and striping, black leather interior, 6-speed manual. Excellent condition – inside and out. €17,500. Pictures posted at www.geocities.com/clydemaryl/sale.html For additional information, e-mail clydemaryl@yahoo.com (041808)

2003 SATURN ION, 2,2 L, 61,000 miles, US Specs, Automatic, 135 horsepower/5200rpm, with heating rear window, electric windows all doors, cruise control, Radio, CD, Casette. Air bags in front. Good condition. \$5,500 (€3,560) without tax. Please contact Lt Col Lodding, NACMA, 02 707-8550 (Office), 0473 323 410 (Mobile), klodding@nacma.nato.int (050908)

2001 FORD ESCAPE \$8,500, US specs, very good condition, 85,000 miles, automatic, AM/FM/CD, sun roof, AC, leather int, auto doors/windows, keyless entry. Call Dave (x3102) or Mandy, 02 657-7682 or 0496 190 318, OR e-mail simonsdw@state.gov, simonsdw@hotmail.com. (051608)

2001 NISSAN PRIMERA station wagon. 2.0 L, Gas, European model, 98,000 KM, manual 5 sp, A/C, CD changer, roof rack, electric windows/doors, always dealer-serviced in Brussels, a great road car for trips around Europe. €4,750, tax already paid. Available mid-July. Contact Larry Wohlers at larrywohlers@gmail.com or 02 508 2773.(051608)

2001 NISSAN TERRANO II Excellent condition, only 87,000 kilometers, Diplomatic plates, € 9,000. 4X4 2.7 turbo diesel 5 doors, 7 seats, manual transmission, radio-cassette player, tires fairly new, one owner. Available end of June. Contact:Philip J. Breeden, Consul Général des Etats-Uni d'Amérique à MarseilleTel: 33 (0) 491-54-96-14 Fax: 33 (0) 491-55-09-47Email: breedenpx@state.gov. (050908)

2001 VOLVO V70 STATION WAGON 2.4L/170 HP Gas engine, 170,000 Km, Automatic Transmission, Dark Grey Pearl Exterior/Black Leather Interior, Premium Sound with 4 CD Changer, Built-in GPS Navigation, Backup Radar, Alloy Wheels, Automatic Climate Control (Dual Zone), Alarm System, Cruise Control, ABS, Automatic Traction Control, Heated Front Seats and Roof Rack. Dealer maintained. 170 Km service complete. Reliable. Available June 5. Price €7,500. Contact

brian.jordan@telenet.be or call 02 306-9514 for photos or further information. (050908)

2000 FORD TAURUS, White, 58000 KM, North American Specifications, automatic transmission asking €3,000 OBO, call Natalie at 02 725-4696 or e-mail cloutiernat@hotmail.com (043008)

1998 JAGUAR XJ8 SOVEREIGN Power and style! EU spec., 8 cylinder, 4 ltr, 223,000 km, well maintained in good condition, dark green with tan interior. Diplomat price €7,000 OBO. If interested please call 02 508-2498 or e-mail bdmederrick@hotmail.com (042508)

1994 AUDI A6 AVANT Station Wagon. Have you been looking for an affordable kid-friendly second vehicle? A car you don't want to worry about getting scratched? Well here it is! Loads of room for the family, European spec, dark blue, 2.6l petrol, auto climate control with AC, air bags, power windows, CD player, tilt steering, 212K km (Approx 127K miles), well-maintained excellent running condition, CT until 31-Oct-08: €3,200 or USD equivalent. Call 02 687-5388 or email steve.kotlarchuk@yahoo.com. (051608)

1991 BMW 318i. Four-door, sun roof, 200K kilometers: \$3,000. Call 0475 296 998. (042508).

CAR FOR SALE Silver Volkswagen Polo 'On Tour' model - near brand new (purchased in May 2007) available. Only 7,500 kms. €11,250 neg. Automatic transmission, petrol, 5 door model, mag wheels, airbags, electric windows, CD player, automatic climate control/airconditioning. Great sporty car, in fantastic condition, on a 3 year full warranty. If interested, contact Tim Osborne: Timo4_12@hotmail.com or 0486 961 366. (042508)

Miscellaneous

MULTI-FAMILY YARD SALE Sunday, May 18^h, 12 noon – 4:00 p.m. Clos des Trois Fontaines 10, Auderghem (cross street is Avenue Joseph Chaudron)

[Note: Please park in the designated parking spaces – do not park in the courtyard.] For additional information: 02 660-8717 (051608)

FREE 27" TV We're moving on and can't take it with us. Excellent condition, flat screen, plays DVDs and VHS cassettes and video games. The only catch is that it's big and heavy and it needs to be run through a converter. Contact jonathanrgallant@hotmail.com if interested. (051608)

FOR SALE 1 ticket for the concert of Bruce Springsteen and the E-Street Band on the eve of June 23, in the Antwerp Sportpaleis. Official ticket price including reservation and administration: €70. Contact: Sam Maenhout (extension: 2411, e-mail: maenhoutsr@state.gov).

GREAT BUYS: 27 inch television 220 volt, multi input \$35. 13 inch B&W 220 volt, \$10. Hedge trimmer, 220 volt, \$20. String trimmer, 220 volt, \$20. New Iron 220volt \$20. Vacuum cleaner, 220 volt \$10. 2 Propane tanks, US style, \$10 each. Available now thru May 25th. Please call Keith Fulton 02 508-2031 or 047 474-1748. (051608)

SATELLITE DISHES/RECEIVERS - AFN and SKY dishes/receivers, \$150 each set. AFN available now. SKY available mid-June. Call Dave (x3102) or Mandy, 02 657-7682 or 0496 190 318, OR e-mail simonsdw@state.gov, simonsdw@hotmail.com. (051608)

STEREO - JVC UX-G50 - Compact yet powerful dual voltage sound system includes an AM/FM tuner and a five-disc CD changer that supports CD, CD-R/RW, and MP3 playback with remote control. iPod or other MP3 players can be plugged into the front panel. The system's USB port also enables playback from a computer. Rarely used – 1 year old and still in original box – 70 Euro. If interested, contact David at 0478.78.3227 or 02.508.2766. (051608)

ITEMS FOR SALE: 2 garment racks, perfect for hanging off-season clothing in your storage room, €5 each (<http://www.ikea.com/be/fr/catalog/products/30115580>); FREE TO ANY ARTIST (accomplished or aspiring alike): stretcher bars for, stretching canvas, of various sizes. 02 762-8366. (051608)

PORTABLE AIR CONDITIONER: DeLonghi Model PAC46 eco, 2.64kw of cooling power. Perfect for bedroom on hot summer nights. Rated to cool a 12' X 19.5' room (4X6.5 metres). Quiet operation, rated 46dBA. Purchased new at Vanden Borre in June 2006 for €879 (costs €999 w/VAT). Sell for €400. Call Frank, USNATO at 02 724-3189; after hours 02 762-7714. (051608)

GREAT ITEMS PRICED TO MOVE: 8 in 1 Little Tikes Playground - €80; Huffy Kid's Sweet Charms 12" bike with cool TCG helmet – €20; Bell white dinosaur kid's bike helmet – €5; new boys leather Omega sandals size 1 – €5, New black leather Bass dress shoes size 13 – €10; almost new light beige and blue 7 slim chino-style Gap pants – €15 each. Please email Dastinvanrijn@yahoo.com; or call 32-479-976-933. (050908)

FOR SALE: Elliptical trainer (no electricity necessary – powered on your energy) purchased new in

12/2007 for \$300 – yours for €40; 220v Hot/Cold water dispenser (available June 15) €50; various pieces of furniture (end tables; dresser; small sofa) send email for photos: wingerterc@yahoo.com. (051608)

FOR SALE: 6 piece King Size Sleighbed Bedroom Set! Set includes: Sleighbed frame, dresser with 6 drawers, mirror, chest of drawers with 6 drawers, two night stands. €600 or best offer. See the set at www.unitedfurniture.eu (New Orleans Style) Call Gloria Ryan at 02 782-0535. (051608)

FOR SALE: Electric lawnmower (€40) and hedgetrimmer (€20) with 50 meter power cord (included), call 0472 721 924. (051608)

WOMEN'S BUSINESS SUITS: Labels to include Ann Klein, Tahari, Sagharbor, Kasper in sizes 6P-8P (€25 - €75). **FORMAL WEAR:** Full length, sleeveless, silver formal dress with floral embroidery-size 5/6 with silver wrap and matching sling-back pumps-size 8 1/2 (€45), formal wraps-2 (€10 each), faux mink wrap (€20). **KITCHEN (available May 22):** Alpine water cooler w/hot water dispenser-220V (€75), LG microwave-220V (€40), Large microwave-120V (€30), small waste baskets/recycle bins-2 (€3 each). **MISCELLANEOUS:** Portable CD/USB/MP3/Radio-220V (€25), Foot Spa-220V (€20), Cool Mist Humidifier-120V (€15), Vicks Vaporizer-120V (€15), Two -- 3-tray storage caddies (€5 each), 2-drawer, 2-shelf pressed wood storage unit-white (€10). **TOYS:** Kiddio Tricycle (€15), Power Wheels 4-wheeler with charger (€25), Fisher Price Toby the Tot Bot (€20), Leap Frog Learning Ball (€10), 500 -1000 piece puzzles-Kincaid, Annie Lee., (€3-€5), medium-sized stuffed animals (2 for €10), small stuffed animals (2 for €5), various meal deal/happy meal toys (4 for €3). Everything is available **NOW** with the exception mentioned above. All purchases should be concluded by May 22. Call 02 724-3243 or 0475 650 201. (2051608)

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS ARE FOR SALE: Available NOW: 220 Mini Frig \$50 (medium sized); Dell Monitor 14" \$30; Kids bed safety rail \$15; Baby Gate safety gate \$3; Chico Stroller w/Rain Cover \$25; Extra Small Pet Carrier \$10; Small Pet Carrier \$15; Portable Child booster seat/step stool \$10; Wooden 2 drawer locking filing cabinet \$20; Swing set (2 swings, slide, seesaw) \$50; Single Cat Condo w/scratch post \$10. **Available June 25:** 220 Can opener \$3; 220 Toaster \$2; 220 Coffee maker \$20; 220 Hedge Trimmers w/ext cord \$60; 220 Weed Eater \$10; Transformers (1600 w/ \$50, 1100 w/\$35, 350 w/\$20, 100 w/\$10); Cordless House Phone \$20; Ceramic Water Dispenser w/small stand \$15. **Available July 5:** AFN Dish/Receiver \$150; 220 Microwave \$20 (1600 watts); 220 Vacuum Cleaner \$30 (1400 watts); 3-Oscillating Fans \$5 ea; 2 Cellular Phones (Nokia \$40 and Sony Erikson \$20). **Free items:** Roller blades (size 7 mens); Hard Floor steam cleaner; Outdoor Playhouse; 3 in 1 3 wheeler; Kids plastic desk; McDonalds Play set; Decorative wall fan; Trampoline. If interested in any of the above items please call home 02 772-6009 or GSM 0477 770 009. (050908)

FOR SALE 2 CHINA CABINETS (4 drawers-2 doors)with matching wall hanging glass cabinets \$100 each; 1 DINING ROOM TABLE /sides fold up seats 8 \$50; 2 oscillating FLOOR FANS \$15 each; 1 AFN DISH available June \$50; TRANSFORMERS 100/300/1000 watts \$15/30/50; several EXTENSION CORDS \$2-\$5; LITTLE TIKE'S KITCHEN \$10; various FOLIAGE PLANTS \$5 each ,Contact 02 305-8551 or email x5davis@yahoo.com (050908)

ITEMS FOR SALE Solid Oak dresser, 4 drawers, 38" W x 40" H x 18" D, \$30. Black metal garage storage shelf, 30" wide, approx 4' high, missing one of the pins to support a shelf, \$20; Tall open storage shelf, glass inserts in upper three shelves, \$15 Wooden Ikea 2-Step Stool, \$5. Tire Chains (New in box), fits multiple 14 - 17 inch tire sizes, e-mail for exact sizes, \$25 (50 Euro new). Old weight plates, 5 & 7.5 Lbs, \$1 each. Trampoline safety net only (new w/o box). Fits Bravo/AirZone trampoline sold at BX. \$45. Please contact at brian.jordan@telenet.be or call 02-306-9514. (050908)

Services & Recommendations

TOP-NOTCH HOUSE CLEANER 25 year old working student originally from the Philippines needs a new sponsor. She is completely trustworthy and a very hard worker. Her name is Gay--she speaks English. Her GSM: 0488-411-257. Call 02-724-3129 or 02-724-3217 for references. (051608)

FILIPINA WOMAN IS SEEKING NEW CLEANING POSITION AND SPONSOR We will be departing in a few weeks and highly recommend Nene as an excellent, responsible person who has taken care of us for years. Anyone interested should please call 0472 721 457. (051608)

FULL TIME NANNY FOR SPONSORSHIP One of my two part-time nannies is looking for a full time position this summer. She'll need a diplomatic sponsorship contract. I cannot recommend her more highly and would explore "sharing" her with someone if need be. Among her previous sponsors were diplomatic families with 4 very active kids! Super energetic, entertaining, and a natural delight with kids – she has been helping raise mine since infancy. Please contact me (Lorelei: snyderlg@state.gov,

Work +32 (0) 2 508 2673, GSM +32 (0) 477 776 441) or her directly (Jennielynn: belle_views@yahoo.com or GSM +32 (0) 486 679 463). (042508)

HOUSEKEEPERS SEEKING ADDITIONAL WORK We have been using a brother/sister housekeeping pair that are seeking additional part-time jobs. They are the best housekeepers we have ever had. Our house has never sparkled as much as when they have cleaned it. They are willing to help with any housekeeping chore (cleaning windows, basements, etc.) and she irons shirts faster and better than any housekeeper I have had. They are extremely pleasant and great with kids and pets. They also speak excellent English. Please call Jerry at 0485 761 193. For a reference, e-mail Mary at clydemaryL@yahoo.com. (042508)

RELIABLE HOUSEKEEPING AND WONDERFUL CHILDCARE Mayette has been working hard and with great cheer for American tri-mission families for seven years here in Brussels. Before that she was with other American diplomatic families at other posts. She cleans, is wonderful and loving with young children and pets, and her ironing is fabulous. She is very honest. The two families she is currently working for are leaving this summer for onward assignments, and both can give enthusiastic references. Mayette needs a sponsor, but not a place to live. Call Mayette directly any time at 0478 631 084 or call/e-mail 02 770-6611 (after 5pm) smitham2@state.gov or 02 673-5541 (after 6pm) jonathanrgallant@hotmail.com for references. (042508)

CAR DETAILING Does your car need a polish and a thorough inside and out cleaning? I do a great job and am available during the week and on weekends. I can pick up your car and take it back home if you like. Prices include the products, polish, and an in and outside cleaning. Small car €150, medium size car/pick up truck €175, large car/station wagon €200, van €225. Note that all prices are in Euros. Please call GSM# 0473 668 445 for an appointment or leave a message with your telephone number and I will call you back ASAP. (050908)

THE ART OF APPLYING MAKEUP One of life's delicious condiments is your personal makeup; at least it is for me. It is a reflection of who you are, your emotions and your personality. Most importantly, it is an expression of your inner beauty. Applying the right color combinations requires confidence and knowledge. Come, expand your outlook with creative beauty tips customized for your skintype, color, and facial morphology. I am a professional makeup artist and graduate of "Paris's Forum Make Up, Centre de Formation International de Maquillage". I will help you customize a look that makes you feel confident about applying and wearing makeup. It can be a glamorous evening look or simply a flawless, natural day-time look. A one-on-one session usually lasts around 1½ hours and can be at your place or mine. We can also include a make up shopping excursion to assist you in purchasing the right products. For more Info please feel free to call Nada Bauer at 047 560-0175 or e-mail at art-of-makeup@hotmail.com (042508)

PET CARE Do you want some one to take care of your pet like you do? I love animals and would do a great job taking care of them. If you are planning on going on a weekend trip or week off for a long, deserving vacation, then send me an e-mail kjcerrn@yahoo.com or call 02 688-0447.

BABYSITTER High school senior, experienced babysitter, First-Aid certified. Available nights and weekends. Call Erin Fitzgerald at 02 762-4899.

BABYSITTER Have you been thinking of going out but have no baby-sitter who is willing to watch over your children? I am here to make this happen. I am a certified baby-sitter. Please send me an e-mail: kjcerrn@yahoo.com or call 02 688-0447.

Wanted

SEARCHING FOR A ROOM TO RENT IN THE BRUSSELS AREA We have a FSN colleague in the Embassy Rome Procurement office whose daughter has been selected to participate in an exchange program for interpreters. The Italian family is searching and hoping to rent a room with a local Belgian or American family to give their daughter a safe environment away from home. She will be starting her course early September for approximately 5 months. If someone is interested in helping or would like the contact information please call Carl Knisley at extension 2657.

VOLUNTEER DRIVERS NEEDED for families in need. The "Grain de Vie" is a social bakery whose main purpose is to help integrate the disabled, mostly mentally, into society through training in bread-making. The fresh bread also provides a staple food for charity organizations such as the L'Olivier, the Little Sisters of the Poor, and the Philadelphia Church. These organizations provide this bread to those they serve, free of charge. The bread run involves picking up bread from the Grain de Vie in Waterloo and dropping it off at the designated organization in downtown Brussels. The drivers committeemen is only to one of the days. It takes approximately two hours if you are starting from the Zaventum area.

If you are interested in providing this very worthwhile service or in providing financial sponsorship for it, please contact Ada at 02 731-8760 or at danandada@skynet.be. (050908)

KITCHENAIRE WANTED Moving to Brussels in June and seeking 220v European kitchen appliances in good condition (toaster, microwave, iron, coffee maker, food processor). Please e-mail 2lbutler@gmail.com. (043008)

WANTED: AFN dish and receiver (decoder). Also desire a push lawn mower (non-motorized). Please contact Walt or Dana at 049 671-5453 or 02 303-6636. (042508)

Housing / House Sitting

HOUSE SITTING POSITION DESIRED I am a male American student at Cornell who will be interning in the Economic Section of the US Mission to the EU during Summer 2008, who is interested in house sitting in the metropolitan Brussels area. I arrive in Brussels June 8 and return to the States August 16. I am single non-smoker, French speaker, very clean and responsible and happy to pet sit and do house chores. Please contact Ryan Steven Spagnolo (rss55@cornell.edu) if interested. (050908)

WANTED: HOUSE SITTING POSITION for 23 year old male US/EU intern seeking summer house sitting position from late May to end of July. Currently a senior at College of the Ozarks studying Business/French. Very responsible, clean, organized, serious. Non-smoker, not wild, strong character and work ethic. Intermediate French skills. Willing to serve in any way possible. Please contact Joshua Matlack at jpmatlack@gmail.com

WANTED: HOUSING FOR FEMALE STUDENT INTERN at US Mission to NATO from mid-May to early August. Rising senior at William and Mary is seeking housing or house sitting opportunities for all or any part of the summer. Will gladly assist with housework while you are at home or away. Non smoking, organized, and responsible. References available. Please contact Alanna Whytock at amwhy@wm.edu. (032008)

for Sale or Rent

FOR RENT HOUSE IN RESTON, VA AREA: 4 BR, 2 FB & 2 HB, home in Oak Hill. Finished basement. Wooded, fenced back yard, one of the largest lots in Fox Mill Estates. The house is located in a double cul-de-sac, only a short walk to Fox Mill ES. Great location by parks, shopping and Toll Road. Walking distance to the Reston South Park & Ride with bus connection to the West Falls Church Metro station. \$2,500/month, available in July. For more information, contact Mark and Tatjana Post at 571 426-0349 or via email at marktattjanapost@hotmail.com. (050908)

HOUSE AVAILABLE FOR RENT IN OLD TOWN, ALEXANDRIA, VA Couldn't ask for a better location! Intersection of N. Henry and Wythe Streets - 22314 The Braddock Lofts Townhomes Contemporary 4-level house. Three, possible 4 bedrooms (4th bedroom is a loft)/3.5 bathrooms. 2 Blocks to Braddock Metro; Approx. 2,800 sq. feet; Hardwood floors and carpeting on some floors. Fire place and upscale kitchen. Garden area in the back plus roof terrace on top floor, 2 assigned parking spaces. Walk to King Street shops and restaurants. 5 minute drive to 495/95 exit. \$3,895 per month. Minimum 1 year lease minimum, prefer 2 year lease. Could be partially furnished or unfurnished. Contact: Ilona at braddocklofts@gmail.com or +1202 441-7138. (050908)

HOME IN MANASSAS FOR RENT Foreign Service employee owned home located in Ashland community in South West Manassas on the border with Mountclair just off Rt. 234 / Spriggs Rd Junction. It's just over 4 miles to I-95 Exit 152. The house is a 2001 built Cambridge model. Three bedroom, 3.5 baths, furnished basement with walk out into yard, one car garage, deck with stairs, and best of all, no houses behind the property (unlike in most new developments) and none will be built. Deck overlooks Spriggs Rd which is almost 50 yards away. I am very familiar with all the commuter routes to include slugging, OmniRide, and the VRE. Rent includes the association fees. My wife worked on the local economy and we can answer any questions about the area. The house will be available in June. Pet friendly. Contact Dave Jesser, USNATO 02 508-3244 if interested. (050908)

WASHINGTON, DC HOUSE FOR RENT North Arlington/East Fall Church unfurnished house for rent from July 1. 2 or 3 BR and 2 bath cottage-style home just 15 minute walk from East Falls Church Metro, two blocks to Lee Highway Metrobus line. Great school district (Yorktown HS, Bishop O'Connell HS). Two blocks to Overlee Swim Club. Perfect for single, couple or couple with one child. One, two or three year lease possible. \$2,300/month. FSO owners are transferring to Belgium this summer on three year tour. Contact Linda Butler at 2lbutler@gmail.com for more information and pictures. (043080)



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Employment

Interested in working on the local economy? What does it take to land a job in Belgium? SNAP is here to help you meet the challenges of conducting your job search. For more information about working on the local economy and how SNAP can assist you in preparing for and locating employment contact your Global Employment Advisor.

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<p>Recreation Assistant, NF-0189-2 Salary: \$8.39 - \$12.00 Hourly Announcement #: EUNAFCHI080513A Open: May 13, 2008 Close: May 27, 2008 Place of work: USAG, Brussels Position Status: Permanent, Part-time</p>	<p>CYS Sports & Fitness Director, NF-0030-4 Salary: \$36,500 - \$44,500 Annual Announcement #: CF08-286 Open: May 08, 2008 Close: May 22, 2008 Place of Work: USAG Brussels Position Status: Permanent, Full-time</p>
<p>Supv Plans, Training, Mobilization & Security Salary: \$67,146 - \$110,691 Annual Announcement #: EUJU08689965 Open: May 13, 2008 Close: May 27, 2008 Place of Work: Brussels, BE Position Status: Permanent, Full-time</p>	<p>Cash Processing Technician, EUJU08727651 Salary: \$16,880 - \$29,764 Announcement #: EUJU08727651 Open: May 13, 2008 Close: May 19, 2008 Place of Work: Brussels, BE Position Status: Permanent, Full-time</p>
<p>Child & Youth Program Assistant, CC-1702-1/0 Salary: \$9.84 - \$16.36 Hourly Announcement #: EUNAFCHI0050C Open: Jan 01, 2008 Close: Dec 31, 2008 Place of Work: USAG, Brussels Position Status: Permanent, Part-time, Full-time</p>	<p>Bartender, NA-7405-3/0 Salary: \$8.96 - \$10.35 Hourly Announcement #: EUNAFCHI0040C Open: Jan 01, 2008 Close: Dec 31, 2008 Place of Work: USAG, Brussels Position Status: Permanent, Part-time, Full-time</p>

To view details on any of the above positions:

<https://cpolwapp.belvoir.army.mil/public/vabSelfNom/index.jsp> and enter the **Vacancy Announcement Number** in the 'Search Announcement' area at the bottom of the page. **Note:** Please pay particular attention to the 'Who May Apply' to determine your eligibility for any of these positions. For additional information or assistance for these jobs or the ones listed below, please contact your GEA, Steve Kotlarchuk at 02-508-2291 or email at: kotlarchuksj@state.gov.

External Vacancy Announcements (Brief Descriptions Only: Contact the GEA for full details)

NEW Professional Assistant, Research Unit (Temporary Post). An International education institute seeks a professional Assistant from 1st July to 31st Dec, 2008, to work with Research Coordinator on the development and daily operations of the Research Unit. Duties include: maintenance of data-banks, assisting in the development & operation of information services for members, editing and summarizing reports, and administrative/secretarial tasks. Requires knowledge of research methodologies, capacity to draft summaries of working papers, familiarity with research in education, excellent English language skills, French & Spanish an asset. Closing date: 30 May 2008.

NEW Account Manager. A London-based company requires a manager with an outstanding intellectual acumen combined with perseverance and a desire to learn; a flexible mindset, equally able to understand political subtleties and business needs; excellent communication skills, particularly written; flawless English and fluency in at least one other language; additional languages an advantage; ability to manage a client account confidently and seamlessly; and experience in Agri-food/consumer/advertising/environment policy an asset but not essential. Requirements: Typically you might have worked for at least a couple of years in an account executive-type role for a public affairs consultancy or as a junior manager within a company, trade association or NGO. However, they do not set specific requirements in terms of experience and will consider all qualified candidates. Apply Immediately.

Freelance Journalist. A Washington-based news publisher with a growing network of international reporters, seeks a correspondent to cover the European Union government news that affects business, regulation, policy, and the law. They seek a talented reporter who can write about these complex issues and offer an excellent opportunity to anchor your portfolio with a steady flow of assignments. Applicants must have several years reporting experience working on daily deadlines for English-language publications. Local language skills are a plus. Must be able to work well independently and be aggressive when it comes to pitching story ideas. Apply immediately.

Journalists/Translators. A Web television project for the European Parliament (EP) is seeking 44 Journalist/Translators to subtitle TV programs, provide voice-overs & commentaries, assist video Journalist during shooting sessions, edit/write scripts, translate transcripts & texts. Requires writing & research journalistic skills, good knowledge of EU & EP institutions and policies. Journalists will work in EU mother tongue or translate EN/FR into mother tongue. Apply immediately.

Sexual Assault Response Coordinator. USAG Brussels is looking to fill this part time position to serve as the Program Manager for sexual assault victim support services, coordinating and overseeing local implementation of the Army's Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Program. Ensures overall local management of sexual assault awareness, prevention, training, and victim advocacy. Provides on-site sexual assault prevention and response training, crisis response and short-term services and support to victims, on-call 24/7 coverage in coordination with the Program Manager. Implements victims' services framework, collaborates with the Family Advocacy Program, the Army Community Service, law enforcement, legal and medical facilities, and the Command to ensure safety plans are coordinated. Requires a BA/BS in social/behavioral health field, 2 years experience in the field of domestic violence, sexual assault, or victim advocacy, familiarity with standard concepts, practices and procedures of social services field, experience with training, program development, and program evaluation, a certain degree of creativity, initiative and ability to work collaboratively with other organizations is required, military experience preferred. Apply immediately.

Deputy Head, Media Operations: NATO seeks a Deputy Head, Media Operations for a wide range of project work varying in scope and nature, media monitoring, special events; support and deputy for the Head, Media Operations. Qualifications: university degree or equivalent professional experience; 3 to 5 years experience in public relations or the media; 3 to 5 years experience in project management; good knowledge of international and political affairs, in particular matters affecting NATO. Closing date: 23 May 2008.

E mployment O pportunities at the T ri-Missions

Vacant positions are open to a) EFM = U.S. citizen family members of USG direct-hires, working under Chief of Mission Authority, b) to NORs = Not Ordinarily Resident U.S. citizen family members of USG direct-hires, not under Chief of Mission authority (e.g., military spouses), and c) All = all above + all applicants residing in Belgium and in possession of work and residency permits. All vacancies listed under "sensitive positions" are strictly limited to U.S. citizens. For more information, contact the JAS Human Resources Office: Myriam Roelants, 02 508-2308, or RoelantsML@state.gov, or Emilie Doetsch, 02 508-2322, or DoetschE@state.gov.

OPEN TO	VACANCY NUMBER	CLOSING DATE	POSITION TITLE	OFFICE	SCHEDULE	GRADE LEVEL
SENSITIVE POSITIONS						
EFM, NOR	FY08-37 rerun	May 30	Rover Secretary	JAS/HR	On-call	FP-08
EFM, NOR	FY08-56	May 16	Financial Assistant	USNATO/B&F	Full-time	FP-08
EFM, NOR	FY08-58	May 23	Protocol Assistant	USNATO/EXEC	Full-time	FP-07
NON-SENSITIVE POSITIONS						
ALL	FY-08-60	May 23	HR Clerk	JAS/HR	Full-time	FSN-6/ FP-08
Current employees, EFM, NOR	FY08-55	May 16	Supply Clerk	JAS/GSO/WAREH	Full-time	FSN-4/ FP-AA