

January 16, 2009

Brussels

Brussels Weekly

Unofficial Publication, U.S. Tri-Missions in Brussels



How to Get to Westvleteren, and Maybe Even Get Yourself Some Beer.

By Joe Stange

There are a lot of great beers in this country, many of them well-kept secrets. But the worst-kept secret has to be the Trappist brewery at Westvleteren. Its strong, dark ale is the holy grail of beers, challenging and potentially expensive to acquire. It tops the list of Belgium's most wanted.

The monks at the Abbey of St. Sixtus in Westvleteren ask that nobody else sell their beer, outside of the In De Vrede café across from the abbey. There are a few shops and cafés in Brussels and elsewhere that flout this request and sell it on the "gray market," at steep prices for desperate tourists. I don't blame them. But I do think it's a bit disrespectful to brewers who work so hard on such a masterpiece. Why shouldn't they get to make the rules?



Some grant Westvleteren the impossible title of "best beer in the world." But is it really the best? Is it worth all the hype? When you think of all the other great beers waiting to be discovered – some of them right under our noses – then the answer is no. But if you want to know whether the Westvleteren Abt 12, Extra 8 or Blond ales are worth the trouble to acquire... the answer is yes. Absolutely. The darker ones especially are about as complex yet harmonious as beer can be. It's immediately tasty, yet you could sip and contemplate a chalice of the stuff for a long time. It's just good craftsmanship. Anyone visiting or living in Belgium really ought to make the pilgrimage.

The address of the abbey's café, In De Vrede, is Donkerstraat 13, 8640 Westvleteren. It is closed every Friday, and from October 1 to April 1 every Thursday as well. It also shuts the first half of January, the second half of Easter holidays, and the second half of September. Otherwise it opens every day at 10 a.m.

There you go. If you have a car, a GPS, and an inclination to go drink the beer, that's all you need to know.

However: What if you don't have a car? Or, what if you have a car but want to bring home a couple cases of that sweet nectar? Instructions follow.



If you lack your own wheels, take the train to nearby Poperinge. Then either bicycle, Belbus or walk. For those looking to rent, your options include the Bike Shop Demeester at Ieperstraat 99 (057 33 54 55). I've heard it's a pleasant (and flat) ride that becomes a memorable life experience for many. The distance is about 6.4 km.

The Belbus, meanwhile, is a shuttle service run by the Flemish public bus authority. Try to plan at least three hours ahead and call 059 56 52 56. Tell them where you'd like to be picked up and dropped off. They will almost definitely speak some English. There's a stop just outside the abbey. The cost is the same as other De Lijn buses... At the moment I think it's €2 per person per ride if you're buying from the driver.

Finally, you can have a nice long walk. According to Google Maps it should take one hour and 17 minutes to walk from Poperinge station to the abbey.

The In De Vrede café sells the beer by the six-pack, but it often runs out. If you want to buy more beer than that, and be sure that you get it, the only way is to make a reservation. Here's how:

1. Call 070 21 00 45. Listen and find out when you can call back to get which type of beer.
2. Have your car's license plate number handy, and call again at reservation time. It will be busy. Perfect the art of quickly hanging up (or hitting the "flash" button) and hitting redial. If you're quick enough and do it for long enough, you will get through. Set aside some time, be patient, and remember the great beer that lies at the end of your quest.
3. When you finally get through, make your appointment. Don't worry, he speaks English. Tell him your license plate number and how much beer you want.
4. Courteously show up on time. In fact, be early enough to enjoy one in the café. The Abt 12 will run you €33 per case at last check. That works out to a very reasonable €1.375 per bottle – a small fraction of what gray-market suckers are paying on eBay. Go on, buy a set of glasses while you're at it. They make nice gifts.
5. Take your treasure home. Later, stop to admire the beautiful sight: multiple cases of the elusive Westvleteren, just sitting there. In your cellar.
6. Drink one. You earned it. And the brothers approve.

Joe Stange, a member of the Tri-Mission community, is co-author of the upcoming Around Brussels in 80 Beers. He is a freelance writer with recent articles in Beers of the World and DRAFT magazine. You can read his blog at www.thirstypilgrim.com.



Read any good books lately? Do you have a favorite CD you think others might enjoy, too? Maybe you have had a good meal at a restaurant and want to pass on a recommendation. If you have visited an interesting place here in Brussels or elsewhere and noticed something, tell us about it. If you have taken a good photograph, send it in for some public exposure. The Brussels Weekly is your best way to spread the word around. Use it. E-mail us at brusselsweekly@state.gov.

Welcome, Bienvenue, Welkom

Walter E. Andrusyszyn USNATO/DCM

Peter Dubrowski USEU/ECON

Diana Muncaciu USEU/FCS

Natasha Hines USDELMC

Jeffrey Burchfield USDELMC

Farewell, Au Revoir, Vaarwel

Ryan Smith USDELMC

In this Issue

Community Liaison Office	3
Brussels Happenings	4
Family Liaison Office.....	5
Marine Detachment	5
Health Unit.....	6
Computer Security	6
USAG	7
Brussels Consignment Shop.....	8
Religious Events	8
Higher Education	8
The Potting Shed	9
TMA	9
The Green Team	10
Kathleen's Kitchen	10
Marketplace	11
SNAP	14
Employment (Tri-Mission opportunities)	16

ALL ITEMS FOR PUBLICATION must reach the Brussels Weekly **by 4:00 p.m. Friday** to be included in the following week's issue. Submissions should be sent via e-mail to brusselsweekly@state.gov. Announcements should be typed in Verdana 10-point font. Material should be plain text, without graphics or special formatting. We do not accept flyers. Submissions must include the sender's name, affiliation within the Tri-Missions community, and the office and/or home telephone number. The editors reserve the right to shorten, rewrite, or omit material based on space restrictions, timeliness, and editorial priorities. Items published in the Brussels Weekly become the property of the Brussels Weekly and are not to be reproduced, copied, or otherwise used without the express written consent of one of the Brussels Weekly co-editors and Tri-Mission CLO, and any such use must give proper credit.

U.S. Tri-Missions



Community Liaison Office

Open 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday - Friday

Co-Coordinator: Sylvia Shephard

Phone 02 508-2227 - ShephardS@state.gov

Co-Coordinator: Dianna Watson

Phone 02 508-2289 - WatsonDM@state.gov

CLO Assistant: Maria Politte

Phone 02 508-2295 - PolitteMH@state.gov

Brussels Weekly Guest Editor: Sylvia Shephard

Phone 02 508-2227 - BrusselsWeekly@state.gov

SNAP—Global Employment Advisor: Steve Kotlarchuk

Phone 02 508-2291 - KotlarchukSJ@state.gov

SUMMER HIRE 2009 - The CLO office and HR are in the process of preparing the applications for the 2009 Summer Hire Program. If you or your Eligible Family Member are new to the program, or have questions about how the program works at our post in Brussels, please contact BrusselsSummerhires@state.gov. The deadline for summer hire applications is January 31, so act now!

CALLING ALL SITTERS—CLO receives many requests for babysitters, pet sitters and house sitters. Please help us update our files and be part of our referral list. If you are at least 13 years old, very responsible, and interested in earning some extra cash, contact the CLO Office at CLOBrussels@state.gov

CLO BOOK CLUB - You can now plan ahead for your CLO Book Club reading! The following books have been selected for January: *Three Cups of Tea* by Greg Mortenson and Oliver Relin and *The Places Inbetween* by Rory Stewart. We will be discussing and comparing the two books. The book for February has also been selected; *The Wasted Vigil* by Nadeem Aslam. For book descriptions you can go to Amazon.com. If you would like more information about the Book Club, including the next meeting date and place, please contact CLOBrussels@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 CLOBrussels@state.gov.

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 CLOBrussels@state.gov

WE NEED VOLUNTEERS TO FILL NEIGHBORHOOD NETWORK CAPTAIN VACANCIES - CLO is looking for community service-oriented individuals. If you can give directions to the closest grocery store, locate a pharmacy or a tasty bakery, or enjoy being neighborly and answering questions of newly arrived colleagues, and are willing to be part of the emergency contact system, then you'd be perfect! For more information on the program, please call 02 508-2227 / 2289 / 2295 or contact CLOBrussels@state.gov.

Due to security considerations, no dates for Tri-Mission community events are published in the Brussels Weekly. Please contact the advertiser or the CLO for the dates of events, and any other information that might not be included in the submission.

Brussels Happenings

BRAFA - Brussels Antiques & Fine Arts Fair - Sophisticated, welcoming and well-known, one of the oldest antiques fairs in the world makes way this year for the theme of timeless eclecticism. The

30,000 visitors, well-informed or simply curious, collectors or professionals will gather, as they do every year, around 120 exhibitors rigorously selected by experts. There'll be nothing but beautiful objects there, with Antiquity on display alongside African art and modern classicism flirting with contemporary art. The expert valuation days, the climax of the event, are highlights in themselves for any antiques enthusiast. Even the venue, a former marshalling yard, gives the fair real style, making it a place for all manner of subtleties and rarities in this very select market. Location: Tour & Taxis, Avenue du Port 86c Havenlaan, 1000 Brussels. 01/23/2009 - 02/01/2009 For more information visit <http://www.brafa.be>

Music:

The Jazz Festival Marni Flagey - From Wednesday the 21st to Friday the 31st of January 2009. Both concert halls harbor the ambition of transforming the area around 'Place Flagey' into a dynamic and convivial Jazz hub. The Festival will offer the public a mix of different styles of groovy Jazz with influences ranging from bebop to flamenco through classical and contemporary music. Location: Flagey cultural center and Marni Theatre. For more information, please visit www.flagey.be.

Jil Aigrot sings Piaf: Jil Aigrot, the voice of Edith Piaf in the 2008 award-winning movie "La Môme", comes to Brussels with her show "La vie en rose" with Piaf favorites. On the program of the show, which honors Edith Piaf, are her eternal successes such as "l'Hymne à l'amour", "la Vie en rose", "l'Accordéoniste," and "Non je ne regrette rien" February 6th only, at the Cirque Royal. Call 02 218 2015 or go to the website www.piaf.be for more information and ticket sales.

Fado! Ana Moura at Ancienne Belgique: January 29th, 8 p.m. A remarkable new fado artist, Moura is influenced by Amalia Rodrigues. Unlike many *fadistas*, her songs address contemporary topics. Advance sale tickets for €20.

Emiliana Torrini: Ancienne Belgique February 1st, 8 p.m. If you don't know this Icelandic singer by name, you might recognize her as the composer of "Gollum's Song" in the Lord of the Rings triptych. Her intimate style is equally captivating on stage. Recent shows in Brussels have sold out quickly, so buy your tickets early!

Tickets for Ancienne Belgique concerts: buy at <http://tickets.abconcerts.be> or from the AB Ticketshop: Rue des Pierres 23, 1000 Bruxelles. Tel: 02 548 2424 Open Monday-Friday 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Stand-Up Comedy: Saturday January 24th: Sean Meo(UK), Stewart Francis(CAN), Ian Moore(UK)+ MC

Sean Meo-"He can turn out intelligent material with a speed that many other comics can only gasp at" Time Out

Stewart Francis-"You'll want to see him over and over again to catch the jokes you missed because you were laughing so hard" Toronto Star

Ian Moore-One of the country's top comedians" The Guardian "Don't miss a single word ... Moore is a cultured comic" London Evening Standard

For more information and photos see www.standupworld.com

Show lasts from 8.30pm to 10.40pm approx. Theatre 140, Ave Eugene Plasky 140, Bxl 1030 (10 mins walk from r.Schuman, Metro:Diamant) Prices: all tix €25 Indian meal: €10 extra(please specify if veg or non-veg)

Community Events:

Brussels Accessible Art Fair organizers are putting together smaller events called BAAF B-1040. Every last Thursday of the month, starting January 29, an artist from the BAAF will be showing his/her work for the duration of one month. 1st up - **US ARTIST MARINA DI CARLO**. These smaller events

will be held at the Vinotheque Les Terroirs at 37/39 rue Charles Degroux in Etterbeek (www.lesterroirs.be). The goal is to introduce the public to BAAF artists and prepare them for the main event in June. This as part of an ongoing project to create a community of art lovers in an area of the city which does not have many artistic outlets. As well as giving artists a platform to show their work that is accessible and does not require them to pay high gallery fees. For more information, visit www.accessibleartfair.com.

Democrats Abroad Belgium (DAB) will host an inaugural celebration on 20 January, joining revelers from Tokyo to Toronto as they mark the inauguration of the 44th President of the United States, Barack Hussein Obama. Democrats Abroad is the official arm of the Democratic Party for Americans living outside the US. DAB members and friends will watch the inaugural ceremonies and punditry *live* on a large screen, while enjoying canapés and a full cash bar. Throughout the evening, a live Dixieland band will entertain participants. Both Americans and non-Americans are welcome.

When: 20 January 2009, 17:00 to 22:00h CET (Note: the Presidential Swearing-In Ceremony begins at 17:30h CET)

Where: Please contact Tia Viering if you wish to attend, at comms-be@democratsabroad.org.

From the Family Liaison Office

Young Filmmakers Out There, We Need You for the 2009 KIDVID Contest—Encourage your young filmmaker to make a KIDVID submission. The Foreign Service Institute and the Foreign Service Youth Foundation (FSYF) are co-sponsoring the fourteenth annual worldwide KIDVID Contest. This is a chance to show their peers what life is like at post from a unique perspective. Winners will be awarded cash prizes and are invited to attend the annual Youth Award Ceremony held in the summer of 2009. The KIDVID contest is open to children ages 10-18 and is administered by the Transition Center's Overseas Briefing Center (OBC) at FSI.

KIDVID is a valuable source to our overseas community, and Overseas Briefing Center offers community service credit for all participants in the KIDVID contest. Rules are available in the CLO. Contact Maureen Johnston at JohnstonM5@state.gov, for questions or additional details.

The AFSA Scholarships Deadline is February 6, 2009—High school seniors and college undergraduates of Foreign Service employees (active - duty, retired and deceased) are eligible to apply for one-time only AFSA Academic and Art Merit Awards along with renewable, need based AFSA Financial Aid Scholarships. Awards range from \$1,000 to \$4,000. Visit www.afsa.org/scholar/ for complete details. For more information, contact Lori Dec at dec@afsa.org (202) 944 5504, or 1 (800) 704 2372, ext. 504 (toll free).

Parents and students are also encouraged to visit free, online, scholarship search engines such as www.fastweb.com, www.wiredscholar.com, www.srnexpress.com, and www.brokescholar.com to find other scholarship resources.



Marine Detachment

COME AND TAKE A LOOK AT THE NEW MUGS, MARINE POLOS AND COINS THAT ARE NOW FOR SALE:

- ◆ Each polo is 20 Euros and each coin is 10 Euros
- ◆ They are sold at Post 1 and at every function at the Marine House
- ◆ The polo sizes range from S-XXL and come in white, black, red, royal blue, and grey. Not all sizes are available in all colors.
- ◆ NEW! Mugs with Marine Logo for only 7 Euros Each!

You may purchase polo's and coins from the Detachment Office located behind Post One at the Embassy. If you work at NATO or have other requests please contact Sgt Ham at hamcl@state.gov or 049-969-4828. All sales benefit the Marine Security Guard "Moral, Welfare, and Recreation program."

HEALTH UNIT

Susan Houck, FSHP,
Chris Coucke, R.N.
Elisabeth Bayley, R.N.
Fabienne Van Bamis,
Administrative Assistant



Main telephone.: 02 508-2225
After-hours telephone: 02 508-2111 (Embassy Operator will connect to Duty-Nurse)
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
Service de Garde (Brussels Physicians-on-call): 02 479-1818

Health Unit News

How much physical activity do adults need?

Adults need at least:

2 hours and 30 minutes (150 minutes) of moderate-intensity aerobic activity (i.e., brisk walking) every week and muscle-strengthening activities on 2 or more days a week that work all major muscle groups (legs, hips, back, abdomen, chest, shoulders, and arms).

Or

1 hour and 15 minutes (75 minutes) of vigorous-intensity aerobic activity (i.e., jogging or running) every week and muscle-strengthening activities on 2 or more days a week that work all major muscle groups (legs, hips, back, abdomen, chest, shoulders and arms).

Or

An equivalent mix of moderate and vigorous-intensity aerobic activity and muscle strengthening activities on 2 or more days a week that work all major muscle groups (legs, hips, back, abdomen, chest, shoulders and arms).

For more info: <http://www.cdc.gov/physicalactivity/everyone/guidelines/adults.html>

Computer Security

Did Santa bring you a new computer this Christmas? Before handing over an old PC to anyone else, you need to make sure all data is permanently deleted. It is a well-known fact that cyber-criminals routinely target discarded computers because of the amount of information that can be easily retrieved. Not only are there security issues to consider, it may also be necessary to delete certain applications to avoid violating the license agreements.

When you go through your hard drive and delete files and then empty the recycle bin, the data is NOT gone. This process simply makes the files unreadable to the operating system. With a bit of work, and not much time, the files can be recovered and read. In addition, Windows often stores information such as passwords, credit card numbers and previously deleted files and e-mail without you even knowing it.

What should you do? The hard drive should be "wiped" to ensure that no data is accessible to any future owner. As data can be recovered from broken disk drives, the only real method of permanently removing data is using a special software program designed for this purpose. There are two types of programs that can be used to wipe a hard drive – those that "scrub" files and those that "wipe" the entire drive. Software programs that "scrub" the hard drive can remove all data without disturbing the Windows operating system. Other programs will delete everything on the disk by reformatting the hard drive. Unlike the scrub software, these types of programs do not allow you to pick and choose the files, applications and programs that are to be removed. Before activating the program, be sure that the hard drive contents are fully replicated because once it's gone... it's gone forever. For the PC to be usable again, the new owner will need to reinstall Windows, the drivers and the application software. Plenty of software is available to purchase but, try these free programs available on the internet: <http://dban.sourceforge.net/> or <http://www.killdisk.com>.

Also keep in mind that many electronic devices such as cell phones and PDAs also carry an immense amount of data. Similar to PCs, you need to take steps to ensure all data is erased before you donate or recycle them. Failure to destroy data is an invitation for unscrupulous individuals to obtain critical information that could be used for identity theft. Before selling, donating or recycling old computers, take extra precautions to make sure the hard drives are truly erased.

For more information, please contact your Embassy Brussels Information Systems Security Officer (ISSO), Meredith Hiemstra at 02-508-2486 or Jon Miracle at 02-508-2999.

USAG Brussels



US ARMY GARRISON-BRUSSELS

WWW.BRUSSELS.ARMY.MIL

ARMY COMMUNITY SERVICE (ACS) (1)Metro Madness On **Friday, 23 January** Learn how to use the Bus, the Pre-/Metro and the Tram in Brussels. The class portion of the program is EFMP accessible. Join us from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Meeting place is ACS at USAG, Bldg 4 top floor, at 9:25 a.m. Limited to 10 people so please call ACS in advance at 02 717-9783 to reserve your spot. (2)Brussels Newcomers Briefing This three day workshop helps ensure a smooth transition for new arrivals. On **Tuesday 20 January 2009 from 8:45 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.**, key agencies will present a brief overview of their programs and answer your questions. A "one-stop shop" for information! Meeting place is at USAG Brussels, Bldg 2 top floor, Community Conference Room. On **Wednesday 21 January 2009 from**

9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., the director of the Wezembeek-Oppem Delhaize will familiarize you with a local food store (10:00-11:00). Then you will receive general info about local customs & helpful basic phrases and vocabulary in French and/or Flemish (12:30 -15:00). Meeting place is at ACS, Bldg 4 top floor, Room 322. On **Thursday 22 January 2009 from 9:30-11:30 a.m.**, the Brussels Health Clinic Patient Liaison Coordinator will provide a tour of the Leuven "Gasthuisberg" hospital (0930-1115). Meeting place is at ACS, Bldg 4 top floor, Room 322. If you would like to sign up for one, some or all of these workshops, please call ACS in advance at 02 717-9783.

AUTO CRAFT SHOP (1)Vehicle Winter Check-up Is your car winter ready? For only \$35.00 our skilled Auto Craft Shop mechanic will make sure your car is ready for safe winter driving. Appointments available **every Friday** by calling 02-717-9743. (2)Auto Skills 101 Sign up today for this hands on class instructing students in the basics of car maintenance and repair. Class meets **every other Wednesday** evening from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the USAG Brussels Auto Craft Shop for a total of 6 class sessions. Cost is \$30 and will include instruction and use of all shop tools and facilities. Please call 02-717-9743 for more information and to sign up, class space is limited!!

THREE-STAR LOUNGE (1)Texas Hold' Em Tournament On **Friday, 23 January** come see if you have what it takes to win it all! Tournament starts at 7:00 p.m. Top 3 finishers will be rewarded with prizes totaling \$500. Please call 02-717-9761 for more information and to sign up for any of these great programs. (2)Super Bowl Party Come one come all on **Sunday, 1 February** to view the big game live on multiple big screen TVs. Food and drink specials, games, prizes, and let's not forget all those great commercials. Doors will open at 10:00 p.m. for a 12:20 a.m. kickoff. (3)Customer Appreciation Night As our way of saying thank you for being a customer, come enjoy free appetizers, drawings for great prizes and good company at the Three Star at 7:00 p.m. Stick around for country line dancing lessons with Joy starting at 8:00 p.m. Please call 02-717-9761 for more information and to sign up for any of these great programs.

CHILD, YOUTH & SCHOOL SERVICES (1)SKIES Unlimited Courses Come sign up today for courses in piano, voice, violin, guitar, woodwind instruments, as well as aikido. Call 02-717-9670 for more info or to sign up. (2)CYSS Sports and Fitness officials needed!! Are you interested in getting involved and helping out your community? Then consider signing up to be a youth basketball official, both volunteer and paid opportunities exist. Please call 02-717-9680 or 02-717-9651 for more information and to sign up.

FITNESS CENTER (1)Martin Luther King Fun Run Come join the fitness center for our January fun run in the beautiful Foret de Soignes on **Saturday 17 January**. 5K & 10K divisions will be offered. Races start at 9:00 a.m. Please stop by the USAG Brussels Fitness Center or call 02-717-9667 for more information and to get signed up for any of these great programs.

LIBRARY PROGRAMS (1)Story Time for Children at the USAG Brussels Library Come join "Miss Michelle" on **Wednesdays, January 28th, February 4th, 11th, & 25th** for children's story hour from 1:30-2:30 p.m. All Children are welcome to attend. Please call 02-717-9791 for more information. (2)Craft Extravaganza day at the USAG Brussels Library On **Wednesday, 21 January** all children are invited to attend the "come and go", "make and take" craft day with "Miss Michelle". Show up any time between 2:30 and 4:30 and make as many crafts as you want. Please call 02-717-9791 for more information.

For more information about these and other activities, visit www.brussels.army.mil or call 02 717 9649 to receive the USAG-Brussels ACS Program Info e-sheet.

Brussels Consignment Shop

02 717-9724

11:00 a.m.- 2:30 p.m. Tues & Fri

11:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Wed

11:00 a.m.-2:30 p.m. 2nd Saturdays only.

The shop is two floors up from the Three Star Lounge at USAG

Log onto www.brussels.army.mil/NSA.htm (scroll down the left-hand column to click on consignment shop), for more information.

Did you know that consigning your gently used items at the Brussels Consignment Shop is a great way to increase your spending cash? Our consignors made more than \$35,000 in 2008! We are now accepting 50 items per consignment, 10 of which can be winter clothing. For on-line consignment forms and instructions, go to www.brussels.army.mil and click on USAG (on the left) then Consignment Shop (on the left of the new page).

The Consignment Shop currently has a nice selection of coats and jackets to help combat these freezing

temperatures. Our racks are filled with winter clothing for the whole family. We also have a variety of baby items at this time.

The Brussels Consignment Shop is run entirely by volunteers, and we are looking for a few smiling faces to join our group. If you're interested in this fun volunteer opportunity (you'll get first dibs on all the new treasures!), please contact Stacey Howell by calling 02 306 0553 or e-mail family.howell@gmail.com.

Religious Events

First Shiur of 2009 with Rabbi Nathan Alfred in the EU Quarter.

Bring your lunch and come discuss, listen and learn! All are welcome.

Thursday, January 22nd, 13h – 14h15

Topic: *Jewish Environmentalism*

New Location for all 2009 Shiurim: The offices of Sidley Austin LLP, Square de Meeus 35. RSVP to info@ijc.be to confirm your participation.

Dates for your diary: Shiurim will be held on March 5 & May 28 (Both Thursdays)

Come and spend a warm evening on a cold Saturday night in January at dinner with the International Jewish Centre (IJC).

We began several years ago with community (potluck) Shabbat dinners. Now we are a group of 170 liberal English-speaking Jews of all ages from all over the world living and working here in Belgium. All of us share one common need: a place to express our modern Jewish identity.

Our dynamic English rabbi Nathan Alfred, Cambridge graduate and chess FIDE master, joined us last year and will preside over the dinner. If you already are a member, please invite a newcomer.

Date: Saturday, January 24th * Time: 6:30 pm * Venue: The IJC House.

Menu: A special Havdalah potluck dinner (vegetarian)

We guarantee that you will find the Jewish home away from home. **RSVP to info@ijc.be to confirm what vegetarian dish you will bring for the meal. All are welcome!**

Higher Education

UMUC will offer the following face to face courses in **Brussels** in spring 2009 session 1:

MATH103 – College Mathematics Monday and Wednesday evening

Session 1 will run from 18 January through 14 March 2009 for face-to-face classes. Registration for face-to-face classes is ongoing.

Students may also register for **DE classes** until January 26, 2009. DE classes for session 1 will run January 26 to April 5, 2009.

More information is available at www.ed.umuc.edu and Registrations via our website <https://www.umuc.edu/myumuc/> or field representative.

For appointments or any further information please contact the UMUC field representative: Andrea Chulick, phone 02.717.9765 or DSN 368-9765, e-mail: achulick@ed.umuc.edu or just come by the UMUC office. Office hours are Monday through Friday 0800-1200 hours.

THE POTTING SHED

THE LAST CHAPTER

THE POTTING SHED

By Brian Keener



I spent Boxing Day in a hotel, a Christmas gift from my cousin, over 2000 metres atop Mt. Pilatus above Luzern in Switzerland. After an afternoon in a museum of Picasso and Klee, we travelled up the mountain by cabled gondola for almost an hour over children tobogganing below. We munched on toasted chestnuts, chucking the shells out a small transom window for the scavengers of the night. We bobbed to the top to skies that could only end with the curvature of the earth. Blackbirds that never leave the heights of this mountain scavenged on winter lichen frozen into the sleeping granite.

It was as if you were free of your cramped window seat on a plane in stacked descent, and could sit on the wing. That afternoon, the skies were as clear as the eyes of a newborn. The lakes around Luzern were deep and blue; you could see how the city played itself into the contours of the land it had settled in. Come nightfall, I had hoped for stars, but the lights of the top of the mountain were too strong. But even then, there was the sense of cold, and darkness, and the wonder of how those who came before us and lived in a world lit only by moonlight on snowfields. When candles and glass in thin windows were the purview of the wealthy. When, in the age of my grandmother, the lights of strung pearls along the lakes below did not exist. This landscape was covered in jewels, and I could stand in the frozen night, not being master of all I surveyed, but wonderfully grateful and humbled at the gift that had been given me. A sumptuous dinner of excellent company and good wine fed the enchantment of this place. Plans were laid to see it in summer.

At the deepest hour of that night, I ventured outside to a temperature of -6C. I was wrapped well in the thin atmosphere, content to be solitary in the frozen night a few thousand metres closer to starlight far more ancient than the lights below. There was peace and stillness and unforgiving cold.

Or so I thought.

Within days I was on a train back to Brussels. And a few days after that my garden was buried in snow and a cold doubly harsh to my mountain top. The trees were covered in icing sugar, the earth froze and the snow lay old and brittle on the ground, Miss Haversham's wedding cake left to dust and grime and the cold of age. Venturing outside was painful and for a few short winter days I thought I'd never be warm again and longed for the first sunburn of summer. But this is the stuff of the seasons and seasons will change and the earth moves on.

This is the last chapter of The Potting Shed. All that needed to be said has been said; it's time to say something different, casting a new light through other windows. In a few weeks this space will carry a new column, tentatively called "Blogging Brussels", observations of life in Belgium generally, Brussels in particular.

I've been pleased and humbled that there have been those who have enjoyed these scribbles. You validate me as a writer and I hope I have been of help as a gardener. Kathleen has the corner on cooking, my other passion, so I will sit on another corner, watch Brussels go by, and write about that.

I wish you all the greenest of thumbs and the joy of watching good things grow. Back soon.

TRI-MISSION ASSOCIATION U.S. Missions Brussels

Regentlaan 27 Blvd. du Régent B-1000 Brussels
Tel: 02 508-2497 (store) 02 508-2498 (office)

The Tri-Missions Association exists to serve its members with a variety of services including:

The TMA store, located in the US Embassy basement, is open from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. The store sells American snacks, electronics, American toiletry items, and fine gifts from Belgium.

Alterations Service:

Betty Mingas provides a high quality alterations and ironing service, at reasonable prices, in a convenient location. Her store is located in the basement of the US Embassy building, past the Post Office. She can be reached by phone at: 0473 843 921 Hours: Tuesday - Friday 8:30 AM - 3 PM. Mondays reserved for fittings and by appointment only. Her services are also available at USNATO from 11 AM until 1 PM every Tuesday.



The tri-missions 'Green Team' is committed to identifying shortcomings in the community's environmentally related activities, both inside and outside the workplace. We strive to find both cost effective and cost reducing solutions that will allow us to reduce the environmental impact we have on our planet.

The 'Green Team' currently has twenty active members working on energy conservation projects in the fields of water, electrical, transportation, recycling, reduction and education.

The 'Green Team' is always accepting new members looking to reduce the size of the environmental footprint the tri-missions community is leaving behind, long after most of us have moved on to new posts.

New Years Resolutions

It seems like every day now we are confronted from every direction with Climate Change and the environment. For those who have been talking about the subject since before the first fuel crisis in the 70s this all seems like a really long nightmare but here we are nonetheless, more than 30 years on and not much to show for it. Sure most of us sort our trash at least here in Belgium because we have to but what do we really do to make a difference.

Make it part of your New Year's resolutions this year to green your life. Read the tips and tricks here and anywhere you can get them and implement them in your life. Your children will thank you for it later.

To join in our efforts please contact Jan Cote at CoteJA@State.gov.



Garlic Roasted Lamb Chops

12 cloves garlic -- peeled	sea salt and cracked black pepper
6 medium-sized potatoes -- sliced	8 double lamb chops
4 small zucchini -- halved lengthways	2 tablespoons grain mustard
1 tablespoon rosemary leaves	4 tablespoons mint leaves -- chopped
3 tablespoons olive oil	3 tablespoons honey

Heat the oven to 425 F. Place the garlic, potatoes, zucchini, rosemary, oil salt and pepper in a baking dish, toss to combine and roast for 25 minutes.

While the vegetables are cooking, heat a frying pan over a high heat and brown the lamb on both sides.

Place the mustard, mint and honey in a bowl and mix to combine.

Place the lamb on top of the vegetables. Brush the lamb with some of the sauce and roast for a further 8-10 minutes or until the lamb is golden and the potatoes are soft.

To serve, place the lamb and vegetables on serving plates and top with the remaining sauce.

Serves: 4

Source: "The Daily Mail Weekend Magazine, Oct 2006"

Per Serving (excluding unknown items): 154 Calories; 10g Fat (56.9% calories from fat); 1g Protein; 17g Carbohydrate; 1g Dietary Fiber; 0mg Cholesterol; 4mg Sodium. Exchanges: 1/2 Vegetable; 2 Fat; 1 Other Carbohydrates.



Market Place



Vehicles

2003 Dodge Caravan; 7 seater, built in kids' car seats; CD, A/C, power windows, great for trips to the base with kids, and touring Europe, \$4200, call Angela x2860.

Mercedes 230E, Full Option, January 1997, 122000 kms, Beige with black leather interior, Automatic Transmission, Accident Free, in perfect working condition, always garaged, no rust, passed Controle Technique, Great Bargain. Price 7500 eur. Call 02-466.82.11 (010909)

1999 Mercedes E320 Class European Specs with 55,000 km. Immaculate condition, and fully loaded. Dark blue, exterior. Loaded with elegant features such as automatic transmission, passenger and driver side a/c and heat., cruise control, front & side impact air bags, Bose Sound System with multi-cd changer, spacious trunk, fabric seats, alloy rims, efficient v-4 engine gasoline powered, etc. The car has been gently driven, and it shows in the handling and the look. The front end is tight and the suspension is like new. There are no tears/defects in any of the seats/carpet, and the paint is in excellent condition. The tires show some wear, but still have plenty of life left. Maintenance has been performed according to the prescribed schedule and there have not been any mechanical issues. \$1 02,000 or Best Offer. Call 202-288-1065, email jrmsimmons@yahoo.com

Miscellaneous

Cross Country/Nordic Skiers. If anyone likes cross-country skiing or would like to learn I am looking for people who would like to go out to the Ardennes and try the pistes in Belgium on the weekends during January and February. Please contact Robert at x2478.

For Sale: Contemporary double dresser and nighstand; light wood, excellent condition. Asking 50 Euros for both. Pictures available. Pls call 02 688 0086.

FOR SALE: Toshiba HD-A2 DVD / HD-DVD Player. Brand-new, box open for testing and firmware up date. US\$60 or Euro equivalent. My loss is your gain. WD 320GB internal hard drive. Caviar SE Blue (Reliability) 7200 rpm - 8 MB buffer - SATA-2 interface, model WD3200AAJS. Excellent value at US\$55 or Euro equivalent. Please contact John Lee at johnlee1973@hotmail.com. (010909)

Diamondback 600-Series [110V] exercise bicycle in good operating condition. US\$50 or Euro equivalent, buyer pick-up. WD Raptor 150GB internal hard drive. High-Performance 10,000 rpm - 16 MB buffer - SATA interface, model WD1500ADFD-00NLR5. Brand-new, excellent geek value at US\$150 or Euro equivalent. Please contact John Lee at johnlee1973@hotmail.com. (011609)

MOVING SALE: Two winged-back chairs, \$75 each; One couch, white, \$125; Beautiful oak bedroom pier cabinet set, great condition, unit fits king/queen bed and includes two tall side pier cabinets, one storage headboard, double mirrors, and light bridge, \$500. Light fixtures: 5-light chandelier, \$30; ceiling mount, \$10; wall mount, \$10. German made 220 volt Perpetuum Ebner (PE) 3060 vintage condition stereo turntable, \$45. Photos available. Contact 02/762-8870 (evenings/weekends) or shh1114@hotmail.com. (010909)

MOVING SALE: 2007 FIRSTLINE (FMC 1200CP) 220v Portable single-unit air conditioner with remote control(Asking \$100.00 OBO normal price \$400.00). Radel 220V Portable 850 w type cr100 single unit air conditioner (Free w/ purchase of the Firstline Air Conditioner) Contact Julius @ GSM 0475751788 or ju23ju_tx@msn.com (010909)

PET for sale - Moving back to the USA and unfortunately, I am unable to take our loving and beautiful family dog "Milo" who we have had since he was two months old. Looking for a home with lots of love. **Full-Breed ,Male, Black, Tibetan Terrier/ European Passport Papers, 23 Months Old, All vaccinations current. Neutered on 20.5.2008 Paid: 450.00 Euros April 2007 + Yearly vaccinations and one-time neutering fee. Asking Price: 280.00 Euros/or US Dollar Equivalent (Dog House Included)** http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tibetan_Terrier, http://www.akc.org/breeds/tibetan_terrier/index.cfm Contact: Adriana @ - Work: 02-724-3242 GSM: 0475751565 E-Mail: spainae@live.com (010909)

Departing USEU/Brussels in late February after a 3 year tour and looking for a good home and best offer for a few household items and electronics w/Euro plugs/voltage. Battery Operated/Sharper Image AM/FM digital clock; Westclox Electric digital alarm clock; Siemens Euroset Telephone, TFal

Electric Foreman-style grill; Braun 2000 hairdryer; Krups 10-cup drip coffee pot; Severin 2 slice toaster; Braun Multi-HandMixer (4 in 1); Elta Blender; Denver DVD Player/MPEG4/MP3; Hitachi World System 20" TV, Ella TableTop Oscillating Fan; E10 1400 HEPA Vacuum; adaptors/transformers and extension cords. Also, 2 tension shower rods; two wooden kitchen chairs, a white bathroom cabinet/3 shelf w/door and one top drawer; a wooden drying rack (original packaging/never used); 6 CD set/ Audio French Course; Please call Kathy at 04 75 406906; or email conwaykm@state.gov with best offer! (010909)

FOR SALE: Gender neutral-underwater theme 6 piece crib set includes quilt, crib bumper, fitted sheet, dust ruffle, valance, and diaper stacker \$65.00; Fisher Price Ocean Wonders Aquarium Bouncer \$25.00; Fisher Price Soothing Motion Glider \$50.00; Fisher Price Ocean Wonders Aquarium Swing \$65.00. Pictures available for all items listed. Please e-mail KNK81@hotmail.com (010909)

Services & Recommendations

Art For Diplomats/ Homes/ Offices. Are you here temporarily and are looking to buy original artwork for your home or office but never have time to go to galleries? Curator, Stephanie Manasseh of the Brussels Accessible Art Fair can help you find the perfect pieces by artists living in Belgium. Other than the art fair and other smaller events, Stephanie currently curates for the HUB. For more information please contact Stephanie- info@accessibleartfair.com.

HOUSEKEEPER AVAILABLE: Sterrebeek/Everberg/Kortenbug area. Adela is available all day Friday as well as Monday and Wednesday afternoons to clean. She is great at ironing. She has been working for US families for a number of years and does not need a sponsor. Please contact her directly on her mobile phone: 0485 296 346. If you need a reference you can call me at 0478 406 294. (121208)

HEAVENLY TREATS BY ROCHELLE Dark Chocolate Cake Rich....moist....heavenly! Made with pure Belgian Chocolate, the perfect dessert to any meal. 18€ (9" serves 8-12) Carrot Cake, Lemon Cake and Birthday Cakes also available. For orders call 0485 638 212 or email rvmcreations@yahoo.com. *orders may be picked up at Brussels Sprouts (121908)

AMERICAN IN BRUSSELS AVAILABLE TO DO COMPUTER REPAIR for you at home. Call Oz if you need PC repair service, troubleshooting, hardware or software installation. Oz also creates custom-built PCs. He will provide all home PC support you need, to include virus removal and protection, antivirus program installation, computer repair training, new computer setup and home data back up. Contact Oz at 0471 333 592 or e-mail at zygs.repair@gmail.com (112108)

HOUSEKEEPER AVAILABLE: Our Housekeeper, Flor, who has been working for us for over a year is looking for additional work. Please contact her directly on her mobile phone: 0485 456 818. If you need a reference you can e-mail me at mscudder@alumni.usc.edu. (112108)

CATERING SERVICES/ COOKERY LESSONS/ COOKING DEMONSTRATIONS: Let International chef Guy take the headache out of preparing food for your special events. From canapes to dinner parties or buffets, Guy can prepare and deliver to your door in time for you to relax and enjoy the event. Passionate about cooking and would like some informal, fun lessons? Guy is a qualified teacher having spent many years teaching at Swiss Hotel Management Schools in Switzerland and Marbella. Or get together a group of 10 friends and enjoy a cooking demonstration (chocolate making, canapes, desserts etc.) while you relax with a glass of wine and taste what Guy has made. For further information please telephone 02 705 3906 or e-mail guymooreSpain@yahoo.co.uk.

PET CARE Do you want someone 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 kjcernn@yahoo.com or call 02 688-0447. (010909)

DISCOVER BELGIUM Experienced guide Andrée Jacquet offers a full program of tours in Brussels and throughout Belgium at reasonable prices. Join one of her groups to learn more about your host country! For more information contact Andrée at 0479 520 059, 010 450 933 or by email andreejacquet@hotmail.com. www.belgiumdiscover.be. (091208)

Yoga in Brussels taught in English by a local American. Visit www.yogasimran.com for schedule, bio/training, testimonials from past students, as well as the types of yoga taught: Kundalini Yoga, Gentle Hatha/Restorative Yoga, Pregnancy Yoga and Kids Yoga. Courses offered weekdays, evenings and weekends at two locations: near Place Dailly and the American Women's Club (avail. to non-members). Beginners welcome. If you are interested in a lunchtime class at the US Embassy, please reach Cristin, and I'll consider organizing one: cristin@yogasimran.com (010909)

Housing/House Sitting

HOUSE SITTING WANTED: I am a graduate student at San Francisco State University, doing an internship at the U.S. Embassy starting late this month (January '09). I am looking for an opportunity to house-sit for a Tri-Mission family for approximately 10 weeks. I am a responsible individual, who is very neat, clean and organized. I am very respectful of other people's privacy and belongings. While housesitting I will take the responsibility of keeping the home tidy and any other tasks you would like for me to take on. I love pets and have a lot of experience looking after them. I look forward to hearing from you. You can reach me at nancyvrl@yahoo.com or (707)315-7280. (121908)

INTERN HOUSING DESIRED - Two interns working at the US Mission to the EU are seeking housing from January 16th through April 11th. We are interested in house sitting and/or renting an apartment/a couple of rooms in the metropolitan Brussels area, preferably within close proximity to the Embassy. We would prefer to stay together, though would be happy to find separate housing as well. Please contact Clarissa and Rachel at: cmunger@ku.edu and rmiller4@wisc.edu or by cell phone at 785 462 5680. (121208)

YOUNG MARRIED INTERN (no children) seeking housing for self and spouse from January 18 to April 17, 2009. Preferably downtown in close proximity to the US Embassy where the internship will be. Quiet tenants who will assist in any way to help keep up house. (120508)

INTERN HOUSING DESIRED My name is Peter Dubrowski. I will be interning in the Economic Section of the US Mission to the EU from January 10 through March 22, 2009 and I am interested in house sitting/an apartment/a room in the metropolitan Brussels area. I am 20 years old, non-smoking, quiet and tidy. I am seeking a place from which I can commute to the Embassy via tram/metro or on foot. I can be reached at prdfz5@missouri.edu and by cell phone at 636 866 6064. Many thanks.

Hello from Stockholm, Sweden! I am interested in swapping apartments with a Foreign Service person in Brussels for a long weekend or a week. No firm dates yet. I just wanted to see if anyone is interested. I live in a 2 BR apartment right in the middle of beautiful Stockholm with plenty of public transportation access. You can reach me at StapletonLC@state.gov. My home telephone number is +46 8 23 51 50.

For Sale or For Rent

Apartment for Rent in Brussels: Winston Churchill: precious, true Parisian-style apartment for rent. In 1920s building (elevator), stylishly, fully renovated 170 m² apartment on 2nd floor, with dining, living, 3 bedrooms with wooden floors, 2 new tastefully-fitted bathrooms, 2 toilets, cave, attic. Spacious and excellent use of light. Originally-fitted marble floors and chimneys in living, dining, corridor, kitchen. Wall-to-wall parquet, bathrooms fitted with bamboo floors. Interior glass-tiled doors. Double-glazing throughout. Beautiful Siemens fully-equipped kitchen, with in-annex storage and laundry rooms. Excellent transport connections, very close to shops, supermarket, etc. Price: €1,800 + 225 charges (including water, central heating, maintenance). Photos available. Contact: Siragonzalez@yahoo.com 0486141100 / marcus.wilke@gmail.com 0476896837. Available May 2009.

Luxury and comfortable unfurnished apartment-loft of 145 square metres, situated in Brussels city centre, in the trendy borough of Dansaert/Saint Géry. Quiet street, 2nd floor with lift, security entrance door with videophone system. The glamorous "Guggenheim" lofts residence combines the charm of an old factory building entirely renovated with some modern architectural elements, industrial look. Bright with large glass panels (double glazing), spacious, with French oak parquet and Italian tiles floor (for kitchen and bathrooms). Individual heating system/gas boiler. First occupation, available end of December 2008 (currently painting and laying parquet). Contact: Silvia Arzili, silvia.arzilli@gmail.com, mobile number: 0486 255 291 or 0499 98 5656. Rent 1400€. (121908)

FURNISHED CONDO FOR RENT—Available starting late April 2009, furnished luxury condo for rent to a responsible person or couple. Great location only one block from Arlington,VA Courthouse Metro. 2 Metro stops to DC Foggy Bottom (then walk 5 blocks to Main State), 5 stops to the Pentagon. Easy 10 minute drive to FSI against traffic or bike there. Walk to movies, shops, Whole Foods grocery, CVS pharmacy, bookstores, farmers markets, and lots of restaurants. This 1 bedroom/ 1 bath unit is larger than most "luxury" apartment rentals in the area and furnished more nicely. 900 sq. feet with a balcony that has an open western view. Enjoy a gas fireplace, in-unit washer/dryer, dishwasher, microwave, garbage disposal, huge bathroom with a double shower and jacuzzi tub, large vanity area

and mirror, and a mega walk-in closet with drawers and built-in shelves. 1 dedicated garage space. 32 inch HDTV and high-speed internet. The building has a pool, party and exercise rooms, sauna, pool and ping pong tables. Secure card access. Cat ok w/ pet deposit if wear claw covers. Perfect for I-t TDYers, I will work with the sliding per diem scale. For details, contact: Judy at carson2004@yahoo.com. (010909)

Wanted

DOG WALKER WANTED. Lonely dog in Moorsel/Vreboos area seeks daytime companion for a break in his day. We're looking for someone who would enjoy walking and/or playing with him for an hour or so every couple of days – a great after-school job for an enthusiastic dog lover. Please call 02 253 4520 and leave a message. (120508)

BABYSITTER: We're looking for an English-speaking babysitter to watch our 5 yr old son after school Wednesday-Friday. Good pay, will pay for transportation. Contact 0499 867 579. (010909)

Postal Corner

Registered Mail Cancellation - outgoing and incoming registered mail services are no longer available at the Embassy APO location but can be obtained at the **USAG APO**. Incoming Official registered mail should be sent to the Embassy Pouch Address (Washington DC).

For more information, please contact the APO at ext. 2555.

We apologize for the inconvenience and appreciate your understanding.



Employment

Steve Kotlarchuk
Global Employment Advisor to the U.S. Tri-Missions
Email: KotlarchukSJ@state.gov
Telephone +32 (0) 2/508-2291

JOBS ADVERTISED THROUGH THE DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY

International Relations Expert **New** Salary: \$78,359 - \$133,985 Annual Announcement: NATO09001A41 Open: Jan 07, 2009 Close: Jan 26, 2009 Place of Work: NATO, Brussels, BE Position Status: Permanent, Full-time	CYS Program Manager **Re-run** Salary: \$11.98 - \$19.17 Hourly Announcement: EUNAFCHI080808A Open: Aug 8, 2008 Close: Open Until Filled Place of Work: USAG, Brussels Position Status: Permanent, Part-time
Recreation Outdoor Specialist **Re-run** Salary: \$10.96 - \$12.80 Hourly Announcement: EUNAFCHI080722A Open: Jul 23, 2008 Close: Open Until Filled Place of Work: USAG, Brussels Position Status: Flexible, Part-time	Bartender **Re-run** Salary: \$9.29 - \$10.72 Hourly Announcement: EUNAFCHI10040C Open: Jan 01, 2009 Close: Open Until Filled Place of Work: USAG, Brussels Position Status: Permanent, Flexible, Part-time
IT Specialist (Infosec) Salary: \$39,407 - \$89,217 Annual Announcement: NATO08143A44 Open: Dec 23, 2008 Close: Jan 29, 2009 Place of Work: Brussels, BE Position Status: Permanent, Full-time	Supervisory Mechanical/Electrical Engineer Salary: \$57,146 - \$110,691 Annual Announcement: NATO08140A42 Open: Dec 22, 2008 Close: Jan 21, 2009 Place of Work: NATO, Brussels, BE Position Status: Permanent, Full-time
Supervisory Electronics Engineer Salary: \$77,018 - \$130,211 Annual Announcement: EUJU08167157 Open: Dec 18, 2008 Close: Jan 19, 2009 Place of Work: NATO, Brussels, BE Position Status: Permanent, Full-time	Real Resume Blunders: A resume listed a skill as being, 'bilingual in three languages.' Another listed under their background' as having, '28 dog years of experience in sales (four human).' One client claimed to have, 'spent several years in the United States Naval Reserves.'
To view details on any of the above positions: https://cpolwapp.belvoir.army.mil/public/vabSelfNom/index.jsp & enter the Vacancy Announcement Number in the 'Search Announcement' area at the bottom of the page.	

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

****New** Executive Director.** (Part-time: 25hrs/wk). The Brussels Sports Association is seeking a Director to manage registration of team sports, facilitate communication with Sports Directors, coordinate office activities, manage finances. Requires a self-motivated & highly organized person; fluent English-speaker (French & Dutch an asset); computer proficiency. Closes Feb 7.

****New** International Controller.** An International Organization seeks a Controller to oversee all fiscal activities, provide leadership & coordinate financial planning, reporting, internal control, and budget management functions. Requires a university degree in accounting or finance; min 5 yrs experience in auditing or controlling an int'l non-profit; fluency in English, French an asset. Closes Feb 16. Salary €35K/yr.

****New** Communications Manager.** A climate action group seeks a Manager responsible for internal and external communications; developing & implementing a communication strategy. Requires university degree in Communications, Media or Public Relations; 3 yrs experience with writing & editing, managing publications from design to distribution. Closes Jan 22.

****New** Senior Fundraising Manager (Governments & Foundations).** An Int'l non-profit, non-governmental organization seeks a Manager to oversee fundraising proposals & donor reports; ensure donor servicing & grant management; maintain relationships with current & prospective government & foundation donors. Requires a min of 5 yrs experience in fundraising; solid understanding of grant-making processes & preparation of funding proposals; excellent English language skills. Closes Jan 19.

Editor. A banking group seeks an Editor responsible for developing and editing a range of external & internal communication tools, including newsletters, website content, annual reports, & publications. Requires university degree in Communications/Journalism; min. 3 yrs experience; knowledge of finance/banking; excellent English, spoken and written, other languages an asset. Apply immediately.

Theatre Technician. A local international school is looking to appoint a full-time Theatre Technician, to join an ambitious and dynamic Performing Arts team. Requires a reasonable level of spoken English; basic understanding or better of "technical systems"; flexible schedule including nights and weekends; experienced in use of digital audio systems. Apply immediately.

Auditor. A large, international accounting firm seeks an auditor with min. 5 yrs experience. Requires fluent English (knowledge of another language beneficial); willingness to travel; capacity to lead a multidisciplinary, multifunction team. Apply immediately.

Vacancies at NATO HQ:

Staff Vacancy Number	Grade	Title	Closing Date
A44(2008)	A2/A3	Security Accreditation Activities Manager , Quality Assurance & Risk Management Information, Communication & Technology Management Division.	Feb 4, 2009
A43(2008)	A1/A2	Production Assistant , Communication Technology Section.	Feb 5, 2009
A42(2008)	A3	Head, Electricity, Heating & Air Conditioning , Construction & General Service, HQ Support	Jan 28, 2009
A40(2008)	A2-A3	Minute Writer (Reserve List) Council Support Section, Office of the Secretary General.	Jan 21, 2009
A41(2008)	A4	Officer , Defense Policy and Partnership Section.	Feb 02, 2009
A39(2008)	A4	Officer, Technical Specialist - Munitions Systems , Munitions Safety Info Analysis Centre, Defence Investment Division.	Jan 22, 2009
B27 (2008)	B3-B4	Video Editor, Communication Technology Section, Strategic Communications Services	Jan 29, 2009

To view details on any of the above NATO positions go to: <http://www.nato.int/structur/recruit/index.htm>

Employment Opportunities at the Tri-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.

OPEN TO	VACANCY NUMBER	CLOSING DATE	POSITION TITLE	OFFICE	SCHEDULE	GRADE LEVEL
NON-SENSITIVE POSITIONS						
ALL	FY09-13 rerun	Jan 20	Housing Assistant	JAS/HOUS	Full-time	FSN-7/FP-07
ALL	FY09-17 rerun	Jan 19	Shipment Clerk - Developmental Level	ELSO/Antwerp	Full-time	FSN-05/FP-09
ALL	FY09-17 rerun	Jan 19	Shipment Clerk	ELSO/Antwerp	Full-time	FSN-06/FP-08
ALL	FY09-29	Jan 26	Supply Clerk	JAS/GSO/ WAREHOUSE	Full-time	FSN-04/FP-AA
ALL	FY09-30	Jan 26	Carpenter	JAS/GSO/ MAINTENANCE	Full-time	FSN-06/FP09
ALL	FY09-07 rerun	Jan 28	Administrative Assistant	EMB/FAA	Full-time	FSN-6/FP-08
SENSITIVE POSITIONS						
EFM, MOH, NOR	FY09-24 Rerun	Jan 19	Newsletter Editor	JAS/CLO	Part-time (24h/wk)	FP-07
EFM, MOH, NOR	FY09-25 Rerun	Jan 20	Financial Assistant	USNATO/B&F	Full-time	FP-08 Step 1
EFM, MOH, NOR	FY09-27 Rerun	Jan 19	APO Postal Manager	JAS/APO	Full-time	FP-07
EFM, MOH, NOR	FY09-21	Jan 26	Personnel Assistant	USNATO/PER	Full-time	FP-07
EFM, MOH, NOR	FY09-22	Jan 26	Personnel Administrative Assistant	USNATO/PER	Full-time	FP-07
EFM, MOH, NOR	FY09-08 Rerun	Jan 28	Security Escort	JAS/GSO	Full-time	FP09
EFM, NOR, MOH	FY09-15 Rerun	Jan 28	Administrative Clerk	EMB/OBO	Full-time	FP-09-FSN-05