

THE GAZETTE

Published for members of the SHAPE/Chièvres, Brussels and Schinnen communities

Benelux news briefs

Time changes in USA before here

Daylight saving time in the United States starts March 13, but it doesn't start in Europe for two weeks.

When calling family, friends and work contacts in America, keep in mind that the time difference will be one hour fewer until Central European summer time, the equivalent of daylight saving time, arrives March 27.

Kennel job announced

Chièvres Boarding Kennel is looking for someone to perform pet-grooming services. This contracted position requires basic proficiency in English and three years of certified experience.

Call DSN 361-5813 or civilian 068-275813.

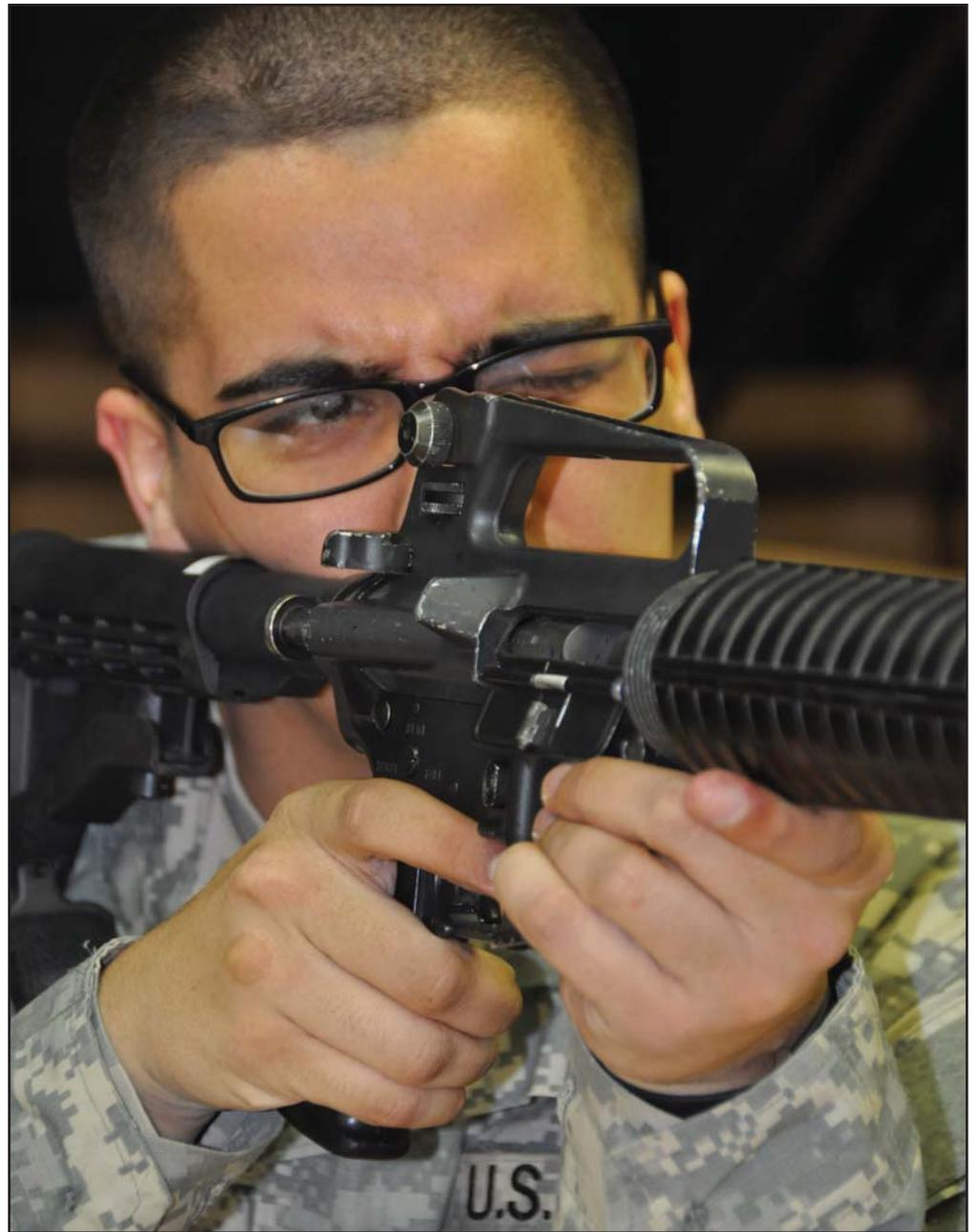
Burger King changes hours of operation

Burger King, a concession in the Chièvres Air Base food court, recently changed its hours to cater to customers looking for breakfast items, which are served until 10:30 a.m.

New hours are: Tuesday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Sundays from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

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Benelux Soldier trains for Best Warrior Competition

Pfc. Alexzander Martinez, USAG Benelux, trains to zero the sights on an M-4 Friday, March 4, 2016, at the firing range on Chièvres Air Base in preparation for the IMCOM-E Best Warrior Competition. Martinez and Sgt. Devlin Trefethen will represent the garrison at the BWC March 20 to 23 at U.S. Army Garrison Stuttgart, Germany. (U.S. Army photo by Donovan Abrassart)

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Spend coffee break at new Brussels café

by **Andrea Wales**

USAG Benelux Public Affairs Office

The Upper Room Café hosted its grand opening March 7. The café is part of the fellowship area located in the Chapel offices on the second floor of Building 2 in USAG Benelux-Brussels.

Since the Brussels food court was eliminated, community members, especially employees, haven't had a place to sit down to a cup of Joe and socialize on breaks.

The 3 Star provides a place for employees to take their brown-bag lunches, but coffee and food aren't offered during the day.

Volunteers from the Brussels Chapel have made it their ministry to provide some fellowship and some free java, espresso, tea and even "steamers" — flavored, hot milk — to the community.

The Upper Room Café serves up custom coffee drinks, but "brown-bagging it" is also an option.

"If you come here any one day, it can look like the bar-room scene in Star Wars," said Chaplain (Lt. Col.) William Lovell, referring to the different types of people who patronize the café. "They're here but not really integrated into the community. It provides a forum for the various personnel and various units here to share their coffee breaks together."

Not only is The Upper Room Café providing a service to the community, it is an avenue to provide *more* services.

"It's given better exposure to our chapel programs and the things that we



Meagan Strebe serves Spc. Laquarius Moorehead a honey-vanilla latte. (Photo by Joshua Strebe)

provide," the chaplain said. "There's just something about giving a hot cup of coffee that helps us know our customer base and how to provide our services to our customers here."

Even down to the name, The Upper Room Café has been the brain child of Meagan Strebe, wife of Club Beyond community director Joshua Strebe, the chaplain said. With this project concept, she came up with a way to make this a viable outreach to the Brussels community.

"Jesus twice used an upper room to meet with his disciples, and it just works out that the Chapel is located on the second floor of the garrison building," she said.

Although the USAG Benelux Religious

Support Office provided two manual espresso presses, the provisions — coffee, espresso, shelf-life milk, sugar and so forth — are donations by people in the Brussels community, Lovell said.

"The donation model is definitely different from what most people are used to, but we think it will work," Strebe said. "If people like the service that we provide, it will be self-sustaining."

Now open:

- Sundays from 9 to 10:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.;
- Mondays from 9 to 11 a.m.;
- Tuesdays from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.;
- Wednesdays from 1 to 5 p.m.

"It's kind of been a grace-based coffee cup," Lovell said. "People come to life in here."

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Benelux Soldiers train to be best warriors

Story and photos by Donovan Abrassart
USAG Benelux Public Affairs

Pfc. Alexander Martinez and Sgt. Devlin Trefethen will represent USAG Benelux at the IMCOM-E Best Warrior Competition March 20 to 23 at USAG Stuttgart, Germany.

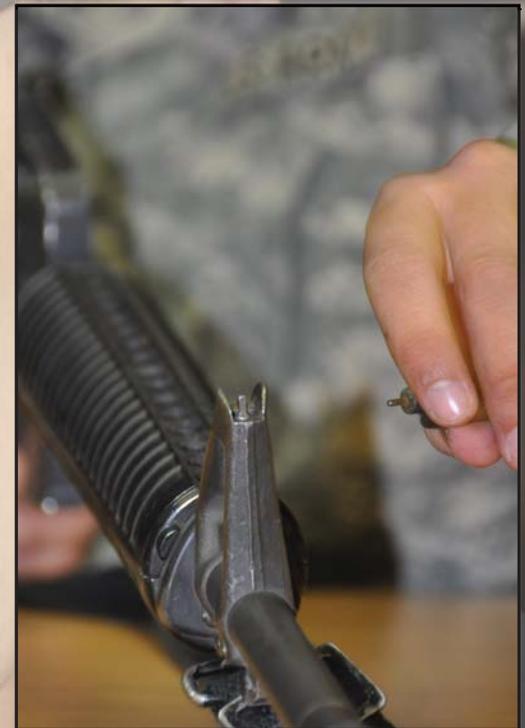
During the competition, they will try to prove that they are the best warriors among their peers in all the U.S. Army garrisons in Europe.

The Best Warrior Competition recognizes Soldiers who demonstrate

commitment to the Army Values, embody the Warrior Ethos and represent the Force of the Future.

If they place first at IMCOM-E level, they will challenge fellow warriors at the IMCOM level. The next step will be the Army Best Warrior Competition.

Last year, USAG Benelux-Schinnen Soldiers Staff Sgt. Jacob Kasarda and Spc. Shane Sital swept the IMCOM-E and IMCOM level of the BWC.



(Clockwise from top right) Staff Sgt. David Ontiveros teaches Pfc. Alexander Martinez how to correct the sights after the first round of shots at the firing range on Chièvres Air Base Friday, March 4, 2016. • Martinez corrects the sights on an M-4 Friday, March 4, 2016, on CAB. • Sgt. Devlin Trefethen puts on his protective gear before starting to shoot on the Engagement Skills Trainer visual simulator Friday, March 4, 2016, on CAB. • Martinez practices firing and zeroing sights on the visual simulator Friday, March 4, 2016, at the firing range on CAB.

Fix a Leak Week Save \$\$\$ by reporting water leaks

Special to the Gazette

USAG Benelux energy manager

Fix a Leak Week, a water-conservation observance, is coming up March 14 to 20. Fix a Leak Week focuses, not only on household plumbing fixtures, but on irrigation systems as well.

This observance has a tie to the USAG Benelux water-conservation program and to the USAG Benelux Strategic Plan. It aligns with the objectives of reducing water usage by 2 percent annually and installing water meters in more facilities to discover water leaks through monthly meter readings.

Household leaks can waste more than

1 trillion gallons of water annually in America, according to the Environmental Protection Agency's Fix a Leak Week website at http://www3.epa.gov/watersense/our_water/fix_a_leak.html.

At USAG Benelux, 20 percent of the total water consumption in fiscal year 2015 came from water leaks: pipes, hydrants, faucets, toilets. It adds up quickly so any water leak should be fixed straight away.

Help chase down leaks by taking a look around you, both at work and at home.

If you find a water leak, call the Di-

rectorate of Public Works' Work Reception Desk:

Brussels: DSN 368-9758 or civilian 02-7179758;

Chièvres: DSN 361-5404 or civilian 068-275404;

Schinnen DSN 360-7215 or civilian +31 (0) 46-4437215;

SHAPE: DSN 423-5555 or civilian 065-445555.

To find out more about Fix a Leak Week, visit the website or contact the USAG Benelux energy manager at DSN 361-5186 or civilian 068-275186.



SHAPE JROTC takes top honors at drill competition

Members of the Exhibition Rifle Team from SHAPE American High School's Air Force Junior ROTC perform their routine in the Air Force/Navy European Drill Championship at Kaiserslautern High School, Germany, Saturday, March 5, 2016. The Exhibition Rifle Team earned second place in its category. After more than 100 cadets from 11 JROTC drill teams competed, the SHAPE team was named best overall as well as winning first place in color guard, inspection, regulation drill and judges' trophy. John Petrovich also won first place in Armed Solo Saber. Teams and individual competitors represented Belgium, Germany, Italy, the Netherlands, Spain and the United Kingdom in the competition. (Photo by Perlita Simmons)

BRUSSELS COMMUNITY

Register now

- **St. Patrick's Day 5K/10K Run** - This run starts at the Brussels Fitness Center **March 19** at Brussels Fitness Center, starts at 8:30 a.m. and is expected to last until 12:30 p.m. Open to all U.S. military, civilian, embassy and NATO personnel, their family members and their invited guests. The first 50 participants will receive a St. Patrick's Day T-shirt. To register, call DSN 368-9667 or civilian 02-7179667.
- **Take VTC-projected classes** - You can now take classes that are offered by Schinnen Army Community Service or SHAPE ACS by video-conference at Brussels ACS. For more information or to sign up, call DSN 368-9783 or civilian 02-7179783. The following class is VTC-projected from Schinnen:
 - **The Five Love Languages** - **March 14** from 9 to 11 a.m.

March 10, 11

- **BOSS Movie Night** - Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers hosts free movies "Jem and the Holograms" (PG) **March 10** and "Spectre" (PG-13) **March 11** from 6:30 to 9 p.m. at the BOSS Movie Area on the third floor of Building 1. Space is limited so make your reservation soon at reservations3star@yahoo.com. Call DSN 368-9819 or civilian 02-7179819.

March 11

3 Star Recreation Night - Join the USAG Benelux-Brussels community Fridays from 5:30 to 11 p.m. Recreation Night features games, cards, music and movies. Snacks and beverages will be available for purchase: crispy chicken tenders, daily homemade soup and potato wedges. For details, call DSN 368-9822 or civilian 02-7179822.

March 15

New Parent Support Home Visitor - U.S. ID card-holders may set up appointments for office hours, hospital and home visits by calling Brussels Army Community Service at DSN 368-9783 and civilian 02-7179783.

March 17

- **3 Star Dinner Special** - Enjoy a Reuben sandwich with fries and salad from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Adults \$8; children, ages 12 and under, \$4. (Alternate children's menu: hotdogs or chicken fingers.) Reservations are required. Reserve by close of business the Tuesday before at reservations3star@yahoo.com.

March 18

- **Live Music at the 3 Star** - Jeff Wisnom will perform vintage rock and pop in a free concert from 7 to 9 p.m.

March 20

- **Protestant Palm Sunday service** - This service will take place at Brussels American Chapel at 10:30 a.m.

SCHINNEN/BRUNSSUM COMMUNITY

Sign up now

- **Take VTC-projected classes** - You can now take classes that are offered by Schinnen Army Community Service, SHAPE ACS or Brussels ACS by video-conference. For more information or to sign up, call DSN 360-7500 or civilian +31 (0) 46-4437500. Now being offered:
 - **The Five Love Languages** - given in person at Schinnen ACS **March 14** from 9 to 11 a.m.

March 11

- **Black-and-White Charity Event** - The JFC Brunssum International Club will hold its adults-only charity event at the JFC International Conference Center. Doors open at 7 p.m. Tickets are on sale for €35 each. Proceeds will go to international charities approved by the club. For ticket sales, contact usadelegate@gmail.com.

March 17

- **Shamrock 5K Run/Walk** - Wear green and run away those winter blues at the free Shamrock 5K Run/Walk from 9 a.m. to noon, starting at the Andre Bruls Fitness Center in Schinnen. Run begins at 9:15 a.m. Water and fruit will be available. To register, call DSN 360-7561 or civilian +31 (0) 464-437561.

March 17 to 18

- **Welcome, newcomers** - Learn what you need to know at Schinnen Army Community Service. All newcomers must attend the Host-Nation Orientation on Day 1 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. to learn local Dutch customs, culture, language and an overview of Tri-Border services. On Day 2, meet at ACS to take the Newcomers Tour from 8:15 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The group goes beyond the gate to learn and use the public transportation to visit a few local attractions and shopping areas. Contact DSN 360-7218/7500 or civilian 046-4437218/7500.

March 19

- **Kinderfest and Egg Hunt** - The 2016 Kinderfest and Easter Egg Hunt will be held at Building H-602 on JFC Brunssum from 10 a.m. to noon. It includes children's activities and games.

March 20

- **Protestant Palm Sunday Service** - This service will take place at JFC Brunssum International Chapel at 9:30 a.m.
- **Catholic Palm Sunday Holy Mass** - This service will take place at JFC Brunssum Chapel at 11:30 a.m.

SHAPE/CHIEVRES COMMUNITY

Tickets now available

- **"Urine Town"** - The SHAPE Players present Mark Hollmann and Greg Kotis' play "Urine Town the Musical" at the SHAPE Performing Arts Centre in Building 207 **March 17, 18 and 19** at 7:30 p.m. The curtain goes up on its matinee performance **March 20** at 3 p.m. Cost: adults, €16; students, €8; children, €8. For more information, call DSN 423-3312 or civilian 065-443312.

Sign up now

- **Take VTC-projected classes** - You can now take classes that are offered by Brussels, Schinnen or SHAPE Army Community Service by video-teleconference at SHAPE ACS. For more information or to sign up, call DSN 366-6824 or civilian 065-326824. The following classes are VTC-projected from Schinnen:
 - **The Five Love Languages** - **March 14** from 9 to 11 a.m.

March 11

- **Loud Winter Rock Concert** - The Loud Winter Rock Concert, featuring Dr. Ruth Vintage Rock cover band and Albino Zebra, will be playing at the SHAPE Events Centre at 8 p.m. Doors open at 7 p.m. Cost: €5 pre-sale, €7 at the door. For questions, call DSN 423-3066 or civilian 065-443066.
- **Fun For Kids** - Make new friends at this free event. Bring your bikes, trikes, scooters or skates and join other children at the Chièvres Community Activity Center from 5 to 8 p.m. You can get together a game of pick-up basketball or play on bouncy castles, too. Open to all who have access to Chievres Air Base.

March 12

- **Lucky Leprechaun Fitness Scavenger Hunt** - Take part in this scavenger hunt that was planned as a healthy way to celebrate Saint Patrick's Day in the Chièvres Fitness Center from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Participants will be challenged with running, pushups, situps, tire flips and games. All U.S. and NATO ID card-holders are welcome. To register, call DSN 361-5643 or civilian 068-275643.

March 16

- **Catholic Lenten Penance Service** - This service with private confession opportunity will take place at SHAPE International Chapel Centre's East Chapel at **6 p.m.**

March 17

- **Shamrock Shuffle** - This 5k event for St. Patrick's Day, starts behind SHAPE Main Gym at 4:15 p.m. (An additional free children's fun run around the track near the Green Gym starts at 4:20 p.m.) All proceeds will go toward making SHAPE American High School prom affordable. Race T-shirts will be available for the first 150 people. Call DSN 366-6930 or civilian 065-446930. Cost: 5k, €10, includes T-shirt.

March 17 to 18

- **Patchwork Exhibition** - SHAPE Arts and Crafts Patchwork Studio is putting on its ninth Patchwork Exhibition and Unused Fabric Sale **March 17** from 1 to 6:30 p.m. and **March 18** from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. If you've already created a patchwork project, consider taking your project and your unused fabric to Building 307 March 17 from 10 a.m. to noon. Three best projects will be awarded a prize.

March 19

- **Eggstravanza** - Join the SHAPE/Chièvres community to celebrate the beginning of spring with Eggstravanza at the Chièvres Community Activity Center from 10 a.m. to noon with an outdoor egg hunt at noon.

March 20

- **Catholic Palm Sunday Mass** - This service starts at the outside entrance (near the Fellowship Hall) at 8:30 a.m. (earlier than other Sunday Masses) and processes to SHAPE International Chapel Centre's East Chapel. If it is raining, the procession will begin in the Fellowship Hall and stay indoors.
- **Anglican Palm Sunday service** - This service will take place at SHAPE ICC's East Chapel at 10:15 a.m.
- **Easter Brunch** - An all-inclusive buffet, a children's play area, entertainment and an Easter egg hunt are all part of the fun at the SHAPE Club during its Easter Brunch from 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Cost: adults, €28; children, ages 11 and under, €14. Get your tickets by March 16. For details, call DSN 423-8306 or civilian 065-448306.

Inside the gate

Movies at SHAPE Cinema

Rates — 2D movies: adults €6.50 and children 12 and under €3.75. 3D movies: adults €8.50 and children 12 and under €5.75. Visit <http://www.shape2day.com>, and click "Cinema Schedule" icon.

Movies at JFC HQ Alliance Theater

Adult admission is €6.5 (ages 12 and older) - Child admission is €3.75 (ages 11 and under). Check the web page at <http://www.shopmyexchange.com/reel-time-theatres/Schinnen-1366146> for the movie schedule.

Travel the Benelux

Come celebrate Bosch's 500th anniversary

Story by Roxane Rasneur

USAG Benelux Public Affairs Intern

Born in 's-Hertogenbosch circa 1450, Jheronimus Bosch is an 'Early Netherlandish' famous Dutch painter. Often nicknamed the "devil's painter", Bosch is known for his panels and drawings about temptation, lust and sin depicting creatures such as nightmarish monsters, demons, angels and saints.

This year, the city of 's-Hertogenbosch, also called Den Bosch, turns into a living Bosch masterpiece to commemorate the 500th anniversary of his death. One of the must-see events takes place from Feb. 13 through May 8 in the city's Noordbrabants Museum where dozens of his renowned works will be gathered from around the world in a display called "Jheronimus Bosch - Visions of a Genius."

In total, 20 of his 25 surviving panels and 19 of his 25 drawings returned to the city they were created in for the largest exhibition of Bosch's masterpieces ever held so far; a unique opportunity to discover or rediscover Bosch's works of art in one place.

Another way to learn about Bosch's life is the Bosch Experience Discovery Tour. The walking tour opened on March 5 and is a human-sized version of the famous masterpiece "The Garden of Earthly Delights" that is shown on the banks of the river De Dommel. However, the painting is incomplete. Several mysterious figures are missing. The tour consists in searching for these creatures scattered throughout the city. Visitors can either plan their tour on their own or join a guided tour. To help

you find the figures, a free route booklet for the Bosch Experience is available at the tourist office located on the market square and the Bosch Experience App can be downloaded on your phone. During the tour, several activities (some are free and some require tickets) are proposed to visitors like a cruise on the Binnendieze urban river, a climb to the St. John's cathedral's roof, a visit of the Zwanenbroedershuis (Brotherhood of Our Blessed) of which Bosch was a member, a lightshow by night on the market place, and more.

For more information about the other events going on this year for Bosch's 500th anniversary, visit the website: www.bosch500.nl.

Noordbrabants Museum

Verwersstraat 41

5211 HT Den Bosch

Opening hours during the Jheronimus Bosch display:

9 a.m. - 7 p.m. every day, Feb 13 through May 8, including holidays

As of June 4: 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., every day except Mondays.

Entrance fee during the Jheronimus Bosch display is €22 per adult; €2 for children 4 up to 17 years old. Ticket is also valid for the 'Stedelijk Museum' on De Mortel 4, open 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., every day except Mondays.

Outside the gate



Jheronimus Bosch, The Garden of Earthly Delights, 1503, the Prado Museum

What's smurfing on here? Having smurf?

Story by **Marêva Baudart**

USAG Benelux Public Affairs Office Intern

Have you ever heard about small, blue creatures living in mushroom houses? Never ever? They are the Smurfs of course (Les Schtroumpfs in French).

Hidden in the forest, more than 100 Smurfs wearing white pants and Phrygian caps (with the exception of the old village leader Papa Smurf's cap, which is red) live peacefully all together in a tiny village.

Each of them is named after their personality. For example, you can encounter "Greedy smurf" who loves food above everything, "Grouchy smurf" who grumbles all the time and even "Jokey smurf" who enjoys playing tricks on his fellow smurfs.

The particularity of their language is that they make

heavy use of the word "smurf" as a noun or as a verb. Their main enemy is the evil wizard, Gargamel. Convinced that the Smurfs' essence will help him create the Philosopher's Stone - which allows its owner to turn metal into gold - he is always trying to capture them.

'The Smurfs' is a Belgian series of comic books created in 1958 by Pierre Culliford, best known under the pen name Peyo. Culliford was born in 1928 in Schaerbeek, Belgium, and died in 1992. His pen name Peyo came from his cousin's inability to pronounce his name properly.

It is only in the 80s that the success of the Smurfs became worldwide. In fact, the Smurfs franchise did not stop to comics, it expanded into advertising, TV series, films, theme parks, dolls and video games. Even after Peyo's death, his creation remains popular and has even been adapted into two movies ("The Smurfs 1 & 2") in 2011 and 2013 in which the Smurfs end up in New York City.

You may wonder where the word "smurf" originates from. According to Peyo, he invented this word during a meal with his cartoonist friend André Franquin when he could not remember the word for 'salt'.



Papa Smurf

Courtesy Photo

Outside the gate

Upcoming organized trips

Outdoor Recreation

Serving Brussels, Chièvres and SHAPE. Call DSN 368-9657 or civilian 02-7179657.

- **Duvel Brewery Tour, March 19 (All NATO welcome. Sign up by March 14.)**

SHAPE Trips and Tours

Serving Brussels, Chièvres and SHAPE. Call DSN 423-3884 or civilian 065-443884.

- **Cooking class in Lille, March 12**
- **Oostende with Soul Legends, March 19**
- **Paris, March 26**
- **Croatia with Venice and Slovenia, March 28 to April 6**
- **Medieval Dinner in Brugge (Bruges), April 2**
- **Efteling amusement park, April 5**
- **Versailles, April 9**
- **Paris with Moulin Rouge, April 16**
- **Keukenhof Gardens and Gouda, April 23**
- **Berlin, April 29 to May 2**
- **Amsterdam, April 30**
- **Poland: Polish pottery, Auschwitz, Krakow and Wroclaw, May 5 to 10**
- **Monet's House and Gardens, Giverny, France, May 21**
- **Dover Castle and Canterbury by ferry, May 28**

- **Normandy Beaches and Mont St-Michel, June 5 to 8**
- **Paris, June 11**
- **Amsterdam, June 18**
- **Scotland, June 18 to 26**
- **Discount tickets to local attractions**

SHAPE Travel Group

Call civilian 0470-876369 for details.

- **Beer, Cheese and Chocolate, March 22**
- **Highclere Castle, April 4**
- **Veuve Clicquot Champagne, April 14**
- **Paris in the Spring, April 27**
- **Keukenhof and Scheveningen, May 3**
- **Versailles, May 19**
- **Honfleur and Calvados, May 26**
- **Arnhem, June 7**
- **Canterbury, June 23**

Schinnen Trips & Tours

Call DSN 360-7560 or civilian +31 (0) 46-4437560.

- **Express Trip to Paris, March 19 (Trip has sold out, but you can call to be put on a waiting list.)**
- **Family Day Trout Fishing, April 9**
- **Keukenhof gardens, April 23**
- **Weekend Trip to the D-Day Landing Beaches and Monuments in Normandy, France, July 15 to 18**



Read about events near Chièvres, SHAPE and Brussels.

March 11

- **Luis Reis Blues and Ballads in Brussels** will take place at Art Base at Rue des Sables/Zandstraat 9. Luis Reis presents blues and ballads originating from jazz music. Doors open at 8 p.m. Admission: €12. For more information, visit <http://www.art-base.be>.
- **Saint Patrick's Day in Dampremy** will take place at the Charleroi Espace Meeting Européen at Rue des Français 147. Concerts and entertainment will start at 7 p.m.

March 11 to 12

- **Chimay Spring (music) Festival** will take place on Rue du Grand Prix des Frontières from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. Admission: Friday, €6; Saturday, €12; both days, €14.

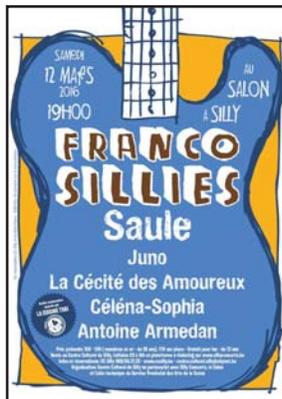


March 11 to 13

- **Wine Fair in Anvaing (35 booths)** will take place at the Maison du Village on Drève du Château from 5 to 10 p.m. Friday, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday and 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Sunday.

March 12

- **Music festival in Frasnés-Lez-Gosselies** will take place at the sports center at Rue Jean-Baptiste Loriaux 3q from 5 p.m. to 3 a.m. Admission: €15.
- **Flea market in Woluwe-Saint-Pierre (50 booths)** at Drève des Shetlands 15 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- **Children secondhand clothes fair in Jurbises (90 booths)** at Rue du Moustier 8 from 2 to 5 p.m.
- **"Franco Sillies" concerts in Silly** will take place at Rue Ville Basse 19 from 7 to 11:30 p.m. Admission: €15.
- **Volksmarch in Beaumont for 5, 10, 15, 20, 30 and 42 km.** Departs from Rue Basimont from 6:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.



March 12 to 13

- **Collectors fair and flea market in Mouscron (120 booths)** will take place at the Centr'Expo at Rue de Menin 475 from 9:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Flea market in Mons (80 booths)** will take place at the Lotto Mons Expo from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission: €2.50.



Read about events near Brunssum and Schinnen (in the Netherlands unless otherwise indicated).

Through March 13

- **Indoor Brabant in 's-Hertogenbosch** will fill the Brabanthallen with equestrian sports. The best riders from around the world will show their skills. For details, visit <http://www.indoorbrabant.com>.
- **David Bowie display in Groningen** at the Groningen Museum at Museumeiland 1 ends soon. Open through Sunday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., plus late-night Friday from 6:15 to 10 p.m. Admission: €23; students, ages 17 to 18, €15; children, ages 6 to 16, €3.

March 11 to 12

- **Pasar Malam Uden in Uden** will be held at Mercado Uden at Industrielaan 7, offering Indonesian products, food and entertainment. Open March 11 from 4 to 10 p.m.; March 12 from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Admission: €2.50; children 11 and under, free.

March 11 to 13

- **Spring Market in Brühl, Germany**, offers art, flowers, plants, decorations, culinary delicacies, music and more in the center of town.
- **Spring Fair in Emsdetten, Germany**, will fill the center of town with more than 300 booths offering products, delicacies, entertainment and fashion shows. Open March 11 from 2:30 to 6 p.m.; March 12 to 13 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Art and Easter Market in Gescher, Germany**, will take place in Glocken und Kutschenmuseum (Bells and Coaches Museum). Visitors will find traditional Easter artwork and special and unique presents for Easter or spring. Open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Admission: €2.
- **Easter Market in Solingen, Germany**, will be held at Castle Burg at Schlossplatz 2. Open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Admission: €4; children 13 and under, free admission.
- **On traXS in Utrecht** is a model-railway fair held in the midst of life-size trains at the Railway Museum on Maliebaanstation. Open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission: €16; children, ages 3 and under, free (includes admission to the museum).

March 12

- **Hongarije Plaza in Zoetermeer** will offer a large Hungarian cultural market at Wattstraat 64. Open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Admission: €5, children, ages 12 and under, free admission.

March 12 to 13

- **Easter Market in Lüdinghausen, Germany**, will be held at Castle Lüdinghausen. Open from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Free admission.

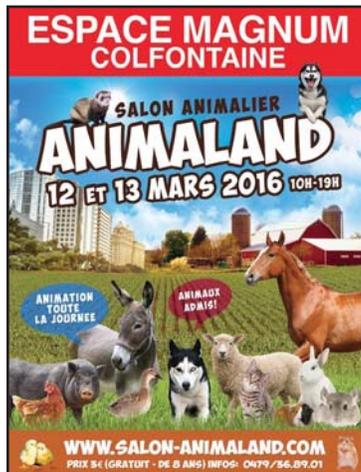
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Outside the gate

March 12 to 13 continued

- **Animal fair in Colfontaine** will take place at the Espace Magnum on Avenue Docteur Schweitzer from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Admission: €3, children under 8, free.



March 13

- **Indoor flea market in Brussels (100 booths)** will take place at Rue Defacqz 1 from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- **Spring Flower and Plant Fair in Hoegaarden** will be held in the gardens of Hoegaarden at Houtmarkt 1. Look through special offerings of bulbs, herbs, plants, trees and more. Open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Flea market in Hornu (250 booths)** will take place on Route de Mons from 5 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- **Flea market in Ath (250 booths)** will take place at the CEVA on Chemin des peupliers from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- **Volksmarch in Braine-Le-Comte for 5, 10 and 20 km.** Departs from Rue des Postes 101 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Volksmarch in Seneffe for 5, 10, 15 and 20 km.** Departs from Rue du Miroir from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Volksmarch in Pipaix for 5, 10, 15 and 20 km.** Departs from the square from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Through March 12

- **Ladies Fair in Nivelles** - Fashion, beauty and well being will be the themes of this fair held at the Shopping Nivelles at Chaussée de Mons, 18. Open Thursday and Saturday from 9:30 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Friday from 9:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. Free admission.



Through March 13

- **Eurantica in Mechelen** - One of the largest fine art and antiques fair held at Nekkerhal-Brussels North at Nekkerspoel at Borcht 1. Open weekdays from 2 to 7 p.m. and weekends from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Admission ranges from €15 to €20.



March 12 to 13 continued

- **Easter Market in Breckerfeld, Germany**, will have all kinds of spring and Easter decorations, art, ceramics and more at Heimatmuseum. Open from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission: €2.
- **Spring Arts and Crafts Fair in Cologne, Germany**, will take place at Gutshof Engelshof. This large fair will have more than 130 vendors offering jewelry, glass, flowers, ceramics, culinary specialties and more. Open from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Admission: €5.
- **Ibiza Xperience Fair in Eindhoven** will be held at Beursgebouw at Lardinoisstraat 8. This fair will combine fashion, lifestyle and vacation. Open March 12 from noon to 9 p.m.; March 13 from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Admission: €20; children, ages 5 to 12, €5.
- **Easter Egg Fair in Velp** will take place on Larenstein Estate at Larensteinselaan 26b. Top artists will showcase their decorated eggs. Open from 10:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission: €4.50.

March 13

- **Easter Market in Bergkamen, Germany**, will be held in the Stadtmuseum at Jahnstrasse 31. Visitors will find modern as well as traditional decorations from Bohemia, Thüringen and Westphalia. Open from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Easter Market in Borken, Germany**, will host the Easter Bunny and offer Easter- and spring-related items in the center of town. Opens at 11 a.m.
- **Easter Market in Düsseldorf-Eller, Germany**, will take place at Gertrudisplatz. Browse through decorations, art and flowers/plants. Delicacies also available. Open from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- **Spring Market in Straelen, Germany**, will be held in the center of town. Besides flowers/plants and accessories for home and garden, this market offers Easter decorations and culinary specialties. Open from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- **Funday Market in Weert** will take place at Cwartier at Beekstraat 54. This free events offers art, fashion, design and food. Open from noon to 5 p.m.

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March 26

- **Kennedy Mars in Sittard** started as a way to prove President John F. Kennedy wrong. In a 1963 speech, he said that "nobody can walk 50 miles within 20 hours anymore." Many people all over the world then walked 50 miles/80 km. In Sittard, this volksmarch has become an annual event named the Kennedy Mars. Visit <http://www.kennedymars.org>.

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