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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

HELLO! DAG! BONJOUR!

Much has happened for our beloved Club these past couple of months!

Firstly, due to an important surge in new families arriving in Houston lately, the Committee is proud to announce that our number has grown more than 25%, which is an achievement in itself. But believe you me, we will not stop our Club's promotion until we hit the magic number of 75 families! Anyway, the more the merrier, right?

Secondly, and I do have to stress this point, your Committee is giving it 110%. With assigned responsibilities, each is committed to succeed in what is considered essential to

the growth and organization of our Club. I personally thank all of them for their time, efforts, and, sometimes wacky, but original ideas.

Thirdly, speaking of original ideas, our last two activities weren't bad at all!

We had the opportunity to honor Andr e Crispin, a Commander in Chief to us all here and I'm not only saying that because he's my boss! We know he was very surprised and appreciated the evening, both with the plaque we gave him and the belly dancer! In this regard, I would suggest reading the fantastic article written by Stan and Jacques included in this newsletter and posted on our web site. Speaking of which, these two gentlemen (!?)

were also honored at the same evening as Funding Fathers of Nova Belgica. I'd like to include in the next newsletter their real motivation for creating Nova Belgica. I am still asking myself was it because they had to find an excuse to get out of the house, or really needed to organize their reminiscence of past college frat parties, or wanted to do something for Belgians in Houston, or all of the above? I'm just glad they didn't call it, at the time, Nova Solvay!

We also, and traditionally, held our "Crepes" activity, helping Houston maintain its status of "Fattest City in the US", thank you very much. It was fun! Fortunately Jean-

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NEW CORPORATE SPONSOR!



The Committee of Nova Belgica is proud to announce a new Corporate Member supporting our efforts to promote our Club in the area (and be-

yond). Indeed, we have received a commitment of a 1-year as Corporate Member from **TV5-DishNetwork**.

You will find their Web site address in the Newsletter.

Of course, we would highly suggest you visiting their site for information, programming, and up-coming events (a special offer to new Nova Belgica subscribers would include a free dish, receiver, 5 year subscription, Plasma TV, leather sofa, new carpet, golden retriever,

and a Francophone "jeune fille au pair"! – yea, you wish!)



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Pierre didn't spill his world renowned "Crepe Suzette Salsa" (let's not forget his better half is from Mexican descent)! A lot had to do with the fact he wasn't there! Nevertheless, the Committee unanimously voted to give him another chance! Jean-Pierre, we will notify you of the time and date!

Fourthly, our Club is benefiting from the support of our new Corporate Members, which we would like to thank for their commitments. They are essential to us in order to promote adequately our Club, our culture, and our fun!

Thank you very much from all of us!

Fifthly, you will find enclosed our next Club activities. With a subtle mix of adult and family oriented activities, everyone should find their cup of tea (or other nectar if you understand what I mean!). Additionally, we are also organizing "extracurricular" activities including cultural, social, and sports events, including the Chinese Market visit, museum visits, card tournament, golf tournament, fishing trip, beach party. Please visit our web site regularly to find out when and where.

Finally, we sincerely hope to see ALL of you at our next two activities (St. Patrick's Day very bias – and the Easter Egg Hunt). And bring a friend; we're convinced they will enjoy themselves!

Enjoy these last few days of frisky temperatures! You all know what's in store for us in



*“St Patrick's Day
Festivity”*

*“Easter Egg Hunt and
BBQ at
Double Lake
Houston”*

A WORD FROM OUR FOUNDING FATHERS

Dear Friends at NOVA BELGICA,

What a nice evening we all had at the Marrakech restaurant when we honored the 50th anniversary of commitments of our Consul General André Crispin in Houston.

We were honored to hear the praise he made about the Belgian Club Nova Belgica, the founders, the committees and the members of the Club. Gentleman, as usual, he preferred not mention how instrumental his involvement was for the existence and the success of the Club.

We, as founders of the Club Nova Belgica, would like to express our gratitude and our warmest thanks to our Consul Andre and his charming wife Sylvia for their continual support during the first years of existence of the Club.

They always took time out of their very busy schedule and participated actively to all the activities we had in Early 1992 and 1993.

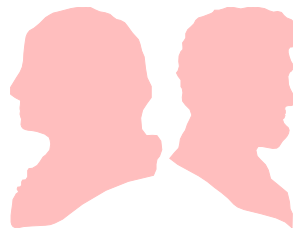
They pushed for formalizing the existence of the Club and as a result, we issued the Charter of Nova Belgica in 1994, we adopted also a seal for Nova Belgica, which was in fact the seal of the state of New York in 1626 when the first Belgian settlers arrived to America and called the territory “New Belgium”.

The format of the Club we know today has definitely the mark of our Consul André Crispin.

In the name of Nova Belgica and as the founders of the Club, we would like to recognize the value of the support we received from the Consulate and from Mr. André and Mrs. Sylvia Crispin.

Long life to the Club and the Belgian-American friendship.

Stan Krupa and Jacques Bouchez



WEBSITE UPDATE

If you are looking for a most original Web site on the South/West American Frontier for your next vacation, we suggest you visit

<http://www.aplp.com>

(Découvrir l'Ouest Américain).

You will find original destinations, specific road indications, historical and amusing descriptions, and humble, yet more than respectable, hotel accommodations! It's really worth visiting!

BUSINESS NEWS

brought to you by The Crispin Company

February 28, 2002

Dear President Bush,

Now that only a few days are left before you will make your decision on the remedies for the ailing American steel industry under Section 201, we hope that you don't mind us giving you a few pointers to help in your decision process.

The US steel industry has put a lot of pressure on you. They want nothing less than a forty percent tariff for the 16 product groups in question. At the same time they want the government, i.e. the American taxpayer to pick up the legacy costs of 12 billion dollars to cover pension and health benefits for retired steelworkers. Only then would the US steel industry consider starting the consolidation process that you so desire. This is part of your grander scheme of a worldwide reduction of steel capacity and elimination of trade distorting practices.

There are a few contradictions here. Keeping zombie steel mills alive by shielding them from import competition and picking up their legacy costs will prove to be a major impediment to your stated goal of capacity reduction. Also, there are the *American* anti-trust laws, which would have to be significantly bent in order to approve the discussed merger of US Steel, Bethlehem Steel, National, Weirton and whoever else. *American* anti-trusts laws aim at not reducing capacities and they pro-

hibit industries from negotiating output limits. Other features, such as the nefarious Byrd Amendment (doling out anti-dumping penalties to the affected industries) and proposing low interest or no interest loans to steel mills are against WTO rules. Rules of the very organization that America helped to create and to where the US regularly turns when it suits them.

It has been proven that national security would not be compromised if some of the sickest steel mills would go into liquidation. There are healthy steel mills in the US that will continue to flourish in an open, distortion-free market free of tariffs and quotas. This way you will get your capacity reduction the "natural" way. As far as the legacy costs are concerned, we reiterate our stand that it is not the government's role to bail out companies with irresponsible management conceding these very generous benefits to the unscrupulous steelworkers union.

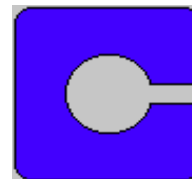
Why should the American steel consumers not benefit from cheaper steel made elsewhere? They, in turn, have to compete with their products on the world market. Think about the American wire companies. They have to compete with imported wire for which there is no trade restriction and have a seriously limited access to cheap foreign wire rods. Even the rods that they can bring in at the present time (provided they enjoy playing Russian Roulette) are at least 10-15%

more expensive than their world market competitors have to pay for their rods. The US is the world's largest steel market and even the foreign steel is sold at a premium here. The reason for this distortion is as simple as it is disturbing. Through a never ending stream of dumping cases and active interventions by the US Government, wire rod supply is restricted and prices go up – for the US market only. And it is extending to other steel products! Because of dumping cases and anticipated drastic 201 tariffs for hot rolled sheets, American steel consumers pay more money for this particular product than their Asian competitors pay for cold rolled sheets which have been further processed. We apologize for being too technical; but the difference is enormous.

Mr. President, don't just think of the US Steelworkers union and the votes it might give you in key states. Consider the many more jobs at stake in the downstream industries. Indeed, think about the average American consumer whose pocketbook might get plundered twice. Once through higher consumer prices and then again by bailing out the sick steel mills.

President Bush, do the right thing! Think about *all* Americans and don't give in to narrow steel interests!

SteelVillage, Houston, TX



THE
CRISPIN
COMPANY

*“Open Letter
To
President Bush”*

I AM THE FLAG OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

(author unknown)



I am the flag of the United States of America. My name is Old Glory.

I fly atop of the world's tallest buildings. I stand watch in America's halls of justice.

I fly majestically over institutions of learning. I stand guard with power in the world.

Look up and see me.

I stand for peace, honor, truth and justice. I stand for freedom.

I am confident. I am proud.

When I am flown with my fellow banners, my head is a little higher, my colors a little truer.

I bow to no one! I am recog-

nized all over the world.

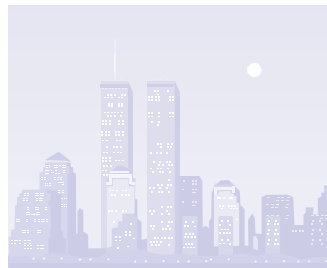
I am worshipped – I am saluted – I am loved – I am revered – I am respected.

I have fought in every battle of every war for more than 200 years.

I was flown at Valley Forge, Gettysburg, Shiloh and Appamatox.

I was there at San Juan Hill, the trenches of France, in the Argonne Forest, Anzio, Rome and the beaches of Normandy, Guam, Okinawa, Korea and KheSan, Saigon, Vietnam.

I was there, I led my troops, I was dirty, battleworn and tired, but my soldiers cheered me.



And I was proud.

I have been burned, torn and trampled on the streets of the countries I have helped set free.

It does not hurt, for I am invincible. I have been soiled upon, burned, torn and trampled on the streets of my country. And when it's by those whom I've served in battle –

It hurts. But I shall overcome – for I am strong.

I have slipped the bonds of earth and stood watch over the uncharted frontiers of space

from my vantage point on the moon.

I have borne silent witness to all of America's finest hours. But my finest hours are yet to come.

When I am torn into strips and used as bandages for my wounded comrades on the battlefield,

when I am flown at half-mast to honor my soldier, or when I lie in trembling arms of a grieving

parent at the grave of their fallen son or daughter, I am proud.

MY NAME IS OLD
GLORY, LONG MAY I
WAVE

*"God Bless
America"*



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From the desk of

Henri Lenaerts and

Dianna Walker

CONSULAR CORNER

A word from our Consul General

Dear President, Founders of, and Friends at Nova Belgica!

As I am sure you noticed last Saturday evening at the Restaurant Marrakech, I was caught short by this happy event. There are many words I could and should have said, but didn't.

First, how impressed and moved I was that 45 people came to do me such honor. True the evening also belonged to Jacques Bouchez and Stan

Krupa. I feel indeed deeply honored.

Nova Belgica has done very well in keeping the Belgian tradition alive and high in Texas. It is a small tradition, but a precious one. Many Belgian families came and settled in Texas from the beginning of the nineteenth century on and did well, contributed considerably to the well being of life in Texas

I want to, particularly thank the organizers of last Saturday's evening. I know it took a good bit of work, some sacrifice in time devoted and some travel.

You are a great association and I hope to be able to contribute to your continued success.

Long life Belgian-American friendship

ANDRÉ A. CRISPIN

Upcoming Cultural Events by Valérie

HOUSTON BALLET

The Houston ballet has several great performances in the coming months:

- * **Cleopatra** - Cleopatra comes to life in Ben Stevenson's weeping epic; unforgettable pageantry and spectacle:

2.00pm on March 3 and 10;

7.30pm on February 28,
March 2,8,10



- * **Peter Pan** – classic tale of the boy who refuses to grow and his adventures in Neverland

2.00pm on March 17, 23, 24

7.30pm on March 14, 16, 22, 23

- * **Serenade and rules of the games** – world premiere of Nathalie Weir, young Australian dance maker, very gifted;

2:00 pm on May 26, June 2

7:30 pm on May 23, 25, 31

7:30 pm on June 1

- * **Don Quixote** –

June 6, 8, 9, 14-16;

info @ Houston.ballet.org

Tel – 713.523.6300

HOUSTON OPERA

The Houston Opera has 3 upcoming performances:

- * The abduction from the Seraglio by Mozart in March
- * The Makropulos case by Leos Janacek in April
- * Samson and Delilah by Camille Saint-Saens in May
- * Tickets at the Wortham centre or by phone @ 713-227-arts



HOUSTON INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL

The Houston International Festival transforms 20 blocks of downtown into an open-air market of ethnic food, art and crafts, and live performance

from April 19th to April 28th

info @ 713-654-8808

HOUSTON INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL

The Houston International Film Festival – April 5th to April 14th, Info on venue, film schedule and tickets @ 713 – 965-9955



ALSO CHECK OUT :

- * St Patrick's day parade on March 16th @ 713-618-5170
- * Graf and Mozart, Houston Symphony, March 16-18 @ 713-224-7575
- * Houston Auto Show, Reliant Centre, April 12-21 @ 713-799-9500
- * Mozart and Prokofiev, Houston Symphony, Jones Hall, April 13-15 @ 713-224-7575
- * Titanica and Ocean Men, IMAX, Houston Museum of Natural Science in May @ 713-639-4639



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HOMETOWN HERO PARTICIPATES IN MS150

Hello Everyone!

Well, here I come again! As I have done for the last 4 years, I will participate in the MS 150 Bike Ride on April 20-21, 2002; this means biking 180 miles between Houston and Austin.

Although this is a physical challenge in itself, the most important aspect of this event is that all the participants (+/- 7,500 last year!) raise funds to help the National Multiple Sclerosis Society fight multiple sclerosis.

My personal goal this year is to raise at least \$500.

For that purpose, I would like to ask you for a donation, however small it might be.

To do so, you can either make this donation through the MS 150 website at

www.ms150.org/ms150/donate/

(as a reminder, my email address is alabasse@bergpipe.com) or you can send me a check written to the "National Multiple Sclerosis Society".

My mailing address is as follows:

Albert Labasse
Berg Steel Pipe Corp.
10375 Richmond Avenue
Suite 425
Houston, TX 77042

I thank you in advance for your help and support.

Albert

*"180 Miles for the
National Multiple
Sclerosis Society"*



GOLFERS

A golfer stood over his tee shot for what seemed like an eternity. He looked up, looked down, measured the distance, figured the wind direction and speed. He drove his partner nuts.

Finally, his exasperated partner says, "What's taking so long? Hit the blasted ball!"

The guy answers, "My wife is up there watching me from the clubhouse. I want to make this a perfect shot."

"Forget it man, you'll never hit her from here!"



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BRIEVEN UIT AMERIKA

5 maart 1993,

De Houston Rodeo en Livestock Show. Een evenement zonder weerga. Ik vond al dat ze hier in Houston regelmatig uit de bol gingen maar voor de rodeo doen ze er nog een schepje bovenop. Voor iedere gelegenheid wordt de kledij aangepast: voor Halloween draagt iedereen bloezen en oorbellen met pompoenen of skeletten, met Kerstmis allemaal kerstmotieven (zelfs dassen met kerstbomen voor de deftige business man), op Valentijnsdag zie je overal hartjes in de kleren en als het rodeo tijd is dan loopt iedereen er als een cowboy bij. Wij dus ook. De Houston rodeo duurt twee weken en er wordt reikhalzend naar uitgekeken. De scholen leven altijd volop met alle mogelijke evenementen mee en op vrijdag was het dus Western day. Caroline en Jessica gingen die dag volledig uitgedost naar school (no guns stond er op het briefje) en om 1.30 uur werden ouders, vrienden en kennissen op school verwacht om de kinderen te zien square dansen. Tijdens de gymklas van de voorbije weken was er druk geoefend en Caroline bedrijft deze stijloefening met volle overgave. Op zaterdagmorgen werd dan het officiële startschot van de rodeo gegeven met een parade downtown. Een optocht van paarden, cowboys, bands, wagens en huifkarren die 2 1/2 uur geduurd heeft. Als we nog niet in de stemming waren voor de parade dan waren we het zeker daarna. Al de deelnemende cowboys hadden de cowboy trail gevolgd met hun paarden en verbleven met hun hebben en houwen in Memorial park. Ik spreek van 6000 mensen die dagen voor de optocht voor de nodige verkeersopstoppingen gezorgd hebben toen ze de stad druppelsgewijs binnenkwamen. Maar dat is allemaal part of the fun en Houston in het bijzonder maakt er altijd een feest van.

De rodeo heeft plaats in de Astrodome, een overdekt stadion dat 62.000 mensen kan bevatten. Iedere avond zijn er eerst de verschillende rodeo competities:

bronco riding, calf roping, team roping, bull riding enz. Je kunt deze gebeurtenissen rechtstreeks op twee enorme schermen volgen want het stadion is zo groot dat je niet altijd goed kunt zien wat er gaande is. De competitie wordt gevolgd door een optreden van country en western zangers. Onze eerste uitstap naar de rodeo was al direct een meevaller. De ster die die avond optrad is een plaatselijke legende en het stadion was uitverkocht. De avond begon met een kleine parade van enkele medewerkers (in totaal 10.000 onbetaalde vrijwilligers) met de Amerikaanse en Texaanse vlag op kop. Iedereen stond



recht en de duizenden cowboyhoeden werden op de juiste plek op de borst geplaatst. Er werd een gebed gezegd door een eerwaarde en de eerste rodeo rider stormde de arena in. Ambiance alom. Tijdens de competitie werd er natuurlijk druk op en af gependeld om de nodige drank en voedsel aan te slepen. Je zult hier tijdens een happening nooit omkomen van honger of dorst. En het stadion vulde zich langzaam maar zeker op en de spanning steeg gelijkmatig. Rond 9 uur werd dan een volledig ronddraaiend podium in het midden van de arena gereden en de hel brak los toen Garth Brooks (u allen wel bekend als De country zanger van de eeuw) zijn intrede maakte. Ik had nog nooit

62.000 man en vooral vrouwen hysterisch zien en horen gaan maar ik kan jullie verzekeren dat het impressionant is. De Beatles waren peanuts. Deze man heeft een geweldig spektakel ten beste gegeven en we genoten de combinatie van een live optreden met de details van een televisieoptreden op de schermen. Het was meer dan spectaculair. In de arena stonden er politieagenten opgesteld om de eventuele heetgebakerde fans terug te dringen maar het Texaanse publiek is zeer gedisciplineerd en zeer fier over zijn staat. Indien Garth Brooks in een enkele minuut de woorden Houston en Texas had vernoemd dan was het dak van het stadion ingestort. Ze hadden hem meer dan waarschijnlijk gemaand dit niet te doen. Tussen de liedjes door werd er op de schermen aangekondigd dat een nieuw wereldrecord was gevestigd nl. dat er 62.718 mensen aanwezig waren. Nog een schepje bovenop. Aan het einde van zijn optreden werd hij weggereden in een pick-up truck terwijl het vuurwerk in de arena werd afgeschoten in de kleuren van de Amerikaanse vlag gecombineerd met de vaste verlichting in de kleuren van de vlag. Een uur nadat we thuis waren was mijn gehoor nog niet volledig in orde. Hoe loopt nu zo'n stadion leeg? Hier komt nog maar eens het geweldige organisatietalent van de Amerikanen naar boven. Alle ingangen worden uitgangen en de omliggende straten worden allemaal eenrichting gemaakt op een laan na. Politie altijd en overal massaal aanwezig om dit in goede banen te leiden.

Politieagenten regelen hier trouwens het verkeer aan uitgangen van winkelcentra en burelen in politie uniform alhoewel ze dan betaald worden door privé personen. Je kunt altijd beroep doen op agenten voor privé doeleinden en hier wordt dan ook gretig gebruik van gemaakt.

So long folks!

5 april 1993,

Tijdens de plaatselijke Krokusvakantie (Springbreak) zijn we naar Montana getrokken. Skiën in de Rockies moest ook eens getest worden. Zou er een McDonald op de skipiste staan? God zij dank neen maar de Berghütte mit Glühwein und Äpfelstrudel stond er ook niet. Als je gaat skiën dan ga je skiën and that's it. De sneeuw en de installaties waren van uitstekende kwaliteit maar iedere dag droomde ik van tirolermuziek en oververhitte berghutten. We hebben ervan geprofiteerd dat we in de buurt waren (2 uur rijden enkele rit) om een ondergesneeuwd Yellowstone park te bezoeken. We hadden een snow coach gehuurd, een omgebouwde suburban van met rupsbanden, en hierin werden we een hele dag hobbelen en schommelend rondgereden. Bisons all over the place. Ik geloof dat ik meer bizons op Kodakpapier heb dan er ooit in Amerika geleefd hebben. Geweldig imposante

dieren en ze gaan niet bepaald uit de weg voor een snow coach. Yellowstone heeft meer dan een uitgebreide variëteit aan wilde dieren en Coyotes, Elk (een soort hert), en een arend staan tevens op Kodakpapier. Dan heb ik het nog niet gehad over de ontelbare geisers en hete modderpoelen en dit allemaal omkadert door tonnen sneeuw. Yellowstone is zeker een must.

Terug in Houston stond International Day op het programma in de school van Caroline. De ouders van de buitenlandertjes op school werden verzocht om hun land te komen vertegenwoordigen. Gelukkig bestaat er nog zoets als het Consulaat van België in Houston die mij de nodige brochuurtjes aan de hand heeft gedaan voor het knip- en plakwerk. Er waren zo maar eventjes 17 landen vertegenwoordigd. Al de kinderen hadden een soort paspoort gekregen

met de verschillende continenten in en hiermee gingen ze naar de verschillende landen voor een in en out stempel van het land in kwestie (in het juiste continent als het even kon.) 400 studentjes weten tevens dat Dirk Frimout op de Atlantis vlucht zat, dat de smurfen door Peyo getekend werden, dat Jean-Claude Van Damme geen Fransman is, dat we diamanten slijpen en dat we ook nog iets anders eten dan chocolade. Ik hoop ten minste dat ze dat nu weten. Het was in ieder geval heel fijn om te doen.

So long folks!



The Houston Connection: Texas-size investment Katoen Natie Group

excerpted from Business Memo from Belgium, Embassy of Belgium, Washington, D.C.

Group recently started construction of a compounding facility for the Chevron Phillips Company in La Porte, Texas. The \$12 million facility will produce RYTON® an increasingly popular high-grade plastic frequently used in the automotive sector. The new plant will have an annual capacity of 15 million lbs. and will enter production at the beginning of the fourth quarter 2002.

The new facility will be built on the site of Houston Polymers Platform, a \$100 million multi-functional logistics platform of Katoen Natie, also under construction. With the finished platform, Katoen Natie Gulf Coast will offer a comprehensive package of logistical and semi-industrial services to the petrochemical industry in the Houston area, including packaging, storage, bulk storage, compounding, blending, transshipment and container handling. The 75 acre

site will boast 1,300,000 sq. ft. of temperature controlled storage space, a rail terminal with space for 400 hopper cars, an intermodal yard and a rail car cleaning station.

Houston Polymers Terminal will create 100 new jobs and will have an annual economic impact of \$60 million in the region. In addition, the Houston Polymer Platform has been classified as a Foreign Trade Zone, providing special customs procedures and tax relief for local resin producers active in the international market.

Since entering the North American market in 1997, Katoen Natie has become a prominent player in the construction and operation of specialized platforms for the petrochemical industry in North America. Revenues have increased by 120% while cash flow by 300%. Currently, Katoen Natie

has also platforms in the major production and consumption areas for plastic resin in Indiana, New Jersey and in Mexico City. Several other projects and sites are being studied.

Founded in 1855, the Katoen Natie Group is currently active at 85 platforms in 22 countries in Europe, North America, South America and the Far East, with a staff of 6000 people.

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Over the past six years, Nova Belgica has grown into a group counting more than 50 families and 8 different nationalities.

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