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Nice mayor in plan to rid Promenade des Anglais of working girls

PEYRAT: I WANT BROTHELS BACK

NICE is cracking down on vice girls touting for trade on the Promenade des Anglais.

Nice mayor Jacques Peyrat is planning to introduce a bill to legalize brothels during the next session of parliament and, he hopes, move prostitutes off the streets of Nice. Brothels were outlawed in 1946.

And, in a bid to cut accidents, the city's police chief has launched a campaign to issue on-the-spot fines to kerb crawlers stopping on the Promenade.

"Personally, I'm in favour of reopening the brothels... I don't see any serious argument for not re-examining the question," Jacques Peyrat told *Nice Matin* last month.

"It creates a nuisance for residents, the cars slowing down or stopping create a real danger and we must stop the Promenade des Anglais becoming another Bois de Boulogne", he added, referring to the famous park, now Paris' main red light district.

"He's quite serious about it", a Peyrat aide confirmed to *The Riviera Gazette*. "He plans to sponsor a bill through parliament in the next session."

Peyrat is a member of the French Senate, seated in Paris.

Peyrat's plan was revealed as Nice's Chief of Police, Francis Wetta, launched a new crackdown on the Promenade's kerb crawlers.

He can't arrest vice girls because prostitution is not illegal in France. But he can use traffic laws to dissuade drivers from picking up girls working on the Promenade des Anglais.

Motorists stopping to pick up prostitutes, or just cruising slowly so they can check out the girls on offer, are guilty of 'dangerous stopping or parking', he says.

And that carries a fine of €135 — ironically the same as for not stopping at a red

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light — plus three penalty points on the driver's licence and the embarrassment of having to explain how they were acquired.

Wetta's crackdown has netted fifty drivers so far, either as they are driving off with a girl or as they stop to talk to one.

Only 45% of those caught so far were French; the rest are mostly Italian. None yet have been British.

One driver willingly paid up then drove off with the prostitute at his side. But another told his girl to get out, saying that the fine meant the evening had already cost him quite enough.

Another driver told police he thought the young girl at his side, a Bulgarian dressed unequivocally for her trade, had flagged him down for help.

There were 112 accidents on the Promenade des Anglais last year, some at least involving drivers who had to brake suddenly because a car in front had stopped to pick up a prostitute.

Kerb crawlers cause traffic build-ups and create a danger for other drivers, Wetta maintains.

Nice has some 320 working girls. Ninety per cent are from Eastern Europe.



Congratulations, Ma'am

RED, white and blue were everywhere as the Var's British Association toasted the Queen at a garden party attended by nearly 100 guests. Celebrations are taking place around the region this month — see page 12 to find out how you can commemorate Queen Elizabeth II's 50 years on the throne.

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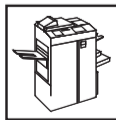
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BYERS: I QUIT

BELEAGUED British transport secretary Stephen Byers has quit his government role.

He has resigned after months of pressure, saying his continued presence "damaged" the government. Mr Byers had faced allegations he lied to Parliament about internal feuding in the transport department press office.

Top transport department civil servant Sir Richard Mottram is also out, moved to a new position as permanent secretary at the work and pensions department.

Alastair Darling, who has a reputation as a 'safe pair of hands', now gets the unenviable task of taking over at the troubled transport department.

Byers' departure prompted prime minister Tony Blair to embark on a mini cabinet reshuffle.

Andrew Smith, previously chief secretary to the Treasury, takes over Alastair Darling's old job at works and pensions and Paul Boateng enters the cabinet to replace him.

Boateng's promotion makes him the UK's first black cabinet minister. He will oversee negotiations on this summer's comprehensive government spending review.

Ex-solicitor Boateng, 50, is a former left-wing radical, but his views have moderated with age. Born in Hackney, London of Ghanaian and Scottish descent, Boateng became a prominent civil rights lawyer in the late 1970s. He went into politics as a Greater London Councillor in 1981 and entered parliament as MP for Brent South in 1987.

Klansman, 71, convicted

BOBBY Frank Cherry, a participant in the notorious Birmingham, Alabama church bombing of 1963, has been convicted.

Former Ku Klux Klansman Cherry, 71, was found guilty of the murder of four black girls in a church in a crime which shocked the US at the height of the civil rights struggle.

Two other men are serving life sentences, whilst another suspect died before he could be prosecuted.

Mars lays on icy reception

VAST quantities of water have been found on Mars, making a manned mission to the Red Planet a real possibility.

Water is significant because it can be converted into fuel for the return journey.

The American space agency, Nasa, says that readings made by the Mars Odyssey spacecraft, orbiting the planet since February, show a concentration of ice hidden under a thin layer of red dust at its south pole.

Because it's still there

NEW Zealander Peter Hillary has reached the summit of Mount Everest 49 years after his father Sir Edmund was the first to climb it.

Hillary junior made a satellite phone call to his father, who famously said he conquered the world's highest mountain "because it's there", from the top of the 8,848-metre peak.

He was to meet Tashi Wangchuk Tenzing, the grandson of his father's climbing partner, at the summit, but they missed each other by three days.



INDIA AND PAKISTAN IN KASHMIR STANDOFF

TENSION between India and Pakistan over the future of Kashmir is growing on a daily basis and war is looking like a distinct possibility. Our picture shows Pakistani troops closing the border with India at Wagah, 50 kilometres from Lahore, on May 22nd after three people were killed overnight by Indian shelling in the Pakistani zone of disputed Kashmir. Exchanges of mortar and

artillery fire have been continuing across the Line of Control on a daily basis since.

Citizens and 'non-essential' diplomats from the US, Britain, New Zealand, Australia and Canada have been advised to leave the region amid fears that the two nuclear nations could resort to the ultimate sanction.

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● **AUTHORITIES** are to determine the cause of death of intern Chandra Levy, missing for more than a year, after her body was found in woodland in Washington DC. Scandal enveloped California Congressman Gary Condit after it was revealed that the pair were 'close friends', but he has never admitted to an affair. Police are planning to question Condit for a fifth time over her disappearance, but say that he is not a suspect.

● **FORMER** South African president Nelson Mandela's prostate cancer has gone. His doctors gave him a clean bill of health, citing early detection as the reason he has survived.

● **A HUGE** deposit of jade has been discovered in Guatemala. Jade was used by early American cultures for crafting their most valued artefacts. Landslides triggered by Hurricane Mitch in 1998 exposed the seam.

● **RUSSIAN** firms are most likely to offer bribes to foreign investors, anti-corruption watchdog Transparency International has said. A study of 21 major trading countries found Australian firms the most honest.

● **A YOUNG** mother who survived the World Trade Centre attacks has cheated death again after being shot by a mugger in Brooklyn. Lillian Ortiz, 28, became a human shield for her one-year-old daughter in the ordeal.

UK DIARY

Ball collector's conviction quashed

A MAN who was sent to prison for six months for sneaking onto golf courses under the cover of darkness to retrieve lost golf balls and sell them has had his conviction quashed by Appeal Court judges.

For ten years John Collinson, 36, of Chorley, Lancashire, spent his nights slipping into lakes on UK golf courses. Using diving gear he found balls lost by less than accurate golfers.

But he was caught at a Leicester course during an overnight dive, and later returned for another fishing expedition at the same course whilst on bail.

Mr Collinson had over 1,100 balls in two sacks when police arrested him.

Radar sniffs out sweaty prince

FIVE hundred years after King Henry VIII's little-known elder brother, Arthur, died of a mysterious 'sweating illness', archaeologists believe they have found his grave.

A genetic defect is thought to have killed him in 1502 at the age of 15.

Using radar devices, they say they have located the grave of the first Prince of Wales from the Tudor clan beneath the limestone floor of Worcester Cathedral.

Immigration at record levels

IMMIGRATION has reached record levels in Britain, increasing the usually stable population by more than half a million in just three years.

Some 183,000 more people came to live in the UK in 2000 than left, new figures reveal. The influx since 1998 has come mainly from Europe, Asia and Africa.

There will be twice as many Asians and

blacks in the UK in 25 years, a race relations boss predicts.

That's one in six of the population.

Bishop joins poor and homeless

A RADICAL bishop has announced he plans to sell his £1m official home and spend the proceeds on relieving the problems of the poor.

Patrick O'Donoghue, Roman Catholic bishop of Lancaster, plans to strip himself of many of the trappings of the job.

He will hit the road, spending time with his priests and people rather than paperwork.

"I want to become a bishop on the move," he said.

Roman queen discovered

THE remains of a young Roman man who dressed as a woman and probably castrated himself show a previously unknown side of Britain's ancient history, archaeologists have claimed.

The alleged transvestite was discovered at a dig in Ketterick, and probably worshipped the goddess Cybele whose followers castrated themselves in her honour.

City firms awash with dealers

LONDON is now the cocaine capital of the world, according to the Metropolitan Police, and demand is coming from the city slickers in the city's financial markets.

Many dealers at the Stock Exchange are spending over £100 a week on the drug.

Deputy Assistant Commissioner Mike Fuller, one of the Met's highest-ranking officers, has called for compulsory drug testing in City firms.

by Chris Brown and Gerd Treuhaft

Drug addicts cost £11k each pa

DRUG users cost Britain up to £19 billion a year, according to a survey by York University.

In economic and social costs, that works out at £11,000 a year for every serious heroin or cocaine addict in the country.

4 out of 10 are illegitimate

FORGET 2.4 children — the nuclear family now has an average 1.64 kids as British women give birth to fewer babies than at any time since official records began in 1924.

And the number of births outside marriage has continued its upward trend. Forty per cent of children are now born out of wedlock, compared with 30 per cent in 1990.

Purple carrots

CARROTS in British supermarkets are set to turn purple this summer.

Purple was the vegetables' original hue before the Dutch decided to cultivate them in their national colour in the 1720s.

Food company Isleham Fresh Produce predicts the purple carrots — which are orange on the inside — will be a hit with consumers when they go on sale in July.

El Tel's telly own goal

EVERY World Cup sees a battle for ratings between the BBC and ITV.

But ITV scored a spectacular own goal when its main pundit, ex-England national team manager Terry Venables, told a meeting of advertising executives — brought together by ITV in an effort to boost ad sales — that people were turned off by the channel's football coverage... because of all the advert breaks.

Goodbye to... Alec Campbell, the last of the Anzacs that served in the Gallipoli campaign during World War I, who died aged 103 in Hobart, Australia; **Patrick Fyffe**, 60, who played Dame Hilda Bracket in the singing duo Hinge and Bracket; former New York Jets tackle **Sam Walton** — a 1969 Super Bowl champion — who died, aged 59, homeless and drunk in an abandoned building in Memphis, Tennessee; **Stephen Jay Gould**, 60, the Harvard professor and popular science writer who proposed the idea of evolution by steps; Horse racing training legend **Major Dick Hern**, 81; Former Australian prime minister **Sir John Gorton**, 90; *Last of the Summer Wine* star **Gordon Wharmby**, known to fans as Wesley Pegden, 68; and English actress **Pat Coombs**, 75, known for her roles in Carry On films.

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Vence cries wolf

DNA tests run after a Vence couple photographed a strange looking dog in their back garden in April have confirmed the animal was a wolf.

Wolves reappeared in the Mercantour, an hour or more inland from Nice, during 1992.

Sightings have become common in the hinterland but, until now, wolves have not been spotted closer than 70 kilometres from the coast.

Experts are not surprised at the sighting. The Vence countryside is perfect wolf territory, they say. And with a wolf needing to range a 250 square kilometre territory to support itself, it is inevitable that, as the population grows, sightings nearer the coast will occur.

€449m M-way plan

TOLL road operator Escota has announced €449 million plan to improve the region's motorways over the next five years.

New A8 motorway junctions will be built at Biot, to serve Sophia-Antipolis, and at Laghet, between Nice and Monaco.

The motorway will also be widened to three carriageways in each direction between the busy Nice St-Augustin and Nice St Isidore junctions.

In the Var, a 27km stretch of the A8 will be widened between Châteauneuf and St-Maximin.

The A57 will get a new junction at Ollioules, west of Toulon, and the A50 will be widened on a 22km stretch between La Ciotat and Bandol.

Ted Maher trial

TED Maher, the American nurse accused of murdering billionaire banker Edmond Safra in a fire at his Monaco home in December 1999, looks set to go on trial in the next few months.

Maher, who vigorously denies the charge, has now spent over two years in jail in Monaco awaiting trial.

Michael Griffith, the high profile US lawyer who defended Billy Hayes of 'Midnight Express' fame, has offered to work on Maher's defence free of charge.

The complicated case promises to focus the world's attention on Monaco's legal system.

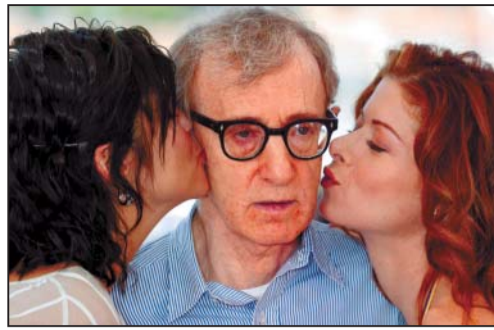
First pool death

A SIXTEEN-MONTH old baby girl has become the first local swimming pool fatality of the season.

The accident happened during a family visit to friends in Sospel, and despite the pool being protected by its winter cover.



NICE PEAR...
De Beers' new style ambassador Iman wears the 203-carat pear-shaped Millennium Star diamond at the Amfar AIDS benefit in Mougins



CANNES OPENER... Woody Allen opened the festival



LEGS TO DIAZ FOR... happy Cameron Diaz arrives at the Gangs of New York preview

CANNES DO!

NO QUESTION about the stars of the show at this year's Cannes Film Festival – Cameron Diaz in that dress and Iman in that necklace.

Diaz was in town with Leonardo DiCaprio to promote their new film, Martin Scorsese's *Gangs of New York*.

But, as usual, most of the action was to be found outside the main festival itself.

The hottest, and most expensive, tickets were to Amfar's aids benefit, hosted by Sir Elton John, Elizabeth Taylor and Sharon Stone at the Moulin de Mougins.

Tables cost from \$25,000 to \$100,000 and with the celebrity auction, which included a \$100,000 bid from HSH Prince Albert for a tennis lesson from Pete Sampras, the glittering event raised \$1.7 million.

Party

The Bond bash got most people's vote for best party. 1,200 guests packed Pierre Cardin's futuristic cliff top home, Palais Bulles, for an all-night party to celebrate 40 years of James Bond films.

Pierce Brosnan arrived by speedboat, of course, Soul II Soul played a five hour set, green lasers beamed a giant 007 logo onto the hillside and 500 bottles of vodka were turned into perfect martinis – shaken not stirred.

Less fun was had by BBC2's *What Not To Wear* presenters Susannah Constantine and Trinny Woodall.

The pair woke up one morning with their hands feeling sticky, a funny smell in the room and bad hangovers. Thieves had broken into their villa during the night, drugged them with chloroform, and stolen their jewellery.

Winners

And the winners were? Roman Polanski took the Palme d'Or for *The Pianist* and Michael Moore got the 55th Cannes Jury prize for his US gun-culture documentary *Bowling for Columbine*.

British entry *Sweet Sixteen*, widely tipped to scoop the Palme d'Or, came away with only the best screenplay award.



KILTY SECRET... Sweet Sixteen stars Martin Compston and William Ruane demonstrate their Scottish heritage

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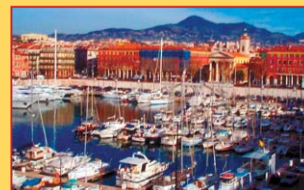
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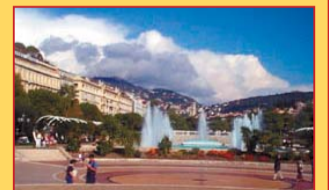
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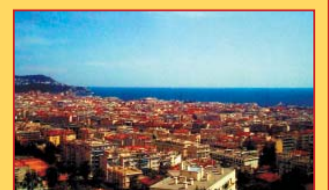
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National News

British woman behind vice network

A WELL-EDUCATED British woman arrested in Paris is suspected of being the mastermind behind a massive international call-girl network, reports Claire Elliott.

Briton Margaret MacDonald, 43, is described by French police as a 'highly qualified business woman, fluent in eight languages'. Educated at top schools in London and Paris, MacDonald created a highly lucrative operation of elite call girls.

She profited handsomely from a 40% cut of the standard fee of €1,000 per hour.

Her laptop computer contained a list of over 400 call girls and a few men. Among her clients were several well-known businessmen.

The network was operated from France but clients were located across Europe — especially Britain, Austria and Italy — and in the United States.

MacDonald had no fixed address, preferring to manage her business affairs 'remotely' with several mobile phones whilst traveling between luxury hotels.

Police were alerted to the existence of the vice empire last June after watching a 21-year-old German woman managing a group of call girls for MacDonald. They waited until a rendezvous was arranged between the two in Paris before detaining Ms MacDonald.

Bush's lukewarm reception in France

FRANCE gave President George W Bush a lukewarm reception last month as he attempted to use the French leg of his European tour to gain greater French support for his war on terrorism.

Franco-US relations are currently strained. Public opinion in France is out of sync with US policies on trade, the environment, the Middle East and the expansion of the war on terrorism to include action against Iraq.

Several thousand anti-globalisation and left wing protesters greeted President Bush in Paris on day one of the visit.

Then six hundred protesters turned up in Caen, Normandy as the president toured D-Day landing beaches and US World War II graves on Memorial Day.

In Caen, President Bush chose to highlight past glories rather than current policy differences and determinedly focused on the positive.

He praised France as a "decisive ally" and called President Chirac a good friend — both to him personally and to the US.

President Chirac, mindful of the forthcoming national assembly elections, used the opportunity to explain "In paying homage to those who fought for liberty in 1944 and in fighting today against terrorism, we reject fanaticism, the exclusion of others, racism and xenophobia."

Airport plan rethink

THE 30,000 World War I soldiers buried near the site of a proposed airport could now be left to rest in peace.

The choice of Chaulnes for the new Paris airport caused an international outcry when it was revealed that the graves of some of the 30,000 British, Australian and other soldiers killed at the Somme would need to be moved.

France's new Transport Minister, Gilles de Robien, is a local MP and a long-standing opponent of Chaulnes, 130km from Paris, as the site for the new airport. "We must start from scratch," he announced last month.

New attempt to find Joanna killer

POLICE investigating the 1990 murder of British student Joanna Parrish, and a string of other disappearances and murders in the Burgundy region, have launched a new bid to solve the crimes.

A new investigation team includes national police, twelve detectives and two criminal experts.

Seventeen women disappeared in the town of Auxerre between 1975 and 1995. Scandal erupted two years ago when case files were found to have vanished from the local courthouse.

Site baffles diggers

A PRE-ROMAN burial site discovered in Clermont-Ferrand is baffling archaeologists.

Eight Gallic warriors have been buried with their horses — a first for a French burial site. There is no obvious cause of death. The corpses, neatly laid out in two rows, show no signs of war wounds or violent death to explain why they have been buried together.

Joey Starr beat his monkey

FRENCH rapper Joey Starr has been sued by Brigitte Bardot's Society for the Protection of Animals for beating up his pet monkey on television.

Starr, founder of group NTM, was convicted of maltreatment of an animal and illegal possession of a protected species by a Paris court last month. He was fined €10,000.

Jeweller Fred's raided

GEMS worth €6 million have been stolen in a heist at a top Paris jeweller.

Two men posing as customers walked into Fred's in Place Vendome and detonated a tear gas grenade hidden in a bunch of flowers. They made away with seven rings, a bracelet and a brooch.

Kingfisher catches French DIY chain

RETAIL group Kingfisher, owner of British DIY giant B&Q, has made a €5.1 billion bid for the 45% of French DIY chain Castorama that it doesn't already own.

NEW BEGINNING BECKONS FOR CHIRAC

AFTER a presidential election that shook the Republic to its foundations, the battle for the hearts and minds of French voters is underway again.

Parliamentary elections take place on 9 and 16 June.

The results will determine whether Jacques Chirac's overwhelming victory in the presidential race was a new beginning for French democracy.

Mr Chirac is desperate for a right wing victory, and will be cheered by the latest Ipsos opinion polls which say the centre-right coalition is two points ahead of the left on 41 per cent.

A period of 'cohabitation' saw perpetual stalemate between the wishes of the right-wing president and a parliament dominated by Lionel Jospin's socialists. Mr Chirac wants a right wing government so he can force through the reforms in the economy — which Mr Jospin delayed through-

By Chris Brown

out his term in office — and to law and order.

The president set his stall out early by naming a fresh government. The new prime minister, Jean-Pierre Raffarin, has been plucked from relative obscurity to demonstrate that Mr Chirac is determined to reconnect with the 'real France'.

The creation of a united party of the centre right — the Union of the Presidential Majority — is a move to bring together the various parties. Mr Chirac does not want another five

years of a socialist government, and the UPM is designed to prevent that.

The socialists, still reeling from their champion's defeat to Jean-Marie Le Pen, have decided that Lionel Jospin's government was just not socialist enough. Their manifesto emphasises a rise in the minimum wage, big investments in public housing and the rejection of privatisation in public services.

As for the Front National, leader Jean-Marie Le Pen said, perhaps prophetically, after his crushing defeat in last month's presidential election that: "The laughs we hear today will be a little more strained come June." The

FN is banking on a split of the vote between different left-wing candidates and is campaigning again on law and order and immigration.

The fear for Mr Chirac though is a split between his own UPM candidates and the FN that could let in socialist candidates. Another five years of cohabitation would wreck his program of tax cuts and rolling back the role of the state in the economy.

The reputation of politicians and the political system amongst the French public is at an all-time low though. Another five years of stalemate at the heart of that system would prove far more serious.

Britain to send refugees back to France

A BRITISH government plan to ship 30,000 failed asylum seekers 'back' to France each year has met with a frosty reception in Paris, writes Claire Elliott.

The continued rise in the number of refugees seeking asylum in Britain is believed to have hit record levels with 19,500 applications being made in the first three months of 2002.

The British government says France is at fault. Poor security around the Channel Tunnel and mounting tension in the Sangatte refugee centre near Calais, it says, are fuelling the illegal immigrant problem.

But French interior minister Nicolas

Sarkozy says it is the fault of Britain's 'lax' immigration policy, making the UK a magnet for asylum seekers, and the UK has no right to send them to France.

"France is never the first country that they come through, they come through other EU countries in the Schengen agreement", he said.

The EU Commission has also entered the fray, telling France that the disruption of Channel Tunnel services that results from poor security has broken EU rules on the free movement of goods and services.

As political pressure rises, so does tension at the Sangatte Camp as the

stowaways become increasingly desperate to escape to a new life.

Violent attacks against cross-channel truckers are becoming increasingly common. One driver was stabbed last month as he helped a colleague remove five stowaways from his lorry.

And businesses using the Channel Tunnel are becoming concerned about the financial losses they incur as a result of cancelled services.

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Cash for missing Merc

A €50,000 reward is on offer for the return of a vintage Mercedes stolen during the Grand Prix weekend.

"This car is my baby," owner Klaus Fischer told *The Riviera Gazette*. "I saved all my life and dreamed of the moment I would own a car like this and drive it to Monte Carlo for the Grand Prix. I will do anything to have it back."

Fischer had only owned the car for forty hours when it was stolen from outside a Menton hotel in the early hours of Sunday, May 26.

To add insult to injury, Fischer missed the Grand Prix because his tickets were still in the car.

Nice number two in junkie league...

ONLY Paris has more registered drug addicts than Nice, which now has some 6,000 on the books.

15.6 people out of every 1,000 living in Nice are addicted to drugs, compared to 10.6 in Marseilles, 10 in Lille, 7 in Lens and 6.5 in Toulouse.

The proportion addicted to heroin is falling however, from 66% in 1997 to 37% in 2001.

... and TB is on the rise

NICE had twice the national average of tuberculosis cases last year.

In 2001 there were 121 cases in the Alpes Maritimes of which 71, including four deaths, were in Nice. Over one-third of victims come from Central Nice. Poor quality unmodernised homes and the concentration of shelters for the homeless in the old town are being blamed.

Seminars show how to set up in business

THE British Chamber of Commerce has launched a series of evening seminars for anyone planning to set up in business on the Riviera.

Each seminar will take an in-depth look at a key aspect of running a business in France.

The next seminar will be held on July 9. Fax Roy Cox on 04 93 77 61 72 to book your place.

False pretences

THREE men posed as policemen and set up a fake vehicle control in Cannes last month.

The three set up a checkpoint at Pointe Croisette and forced two women tourists, one in her sixties and one aged 75, out of a hire car before stealing their jewellery and other belongings.

MINE FOUND IN VILLEFRANCHE

"More unexploded bombs in port"

A WORLD War II mine found in Villefranche bay has been blown up safely by French Marines.

The mine – still in full working order – contained 240 kg of explosives, writes *Alison Craddock*.

But Villefranche Capitanerie warns that there are still likely to be many more bombs in the Villefranche bay area, creating a threat to shipping.

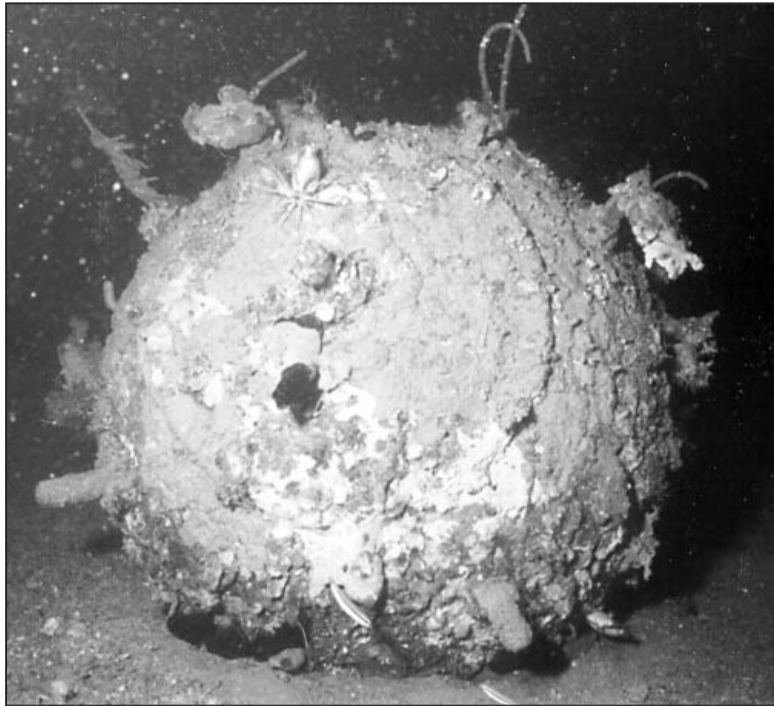
The mine was discovered at the end of last summer by amateur divers, who immediately reported it to the authorities.

It was found in 56 metres of water near the site of a Roman shipwreck in a marine archaeological area. The area, 100 metres from the point of Cap Ferrat, is normally off-limits to divers.

Experts from Toulon's naval bomb disposal team floated the mine to the surface before taking it out to sea to detonate it in a controlled explosion.

They confirm that the mine was still in perfect working order after more than 50 years on the ocean floor.

There may be many more unexploded mines and bombs in the area, Lucien Quessada of the Villefranche



LETHAL... The one metre wide mine, still in full working order after more than 50 years on the sea bed near Villefranche. The navy has taken it out to sea and destroyed it.

Capitanerie told *The Riviera Gazette*. "We have found about 25 bombs in and around the port of Villefranche in the 35 years I have worked here."

"We clean the port up once a year and we usually find at least one bomb. There have been no accidents yet, touch-wood, but if an anchor were to hit one it could well explode" he said.

The army barracks in Villefranche's

old port were occupied by German soldiers during World War II.

When they left, they blew up the top three floors of the building and booby-trapped the bay with mines.

Elderly residents of Villefranche-sur-Mer maintain that the sealed-up remains of the barracks still conceal a large cache of wartime bombs and other weapons.



MINE FIND... Diver Gabriel Montandon discovered the mine



SIR ELTON... housekeeper bitten in car-jacking outside his palatial Nice mansion

Daylight robbery at Elton's mansion

A MEMBER of Sir Elton John's household staff has been attacked and robbed outside the gates of his Nice mansion.

The woman, in her forties, was attacked in broad daylight as she got out of her car to open the gates, in Nice's posh Mont Alban district.

The thief shoved her and, when she wouldn't let go of the car, bit her on the wrist, drawing blood.

He then drove off in her Renault Scenic RX4, down a small road running from Mont Alban towards the east of Nice.

Another member of Sir Elton's staff saw the attack and gave chase in his own car. He forced the attacker to abandon the stolen Scenic on the junction of Boulevard Pasteur and rue Maurice-Maccario.

The woman needed treatment for the bite.

The attacker, wearing a short-sleeved shirt and jeans, got away with her gold key ring and €600 in cash.

Wayne's new world opens in Tournettes

WAYNE Barratt, former owner of Nice ex-pat bar *Chez Wayne's*, has opened a restaurant in *Tournettes-sur-Loup*, writes *Alison Craddock*.

Barratt, 40, originally from London, created *Chez Wayne's* 15 years ago when he bought the premises of a small mini-market in Vieux Nice.

Originally to be named 'Le Monde',

the venue was quickly dubbed *Chez Wayne's* by its customers.

"Wayne's was a lot of fun," Barratt told *The Riviera Gazette*, "but my wife and I wanted a new project that we could work on together."

The new restaurant, *Le Relais des Coches*, aims to attract regular customers with a reasonably priced menu

and generous servings. "We would prefer clients to come twice a week, rather than once a month, so we can create a lively atmosphere," said Barratt.

Le Relais des Coches – which translates as 'The Coach House' – serves Provençal dishes with a modern twist, and is open for lunch and dinner six days a week.

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The car was stolen on May 26th between 04:30 and 05:00 from Avenue Carnot, Menton. It has German registration plates, AA-DK III H, and has black bodywork with chrome trim and cognac brown (tan) leather upholstery.

The car's serial number is 11102712001300

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Local News

Popular doctor killed

A POPULAR English-speaking family doctor who practised in Roquefort-les-Pins has died after a freak road accident.

32 year-old Dr Sophie Crépy, a mother of one, was driving on the D2085 on May 28 when an elderly driver suffered a heart attack and lost control of his Jaguar.

The vehicle smashed into Crépy's Fiat, pushing it off the road. She was air-lifted to hospital, but died of her injuries that evening.

Mike Clark, publisher of *The Riviera Gazette*, said "I found Dr Crépy warm and humane, often going beyond the call of duty to help.

"More than one of my house guests have been left with a high opinion of French healthcare after consulting Dr Crépy. Her death is a tragedy, and a great loss to the local Anglophone community."

Mama artist dies

NIKI de Saint Phalle, the artist who's giant ceramic 'mama' statues can be seen on the Promenade des Anglais in Nice, has died in San Diego, California, after a long illness. She was 71 years old.

Over 300 of her works are on display at Nice's museum of modern and contemporary art, the MAMAC, until October 27.

Floating helipad plan

THE City of Cannes plans to build a unique floating heliport just off Palm Beach.

It would offer regular helicopter services between Nice airport and the Croisette.

A decision is expected on August 31, but a number of regulatory issues need to be solved before the go-ahead can be given.

GRIMALDIS RULE OK

MONACO will stay in the hands of the Grimaldi family even if Crown Prince Albert stays single, thanks to a quietly introduced change in the principality's succession laws.

Before, a law dating from 1918 meant the Grimaldis' 700 year rule in Monaco would have come to an end if the reigning monarch died childless.

The principality would then have come under French rule.

It meant that, although Prince Rainier, now 79, has wanted to hand over to Prince Albert for some time, it would be risky to do so whilst the Crown Prince was childless.

Prince Albert has had a string of beautiful, famous girlfriends, including Claudia Schiffer and Brooke Shields, but at the age of 43 he still shows no signs of settling down.

The move came just before Prince Rainier spent several days in hospital late last month. He was discharged with a clean bill of health.

Now Prince Rainier will be able to hand over to Prince Albert knowing that the line of succession is secure.

"I do not want to hang onto my function for life. Prince Albert has all the qualities to become one day the next sovereign prince. But, beforehand, I would like him to have an heir

By Sarah Clark

because that is essential for the future of the principality and our family", he told *Le Figaro* two years ago.

The new law means that succession can pass to a monarch's brother or sister if necessary.

Andréa Casiraghi, the 17-year-old eldest son of Princess Caroline, is now set to inherit the throne should Prince Albert have no children of his own.

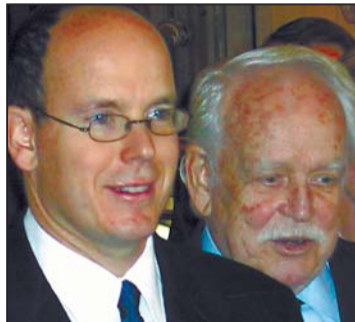
Andréa, who turns eighteen this month, has been brought up away from the public eye at Princess Caroline's country home in St-Remy-de-Provence and at boarding school in Fontainebleau, outside Paris.

But his rock-star good looks and proximity to the throne mean that he is unlikely to stay

in obscurity for long. Recently he and sister Charlotte, 15, have begun to take their first steps towards public life with appearances at this year's Monaco Grand Prix and at April's Monte-Carlo International Show Jumping competition where Charlotte, a keen horsewoman, was a competitor.

The two have also been spotted recently at McCarthy's Irish Pub, in Monaco's rue du Portier.

Monaco's unusual succession rules were introduced at the end of World War I when Monaco had a 48-year-



HEIRLESS... Prince Rainier with Crown Prince Albert, who has no children



ELIGIBLE... Andréa Casiraghi, right, and sister Charlotte at the Monaco Grand Prix

old bachelor heir, Prince Louis. If Louis had succeeded to the throne and died childless, it would have passed to his nearest male relative, the German Duke of Urach.

With Franco-German tensions still running high, France acted to prevent

any chance of the Monegasque throne passing to a German. It imposed a change in the constitution that allowed only the monarch's own children to succeed, effectively ruling out any chance of the Duke of Urach taking the throne.

● THE Mayor of Antibes broke champagne over the bow of *Ville d'Antibes NEC* at its launch in Port Vauban last month.

The boat, which is to take part in the Tour de France la Voile, is sponsored by the city. She'll race around the coast from Dunkirk to Nice between July 27 and 29. Forty other Mumm 30's will compete.

Captain Julien Farnarier told *The Riviera Gazette* "After coming fourth last year, this year we aim to get into the top three. We'll win next year, when the finish will be held in Antibes." TRG/Alison Craddock



Port Canto caught in three way battle

A CUSTODY battle over the ownership of Cannes' Port Canto is turning nasty, reports Alison Craddock.

In a stand-off between berth owners, the port's management and the Cannes City Council, the port now boasts two capitaneries and a flotilla of angry users.

The City of Cannes took over the privately-owned port in March, thirteen years before its lease expires, saying administrative irregularities meant it could nullify management company ISYCM's lease.

Berth owners fear that, having already paid ISYCM to lease their berths until 2014, they will now be forced to pay again, this time to the City of Cannes.

Now ISYCM is refusing to either hand over the administration of the port or vacate the Capitanerie and surrounding buildings, leaving Cannes' new Capitanerie staff to work out of a small temporary building on the outer wall quay.

And berth owners' association, Objective 2014, is seeking an injunction to prevent the City of Cannes' takeover, claiming the city has occupied the port illegally.

ISYCM says buildings, including the Capitanerie, do not come under



PORT-A-CABIN... The city's capitanerie is an out-of-the-way temporary building

the same concession as the berths in the port and the City of Cannes therefore has no right to them.

Meanwhile Jean Poulit, Cannes' representative at the port, says the City of Cannes plans to issue an eviction order. "If an agreement is not reached within eight to fifteen days, the City will be forced to evict the ISYCM," he told *The Riviera Gazette* last week.

Eric Levy Brisac, a berth owner and President of Objective 2014, is leading worried port users in a vigorous campaign against the city.

With over 200 members, including representatives of the Saudi royal family, Objective 2014 is determined to fight for the financial interests of its members, in court and out, he told *The Gazette*.

"What the City of Cannes has done

is totally illegal. It attacks the very values of our society, of freedom and egalitarianism. We do not live in a dictatorship, and they have no right to take over our port," he explained.

As an opening salvo, twenty-five of his members' boats, decked with banners reading 'SOS Port Canto', sailed up and down alongside the Croisette and the old port of Cannes on the final day of the Film Festival in a bid to gain publicity for their campaign. They aim to embarrass the city into a climb-down.

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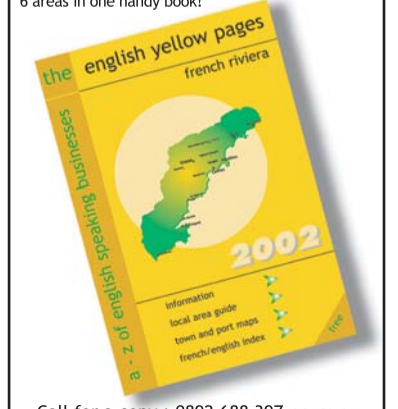
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Stones' exile on Cap Ferrat

THE full story of The Rolling Stones' high times on the Côte d'Azur in the early 70s has been revealed for the first time.

By Sarah Clark

Fleeing rampant UK taxes and flushed with the success of *Sticky Fingers*, the band arrived on the Riviera in the Spring of 1971. They immediately set to work on their follow up album, *Exile on Main St*, recorded in a studio in the basement of Keith Richards' villa on Cap Ferrat.

Now, thirty years after the album's release, Dominique Tarlé – a professional photographer and part of the legendary 'Café Keith' coterie on the Cap – has assembled *Exile*, a photographic record of the summer the Côte d'Azur has never forgotten.

Each of the Stones set up household upon arrival. Mick Jagger married Bianca in St Tropez in May 1971 and moved into a large house in Mougins.

Bill Wyman first established himself at the Bastide Saint-Antoine in Grasse, with guitarist Mick Taylor as a neighbour, before buying a house in St-Paul-de-Vence.

Drummer Charlie Watts moved to a country house near Arles, in the Gard, which he still owns today.

And a heroin dependent Keith Richards, with wife Anita Pallenberg,

took a two year lease on the Villa Nellcôte on Cap Ferrat's avenue Louise-Bordes. The rent was £1,000 a week.

The Rolling Stones' mobile studio was set up in the basement and Richards played host to 'Café Keith', an open house for glamorous women, musicians, producers, managers, roadies, stars and drug dealers. The house was soon overflowing with people camped out in living rooms, on terraces and on the lawn.

The villa was used by the Gestapo during the war, and still bore marks of their occupation. Tarlé remembers looking around the basement: "I found a box down there with a big Swastika on it, full of injection phials."

"They all contained morphine. It was very old, of course, and our first reaction was 'If Keith had found this!'."

"So one night we carried it out to the end of the garden, and threw it into the sea," Tarlé recounts.

But, amongst the drugs and chaos, the Stones put together not just an album, but one that is consistently rated as one of the top ten of all time.

Exile on Main St was received with



SATISFACTION ... Rolling Stones Mick Jagger and Keith Richards chill out at Villa Nellcôte in the summer of 1971

mixed reviews on release in May 1972, but it showed the Rolling Stones at their most dangerous. Where the lyrics can be deciphered, they evoke the alienation and disillusionment of a band unable to go home.

Exile – the book – captures the mood of the time with over 250 photographs, journalist Richard Greenfield's celebrated interview with Richards at the villa, and contributions from Pallenberg, Wyman and Taylor.

But only 2,000 copies will be printed, with each leather-bound volume made to order. *Exile* is published by Genesis Publications, and costs £245. Copies can be ordered direct from www.genesis-publications.com, or by calling 00 44 1483 540970.

● The Rolling Stones will play in Marseilles on 28 June 2003.



GUITAR MAN ... Keith Richards treats Villefranche to an impromptu performance

Monaco money scandal: I'm broke, says Fogwell

INVESTMENT broker Bill Fogwell is back in Monaco and being held in jail accused of forgery, false pretences and abuse of confidence.

And the founder of the Hobbs Melville investment firm, at the centre of one of Monaco's largest financial scandals of recent times, says he doesn't have a cent to his name.

American Fogwell and his daughter Shelley left the principality in August 2000 as it became clear that Hobbs Melville, which had taken funds from over 500 investors including HSH Prince Albert, had a €137 million hole in its accounts.

He ended up in Belarus, home to the mother of two of his children. Shelley returned to the US.

But on October 30 last year Fogwell crossed into Poland to meet his 35-year-old companion at Warsaw airport. Polish customs officials arrested him and, in March 2002, Warsaw's appeals court agreed to Monaco's request for extradition.

In Monaco, Judge Jean Christophe Hullin has

now formally charged Fogwell with false pretences, abuse of confidence, forgery and use of forgery.

When asked what had happened to his clients' money, Fogwell told the judge "I don't have a cent to my name, you've taken it all from me." Fogwell says the funds were lost on the financial markets when the value of the Yen fell, and contests the legality of his arrest and extradition.

The prosecution says there are problems with Hobbs Melville's accounts. The firm didn't invest all the money it received, it says, and the missing funds were simply transferred to various Hobbs Melville accounts offshore, mostly in Curaçao.

Fogwell faces a maximum sentence of five years if found guilty. But there is another obstacle before he can be brought to trial. Fogwell must be defended by a Monegasque lawyer, but there aren't any accredited lawyers in Monaco able to take his brief — they have all already been retained by one or more of Hobbs Melville's 500 former clients.

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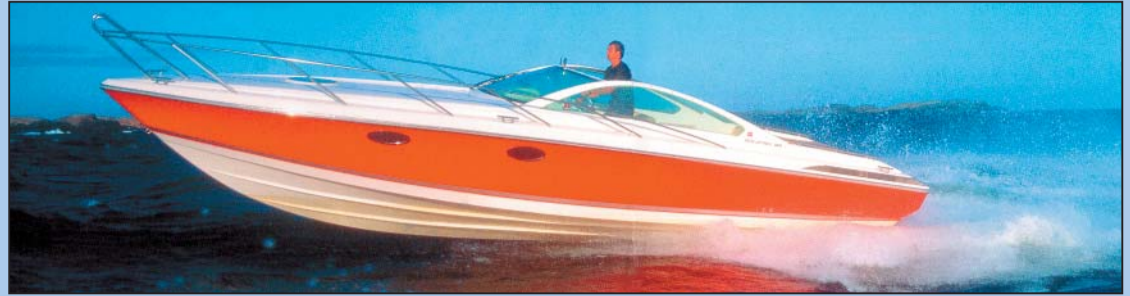
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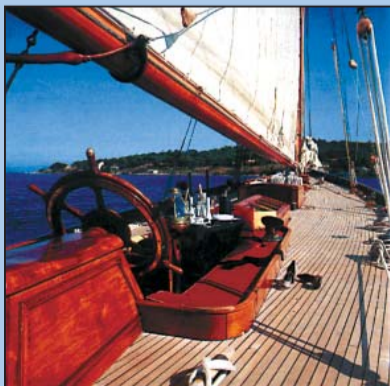


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MESSING ABOUT ON THE WATER

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Have you ever gazed from the shore at people sunbathing or enjoying lunch on their luxury yacht out in a crystal clear bay, and wondered what it would be like to escape the hordes on the beaches?

Well it need not be just a dream. Here's everything you need to know to get out on the water, including yacht charter options with something for everyone and every budget.

Getting started

TO get off on the right foot when yachting, it's important to know a few key rules about boating etiquette.

These small but important points are closely observed by professional yachtspeople so, to ensure you have an enjoyable time:

- Take your shoes off before boarding a boat
- Don't walk on board someone else's boat before being invited
- Check whether it's OK before smoking, especially inside a yacht
- Don't waste fresh water
- Don't drop anything oily on the deck – like crisps or sunscreen
- Toilets are usually of the chemical variety, and it's important to take care about what you put in them

- If the captain asks you to do something, respect his authority as the manager of the boat, especially where safety is concerned.

Can I drive?

YACHTS registered outside France must comply with speed limits and the 'rules of the road' in French waters, but French regulations concerning qualifications needed to drive the vessel do not apply.

However without an appropriate certificate you may find it difficult to obtain insurance or charter a boat, and should you be involved in an accident you could be in serious trouble with the authorities.

But, that said, you don't need a permit to drive French-registered power boats with engines of up to six horsepower.

French-registered sail boats up to 17 metres long can also be used without a permit.

From six to 50 horsepower you'll need a *Carte de Mer* or equivalent, which entitles you to range no more than five miles from the nearest harbour during the day. You can't sail at all after dark.

Above 50 horsepower you'll need to graduate to a *Permit Mer Coutier* (a 'coastal' licence), which allows you to travel day or night, but still within five miles of the nearest harbour.

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'offshore' licence), authorising you to pilot a vessel of any engine size anywhere in French waters, day or night.

How do I get qualified?

TO gain these qualifications you can take a course at one of the many French yachting schools along the coast.

Be warned, though: whilst the teacher may speak English, examinations are entirely in written French.

Alternatively, you can get equivalent qualifications from the English yachting schools in Antibes – Blue Water Yachting and Freedom Yachting – or St-Laurent-du-Var's Ocean Pro.

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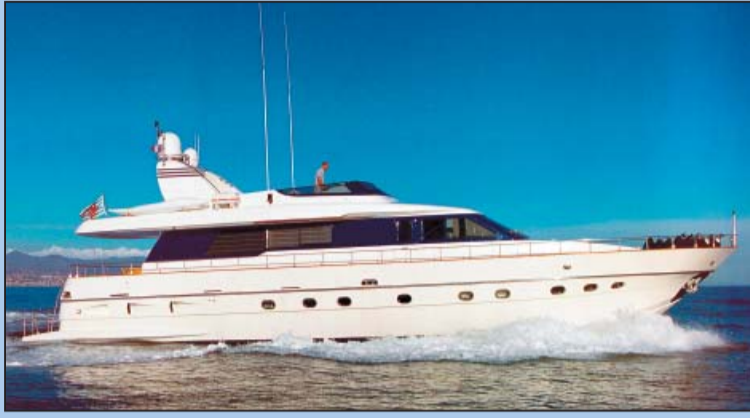
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WHERE CAN I GO?

Most charters don't spend their whole time steaming around. Unless you're a sailing fanatic, the most fun is to be had when the boat is at a standstill. It's a good idea to be conservative about the distance you'd like to cover. If you've got just **one day**, you could consider starting from Monaco to visit St Jean Cap Ferrat, Villefranche, or Plage Mala at Cap d'Ail. Starting from Antibes, visit the islands off Cannes or Cap d'Antibes. Making a **weekend** of it? Try popping down to St Tropez. And if you've got a **whole week**, You could try Sardinia, Corsica, Porto Fino or St Tropez.

KIDS AT SEA

Make sure your kids wear lifejackets at all times. You may want to consider tying little ones onto the boat if they're young. For full peace of mind, kids should be competent swimmers and someone on board should know First Aid and how to administer mouth-to-mouth resuscitation. Seasickness tablets are always handy, too.

EXTRA COSTS TO WATCH OUT FOR

It's a rare charter that comes 'all inclusive'. Remember to allow for fuel, meals, crew tips (10-15% of total charter cost) and berth fees. Sometimes providing an 'incentive' for port officials can make sure you're not assigned a berth two miles from the port entrance between a couple of smelly fishing boats. You'll also need to consider insurance, deposits, cleaning charges and wages for any additional crew.

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There's no need to actually *own* a boat to enjoy yourself on the water – simply renting one for a while could satisfy your yearning to sail the ocean blue. Alison Craddock looks at your charter options...



SMALL MOTOR YACHTS If you've got motor boat taste but a speedboat budget, there are bargains to be found if you know where to look. The 16 metre Scandinavian Queen is a rare find, from only €1,550 per day including a captain to look after you. Kids will be entertained with snorkelling equipment and a TV and video. Alternatively, take up to 12 guests out for the day and enjoy a barbecue feast for €30 per head. Contact Yacht Corporation in Antibes on 04 93 34 02 11

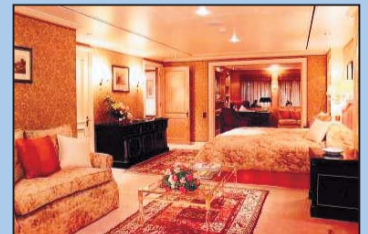
Yachtie Terminology

Some seafaring terms can be confusing to the uninitiated... a **SHEET** on a sailboat is actually a rope attached to the outer corner of a sail. Things on boats are not generally known by the same names as their land-based equivalents; a toilet is a **HEAD**, the lounge is the **SALON** or **SALOON** (follow your crew's lead on this one) and the kitchen is the **GALLEY**. A bedroom is a **CABIN**, a cupboard is a **LOCKER** and a bed is a **BUNK**. **AFT** means behind, **FORE** is the front, while **PORT** means left, and **STARBOARD** means right. And sometimes the terms are downright contradictions: the **CREW'S MESS** is the staff living area, and it's usually immaculate.

SUPERYACHTS If you've ever wanted to experience the lifestyles of the seriously rich and famous, you should have a superyacht like *Leander* at your beck and call. Host a party, or perhaps escape for a week into a dream world where stewardesses will draw you a candlelit bath, service your room every time you step out of it, turn down your bed for you each night and serve you delicious meals prepared by elite chefs whenever you



choose. And on a superyacht like this, the crew doesn't knock off at six o'clock. 24-hour service is the order of the day. If you need to know how much she costs, you can't afford her – let's just say she's one of the most exclusive charter yachts in the world. Call Peter Insull's Yacht Marketing in Antibes on 04 93 34 22 42.



SMALL SAILBOATS WITH NO CREW So you know your way around a sailboat, but don't have the budget to own one? A 'bareboat charter' is an ideal way to experience the freedom, tranquility and complete privacy of having your own boat. A 10-15 metre sailboat with between two and five cabins costs from €1,000 to €4,300 per week, plus expenses. Call L'île Blue in Antibes on 04 93 34 64 65 for more information

LARGE POWERBOAT Some people know what they want, and that's a 24 metre Sunseeker Manhattan. There's room for eight guests and three crew, and it's fast – you can breakfast in Monaco and lunch in Porto Fino. This one is available in Antibes and, unusually, the price quoted is all inclusive. In July and August expect to pay €7,660 a night, falling to €4,375 a night in winter. More details from Jacaranda Travel in London on +44 20 8979 0401



Coffee Time

STARS

with TV's John Garland



June 2002

AQUARIUS

20 January–18 February

It's time to concentrate on seeking out those who can help you realise your ambitions. Amid the workaday confusions and delays it's easy to get distracted, but you need to keep in mind the importance of teamwork. Perseverance is the key, whether at home or at work. Despite rumbles on the home front, you'll have to be firm about looking after number one. Single Aquarians should get a little help on the romance front later in the month as stary influences are brought to bear on your love life.

PISCES

19 February–20 March

It's all go for you at the moment, with more questions than answers to go around. But take heart because affairs of the heart are looking bright and you should be making the most of opportunities on the social front. Steer clear of personality clashes at work if you can – your loyalties are divided and a moment's rash statement could take weeks to undo. This is a promising time for new developments at home or within the family.

ARIES

21 March–20 April

New friends and partners characterise this exciting month, although planetary movements could see you feeling impatient and edgy. That should mean taking care at work not to rub people up the wrong way, especially if you're negotiating around some tricky workmates. Outside work, single Aries will get a helping hand from loving Venus, with rewards for those who play their cards right. If you're married or in a relationship, you'll find new horizons – enjoy yourself! Creativity blossoms and you should see some unexpected results.

TAURUS

21 April–20 May

Yes, yes, you know you like to put your head down and charge – and this month will bring plenty of occasions that tempt you to do just that. But don't give in to your Taurean urges too much. Take time to slow down and think things through, or you could land yourself in hot water. Workaday worries should ease later in the month, which will bring some much-needed respite from recent stresses and strains. On the social front, you should be in for an interesting time with mischievous planetary influences setting in motion some unusual meetings.

GEMINI

21 May–20 June

Keep things simple, especially your workaday routines, otherwise there's a danger you'll take on too much – and fail to finish anything. In fact, things may well seem to be an uphill struggle on the work front, but you should persevere in the knowledge that it won't last. Single Geminis can expect to see the beginning of an exciting romantic phase, so make the most of your social contacts and dress to impress! Watch out for domestic disturbances later in the month, which have the potential to wreak havoc in your home life. Remember – easy does it!

CANCER

21 June–20 July

You may try, but at the end of the day you know in your heart that you can't do everything, so it's time to get to grips with your schedules and workloads. After the trials and tribulations of last month, now's the time to put matters straight and get your head above water – and the stars will be helping you in your endeavours. You'll need to steer a steady course on the home or relationships front, however, because it's not going to be plain sailing, with disturbances looking likely around the 16th and 23rd.

LEO

21 July–21 August

Creativity is well-starred at present, which means that ideas and plans for the future should come more readily to mind. Make the most of it by talking over your ideas with friends and family – you could be surprised at how supportive and inspiring they are. Later in the month, invest some time and effort in career and financial matters. Travel is emphasised after the 20th, so could it be time to look at taking a break. Or perhaps you should be visiting old friends? Whatever the case, make the most of it – now's a good time to get out and about.

VIRGO

22 August–22 September

You might find your faith in your own abilities wanes from time to time – well, who doesn't? But this month, the stars bring added scope to jaded Virgos to reaffirm their sense of wonder and joy in a complicated, multi-faceted lifestyle. Family relationships should bloom in this warmth and light, but don't neglect work colleagues either. If you're romantically inclined, amorous Venus won't neglect your love-wish.

LIBRA

23 September–22 October

Decisiveness is the key this month as your old Libran tendencies come to the fore. But beware of that dithering – if you don't say what you mean, you won't be taken seriously. Travel should bring some fun, together with new friends made in the first half of the month. In fact, romance looks especially well starred, with a new phase set to begin in your amorous affairs of the heart. Take care with financial matters later in the month.

SCORPIO

23 October–22 November

It has all seemed more than a little bit chaotic in your life lately and that will continue into the early part of the month. But take heart because the stars suggest a transition into a calmer, more ordered phase. Career developments are emphasised this month and you could find that your abilities are all of a sudden rather in demand on the work front. Don't let the appreciation go to your head, though. Planetary influences stir action later in the month, so be sure to make your presence known.

SAGITTARIUS

23 November–20 December

Does each day seem the same? You've been longing for some new experiences and that desire is in the stary spotlight this month as your friendly ruler Jupiter brings some luck to bear. Be alert to new job options in particular, and keep an eye on developments at home. You need to be aware of the opportunities to make the most of your new-found sound judgement. Things may look quiet on the romance front for single Sagittarians but that may change in the latter part of the month.

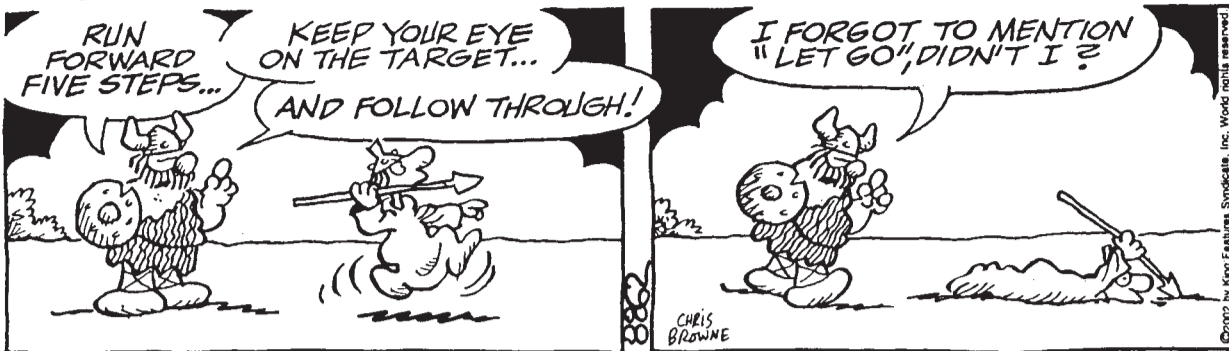
CAPRICORN

21 December–19 January

There's an emphasis on practical activities this month which, coupled with a new dynamism in affairs of the heart, will see you suddenly having very little time to spare! Trust in your own judgement when you're setting your priorities and remember that if you sit on your feelings, you could be sending the completely wrong signal. Workaday worries will ease mid-month but the career indecision you've been experiencing doesn't look likely to disappear yet. Follow your heart on the 21st and 22nd.

Hagar the Horrible

by Chris Browne



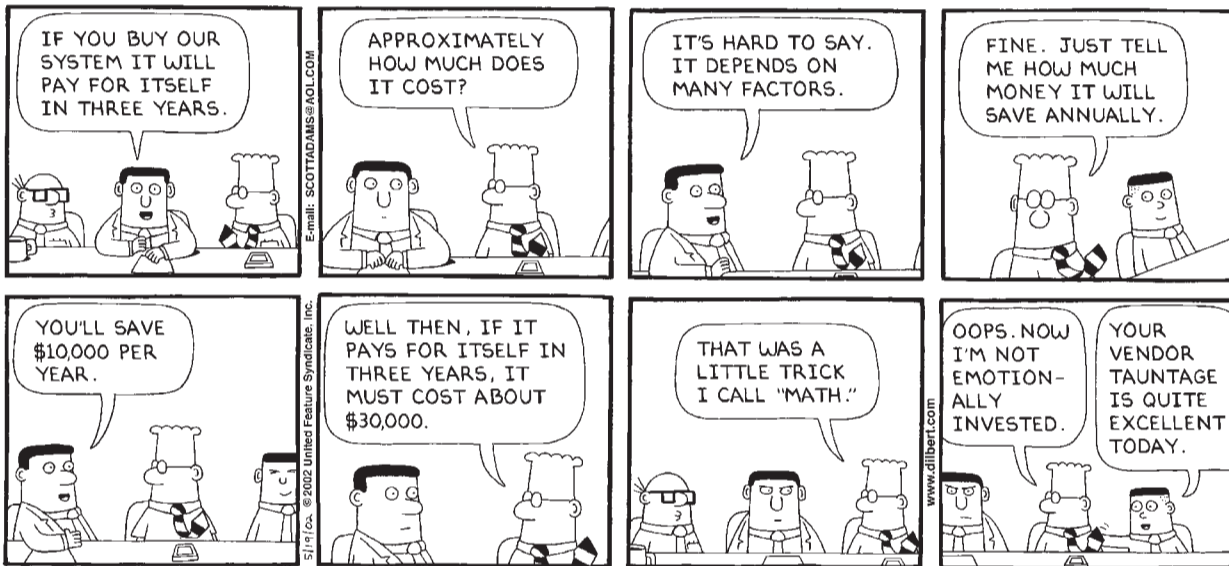
Pooch Café

by Paul Gilligan



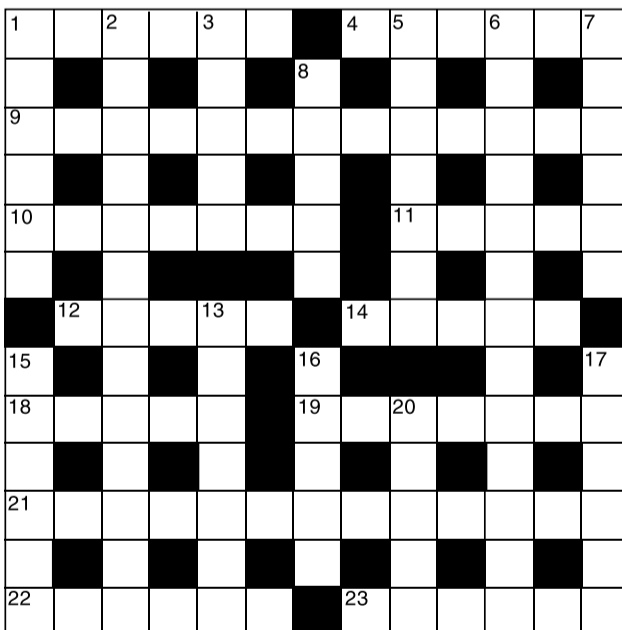
Dilbert

by Scott Adams



DOUBLE CROSSWORD

No 10,005



CRYPTIC CLUES

ACROSS

1. Actually one may be surprised to say it (6)
4. Dazed state produced by Proust! (6)
9. No doubt he's aware of the pressure we're under (13)
10. Ask for another search? (7)
11. Talk or eat perhaps (5)
12. They may be strung up by the neck! (5)
14. Not qualified to speak (5)
18. Odds that aren't! (5)
19. A gentle arrangement showing grace (7)
21. Beer for two kinds of weather (4, 3, 6)
22. Diatribe I get in traffic (6)
23. Affected by heat from the Red Sea (6)

DOWN

1. Comment about foreign currency (6)
2. He has nothing new to offer (7, 6)
3. Not fast? (5)
5. Escorted on a date to agree to not being at home, it seems (4, 3)
6. Subject a soldier likes to keep to himself? (7, 6)
7. Emphatically declares a preference (6)
8. The price of a suit (5)
13. Disperse and prepare to smoke a cigar (7)
15. He alone is happy (6)
16. One doesn't have to have them (5)
17. Sorted, re-sorted and stocked (6)
20. No longer lie about being an outcast (5)

SOLUTIONS TO PUZZLE 10,004

QUICK
Across: 1 Scarlet fever; 7 Later; 8 Hedge; 9 Inn; 10 Misguided; 11 Thrush; 12 Stigma; 15 Concerned; 17 Egg; 18 Thing; 19 Upset; 21 Near relative.
Down: 1 Sophisticate; 2 Let; 3 Thrash; 4 Exhausted; 5 Ended; 6 Dead language; 7 Liner; 10 Messenger; 13 Great; 14 Endure; 16 Noise; 20 Sea.
CRYPTIC
Across: 1 Indelible ink; 7 Adorn; 8 Error; 9 Via; 10 Spin a yarn; 11 Annual; 12 Starch; 15 De rigueur; 17 Ago; 18 Await; 19 Serum; 21 Charity match.
Down: 1 In love and war; 2 Leo; 3 Bandit; 4 Ever after; 5 Norma; 6 French polish; 7 A-gain; 10 Slaughter; 13 Realm; 14 Tea-set; 16 Reach; 20 Rim.

The grids are the same, but the answers are different. Have fun!

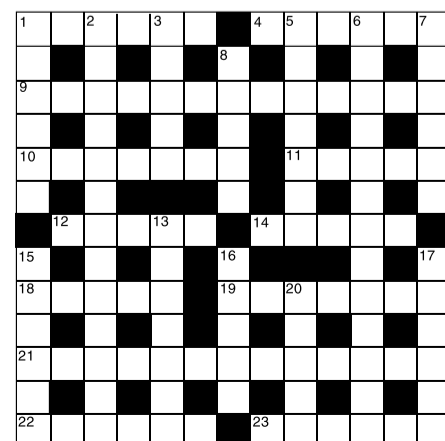
QUICK CLUES

ACROSS

1. Terror (6)
4. Wildly rash (6)
9. Trouble (13)
10. Assemble (7)
11. On high (5)
12. Instant (5)
14. Pier (5)
18. Pure (5)
19. Release (7)
21. Copy (13)
22. Ingenious (6)
23. In the mind (6)

DOWN

1. Wince (6)
2. Thoughtless (13)
3. Begone! (5)
5. Disturb (7)
6. Acrobat (13)
7. Abundance (6)
8. Insurgent (5)
13. Diplomatic skill (7)
15. Vinegary (6)
16. Protect (5)
17. Spring-like (6)
20. Slip (5)



RIVIERA PEOPLE



CURRYING FLAVOUR

KORMA on, guys, just poppadom down on the table... Curry lovers from across the region met up last month at Noori's in Nice for the first of what are planned to be regular open-to-all-comers curry nights. "We're going to find the best curry on the Riviera by working our way through all its Indian restaurants" said organiser Julien Vayssiere (fourth from left).

Also pictured are Adrian Cull, Susie Hermann, Karen Brady and Marten & Gailene Nelson.



He's got a couple of great drivers

...AND some rather nice putters too. Part of the fun of the Grand Prix is the less-public events that happen around it. Our snapper caught up with Marie-Ange Bihouix from Royal Mougins Golf Club with Ron Dennis, a founder club member and the boss of the McLaren F1 team, at a private invitational golf day hosted by Cartier.



Formula 1 winner

READER Sinead O'Regan, below, from Antibes was the lucky winner of our competition to win two tickets to the Monaco Grand Prix.

Sinead, 26, cancelled a planned trip to her native Ireland and took her boyfriend Robert to the race.

Together they run a villa management and catering company, and the high spot of their time on the coast so far was organising a party for Riverdance's Michael Flatley at his home in Villefranche.



● ERIC Scott's Galerie des Arts in les Adrets de l'Estérel is a magnet for celebrities visiting the Riviera.

The gallery, in the centre of the otherwise-quiet village 20km from Cannes, has recently been visited by Pavarotti and model Jerry Hall.

Eric, above, has painted portraits for Mick Jagger, Paul McCartney and Sting, and told *The Gazette* that popstar Robbie Williams recently snapped up five of his works. So how come Scott is so popular in the music business? Its easy - he met and became friends with many of the people destined to become today's music giants when he was at art school in London in the 1960s. A five-year spell in Los Angeles helped, too.

Eric, 57, says the gallery strives for "a modern mix of contemporary arts and music rather than walls full of heather-filled Provençal scenes".

"There are two or three big estates near here in the Estérel, all owned by huge stars. They have many house guests, and they often end up calling by the gallery to see my latest works"



FOOTBALL CRAZY... StarTeam captain HSH Prince Albert and Michael Schumacher, F1 drivers team captain

GP week kicks off with charity match

MICHAEL Schumacher briefly became the world's most expensive footballer when he led his Formula 1 drivers' team out in Menton just before the Grand Prix.

The clash, against HSH Prince Albert's Star Team for Children, was in aid of Monaco-based children's charity AMADE. A crowd of around 3,000 watched the drivers beat the local boys 2-1.

Sportsmen who distinguished themselves on the pitch included F1 driver Giancarlo Fisichella, who played a spirited game, and MotoGP rider Max Biaggi, who somehow managed to play one half of the match for each team.

The Gazette's man of the match, though, was Alex Zanardi, the former Williams F1 driver who lost both legs after an horrific accident last September. His fight to walk again has been a battle against the odds, but he made his way out to the centre spot to kick off the match.

Beforehand, Zanardi presented an \$85,000 cheque to AMADE - money raised when he asked fans to send donations rather than flowers and gifts after his accident.



STANDING START... Former F1 star Alex Zanardi with triple Olympic ski champion Alberto Tomba before the match

A SMALL WORLD...

LOCAL author Alexandra Carew is celebrating a US publishing deal for her first novel, *What Goes Around*. She describes the book as "tongue-in-cheek chick lit; a real page-turner."

"Its the story of a woman who's trying to make sense of her life when it's all going wrong," she told *The Riviera Gazette*.

Alex lives in Saint Jeannet with boyfriend Ed, who's also an author, and a cat called Custard Five Bellies.

She's been on the Riviera for two years after giving up a career as a TV executive in Hong Kong to turn to writing full time.

Alex and Ed met here, but later discovered that they lived just a few hundred metres from each other in Hong Kong for two years.

What Goes Around came out in the UK in April, and can be found in local English book shops.



LIT CHICK... local author Alexandra Carew

Pick of the month

The Riviera Gazette's guide to unmissable events in the month ahead

WORLD CUP WATCHING

For those who love the passion, the flair, the skill, the heroes and the glory, the World Cup can only come too quickly, writes *Chris Brown*.

This year's tournament in Japan and South Korea promises to be a classic. Will the French be the first country to retain the title of world champions since 1962? And can England progress from the Group of Death? Even those who can't stand the repetitive grind of league football will see what all the fuss is about.

So which are the games worth missing work or that blessed lie-in for?

England kick-off their campaign against Sweden on Sunday 2 June at 11:30am. The battle of the titans — England versus Argentina — is on Friday 7 June at 1:30pm. If you don't see any other match, then watch this.

England's final match against Nigeria could either be a glorious ticket to the second round, or a feeble farewell. Dateline Wednesday 12 June at 8:30am.

Irish eyes should be glued to the screen the following day at 8:30am as they take on Cameroon; and on Wednesday 5 June at 1:30pm as they face the mighty Germans.

Brazil, always everyone's favourite other team, seem to have an easy opening group, playing their closest rivals Turkey on Monday 3 June at 11am.

And it all boils down to two teams in the final. Book your seats now in front of your favourite TV screen, preferably with a crowd of friends and an ample supply of beer, for Sunday 30 June at 1pm. Then it will only be another four years to go...

■ The scenic Train des Pignes, which takes passengers through the hills inland of Nice from Annot to Puget-Théniers, will have a regular **steam engine** schedule this summer with connections from Nice. Trains will depart Nice at 8am and will return from Puget-Théniers at 4.50pm on June 2, 9, 16 and 23; July 7, 14, 21 and 28; 5 August; 8 September and October 6 and 13.

■ Tickets are still available for the **Pavarotti** concert on July 6th at Nice's Salle Nikaïa. The Italian tenor is renowned for cancelling concerts at the last minute, but says the Nice show is definitely on. Tickets, from €31 to €141, are available at ticket offices in Carrefour, FNAC and Virgin.

■ The Rallye des Princesses arrives in Juan-les-Pins late afternoon on June 7th, at the end of a five day **ladies-only vintage car race**. A revival of the world's first women's rallying event, held between Paris and St Raphael in 1929, the competitors include a good sprinkling of European royalty and a fabulous selection of vintage cars.

Jubilee celebrations

The British expat community will be raising a glass or two across the Côte d'Azur this month in honour of the Queen's Birthday and her Golden Jubilee, writes *Claire Elliott*.

First up is a Queen's Jubilee Celebration at the church of St John the Evangelist, St Raphael on June 4th.

On June 8th, a Queen's Birthday and Jubilee Garden Party takes place at St John's Church, Menton, opposite the Casino, from 11.30am, organised by the Menton branch of the British Association.

A traditional Queen's Birthday Tea at the Carlton Hotel, Cannes promises to be a stylish affair. To be held on June 10th by France-Grande Bretagne, the event will include a formal toast to the Queen.

The British Association of Monaco is celebrating the Queen's Birthday with a party on June 12th at Le

Meridien Beach Plaza, Monaco from 19:00 and is hosting a Golden Jubilee Summer Ball on June 22nd at the Monte-Carlo Beach Hotel.

June 13th sees the Royal British Legion's birthday and jubilee lunch at the Via Cassia restaurant in the Port of Golfe Juan. There'll be cocktails and canapés to start with, followed by a three course luncheon with wine and coffee.

The British Association of the Alpes-Maritimes and the Var is planning its big Jubilee bash for September, when members have returned from summer trips. Meanwhile, they are organising a picnic day out on the Ile de Sainte Marguerite on Sunday 23rd June. Friends, family and new arrivals in the area are all welcome, you'll need to bring a hamper and pick up the twice hourly ferry from Cannes.



ARE YOU CREATIVE? The organisers of this exhibition in Cannes' Espace Miramar until June 23rd asked hundreds of the world's leading creative forces why they thought they were creative. Now they are asking you too. All the materials are on hand to express your creativity and a local jury will select the five best entries. The exhibition is open daily except Mondays, from 1pm to 6pm. Entry is free.

■ Local artist **Tessa Baker** has a new exhibition of her popular abstract paintings running from June 7th to July 4th at the Gallery Loumani in Valbonne's Place de l'Eglise.

■ Two major cultural festivals take place this month across the Côte d'Azur. June 21st is a national day of music, the **Fête de la Musique**, with most of the region's towns and villages hosting free concerts and musical events during the day and evening and designed to appeal to people of all ages and tastes. Celebrations for the **Fête de la Saint Jean**, St John the Baptist's Saints Day, begin the same day and continue until June 29th. Folk dancing, music and a bonfire are the key ingredients with each town having its own celebration and its own variations on the theme. Festivities are set to last well into the night.

■ A new **air service between Nice and St Tropez** has launched, making a day or weekend trip to the St Tropez area quick and painless. There are five departures a day, the first leaves Nice at 9am and the last leaves St Tropez at 7pm. Flights cost €69 each way.

■ A half century of **glass making** in Biot is the theme of a new exhibition opening on June 8th and running until September 29th at the Maison de l'Artisanat et des Métiers, Biot. The exhibition charts the development of Biot as a centre for artists working in glass since the establishment of the Verrerie de Biot in 1956. The work of over 30 glassmakers will be featured.

■ June is **Garden Month** in Menton with a daily programme of visits to gardens across the town.

■ Beaulieu's Villa Kérylos, a re-creation of a second century greek villa, is offering visitors of all ages the chance to **decorate a greek vase**. All the materials are on hand, plus the assistance of an expert, finished works are properly fired and then ready to collect four days later.

■ If you've got young children, don't miss the **Fête des Enfants** in Cagnes-sur-Mer on June 22nd and 23rd. It's not a huge event, but there's **plenty to keep under 12s happy** for most of the day with bouncy castles, face painting, a small fairground area and an entertainments area.

What's on

Your guide to this month's events on the Riviera

Plenty happens on the Riviera, but how often have you only heard about something *after* the event? You need never miss out again with The Riviera Gazette's comprehensive diary listings...

Listings

Info for readers...

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■ after a listing signifies the last day of an event.

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June 2002

1 Saturday

Kit and the Widow By popular demand, the comedy duo make their fifth visit to the Antibe Theatre, Antibes courtesy of Red Pear Theatre. Tickets cost €23, call 04 93 61 01 71 for reservations.

Les Jeux de Sophia 7,000 people are expected to take part in this year's 8th Annual Sophia Games. Team and individual events take place daily until June 21st and include golf, beach volleyball, football, swimming, rugby, tennis and sailing. The full programme is available on the www.jeuxdesophia.com website or call 04 92 95 64 01.

Portes Ouvertes Cirque Open day today at the Mougins circus school, which offers courses for adults and children aged 8 and over, has an open day today. Tel: 04 93 45 24 65

Bataille de Fleurs Flower parade in the streets of Old Antibes and Port Vauban this afternoon. Flower-covered floats and music bands will pass through the streets with people in traditional Provençal costumes throwing flowers to the crowds. Tel: 04 92 90 53 00 ◆ Jun 2

Les Soirées Estival A series of classical music concerts take place across the region throughout June and nearly all are free of charge. The first takes place tonight at 22:30 at the church in Tourrettes-Levens and features a trumpet group accompanied by the church organist. Tel: 04 93 91 00 16 ◆ Jun 30

Foire des Fleurs Flower fair in Guillaumes village this morning. Tel: 04 93 05 57 76

7th Foire Agricole Agricultural fair in Levens. Tel: 04 93 79 71 00

Ballet Espagnol Alborada Flamenca Twenty top flamenco dancers, with a hundred costumes, perform at the Salle des Variétés, Monaco at 21:00. Tel: +377 92 16 61 16

Don Quixote At the Nice Opera House tonight. Tel: 04 93 13 98 53

Fête des Limaces Candlelit procession through the streets of Tourrette-Levens village, with local children singing traditional songs, starting at around 21.30. Tel: 04 93 91 00 16

Chamber Music Concert at the Musée de la Photographie et de l'Image, Nice at 16:30. Tel: 04 93 80 11 00

Journée Arts et Matières A chance for adults and children to have a go at making things in wood, glass, clay and stone in the Place du Village, Puget-Théniers from 09:30-18:00 Tel: 04 93 05 05 05

Marché Brocante Flea market in Vallauris. Tel: 04 93 63 13 66

Salon de Modélisme Modelling enthusiasts fair at the Stade in La Colle-sur-Loup. Tel: 04 93 32 83 25

Concours Dressage Hippique Dressage competition at the riding school in Villeneuve-Loubet. Tel: 04 93 20 99 64

6th Rallye de Nice The Jean Behra Historic Rally from St Martin-Vesubie to Nice. Tel: 04 92 14 48 00 ◆ Jun 2

2 Sunday

The Forum Young ex-pat social group gets together for its regular monthly social evening at the Hop Store in Vieil Antibes from 20:00. Tel: 06 22 82 16 18

Fête de la Forêt Forest festival in Plan Sarrain, Mougins-Sartoux. Compete in a running race in the forest at 09:00 or take in a nature walk around Mougins-Sartoux at 09:30. There is free paella at 13:00 in the forest, where firemen will put on a forest fire fighting display. There's also an exhibition about animals and plants, and at 14:30 a mountain bike race, open to all. Tel: 04 92 92 43 56

Fête des Portugais Festival organised by the Portuguese Association of Monaco, on Roquebrune-Cap-Martin's Esplanade Jean Gioan. Portuguese dancing, food and other traditional Portuguese festivities, today and tomorrow. Tel: 04 93 35 62 87 ◆ Jun 3

Matinées Piétonnes Each summer Cagnes-sur-Mer partly closes the coast road at Cros-de-Cagnes on the first Sunday morning of the month to give people the chance to walk, roller-skate or cycle along the seafront and take in the views. This year, the town is closing the road in one direction this morning, July 7th, September 1st and October 6th. Tel: 04 93 20 61 64

8th Fête de Sant-Aloi Festival celebrating the provençal language, traditions and way of life in Biot all day. Children get a chance to tour the village in handcars. Tel: 04 93 6578 00

Les 50km de Grasse Walking race. Departs Cours H Cresp at 09:00. Tel: 04 93 09 18 33

Les Soirées Estival The Nice Philharmonic Orchestra perform at the church in La Roquette-sur-Var at 17:00. Free entry. Tel: 04 93 08 40 21

Breil Capitale de l'Eau Breil-sur-Roya opens its tourist season today with water sports, activities and exhibitions. Tel: 04 93 04 99 99

Fête du Pain In Place des Tilleuls, Lucéram. Villagers gather around a communal oven and the local bakers prepare pizzas and bread to share, starting at 10:00. Tel: 04 93 79 46 50

Fête Religieuse Religious festival where the townspeople walk slowly through candle-lined streets, with the children singing traditional songs. Starts at 21:00 in Gilette. Tel: 04 93 08 57 19

Le Voeu de Nice In Place St François, Nice from 10:00 to 19:00. Tel: 04 97 13 21 21

Vents d'Ouest Sailing competition organised by the Villefranche-sur-Mer yacht club. Tel: 04 93 01 72 16

Concert Découverts Jeunes Concert featuring young soloists from the Nice Philharmonic Orchestra at the Nice Opera House at 11:00. Tel: 04 92 17 40 40

Triathlon de Cap d'Ail Triathlon competition in Cap d'Ail. Tel: 04 93 78 96 40

Vide-Greniers Car boot sales in Beaulieu-sur-Mer's Place de la Libération from 07:00 to 19:00 and Opi's Espace Commercial.

Bataille de Fleurs See Jun 1 ■
6th Rallye de Nice See Jun 1 ■

3 Monday

Concours International de Solistes de Jazz International jazz competition at the Salle des Variétés, Monaco at 20:30. Tel: +377 92 16 61 16

Fête des Portugais See Jun 2 ■

4 Tuesday

Queen's Jubilee Celebration At the church of St John the Evangelist in St Raphael, with members of the local French community and the congregation. A huge response means that there are no places left for this event.
Monaco-USA Meets at the Grand Hotel, Monte-Carlo at 19:00. Tel: 06 78 63 15 73

5 Wednesday

Les Voiles d'Antibes The opening event in the season's classic yachting calendar with sixty of the Med's top classic yachts taking part in inshore races easily viewed from the harbour. Highlights include the Match Racing duels in front of the walls of Vieil Antibes. Tel: 04 93 34 442 47 ♦ Jun 9

13th Journées de l'Environnement National Environment Day sees the start of five days of activities with a nature discovery theme in Valbonne. There are various courses and activities this afternoon, Thursday and Friday (pre-booking required) plus free exhibitions today and tomorrow. On Saturday afternoon there's the chance for children to find out how to make items such as model boats, catapults and windmills, at the Salle des Fêtes, and Sunday offers a choice of three guided walks, departing Pont de la Verrière at 09:00. Tel: 04 93 12 31 54 ♦ Jun 9

6 Thursday

31st Festival International du Jeune Soliste Five performances featuring young soloists, accompanied by the Monte-Carlo Philharmonic Orchestra, at the Chantier Naval Opéra, Antibes at 20:30 tonight and on June 11th, 12th, 14th and 16th. Tel: 04 93 74 23 84 ♦ Jun 16

Peter Nathanson Concert at the Espace Centre, Cagnes-sur-Mer at 21:00. Tel: 04 93 20 71 40

Crescendo Presents two one-act operas at the Théâtre des Variétés, Monaco tonight and on June 14th and 15th. Tel: +377 93 25 82 39 ♦ Jun 15

Trio à Cordes Concert in the Auditorium of the Musée Marc Chagall, Nice at 20:30. Tel: 04 93 53 87 20

Les Voiles d'Antibes See Jun 5

13th Journées de l'Environnement See Jun 5

7 Friday

Bal de l'Été A thousand of the world's brightest young things descend on Monaco for the invitation-only Bal de l'Été. Tel: +377 92 16 61 16 ♦ Jun 9

Les Heures Musical Richard Galliano in concert at the church in Biot at 21:00. Tel: 04 93 65 07 06

Les Moments Musicaux de la Citadelle Series of concerts in Villefranche-sur-Mer starts tonight with a performance by the Orchestre Symphonique Azuréen at St Michel church at 21:00. The Citadelle itself is the venue for a baroque music concert on June 14th, a harp recital on June 20th and a performance by the Palm Cordes quartet on June 28th, all starting at 21:00. Tel: 04 93 01 73 68

Orchestre Philharmonique de Nice Performs works by Prokofiev, Koering and Chostakovitch at the Nice Opera House at 20:00 tonight and at 16:00 tomorrow. Tel: 04 92 17 40 40 ♦ Jun 8

Les Voiles d'Antibes See Jun 5

13th Journées de l'Environnement See Jun 5

8 Saturday

Queen's Birthday and Jubilee Garden Party Organised by the Menton branch of the British Association at St John's Church, Menton, opposite the Casino, from 11.30am. Tel: 04 93 99 04 28

Ouvertures des Festivités d'Été Events all day in Place de Gaulle, Cagnes-sur-Mer to celebrate the opening of the summer season. Tel: 04 93 20 61 64

Nice en Roller Cup Roller skating championship on the Promenade des Anglais, Nice at 21.00 tonight and tomorrow during the day. Tel: 04 93 80 62 83 ♦ Jun 9

Fête de la St Barnabé Festival in the village of St Martin d'Entraunes. There's a dance this evening and a grand picnic tomorrow from noon. Tel: 04 93 05 05 05 ♦ Jun 9

Soirée Cubanissimo Music in Biot's Place de Gaulle from 18:00 to 20:00. Tel: 04 93 65 07 02

Orchestre Symphonique Azuréen Concert at Gilette church at 21:00. Tel: 04 93 08 57 19

The Best of Blues Brothers Performance at the Casino Ruhl, Nice at 21:00. Tel: 04 97 03 12 22

Foire Agricole Agricultural fair in the Place du Village, Puget-Theniers all day. Tel: 04 93 05 05 05

Vide-Grenier In Villars-sur-Var village all day. Tel: 04 93 05 32 32

XIXth Rencontre de Choroales d'Enfants Annual get together of childrens' choirs, with performances at the Palais des Festivals, Cannes at 20:30 tonight and at 15:00 tomorrow. Also at La Palestre, Le Cannet on June 15. Tel: 04 93 72 47 60 ♦ Jun 15

Les Journées de la Préhistoire Demonstrations of ancient Throwing Stick weaponry and a competition plus other demonstrations of prehistoric life in the region, in the village of Tende today and tomorrow. Tel: 04 93 04 73 71 ♦ Jun 9

The Transvésubienne Cross country cycling competition in La Colmiane. Tel: 04 93 23 25 90 ♦ Jun 9

Les Soirées Estival Myb'Unit at the old chapel in Bendejun at 21:00. Free Entry. Tel: 04 93 91 74 74

Les Voiles d'Antibes See Jun 5

Orchestre Philharmonique de Nice See Jun 7

13th Journées de l'Environnement See Jun 5

Bal de l'Été See Jun 7

9 Sunday

Cendrillon The Ballet de l'Opéra de Nice performs a new ballet based on the fairytale story of Cinderella, at the Nice Opera House at 20:00 on June 14th, 15th and 21st and at 16:00 on June 16th and 23rd. This morning at 11:00 you can see a preview of the ballet with commentary from the director Marc Ribaud free of charge at the opera house. Tel: 04 92 17 40 40 ♦ Jun 23

Vintage Car Rally The annual get together of vintage cars on the Esplanade Francis Palmero, Menton with prizes for the best car on display. Organised by the Automobile Club of Menton. From 08:30 to 17:00. Tel: 04 93 35 77 39

Fête du Judo Judo festival in Breil-sur-Roya and Valdeblore, 10:00 to 19:00. Tel: 04 93 04 67 35

Orchestra Régional Cannes PACA Concert at the Chantier Naval Opéra, Antibes at 20:30. Tel: 04 93 74 23 84

Vide-Greniers Car boot sales today in Col d'Eze, Gattières' Place des Déportés, Place du Grand Jardin and the old town in Vence, Tourrettes-sur-Loup and the Dojo in Peymeinade .

Foire au Troc Swapshop in the Parking du Pré, Gilette. Tel: 04 93 08 57 19

Les 6 Heures de VTT Cross country cycling in Levens. Tel: 04 93 79 71 00

Journée Chevalets Local artists show their work in St Vallier-de-Thiey. Tel: 04 93 70 41 25

Le Chant des Balles The Théâtre de Grasse presents a small contemporary circus display at 16:00 with a single juggler and a musician playing renaissance music on the lute and mandolin. Tickets cost €9, €13 or €16. Tel: 04 93 40 53 00

Festival de Musique Sacrée Major religious music festival in the churches of Vieux Nice begins today and runs until June 28th. The festival starts today with a special mass at the Cathédrale Ste Réparate at 10:00. Tel: 04 97 13 36 89 ♦ Jun 28

Marché Bio Local organic food producers' market in Place Marinoni, Beaulieu-sur-Mer. Tel: 04 93 01 02 21

Les Voiles d'Antibes See Jun 5

XIXth Rencontre de Choroales d'Enfants See Jun 8

Nice en Roller Cup See Jun 8

Fête de la St Barnabé See Jun 8

Les Journées de la Préhistoire See Jun 8

The Transvésubienne See Jun 8

Festival de Musique Sacrée See Jun 9

13th Journées de l'Environnement See Jun 5

Bal de l'Été See Jun 7

10 Monday

Queen's Birthday Tea The annual tea party organised by France-Grande Bretagne takes place today in honour of the Queen's birthday and the Jubilee at the Hotel Carlton, Cannes from 16:00 to 18:00. Tel: 04 93 99 04 28

Royal British Legion Get together at the Inn, Valbonne at 18:30. Tel: 04 93 64 29 79

Festival de Musique Sacrée The Cathédrale Ste Réparate in Vieux Nice is the venue for an organ recital by Olivier Vernet at 20:30. See Jun 9

11 Tuesday

Festival de Musique Sacrée The Darius Milhaud Quartet in concert at the church of St Martin St Augustin, Vieux Nice. See Jun 9

31st Festival International du Jeune Soliste See Jun 6

12 Wednesday

Queen's Birthday Party The British Association of Monaco celebrate the Queen's birthday at Le Meridien Beach Plaza, Monaco from 19:00. €20 for members, €30 for non-members. New members always welcome. Tel: +377 93 50 19 52

AMIAC Monthly social get together of the Alpes-Maritimes International Aperitif Club at Le Cougouline, Cannes. New members always welcome. Tel: 04 92 97 50 72

7th Fête du Sport Sports festival at the Parc des Sports, the Yacht Club and the Boulodrome in Villeneuve-Loubet. This afternoon, from 14:00, primary school age children have the chance to compete and play all sorts of games including football, tennis, table tennis, volleyball, and also to try sailing. The fun continues on Saturday, but without the sailing. Tel: 04 93 20 20 48 ♦ Jun 15

Festival de Musique Sacrée Harpsichord and organ concert at 17:00 in the Chapelle Ste Croix, Vieux Nice and a concert by the Vocal Russe de Nice quartet at the church of St-François de Paule, Vieux Nice at 20:30. See Jun 9

31st Festival International du Jeune Soliste See Jun 6

13 Thursday

Queen's Birthday and Jubilee Luncheon The Royal British Legion celebrates at the Via Cassia restaurant, Golfe Juan port from 12.30. Tel: 04 93 64 29 79

Weekend Créole Themed weekend with parades, exhibitions, events and Creole cuisine in Villefranche-sur-Mer. The main events take place on Saturday beginning with a parade through the town at 12:00, a Creole fashion parade at 14:30 and a Creole dinner in the open air theatre at 21:00. Tel: 04 93 01 73 68 ♦ Jun 17

Jumping International de Cannes Showjumping competition at the Stade des Hespérides, Cannes Tel: 04 92 98 62 77 ♦ Jun 15

14 Friday

Beach Volleyball Tournament Top ladies beach volleyball teams from around the world, including Sydney Olympic gold medallists Natalie Cook and Kerri Pottharst, compete on the beach by the Palais des Festivals, Cannes. Tel: 04 93 39 24 53 ♦ Jun 16

Kenshibudo Demonstration of Japanese military arts at the Hayabushi school from Kobe, Japan at the Musée des Arts Asiatique, Nice at 19:00. Tel: 04 92 29 37 00

Norah Amsellem and Dalton Baldwin In concert at Biot's church at 21:00. Tel: 04 93 65 07 02

Soirées Lyrique The Ensemble Orchestral Crescendo performs works by Donizetti and Puccini's Il Campanello at the Salle des Variétés, Monaco today and tomorrow at 20:30. Tel: +377 92 16 61 16 ♦ Jun 15

Les Soirées Estival The Philharmonic Orchestra performs at the Chantier Naval Opéra, Antibes at 20:30. Tel: 04 93 95 92 55

Gala de Danse At the Salle des Sports, Cagnes-sur-Mer until June 16th. Tel: 04 92 02 61 80 ♦ Jun 16

4th Disabled Tennis Championship At the Parc des Sports Pierre Sauvage, Cagnes-sur-Mer. Tel: 04 93 73 02 52 ♦ Jun 16

Le Sacré du Printemps Stravinsky's ballet performed at the Nice Opera House at 20:00 tonight and June 15, 16 and 18 plus a performance at 16:00 on June 16. Tel: 04 92 17 40 40 ♦ Jun 18

Festival de Musique Sacrée The Cathédrale Ste-Réparate, Vieux Nice is the venue for Rossini's Petite Messe at 20:30 See Jun 9

31st Festival International du Jeune Soliste See Jun 6

Jumping International de Cannes See Jun 13

Weekend Créole See Jun 13

Les Moments Musicaux de la Citadelle See Jun 7

Cendrillon See Jun 9

Crescendo See Jun 6

15 Saturday

Terres Méditerranéennes 40 top potters from France, Monaco and Italy display original

works on Monaco's Port Hercule today and tomorrow, from 09:00 to 19:00. Beginners' pottery workshops will also be on offer, along with practical demonstrations, and a potters' market. Tel: +377 93 15 22 22 ♦ Jun 16

Fête de la St Antoine Pilgrimage and picnic in Ilonse. Tel: 04 93 02 03 49

Fête de l'Été Summer fete at the Espace Commercial, Opio. Tel: 04 93 77 42 35

L'Ensemble Vocal d'Antibes Choral concert at the church in Biot at 20:30. Tel: 04 93 65 07 02

Gala d'Arts Martiaux Japonais Japanese martial arts evening at Salle Falcoz, Vence from 20:30. Tel: 04 93 58 03 88

Stand de Tir Archery competition in Breil-sur-Roya from 10:00 to 16:00. Tel: 04 93 04 47 28

Stage Cirque Weekend circus school for children aged 8 and up at Mougins Circus School begins today. Tel: 04 93 45 24 65 ♦ Jun 16

Sailing: Reuters Trophy In the bay of Monaco. Tel: +377 92 16 61 16 ♦ Jun 16

Fencing: 28th Challenge Prince Albert Fencing tournament for 14 to 17 year olds at Stade Louis II, Monaco. Tel: +377 92 05 40 78 ♦ Jun 16

Jumping International de Cannes See Jun 13

Soirées Lyrique See Jun 14

Le Sacré du Printemps See Jun 14

XIXth Rencontre de Choroales d'Enfants See Jun 8

Weekend Créole See Jun 13

Cendrillon See Jun 9

4th Disabled Tennis Championship See Jun 14

Gala de Danse See Jun 14

Beach Volleyball Tournament See Jun 14

Crescendo See Jun 6

7th Fête du Sport See Jun 11

16 Sunday

Fête des Pères Fathers' Day.
L'Odyssée d'Ulysse Modern sailors recreate the voyage of Ulysses. They depart from Cannes' Palm Beach port today for a 1,680 mile journey to Greece and Italy taking in Giglio Island, where the hero met the Goddess Circé, Ischia for the mermaids, the Eoliennes Islands where he encountered the Cyclops, the Detroit of Messine for the monsters Scylla and Charybdis, and finally finishing in Civitavecchia, Italy. Tel: 04 93 34 85 54

Journée Chevalets Artists show their work in the streets of Lucéram from 09:00. Tel: 04 93 79 46 50

Antoinio Politano Wood flute concert at the Château, Mouans-Sartoux at 17:00. Free entry. Tel: 04 93 75 75 16

Festival de Musique Sacrée Concert of religious music by Mozart at 10:00 today and June 23rd at the Cathédrale Ste-Réparate, Vieux Nice. See Jun 9

Terres Méditerranéennes See Jun 15

31st Festival International du Jeune Soliste See Jun 6

Le Sacré du Printemps See Jun 14

Weekend Créole See Jun 13

Sailling: Reuters Trophy See Jun 15

Cendrillon See Jun 9

Gala de Danse See Jun 14

4th Disabled Tennis Championship See Jun 14

Beach Volleyball Tournament See Jun 14

Stage Cirque See Jun 15

Fencing: 28th Challenge Prince Albert See Jun 15

17 Monday

Festival de Musique Sacrée Organ and tuba recital at 20:30 at the Cathédrale Ste-Réparate, Vieux Nice. See Jun 9

Weekend Créole See Jun 13

18 Tuesday

Monte-Carlo Voice Masters International competition open to singers who have reached the finals of the world's leading singing competitions. Elimination rounds take place daily until the final on June 22nd when the two finalists, accompanied by the Orchestra Philharmonique de Monaco, compete for a prize of €30,000. At the Auditorium Rainier III, Monaco. Tel: +377 92 16 61 16 ♦ Jun 22

Festival de Musique Sacrée Gospel music at the church of St-Françoise de Paule, Vieux Nice at 20:30. See Jun 9

Le Sacré du Printemps See Jun 14

19 Wednesday

Red Hot Chili Peppers At the Salle Nikaia, Nice. Sold out!

Forum Happy Hours Free concerts every evening on the Esplanade du Grimaldi,

Monaco from 19:30 to 21:00 until June 23rd. Tel: +377 92 16 61 16 ♦ Jun 23

Festival de Musique Sacrée Choral concert, with music by Mozart and Schubert, at the church of St Martin St Augustin, Vieux Nice at 17:30. Also Brahms' Requiem, performed by the Nice Philharmonic Orchestra and the Choir of the Opéra de Nice, at the Cathédrale Ste Réparate, Vieux Nice at 20:30 today and tomorrow. See Jun 9

Monte-Carlo Voice Masters See Jun 18

20 Thursday

Carros Danse Contemporary dance festival at the Villa Barbary in Carros, runs from today until June 22nd. Today sees two contemporary dance performances, tomorrow there's a hip-hop inspired performance and Saturday sees three performances including one inspired by Japanese Haiku poetry. Tickets cost €10. Tel: 04 93 29 31 89

Christelle Sery Classical guitar recital at the CUM, Nice at 18:00. Tel: 04 97 13 46 10

Les Moments Musicaux de la Citadelle See Jun 7

Festival de Musique Sacrée See Jun 19

Forum Happy Hours See Jun 19

Monte-Carlo Voice Masters See Jun 18

21 Friday

Valbonne Boules Tournament The annual expat boules tournament takes place today from 17:30 at the boulodrome in Valbonne, opposite the Salles des Fêtes. The event is more social than sporting – no particular expertise or experience is necessary to join in the fun. Tel: 04 93 12 21 42

Garden Party The British Association's annual Summer garden party takes place today in the gardens of Holy Trinity Church, Nice from 18:00. New members always welcome. Tel: 04 93 86 04 77

Hic! Red Pear Theatre presents Hic!, a lighthearted history of wine and wine-making written and performed by Julian Curry. At the Antibéa Theatre, Antibes at 20:00 tonight and tomorrow night. Tickets costs €23. Tel: 04 93 61 01 71 ♦ Jun 22

Fête de la Musique The annual national festival of music this year sees many events taking place across the region with performances in Antibes, Auribeau, Beaulieu, Beausoleil, Biot, Cagnes, Cannes, La Colle, Bar-sur-Loup, Lucéram, Mandelieu, Monaco, Mouans-Sartoux, Mougins, Nice, Opio, Roquebrune, St Laurent-du-Var, St Paul, Valbonne, Vallauris, Vence, Villefranche, Villeneuve-Loubet and many of the smaller towns inland. Look out for posters in your area. Tel: 04 92 14 48 00

Fête de la Saint Jean Festivities across the region celebrating St John the Baptist's saint's day. Folk dancing, music and a bonfire are the key ingredients, but each town has its own variations. In Cabris and La Gaude today, Le Bar-sur-Loup today until June 23rd, La Collesur-Loup, Mouans-Sartoux, Opio, St-Paul-de-Vence and Valbonne tomorrow, St Jean Cap Ferrat from June 22 to 24, Biot, Mandelieu-La Napoule and Mougins on June 23rd, Monaco on June 23 and 24, Mougins, Tourrettes-sur-Loup and Vence on June 24th and Antibes Juan-les-Pins and St Paul-de-Vence on June 29th. Local tourist office have full details of the programme of events in their towns or call Nice tourist office on 04 92 14 48 00. ♦ Jun 29

Maritimus 2002 Weekend of activities, exhibitions and festivities with a sea faring theme at Villeneuve-Loubet's Marina Baie des Anges. Tel: 04 92 02 66 16 ♦ Jun 23

Via Alpina Launch of new long-distance walking paths with a procession from the Jardin Exotique, Monaco to La Turbie. Tel: +377 92 16 61 16

Fête Patronal de la Rougelle St Etienne-de-Tinée celebrates its patron saint's day. Tel: 04 93 23 02 66

Riviera Diary

Exhibition of Comic Strip Art Mostly French, but some international comic strip art. Many of the artists will be there. Open 10:00 to 19:00 until June 23rd at the Palais des Congrès in Juan-les-Pins. Tel: 04 92 90 53 00 ♦ Jun 23
Monte-Carlo Voice Masters See Jun 18
Forum Happy Hours See Jun 19
Cendrillon See Jun 9

22 Saturday

Fête des Enfants & 1st Festival du Cirque Childrens' festival aimed at 3-14 year olds, with a supervised play area for under-3s. Face painting, painting, sculpture, bouncy castles, clowns and games. Open from 10:00 to 18:00 today and tomorrow. Tickets €15 for a full day, €10 for a half day, at Parc des Canebières Sud, Cagnes-sur-Mer. Also a magic show for adults and children tonight at 20:45 at the Gymnase Pierre Sauvaigo. Tickets are €20 for adults, €10 for children. Tel: 04 93 20 61 64 ♦ Jun 23
Golden Jubilee Summer Ball The British Association of Monaco celebrates the Queen's Golden Jubilee with a ball at the Monte-Carlo Beach Hotel. Tel: +377 93 50 19 52
Fête de la Mer Sailing, fishing and water sports festival in the Baie de Monaco to celebrate St Peter's Day. Tel: +377 92 16 61 16
Fête de la Saint Pierre St Peter's day festival on the Quai des Etats-Unis, Nice today and tomorrow. Tel: 04 97 13 21 21 ♦ Jun 23
Fête de la St Claude Boules tournament in Vallauris old town this afternoon, and a walking race tomorrow. Tel: 04 93 64 77 98 ♦ Jun 23
Semi-Marathon des Trois Communes Departs Carros village at 17:00 for Gattières and Le Broc. Tel: 04 93 29 25 16
Les Soirées Estival Noëlle Perna at the Chapiteau, Roquebillière at 21:00. Tel: 04 93 03 51 60
Raid Pédestre Cro Magnan Long distance walk from Limone to Cap d'Ail, today and tomorrow. Tel: 04 93 44 74 87
Classic'Azur Concert at the Palais des Congrès, Juan-les-Pins at 16:30. Tel: 04 92 93 14 13 ♦ Jun 23
Viennese Magic Ball Ball at the Metropole Hotel, Monaco, Tel: +377 92 16 61 16
Concours National de Pétanque National Pétanque competition at the Hippodrome, Cagnes-sur-Mer. Tel: 04 93 14 11 14
Fête de la Photo Amateur photographers exhibit their photos in the Place du Village, Lucéram all day. Tel: 04 93 79 46 50
Gala de l'Académie de Danse Performances by the Monaco Dance Academy at the Grimaldi Forum, Monaco today and tomorrow. Tel: +377 99 99 30 00
Année Internationale de la Montagne Guided walk from the village of Peillon in the afternoon, followed by a concert in the village

at 20:30. Part of the International Year of the Mountain celebrations. Tel: 04 93 91 98 34
Concours Régional des Accordéonistes de France Accordion players perform in competition at the Salle Cinéma, Vallauris. Tel: 04 93 63 05 57
Viracocha Folk music concert in Place de Gaulle, Biot at 20:30. Free entry. Tel: 04 93 65 78 00
Festival de Musique Sacrée The Ensemble Vocal Polyphonium performs 'Jubilate Jazz' at St Martin St Augustin church, Vieux Nice at 20:30. See Jun 9
Monte-Carlo Voice Masters See Jun 18
Forum Happy Hours See Jun 19
Galas de Dance See Jun 21 ♦
Salon Bionazur See Jun 21
Maritimus 2002 See Jun 21
Fête de la Saint Jean See Jun 21
Hi! See Jun 21
Exhibition of Comic Strip Art See Jun 21

23 Sunday

Island Picnic The British Association is organising a picnic on the island of Ste Marguerite today, for members, guests and newcomers from across the region. Boats to the island leave Cannes every 30 minutes. Bring a picnic and join in the fun! Tel: 04 93 97 33 02
Journée du Patrimoine du Pays National Heritage Day celebrating rural traditions and history with events in the villages of Levens, Entraunes, Gilette, Guillaumes, Lucéram, Peillon, St Martin-Vésubie, St Vallier-de-Thiery and Villars-sur-Var, plus an exhibition in Nice. Tel: 04 92 14 48 00
L'Orchestra de Chambre de la Côte d'Azur In concert at the Anglican church in Beaulieu-sur-Mer. Tel: 04 93 01 45 61
3rd Randonnée du Sentier des Villages Perchés Walk the footpath linking the perched villages of the Mercantour, departs Tende at 08:45. Tel: 04 93 04 92 05
Journée Chevalets Local artists display their works in the streets of Auribeau-sur-Siagne from 11:00 to 18:00. Tel: 04 92 60 20 20
Les Soirées Estival Three free concerts today, at the Salle des Gîtes, Rimplas at 15:30 (Tel: 04 93 02 80 93), at the church in Roquestéron at 17:00 (Tel: 04 93 05 92 92) and the Salle de la Mairie, Séranon at 18:00 (Tel: 04 93 60 30 40).
Procession From Eze to Notre Dame de Laghet at 08:30. Tel: 04 92 10 60 60
Marché Antiquités The annual La Gaude antiques fair takes place today in the village centre. Tel: 04 93 24 47 26
Marché Antiquités Brocantes Antiques and flea market in the Place du Château and Place Grimaldi, Haut de Cagnes. Tel: 04 93 22 19 24
Les Peintres dans la Rue Local painters display their works in Le Rouret's Place de la Libération. Tel: 04 93 77 41 45

Concours de Parachutistes Parachuting competition in Levens. Tel: 04 93 79 71 00
Voice Masters See Jun 17 ♦
Forum Happy Hours See Jun 19 ♦
Salon Bionazur See Jun 21 ♦
Maritimus 2002 See Jun 21 ♦
Fête de la Saint Jean See Jun 21 ♦
Fête des Enfants et du Cirque See Jun 22 ♦
Classic'Azur See Jun 22 ♦
Fête de la Saint Pierre See Jun 22 ♦
Fête de la St Claude See Jun 22 ♦
Exhibition of Comic Strip Art See Jun 21 ♦
Festival de Musique Sacrée See June 16
Cendrillon See Jun 9 ♦

24 Monday

Gala de Natation Synchronisée Synchronised swimming galas at Cagnes-sur-Mer pool ♦ Jul 2
Festival de Musique Sacrée Performance of Durufle's Requiem at 20:30 in the Cathédrale Ste Réparate, Vieux Nice. See Jun 9
Fête de la Saint Jean See Jun 21

25 Tuesday

Foire Village fair in St Etienne-de-Tinée. Tel: 04 93 23 02 66
Les Soirées Estival The Nice Philharmonic Orchestra perform at the Jardin de la Villa Thuret at 19:00. Tel: 04 93 67 88 66
Gala de Natation Synchronisée See Jun 24

26 Wednesday

Wine and Cheese Evening In Draguinan, with the Var branch of the British Association. New members always welcome, cost €5. Tel: 04 94 47 06 28
Orchestra Philharmonique de Monaco Concert for children, based on the story of Babar the elephant, at the Auditorium Rainier III, Monaco at 16:00. Tel: +377 92 16 61 16
Gala de Natation Synchronisée See Jun 24
Festival de Musique Sacrée See Jun 9

27 Thursday

XIII International Showboats International Boat show for prestigious new and second-hand leisure yachts in the port of Monaco. Tel: +377 92 16 61 16 ♦ Jun 30
Festival de Théâtre et de Danse Dance and theatre in the church square, Roquebrune-Cap-Martin at 21:00 every evening until July 7th. Tel: 04 93 35 62 87 ♦ Jul 7
Festival de Musique Sacrée The religious music festival closes with two performances of Puccini's Messa di Gloria and Vivaldi's Gloria at the Cathédrale Ste Réparate, Vieux Nice at 20:30 today and tomorrow. See Jun 9
Gala de Natation Synchronisée See Jun 24

28 Friday

Prize Giving and Graduation Ceremony At Mougins School from 18:30. Tel: 04 93 90 15 47
Grand Fête de la St Pierre Antibes celebrates the festival of St Peter, the patron saint of fishermen, with a weekend of festivities. Tel: 04 93 33 40 68 ♦ Jun 30
Mozart's Requiem At St Jacques church, La Colle-sur-Loup at 20:30. Tel: 04 93 32 77 26
Le Sporting: Opening Night Fireworks and gala evening at Le Sporting, Monaco for its 2002 summer season opening night. Tel: +377 92 16 61 16
5th Festival d'Art Baroque This annual festival takes place in Sospel, Breil-sur-Roya, Fontan, Saorge, La Brigue and Tende. It includes baroque music concerts, recitals, period theatre, dancing, banquets, activities in the streets and demonstrations of traditional craftsmanship. The festival runs until July 7th. A full programme is available on the festival website, www.lesbaroquiales.org
Gala de Natation Synchronisée See Jun 24
Festival de Musique Sacrée See Jun 27 ♦
Festival de Théâtre & de Danse See Jun 27
XIII International Showboats Rendez-Vous See Jun 27
Les Moments Musicaux de la Citadelle See Jun 7

29 Saturday

Les Peintres dans la Rue Local painters display their work for sale in Place de Gaulle, Cagnes-sur-Mer. Tel: 04 93 20 61 64
Christine Gastaud & Yva Fenouil Piano recital in Gilette church at 18:00. Tel: 04 93 08 57 19
Musiciens en Fête Music festival at the Théâtre de Verdure du Loup, Villeneuve-Loubet. Tel: 04 92 02 60 50
Fête de la St Pierre et St Paul Two day festival at Plan d'Ariou, Tourrettes-Levens. Tel: 04 93 91 00 16 ♦ Jun 30
Fête de la St Pierre St Peter's day festivities in Villefranche-sur-Mer's Port de la Santé this evening, and in Beaulieu-sur-Mer today and tomorrow. Tel: 04 93 01 02 21 ♦ Jun 30
Les Soirées Estival Three performances today: The Campelières Circus School performs in Place A Maiffredi, St-Martin-du-Var at 15:30, the PACA regional choir is at the Amphithéâtre de la Mer, Cap d'Ail at 21:00 and the Compagnie Vis Fabula performs in Place Frédéric-Mistral, St-Vallier-de-Thiery at 21:00. The first two events are free of charge.
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Fête de la Saint Jean See Jun 21 ♦
Gala de Natation Synchronisée See Jun 24
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Fête des Genêts See Jun 29 ♦
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Fête de la Modélisme See Jun 29 ♦
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WORLD SPORTS ROUND-UP

ATHLETICS Former world 200m champion Merlene Ottey hopes to run for Slovenia in the European Championships after turning her back on Jamaica. The 41-year-old sprinter is still waiting for international clearance but expects it to come through in time for the Munich spectacle in August. Ottey tested positive for the banned anabolic steroid nandrolone in July 1999 and was banned by the IAAF. She was eventually cleared in June 2000 after the world governing body criticised the laboratory that carried out the test.

CRICKET England have turned to the raw pace of Glamorgan's young fast bowler Simon Jones for the second test against Sri Lanka at Edgbaston. It is hoped the 23-year-old can unsettle the tourists' batsmen who dominated the English bowlers at Lords in the first test. The match ended in a draw — Sri Lanka made 555-8 declared in their first innings and, despite making England follow-on, superb centuries from Mark Butcher and Michael Vaughan saved the game for England.

FOOTBALL Whilst the world's best are at the World Cup, Premiership managers are lining up their transfer targets for next season. Manchester looks set to be at the centre of it all. United manager Sir Alex Ferguson has admitted the Reds' defence needs major reinforcements — Roberto Ayala of Valencia is strongly tipped to sign. In the blue half of Manchester, Kevin Keegan has already strengthened his newly promoted charges with French striker Nicolas Anelka. The former Arsenal and Real Madrid hit-man was released by Liverpool after a loan spell at Anfield.

GOLF Colin Montgomerie has come so close and yet so far in two of the biggest competitions before the summer's Open championship. Tiger Woods clinched a dramatic play-off victory at the Deutsche Bank-SAP Open after a titanic battle. Woods retained his title with a par after Montgomerie hit an iron shot into the water as the pair played the 18th hole for the fourth time in succession. And, late last month, Montgomerie missed out at the Volvo PGA Championship at Wentworth. Anders Hansen of Denmark claimed his first tour title by five strokes from Montgomerie and Eduardo Romera. Colin had led the field after the third round.

MOTOR SPORT Britain's leading Formula One teams have joined forces to form a company that could threaten Bernie Ecclestone's dominant position in the sport. Five teams — McLaren, Williams, Jordan, Arrows and BAR — have formed GPT Ltd, a company which they hope will bring back lost sponsors and prevent millions of television viewers from turning away from the sport. It remains to be seen if this is a real bid to break away from Ecclestone's control, or is simply a negotiating lever to give the teams an upper hand when dealing with the business that underpins Formula One.

RUGBY Leicester Tigers have become the only side to claim the Heineken Cup twice in a scintillating 15-9 victory against Munster at Cardiff's Millennium Stadium on Saturday.

TENNIS Martina Hingis has been ruled out of Wimbledon after it was announced she will be sidelined for at least six weeks following an ankle injury. The former world number one and 1997 Wimbledon champion has undergone surgery on two torn ligaments in her left ankle in Zurich.

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BECKS FIT FOR WORLD CUP

By Chris Brown

THE greatest show on earth is upon us. The World Cup kicked off on May 31 with first-time qualifiers Senegal beating the 1998 champions France 1-0.

But with England's squad resembling a hospital casualty department, a repeat of 1966 and all that seems remote.

If you haven't heard of a metatarsal bone, then a daily digest of squad medical bulletins should explain everything.

First choice right back Gary Neville and Danny Murphy – a late replacement for the talismanic Steven Gerrard – will both miss the tournament after breaking metatarsal bones in their left feet.

The most famous metatarsal in the world belongs to captain David Beckham. He's fit for England's opening match, but only time will tell how vulnerable the injury is to the spirited South American style of tackle.

And with Keiron Dyer and Nicky Butt struggling to overcome knee injuries, England's midfield looks like hobbling into the Group of Death on Sunday 2 June.

With a full-strength squad, Sven Goran Eriksson's men looked capable of doing well in the Japan and South Korea. But the absence of Gerrard, who has become the dominating force in England's midfield, is such a severe set back that his absence alone looks set to rob the England team of its chance of success.

With the other injuries and the



HERO WORSHIP... South Korean children look on as David Beckham takes to the pitch for a training session at Seogwipo stadium

doubts as to whether David Beckham will recover his match fitness in time to make a real contribution, England could really struggle to progress out of their first round group.

At least Eriksson has the luxury of a more calm and collected captain.

Mick McCarthy, the Irish manager, may say he is enjoying the World Cup experience now his captain Roy Keane has thrown his toys out of his cot and flown home in disgust at the training facilities provided. But with-

out Keane, Ireland could well miss out on qualifying from their first round group.

The bookies pre-tournament favourites were France. The reigning champions have added a powerful forward line of Thierry Henry of Arsenal and David Trezeguet of Juventus. But their day one defeat by Senegal has thrown the tournament wide open.

Argentina may now be the team to beat. With Juan Sebastian Veron and Pablo Aimar forming a sublime mid-

field combination, and the advantage of being able to deal with the heat and humidity that face the players, Argentina could well win through.

Italy and Spain are tipped to do well, but for a real dark horse this year check out Cameroon.

The African Nations champions have lost just one of their last 17 matches, outplayed the English in a warm-up match last weekend, and are strong, skilful and determined.

Nice FC demotion shock

THE French Football league has stripped Nice football club of its professional status and demoted it to Division 3, the lowly Championnat National, saying it is in breach of professional football club management regulations.

The move has stunned Nice fans, coming less than a month after they celebrated winning promotion to France's top division, D1.

The reason is the club's on-going financial and legal problems.

Nice FC has long-term funding problems and has recently seen several ownership changes, with each new owner promising investment that hasn't materialized.

In February, a group of young local entrepreneurs, Challenge Associé, agreed to purchase the club. But the promised purchase price and further funding didn't materialize, leading to the club being sold back to previous owner Franck Giudicelli.

He, however, has been unable to raise the €5.4 million the French football league says is required to put the club on the financial footing necessary to operate in Division 1.

Meanwhile Jean-Christophe Cano, a 20% shareholder in Challenge Associé, says he didn't give permission for the club to be sold and has taken his case to the Tribunal de Commerce. A ruling is expected on June 6.

Faced with a club whose finances and ownership are in disarray, the league gave Giudicelli an ultimatum on May 23: sort out the finances and the ownership within a week or face the consequences.

May 30 arrived with no solutions on either front and the league announced it was withdrawing Nice's professional status and demoting it to the semi-professional National league. The club has one week to appeal the decision.

Coulthard takes driving seat in Monaco GP

AFTER the controversy of Austria, when team orders saw Rubens Barrichello hand a sure win Michael Schumacher, Formula One regained its pride and prestige in a classic Monaco encounter last month.

David Coulthard won by a second over Michael Schumacher – mastering the Monte-Carlo street circuit and never giving the world-champion elect a chance to overtake.

While the destiny of this year's world championship is unlikely to be affected, Coulthard's victory has made Formula One – and its fans – feel much better about themselves.

The Scotsman has made Monaco his home, and from the start made his home at the front of the pack. Starting in second place on the grid, next to Juan Pablo Montoya, he jumped ahead to take the lead in the first lap.

Reversing the trend of the previous races this season, the crowd were gripped by a tense race between the first four cars. Coulthard, for the first 30 laps, was at the head of a four-car train with Montoya sandwiched in front of Michael Schumacher and his brother Ralf.

As the race leaders reached the back markers though they began to split and the Scot was able to pull clear. Montoya though kept Schumacher at bay despite the best efforts of the German to pass.

Unfortunately for the Colombian, his Williams-BMW broke down on lap 47

allowing the Ferrari driver through. But the lead Coulthard had managed to build up would prove to be just too much for Schumacher to overcome.

Despite breaking the lap record, the German finished a second behind the McLaren. There would be no team orders allowing him a final straight victory this time round. Coulthard won a race that ranks as possibly his finest as a Formula One driver.

"For the team it is fantastic because our reputation has taken a knock," said the jubilant Scot in the post-race press conference. McLaren team boss Ron Dennis enthused: "It was a fantastic drive – disciplined, controlled and thoroughly deserved."

Michael Schumacher was as gracious in defeat as he had been embarrassed in victory two weeks ago. "We were fast enough to have stayed in front if we had got there, but David drove well and never gave me a chance. They really deserved this win."

Ralf Schumacher finished in his elder brother's wake in third. Jarno Trulli won his first points of the season, finishing fourth in his Renault. Another Italian, Giancarlo Fisichella, was fifth for Jordan Honda and Germany's Heinz-Harald Frentzen took the final point with an excellent drive in the Arrows. Barrichello, who ran into the back of Kimi Raikkonen's McLaren, had two penalties and finished seventh.

This month sees the Canadian GP in Montreal on June 9 and the European GP at Germany's Nurburgring on June 23.



BIG WIN... Scotsman David Coulthard ahead of Juan Pablo Montoya and Michael Schumacher soon after the start

STANDINGS AFTER MONACO F1 GRAND PRIX

Formula One Drivers' Championship: 1 Michael Schumacher, Germany, Ferrari, 60 points; 2= Juan Pablo Montoya, Colombia, Williams, 27; 2= Ralf Schumacher, Germany, Williams, 27; 4 David Coulthard, Britain, McLaren, 20; 5 Rubens Barrichello, Brazil, Ferrari, 12; 6 Jenson Button, Britain, Renault, 8; 7 Nick Heidfeld, Germany, Sauber, 5; 8= Kimi Raikkonen, Finland, McLaren, 4; 8= Giancarlo Fisichella, Italy, Jordan, 4; 10= Eddie Irvine, Britain, Jaguar, 3; 10= Felipe Massa, Brazil, Sauber, 3; 10= Jarno Trulli, Italy, Renault, 3; 13= Mark Webber, Australia, Minardi, 2; 13= Heinz-Harald Frentzen, Germany, Arrows, 2; 13= Mika Salo, Finland, Toyota, 2

Constructors' Championship: 1 Ferrari 72 points; 2 Williams-BMW 54; 3 McLaren-Mercedes, 24; 4 Renault 11; 5 Sauber-Petronas 8; 6 Jordan-Honda 4; 7 Jaguar 3; 8= Minardi-Asiatech 2; 8= Toyota 2; 8= Arrows-Cosworth 2.