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**CREMATORIUM BOSS ‘HID BODIES IN WOODS’**

By Gerd Brown

A CREMATORIAM manager has been charged with 118 counts of theft — allegedly taking money to create bodies and then hiding them in nearby woods and outbuildings.

Up to 300 rotting bodies have been found in Georgia, US. County coroner Dewayne Wilson said: “The worst horror movie you’ve ever seen! Imagine that 10 times worse.”

Ray Brent Marsh, 28, reportedly told authorities his incinerator was broken.

However, many of the remains date back at least three years. Others could be more than a week old.

The bodies were discovered after a woman walking her dog found a skull in woods near the crematorium.

A search uncovered dozens of corpses and hundreds of body parts almost at once. Some were less than a week old and were easily identifiable. Others were either mummified or skeletons.

Officials now plan to use an underwater camera to see if there are any bodies in the lake on the property. First it will be determined if it is safe for divers to go into the water or if it must be drained.

Other Marsh family members have not been ruled out as suspects. The business has been in the family for more than 20 years.

At least 20 funeral homes that contracted with Marsh’s Tri-State Crematory in North-west Georgia could be in danger of losing their licences as the investigation continues.

Local people are angry that it has been allowed to continue without any official knowledge. Under Georgia law, only funeral homes and crematoriums that deal directly with the public are regulated and inspected by the state.

Tri-State contracted with funeral homes, which sent the bodies there for cremation and then received the ashes.

**LONDON DIARY**

**mover-sixties retire to the sun**

**THE NUMBER OF British pensioners living abroad is set to top one million, a study has revealed.**

Increasingly wealthy senior citizens are opting to retire to the warmer climes of the Mediterranean, America and Australia.

And there has been a huge rise in the number moving to Italy, France and Spain.

Property values have soared in Italy - now living Italy - the fastest-growing destination for the over-sixties - and the total living in France has more than doubled in the past decade.

The study, carried out by the Institute for Studies in Aging at Sheffield University and published in the International Journal of Population Geography, reflects a more adventurous and self-reliant spirit among British pensioners.

It found that almost one in 12 now lives abroad, around 950,000 UK citizens - compared with 252,000 in 1981.

Research leader Dr Tony Warner said he expects the figure to top one million in 2002.

In the past five years the UK pensioner community in France has grown up by 6.8 per cent to 16,287.

Over the same period, the figures for Italy and Spain are suffering and the number is expected to fall by 9.7 million.

A freezing New Year and child-

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**Goodbye...**

DURING the New Year we said goodbye to Princess Margaret, 71, the younger sister of Queen Elizabeth II; actor John Thaw, 60, who starred in TV dramas Inspector Morse and The Sweeney — but many here will remember him as Peter Marsh in the BBC’s last dramatis-

**The Riviera Gazette**

**By Chris Brown**

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Newly-launched Riviera Medical Services offers a database of English-speaking medical practitioners from across the region, accessible through a central telephone service.

The number is manned by medically qualified, English-speaking professionals.

They ask callers a few questions and then identify the most suitable practitioner to refer them to. Riviera Medical Services then contacts the medical practitioner, makes an appointment and calls the patient back to confirm arrangements.

In an emergency, the patient will be referred to the nearest or best hospital, an ambulance can be called and the hospital put on alert.

No charge is made for the service. Patients settle up with the doctor or other medical professional as normal, and at standard rates, or simply claim on their medical insurance.

The service can be used to find one-off help, a regular practitioner such as a family doctor or dentist, or simply in case of emergency. The service is funded by a modest €70 annual subscription fee paid by each practitioner on the database and, to keep costs down, each practitioner also agrees to man the telephone answering service on a rota basis.

Dr Roland Didonna, who set up the service, told The Riviera Gazette: “It is a simple idea, based on the existing French-language ‘Centre 15’ service which takes calls and makes referrals for residents of the whole department.

“All anyone needs to do is call us on 04 93 26 12 70 and we will put them in touch with a medical professional who can help.”

If you need medical help on the Riviera...

1 Call 04 93 26 12 70.
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3 The operator will refer you to a practitioner that speaks English — or to emergency help.
4 Wait for the operator to call back with your consultation time with the practitioner.
5 Attend the appointment.
6 Settle up directly with the practitioner at regular rates. There’s no extra fee for the referral service.
Germany backs France on US strikes

GERMANY has joined France in opposing military strikes against Iraq, causing further irritation to the US administration over the future path of its war on terrorism.

It should not be allowed to become a global military campaign says Germany's foreign minister Joschka Fischer. He also aired worries about what lay behind George W Bush's talk of an "axis of evil" between Iran, Iraq and North Korea.

Germany wants a new regime in Baghdad but doubts whether military action is the best way.

Fighting the spread of weapons of mass destruction "is not the same subject as the terrorist attacks on New York and Washington," Karsten Vogt, the Foreign Ministry's co-ordinator for US-German cooperation, told a radio station.

The EU is promoting friendly ties with Iraq but doubts whether military action is the best way of bringing stability.

Mediterranean, is in decline as fast food takes over.

By Chris Brown

JOSPIN ... one of 19 Candidates. True to character, he announced his entry with a fax

The French eat more red meat than the Midlanders but 92 per cent also eat fruit daily compared with only 21 per cent in the French Mediterranean.

THE famed healthy diet of fish, fruit, vegetables and olive oil, leading to long life for many living on the Mediterranean, is in decline as fast foods take over.

The change is being blamed for the increase in cancer and heart disease in the area, which is now on a level with the national average, according to the Centre for Research into and Fight against Cancer in Montpellier.

The influx of people from northern France and other countries are thought to be responsible.

Mediterraneans are still healthier though than people from the British Midlands where 35 per cent of the population eat one day's worth of vegetables daily compared with only 21 per cent of the British.

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Catholics’ bid to ban Swastika poster fails

A BID to ban a film poster showing a cross twisted into a swastika in the red and black colours of Catholic bishops has failed.

A Roman Catholic group sought to get the poster banned. Agram, the General Alliance Against Racism and for Respect of French and Christian Identity, says it offers religious sensibilities by linking "the symbol of absolute hatred and the symbol of absolute love."

The poster was designed by Olivier Toscani, the Italian photographer behind the controversial Benetton advertisements. It promotes the new French language film Amen.

The film is about real-life SS officer Kurt Gerstein who tried to warn the world, and the Vatican in particular, about the Holocaust at the same time as supplying gas to the Nazi camps.

The wartime pope, Pius XII, has been accused of being aware of the Holocaust but not acting to stop it.

The poster has also been criticised by prominent French Jews who, in a statement, said "we consider this amalgam of the Nazi emblem with a religious symbol to be unhealthy."

Judge Jean-Claude Magendie has ruled that the poster may remain in circulation. He says that the legal strength of the objections is not strong enough to warrant a limiting of the freedom of expression.

Chirac and Jospin pitch passion against reason in countdown to April vote

THE eternal battle of passion versus reason will be played out in France over the next two months as the fight hots up for the most powerful position in French political life — the presidency.

Incumbent President Jacques Chirac and rival Lionel Jospin are the two big guns.

They have been slowly easing off their gves for several months but with the prime minister's official declaration, the countdown to the Chirac vs Jospin bout has begun in earnest.

The Gaullist French president and socialist prime minister are joined by 17 other candidates in the two-round election.

By Chris Brown

Frans for the memory

NO tears were shed as France finally said "au revoir" to the Franc on February 17.

In two surveys more than half of those asked had no regrets about losing the national currency. "France no longer exists, it's Europe now," some told pollsters.

Two-thirds of Franc notes had already been collected and destroyed and 95 per cent of cash purchases are being made using euros by the February deadline.

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The French Atomic Energy Commission has invested in a new supercomputer.

Stink over fake Emmental

A CHEESE importer has been fined for labelling a New Zealand cheese as Emmental.

An association of cheese-makers, the Syndicat Interprofessionnel du Gruyere, has accused the cheese of faking as it fails to meet the Codex Alimentarius, the globally-recognised standard for international trade.

Importer Boudrinchou from Saint Omer, northern France, called the ruling "la conception du comité."

The cheese imported from the New Zealand Dairy Board, had earlier been scientifically tested in France as Emmental.

Nuclear tests by supercomputer

FRANCE is to stop testing nuclear weapons in the Pacific and transfer the role to a supercomputer.

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THE European parliament has backed a move to give equivalent rights to long-term residents of EU member nations, regardless of whether or not they speak the language.

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Next stop Moo-scow

RUSSIA is importing French cheeses to increase the quality of its herds.

Up to 10,000 French pedigree cows are being delivered to a different Russian region each year for the next 10 years.

The first cows are to be found in Western Siberia where the beef cattle are badly needed for breeding.

Pedigree cows are short in Russia where only 160,000 remain of the 18 million before the 1917 revolution.

What a plonker

A BORDEAUX wine merchant has admitted mixing Bordeaux and cheap plonk and selling it as Medoc.

Jacques Hemmer told the court he did it because he did not have enough good wine to meet demand. Over 400,000 gallons of the mixture was sold by his firm Viti-Vinicole.

Non-EU rights boost

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Tonnes of coins for charity train
NICe beat all the records to hand-in 8,700 tonnes of spare centimes for the charity 'Pièces Jaunes' collection. A huge crowd greeted Bernadette Chirac, president of the Fondation des Hopitaux de France, and judge supreme Mso David Douillet as they arrived on a special TGV at Nice station last month.

The money, all centimes which went out of date with the introduction of the euro, will go to helping children in need.

Prefecture worker denies cash bribes
A MEMBER of staff at the Prefecture in Nice has been detained on suspicion of receiving bribes.

He is 45-year-old who was believed to have given priority treatment to people seeking public housing in exchange for a bribe. She admits having accepted 'thank you' gifts from people whom she has helped to find housing for, but denies receiving money.

Investigators claim she has evidence of three instances where she has pocketed money totalling €5,000/€762.

Local coastline is dolphin haven
THE coastline of the Côte d’Azur is now part of an 85,000 square kilometre marine sanctuary.

In northern boundary runs from Saint-Raphaël in the Var as far as Tuscany. To the south, it stretches to the top of Corsica. The western coast of Corsica is also included.

The new sanctuary is home to 25,000 dolphins. Its aim is to ensure that the seas are managed to ensure a balance between the ecological needs of sea life and the demands of commercial shipping and pleasure boats.

Restaurant terrace charges double
RESTAURANTEURS in Nice’s central pedestrian area will have to pay twice as much this year to use their outdoor seating areas.

It means a restaurant with a 100 square metre terrace will now have to pay annual rent of €14,000. Last year, it would have paid only €6,740.

Former mayor dies
PIERRE Téisseire, mayor of La Colle-sur-Loup from 1973 to 1995, died at his home in the village earlier this month, at the age of 89.

His father Honore Téisseire was mayor from 1929 to 1941. Pierre Téisseire retired from political life in 1995.

He was awarded many medals for his efforts during the Second World War and notably for the work as a liaison officer for the Resistance.

It woz ‘ere
A CLEAN-UP exercise to rid private and public walls of graffiti in Cannes is underway. Since mid-December 700 square metres of graffiti has been removed. Up to €200,000 has been earmarked for the operation.

Getting better
THE budget for the PACA (Provence-Alpes-Côte d’Azur) region’s hospitals has been set for 2002 at €128,431 million, an increase of 2.89% on 2001.

Crime rises 6% in Nice, Grasse remains the worst
Grasse is the worst, Menton the best for town crime increases

REPORTED crime in the Alpes-Maritimes rose 6.1 per cent last year with burglaries up by over a fifth, new police figures show.

Street crime and break-ins saw the highest increases of the 117,220 recorded offences on the Riviera in 2001.

Burglaries rose 22 per cent, theft with violence 18.4 per cent and vandalism 11.5 per cent.

But, on the positive side, the clear-up rate rose 2.9 per cent generally for the combined police forces — the police municipal, national and the gendarmerie — and 8.6 per cent for the gendarmerie alone.

The figures are put in the context of an average rise of 7.7 per cent in crime throughout France.

Predictably cities and towns fared worst accounting for 83 per cent of crimes in our area. Grasse had the highest rise of 16.85 per cent followed by Villefranche-sur-Mer (16.18 per cent).

Var up 13.56% Crime in Nice rose 11.85 per cent but the clear-up rate also rose by nearly 12 per cent. Rural and semi-rural areas, which have until now relatively escaped problems, also show cause for concern.

The districts behind and around Cannes, Nice and Grasse saw the worst rise of just over 12 per cent.

The increase is thought to be due to thieves following demographics changes as more people move from urban areas.

Crime in the Var also rose sharply by almost double the rise of the Alpes-Maritimes to 82,464 offences — a hike of 13.56 per cent.

At the other end of the scale several Riviera towns saw a drop in offences.

Crime was down six and a half per cent in Menton, two and a half per cent in Cagnes-sur-Mer and just over four per cent in Cannes.

Crime figures
The region of Provence-Alpes-Côte d’Azur has the highest rate of reported crime in France.

A FIFTH AS RIVIERA TOWNS FARE THE WORST

The increase is the highest in the country, and was driven by a sharp rise in violent crimes.

The increase in violent crime is a particular worry for the Prefet of the Alpes-Maritimes, Mr Renier Garnier.

Time to stop the crime wave
Prime Minister Tony Blair to order a national crackdown to stop the crime wave.

The biggest rise in street crime was in west Yorkshire, where the number of reported incidents to 35,572. The figures follow recent high-profile cases of shootings, car-jackings and muggings including the murder of estate agent Tim Robinson who was stabbed in the face and chest as he parked his car outside his home in Battersea, south west London.
**Primaries and nurseries get EXTRACLASSES**

Unions say 300 new teachers needed

The number of pupils at the region’s primary and nursery schools will increase by 980 for September.

To cope, 14 new classes will be opened at Écoles Maternelles (nursery schools) and 19 new classes will open in Écoles Elementaires (primary schools). But the budget allocated to the department by the Ministry of Education is smaller than hoped for.

**Two new budget airlines start Nice flights in Spring**

BMI BABY, British Midland’s new low-cost airline, begins flights from Nice to East Midlands Airport in the UK on March 23, with one-way ticket prices starting at £35.

Swedish start-up Goodjet will begin flying Nice-Göteborg four times a day – and then only during high season.

The airline has also been offered €116 return, tax inclusive, for families and beginners, “says the station manager.”

**Support for dad accused of killing of ‘rapist’**

The imprisonment of a father suspected of killing the man his daughter accused of rape has provoked a huge wave of support for his case across the Var.

The 53-year-old woman recruited the Polish girl to look after her dog in July 2001. The girl claims she was made to work from 6am to 11pm every day, without a break or a day off, was raped, made to share a room with the dogs and had her return air ticket confiscated. She denies the claims.

But the tribunal was informed that this is not the first time that employees have claimed poor working conditions at the woman’s home on Avenue Princesse Grace. The prosecution has asked for a two month suspended prison sentence and a fine of €3,000. Judgement will be delivered on March 19.

**Monaco resident forced me to be slave, says girl**

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**Primeries and nurseries get EXTRA CLASSES**

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The number of pupils at the region’s primary and nursery schools will increase by 980 for September.

To cope, 14 new classes will be opened at Écoles Maternelles (nursery schools) and 19 new classes will open in Écoles Elementaires (primary schools). But the budget allocated to the department by the Ministry of Education is smaller than hoped for.

**Two new budget airlines start Nice flights in Spring**

BMI BABY, British Midland’s new low-cost airline, begins flights from Nice to East Midlands Airport in the UK on March 23, with one-way ticket prices starting at £35.

Swedish start-up Goodjet will begin flying Nice-Göteborg four times a day – and then only during high season.

The airline has also been offered €116 return, tax inclusive, for families and beginners, “ says the station manager.”

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The imprisonment of a father suspected of killing the man his daughter accused of rape has provoked a huge wave of support for his case across the Var.

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As well as the waves of seasonal visitors, international students and business travellers, the Riviera is, of course, also home to a large and growing English speaking expatriate population – and a wide variety of expat bars to accommodate them. While there are many popular French establishments, such bars and pubs play an important role in the local expat community, serving as a way to meet friends and enjoy time out without having to worry about your French. On the Riviera the range includes American, Irish, British, Scandinavian, Dutch and Canadian but what else, apart from English-speaking staff, do they offer?

Well, they promise a warm welcome to newcomers and locals alike, offer fabulous foods and drink, broadcast international sports and host live bands. They celebrate traditional holidays from ‘back home,’ serve as meeting places for expat organisations, and the multi-lingual staff are great sources of insider information about their towns. But, far from just being a retreat from the local population, they are also a place where the French can come to practise their English, meet new people, and enjoy an international atmosphere (as you’ll note here, many are actually familiar French-owned). This listing highlights the amazing diversity of local expat bars, from Monaco to Cannes, so go and find a favourite. Prices quoted are out of Happy Hours and for an average pint (well, half litre) of beer and the cheapest soft drink.

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Antibes, Juan-les-Pins, Biot, Valbonne

Hippy tales, frozen Margaritas and Indonesian food add spice

La Tour International

6, Cours Masséna, Old Antibes • Open daily 17:00-00:30, closed Tuesday • Tel: 04 93 34 17 70

Small pub owned and run by husband and wife Mike and Mike since 1996. Both are full of stories about hippy years in San Francisco. Mike tells us that he often gets mistaken for American alternative medicine author Dr Andrew Weil.

The bar is full of locals and visitors of all nationalities. Music nightly on piano from 22.30. Fish and chips served weekdays, BBQ tiles at weekends. The house specialty is frozen Margaritas and Hemingway-style daiquiris. Selection of German beers. Shelves of French and English books.

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Nice

Live band karaoke and a letter from Loki and Lerk

Wayne’s
15, rue de la Prefecture, Old Nice • Open daily 12:00-01:00 (01:30 at weekends) • Tel: 04 93 13 46 99
Lively English/American bar and restaurant popular with young expats and students. Open for 12 years. Recently recently sold to a German company, but it is still run by the same English-speaking staff. Live sports on a big screen and upstairs and downstairs. Short hop from the casino. Karaoke on Sunday / Quiz Night on Tuesday, and Ladies Night on Wednesday. Ladies nights have been running for five years. Restaurant serves burgers, fish and chips, Tea & Mints and daily specials. The website is being re-designed, check in couple of weeks. Happy Hour 18:00-21:00.

Pint €1.30, soft drink €2.80

Thur Pub
32, Cours Saleya, Old Nice • Open daily 18:00-02:30 • Tel: 04 93 62 49 90
Large Scandinavian-themed cocktail bar on two floors, popular with students and visitors. English and Danish speaking staff. Live music every night from 22:00. Tuesday Ladies Night. Thursday sees “Therapy Sundays” and special Friday “Film & Food. Free “The Student Card” loyalty scheme and a newsletter, ‘The Therapist Gazette. Very Scandinavian with Små Grøn shots and newsletter commentary by Loki and Lerk, but the common language is English. Bar snacks include hot dogs, and the terrace is on a pedestrian street. Happy Hour 18:00-20:30.

Billet as providing “good wine, good food and good music.” A tiny, intimate wine bar (don’t turn up in a crowd of more than ten). Owned and run by Canadian couple Johnny who performing. After hours is known as Wild Johnny Wine. Live music by Johnny and friends and a covered terrace overlooking a square. All you can eat spaghetti before 22:00, and chips & a salad. Happy Hour 17:30-22:00.

Pint €2.50, soft drink €2.50, glass of wine €2.80

Johnny’s Wine Bar
1, rue Rayou, Old Nice • Open daily 17:30-00:30, closed Sunday • Tel: 04 93 80 97 97
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Check Point
2, rue Desboustis, Nice • Open daily 17:30-00:30, closed Monday and Tuesday • Tel: 04 93 13 74 80
Opened just this month, the manager says he is targeting more “mature” customers. Relaxed atmosphere upstairs and a DC club atmosphere downstairs. Anglo-Scandinavian management (originally from the Ther Pub).

Pint €2.50, soft drink €4

Other places...

Toby Jug Tavern
3, avr General de Gaulle, Roquebrune • Open Tue-Fri 12:00-14:30, Mon 17:00-00:00, Sat 12:00-00:00. Closed Sat • Tel: 04 93 78 83 10
Small, bright English pub with mixed Anglo-French clientele. Rugby on TV, daring English breakfast and traditional pub food.

Pint €1.50, soft drink €2.70

King’s Head Pub
1, ave de France, Roquebrune Cap Martin • Open daily 12:00-02:30 • Tel: 04 95 78 34 30
Small, bright English pub with mixed Anglo-French clientele. Rugby on TV, daring English breakfast and traditional pub food.

Pint €1.50, soft drink €2.70

McCarty’s Irish Pub
7, rue du Portier, Monaco • Open daily 18:00-01:00 • Tel: 377 93 25 67 67
Located at the end of Monte Carlo’s large, comfortable bar, Italian-owned but Irish-run. Popular with a mixed crowd of locals, expats and tourists. Quicker in the evening, usually packed when live music starts. Easily accommodates large groups. Live music .Thurs-Sat. Special events for Patrick’s and holiday parties. MC pub snacks and sandwiches. Happy Hour 18:00-21:00.

Pint €1.40, soft drink €2.95

Ship and Castle
42, Quai Jean Antoine, Monaco • Open daily 11:00-01:00, closed Monday-Monday • Tel: 377 97 70 95 95
A true sports bar, just like you find in the US. Plenty of space, sport on TV and sporting and celebrity memorabilia on every inch of the walls.

Pint €8.70, soft drink €5.80

McMahon’s Irish Pub
50, Blvd Jean Jaurès, Nice • Open daily 18:00-02:30 • Tel: 06 65 93 89 17
A large Irish-style pub and cocktail bar, popular with expats, locals and visitors. French-owned, American-run with English-speaking staff. “We have the biggest St Patrick’s party on the Côte,” says manager Leah, possibly the only American female bar manager in the city. Great non-alcoholic cocktails.

Get five drinks for €15 on Thursday nights. Pub Quiz on Mondays, Karaoke on Tuesdays. Happy Hour 18:00-21:00

Pint €3.00, soft drink €3.00

Others to look out for...

• Scarlet’s, Rue Drouet, Old Nice, Tel: 04 93 80 43 22
• De Klomp, Rue Mascoinat, Old Nice, Tel: 04 93 92 48 85

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If you fancy a night out but don’t feel up to the lingo (even before a drink), or just hanker for the nearest you can get to a good old-fashioned beer like they serve in the old country, then an ex-pat pub may be the answer. Heather Stimmer-Hall goes exploring...
Coffee Time

STARS

March 2002

AQUARIUS
21 January–19 February
To all intents and purposes, you’re in for a brilliant month. Whatever’s given or taken away, you’ll still hold your own financially. However, you’re giving more thought to your domestic and family scene. Handle flare-ups tactfully on 4th, 17th and 30th. Although emotional waters tend to run deep, romance is generally harmonious. Pinpoint the 12th, 14th and 24th for social and personal activities.

PISCES
19 February–20 March
Talk up your abilities and check any recent or new investments. Consider others’ feelings between the 19th and 22nd. Maximise your career potential on the 3rd, 18th, 22nd and 31st. If you’re uncertain about your charm between the 13th and 14th, with so much going for you, take the rough with the smooth.

ARIES
21 March–20 April
Whatever’s to be mended or replaced, don’t put it off. Spot the significant signs on the 5th, 18th and 25th. Go with your creative flow after the 9th. Take a more relaxed outlook, especially with outdoor or competitive interests. Things will happen anyway, so don’t tempt the fate or you’ll end up going round in circles. If you’re single, romance is powerfully started between the 13th and 22nd.

TAURUS
20 April–21 May
Put your best foot forward on the 8th, 17th and 25th, especially if you’re asking for favours or putting a workaday plan into action. Fix your financial sights on the 3rd, 12th, 21st and 30th. More importantly, pace yourself and channel your energies into enhancing your overall well-being. The possibilities won’t be endless, but what does happen will restore your faith in your personal destiny.

GEMINI
21 May–20 June
If you’ve been trimming your cash flow or saving hard, then you can afford a little self indulgence. Than again, consideration of money matters continues on the 12th, 13th, 22nd and 24th. Be prepared to deal with some tricky bills between the 12th and 20th. Watch what you decide or say between the 12th and 20th, particularly where family, friends and colleagues are concerned. After the 14th’s New Moon, cast your net further.

CANCER
21 June–20 July
Don’t fall into the wait-and-see trap. Flow into fresh streams and before long you’ll reach life’s great ocean of opportunity. You could enjoy an unexpectedly joyous time between the 1st and 10th. Spotlight the 12th, 22nd and 23rd for gearing up your abilities. Connect to people whole in a position to say ‘yes’ between the 4th and 19th. Make March marvellous!

LEO
21 July–21 August
So far, so good, but you’ve a lot further to go. Everything to do with romance, property, money and random events could be a source of delight. However, don’t let your Leo pride get in the way. Talk money between the 1st and 11th. Swing socially on the 20th, 13th, 15th and 24th. Make dates to get out and about on the 15th, 24th and 25th. Enjoy!

VIRGO
22 August–22 September
Aim true on the 9th, 10th, 11th and 26th. Then again, set your career, social and personal dreams in motion between the 4th and 16th. Highlight all practical or financial negotiations on the 5th, 14th and after the 22nd. Obviously, there’ll be those who’ll do the talking. If you’re single, romance is generally harmonious. However, you’ll be giving more thought to your domestic and family scene. Handle flare-ups tactfully on 4th, 17th and 30th. If you’re uncertain about your charm between the 13th and 14th, with so much going for you, take the rough with the smooth.

LIBRA
23 September–22 October
Whatever obstacles befal you on the work or home fronts, remember that suffering in silence isn’t golden. If money’s on your mind, sort things out between the 13th and 14th. Conduct money matters carefully on the 12th, 13th, 22nd and 24th. Be prepared to deal with some tricky bills between the 12th and 20th. Watch what you decide or say between the 12th and 20th, particularly where family, friends and colleagues are concerned. After the 14th’s New Moon, cast your net further.

SCORPIO
23 October–21 November
More than you imagine could happen if you focus some development and pleasure. Stay active. Everything to do with romance, property, money and random events could be a source of delight. However, don’t let your Leo pride get in the way. Talk money between the 1st and 11th. Swing socially on the 20th, 13th, 15th and 24th. Make dates to get out and about on the 15th, 24th and 25th. Enjoy!

SAGITTARIUS
22 November–21 December
2012 New Moon, cast your nets far and wide! Whatever’s to be mended or replaced, don’t put it off. Spot the significant signs on the 5th, 18th and 25th. Go with your creative flow after the 9th. Take a more relaxed outlook, especially with outdoor or competitive interests. Things will happen anyway, so don’t tempt the fate or you’ll end up going round in circles. If you’re single, romance is powerfully started between the 13th and 22nd.

CAPRICORN
21 December–19 January
If you want to please yourself, then you’ll have to please everyone! Single Capricorns should mix and mingle, because the first two weeks are romantically potent. If money’s on your mind, sort things out between the 1st and 9th, or after the 22nd. Also, if you’ve any plans to get certain people or situations to fit in with your plans, this is the perfect time.

Hagar the Horrible® by Chris Browne

Pooch Café® by Paul Gilligan

Dilbert® by Scott Adams

Coffee Time with TV’s John Garland

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ACROSS
1. Ruined sable is not wanted as a possession (11)
2. You’re away, a person who discards an old uniform (9)
3. A ravenous craft (9)
4. One to look for on the 9th, 19th, 21st and 28th (3, 6)
5. Shortcut to the beach? (7)
6. How a customs officer should concentrate when working? (7, 4)
7. Put in again (2, 5)
8. In favour of a move that I’ll earn more money? (9, 9)
9. A bit of supper for each (3)
10. Not even sufficient, it’s still a magnificent sum (5, 6)
11. The grids are the same, but the answers are different. Have fun!

ACROSS
1. 2-3-0-3 (11)
2. It’s all right (6)
3. The opposite to what they say (11)
4. The two that lead to the smooth (5)

DOWN
1. French born (5)
2. We need to provide money (6)
3. Maintain some plain caterers (8)
4. A service for car- and plane-travellers (3, 6)
5. A displeasing thing to do (3, 5)
6. Make hands and tackle the situation (4, 2, 5)
7. Give-away merchants who don’t want custom (4, 7)
8. Nasty moment for a poor lesser (3, 6)
9. Fill role for clever, for example (7)
10. A clock may do it and continue working (6)
11. Chop up the fruit (5)
12. Fix a drink (3)

SOLUTIONS TO PUZZLE 10.001

CYPRESS

ACROSS

DOWN

QUICK COLUMNS

ACROSS

DOWN
1. Good lord (5)
2. Make more Prosperous (6)
3. Safety (6)
4. Thai (6)
5.组合 (6)
6. Set up (6)
7. Goes faster (11)
8. Red canvas (4, 7)
9. Envelope (7)
10. Addressed (7)
11. Gilded (7)
12. Feather (7)
13. Teams (5)
14. Zodiac sign (3)
An Oscar would be magic...

ONE of the computer graphic wizards from the Lord of the Rings movies was in Villefranche last week, celebrating the film’s special effects team netting an Oscar nomination.

Mike Perry, above left, who was en route home to New Zealand, told our snapper: “Do you remember the spectacular fireworks at Bilbo’s party at the start of the movie? They were all computer generated. I did that.”

He will soon begin work on the next two parts of the trilogy. All were filmed at the same time “but that’s just the beginning - the digital effects and other post-production work is yet to be done” said Mike.

The team will hear if it has won an Oscar at the Academy Awards on March 24. The Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Ring has received 13 nominations.

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- **Irish supergroup U2** will play one concert in the south of France this summer. The date is set for August 20 but the venue remains undecided. It is expected to be either in Nice in a venue or a venue in Marseille. A decision is expected this week and tickets will be available on www.ticketnet.fr when the venue is confirmed.

- **Put your dancing shoes on** this month and join a weekend course in American Association productions will be held at the Col d’Eu. Further information includes only good quality, pre-screened items and has “something for everyone” from clothes to sports equipment and jewellery to books. Sunny Bank is open 0am to noon on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays for receiving donations. Call 04 93 60 11 67 for directions and information.

- **The Russian Imperial Ballet** comes to Juan-les-Pins on 28 March with a performance featuring some of ballet’s all time favourite scenes from Swan Lake and Don Quixote.

- **Walkathon 2002** takes place on March 10. Each year hundreds of people participate in this annual sponsored walk, organised by Vicki Consens-Walker, a teacher at the CIV school in Sophia-Antipolis, with all proceeds going to the Guide Dogs for the Blind school in Biot. Each dog costs over £12,000 to train and, over the last eleven years, the Walkathons have raised enough to sponsor 15 guide dogs. To participate, call 04 93 01 36.

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Friday 1

Galice.Cirque du Soleil. Performance by the Opera of Monte-Carlo, the Orchestre Philharmonique de Monte-Carlo and dancers from the académie de Danse Classique Princesse Gracia at the Salé du Canton, Espace Polyvalent, Monaco. Performances today and March 5 at 13:00. Tél: 03 92 16 22 99 / March 3

16th Festival International des Jeux Internationaux games features tournaments, workshops and demonstrations on games including bridge, scrabble and, even, Pokemon. At the Palais des Festivals, Cannes. Entry free, opening hours are 13:00 to 20:00 today and 10:00 to 18:00 February 29. Tél: 03 92 39 41 39 / March 3

Sebastien Cressole Trio Jazz at MJC Picaud in Cannes at 21:30. Tickets from Fnac. Tél: 04 93 06 29 90

Sylvain Luc Jazz performance at CEDAM Cellini in Cannes. Née starting at 21:00. Tél: 04 92 94 39 89 / 90

Phil and Germain Louis Jazz concert at the Salle Escoffier in Villeneuve Lozeau at 21:00. Tél: 04 92 02 63 50

Week-end National du Cirque Cirkus 2002 at Colosseum in Nice. Tél: 04 93 68 34 46 / March 1

Basketball: AE Nassi Av à Monaco. Championship match in the FIBA Europe Cup. Against Espace du Basket in Antibes at 20:00. Tél: 04 93 33 34 32

Isfath Nooshabeha Performance of music by Mozart, Brahms and Hadel in 200 at the Palais des Festivals in Cannes. Tél: 04 92 94 62 89 / 90

2 Saturday

Napoleon at Golfe-Juan Weekend of festivities to commemorate Napoleon’s landing in France on March 18. Following a ride on the island of Eba. On the programme is a re-enactment of Napoleon’s arrival on Golfe- Juan’s Flags of the Soleil, reconstruction of a Napoleonic village, a bivouac made by young musicians from the Alpes-Maritimes. Cannes as part of the competition between Jeunes Musiciens des Alpes-Maritimes and the Junior Orchestre Phil and Georges Leon at Cimiez in Nice starting at 21:00. Tél: 04 93 23 15 15

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3 Sunday

My Mother Said I Never Should Real Theatre production in English, at Théâtre Antibes in Antibes. Tél: 04 93 61 07 15

Russian Philharmonic Orchestra Performance of music by Tchaikovsky and Stravinsky in the Théâtre Débussy at the Palais des Festivals in Cannes. Tél: 04 92 94 62 89 / 90

Columbus Cinema New film club offers dinner and a movie every week at the Columbus Cinema. The film included in the €50 price is a glass of champagne, 3-course dinner, coffee and the film screening. All films are in original languages subtitled in English or French as necessary. ‘Tonight’s film is the Italian production II Posto, followed on March 10 with the original version of The Thomas Crown Affair starring Steve Mcqueen and Fay Dunaway. The rest of the films this month are Breakfast at Tiffany’s on March 17, Cinema Paradiso on March 24 and Casablanca on March 31. The evening starts at 19:00, with the film screening commencing at 20:30. Tél: 03 92 93 84 28

Orchestre Philharmonique de Nice Performance of music by Strauss and Tchaikovsky at Nice Opera House at 20:00. Tél: 04 92 97 18 40

Rally: 6th Tour de Corse The World Rally Championship’s French round, held in Corsica, takes place from March 7 to 10. Entries only includes dinner, coffee and the film screening. Tél: 03 92 93 84 28

Francois Mitterrand Exhibition of stamps, coins and post cards at Base Municipale in St Laurent du Var at 21:00. Tél: 04 93 23 24 25

7 Thursday

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Monte-Carlo World Music Awards The 6th World Music Awards will take place at the Monte-Carlo Sporting Club in Monte-Carlo at 20:00. Tél: 04 92 56 11 16

Kelly Joe Phillips Folk and blues music at CEDAM Cellini in Cannes. Tél: 04 92 93 89 60

8 Friday

Haut Quintet Jazz concert at MJC Picard in Cannes at 21:30. Tickets cost €9 from Fnac. Tél: 04 95 01 25 90

L’Académie de Musique Prince Rainer III Percussion concert by the pupils in the Salle des Salons in Monaco at 20:30. Tél: 04 92 16 61 16

11th Colombe d’ Or Festival for classical music in Tourrettes-sur-Loup. Tél: 04 92 21 61 02

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9 Saturday

Feite des Violettes Tourrettes-sur-Loup celebrates the end of the violet’s flowering season with a festival of festivities and the village covered in the flowers which symbolise love. A farmers market, visits to the violet fields, children’s games and jazz and folk musicians are on the programme for Saturday. Sunday follows with mass at 10.30 St Grégoire church, a parade, accompanied by the Nice fire fighter’s team based out at 14:30 and a battle of flowers at 16:30. Tél: 04 92 45 26 93 / March 10

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10 Sunday

The Forum Get-together at The Hop Store, Old Antibes. This time a private room has been booked upstairs to accommodate the club. Starts at 19:00. Tél: 02 66 28 18 18

International Orchestre Philharmonique des Pays-Bas performs at the Monte-Carlo Sporting Club. The music of Mahler performed at the Centre de Congrès, Auditorium Rainier III in Monaco at 18:00. Tél: 04 92 72 21 39

15 Friday

Cycling: Paris-Nice. World leading cyclists arrive in Cannes today at around 16:00. Tomorrow they continue to Nice via Grasse, Tourrettes-sur-Loup and the Col d’Eze. The final stage is on Sunday when the route takes in a

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16 Wednesday

Choral Concert organised by the Rotary Club, at Place Fontvieille at 20:00. T el: 04 93 98 58 08

17 Thursday

Bar Jazz at MJC Piccad in Cannes at 21:30. T el: 04 93 39 60 47

18 Friday

Ballet Imperial de Russie performs an evening of ballet at the Auditorium du Mamac in Nice at 16:30. T el: 04 92 98 62 77

19 Saturday

Auditorium Rainier III in Monaco at 18:00. T el: +377 92 16 16 16

01 Sunday

La Veuve Joyeuse Day of festivities centred around Place Fontvieille in Nice will celebrate the town's patron saint. T el: 04 93 78 01 50

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CHAGALL IN MONACO ... You can amongst the first to see the originals of Chagall's Circus series, used to illustrate the book Cirque in 1967. The 38 pictures are now on show for the first time at the Salon du quai anteone 1er, Monaco. The exhibition is open every day from noon to 7pm until 1 April.
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Football

Blackburn Rovers beat Tottenham Hotspur 2-1 in the Worthington Cup Final at Cardiff's Millennium stadium. Andy Cole scored the winner just seven weeks after leaving Manchester United. Rovers have now secured a place in next season's UEFA Cup.

Herti Vogt will take over as the new Scotland football manager. The former German coach who led his country to Euro 96 glory in England will take over from 1 March.

The UEFA Champions League resumed after its win-

break. Manchester United, second favourites behind Real Madrid with the bookmakers to lift the trophy in May, needed last gasp penalty from Ruud Van Nistelrooy to draw at Nantes. Arsenal and Liverpool also drew at Bayern Leverkusen and at home to Galatasaray respectively.

Results from 19/20 February

Group A: Barcelona 3-0 Olympique Lyon, Nancy 1-1 Manchester United Group B: Barcelona 3-1 Roma, Liverpool 0-2 Galatasaray

Group C: Real Madrid 1-0 Porto, Sports Prague 0-2 Porto

Group D: Bayer Leverkusen 1-0 Keplanet, Juventus 0-2 Deportivo La Coruña

UEFA Champions League Phase Two Group Two A Table

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Cricket

England lost the one-day series in New Zealand in the deciding match, having come back from 2-0 down. Kiwi batsman Nathan Astle hit a superb century to defeat England by five wickets in Dunedin. Fine performances with ball and bat from Paul Collingwood and Michael Vaughan set up the day but it was all in vain. The series comes after England battled back from 3-1 down to draw their six-match series in India. Andrew Flintoff was the hero as England won the last match in Bombay by five runs.

Tennis

Great Britain's Davis Cup captain Roger Taylor has admitted his side's lack of strength in depth cost them their place in the quarter-finals. Sweden staged a marvellous fightback to win 3-2 at Birmingham National Exhibition Centre against trailing 3-1. It means Britain face a play-off in September to remain in the elite 16 nation group.

Sailing

German yacht Illbruck clinched the fourth leg of the Volvo Ocean Race as it eased over the finish line in Rio. Illbruck's third win of the four legs so far. But the victory was a long time coming, with winds dying to almost nothing as the boats approached the Brazilian coast. Leg five of nine leaves Rio to Miami on 9 March with the race set to finish in Germany in June.

Euro 2004 draw

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FA Cup quarter-final draw

Ties to be played on the weekend of Saturday 9 March and Sunday 10 March. Last eight draw, to be considered and those giving a full name and address for publication will normally take priority. Letters may be edited or cut at the Editor's discretion.

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World Sport Round-up
ITALIAN CYCLING bounced back from a disappointing 2001 season with a dominating performance in the Tour of the Mediterranean. The race, taking all five stages plus the overall title this month.

The stage, which included a stage finish in Le Cannet on February 14 and a start the following morning from Villeneuve-Loubet, was won by Michelle Bartoli from the impressively strong Swiss Frottola team.

Organised by 1966 Tour de France winner Lucien Aimar, the early-season Mediterranean Tour prepares riders for bigger challenges in the months ahead, such as the Paris-Nice Tour (March 10-17), the Milan-San Remo classic (March 23) and other spring World Cup races.

However, the event is a prestigious contest in itself and the stages were fiercely contested from the moment the action began on February 13 with a team time trial. First blood went to the Italian Fassa Bortolo team; the world’s No1 team which dominated the 2002 World总冠军 Champions Credit Agricole by seven seconds and propelled Bartoli into the yellow jersey of the race.

Stage two from Bouc Bel Air to Le Cannet saw flamboyant Italian sprinter Mario Cipollini take his first win of the season and highly-placed Alessandro Petacchi succeed his team-mate in yellow.

Cipollini looked poised to take his fourteenth career stage win in the race at the end of stage 3, from Villeneuve-Loubet to Hyères, but was hampered in the sprint; however his Acqua & Sapone team-mate Giovanni Lombardi stepped into the breach to make it two in a row for the new squad.

Stage 4 brought yet another day of drama until, in the end, the French favourite Richard Virenque (Domo) tried his luck with a long-range attack, but was left hypothesis.

It proved the decisive moment of the race. Virenque tried again on the final stage to Marseilles but was recaptured close to the finish, where Petacchi out-sprinted Cipollini to take the stage and Bartoli finished safely in the main bunch.

Final score: Italy five, rest of peloton nil.

Next stop Paris-Nice, March 10-17.