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American and French naval top brass were in the area on Sunday for the annual Fête de l’Amiral de Grasse.

The event commemorates the key role played in the American War of Independence by Bar-sur-Loup’s most famous son, Admiral François Joseph Paul de Grasse.

Representing the United States were the new Consul General in Marseilles, Leslie McBee, and Vice-Admiral Scott Fry, Commander of the US Navy’s Sixth Fleet. French dignitaries included the commander of the French Mediterranean fleet, Vice-Admiral Pierre-Xavier Collinet, the sub-prefect of Grasse, Bruno Raifaud, and the mayor of the French town of Bar-sur-Loup, and the President of the French Order of Malta, the Comte de la Rochefoucauld-Montbel.

The Amiral de Grasse’s defeat of the British Royal Navy at Chesapeake Bay in 1781 was a turning point in the fight to win independence for America. De Grasse’s fleet fought for control of the bay while George Washington and French General Rochambeau positioned their armies around the British stronghold of Yorktown.

Washington and Rochambeau, along with 3,000 of de Grasse’s men, arrived in Yorktown on 28 September 1781. Surrounded and cut off from help, Britain’s General Cornwallis had to surrender on 19 October.

It was the last major battle of the war; British Prime Minister Lord North resigned immediately after the defeat and his successors decided it was no longer in British interests to continue the fight.

“As a fleet commander, I am inspired by his actions,” Fry told those attending the memorial ceremony on Sunday afternoon. “France and the US remain steadfast friends.”

Strike out
AIR, rail, post and telephone services are expected to be disrupted today as seven unions call their members out on a 24-hour strike in protest at the government’s plan to privatise Air France.

Home visits cost more
The cost of calling out a doctor on a home visit went up to €30 on Tuesday and the full fee will only be reimbursed if a home visit is deemed to have been “medically justified” — otherwise only €20 will be refunded.

Don’t have one for the road?
POLICE are continuing their road safety crackdown this week.

Checkpoints on many local roads are targeting speeders, mobile users ‘talk-driving’ and drunk drivers.

“The drink-drive limit in France is 50 milligrams of alcohol per 100 millilitres of blood, which is no more than three glasses of wine” — a road-side gendarme told The Riviera Gazette.

Nice plans €40m port upgrade project
NICE’S council has voted for an ambitious plan to improve the port area of the city. Under the ten stage plan which will cost €40m, historic buildings will be renovated, cycle lanes added and Place Garibaldi will be pedestrianised.

Parents face fines
PARENTS will face fines of up to €2,000 if their children persistently play truant from school if a new law proposed by Interior Minister Nicolas Sarkozy this week is passed.

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**MAHER TO GO ON TRIAL IN DECEMBER**

Conspiracy theories discounted by defence lawyer

Michael Baden, a top US medical examiner who worked on the OJ Simpson trial, has joined Maher’s defence team. He has studied the autopsy reports and will soon release his findings on CNN’s Larry King Live news programme. Griffiths revealed that Baden will tell CNN: “Vivian Tell, the0 birth, but he was a strong man. They both ended up dying and Ted Maher is standing trial for these deaths.”

A final appeal to the Monaco court for the charge to be downgraded to involuntary manslaughter has now been rejected.

The trial date is set for December 1, when Maher will face a charge of ‘arson with intent to cause harm’.

Griffiths told The Gazette that the defence won’t focus on the more controversial theories, but rather on if the deaths of Safra and Torrente could reasonably have been avoided, and if Maher can be held entirely to blame for the murders.

Griffiths is optimistic that Maher will soon be out of jail if he is convicted of a lesser charge.

“Involuntary manslaughter is a term of six to ten years. With time served and time off for good behaviour, Ted could be out of prison next year.”

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**Antibes’ basketball basket case**

THE French national basketball season tips off this weekend and for the Olympique Antibes-Juan Les Pins team it signals the first battle has already been won, writes Richard Baker.

The financially-troubled club narrowly escaped liquidation last month, but now must find €152,000 by November 20 to ensure its survival. Olympique start its court campaign, where they’ll try and save their Pro B spot, at home this Saturday against Besançon. Tip off is at 8pm.

Pro-B is the second of France’s two elite basketball divisions.

Coach Serge Provillard is realistic about his side’s chances. “We’re just aiming to stay in Pro B,” he told The Gazette. “It’s a bad situation to be in but I know what my job is and that’s to win on the court.”

“This is our season to talk about development,” continued Provillard. “The fans will have to know that we’re in a rebuilding phase.”

Last year Olympique finished 14th, two off the bottom of Pro A. They’ll do well to match that in Pro B this season, and fill the 3,500-seat Jean Bunex stadium in the process.

Tickets, starting at €5, are available at the door or on line at www.antibes-basket.com.
Tax cuts confirmed

By Sarah Clark

A 15% hike in the price of cigarettes and tobacco products will bring in €1bn a year, with two-thirds on reducing the burden on employers and, in particular, the employed.

Income tax will be reduced by 1% across the board, taking France’s top rate of tax to under 50% for the first time in 40 years, at 49.58%, saving the nation’s taxpayers a total of €771m. Further breaks are being put in place for the low paid, part-time workers and those employing domestic staff.

Businesses are getting a tax break worth over €3bn, aimed at promoting economic growth and creating more jobs, and saving them €1.9bn overall.

Reductions in employers’ contributions for employees will save businesses a further €1.6bn.

The police service gets a spending increase of 5.7%, enough to hire 1,200 new Gendarmes and 1,800 new Police. A network of new detention centres is also planned, to rehabilitate and educate young offenders.

The military gets a 6.1% spending boost. A second aircraft carrier, two more nuclear submarines and more Rafale fighter jets are due to be built. A 15% hike in the price of cigarettes and tobacco products will bring in €1bn a year, with two-thirds of the money raised pledged to the state healthcare service. Health Minister Jean-François Matheu has promised to repay €1.2bn of the remaining €3.3bn debt in 2003. The health service will gain a further €300m to €350m a year by de-listing hundreds of proprietary drugs. Patients will only be able to claim back the cost of the generic equivalent.

An extra €500m has been set aside to improve hospital infrastructure, with investments of €1bn expected to come from public-private partnerships in 2003. But, to provide further savings, 1,700 civil service jobs will go.

And spending on education will only increase by 1.7%, despite striking action plans by teachers’ unions.

The national debt will be maintained at €24.6bn, raising fears within in the EU that France could breach its euro-zone commitments.

Bill Blevins, managing director of financial consultants Blevins Franks International, summarised the budget: “More law enforcement, more military hardware, less tax, less culture…France is living on borrowed time and money,” he told The Gazette.

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WOMEN living in the South of France are the most depressed in Europe, according to new research published this week.

The gap between the low wages earned by many locals and the huge income and visible wealth of many settlers from outside the region is to blame, the researchers conclude.

Viagra thief at large

A ROBBER brandished a knife and demanded Viagra from a chemist in Marseille this week.

It is the third time he has struck the same pharmacy.

Town goes off rails

VILLENEUVE-LOUBET councillors are calling for the railway line to be built underground, freeing up real estate along the coast and reducing disruption during construction.

But putting the line underground could cost €2.7bn and take twenty years to complete.

Two-thirds for public sector

SIXTY-FIVE percent of French people think the public sector ‘functions well’, according to a new survey by CSA.

But only 7% think it functions ‘very well’.

EDF is considered to offer the best service, followed by the marines, La Poste, hospitals and France Telecom.
My Riviera

Jill Shepperd, proud new bookshop owner, talks to Heather Stimmer-Hall about her literary love affair...

To own a bookshop is a dream come true for me. The English Book Store in Valbonne has been open for over 13 years and Sue and Mike Abrahams have owned it for the past ten. And, from today, I’m the new owner!

I met Sue at a supper club six years ago, and when she told me about the bookshop, I asked her to call me if she ever needed part-time help. A few months later she phoned to say she was working there full-time, so that’s when I started. They decided to sell earlier this year, and I’d always said ‘If you ever think about selling, I’d be interested’.

I’m from Whitley Bay, near Newcastle, so I guess that makes me a Geordie. My mum had a small bookshop. She had been a librarian when she met my father, and when I was born she worked in a shop part-time and then eventually bought it. So you could say books are in my blood!

I’ve been here for eight years now. I don’t get out too much in general. I’ve been busy studying for an Open University degree. I’ll be getting my BA with honours after I finish my last section this winter. I’ve been studying for seven years, and friends are always asking me how I can stand it, but it’s what I love, it’s my passion!

You have to like village life to work here. It’s a very close community, you tend to see the same people four or five times a day. It’s good for the shop. I like to think there’s a good rapport between the French and the foreign businesses.

You could never open a book shop like this in the UK, not anymore. But in France the independent commerçant is still important and valued.

I live in Mougins, I didn’t want to live in Valbonne because I don’t want to live with the books! It would take over my whole life. The best thing about living here? The climate is great, you can’t argue with it. I don’t like the coast much, except in winter when I can walk along the beach without the crowds.

The area has an odd mix of English-speaking people from year-round residents who work and live here, to the tourists who are just passing through, so we try and stock books for different kinds of clients. We also get French people looking for books for their English friends, or for their children if they’re learning English. We have children’s videos, too.

Special orders aren’t a problem, and a book finding service is in its infancy. The English Book Store is a meeting point in Valbonne Village, and an introduction to the community for those new to the area. They can look at the community notice board and find out there’s a Scottish Dancing group, or pick up the free local magazines and newspapers.

The changes to the shop will be minimal for now. Why spoil a good thing? Today’s the first day I’m in business, and I have so many little things to do. The credit card machine doesn’t work yet, and I have to change over the bank details from Sue and Mike’s old account. There will be some changes in the future, like in the mix of the books, and over a period of time I may move towards more DVD rentals than videos.

I’m still working on the website, but hopefully one day it’ll be finished!

Jill Shepperd

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Thursday

● Tonight is the last chance to see Charles Gounod's opera Roméo et Juliette at the Opéra de Nice. Tickets range from €7 to €82 – Call 04 92 47 40 40 to book.

● Monte-Carlo Magic Starr, showcasing local music and dance talent from around French Riviera, continues tonight and tomorrow at 9pm and on Sunday at 3pm at Monaco's Théâtre Princesse Grace. Tickets cost €20 for under-21s, from €9 35 23 27 32.

● Catch classic yacht racing in St Tropez with Le Voiles de St Tropez, today Saturday.

Friday

● The Ensemble Belle Epoque gives a chamber music concert tonight, with music by Maupertuis, Strauss, Rossini and Mozart at the Salle des Valtats, Monaco. at 20:30. Call 07 33 75 92 82 to book.

● The J.S. Tissot Trio play jazz at 9pm in the monastery room at the Château de Berce, Longues tonight. Tickets are €13, call 09 40 60 84 84 to book.

● Also on today at Le Voiles de St Tropez and Monte-Carlo Magic Stars.

Saturday

● Venice is the venue today and tomorrow for the Fête du Moyen Paut et Haut Pays. The old town will be filled with stalls offering local produce, crafts and a taste of the interior.

● The South African Club is hosting a house party today at the Var home of one of their members. Call 04 94 47 86 70 for information.

● The Paranomous Club is hosting a charity day in aid of the French Red Cross, from 9:30am to 5pm. There’s a mini-marathon, demonstrations of music and dance, a grand tombola, tours in vintage cars and cakes of candles, plants and other gifts. All monies go in full to the Red Cross.

● Over 2,000 people will run for charity on a 10km or 20km course from June-Les-Pins, around the town and across the beaches, while the chemin des Sablés today in the 23rd Cour d’Assaut. All runners get a rose at the finishing line. Entry is €3; pick up your race number at Carrefour or www.ville-antibes.fr.

● The 14th Pyramides du Chasseur will be built in Place Masséna, Nice, in aid of the victims of anti-personnel mines. Bring an old pair of shoes to add to the pyramid. If you can’t get to Nice, visit www.handicap- international.org where you can throw a virtual shoe onto a virtual pyramid and sign a petition online.

● Thirty-one Morgan cars will gather in Monaco this weekend for the 5th Annual Morgan Car Meeting. The cars will be lined up in the port between 10:30 and 12:30 for a demonstration. Morgan cars will depart for Nice for a grand tombola, tours, museum visits and coach trips. Tea and registration starts at 3pm. Call Elisabeth Calamesi on 04 93 72 97 08 for information.

● Catch Irish spectacular Riverdance tonight at the Salle Nikaia, Nice.

Tuesday

● Find out about The Women’s Club of the Portimao Marriott Hotel in Portimão, Portugal. The club, whose members come from fifteen countries, will introduce its 2003/2004 season tonight. The club offers museum visits and coach trips. Tea and registration starts at 3pm. Call Elisabeth Calamesi on 04 93 72 97 08 for information.

Wednesday

● Clement Freud Entertains tonight and tomorrow night at the Salle Nikaia, Monaco. The club, whose members come from fifteen countries, will introduce its 2003/2004 season tonight. The club offers museum visits and coach trips. Tea and registration starts at 3pm. Call Elisabeth Calamesi on 04 93 72 97 08 for information.

Thursday

● Special Harvest Festival church service will be held at St John’s in Menton at 10:30am, with the service at 11am.

● Bargain hunters are spoilt for choice today with bargain sales, second-hand sales and car boot sales taking place in Cap d’Ad, Villeneuve-Loubet, Beaulieu, Opio, Valbonne and Nice. Contact the local tourist office for details, or follow the signs.

● The pavé de Cagnes-sur-Mer is closed to traffic this morning as the town hosts its Foire d’Automne. Stand sells stuff everything from books, crafts and produce to antiques and second-hand furniture. The fair takes place throughout the town.

● Monaco celebrates the Jeune Europeenne du Parcimore time opening by opening its museums free of charge and allowing access to official buildings which are usually closed to the public. There are tours of the Ministre D’Etat’s official residence from 10am to 5pm. Also open are the town hall, the Palais de Justice, Stade Louis II and the office of the International Atomic Energy Agency. And to help you get around, all Monaco’s buses are free of charge today.

● The first organ music concert in Mougin’s Festival d’Orgues takes place at 5pm today Call 04 93 75 87 67 for details.

● Continuing today are the Fête du Moyen Paut and Haut Pays. The club, whose members come from fifteen countries, will introduce its 2003/2004 season tonight. The club offers museum visits and coach trips. Tea and registration starts at 3pm. Call Elisabeth Calamesi on 04 93 72 97 08 for information.

● Catch the Riverdance spin-off Magic of the Dance tonight at La Paléste, Le Canet at 8pm. Tickets are €39.50. Call 04 93 48 88 80 to book.

● A two day course to conquer a fear of flying is being held at Nice Airport today and tomorrow. The course, in French and English, costs €620 and includes a 45 minute hand - holding flight, call Michèle Barca on 04 93 64 34 59 for details.

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