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CARD CROOKS CAUGHT IN CANNES

THE arrest of two British men in Cannes has revealed what could be a network of hi-tech fraudsters who police think can break into bank computer systems to steal account numbers and make fake credit cards.

John Coxton, 41, from London, and Marshall Aashtar, 32, from Essex, were caught with 'cloned' bank cards which they used to buy massive quantities of cigarettes destined for the black market in Britain.

Coxton, believed to be the ringleader, has been living a "jetset lifestyle" since arriving on the Riviera in April.

Local police were tipped off by a French bank in early October after cigarettes worth €20,000 were bought with a fraudulent bank card.

Then last week Aashtar was arrested in a Cannes tobacconist while trying to buy more. He had come specially from Britain to pick up the contraband and take it back to sell on the black market. Soon afterwards

British fraudster lived jetset lifestyle as he ran smuggling operation

Coxton was arrested at his luxury apartment in the town's desirable La Croix-des-Gardes district.

A Range Rover and a top-of-the-range BMW were found parked outside. Both had been stolen in the UK and had false number plates.

The men are now in Grasse Prison, facing fraud charges after they were found with no less than 40 counterfeit cards between them.

Commissaire François Farinelli, head of the Cannes SIR, the police special investigations unit, said "I received a phone call from a bank, and then from the tabac where Aashtar was arrested. Coxton was the chief of the business here."

"He paid for his lavish lifestyle – taking helicopters to Monaco and St Tropez and staying in top hotels in Paris and other places – with fake cards."

French bank cards use ultra-secure smart card technology – card holders simply punch in their pin number to authorise a purchase. Foreign cards are processed by swiping the much-less secure magnetic stripe. One card fraud expert told *The Riviera Gazette* how a 'mag stripe' bank card can be copied using equipment freely available on the internet and a card made from a cereal packet and a length of video tape.

But police sources say the cards



RINGLEADER... John Coxton



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SMUGGLER... Marshall Aashtar

found on the two men were well made fakes and related to real accounts belonging to individuals in the UK.

The case is being handed over to police in Nice, who will continue their investigations in the UK.

Commissaire Farinelli told *The Riviera Gazette* "Cigarette trafficking to the UK is big business, and this is only a drop in the ocean."

"We believe there is a highly professional and organised structure in the UK making fake bank cards and then sending people to France and other countries to use them."

● **Do you know anything about these men?** Please contact the SIR in Cannes on 04 93 06 22 22.

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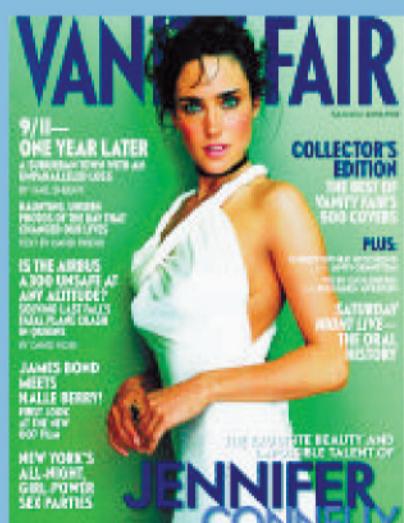
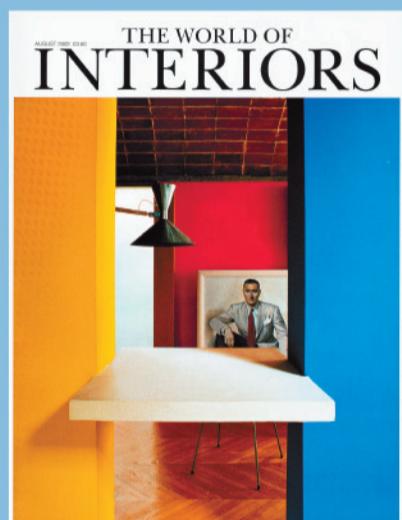
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A DAY TO REMEMBER

REMEMBRANCE Sunday was observed all over the region last weekend.

At Holy Trinity Church in Cannes, members of the local branch of The Royal British Legion turned out to remember those that gave their lives for their country.

Old soldiers from Britain were joined by former French freedom fighters, including Monsieur Brault, a decorated war hero who joined General DeGaulle's Free French movement in June 1940, and fought in the special forces with the Special Operations Executive

- the forerunner of the SAS.

"I was parachuted into France twice to help the resistance" said the war veteran, whose medals include a Croix de Guerre and the Légion d'Honneur, the highest award given by France.

Then on Monday, the British Legion was represented at a remembrance ceremony in Mougin by flag-bearer Peter Durlacher and Colonel David Alexander, who laid a wreath at the war memorial.

Cannes' branch of the British Legion, a charity which safeguards the welfare, interests

and memory of those who've served in the armed forces, is keen to recruit new members.

"You need not have military connections to join," said Peter Durlacher, "and we offer a social programme that includes two or three lunches each year, as well as a couple of interesting expeditions."

"Last year we toured Europe's biggest military base, and we've got something exciting lined up soon, again on a military theme, that I can't quite talk about yet."

● Find out more by calling Brian Harris on 04 93 64 29 79.



RESPECT... David Alexander, representing The Royal British Legion, lays a wreath at Mougin's Remembrance Day ceremony



RESISTANCE HERO... M. Brault and friend Georges Roca attended Sunday's service at Holy Trinity Cannes



REMEMBERING... Royal British Legion members Brian Harris, Peter Durlacher, Peter Goss, pastor David Vail, David Alexander, Tony Good and Denis Barnes at Holy Trinity Church in Cannes on Sunday

BMW shootout

TWO crooks carjacked a BMW in Valbonne last week, threatening the owner at gunpoint.

Later the same day the pair were stopped by police in Le Cannet but, after firing at the cops, ran off into the woods. They then attempted another carjack and Mandelieu police took up the chase, only to abandon it after being shot at 15 times.

"These two dangerous criminals are still at large and we are actively looking for them," Le Cannet police told *The Riviera Gazette*.

Security alert

FRENCH Interior Minister Nicolas Sarkozy has called on people to be on their guard for potential terrorist activity this week.

The warning comes as both the UK and France went on Red Alert amongst fears there is a very real threat of a terrorist attack.

Locally, security at Nice airport and at cruise ship ports has been tightened.

France woos UK

THE French government is in talks with UK Treasury officials in a bid to persuade Britain to join the Euro.

France believes getting the UK into the Euro zone will strengthen the currency, and is prepared to sweeten the pill by offering an advantageous Sterling-Euro conversion rate.

Booted out

FRENCH antique dealers and licensed second-hand traders want vide-greniers banned.

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Aussie filmmaker visits Valbonne

VALBONNE'S Festival of Australian Cinema featured a special guest appearance from the continent's first indigenous filmmaker, reports Alison Craddock.

Wayne Jowandi Barker, a renowned Aboriginal cinematographer and musician, presented a short biographical film and gave a didgeridoo recital after Saturday's screening of the award-winning film *Lantana*.

The Valbonne-based film appreciation group 'Les Visiteurs du Soir' features a different country for its festival each year. Next year's country is yet to be chosen, but India and South America are both hot favourites at the moment.



AMBASSADOR ... Wayne Jowandi Barker, Australian film-maker, with Marc Latouche, president of Festival organisers Les Visiteurs du Soir

TRG/Alison Craddock

Xmas airport strike threat

CO-ORDINATED strike action by firefighters and security staff at major UK airports could cause travel chaos for Riviera residents and their UK-based families hoping to get together for the festive season.

Airport workers are set to strike on Thursday November 28, Monday December 2, Tuesday 10, Sunday 15, Monday 23 and Thursday January 2.

Each day of action will run from 6am to 6pm. Heathrow, Gatwick and Stansted will be worst hit, with Southampton, Aberdeen, Glasgow and Edinburgh airports targeted too.

Services from Nice to Luton, Liverpool, Bristol and East Midlands should be largely unaffected by the action, although they could suffer knock-on effects as aircraft and crews have to be re-positioned away from the strike bound airports.

Andrew Dodgson, spokesman for the Transport and General Workers Union, told *The Riviera Gazette* "Airport fire and security staff have had a huge work burden since September 11th. The British Airports Authority pays our members very poorly and we hope to negotiate a decent rate of pay."

"Airports will have to close without firefighters or people to perform security checks," he continued. But BAA claims pay rates are "actually very competitive" and said "We are very disappointed by the threat of strike action but we are hoping to resolve it. We are optimistic that we can keep the airports open."

Stealth cops to get on their bikes

MENTON'S gendarmes have come up with a plan to tackle night crime with bicycles, writes Jenny Paul.

Officers equipped with mountain bikes and infra-red night vision goggles – as used by the SAS – will sneak silently around the town during the crime-prone early hours.

The idea comes from the town's Gendarme Capitaine, who wants to address the growing night time crime problem. He contends that the bicycle-borne crime-fighters will be more stealthy and alert than their colleagues in patrol cars.

"It would be an excellent solution to the problem we have with burglars and other wrong-doers" said a Menton Gendarmerie spokesman.

If given the go ahead, the scheme will cost €17,000.

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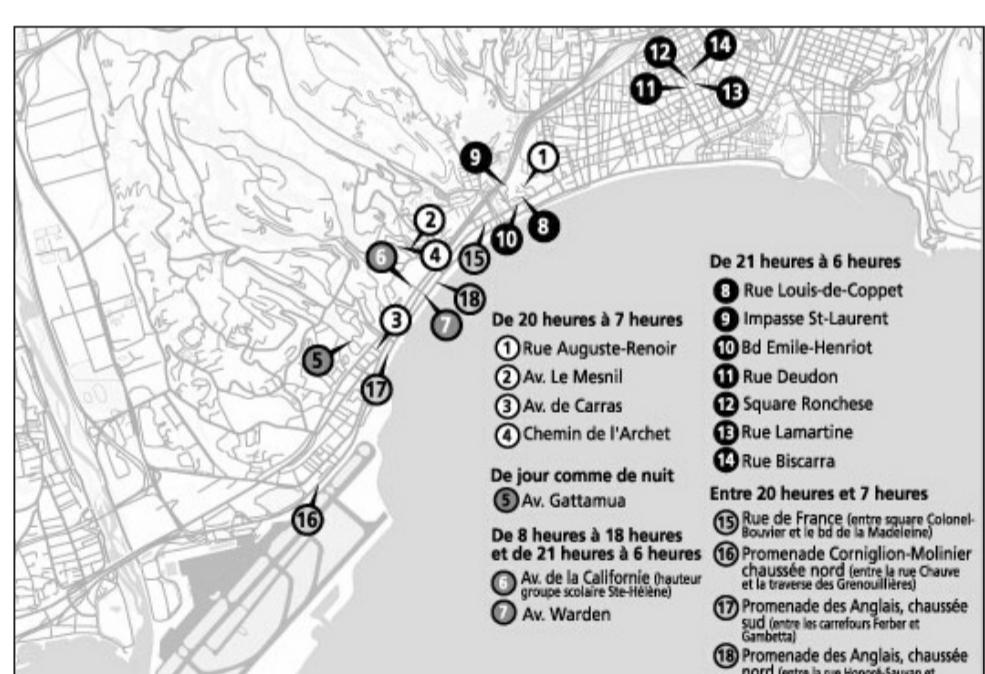
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STREET CLEANING ... New plan means vice girls can only tout for work on specific streets at certain times

Vice workers face street restrictions

NICE mayor Jacques Peyrat has revealed a plan to limit the areas in which the town's street walkers can tout for business.

The ladies of the night will only be allowed to work on specific streets at specific times.

Sarah Long, who lives in Nice, told *The Riviera Gazette* "I feel intimidated by them. When walking on my own, I worry that kerb crawlers may

try to approach me." But one vice girl, known just as Tallulah, told *The Riviera Gazette* "I'm really upset by this, I won't be able to work on the Promenade des Anglais during the day, and will be forced into the hard-to-find Avenue Gattama instead."

The new restraints will become law "before the end of the year" according to Peyrat.

Nice Matin/TRG

Prisoner's claims halt murder case

THE surprise testimony of a prison inmate has halted the trial of an Antibes man charged with the murder of three people, reports Andrew Campbell.

Sixty-year-old fromager Michel Pinnetea and his wife, Joelle, 45, appeared in court last Monday in connection with the grizzly killings of two men and a woman in February 1999.

The decapitated and dismembered bodies of the victims, two of whom were known drug traffickers, were found weeks later by road workers near Toudon in the Esteron.

Pinnetea had known one of his alleged victims, 50-year-old Ben Mokhtar, for thirty years.

After convict Laurent Romeo made his testimony, court officials immediately moved that the case be adjourned whilst the examining magistrate studied the statement.

Romeo's statement alleges corruption by local officials and makes mention of six million francs changing hands "between friends".

Defence lawyer Eric Dupond-Moretti told the court Romeo is ready to identify four people he claims are connected to the killings.

"Until then, the court does not have all of the facts in this case," he said, and so proceedings against his client could not continue.

Police say Pinnetea has changed his story several times during questioning, initially admitting to the murders, but later retracting his statement and claiming he had been coerced into confessing.



BASKET CASES... two Moroccan men crammed into each fake fence roll for their journey across Europe on a van's roofrack (inset)

Swift justice for 'coffin' smuggler

A ROUTINE inspection by motorway police last week led to the discovery of ten illegal immigrants hidden on the roof of a van, reports Susannah Hickling.

When gendarmes patrolling the A8 near Saint-Maximin in the Var stopped an Italian-registered van carrying large rolls of bamboo fencing on its roofrack, they thought they were dealing with a simple case of a grossly overloaded vehicle.

"We were questioning the driver," said a police spokesman, "when one of the squad saw a man climb down from the top of the van."

What police found next was a graphic illustration of the extreme

lengths to which migrants will go to reach the destination of their dreams.

Hidden inside five rolls of fencing were ten Moroccan men, lying inside what can only be described as coffins.

Each of the two-metre-long fence rolls was hollow, the shape held in place by a metal frame.

Incredibly, inside each were two men lying head-to-toe. Their travel needs were served only by a small bottle of water and a nappy.

A police spokesman described the conditions as "inhuman" and "sordid". The man who emerged had been unable to carry on.

Four of the refugees admitted that

they had paid the driver €3,000 apiece to be transported from Tangiers in Morocco to Bologna in northern Italy. One claimed to have sold his flock of sheep to pay his fare, while others said they had sold everything.

The police spokesman added that the men's families had indebted themselves "to allow their children to live in paradise".

The illegal immigrants are expected to be sent back to Morocco.

The van's driver, Abdessamad Mackchad, appeared before the criminal court in Draguignan last Thursday. Under a fast-track procedure used for clear-cut cases, he was sentenced to five years in prison.

Winter of discontent

A SERIES of industrial disputes is set to herald a winter of discontent.

In addition to road blockades planned by truckers for four to five weeks from November 22, electricity and gas workers are set to strike today. Public sector workers including France Telecom staff, postmen and train drivers will demonstrate on November 26. Local public officials are planning a national strike on December 5 and education workers and parents are staging a national rally on December 8.

Truant alert

A NEW initiative to stop truancy is on trial at four schools in the Var and the Alpes-Maritimes.

The schools have installed a computer system which sends text messages to parents' mobile phones if their children don't turn up to school.

The scheme has proved popular with both teachers and parents. Pupils are not so happy, however. "What about the kids whose parents haven't got mobile phones? Those children are able to run riot and do as they please. It's not fair," said one disgruntled local pupil.

New heliports

ST TROPEZ is to get two new heliports in time for next summer.

The move follows concerns over the number of helicopters setting down in unauthorised landing spots.

Royal pain

KING Albert II of Belgium broke his ankle in a motorbike accident near Chateauneuf-de-Grasse last week.

The 68-year-old King has a home in the town, from where he frequently tours the countryside on his bike.

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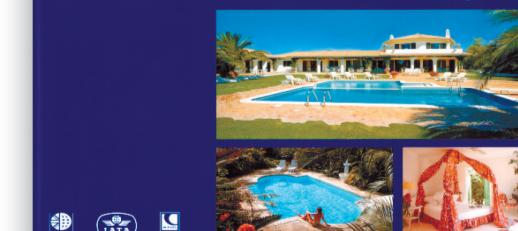
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My Riviera

The Red Pear Theatre's Hilary King tells Heather Stimmmer-Hall how a 'why not?' turned into a mission to educate...

“I'M IRISH, but I grew up in London. I lived in Tokyo and Hong Kong for ten years with my husband, who everyone knows as The Bear. That's where I rediscovered theatre.

When The Bear retired we were trying to decide whether or not to go back to London. We already had a holiday home here on the Riviera, and one day when I was walking around Antibes I saw a little theatre, the Théâtre Antibéa. I walked in and the manager, Dominique Czapski, was there, so I asked, 'Do you rent out your theatre?' He gave one of those Gallic shrugs and said, 'Pourquoi pas?' Just like that.

Back in Hong Kong when people asked what was next, I'd say, very confidently, 'I'm going to run a theatre group in the south of France'. Even though this was what I'd been doing in Hong Kong and Tokyo, it was scary as hell to hear myself say that! I did a lot of research and called actors, asking 'Would you like to come to the French Riviera?'

We opened in February 1995 with Colin George of the Royal Shakespeare Company performing *My Son Shakespeare*. Colin told his friends at the RSC about the Red Pear, so we had a lot of big names right from the start. The positive reception of professional English theatre was very rewarding, and it gave us the buoyancy to keep things going.

I want to challenge people. I try and do different things. We've done Shakespeare, we've done Pinter, and we're opening the 2003 season with *Pollyanna*. We're a non-profit association and we don't get any subsidies. We really have to sell out to break even. The toughest thing is that people leave it to the last minute to buy tickets!

An important part of what we do is to bring professional actors to the local inter-



BASHFUL...Hilary hides out behind the scenes at home, preferring to put others in the spotlight

national schools. I've experienced first-hand how the dynamics of drama can create epiphany in children.

Julian Glover, the baddie who gets melted down in one of the Indiana Jones films, did a workshop at one school on his role as Shakespeare's Cassius. The kids were all trying to be cool, but he got their attention by saying, 'I'll tell you how I was melted down after the f***ing poetry! And I'm an actor, so I swear!' He really made them understand Shakespeare's language.

When the students are working with real actors, and they want to get it right, it brings a lump to my throat. For the whole day they're working with professionals and being treated like professionals. They're

learning something they will never forget.

I spend a lot of my time at the theatre. I hardly eat out; I always have people at our house for meals, and when the actors are here I feed them. But I'm a *vraie Antiboise* and I do all of my shopping at the open market in Antibes.

I don't know if I could live in London again. I like the synergy of the expat communities. With The Bear's help we've been able to create a work of quality here that I'm really proud of. Some of the productions are not everyone's cup of tea, but I'm hoping that even if you don't like it, it gives you a spark... that's what live theatre does. I want to give people an entertaining evening and make them think. **“**

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● Cannes No vehicular access to a 190m stretch of Rue d'Antibes until Dec 2002. Diversions in place

● Mandelieu Traffic lights and 50km/h speed limit on RD109 until Nov 22

● Moyenne Corniche The RN7 is closed between Eze and Villefranche until Dec 15. Diversions are in place

● Nice Delays possible on the Promenade des Anglais, at Pont Magnan until Dec 20, and on the Quai des Etats Unis, at Cap de Nice, until Nov 29

● St Jean Cap Ferrat Construction work on a new fire station will cause delays at Pont St Jean until Dec 2003

● St Paul de Vence Traffic lights and 50km/h speed limit on RD2 until Nov 22

● Valbonne Roadworks on the RD103 with a 50km/h speed limit, causing delays in the village centre until Dec 19

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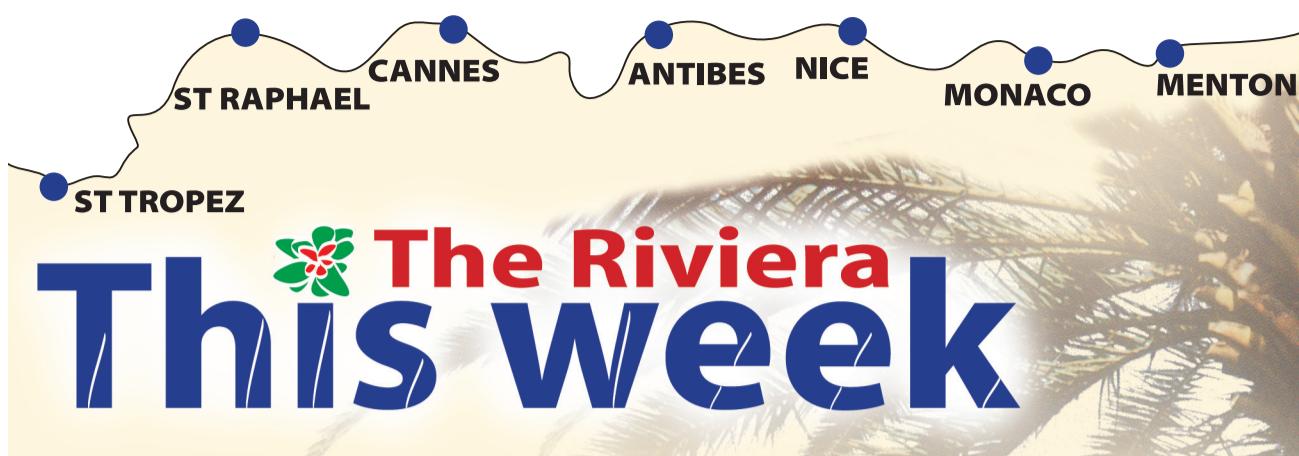
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What's On and Where To Go...



Thursday 14

- Tennis fans can see heroes of yesterday in action at the Grimaldi Forum from today to Sunday at the Tamoil Legends of Monte Carlo seniors and pro-celebrity tennis tournament. Catch Bjorn Borg for autographs at Fnac in the Metropole Centre at 11.30am today, and John McEnroe signing copies of his autobiography 'Serious' at 2pm. Also participating are Henri Leconte, Yannick Noah, Emilio Sanchez and Pat Cash. Tickets cost €15 to €55; call +377 99 99 30 00 to book.
- The 4th Festival des Arts Russes runs from tonight until November 24. Tonight's opening features seventy Russian performers at the Théâtre de Nice. Also young Russian musical prodigies give a concert at the Salle des Variétés, Monaco at 9pm. Also on the bill are an Imperial Gala dinner at the Hotel Negresco on Nov 24 and the official city twinning of Nice and Saint Petersburg. Call 04 93 13 90 90 for a full programme.
- The Grande Braderie de Monte-Carlo opens at Espace Fontvieille today until Saturday, with stalls selling pre-Christmas fare. Free entry, from 10am to 8pm daily.
- The Troupe du Rhom acrobatics group performs at the Théâtre de la Cité, Villeneuve-Loubet until Nov 17. Call 04 93 16 82 69 for tickets.

Friday 15

- Red Pear Theatre presents An Evening of Romantic Opera and Song with tenor Justin Lavender (Royal Opera, La Scala, Glyndebourne) and mezzo soprano Louise Crane at the Antibéa theatre, Antibes tonight and Saturday. Tickets are €23 from 04 93 61 01 71. (see also 'My Riviera', page 6.)
- Ready for a show high in colour, fun and poetry? The highly rated French comedy musical La Rue looks at famous figures in France during the first half of the 20th century, and is on at the Salle des Fêtes de Valbonne at 8.30pm. Call 04 93 12 30 92 for tickets.
- Foodies will love the Saveurs et Terroirs de la Méditerranée exhibition this weekend at the Palais des Congrès Europa, Mandelieu-La Napoule. Grab Christmas goodies from fresh walnuts, paté and fine wines to aperitifs at producer prices. From 10am to 9pm today and Saturday, 10am to 7pm on Sunday. Entry is €5.
- The Baroque en Musique season continues in Nice tonight with a Marin Marais performance at the Chapelle du St Suaire at 8.30pm and Sunday at 4.30pm. Tickets start at €7, call 04 92 14 48 00 to book.
- Monaco plays Ajaccio in a French league division 1 football match at 8pm tonight at the Stade Louis II, Monaco. Call +377 92 05 37 54 for tickets.

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	Thursday 14	Friday 15	Saturday 16	Sunday 17	Monday 18	Tuesday 19	NOVEMBER IN NICE...
AM	13°C Stormy	14°C Stormy	12°C Cloudy	10°C Partly Cloudy	8°C Partly Cloudy	13°C Cloudy	Avg. high: 18°C Avg. low: 10°C Avg. sea temp: 19°C Avg. rainfall: 94mm
PM	17°C Stormy	16°C Stormy	15°C Cloudy	12°C Partly Cloudy	15°C Partly Cloudy	18°C Cloudy	Getting cold at night inland. Local ski resorts set to open at the end of the month. Bring delicate plants inside.

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