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Lightning strike puts crater in Polly's patio

ZAPPED!

THE Riviera is mopping up after a weekend of torrential rain and thunderstorms that caused landslides, flooding and power cuts.

In **Tourettes** in the Var *Gazette* reader Polly Morrish's house was hit by lightning, causing thousands of euros of damage.

"It happened at midnight on Saturday, while I was outside fighting the floods. There was an incredible bang, the house shook, and the windows just exploded."

"It was like a bomb going off. There's a huge crater where it hit, just by the front door. Buried cables just leaped out of the ground and absolutely everything electrical has been zapped," continued Polly, 50.

"Light switches, wiring and fittings have melted into a gloopy black mess. There's broken glass everywhere. Shrapnel from where the lightning hit is embedded in the outside of the house three floors up. The whole house will need re-wiring."

Australian Polly, a guardian at the house, is not covered by insurance. "I've lost everything electrical in my apartment, but it's not covered because I didn't pay the hefty extra premium to insure against lightning damage in this area," she told *The Gazette*.

"I'm still in shock. I hope it's true that lightning never strikes the same place twice, because I don't want to go through that again."



SHOCKED ... Polly inspects the crater left by Saturday night's lightning strike

Meanwhile, on the RN202 at **Malaussène** two and a half thousand tons of rock and mud slid from the cliff face, completely blocking the road to Digne and the Auron and Isola 2000 ski stations.

Protective fencing meant to prevent smaller landslides was ripped away,

and the road is not expected to be cleared until Saturday.

Even then, geologists must pronounce the cliff-face safe before traffic can flow again.

Firefighters were called to rescue motorists trapped in cars and pump out cellars, and eight villas and a



BLOCKED ... the RN202 on Sunday

campsite were evacuated in **Plan de Grasse** as floodwaters rose.

Over six hundred residents had to leave home in **Auribeau-sur-Siagne** as a precaution.

In the Var, burghers in **Fayence** and **Callian** are seeking natural disaster status for the towns after almost 100mm of rain fell in just two hours on Saturday night, causing flood damage and the evacuation of several dozen residents.

● The area's ski resorts are now set to open on December 7. "We'd hoped to open the slopes at Auron on November 30, but politically we can't open one resort before another, so we have to wait until the official start of the season" said the Auron Tourism Office's Nathalie Cantero.

There is one metre of snow cover at Isola 2000 and 80cm at Auron, with another heavy fall expected on Friday.

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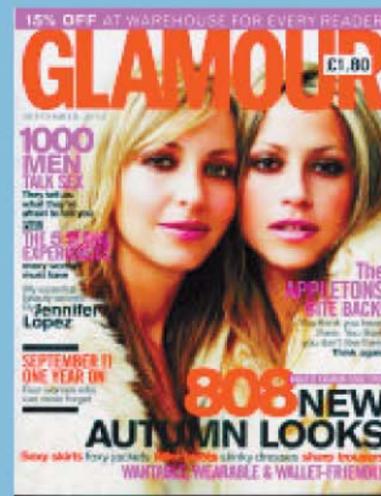
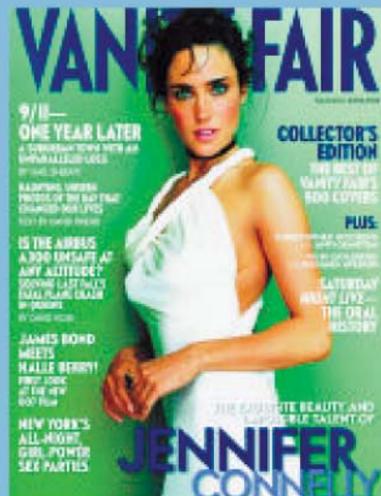
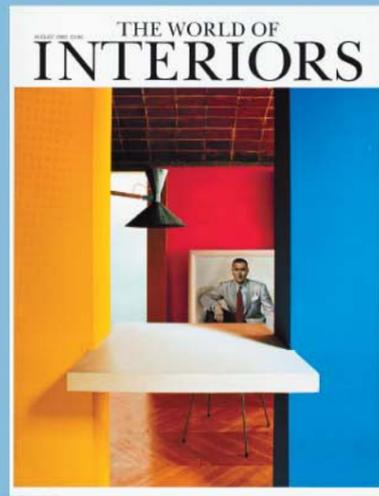
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Maher faces Gilded Lily

THE controversial trial of a 44 year old American nurse continues this week in Monaco, with a total of 52 witnesses set to give evidence as the case is heard, reports Jenny Paul.

Ted Maher is charged with committing arson with intent to harm, carrying a potential twenty year prison sentence following the death of his billionaire boss, Edmond Safra, in December 1999.

Firemen, police and medical experts have testified so far, along with the defendant himself.

Witnesses expected to appear this week include Heidi Maher, wife of the accused, and US autopsy expert Michael Baden.

Safra's widow Lily, the eighth richest woman in England and dubbed 'Gilded Lily' by the world's press, has attended the trial every day with bodyguards and a throng of lawyers.

Lily has also hired Prince Charles' public relations man, Marc Bolland, to advise her during the trial.

She confirmed to the court on Friday that the day after the fire she sensationally stated "Monaco police killed my husband," but asserted that she had made the comment in the heat of the moment - "I was desperately upset after the death of someone I adored," she said.

Maher, who has been awaiting trial in Monaco prison for three years, wears a bullet-proof vest as he makes the short car journey to and from court each day.

When asked what he would do if he



DEFENCE... A haggard Ted Maher wears a bullet-proof vest during the drive to court

could turn back time, Maher sighed put his head in his hands, saying "This has all been a terrible nightmare."

"I never wished that Mr Safra and Vivian would die."

But Maher's lawyers contend that much of the blame for Safra's death lies with Monaco rescue services.

On Monday the court heard how police and fire services took two and a half hours to reach Edmond Safra

and Vivian Torrente by which time they could "do nothing but conclude he was dead."

The next day Monegasque Doctor Jacques Woliewicz, who carried out the initial autopsies, told the court "There were definitely signs of an altercation between Edmond Safra and Vivian Torrente, before they both progressively lost consciousness."

Set to rock the trial today is the evi-

dence of New York city medical examiner, Michael Baden, who worked on the O.J. Simpson trial.

He's expected to claim that the autopsy shows Edmond Safra's nurse, Vivian Torrente, died from strangulation inflicted by Edmond Safra and not smoke asphyxiation.

In an exclusive interview with *The Riviera Gazette*, Maher's wife Heidi told of her fears on returning to Monaco - she claims she was briefly kidnapped and attempts were made to prevent her leaving Europe on the day of Maher's arrest.

"If they believe they have the man responsible for Safra's death on the stand, why is Ted wearing a bullet-proof vest?" she demanded.

Heidi spoke to her husband last Saturday by telephone and says "Ted's trying to stay strong, especially when he was talking to the kids."

But on Friday, looking pale and drawn and dressed in a light green suit, Maher complained to the court "In the prison I am woken every twenty minutes with a flashlight."

"I came back to my cell after court on Thursday and my personal effects and my pillow had been taken."

"How can I defend myself correctly under these conditions? Are they trying to get me to commit suicide?" he asked.

Attorney General Daniel Serdet promised that "all provisions will be taken so that the safety and the serenity of the defendant be assured"

The case continues, with a verdict expected on December 4th.

Var overheats

NOTAIRES in Draguignan and the Haut-Var are concerned about the property market overheating.

The current boom is resulting in fast turnover, with sales being agreed within 48 hours on even small pieces of land.

Prices for building plots in the Draguignan and Lorgues area have shot up 16% in the past year, 14.6% in the Var. House prices in the Haut-Var have increased by 11.1%.

Four Vencois killed in Corsica air crash

TWO local Danish couples were killed when their light aircraft crashed in Corsica on Tuesday.

The plane smashed into a cliff, killing Mickael and Anne-Marie Gjourup and Herve and Sylvie Constat on impact. The four had lived in Vence for several years, and leave five children between them.

Cops knocking shop

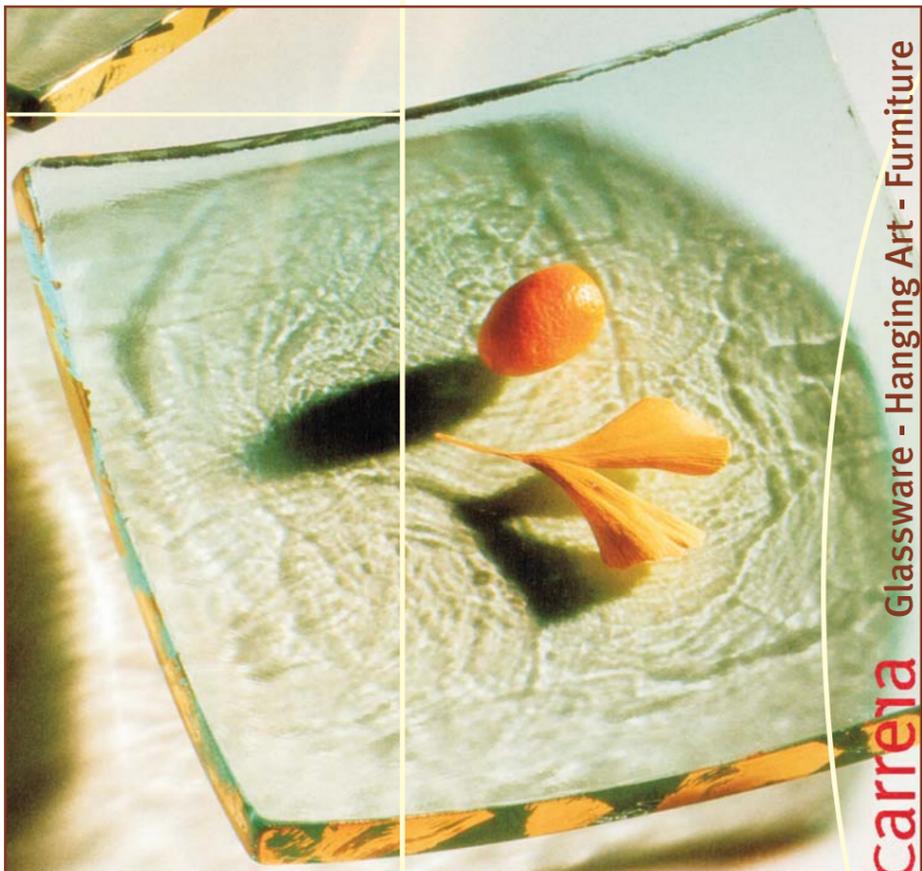
THE deputy mayor of a Normandy town has outlined plans to outlaw prostitution - except outside the commissariat de police, the gendarmerie and the prefecture buildings.

Caen's Brigitte Le Brethon believes this is the best way of demonstrating to the authorities the extent of the sex trade in the town.

Rampling's honour

CHARLOTTE Rampling has been awarded the Légion d'Honneur, France's highest civilian honour, for her contribution to French cinema.

The British actress, 57, has lived in Paris for many years and was married to French pop sensation Jean-Michel Jarre for twenty years.



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Black diamonds are back

THE return of the Aups truffle market officially opened the new season last Thursday, writes Susannah Hickling.

And this year's yield promises to be at least satisfactory. The sought-after underground fungus represents an important source of revenue for locals, and the last three years have seen meagre harvests.

Private buyers of Provence's "black diamonds" last week shelled out between €200 and €220 a kilo, while brokers paid between €120 and €150.

These were considered good prices for the first market. Better quality and larger quantities come later in the season, which finishes in February.



TRUFFLE SNUFFLE... a 1280g specimen, found last week in Draguignan

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THANKSGIVING... Pupils at a local French school have been learning about today's Thanksgiving celebrations. The CM1 and CM2 classes at Groupe Scolaire Garbejaire in Sophia Antipolis found out all about the American tradition from English teacher Rachel Harding (far left, middle row), who lived in Los Angeles before coming to the Riviera nine months ago. "We've learned about the pilgrims, the Mayflower and turkeys. It's about giving and sharing" said student Farah Ben-Ramdan, 9, before the children proudly showed the 'Happy Thanksgiving' banner they'd made to share with The Gazette's American readers.

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Var cops smash car crime ring

By Susannah Hickling

WHAT started as a simple investigation into car theft led last week to 280 gendarmes swooping on homes across France and dismantling a huge stolen vehicle network operating out of the Var.

Thirty people were arrested in the central Var, Draguignan and Toulon, whilst simultaneous dawn raids in the Bouches-du-Rhône, the Alpes-Maritimes, the Hérault, the

Pyrénées-Orientales and Seine Saint-Denis near Paris netted six more.

Police recovered more than thirty luxury cars including a Porsche and a Ferrari 348 GTB, as well as nine high-powered motorbikes and a mechanical digger.

Fourteen people have since been charged in Draguignan

with handling stolen goods.

Two men thought to be the masterminds behind the operation have been named unofficially as Claude Iedra and Claude Colin, from the Le Luc area of the Var.

The network stole cars and motorcycles to order, before changing the vehicles' appearance and giving them false number plates. They were then sold either into Tunisia or via Italy to Eastern Europe.



WE SHALL NOT BE MOVED... Five hundred Carrefour staff demonstrated outside the stores in Antibes and Nice St-Isidore on Saturday, protesting over their pay and working conditions. Then 2,000 local public sector workers marched through Nice on Tuesday as part of a national day of protest. And only forty flights got in or out of Nice airport that day as air traffic controllers went on strike across the country. But there is no suggestion that the annual 'strike season' coincides in any way with the start of Christmas shopping...

Russian invasion

TAX inspectors have opened a far reaching investigation into the financial affairs of Russians who are now owners of the Riviera's most prestigious properties.

The 'nouveau riche' Russian invasion of the Côte d'Azur started in 1990 and rumours of the mafia and money laundering have been rife ever since. At least 50 Russians who have invested in property here are now under investigation.

Among the area's most sumptuous villas which now have owners from the East are the Chateau de Gairaut in Nice, the Garoupe on Cap d'Antibes and the recently demolished Villa Pellerin.

Local investigators say they now get a call almost every day from Interpol seeking information on Russian activities on the coast.

Last year, with the co-operation of a Moscow judge, several deluxe apartments between Nice and Cap d'Ail, bought by a Russian transport company director after the business was privatised, were seized by fiscal authorities.

It turned out the businessman and his wife had laundered millions by buying up prime properties.

Police are being discreet about the identities of possible mafia members but say some people are wanted by the Russian authorities for 'suspect money deals'.

Boris Berezovski, currently living in exile in London, is the subject of one inquiry in the south of France. But Berezovski, who would be jailed if he went back home, says he is the victim of a political plot.

A leaked report reveals the new Russians have invested more than 200 million euros in holiday homes in the area.

Arcady Gaydamak, for example, is reputed to have spent €9 million buying the Villa Pellerin on Cap d'Antibes. Neighbour Berezovski is believed to have spent over €22m acquiring Le Chateau de la Garoupe and Le Domain de Garoupe.

Six month dive to chart Villefranche bay wrecks

By Richard Baker

A TEAM of twenty-five divers will spend the next six months making a detailed underwater map of the bay in Villefranche-sur-Mer.

The team, working for the sub-aquatic archaeology arm of the French Department of Culture, is to explore and chart ancient shipwreck sites in an effort to save valuable artefacts from bounty-hunting divers.

The survey, which started last week, will pay special attention to dive-prohibited and environmentally protected sites in the famously deep bay.

The divers will use the full range of traditional archaeological tools, from chisels to sucking machines, as well as the latest GPS equipment, which uses satellite navigation to help pinpoint and record every square inch of the seabed.

Three of the ships lying in the bay are known to have been wrecked in the 15th, 16th and 17th centuries.

The *Lomellina* sank in the centre of the harbour during a severe storm on 15 September 1516, the *Marinières* floundered in only four metres of water off the beach of the same name in the 15th century, and the *Dorothea* sank in April 1693 at the Cap de Nice.

The oldest known wreck, a Roman vessel, ran aground before sinking in the first century BC.

There is also believed to be at least one other unidentified ancient wreck.



SUNKEN TREASURE... divers are searching the bottom of Villefranche bay for relics

Although the areas now being investigated are off-limits to sport divers, many nonetheless do go there to see the wrecks.

Historians fear that important treasures have been pillaged over the years, and so will now recover and preserve what is left. Once the sites have been 'cleaned', they will become less attractive to future rule-breaking underwater tourists.

"We are expecting to find many artefacts, from remnants of the old ships to fossils and other interesting relics," Eric Duliere, President of the Commission Archeology Sous Marin, told *The Riviera Gazette*.

"The idea is to recover as much as possible from the wrecks to create a museum display. It's important that we do a thorough job because we want to be able to take these items on tour through the schools of the Côte d'Azur to help educate people about the region's underwater history."

Despite recent bad weather Mr Duliere said "Conditions are perfect for the operation as the number of boats in the harbour is limited and sea conditions are ideal."

"The public won't be able to see any results yet, but give it a few more weeks and we will start having some things to show."

Slow year ahead

THE OECD predicts that next year will be a difficult one for France, with rising unemployment and slow growth on top of a budget deficit which is likely to reach 2.8% of GDP by the end of 2002. This new figure will put France close to the 3% limit for countries in the Euro-zone.

Theatre school open

REGISTRATIONS are now being taken for acting courses at Monaco's Cameo Academy of Dramatic Arts, which opens its doors in January.

Children's classes will take place after school every day and Wednesday afternoons. Students will work towards performing two shows a year. Classes are €15 for 5-12 year olds, €20 for 12-18 year olds and €25 for adults. Call +377 97 77 18 39 to book.

Wrinkly robber

AN elderly man has robbed a Marseille pharmacy of its entire stock of Viagra for the fourth time in less than a year.

Police are unsure whether he's stealing the anti-impotence drug for his own use or to sell on the black market.

Thierry Moriame

TV documentary producer Thierry Moriame died of a heart attack at his home in Vence on Sunday, aged 47.

Of British and Belgian descent, Thierry began his career in television as an editor in Soho, London before moving to the Côte d'Azur twelve years ago to work at Nice's Victorine Studios. He started his own production company, MedMedia, in 1998.

Thierry was working on a three-part TV documentary, *On Time*, with the leading Australian physicist and cosmologist Paul Davies.

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My Riviera

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After that the villagers really took us to their hearts, and this little lad with ginger hair became their adopted son. Now he's twenty-two and French is his first language. He only speaks English at home with us.

We're in Mougins now, as guardians to a beautiful house. We really enjoy it, although I do miss parts of the village life,



GOING TO THE DOGS... Julie helps auctioneer Neil Myers shift another lot at last year's auction

where everybody comes out and sits on their doorstep to chat. Our son still goes back to our old village once a week to catch up with friends.

The family we do *gardiennage* for is great; they're Dutch, and twice they've taken us to Amsterdam as their guests. We stayed in their huge penthouse and they treated us like royalty.

As we're here in the countryside we started puppy walking for the guide dog school in Biot. It is a very good local charity and I thought it would be great to find a celebrity to sponsor a dog. I started asking around – George Michael sent a signed photo and suggested that I raffle it.

That gave me the idea to collect dona-

tions from celebrities for an auction last year.

And, although it was very hard work and I'd said to Eddie 'never again!', this year other people offered to muck in and so we're having another one. Celebrities have sent in items from all over the world. Some of them are so great I think I'll be bidding for them myself!

I really enjoy 'doing my bit' for charity, although I know there are a lot of other people here who do a lot more. I'm happy to help in my small way, but I don't think I can change the world! ”

This year's charity auction takes place on Saturday evening – see page 8 for details

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Sun 14:00
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Le Lido
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● **Malaussène** RN202 closed until Nov 30 due to landslide.

● **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

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

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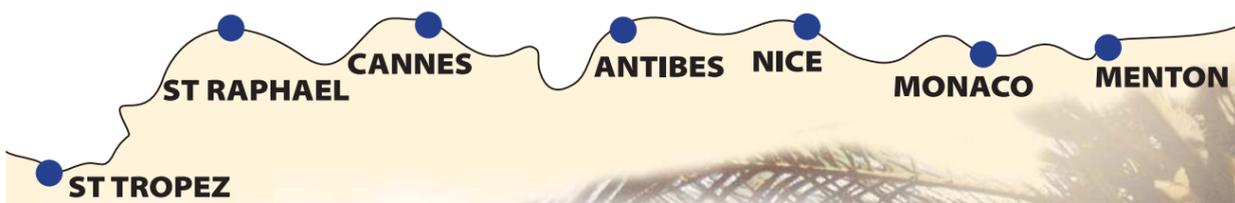
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THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

"Trade shows are important because they demonstrate how many people a company can operate without"
Anonymous

What's On and Where To Go...



The Riviera This week

Thursday 28

- Today, the fourth Thursday in November, is **Thanksgiving Day** in the US. The American Club of the Riviera is hosting a Thanksgiving lunch at the Hôtel de Paris, Monaco while Monaco-USA is having its Thanksgiving dinner in a private room at Stars'n'Bars this evening at 6:30pm. Call Monaco-USA on +377 678 631 573 for further info.
- Starting today and running through until Dec 1 is the **Jazz and Fleurs** festival at La Gaude, the annual "Jazz of the Côte d'Azur" awards. Call 04 93 24 47 26 for info.
- The **British Association of Monaco** invites everyone to their informal social hour at Le Bistrot in the Metropole Centre at 6:30pm tonight. Tel: +377 93 50 19 52.
- The **Royal British Legion** has its AGM tonight at 6pm at the Holy Trinity Church Hall in Cannes. Tel: 04 93 64 29 79.

Friday 29

- International **wrestling** hits Nice with the 28th International Challenge de Lutte Henri Deglane at the Salle Leyrit. The action starts at 9am both days, entry is free. Tel: 04 93 13 88 46.
- For culture of a different kind, **Indian dancers** Sharmila Sharma and Rajendra Kumar Gangani are performing at the Musee des Arts Asiatiques in Nice tonight at 7pm. Tickets from €7. Tel: 04 92 29 37 00.
- An international agriculture exhibition starts today at 9am in the Chantier Naval Opera in Antibes. **Four thousand animals** from Europe will be there until Sunday. Entry from €5.
- The Auld Alliance is hosting a dinner tonight at the Les Palmiers restaurant in Nice to celebrate **St Andrew's Night**. Call Brian McDowell on 04 93 08 32 78 for a last minute booking.
- Starting today at the Acropolis in Nice is a **property exhibition** with advice on building your own home to renovating and financing from over 80 businesses. Entry is free.
- More than 350 varieties of **cats** from all over Europe converge on the Acropolis in Nice today and tomorrow for the 13th International Cat Exhibition. Starting at 9am both days, tickets start at €7.
- Food, glorious food will be in abundance at the **7th Monte-Carlo Gastronomic Fair** at the Espace Fontvieille. Open every day until Monday, 10am to 8pm. Entry €5.
- Sample a **classical concert** with the Cannes PACA orchestra at the Auditorium St Jean d'Angely starting at 8pm. Call 04 92 07 66 07 for info.
- Continuing today is the Jazz and Fleurs festival.

Saturday 30

● A **charity auction** of celebrity memorabilia kicks off tonight at The Colonial Pub on Bd d'Aguillon in Antibes. Radio Caroline South DJ Mark Dezzani will be knocking down lots including signed CDs, books and photographs donated by well-known local and international celebrities. Entrance is free and everyone is welcome. All proceeds go to the Biot's guide dog school.



LOTS MOORE ... This signed photo of local celebrity Roger Moore in his James Bond days is just one of the star-studded lots on offer at Saturday's charity auction in Antibes

- The **christmas market** season starts today with the Place de la Mairie Annexe, below Grasse in the Saint-Antoine district hosting a two-day market. Head to the Salle des Fetes Maurice Concert from 10am for a market in Tourrette Levens. Roquebrune-Cap-Martin's market is only on today at the Avenir de Saint-Roman. If you're going to take the train beware of the steep walk up to the village.
- The Tennis Club de Vignal in Chateaufief is hosting a **Christmas Fair** from 10am to 6pm to raise funds for the SCAMT Humanitarian Aid Association. For further info call Lori on 04 93 60 05 09.
- The final of the Monte-Carlo **Women's Squash Classic** is on today at the Stade Louis II at 4pm. Entry is free.
- The Monaco **football** team are in action tonight at 8pm against struggling Paris Saint-Germain at the Stade Louis II. Call +377 92 05 37 54 for tickets.
- World championship **ballroom dancing** hits Nice's Salle Nikaia today at 2pm and 8pm. Couples dance off for a spot on the podium. Tickets start at €12.50. Tel: 04 92 29 31 12.
- Continuing today are the Challenge de Lutte Henri Deglane, the Nice property exhibition, Antibes' agriculture show, the Jazz and Fleurs festival, the International Cat Show and the Monte-Carlo Gastronomic Fair.

Sunday 1

- The **firefighters** of Bar-sur-Loup will be strutting their stuff in a demonstration day at the stade Municipale et Caserne des Pompiers from 11am. Entry is free.
- The rue de Village in Antibes is hosting a **Christmas Market** today from 10am.
- The **Monte-Carlo Philharmonic Orchestra** will be performing Mozart, Boccherini and Haydn at the Auditorium Rainer III today at 11am.
- The Cannes PACA Orchestra is playing **Mozart** at the Palais des Festivals at 4:30pm. Tel: 04 92 98 62 77.
- The port de Plaisance at Beaulieu sur Mer is the place to be for **second-hand goodies** today. The fair starts at 9am.
- Continuing today are the Monte-Carlo Gastronomic Fair and the Jazz and Fleurs festival.

Monday 2

- Kids from the Academy of Music and Dance will perform a **Christmas Concert** at 6pm at the Salle des Varieties, Monaco. Reservations on 06 03 44 20 66 from 4pm.
- **Monaco Investors Week** kicks off today from 9am with the International Venture Capital Summit at the Route des Crêtes in Sophia Antipolis.
- Continuing today is the Monte-Carlo Gastronomic Fair.

Tuesday 3

- Local fare including honey and cheese is on offer today at the **Foire aux Allumettes** in the Place de Provence at Guillaumes, from 9am.
- The British Association of Monaco's **end of year dinner** is at the Lycee Technique tonight. Call +377 93 50 19 52 for further info.
- The **Marseilles National Ballet** performs a mix of Broadway and a touch of jazz at the Cannes Palais des Festivals at 8.30pm.
- **Football** fans can see Nice in action as they take on Ajaccio in a must-win game at the Stade du Ray. Kick off at 8pm. Tickets start at €7. Tel: 04 92 07 06 06.
- Continuing today is Monaco Investors Week.

Wednesday 4

- **France-Grande Bretagne** is hosting a speech by Derwent Renshaw, a former Brussels diplomat, on relations between the UK and the rest of Europe at the Maison des Associations in Nice at 3.30pm. Tel: 04 93 81 22 88.
- Jazz with Julien Lourau, Bojan-Z and Karim Ziad at the CEDAC Cimiez, Nice at 9pm. Tickets €15 at the door.
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PM	16°C Partly Cloudy	14°C Cloudy	13°C Cloudy	14°C Partly Cloudy	12°C Sunny	13°C Partly Cloudy

DECEMBER IN NICE...

Avg. high: 14°C Avg. sea temp: 15°C
Avg. low: 6°C Avg. rainfall: 88mm

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