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TEN YEARS



SAFRA ... died in fire



'A TERRIBLE ACCIDENT'... Maher set in train the events that led to two deaths

TED Maher, the American nurse who has been on trial in Monaco for 'arson with intent to cause harm,' was given 10 years in prison on Monday.

This marks the end of an astonishing trial which has been heard in the church-like Monaco court for seven long days, each starting at 9am and finishing at 8pm.

Maher's defence lawyer, Michael Griffith, told *The Riviera Gazette* on Tuesday that, even accounting for time already served and time off for good behaviour, "this could mean Ted has as much as two years still to serve in prison."

He added "I have just been to see Ted and he's doing OK. He accepts that the sentence could have been much worse."

Griffith is unsure whether Maher is going to appeal.

On Monday, Maher stood motionless in the dock as the court passed sentence.

By **JENNY PAUL**

Afterwards his wife Heidi left in tears, while Edmond Safra's widow Lily released a statement saying "Justice has been done."

She also dismissed the defence's claims that Edmond Safra had killed his nurse by preventing her from leaving the bathroom as "abhorrent."

Stabbed

During the trial Maher told the court how he stabbed himself and scratched his face and hands with sandpaper, then told a colleague he had been attacked by intruders.

He then lit a small fire to alert the emergency services, in a desperate scheme to appear a hero in the eyes of his billionaire boss.

But the plan went wrong when fire spread through the huge Monaco penthouse, and the smoke suffocated Mr Safra

and nurse Vivian Torrente, who had taken refuge from the 'intruders' in a bathroom.

Prosecuting lawyers argued that because Maher had fabricated a story about intruders, the Monegasque emergency services were prevented from reaching Safra and Torrente.

Maher explained to the court on Friday "I never had any intent to cause harm to anybody. It's impossible to conceive how this terrible accident happened. It's not in my being to hurt, let alone kill anybody."

Under Monegasque law, Maher was allowed to question every witness during the hearing. According to Griffith, this factor damaged his case. "Ted was a very difficult client."

"Despite our continued pleas, he kept jumping up and angrily prosecuting the witnesses. I told him 'you're not the victim, Lily

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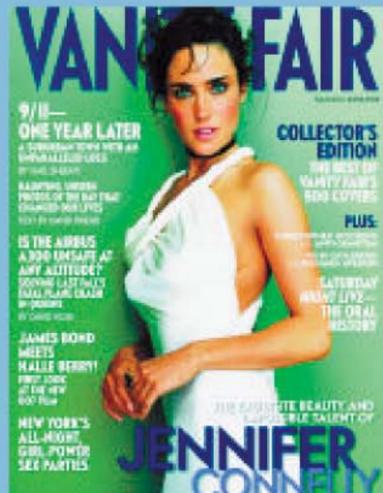
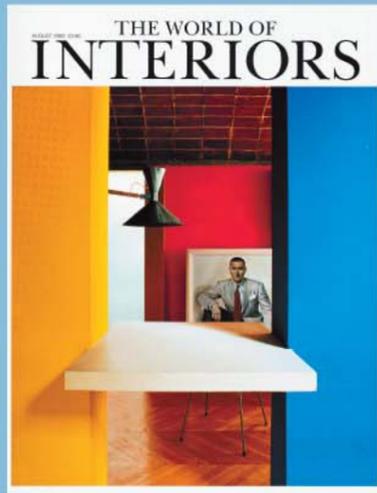
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EVENT RAISES €2,238

A RECORD-BREAKING €2,238 was raised by a large mostly expat crowd at a charity auction in Antibes on Saturday night.

A Beatles album signed by Monaco resident Ringo Starr went for €200 and a signed photo of singer George Michael made €250.

Fiercest bidding of the night was for a signed photo of another local, Roger Moore, in his James Bond days. A bidding war broke out when Simon Stevens of Classic Cars, who had already stumped up for the George Michael photo, went head to head with Paul Butler of Proactive Response, egged along by Gazette reporter Jenny Paul.

Burly bodyguard Butler finally secured the celebrity memento by offering €252, and immediately proved he's big hearted by giving it to his rival.

"I'm here for the guide dogs," he told *The Riviera Gazette*. "I didn't really care about the photo, and Simon obviously really wanted it, so I'm happy to give it to him."

Other lots sold in aid of the Biot Guide Dog School included three signed photos of Brigitte Bardot, signed books by Carol Drinkwater, a signed album and DVD from Monaco resident Justin Hayward, two pieces of glassware from Biot and an original Rolf Harris sketch – now hanging in the newsroom at Gazette Towers.

Radio Caroline presenter Mark Dezzani did the

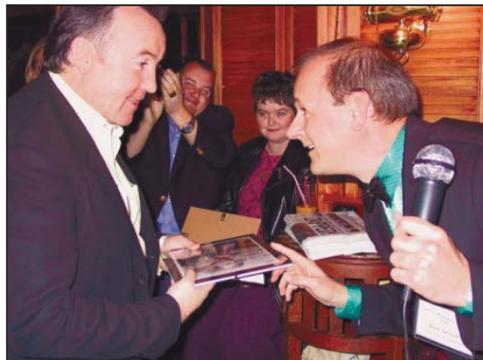


UNDER THE HAMMER... Auctioneer Mark Dezzani invites bids on a Beatles CD signed by Ringo Starr

honours as auctioneer in great style, stepping in at the last minute to rescue the event. Fundraiser Julie Davies had been left without a star auctioneer when Riviera Radio bosses demanded a €200 appearance fee for the scheduled auctioneer just days before the event. "I was really happy to help out," Dezzani told

The Gazette. "It was a great night, and everyone got into the spirit to raise a meaningful amount for charity."

Next year's auction is already being planned – anyone wishing to donate celebrity memorabilia can contact organiser Julie Davies on 04 93 90 01 36.



GESTURE... Paul Butler takes momentary ownership of Roger Moore's picture, before giving it to a rival bidder



THE TEAM... John Horswill, Julie & Eddie Davies, Alison Horswill, David & Julie Brachtvogel, Andrew & Catherine Horswill and Mark Dezzani made the auction a success

Ski season starts

THE Alpes-Maritimes ski season opens this weekend. Both Auron and Isola 2000 will open for business on Saturday, Valberg by December 20.

And debris from the landslide which blocked the RN202 last week has been partially cleared. One lane of the road, which leads to the resorts from Nice, re-opened yesterday.

The lower resorts nearer the coast are expected to open in time for Christmas.

Houses go up locally

Planning permissions granted in the Provence-Alpes-Côte d'Azur region rose 7.3% in the year to October, which represents 'a moderate increase' over 2001, according to the ministry of works.

Big rises were registered in Poitou-Charente (15.3%) and the Midi-Pyrénées (13.7%). But steep falls in the number of permits granted in other areas, including Paris, Corsica and Burgundy, suggest there is a slow-down in the construction sector nationally.

Insurance up

HOUSE insurance premiums in France are set to go up by as much as 6% from January.

Insurers blame the cost of repairs, the unusually high number of natural disaster claims and the decline of the financial markets.

Toll toys

MOTORWAY operating company Escota is collecting presents for disadvantaged kids at its Antibes toll booths until Sunday.

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Cannes gets new chaplain

HOLY Trinity Church in Cannes welcomed a new chaplain on Sunday, a month after waving goodbye to the popular Reverend Ian Barclay.

The Rev Peter Anderson and wife Helen have arrived from Cork in Ireland, where he has been Rector of Cobh and Glanmire for the last seven years. "I came to Cannes once before on a school exchange trip when I was 17. I like the area and I'm glad to be here for at least the next three years" said the Rev Anderson.

The father of four continued "We're looking forward to meeting everyone here and also improving our French".

Ian Barclay and wife Hazel have returned to Hove in England, though he plans to continue to present his *By the Way* slot on Riviera Radio for the foreseeable future.

Said Holy Trinity's head warden David Sinclair "We always considered ourselves lucky to have Ian here. He's a prolific author, a renowned bible teacher and something of a celebrity in church circles. He was very popular, and built this church into the success it is today.

"But we're looking forward to Peter building on the fertile ground left by Ian."



WELCOMED... The Reverend Peter Anderson and wife Helen on Sunday

Two dead, one injured in Nice pensioner shooting

A SENIOR citizen killed a neighbour and injured a passer-by before shooting himself dead in a lunchtime drama on the streets of the Boriglione area of Nice last Friday, writes Jenny Paul.

Alfredo d'Alicandro, 65, chased elderly neighbour Adrienne Franchi out of the residence where both lived. According to a witness she was shouting for help as she ran into the street. d'Alicandro - an Italian who has lived in Nice for many years - was pursuing her with a gun clearly visible in his hands.

The retired bus driver then shot 80-year-old Franchi, a locally active member of the National Front, twice and wounded an elderly passer-by in the shoulder before running back into the building.

Armed police descended on the area in force and found d'Alicandro dead in the hallway of his apartment. He had gunshot wounds to the head and a .38 calibre pistol in his hand. Police have not yet ascertained a motive for the shootings.

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Scots night was a hoot, mon



PIPING HOT... Piper John Turner plays for Louise Monaghan, Sandra MacLaghlan and Auld Alliance club president Brian McDowell

LOCAL Scots gathered at a Nice restaurant on Friday night to celebrate St Andrew's Day with the Auld Alliance.

Piper John Turner flew in from London to treat the assembled guests to three performances on the bagpipes.

The Auld Alliance is a club that celebrates the centuries-old ties between Scotland and France, and has both French and Scottish members.

Plans for January's Burns' Night party - with haggis, neeps and tatties - are well underway. Anyone interested in joining in can call club president Brian McDowell on 04 93 08 32 78.

Ten Years continued from front page

Safra is. Sit down and look remorseful?

"He definitely damaged his own trial."

On Friday, Maher watched as wife Heidi took the stand and said "My husband could not hurt anyone." Her voice shaking with emotion and tears streaming down her cheeks, she turned to Edmond's widow and said "I know two people died. I wish I could bring them back."

Lily nodded her head to Heidi in acknowledgement.

Heidi told the court how her and the children are suffering.

"The oldest, Christopher, is very quiet about this but his schoolwork is poor. Our other child saves a piece of every meal 'for Daddy' and the little one only knows his Father as a voice on the phone and from photos," she said.

In the dock, Ted wiped away a tear and hung his head and stared at the floor.

After testifying Heidi Maher was allowed to watch the proceedings with brother Todd and Maher's mother, Elaine. As the court broke for lunch, Maher smiled for the first time during the trial as he was allowed to

lean over the dock and kiss his wife and his mother.

Heidi, who lives in Stormville in upper New York State, told *The Gazette* afterwards "That was the first time I've touched my husband in over three years. I last saw him on Mother's Day, but he was behind glass and we talked with telephones."

Ted now faces being moved from Monaco's prison, where he has shared views across the sea, air-conditioning and a television with only fifteen other inmates, to a tough French jail.

Swiss tax plan's holes

FRANCE and Germany have agreed to push for corporation and value added tax harmonisation in the EU, in opposition to the UK which insists taxes must be set nationally.

Meanwhile, an EU plan aimed at curbing tax evasion on cross-border investments is under threat. Britain won't accept Switzerland's offer of a compromise on the terms of the proposed directive; the Swiss are unwilling to disclose information on investments held in their financial institutions and are offering to pay a withholding tax instead.

The City of London competes fiercely with Zurich for the international flow of money, so Britain says it is not prepared to disclose information if Switzerland does not have to.

Eiffel visitors

THE Eiffel Tower last week celebrated its 200-millionth visitor as plans to expand the much-loved Paris landmark downwards were announced.

The 113-year-old tower is more popular than ever but queuing facilities are basic. New proposals include an underground entrance area.

The 320-metre tower took 94 years to reach the 100 million visitor mark, and just 19 more to double the total.

Drink drive deaths

DRINK-DRIVING accounts for 61% of fatal accidents at night and 67% of road deaths at the weekend, according to research in the medical journal *La Revue du Practicien*.

No vote

PARLIAMENT has voted not to extend the right to vote in local elections to non-EU residents, by 221 votes to 124.

NEW LINE GETS GREEN LIGHT

PLANS to create a third railway track between Antibes and Cagnes-sur-Mer and to reopen the line between Cannes and Grasse have been given the go-ahead this week at a regional government meeting.

The €58 million project is expected to be complete by 2007, with the new Cannes-Grasse line section opening as early as 2004.

The venture is part of the regional government's long-term ecological enhancement scheme aimed at improving transport, reducing traffic, and protecting the environment on the Côte d'Azur.

The new track will be accommodated by closely hugging the existing tracks where possible, so minimising the amount of new land needed.

Enhancement of existing stations and new car parks and foot-bridges are also planned.

A 1998 survey revealed that only 3% of the Côte d'Azur's daily commuters use the rail network, compared with 60% in Paris.

A two-year study by the government body for rail development, Le Réseau Ferre de France, found that it is not possible to simply run more trains on the existing tracks between Antibes and Cagnes to reach the volume of increased train travel needed.

The new third track will allow an extra 3,000 commuters to use the route each day. Up to 20% of the region's commuters could then go to work by rail.

Electric trains will be used on the new lines - the RFF says they will be cheaper, environmentally cleaner and quieter for nearby residents.

"The Côte d'Azur has to deal with



THIRD RAIL... the new track will be laid next to the existing lines where possible

an enormous amount of traffic, being a key tourist destination and with its high concentration of residents along the coast. Our aim is to reduce pollution and traffic congestion and improve the quality of life for all residents on the coast," Jean Louis Alquier of RFF told *The Gazette*.

The line from Cannes to Grasse was opened in 1871, and converted from steam to electricity as an experiment in 1910.

Following World War II the line was deemed too expensive to run and it was closed down.

The refurbished Cannes-Grasse link will take in stops at La Frayere, Ranguine, Mouans Sartoux and possibly also Mougins.

The reopening of the line has been met with overwhelming enthusiasm,

both from the Grasse authorities and residents.

"This is wonderful news for the city of Grasse, and brings a multitude of opportunities," Pascal Brochero, Managing Director of the Grasse Tourism Authority told *The Riviera Gazette*.

"A direct rail link makes it even easier to commute to and from Grasse, so people can enjoy both a country lifestyle and all the pleasures of the coast.

"It will also bring a new wave of tourism into the area, enabling us to continue the enhancement of our city for both tourists and residents."

Public discussion forums have been set up for local residents, with the RFF promising to respond to every individual resident's enquiry.

French top lovers poll

IT'S official, the French are the best lovers - if frequency of love-making is a valid criterion.

In a new survey conducted by condom manufacturer Durex, the French have sex an average 167 times a year, beating the Brits into fifth place. They manage it 149 times a year.

The weakest performance came from the Spanish. They make love a lacklustre 121 times a year on average, according to the poll.

Corsica bombings

THREE more terrorist attacks in Corsica this week damaged public buildings, including a gendarmerie and water company building.

No one claimed responsibility, but the bombings are thought to be the work of one of the Corsican separatist groups currently active on the island.

Hyerès prices up

HYÈRES is the latest town in the Var to announce steep property increases, although the local market now looks to be slowing.

Newly built homes now cost €3,000 per square metre, up from €2,100 in 2000.

Plane alert

AN AIR France flight en route to Paris from Bologna in Italy was forced to land at Lyon when a man threatened to blow up the plane.

The man, a former Italian policeman with a history of mental problems, was brandishing an object that looked like a remote control and spoke of links with Al-Qaeda.

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My Riviera

Dutch artist Pim de Jongh speaks to Richard Baker about the art of Riviera living

“I'M living my dream, it's as simple as that. Art has given me a lot and taken me around the world.

After studying at the Royal Academy of Art in The Hague for five years, I worked in Greece and South Africa. I was even a food photographer at one stage so I guess I've got all the bases covered!

More recently I had my own art gallery with a Frenchman in St Paul de Vence, and an exhibition in the modern art museum in Nice. At the moment I have two exhibitions in Holland, while I'm more occupied with running my art classes here in Chateaufort.

I love this region; it really is fantastic for painting, with its history and the special light.

It gives me great inspiration. Even compared to Paris, the south of France is more powerful.

I enjoy being able to pass on my passion to people who want to learn how to paint, take photos or learn how to create sculpture. I've been running classes here for nearly 10 years.

The people who come along to the classes are wonderful. They have the spirit, and that is very important. It enables me to get positive results, finding the creativity in a person.

My being Dutch obviously attracts many from Holland, but we have plenty of English people as well. The mix of cul-



DUTCH MASTER... Pim pauses to appreciate a student's latest work

tures makes for a great atmosphere.

I've managed to find some special places in the area, which will stay in my heart forever, but I'm not a great fan of the coast. I much prefer to go further inland because it's more natural and not so crowded.

There's a little town near here called Bargemon, with only fourteen residents, which is my favourite place to go for lunch. The people there are so nice - they open doors for you and things like that. It's very pleasant, and the countryside around there is beautiful.

I believe you must adapt completely to the French system and the way of life, otherwise you'll never fit in. You have to try to forget where you came from because it's more important to be part of the community here. Little places like Bargemon make it easier to adapt because the people are so friendly.

After 12 years here I still feel the same passion about the Riviera as when I first arrived. And at 55 I'm not slowing down; I love it. Even on my days off at home in Peymeinade, I paint.

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Boulevard du 24 Aout, Antibes
RED DRAGON
Tue 20:30
- Cinema Casino**
Avenue Henri Isnard, Vence
BLOODY SUNDAY
Tue 18:00, 21:00
- Cinema Sporting**
Place du Casino, Monte-Carlo
DIE ANOTHER DAY
Sun 17:30, Mon 21:15
HARRY POTTER AND THE CHAMBER OF SECRETS
Thu 21:15, Fri 17:30, Sat 17:30, Sun 21:15, Mon 17:30, Tue 17:30
TADPOLE
Thu 17:30, Sat 17:30, Mon 17:30, Tue 17:30

Cinémathèque Esplanade Kennedy, Nice

- TAP DANCE
Fri 21:30, Sun 16:00
- FLYING DOWN TO RIO
Wed 20:00
- STORMY WEATHER
Fri 19:00
- ZIEGFELD FOLLIES
Sat 18:00
- ON THE TOWN
Thu 16:30, Fri 14:30, Sat 20:15
- SINGIN' IN THE RAIN
Sat 14:00
- BAMBOOZLED
Fri 16:30
- THE COTTON CLUB
Sat 22:00, Tue 20:00
- CABIN IN THE SKY
Tue 17:00
- IT'S ALWAYS FAIR WEATHER
Tue 14:30, Wed 17:00

Eden

Rue de la Republique, Menton
BOWLING FOR COLUMBINE
Thu 20:45, Fri 17:45, Mon 14:30, 20:45, Tue 17:45

Les Arcades

Rue Felix Faure, Cannes
HARRY POTTER AND THE CHAMBER OF SECRETS
Daily 14:00, 17:00, 20:15
HEAVEN
Thu 16:00, 20:30, Fri 16:00, 20:00, Sat 16:00, 20:00, Sun 16:00, 20:30, Mon 16:00, 20:30, Tue 16:00, 20:30

Cinéma Les Visiteurs du Soir

Vallis Bona, Valbonne
ARARAT
Sun 20:30, Mon 20:30

Maison Pour Tous

Rond Pont du 8 Mai, Montauroux
BLOODY SUNDAY
Thu 20:30, Sun 20:30
SIDEWALK STORIES
Sat 17:30

Mercury

Place Garibaldi, Nice
AMADEUS
Tue 21:00
ALL OR NOTHING
Thu 20:10, Fri 14:30, Sat 17:00, Mon 18:00
BOWLING FOR COLUMBINE
Fri 14:30, 20:45, Sat 17:00, Mon 20:10, Tue 14:30, 19:25
CALLAS FOREVER
Sun 17:00
CHANGING LANES
Thu 18:00, Mon 16:00, Tue 21:40
THE BOURNE IDENTITY
Sun 21:40
LANTANA
Mon 20:10
THE GREAT DICTATOR
Sun 19:25, Wed 20:10
MONSOON WEDDING
Sat 14:40
THE PIANIST
Thu 15:20, Fri 14:30, Sat 19:10, Mon 15:20, Tue 19:00
MULHOLLAND DRIVE
Sun 21:40
HEAVEN
Thu 18:00, Sat 21:40, Mon 20:10, Tue 14:30
A BEAUTIFUL MIND
Fri 19:25

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- Carros Traffic lights and 50km/h speed limit on RD1 until Dec 13
- Castillon Traffic lights and 50km/h speed limit on the RD2566 until 18 Dec
- 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
- 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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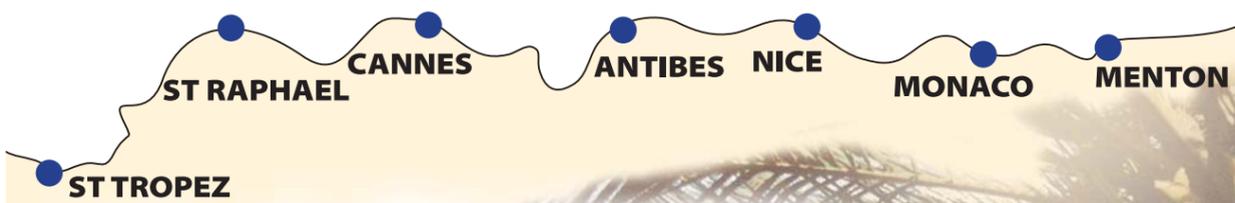
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What's On and Where To Go...



The Riviera This week

Thursday 5

- Rain, described as a **modern ballet**, is on tonight and tomorrow at the Theatre de Nice at 8:30pm. Anne-Theresa de Keersmaeker stars. Call 04 93 13 90 90 for tickets
- Today Monaco Investors Week continues with the fifth Monte Carlo **Business Angels Forum** at the Hotel de Paris from 11:30am. Call +377 97 98 50 58 for further info
- Over 3,000 Christmas figures will be on parade at the **Foire aux Santons** in Paillon, which is on until December 15. Another Foire aux Santons at the Centre Culturel des Cedres in Mouans-Sartoux is still on and continues until December 27. Tel: 04 93 75 75 16
- A Bourse aux Skis is on today at the Espace Chiris in Grasse. Head along for **ski bargains** any afternoon until Sunday. Phone 04 93 36 66 66 for further info

Friday 6

- TV's annual fundraising **Telethon** starts today and continues tomorrow right across France. 230 events taking place nationwide; watch out for events taking place in your town
- The Monte-Carlo Philharmonic **Orchestra** is performing tonight at 7pm at the Auditorium Rainier III. Tickets start at €8, from +377 92 16 22 99
- St Tropez kickstarts its festive season by turning on the Christmas lights in the port and the Christmas Village at 6:30pm tonight
- The penultimate day of Monaco Investors Week sees the fourth **Forum Europeen de l'Innovation** taking place at the Hotel Marriot Cap d'Ail from 2:30pm. Call +377 97 98 50 58 for further info
- Opening today is **La Beaute du Geste**, an exhibition of over 50 works on the theme of body and movement. The exhibition runs from 1pm to 6:30pm every day until Dec 22 at Monaco's Quai Antoine 1er. Entry is free. Call +377 97 70 26 72 for further information
- The **Nice Philharmonic Orchestra** performs Ravel, Schubel, Dukas and Roussel at the Opera House tonight at 8pm, and at 4pm tomorrow. Tickets from 04 92 17 40 40
- A must for the kids is **Enfantillages**, a **three-day children's festival** at the Salle des Fetes in Valbonne which starts tonight at 8:30pm. It includes movies, workshops and theatre. Call 04 93 12 30 92 for more information
- The three-day **Saint Nicolas** festival starts today in Vieux Nice. It promises competitions and prizes galore from 3pm to 5pm today on the Place Auguste Icart
- The Alpes Maritimes International Aperitif Club hosts their **gala Christmas lunch** at noon at the Sophia Country Club. Call Bas Atkin on 04 93 39 27 46 for last minute bookings

- Artisa'Niss, a four-day **arts and crafts extravaganza** starts at 10am today at the Acropolis in Nice. Over 200 stands will offer quality goods from around the world. Entry is free. Phone 04 92 00 20 80 for info
- The second performance of the modern ballet **Rain** is at the Theatre de Nice at 8:30pm. Call 04 93 13 90 90 for tickets
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Saturday 7

- Culinary delights from India, Middle East, Scandinavia, Russia, UK and USA will be among the main attractions laid on by pupils and parents at **The International School of Nice's annual Winter Fete** from 10am today. Entry is free and all are welcome. Phone 04 93 21 84 93 for more info
- Red Pear Theatre is **bringing The West End to Antibes** tonight and tomorrow at 8pm with **Noel and Gertie**, an English-language musical biography of Noel Coward and Gertrude Lawrence. At the Théâtre Antibéa - call 04 93 61 01 71 for tickets
- Mougins' annual **Marche de Noel** kicks off at 10am. Over 40 stalls and shops, free theatre performances and Santa himself are on offer today and tomorrow. Call 04 93 75 87 67 for further info
- The public swimming pool in Monaco's Port Hercules has undergone its annual winter transformation and opens as an outdoor **ice-skating rink** today, until March 2
- Head to the Carnolès in Roquebrune-Cap-Martin today for another **Christmas fair**. This one promises food, gifts and parades with a German flavour. Saint Nicolas will distribute ginger bread and sweets to children between 8:30am and 12:30pm
- There is a musical **fundraiser** for UNICEF tonight at the Salle des Princes in Monaco's Grimaldi Forum at 8:30pm; call +377 99 99 30 00 for more info.
- The Forum - an **English-speaking social club** - is meeting at La Gaffe in Antibes between 3pm and 7pm. There'll be a chance to buy handmade soap, get a massage, have a glass of wine and meet new friends. Find out more at <http://all.at/the-forum>
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Monday 9

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Tuesday 10

- **To Dance On The Moon**, an **Irish step dance show** in the spirit of Riverdance, is on tonight at 8:30pm at the Palais des Festivals in Cannes. Call 04 92 98 62 77 for tickets
- The four-day **Monaco Dance Forum** begins today at the Grimaldi Forum. Two dance companies from Britain and four from the USA will be performing. Call +377 99 99 30 00 for more info
- Les Enfants de Frankie is hosting a **Christmas party** today at 6:30pm at the big top in Fontvieille, open to all kids and in aid of the region's poor children. Tickets are €20 for adults and €10 for kids. Call +377 93 30 08 00 for more information.
- Continuing today is La Beaute du Geste

Wednesday 11

- Enjoy **Strauss** at the Salle des Varieties in Monaco with the Orchestre Philharmonique de Monte-Carlo, from 12.30pm. Tickets are €8. Call +377 92 16 22 99 for more info
- Continuing today is La Beaute du Geste and the Monaco Dance Forum

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AM	7°C Cloudy	8°C Partly Cloudy	6°C Partly Cloudy	7°C Cloudy	7°C Sunny	9°C Cloudy	Avg. high: 14°C Avg. low: 6°C Avg. rainfall: 88mm
PM	13°C Cloudy	12°C Partly Cloudy	11°C Partly Cloudy	11°C Cloudy	9°C Sunny	11°C Cloudy	Local ski resorts open this weekend. Remember to put your snowchains in the boot if you're off to the mountains.

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