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NEW CLUES IN HEIRESS HUNT

By JENNY PAUL

A NEW search for the body of the Nice casino heiress who disappeared without trace in 1978, was launched this week after a café owner revealed new evidence relating to the crime from his deathbed.

Agnès Le Roux was persuaded by a friend of the mayor to sell her casino voting rights and, four months later she disappeared.

No trace of Agnès – then just 23 years old – or of her Range Rover has been found since.

Now, the case has been re-opened after the former Cours Saleya café owner's son told the police his father saw Agnès' lover, Jean-Maurice Agnelet, hurrying through the Cours Saleya in blue work overalls and covered in cement dust at around six am, several days after Agnès disappeared.

Alibi

The new information, coupled with the admission in 2000 by Agnelet's now ex-wife that she had given him a false alibi for the night of Agnès' disappearance, has led to the opening of a new inquiry, 25 years after her disappearance.

The case lifts the lid on the seamier



PALAIS DE LA MEDITERRANEE... Missing girl's lost inheritance will be Nice apartments

side of Niçois politics at the time of the infamous 'casino wars' and involves many influential Nice personalities, including Jacques Médecin, who succeeded his father Jean as mayor of Nice.

Before being persuaded to sell her holding Agnès had owned the controlling shares in the Palais de la Méditerranée, a famous Promenade des Anglais landmark which was once the second most successful casino in France and is now being converted into luxury apartments.

Agnès' mother Renée, a former

Balenciaga model married to the head of the Société des Bains de Mer in Monaco, and Jean-Dominique Fratoni, a Corsican ex-school friend of Jacques Médecin, were both clients of Agnès' lover, Jean-Maurice Agnelet.

Swiss bank

Following her disappearance, Agnès' money, held in a Swiss bank account, was transferred to Agnelet and his new girlfriend. The two later moved to Canada, but Agnelet was questioned and cleared again in 2000.

Fratoni, who owned a casino club

near the Galeries Lafayette department store and ran the Promenade's new Casino Ruhl, also later left France and Mayor Médecin himself 'moved' to Uruguay in 1990, dogged by rumours of dirty dealings.

An architect and a geologist now have until 25 February to thoroughly examine a number of potential locations in Nice which could contain Agnès' remains.

Caverns

The Le Roux family home, Villa Marichu on the Cap de Nice, is to be the main focus of their investigations, along with Agnelet's former office on Cours Saleya.

André Rogge, a private investigator

hired by Agnès' mother, is convinced there is a forgotten well underneath the palatial villa. The sea-facing side of the mansion contains a series of underground caverns, he believes,

blocked by rocks. He has discovered a 40cm outfall pipe and is convinced this is the outlet for the 'forgotten' well.



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Homes and Gardens

GOING UNDERGROUND

A Roquefort-les-Pins man built his house under his rock garden. Jenny Paul finds out why...

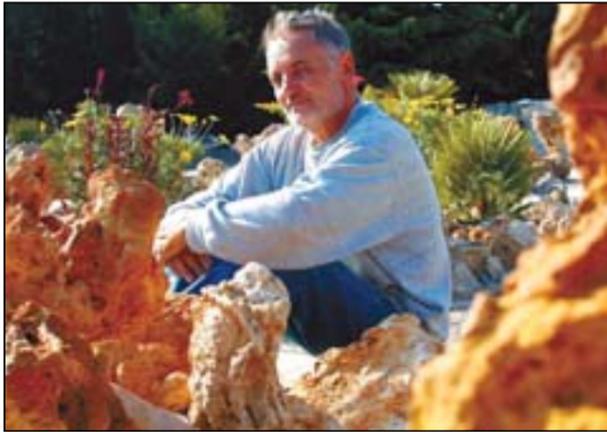
AT THE END of a winding track in Roquefort is a gate. There's no number or house name and a peek through the gate confirms that there is no house there.

There is, however, an original garden with rocks and cacti which appears, at first glance, rather like a moonscape.

The occupant of the land, a convivial troglodyte called Pierre Dalmasso explains "My house is underground, below the garden. From the sky you can only see land, there is no ugly building spoiling the landscape.

"I have done this for the environment. I did not want to build a house like some of the ugly monstrosities you see ruining the countryside here."

Pierre explained how this 'eco-house' came about. "I had the idea around fifteen years ago, and ten years ago I started building, helped by a group of friends. It is of course an ecological development and I consider it to be my life's work," he continued. "The house still isn't



GNOME ALONE... Pierre Dalmasso sits on the roof of his Roquefort home

completely finished. It may never be, as I always have new ideas and ways of improving things here and there.

"Living underground is much better than a traditional house. It is warmer in winter and cooler in summer.

"Electricity is supplied in the usual way, although soon I'll install solar panels. The Riviera is ideal for solar power because of the great weather. The monks on the Cannes Island power their whole monastery

by it!"

The entrance to the house is cunningly camouflaged behind some bushes. A long, windy staircase leads into a thoughtfully crafted house. Cleverly designed windows flood the place with light and it is well ventilated. And as the house is under the garden, although on one floor, there is plenty of room.

Pierre finances the ongoing project by letting his eco-house out to businesses holding sem-

inars. This, he says, makes a refreshing alternative to conventional conference rooms.

"The house is one of a kind in a very built-up area. It's a pity more people don't live underground," Pierre lamented, before brightly inviting "anyone who wishes to look or simply relax amongst the cacti, away from the World, is welcome, always."

And so to the garden. "Cacti are excellent plants for the Riviera, they do not need much water and they provide colour all year round. I don't need to spend hours watering them in summer as you would a normal garden. It is much more environmentally friendly," says Pierre.

He has recently added a huge open air tank, used for collecting rain water. This is pumped out, cleaned and used for drinking, bathing and also waters all the cacti.

So feel free to pop over for a look at this most unusual house. If you can find it, of course; it's the one that looks like a garden.

Your Riviera Garden

with David Sidney

THE WARMER weather over the past few weeks has brought some fruit trees to bud early. It is crucial to spray against Peach Leaf Curl (*Cloque de Pêche* in French) as soon as buds appear, not only on apricots and peaches but also on any other soft fruit trees. And if it rains within a day of spraying, it is probably worthwhile doing it again.

If it doesn't rain, give a thought to watering, checking especially any pots and vines close against the house where the rain might not reach. Citrus trees and delicate climbers may well be covered at this time of year but that doesn't mean they are dormant.

If you have any damp areas in the garden or spots the winter sun doesn't reach it is worthwhile treating plants against fungal infestation. Several products are available for 'end of winter' spraying and many of these are biological and can be used on fruiting trees and vegetables.

In the sunnier parts of our region the time has come to start working on the lawn. Applying a decent weed and feed now - maybe coupled with a moss killer - will ensure the lawn is ready for scarifying next month.

February is also a good time to feed flowerbeds, giving them a good dose of compost, manure, ash and bone meal.

In most of the region the mimosas will be coming out and the weight of the flowers combined with a heavy wind or rain might well cause branches to snap if the trees were not adequately cut back last year. If you spot a branch which appears overloaded check that, if it does break, it won't tear bark lower down the trunk and consider whether it is worth cutting it out altogether.

Colour returns to the garden with mimosa, cotoneaster, ceanothus, viburnum and photinias all making a good display and bulbs starting to come through. All of the above will be available for planting and smaller items like agathea, leptospermum, euryops, nandina and helleborus are well worth considering.

For window boxes, pots and bedding plants, choose pansies, cyclamen, primrose, souci, paquettes and wall flowers for immediate and reasonably long lasting colour.

And finally now's the time to start running through the automatic watering system to make sure it will all be functioning correctly for the summer. It will be needed sooner than you think!

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Wallis Simpson's affairs with top Nazi and 'charming' car salesman revealed

RIVIERA'S ROLE IN ABDICATION CRISIS

WALLIS Simpson two-timed the Prince of Wales during their courtship in 1935, papers released by the UK's Public Records Office revealed last week.

The twice-divorced American socialite fled to Cannes during the abdication crisis and, after his stepping down as the King of England and their marriage, often spent time at their Cap d'Antibes mansion.

She was still married to second husband Ernest Simpson during her affair with car salesman Guy Trundle, which carried on when she was dating Edward, the then Prince of Wales.

Mrs Simpson also two-timed Edward with top Nazi minister Joachim von Ribbentrop in 1936 and went on to have a three year affair with Woolworth's heir Jimmy Donahue from 1950.

The affair with Trundle took place before Edward became King. Special branch agents discovered it when they began tailing her after her involvement with the Prince of Wales



OFFICEROMANCE... Edward and Mrs Simpson at their Cap d'Antibes villa in 1939

became public knowledge in 1935. "The identity of Mrs Simpson's secret lover has now been definitely ascertained," says the secret Special Branch report.

"Trundle is described as a very charming adventurer, very good looking, well bred and an excellent dancer. He is said to boast that every

woman falls for him... Trundle receives money from Mrs. Simpson as well as expensive presents... Trundle is a motor engineer and salesman and is said to be employed by the Ford Motor Company," it continues.

Edward was crowned King in January 1936 but as it became clear

neither the royal family nor the public would tolerate a twice-divorced Queen, Wallis Simpson fled to the south of France.

She arrived in Cannes on December 3 that year, where she stayed with friends in the wealthy La Californie area. At a press conference in the town she stated she would "withdraw from a situation that has been rendered both unhappy and untenable".

Increasingly unhappy, Edward VIII abdicated on 11 December 1936 saying he "found it impossible to carry the heavy burden of my responsibility without the help and support of the woman I love". He left England for France and married Wallis in June 1937, six days after her second divorce was finalised.

Apart from the five years the former King, now known as the Duke of Windsor, spent as Governor of the Bahamas, the couple lived in France, splitting their time between their main home in Paris and the Chateau de la Croe, their mansion on Cap d'Antibes. The Duke of Windsor died in 1972 and his wife in 1986.

Chamonix? No, Calais!

FRANCE'S lowest ski resort was able to open again last weekend thanks to the recent cold snap.

Lying at an altitude of just 180 metres, the parc d'Olhain cross-country resort in the distinctly northern department of Pas de Calais welcomed more than 1,500 skiers on Saturday and Sunday. It last opened in December 2001.

Nearer home up to 40cm of snow has fallen locally, providing fresh cover for the coming school holidays.

Dopey driver

A SCHOOL bus driver who had been smoking marijuana was arrested in Nice last Thursday as he drove 45 students home from school.

Police boarded the bus with a sniffer dog during a routine check, and ten grammes of cannabis were found in the 22 year-old driver's pocket. He was detained and his licence immediately suspended, leaving the bus to be collected by his employers.

Toll price hike

MOTORWAY tolls at Nice St Isidore and on sections of the A8 and A57 in the Var went up last weekend.

Motorists will be paying an extra ten cents at affected toll plazas.

Nationwide the average increase in tolls is 2.01% for light vehicles and 3.88% for heavy vehicles.

Cannes hotels empty

SOME hotels in Cannes currently have no guests at all and overall occupancy is down 15% on 2002, which was itself a bad year following the September 11 terrorist attacks in America, says the local branch of the Hotel Trade Union. Only the city's deluxe hotels seem to be unaffected.

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French skimp on clothes but girls wear the trousers

THE French are buying fewer clothes compared to other Europeans according to a study of 5,000 consumers by l'Institut Français de la Mode.

Italians spend the biggest proportion of their income — 7.3% — on new clothes, while the French come bottom of the league with a mere 3.9% of their earnings.

The findings show that Europeans are spending less and less money on clothes, with a total average of 5.4% of income spent last year, against 7.5% at the end of the 1970s. More money is being spent instead on health, leisure and technology.

Surprisingly, Brits buy the most clothes, with men spending an average of €439 and women €779. Italian men spend almost as much as the

Brits, at €434 per year, while German men spend only €389, and the French spend a mere €365. German women spend more than Italian ladies however; €748, compared to €674, with French women trailing at only €546.

The research was published as Paris fashion week was in full swing, where the new collection from cult label Dior Homme, designed by Hedi Slimane, was shown in Paris.

The designer, described by renowned fashion writer Hamish Bowles as "the saviour of high fashion for men," turned out shiny bronzed rock star suits, camo trousers, woven historical jackets and regal sweeping coats.

His appeal isn't limited to boys, however. Women, including actor Sarah Jessica Parker,



SUITS YOU MA'AM... Women are getting into men's pants this year

have been snapping up the collection. Brit Galliano is credited with turning the women's line at Dior around.



CHEQUE IT OUT... Jean Pierre Tournemire, centre, of SNSM — the Antibes Lifeboats Association — is presented with a cheque for €6,500 collected by the Yachties' Fun Association, who organised a fundraising Go Kart Grand Prix last October. SNSM also received free fuel for the year, courtesy of Yacht Fuel Services.



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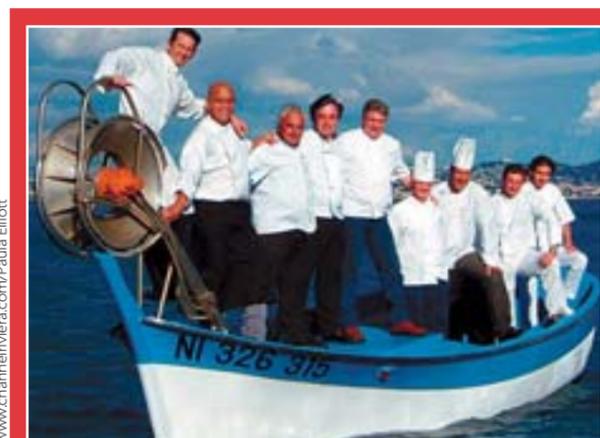
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CATCH OF THE DAY... Theoule-sur-Mer's 6th Annual Kermesse aux Poissons kicked off last week with eight restaurants treating clients to special seafood fare. The restaurants' chefs pride themselves on preparing the most elegant and tasty dishes for the festival, which attracts more than 3,000 visitors every year and runs until Feb 28.

Grassed up

A GANG of drug dealers were handed stiff prison sentences at the Grasse criminal court on Tuesday.

A tip-off led to police crack down the drug ring and the gang were busted with heroin, cocaine, ecstasy and cannabis in Villeneuve-Loubet in March 2001.

Sentences of between six and eight years have been handed down, with more yet to be decided.

It is believed that the courts are trying to make an example of them by handing out particularly harsh penalties.

More airlines to fly into Nice

FOUR more airlines are to start flying from Nice-Côte d'Azur airport this Spring — but Buzz flights to the UK could be under threat.

Jet2 will begin flying to Leeds/Bradford airport from April 8 and from March 30 Deutsche BA, Hapag Lloyd Express and Berlinjet will service three German cities.

Meanwhile Ryanair, new owners of Buzz, announced cutbacks are likely but "we can not say at present which routes will be affected," Ryanair's Mark Leech told *The Riviera Gazette*.

Maher's mate the mastermind

TED Maher's co-escapee from Monaco prison, Luigi Ciardelli, 43, has taken the credit for the duo's escape bid last month.

"Maher did nothing but follow me. I've been planning this for three months. I was working in the prison and managed to fashion a saw out of bits of metal I picked up over several months," he told *Nice Matin* last week.

Still on the run, and speaking from a secret hideout, Ciardelli told *Nice Matin* he is now seeking refuge in "a quiet country."

Employment up on Côte d'Azur

A TOTAL of 1,318 jobs were created in 2002 on the Riviera by 35 companies the Côte d'Azur development agency, CDA, helped to attract to the region.

"These are companies which we monitor and whom we help and advise," the CDA's Catherine Gentil told *The Riviera Gazette*.

The figure is slightly down on the previous year. French firms created the most jobs, followed by the USA, UK, Switzerland and Finland.

80% of new investment was within the IT sector.

Cannes crime up

CANNES is one of the most dangerous cities in France according to crime statistics published in *Le Figaro* on Friday.

The statistics, released by the Interior Minister, Nicolas Sarkozy, indicate that crime rose by 2.93% in Cannes and Le Cannet last year.

But the figures are "false and insulting," according to Cannes' mayor, Bernard Brochand, who published a rebuff in *Nice Matin* on Saturday.

"The ministry bases its figures on the 68,000 inhabitants who are registered on the official census, but the real number is actually closer to 150,000", the mayor claimed.

Furthermore, the mayor claims another factor distorting the results is the high volume of visitors to the popular Croisette during the summer.

"As a tourist hotspot, you cannot reasonably compare Cannes with a town like Avignon, for example," the mayor maintained.

The figures also conflict with results of a recent study conducted by the city, which indicate that crime has decreased since November.

According to the Cannes study, January figures show a decrease in general crime of 6%, and in public crimes, such as muggings, of 25%.

In spite of the conflicting findings, the mayor intends to use *Le Figaro's* statistics to write to the Interior Minister, demanding extra money for new policemen and video surveillance cameras.

CELLAR JAMMED FOR JAZZ NIGHT

MORE than a hundred people crowded into the cellars of the Maison des Vins in Les Arcs last Friday for a night of jazz with The Ian Anderson Trio, writes Richard Baker.

And because the Maison stocks wine and represents hundreds of the Var's wine growers, fans were able to make their own selection from the extensive cellars and then bring through their glasses to sip while the music played.

The ad-hoc trio featured Ian Anderson on the piano, Jean Michel Wattreau on the double bass and Philippe Mejean on drums. Joining in were accordion player Jojo Labit and Tony Bagwell on the baritone sax and flute.

"I've been on the Riviera for fifteen



SAXY MUSIC... Tony Bagwell style

years and I still love playing, especially in this sort of environment," Anderson told *The Riviera Gazette*.

"It would be great to keep this line-up together, they're probably the best we've got on the Côte d'Azur and you can see by tonight this type of thing is very popular. We've got three more concerts lined up, with more in the offing.

"Look at the combination; a Friday night in winter and around a hundred people have turned out. There's got to be something good about that.

Ian, who by day is a piano teacher at the International School of Nice, was particularly pleased chum Jojo had been able to make it. "There's only one Jojo. He's a gendarme, so it's difficult to promote him because he can't guarantee he'll be there on the

night, but he's the best there is, one of a dying breed."

Saxophonist Tony Bagwell was also pleased with the evening. "I'd love to keep doing these events, especially if we get the support like we did



GREAT GIG... Ian Anderson and guests

tonight. It's a good way to keep playing and make sure you don't lose your touch," he told *The Gazette*.

Management at the venue were also impressed by the crowd and now promise further jazz evenings. "We were very pleased with the turnout and it proved to us that this will definitely be a success for the future. We were expecting maybe sixty people, and over one hundred turned up," said the Maison's Jean-Jacques Benetti.

"We're now planning more winter 'jazz cellar' concerts, and a series of jazz picnics for the summer."

French morale low

THE nation's morale has tumbled lower than it has been for five years.

A French research institute blames worries about war with Iraq and a rise in unemployment. Many feel they can no longer trust their bosses not to unexpectedly make them redundant.

Meanwhile figures released by the ministry of employment last week show that unemployment was up by 4.8% this year, with a total of 2,306,800 people or 9.1% of the working population now jobless.

Unified university

A JOINT French and English university will be created following a £1.4m education accord signed by the countries' education departments on Tuesday.

Courses at the 'Transmanche University' are set to begin in autumn 2004, taught in both English and French. The Ashford and Lille campuses of the new university are only an hour apart via the Channel Tunnel rail link.

Til death do us part?

THE widow of a policeman who was killed by a hit-and-run driver last September has successfully applied for a posthumous marriage.

Christelle X, 34, of Nice, was three weeks pregnant when her fiancée was killed. Christelle has been granted permission to marry by President Chirac, under a law introduced in 1959. The wedding is planned for next year.

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Mortgage broker **Carole Bayliss** tells Alison Craddock how she loves helping other people make the move to the Riviera

“THE FIRST time I came down here was February '96, on one of Easyjet's first charter flights.

We enjoyed our visit so much that my husband Tony and I decided we wanted to move here permanently from the UK.

Over the next four years we came down at least six times a year, planning where we would live and what we would do.

We always stayed at the Hotel Chez Nous in Cros de Cagnes, and we still love going to their restaurant – it has the best view on the coast. I always celebrate my birthday there as it's on Bastille day and we get to watch the fireworks over a lovely dinner.

I think it's really special here. Some adore it, some hate it, but I love the French life and attitude, the weather – even here in the shady end of la Colle sur Loup!

When we first arrived I met a lot of helpful people over the internet, others passing on what they have learnt about moving here and living here.

This was how I first heard about the Sunnybank Association, who have regular second hand goods sales to raise money to build a British run retirement home here on the Riviera. I often help them out.

I also saw a notice asking for volunteers to help with a local cats' home. I was intrigued, and although I'm more of a dog person I went along – and now I go every week to see the pussycats. They live in little chalets in the grounds of a big house which was left to the cats by an old lady. Volunteers come every day to feed the cats and play with them. They especially need cuddles on rainy days!

We have two Jack Russells at home; Stan and 'Ilda, named after characters in Coronation Street, a UK soap. We 'inherited' Stan eighteen months ago, then I heard of a Scottish lady who had some Jack



LOUP-SIDED... Dogs are just some of the animals found in Carole's garden beside the river Loup

Russell puppies in Draguignan, and that was how we got 'Ilda. The two of them are so funny together and one day we hope they'll have some puppies of their own.

In our spare time we love to watch horse racing at the Hippodrome in Cagnes sur Mer. It's really good fun, with a nice family atmosphere and lovely views of the sea and sky from the glass pavilion. We always place bets – but not very high stakes!

I enjoy putting people together – helping them meet like-minded others. We have a great barbecue area in our garden, and so a while ago we started having social gatherings for people we've met. As well as being fun, we've found that many of our guests have made friends and valuable business contacts.

Now Tony and I have started a business, *MortgageFrance.com*, to help people like us 'make the move'. We know from experi-

ence that it's much more complicated than it looks, and now we've been through it I really enjoy smoothing out our clients' relocation, and putting them in touch with people who can help them integrate.

I love the way people are always smiling here, not grey. There is such a fabulous choice of food, fresh produce and fruit growing everywhere. And you can take dogs everywhere with you. You have winter and summer sports, the history all around you; you can pop over to Italy or the Camargue for a day.

There is so much to learn, see and enjoy. Even the wildlife in our garden beside the river Loup is amazing. It's so diverse; eagles visit in the summer, there are fish in the river and snakes and lizards in the garden, and we even see butterflies in December.

No, you won't get me back to England – even in a box!

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Antibes
Le Casino Av. du 24 Aout, Antibes
ABOUT A BOY
Tue 20:30

Les Arcades
Rue Felix Faure, Cannes
THE MAGDALENE SISTERS
Daily 14:00, 16:15, 18:30, 21:00
PUNCH-DRUNK LOVE
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

Studio 13
Ave du Docteur-Picaud, Cannes
AMADEUS
Sat 09:00, 20:30
LOOKING FOR RICHARD
Fri 13:30, 18:00 Mon 20:30

Eden
Rue de la Republique, Menton
BLOODY SUNDAY
Thu 20:45, Fri 17:45, Mon 14:30, 20:45, Tue 17:45

Cinema Sporting
Place du Casino, Monte-Carlo
ANALYZE THAT
Thu 21:15, Sat 19:30, Sun 17:30, Mon 17:30, 21:15, Tue 17:30
GANGS OF NEW YORK
Thu 17:30, Fri 17:30

Maison Pour Tous
Rond Point du 8 Mai, Montauroux
BOWLING FOR COLUMBINE
Sun 20:30

Mercury
Place Garibaldi, Nice
ALL OR NOTHING
Thu 20:10
BOWLING FOR COLUMBINE
Thu 15:15, Sat 17:00, Mon 20:10
INSOMNIA
Fri 21:40, Tue 14:30
GINOSTRA
Thu 15:30, Sat 14:30, Sun 14:30, Mon 14:30, 20:10
THE PIANIST
Fri 14:30, Sat 19:10
MINORITY REPORT
Sun 21:30

MULHOLLAND DRIVE
Sun 21:40
SWEET SIXTEEN
Thu 15:30, Sat 17:00
THE LORD OF THE RINGS: THE TWO TOWERS
Thu 20:10, Sat 21:30, Tue 21:30
AUSTIN POWERS, GOLDMEMBER
Fri 19:25
BLOODY SUNDAY
Fri 20:45, Sat 14:30, Sun 19:25, Mon 18:00, Tue 19:25
SPIDER
Thu 18:00

UGC Rialto
Rue de Rivoli, Nice

THE DANCER UPSTAIRS
Daily 21:45
GANGS OF NEW YORK
Daily 21:15
MY BIG FAT GREEK WEDDING
Daily 13:45, 15:50, 17:55, 20:05, 22:10, Matinees Sat & Sun 11:30
THE MAGDALENE SISTERS
Daily 14:00, 16:35, 19:00, Matinees Sat & Sun 11:10
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- Antibes Access severely restricted on Rue Thuret until Mar 20
- Antibes The road around the ramparts in the old town is closed for extensive works until Apr 30
- Biot 30Km/h limit along the RN7 until Mar 28
- Biot 50Km/h limit daily until 17:00 on RD4 until April 11
- Gattieres/Carros 50Km/h limit daily until 17:00 until Mar 26
- La Trinite Tree felling along the RD2204A means a 20Km/h speed limit and traffic lights between 9:00 and 11:00 and after 16:40
- Nice Road closure at the port end of the Quai des Etats Unis until the end of Feb. Expect delays and diversions.
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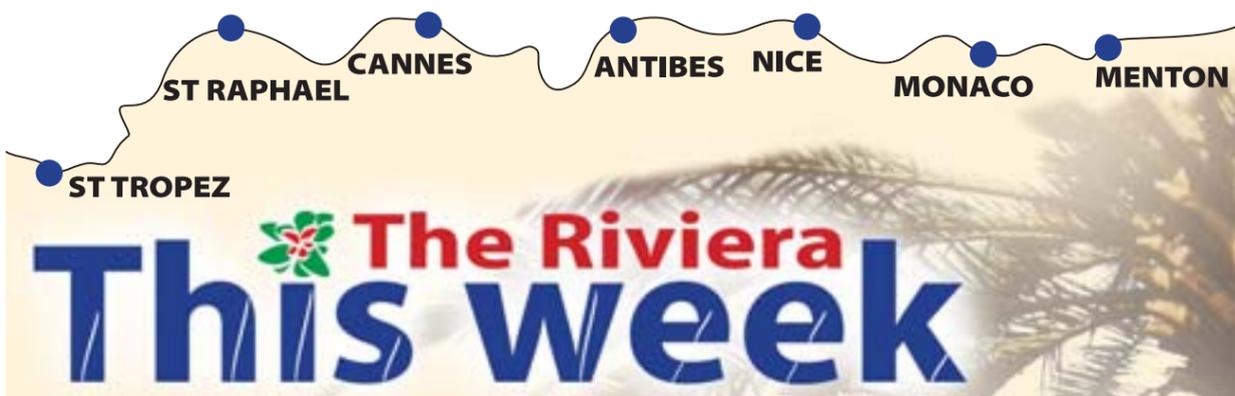


THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

"A fanatic is one who can't change his mind and won't change the subject."
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What's On and Where To Go...



Thursday 6

● The fifth Sophia Forum is today at the Palais des Congrès, Juan-les-Pins. Attended by 2,500 people last year, the Forum is a **get-together for companies and students** with the emphasis on recruitment, apprenticeships and work experience in electronics, business management and telecomms. Entry is free. Tel: 04 92 90 53 00.

Friday 7

● Ski Voile International, **three days of international yachting**, starts today at Port Gallice in Juan les Pins, with racing from 10:30 each day. Tel: 04 96 65 80 00.

● The Cannes branch of the **British Association** has its AGM at midday at the Yacht Club de Cannes. Call June Grenard on 04 93 77 77 40 for more information.

● Adapt in France has **workshops** on Education from 9:30 to 10:30 and Job Search from 11:00 to 12:00 at the Bâtiment Centre de Vie in Sophia Antipolis. Tel: 04 93 65 33 79.

● The TNT Primo Cup Credit Suisse Trophée continues at the Yacht Club de Monaco, with its second weekend of **yacht racing**. Racing starts at 13:00 today, Saturday and Sunday. Tel: +377 93 10 63 06.

● The 16-day Mandelieu-La Napoule **Fête du Mimosa** starts tonight with a free concert in the Chapelle Notre Dame de Mimosas at 18:30, followed by a celebratory glass of mulled wine. Tomorrow sees the ceremonial crowning of the Mimosa Queen at the Palais des Congrès Europa at 21:00, while a four day provençal market starts on Feb 12. The festival continues until Feb 23. Tickets for certain events start from €3.00. Tel: 04 92 97 99 27.

● There's **horse racing** tonight at the Hippodrome in Cagnes sur Mer, from 20:00. Entry costs €4.50. Tel: 04 92 02 44 44.

● The Les Arts de la Table **exhibition of table decorations** starts today until Feb 23 at the Château-Musée Grimaldi in Cagnes sur Mer. Hours are 10:00 to 12:00 and 14:00 to 17:00 daily except Monday. Tel: 04 93 20 61 64.

● La Seguinière Restaurant in La Gaude is hosting an **Irish music evening** tonight with the band Gan Aim. The music starts at 22:00. Tel: 04 93 24 42 92.

● Nice Philharmonic Orchestra plays the music of **Mahler** at the Opéra de Nice at 20:00 tonight and 16:00 tomorrow. Tel: 04 92 17 40 40.

● Stunning English jazz musician **Jilly Jackson** performs tonight in Villeneuve Loubet's Salle Escoffier at 21:00. Tickets at €10, including a drink. Tel: 04 92 02 60 50.

Saturday 8

● The Seaside Café in the Grimaldi Forum, Monaco is hosting a free concert at 23:00 featuring **nouveau music** using techniques

ranging from acoustic to electronic, noise and sampling. Tel: +377 99 99 30 00.

● La Gaude's **Fête de la Ste Appolonie**, a festival for the village's patron saint, starts at 20:30 in La Gaude village. There's also a parade tomorrow at 10:00. Tel 04 93 24 47 26.

● Valberg is hosting Snowboard Cross and Géant Parallèle racing today and tomorrow as part of the **PACA Snowboard Tour**. Racing starts at 9:00 both days. Tel: 04 93 23 24 25.

● The Hippodrome in Cagnes sur Mer has a **race meeting** from 13:00. Entry is €4.50. Tel: 04 92 02 44 44.

● The 1st **Festival of International Martial Arts** is on tonight at 20:30 at the Chapiteau de Fontvieille in Monaco. Tickets start at €18. +377 97 77 11 04.

● La Seguinière Restaurant in La Gaude is putting on some **boogie country rock** and country dance demonstrations with Eddy Ray Cooper starting at 22:00. Tel: 04 93 24 42 92.

● Nice host Sochaux at the Stade du Ray tonight at 20:00 in their latest **French Football league match**. Tickets start from €7. Tel: 04 93 18 07 27.

● There's a **concert performance** of Rossini's opera Tancredi at the Auditorium Rainier III in Monaco at 20:30. Tickets start at €30. Tel: +377 92 16 22 99.

● Moauns Sartoux is hosting a **carnival and flower procession** on the main street at 15:00. Tel: 04 93 75 75 16.

● The Palais des Congrès in St Raphael is the venue for a Salon du Mariage today and tomorrow from 10:00 to 19:00, with **everything to do with getting married** on show and for sale. Entry €5.00 Tel: 04 93 38 68 16.

● Continuing today are the Nice Philharmonic Orchestra performances, the Fête du Mimosa and the TNT Primo Cup Credit Suisse Trophée.

Sunday 9

● There's a bio-provençal market all day today in Beaulieu sur Mer, with **local organic products** for sale in Place Marinoni. Tel: 04 93 01 02 21.

● The Mimosa celebrations continue with a **Mimosa festival** in Biot village all day today. Tel: 04 93 65 78 00.

● The Cannes PACA Orchestra is performing today, playing the music of **Gershwin and Bernstein** at the Palais des Festivals at 16:30. €20. Tel: 04 92 98 62 77.

● The **Monte Carlo Philharmonic Orchestra** is performing today at Monaco's Musée Océanographique at 11:00. Tickets from €15. Tel +377 93 10 85 17

● Visit La Colle-sur-Loup for an **antiques market** from 09:00 on Rue Ancienne Gare, on the edge of the village. Tel: 04 93 32 68 36.

● The European Philharmonic Orchestra plays the music of **Prokofiev** at the Palais de l'Europe, Menton at 15:30 to mark the 50th anniversary of his death. Tickets €6. Tel: 04 92 41 76 76.

● **Tracy Chapman** is performing tonight from 19:30 at the Palais Nikaia in Nice, for the launch of her latest album 'Let it Rain'. Tickets from €34.40. Tel: 04 92 29 31 12.

● Continuing today is the Fête du Mimosa, the TNT Primo Cup Credit Suisse Trophée, the Salon du Mariage, the Snowboard Cross and Géant Parallèle racing in Valberg and the Fête de la Ste Appolonie.

Monday 10

● Adapt in France presents two more workshops for recent arrivals; Taxes in France from 9:30 to 10:30 and Investments in France from 11:00 to 12:00 at the Bâtiment Centre de Vie in Garbejaire. Tel: 04 93 65 33 79.

● Continuing today is the Fête du Mimosa.

Tuesday 11

● St Raphael's **Mimosa Week** starts with a walk today at 9:00, and again on Thursday at 9:00, and a parade at 18:30 on Friday. Exhibitions and celebrations start from 10:00 on Saturday and the big carnival is on Sunday at 15:00. Tel. 04 94 19 52 52.

● The **British Chamber of Commerce** is holding its AGM today at 12:00 at l'Auberge du Clos des Pins in Roquefort les Pins. Lunch is €30; email info@bccriviera.com or fax the BCC on 04 92 28 57 02 to confirm your place.

● There's **horse racing** in Cagnes-sur-Mer today and tomorrow at the Hippodrome, from 13:00. Entry costs €4.50. Tel: 04 92 02 44 44.

● Continuing today is the Fête du Mimosa.

Wednesday 12

● The Opera de Monte Carlo presents Viva la Mamma by Gaetano Donizetti at the Salle du Canton until Feb 16. Tel: +377 92 16 23 18.

● The Hippodrome in Cagnes sur Mer has a horse meeting on today from 13:00. Entry is €4.50. Tel: 04 92 02 44 44.

● Continuing today is the Fête du Mimosa and horse racing at the Hippodrome.

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PM	13°C Sunny	13°C Cloudy	14°C Sunny	14°C Sunny	15°C Sunny	13°C Cloudy	Avg. sea temp: 13°C Avg. rainfall: 76mm

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