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# NICE TO SET UK-STYLE CAMERA SPEED TRAPS

By RICHARD BAKER

NICE is to get the country's first UK-style speed cameras soon – and drivers will have to look out for temporary cameras in three speeding blackspots until then.

The cameras have been introduced as part of the government crackdown on France's appalling road safety record.

Police have already installed two temporary cameras on the Voie Rapide and the Promenade des Anglais. A third is to go up on the RN202, close to Nice-Lingostière, in the near future.

Traditional favourite spots for high speed drivers have been picked for camera locations. The Promenade des Anglais unit is sited just after the Napoléon III bridge, opposite the airport. The installation on the Voie Rapide is at les Bosquets, at the airport end near the Radisson Hotel. Both are in 50km/h zones.

**Permanent**

The temporary cameras currently in use will be replaced over the next few months with permanent ones more like those used in the UK. The new units, which can operate twenty four hours a day, will be the first in France to be positioned high up on posts to get the best view of speeding motorists.

The cameras are a new generation of more accurate speed traps which have been introduced after the courts found themselves having to let off many speeding drivers because the accuracy of existing cameras could be



Nice Matin/Vincent Pawlowski

**WHAT A PICTURE...** A motorist 'tests out' a speed trap on Nice's Voie Rapide. The new unmanned cameras will be watching 24/7

called into question. Pictures taken by the new cameras are, however, considered precise enough to prove guilt.

"This is particularly aimed at the French; they have no regard for the law," Nice police lieutenant Robert Pinhoet told *The Riviera Gazette*. "English drivers are OK, it's mainly the locals that we have a problem with."

Of course, expat drivers and tourists are just as likely to be caught by the machines if they are speeding.

"There will be a general tolerance of about 10km/h. But anyone doing speeds of up to 97 km/h will be fined, and anything exceeding that can result in a loss of license for up to six

months," the officer explained.

Nationally, the government's crackdown is delivering significant results. Seventeen people were killed on the roads in Nice in 2002, down from 31 the year before. So far this year the toll stands at zero, and road deaths nationwide in February fell by 35.8% compared to the same time last year.

**Police State**

"I hate driving in Nice anyway, the traffic is always so jammed," Holly Slater, 28, of Cannes told *The Gazette*, "and I can't imagine anyone being able to break the speed limit on the Promenade des Anglais!"

"I've only been stopped for speeding once in the three years I've lived here, but in the UK I nearly lost my license after points I racked up from speed cameras," Holly continued.

"I hope they don't start sticking them up everywhere. One of the many reasons I left England was because of these things – it is becoming a police state."

• The Voie Rapide, used by 60,000 vehicles every day, will be closed between 8:30pm and 6am every night for three weeks from March 17 whilst the surface is resealed to reduce noise pollution.

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# PARIS-NICE RACE ROLLS INTO TOWN

By Richard Baker and Jenny Paul

THE WORLD'S top professional cyclists will be speeding into the region this weekend as the annual Paris to Nice cycle race reaches its climax on the Promenade des Anglais on Sunday.

The 198 riders started out from Paris last weekend and are expected in Cannes on Saturday and Nice on Sunday. The racers face a gruelling two hundred kilometre stage every day and the eight-day tour is one of the most keenly fought events on the cycling calendar.

The defending champion, Nice-based Alexandre Vinokourov from Kazakhstan, will wear No 1. Frenchman Richard Virenque (21) and Axel Merckx (131) from Belgium are other stand out names. Merckx's Australian Credit Agricole teammates Robbie McEwen (134) and Stuart O'Grady (121) are also expected to be in the running for the title.

## Australians

Two Nice-based Australians, Baden Cooke (No 12) and Matthew Wilson (18), are also taking part. Both are looking forward to a big finish in their adopted home. "I first came to Nice



**IN TRAINING...**Nice-based Aussies Matthew Wilson, Bradley McKee and Baden Cooke

two years ago for a visit," Baden Cooke, 24, told *The Riviera Gazette*. "Then last year I joined a French team, fdjeux.com, so it made sense to re-locate.

"There are twenty one guys in the team. I love living here, the training conditions are perfect. We're out riding for about



four hours every day, so it's much nicer if it's sunny. Sometimes we ride up to the mountains, or we roll into Monaco and back for a two hour ride."

The cyclists arrive in Toulon on Friday, ready to race a thigh-busting 195km over six

major hills between Toulon and Cannes on Saturday. They leave Toulon at 10.40am and are expected in Cannes at around 3.15pm.

The 160km final stage starts from Avenue des Phocéens in Nice at 11:25am on Sunday. The cyclists climb to Col de Châteauneuf via Col d'Eze and La Trinité, arriving at 12.35. They then pass back through Nice from around 12.55 before riding to Col d'Eze and La Trinité a second time to arrive in Col de Châteauneuf from 2.15pm.

## Uphill struggle

The race reaches its climax as they then head back down to Nice, back up to Col d'Eze for a third time at around 3pm and then an easy sprint down to Villefranche-sur-Mer and along the basse corniche for the finish on the Promenade des Anglais.

The individual coloured jerseys make it easy to spot the top cyclists. The race leader will be wearing a yellow jersey, the green jersey is the fastest sprinter, and the 'King of the Mountains' will be in polka dots. The best young rider will be wearing blue.

- Expect short traffic hold-ups and diversions along the race route this weekend.

## Check your tickets

EASYJET and six other airlines are moving their services to Nice-Côte d'Azur Airport's new Terminal 2 over the next month.

Royal Air Maroc moves today, Air Algérie from Saturday, Delta from March 25, Easyjet and Luxair from March 30 and Aeroflot from April 2.

## Brits edge Italians out

MORE of the Riviera's visitors come from Britain than any other country. Over 1.5 million nights were booked in hotels and residences by Brits last year, up 6%, edging Italians into second place for the first time. US visitors remain in third place with 800,000 nights booked, down 12% on 2001.

Air passenger numbers between Nice and the UK were up a massive 34% on 2001, with a total of 1,519,148 journeys made in 2002. Easyjet is now Nice airport's second busiest airline after Air France.

## Grasse court off pace

LAW COURTS in Grasse, Nice and Toulon are at the bottom of the league when it comes to waiting for a hearing. The average time for a civil or commercial case to come to court in France is 9.1 months but Grasse is the slowest in the country at 17.1 months. Toulon, at 13.8 months, and Nice, at 12.6 months, are also below average.

## It's a man's coast

FIGURES released for International Women's Day last Monday show that the Riviera is still a man's world.

Only two of the Alpes-Maritimes' nine MPs are women. Only 12 out of 163 mayors are women, 400 out of 2,300 police, 40 out of 800 gendarmes and 3 out of 52 members of the Conseil Général.



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# St Trop yacht'missing'

A 'SUBSTANTIAL' reward is being offered for information on a 1,300,000 euro motor yacht which mysteriously disappeared from St Tropez harbour last week.

The *TT of the Seas*, a 22-metre Azimut 68 motor yacht, went missing from its mooring on the morning of March 4. The boat had 3,600 litres of fuel on board at the time, giving it a range of 400 miles.

"There were twenty to twenty five disappearances a month in the 1980's, but they weren't the bigger boats like this. Then it calmed down. Now it's coming back. Most of the time there's some fraud involved," Michael Kurtz of yacht insurer Pantaenius explained to *The Riviera Gazette*. "We're not certain yet this boat was stolen."

Interviews with crew and possible witnesses have taken place and an appeal has been sent out to 4,500 harbour masters and other yachting contacts across the Mediterranean.

The *TT of the Seas* is the fifth luxury yacht to go missing from a Riviera port this winter. A 53ft sailing boat worth €700,000, a €250,000 14m cruiser, and two 65ft Princess motor yachts, worth €1.5 million each, have all disappeared from ports between Cogolin and Cap d'Ail since September.

Anyone with information on *TT of the Seas* should call Mr Kurtz on +377 97 98 43 43.



**TT OF THE SEAS**...missing from its mooring in St Tropez since March 4

## McMahon's attacker whisked off to prison

A TEENAGER who stabbed a doorman at McMahon's Irish pub in Nice last weekend has already started a three month jail sentence for the attack.

Bouncer Sélim Briza, 23, suffered a hip wound after he was stabbed by one of six French youths he turned away from the bar during the early hours of Friday morning.

"We tried to talk to them; two left straight away and then suddenly another produced a knife and Sélim was stabbed," McMahon's manager Ben Shrimpton told *The Riviera Gazette*.

"This has come as a bit of



**MCMAHON'S**...doorman stabbed

shock as things are so much better now in Old Nice, with cameras and security TV limiting the amount of trouble," he continued.

The doorman was back at work last night.



**WAR WOULD BE A BOU-BOU . . .** A cautious anti-war stance was taken by Boutros Boutros-Ghali, former Secretary General of the United Nations, when he visited the Riviera this week to give a speech in Cannes. If the war goes ahead, "the first victims will be the Iraqi people. The second will be the United Nations," he told *Nice Matin*.



**AUSSIE ART**...A corner of Nice airport had an antipodean makeover last month for an exhibition of Aborigine-inspired photographs and paintings. Around 150 guests invited by Asia, the Nice based Australia and Far East travel specialists, dined on kangaroo and ostrich at the airport's Badian restaurant as they admired a new series of photos of Aborigine culture by French photographer Freid Lebrun. A collection of Australian themed paintings by aborigine artists were also on show, courtesy of Yilipindi, a specialist art gallery on Nice's Rue Gounod.

## Peyrat plans nixed

GOVERNMENT bean counters have outraged Nice mayor Jacques Peyrat this week by pouring cold water on his plans for two major infrastructure projects to ease traffic on the coast.

A report published by the General Finance Inspectorate says funding for the proposed A8 motorway bypass project will not be possible until at least 2020 and the long-awaited Nice-Paris high speed rail link, which involves building a new TGV line from Marseille, can not even have a timescale set on it for the moment.

Peyrat has called an urgent public meeting tonight at the Parc Phoenix in Nice, where he will air his views on the subject.

## Ex cops protect kids

AUTHORITIES in Antibes have employed two retired police officers to make the town's schools and colleges safer for pupils.

Guy Vangioni and Gilbert Asencio will be known to pupils as 'Monsieur Securité'.

"They are there to help pupils who are being bullied and don't feel able to tell their teachers. They're there also to find out if pupils are selling drugs or running extortion rackets," Olivier Dark of Antibes town hall told *The Riviera Gazette*.

"We're trying to break the code of silence children have, where they don't want to be seen as 'snitches' among their peers, but are facing serious problems."

## Race jobs on offer

MONACO Formula 1 Grand Prix organisers are recruiting temporary staff to help run the event, which will run from May 29 to June 1 this year.

Vacancies include programme sellers, reception hostesses, ticket checkers and seat ushers. Applicants need to be over 17 years old and speak French. Priority is given to people living in Monaco or neighbouring towns.

Would-be workers should take ID and a recent photo along to either of two recruitment afternoons being held on March 25 and March 26 between 2pm and 6.30pm at the Maison de France, 42 rue Grimaldi, Monaco – just behind the Automobile Club.

## Telecoms slump leaves offices empty

COMMERCIAL landlords are facing crisis as the amount of vacant office space in the Alpes-Maritimes soars, according to a survey published by the Observatoire Immobilier d'Entreprises last week.

There are now 159,000 square metres – over 1.7 million square feet – of empty offices in the department, a 28% increase on 2001 and only a little less than the 170,000 square metres available at the height of the commercial property depression in 1996.

76,700 square metres of the vacant space is in Sophia Antipolis, and most of it is in new high-quality buildings – started when the park was full – and priced at around €160 per square metre per year.

Redundancies in the telecoms sector, business closures and bankruptcies and fewer companies moving into the area are blamed for the slump.

"The problem is that many businesses in Sophia are based around fragile technologies like telecoms," Jean Thouard of Sophia-based commercial estate agents DTZ Jean Thouard told *The Riviera Gazette*.

"Two years ago there was no free office space in Sophia and now there is space available. It could also just be a natural levelling out of the market." ● The official 2002 house price survey, due to be published next week, is expected to show a slowdown in the market. Prices have gone up an average of 7.7% annually over the last five years but, since the third quarter of 2002, increases have begun to slow.

## Ex rep's olive oil is golden

A LOCAL olive oil producer is celebrating this week after he won a gold medal at the prestigious Paris Salon de l'Agriculture.

Two years ago Daniel Pochioli-Giors left his job as a sales rep to grow top quality olives in Contes, near Nice. Now his extra virgin olive oil, carrying the prestigious 'AOC Nice' label, has been judged amongst the best in the country.

Pochioli-Giors' oil is described as having "elegant perfumes of green leaves, of tomatoes, of almond paste," by the *Guide des Huiles d'Olive* which selects and evaluates the *grands crus* of European olive oils.

"This particular smell is typical of a Niçoise olive oil – oils from every area



GOLD WINNER... Olive grower Daniel Pochioli-Giors with sons Alexandre and Gautier

differ in smell and taste," Pochioli-Giors told *The Riviera Gazette*.

"I changed my job for passion not money, as farmers are not very well paid," he continued. "But I'm enjoying working outside in the fresh air and I don't regret the change of lifestyle at all." Sons Alexandre and Gautier agree

– they're happy to help dad look after the family's 600 olive trees at the 3.5 hectare farm.

Pochioli-Giors' *Corsta d'Or* oil can be found on his stall at the market in Cagnes-sur-Mer every Saturday, or can be bought direct from his farm in Contes.

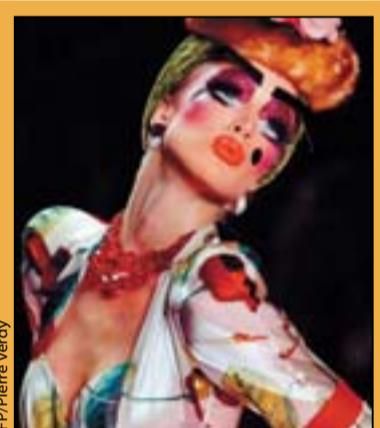
## Galliano wows Paris

BRITISH haute couture designer John Galliano has taken wartime 1940s as the inspiration for his own-label collection after conjuring a bondage-inspired rubber fest for Christian Dior at the Paris Autumn-Winter 2003 fashion week.

Models with oversized black stick-on moles pouted and posed to an amped-up Glenn Miller soundtrack while wearing bulky elasticated bra

tops and garter belts under baby pink cardigans and furs. Black has proven to be a safe bet at the event but Galliano banned the colour – except for the moles.

In direct contrast, the other hits of the week were Tom Ford and Alber Elbaz. Ford says sensuality will be the keyword next winter. He unveiled a collection for YSL Rive Gauche loaded with silk, lace, and feminine ruffles.



GALLIANO... banned black this year

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## CUTTING TIES, CUTTING TAXES

As we approach the UK budget, speculation continues that the government may press ahead with plans to close the 'non-domicile loophole'.

Currently non-UK domiciled individuals are exempt from paying tax on their overseas income – providing it is not brought into the UK. The media focus has been on the 60,000 wealthy UK residents with non-domicile status, but there are many UK expatriates who may find that the proposals affect them too.

### What is 'domicile'?

Under UK law you must have a domicile for tax purposes. This is usually the place with which you have the closest connections – normally where you were born, rather than where you currently live.

If you are not intending to return to Britain to live, you may be able to establish an alternative domicile. This means shaking off the UK as your domicile of birth and taking steps to show that your new home abroad is permanent.

### Why become UK non-domiciled?

There are considerable tax advantages for UK nationals who are able to lose their UK domicile. If you are not domiciled in the UK, you are only subject to UK Inheritance Tax (IHT) on assets situated within the UK.

In contrast, if you are UK domiciled, IHT is 40 per cent of the total value of your worldwide estate (after allowances). You may also find that you are liable for estate duties in your country of residence and in the country where the assets are physically located.

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## Tax pledge on hold

PRESIDENT Chirac's election pledge to cut taxes by 30% over the next five years was put on hold last Friday "until economic growth returns." The freeze was announced by finance minister Francis Mer after France was finally forced to admit its public finance deficit will exceed EU limits this year.

## Expat bar raided

AN EXPAT-RUN business has been raided by burglars in Antibes for the second time in two months. Thieves broke in to the Xtreme bar around 3am on Monday morning and stole three plasma screens and hi-fi and satellite equipment.

Anyone who may have seen anything suspicious is urged to contact Glenn Ray on 06 09 84 75 11.

## Rocking the Riviera

RADIO International has rebranded its *The Breeze* jazz station as *The Rock of the Riviera 88.4 FM* and given it a US-style 'classic rock' daytime playlist.

The Ventimiglia-based station will continue to carry local broadcaster Radio Caroline South on Saturday and Sunday evenings from 7pm.

Meanwhile, Radio Caroline's permanent satellite presence has moved to a new transponder and Sky Digital users can now find it at 11585 GHz, horizontal polarization, SR 27.5, FEC 2/3.

## Gone fishin'

THE 2003 freshwater angling season has opened with the start of trout fishing – but anglers must buy a license before they can bait their hooks.

Annual permits cost €71.50 from the FDPPMA – call 04 93 72 06 04 or email [contact@peche-cote-azur.com](mailto:contact@peche-cote-azur.com) for more information.

## My Riviera

### Aussie Steve Greenwood talks to Jenny Paul about cricket, football and late-night skinny dipping...

**“**I'M ORIGINALLY from Perth and I went from Australia to England as a professional cricket player for Middlesex.

I spent two years in England. As well as playing cricket, I worked as a salesman for Konami, a computer games company. Cricket is a summer sport and so you need a job in winter.

One of our clients invited me to Le Bar-sur-Loup for a holiday. I decided this was a nice place to live, so I stayed.

I did day work on boats and ended up playing a season with Cannes football club as a pro. I walked into their club thinking they were semi-professional and I managed to talk the Chairman into giving me a trial. Then I found out that they were a first division club.

I started to miss playing cricket so I went to Holland to play for a Dutch club in Amsterdam. I stayed two years and then I travelled back here for a holiday with some friends. I started working on boats again and soon realised the yachting life wasn't for me.

My good friend and business partner Alistair Carter and I had an idea, a new concept for the South of France. We decided to open a beachfront internet café and sports bar, Riviera Surf in Juan-les-Pins.

We show all live sports matches on satellite television and you can have a beer and use the internet if you want to. I now plan to stay here for two years before expanding the business into other towns.

I play cricket socially for Monaco every season, which is great fun and good for keeping my fitness up.

When I go out to eat with my girlfriend Olivia, we like to go to Brilot in Antibes. They do a fantastic peppered duck. I also like going out to nightclubs such as 'La



CHEERS... Sporty Aussie Steve now runs a beachfront internet bar and cafe in Juan les Pins

TRG/Jenny Paul

Village' in Juan-les-Pins and getting smashed, acting like an idiot and skinny dipping on the way home!

I also work as an agent for pro-cricket players who want to play for Holland and Denmark, negotiating contracts for them. The Côte d'Azur is no substitute for Australia, but I'll remain here for the next couple of years at least. I think one of the downsides to living here is there's very little to do for young people who want to go out and have a good time. You can only go to the same place a couple of times.

The trouble is a lot of bars and clubs are aimed at the French who only go out for a couple of drinks, whereas people from

countries which do have a drinking culture can go out and spend a day's wages in a night.

Part of our idea here at Riviera Surf was to have a place where people can go out and have a drink cheaply, in a relaxed atmosphere. We know how much it costs the bars locally to buy the drinks, so they have no excuse to charge the prices they do.

I like the pleasure of having the mountains so near. It's great to have the option of either doing watersports or snowsports. I like having the chance to meet people from different countries, which is what Juan-les-Pins brings. **“**

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Sat 17:30, Mon 17:30, 21:00

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Thu, Tue 17:30

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Tue 16:30

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Thu 14:30, Sat 20:00

THE MAN WITH THE GOLDEN GUN (1974)

Fri 14:30

THE NIGHT OF THE IGUANA (1964)

Fri 20:00, Sat 17:00

THE OTHERS

Sat 21:45, Sun 15:00

THE ROBE (1953)

Tue 20:00

THIS DREAM PEOPLE CALL HUMAN LIFE

Tue 14:30

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ALL OR NOTHING

Thu 20:10

BLOODY SUNDAY

Sun 21:40

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Sat 17:00, Mon 20:10, Tue 21:40

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Sat 21:30

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Sat 14:40

MY BIG FAT GREEK WEDDING

Fri, Tue 14:30, 21:40, Sat, Sun 19:25, Mon 18:00

MINORITY REPORT

Sun 21:30

MULHOLLAND DRIVE

Sun 21:40

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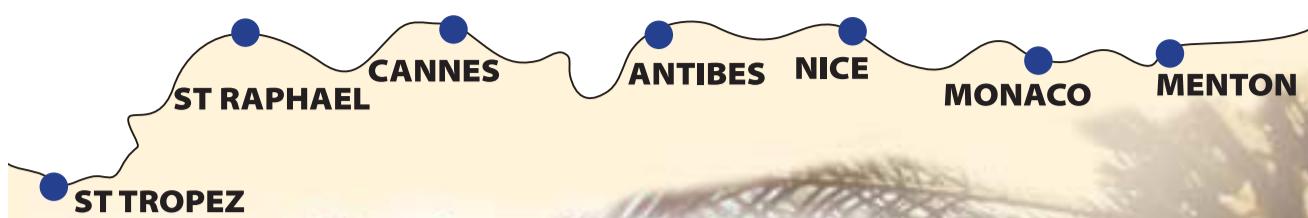
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- The International Games Festival continues today through to Sunday at the Palais des Festivals in Cannes. The **latest in parlour games** will be on show and for sale. Doors open 13:00 to 20:00 weekdays and 10:00 to 20:00 at the weekend. Entry is free. Tel: 04 92 59 41 20.
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- Continuing today is the Foire de Nice and the International Games Festival.

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