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BBC TO LEAVE SKY

Auntie's shift to new satellite means reception will be tricky on the Riviera

By JENNY PAUL

THE BBC has announced plans to pull its radio and TV stations from satellite broadcaster BSkyB's channel line-up and move them to another close-by satellite which has a much smaller coverage area.

Viewers in the UK won't notice much difference after the changeover on May 30, but it will have disastrous consequences for the many British expats and second home-owners all over Europe who use Sky set-top boxes to watch BBC TV.

The BBC is touting the move as a cost saving measure; the corporation has paid Sky £85 million over the last five years to scramble and broadcast its programming on the Astra 2A satellite. Broadcasts from the new '2D' satellite will be unencrypted.

Sports

Riviera residents now face the prospect of having to learn to live without their BBC channels and favourite programmes such as Eastenders, news and major sports events – Wimbledon, The Grand National and Six Nations Rugby are only shown on the BBC.

Greg Dyke, the BBC's Director General, said "This is a very important decision for

sons. First, their contract with Sky runs out in May and second, as the Astra 2D satellite is more tightly focused on the UK, they will not have to encrypt signals in order to meet contractual obligations not to broadcast programmes into other countries.

But some experts feel that the

BBC's coverage maps are very

conservative and that the

Riviera's viewers have nothing

to worry about.

Bigger dish

"You'll definitely need to buy a bigger dish," Grant Rennell of *What Satellite* magazine told *The Riviera Gazette*. "We would recommend that you buy at least a 90cm dish."

The BBC, however, doesn't

consider viewers outside the UK a priority. "If people are picking up our services in other parts of Europe, they really shouldn't be," Amy Mulclair of the BBC press office told *The Riviera Gazette*.

"We are legally obliged to provide better services to license payers in the UK," she explained.

"People will have to go out and buy dishes four or five times bigger than the ones they currently use. They will also have to be pointed in a different direction," Mulclair asserts.

Sit tight

There is hope for Eastenders addicts, though. ITV2 already broadcasts from the Astra 2D satellite and, although it demands accurate positioning of the dish and is notoriously difficult to pick up on the Côte d'Azur during bad weather, during sunny weather the signal is quite good. Viewers with larger dishes report good results receiving ITV2.

Local satellite TV dealer Martin Hull takes a more pragmatic view, though: "Don't fret yet. Sit tight and wait for the end of May, and see what happens. I suspect this is simply a negotiating position taken by the BBC, and that in the end a deal will be struck and it won't leave Sky at all."

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INHERITANCE TAX & PROPERTY

According to a recent survey, the average price of property on the Côte d'Azur is now 450,000 Euro – an increase of 50 per cent over the past two years. This is great news for those of you who have invested in property, but even better news for the taxman.

Most UK expats remain liable to UK inheritance tax even if they left the UK many years ago. This means that many expats – especially those who also have property in the UK – will be finding that the increased value of their property now takes them over the lifetime UK inheritance tax exemption level, which is £250,000.

Inheritance tax varies by country, but with UK inheritance tax currently at 40 per cent this could seriously affect the final value of your estate, leaving your loved ones with an unwanted tax bill when you die. This week **Sovereign Update** looks at some of the many issues that can affect your liability to inheritance tax.

Domicile

Last week we looked in depth at the advantages of being 'UK non-domiciled'. This is a classification that may be obtainable if you have no intention of returning to Britain to live and are able to prove this to

the Inland Revenue.

The UK government has plans to reform the non-domicile status but currently the tax advantages are considerable. If you are non-UK domiciled you are only subject to UK inheritance tax on assets situated within the UK. In contrast if you are domiciled in the UK you must pay tax on ALL your assets, regardless of where they are located.

Double charges

Estate duties may be payable in your country of residence and in the country where the assets are physically located. Without proper planning a double charge on the

same asset can and does occur, as credit is often not given for tax paid in one country against tax due in another.

'Equalising' your estate

Estates not exceeding £250,000 are exempt from UK inheritance tax so married couples should try and 'equalise their estates' to take full advantage of this exemption.

For example, a man, whose wife is wealthy in her own right, should consider leaving all or part of his estate to other beneficiaries. This avoids adding to the potential charge on his wife's estate upon her death.

Lifetime gifts

Lifetime gifts, which exceed the £250,000 nil rate band, are taxed at a maximum of only 20 per cent

on death. In many cases the gift will be exempt from this tax and in others it will be a 'potentially exempt transfer'. This means that if the donor survives for more than seven years after making the gift there are no inheritance tax consequences.

Corporate ownership

As a company never dies, inheritance tax can be avoided by owning property through a corporate structure. The structure may also provide you with additional planning opportunities for the eventual transfer of the ownership – through a discretionary trust, for example.

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Branson to buy Air Lib?

BRITISH entrepreneur Richard Branson says he's interested in buying bankrupt airline Air Lib.

The billionaire businessman already owns part of low-cost airline Virgin Express whose name has been mentioned in connection with taking some of Air Lib's Toulon-Hyères airport slots.

"The question is not so much about how much we would pay, but about how many jobs we could save," Branson told reporters last week.

Triple murder

AN infamous triple murderer who evaded the guillotine in the 1950s after killing a woman who reproached him for harassing her niece has been sentenced to seven years in prison for stabbing his partner in the throat.

Albert Millet, now aged 73, had only been out of prison for two months when he carried out the vicious attack.

150 km/h limit call

LOCAL MP Christian Estrosi has called for the government to raise the speed limit to 150 kilometres per hour.

"Modern cars are safer and faster than when the original speed limits were introduced," Estrosi told *The Riviera Gazette*.

"I am proposing that they also penalise people driving slowly in the fast lane," he explained.

Var jobs up

THE Var is bucking the national unemployment trend by showing a fall in the number of jobless people.

January showed a 1.7% year-on-year drop in unemployment, with most new jobs being created in the commercial and building sectors.



POOL POSITION... Reclaimed land in the port of Monaco will house 5,000 extra spectators for this year's F1 Grand Prix

Monaco creeps further into sea

MONACO has reclaimed 5000 square metres of land in Port Hercule to provide room for extra seating at the Grand Prix.

A new stand on the reclaimed area will provide seating for five thousand extra race-goers, and the circuit will be slightly modified to allow a further stand to be slotted in next to the swimming pool, facing the Rascasse café.

The works, which followed a plan drawn up by race organisers at the Automobile Club de Monaco, are nearing completion and will be ready for this year's Grand Prix, which takes place on June 1.

The tiny principality is no stranger to the concept of reclaiming land from

the sea; the entire Fontvieille district is built on 22 hectares of land reclaimed in the 1970s.

And with what little real-estate there is in the Principality being worth so much, Monaco has also been creating extra space through buying land in France.

It already owns, through various companies, the Monte Carlo Golf Club at La Turbie and a warehouse complex on the edge of Nice which is used for logistics purposes. And earlier this month the Principality purchased 54 hectares of land on Mont Agel, overlooking Monaco, sparking a critical article in *Le Monde* newspaper.

Jean-Pierre Puliti, of the Association for the Defence of the

Environment of Mont Agel, attempted to invoke article 53 of the French constitution in a bid to stop Monaco's purchase of the land. Article 53 requires the ceding of any part of French territory to a foreign power to be approved by Parliament.

"There is no obstacle to a foreign state purchasing land in France so long as there is no cessation of territory," Patrick Leclercq, Monaco's head of government, was quick to retort – the Principality will be subject to French laws and regulations just like any other property owner in France.

Puliti says he is trying to use the law to "prevent the last green space in the area from becoming, bit by bit, a private garden for the jet set."

Chirac unpopular?

PRESIDENT Chirac may be taking a verbal battering in the US over Iraq, but he's being hailed as a champion of peace elsewhere.

The French embassy in London has received hundreds of letters supporting the president's anti-war stance – and denouncing Tony Blair's support of America. French Catholic daily newspaper *La Croix* has even compared Chirac to Nelson Mandela.

Arrest me please!

A DRUNKEN youth went on a crime-spree in Tourrette-Levens this week – and then begged Police to arrest him.

After crashing into the gate of a retirement home, he demanded local cops arrest him and then took them to the local branch of Credit Agricole where he confessed to having smashed the window.

He is now awaiting trial.

Monaco war plans

THE Principality of Monaco has released its plans for increasing security in the event of war.

They include regularly checking people's passports and bags, checks on packages received by public services and businesses, and withdrawing bottles banks from public use.

Tax return time

THE deadline for your 2002 tax return is Monday March 24, but you can get an extension until midnight on April 6 if you file your return online at www.impots.gouv.fr.

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Tourists face visa hell as fingerprinting mooted

IMMIGRATION authorities are to fingerprint all foreigners applying for visas to visit France and are closely inspecting marriages between French nationals and foreign nationals in a bid to clamp down on illegal immigrants.

Interior minister Nicolas Sarkozy has called for all visa applicants, regardless of their country of origin, to be required to apply for visas in person at their local French embassy. As part of the process their fingerprints will be taken.

Cumbersome

Nationals of EU countries do not require visas and are therefore exempt, but English-speaking visitors from outside Europe, including the US, Canada and South Africa, will all be required to go through the cumbersome process.

French authorities say foreigners arriving on the current tourist visas who want to overstay their welcome can simply throw their papers away, making it impossible to determine which country they came from and, therefore, where to deport them back to.

Currently only 17% of

deportation orders are actually carried out.

Under the new system, immigration officials will be able to take new fingerprints from suspected illegal immigrants and compare them against visa application records to determine the identity and country of origin of the suspect.

"France must remain a land of immigration but it cannot welcome all the miserable of the world. I am against zero immigration, which is an aberration, but I am also against the kind of lax attitude that says that anyone who wants them can have their papers," Sarkozy told reporters.

Cheek

"They've got a cheek making out all foreigners in their country are criminals. I may come from Australia, but this does not automatically make me a law breaker. I just ignore all the stupid bureaucracy in France anyway," Andy Hughes from Nice told *The Riviera Gazette*.

The move comes as the number of marriage applications being sent for approval to

the Procureur of the Alpes-Maritimes – the head of the legal service in the region – by local mayors has increased by up to 33%.

Suspicious

French law requires any 'suspicious' marriage application to be sent to the Procureur for further investigation.

Echoing the hit movie *Green Card*, where French actor Gerard Depardieu tried to get US residency via an arranged marriage, these cases include all marriages between French nationals and foreigners where there is any suspicion that the marriage is only taking place in order to give the foreigner the right to reside in France.

In Nice over 30% of all marriage applications this year have been sent to the Procureur for investigation. In 2002, 20% of marriage applications in Grasse were forwarded, 10% in Cannes and Menton and 15% of marriages between French nationals and foreigners in Antibes.

Permission was only refused in fifteen cases and authorities believe that many arranged marriages are still slipping through the net.

Last chance looms for skiers

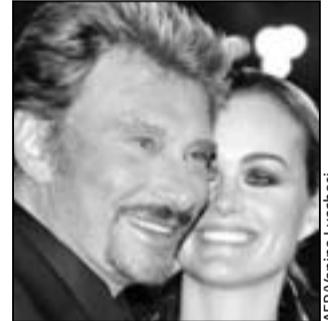
LOCAL ski resorts are beginning to wind down as the end of the winter season approaches.

This Saturday is your last chance to ski at Gréolières-les-Neiges and La Colmiane, and Turini-Camp-d'Argent will only be open this weekend if the weather is good.

The larger resort of Valberg will close at the end of the month, although 80% of the pistes remain skiable, whilst Auron and Isola 2000 plan to stay open until 27 April, just

after Easter, after fresh snow fell in Isola last weekend.

As sunny weather breaks out all over the coast, it is easy to forget that just a few miles inland conditions can be very different, as one visitor to Isola last weekend told *The Gazette*: "I got there and, as I was with three beginners, it was snowing so much that we didn't even try to ski. It wouldn't have been much fun. So we had a snowball fight, got back into the car and came back to Nice," said Steven Kane, 28, from Nice.



ACCUSED ... Hallyday with wife Laetitia in Cannes earlier this year

Rocker Hallyday denies Cannes rape allegation

AGING pop icon Johnny Hallyday, 59, has been accused of sexually assaulting a 33 year-old hostess aboard a yacht in Cannes in April 2001.

The yacht worker, identified only as Marie-Christine X from Nice, claims the five-times married rock star raped her aboard his luxury chartered yacht *L'Irina* whilst it was moored in Cannes' port Canto.

After a year long investigation, Nice's public prosecutor has now opened an official inquiry into her claims, which include "rape, threats and malicious telephone calls."

The legendary Belgian rocker, who is credited with bringing rock'n'roll to France in 1959, denies the accusation and his lawyer dismisses the claims as an attempt to extort money from his client. Her official complaint was not made until a year after the alleged incident took place.

Hallyday is scheduled to perform in Nice on July 17.

Bad hair raises cash in Mougins

PUPILS at Mougins School raised a thousand euros for British charity Comic Relief's Red Nose Day last Friday.

The biennial telethon's theme this year was 'The Big Hair Do'.

"We had 385 kids who all bought red noses. The children and staff all wore something red and had a 'bad hair' day," the school's Sue Dunnachie told *The Riviera Gazette*. One poor girl took three hours to get her hair back to normal after sporting a backcombed multi-coloured beehive for the event. "Others had plaits with wire in so they stuck out at angles. It was great fun," said Sue.

By the end of Friday's TV comedy extravaganza Comic Relief had raised a total of £35 million and organisers hope the eventual total will top £55million.

Monaco FC set for cup semi clash

MONACO'S football team, AS Monaco, will meet Olympic Marseille in a crunch clash in the French League Cup semi-finals on April 16.

The teams are currently in joint top position in Division 1, with 52 points each, and will now face each other at Marseille's Velodrome for a place in the cup final.

Tickets, which can be bought online at www.olympique-de-marseille.com, start at €15 and the match will be screened live on France 3.

Meanwhile, OGC Nice is currently sixth in the league with 46 points and faces Lyon on Sunday at the Stade du Ray. Kick off is 8:45pm.

Five arrested in Nice city hall corruption probe

A FRESH corruption scandal has rocked Nice this week with the arrest of a city hall official, an elected official, a municipal worker and two senior businessmen.

An inquiry has been opened into alleged dodgy dealings, looking particularly at contracts handed out for work on the town's new football stadium.

Investigators are examining a €100M contract to install 32,000 seats at the new Stade du Ray, due to be completed in 2006.

Police swooped on the five early on Tuesday morning in an operation which involved dozens of officers working in conjunction with investigators in Nice.

One of the banged-up bosses heads a corporation in Marseille and the other a company in Paris.

Investigators have also seized boxes of documents from the city hall for further examination.

Nice's public prosecutor, Eric de Montgolfier - who famously takes a hard line against corruption and organised crime - opened an inquiry several months ago to look into suspected "favouritism, trading of favours and corruption".

Montgolfier is refusing to speak publicly on the matter as he does not wish to jeopardise the investigation.

Nice has been notorious for corruption scandals and patronage ever since Mayor Jacques Médecin governed the town in the 1970s and 80s before fleeing to Argentina with a suitcase full of used banknotes.

Artist starts sandcastle classes



SANDY SKILL TO HAVE... learn how to build arty castles in Antibes on Wednesdays

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Antibes dog mess blamed on owners

ANTIBES street cleaners have poo-pooed public moans about dog mess on the pavements of Antibes, instead blaming pet-owning residents for being irresponsible.

"People complain to us about the mess, but we face a very difficult job keeping Antibes clean," Sabrina Mecule from the town hall told *The Riviera Gazette*.

"Local people act very selfishly by allowing their dogs to foul the pavements," the town hall's Olivier Dark explained. "Also, people are irresponsible with regards to dropping litter on the roads and not in the bins."

The town has two full-time employees responsible for cleaning up doggy 'calling cards'. The men, dubbed 'Monsieur Caca' locally, can be seen riding around on customised motorbikes equipped with 'poop hoovers'.

"I actually skidded over in some dog excrement the other day. It was disgusting," Melanie Hitchings, 32, of Antibes told *The Gazette*. "I complained to the town hall and they just told me to look where I was going in future," she continued.

In St Tropez a new law requires dog owners to keep their



POOPER SCOOTER... 'Monsieur Caca' picks up doggy don'ts

dogs on a lead and to scoop up after their pets. Dog owners caught breaking this law face a €150 fine for a first offence and €1,500 for a second offence.

Antibes has a similar system, though it is not enforced rigorously. "There is already a fining system in place in Antibes. Offenders normally get a verbal warning from a police officer, then persistent offenders would eventually get fined - although not many people do get fined," Ms Mecule explained.

Maher back in court

TED Maher, the American nurse found guilty of starting the penthouse fire in which billionaire banker Edmond Safra died in 1999, was in court again last week for an appeal hearing in Aix-en-Provence.

Because Maher's re-arrest after his escape took place in France, lawyer Donald Manasse argued at the hearing that the Monaco-issued arrest warrant used to detain him in January was not valid and that Maher should therefore be set free.

The plea was turned down.

Maher will now face the French court again on 3 April, this time to hear Monaco's bid to have him sent back to the Principality.

In dire straits

MARK Knopfler has broken his collar bone and six ribs after smashing his motorbike into a Fiat Punto in London on Monday.

The accident casts doubt on whether the former Dire Straits guitarist will be able to perform as scheduled at Nice's Salle Nikaia on April 28.

Designer outlet opens new shops

TEN NEW shops have opened at Serravale, Europe's largest designer outlet mall in northern Italy.

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My Riviera

Businessman David Richardson talks to Jenny Paul about chilling out in the Riviera countryside...

“I MARRIED a French girl, Corrine, in London twenty years ago. We then moved to Paris and, after seven years, I found a job in Sophia.

I was vice-president of Allergan and responsible for fifteen countries. I used to do 200,000 kilometres a year in planes. I was never home.

After ten years of that, I wanted a lifestyle change. The south of France is an absolute paradise and you don't want to be in a Zurich hotel room if you live here.

I'd always wanted to start my own business and I wanted to spend time at home with my wife and three kids – Thomas, 22, Sébastien, 18 and Margot, 11. I wanted a better quality of life.

My new company, Clim Services, supplies and installs air conditioning, a rapidly growing business in this climate. After all it's March and, look, it's already warm and sunny. Before you know it, you'll need the air-conditioning on!

We're very keen golfers and are part of a group called Golf Swing. We have about 60 members and about once a month we organise a competition. It's a great passion and it's a great way to meet people.

The other thing I do in my spare time is play in an amateur rock 'n' roll band. I play guitar; we get together and play in my music room downstairs. We play our own songs, it's real 'dadrock'.

As a rule I avoid the coast. It's been over-developed and there are too many people and too much noise. Up here in Peyminade, we have no noise and no trouble with traffic.

Having a French wife and playing golf are both excellent door openers. Ninety percent of our friends are French. We live the French lifestyle, not the ex-pat lifestyle. Although I'm English, French is our first



RURAL RETREAT...David Richardson and Tiger enjoy the quiet life away from the crowded coast

language at home. Our children see themselves as French as this is our permanent home.

Life in the UK was so depressing. But here we make our own olive oil – we pick them off the trees in our garden and take them to the local mill to press them. It's just so different. It's such a contrast from the coast, which is all cosmopolitan and modern. Up here in the hills you have the local peasants picking their olives and going down to the mill to press oil, or growing flowers to sell to the perfume people in Grasse. That's the charm of the place.

If you drive from Monaco to Théoule you don't see one bit of open space, but ten minutes into the hills you find the authentic south of France, and there's a genuine

'non-manufactured' lifestyle. There's loads to do as you're always outside. We go for walks with our dog Tiger or go cycling or do gardening.

It's nice and peaceful amidst the countryside and the people here are very friendly. It does help if you speak French. For me it's a question of respect. They respect the fact that you've made the effort to speak their language.

Sometimes it's hard, though. When I worked in Sophia, I always used to spend the first fifteen minutes each morning going round shaking hands with everybody in the office. I felt like the Queen Mother but, as a Brit, you have to understand that you're being offensive if you don't.

TRG/Jenny Paul

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Tue 20:30

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ABOUT SCHMIDT
Daily 16:00, 21:00

CHICAGO
Daily 14:00, 18:15

FAR FROM HEAVEN
Daily 14:00, 16:00, 20:00

Le Cannet Toiles**Rue Victoren Sardou, Le Cannet**

PUNCH-DRUNK LOVE
Thu, Tue 18:30, Fri, Mon 16:00, Sun 20:30

La Coupole**Quai Sainte-Appollonie, La Gaude**

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Mon 17:30, 21:00

Cinema Sporting**Place du Casino, Monte-Carlo**

CHICAGO
Fri 17:30, Sun 17:30, 21:15

DAREDEVIL
Thu 17:30, 21:15, Sat 19:30, Tue 17:30

TWO WEEKS NOTICE
Mon 17:30, 21:15

Cinematheque**3 Esplanade Kennedy, Nice**

ALL OR NOTHING
Sat 22:00, Sun 15:00

BITTER VICTORY (1957)
Tue 20:00

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Tue 17:00

SLEEPY HOLLOW
Sat 17:45

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Tue 14:30

THE NAVIGATORS
Thu 14:30, Fri 20:00, Sat 16:00

THE PILLOW BOOK
Sat 14:00

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Fri 17:00, Sat 20:00

TOM & VIV
Thu 20:00, Fri 14:30

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BOWLING FOR COLUMBINE
Sat 17:00, Mon 20:10, Tue 21:40

HARRY POTTER AND THE CHAMBER OF SECRETS
Sat 21:30

MINORITY REPORT
Sun 21:30

MY BIG FAT GREEK WEDDING
Fri 14:30

PUNCH-DRUNK LOVE
Sun 21:30

THE LORD OF THE RINGS: THE TWO TOWERS
Tue 21:30

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Thu 20:10, Sat 14:40, Mon 16:00

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**Cinema de Valbonne
Salles des Fetes, Valbonne****SPIDER-MAN**

Thu 20:30, Sun 18:00

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Tue 18:00, 21:00

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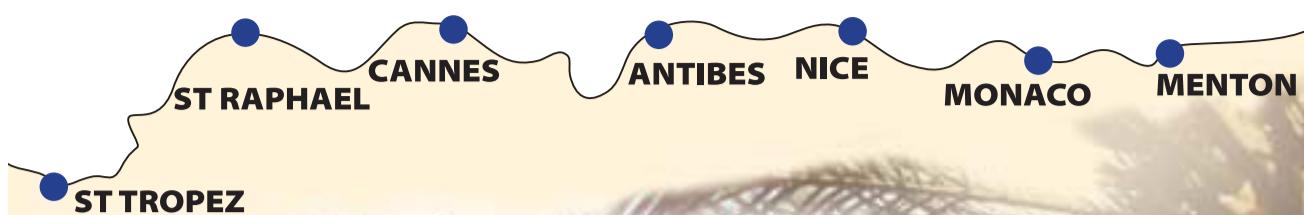
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The Riviera This week

Thursday 20

- The 12th Festival Musical du Grand Hotel du Cap Ferrat continues tonight with *Une Americaine à Saint-Jean*, a piano concert by **Dee Dee Bridgewater**, at 20:00. Tickets are €30. Email banquet@grand-hotel-cap-ferrat.com for bookings.
- Nice's philharmonic orchestra is performing the music of **Ravel and Debussy** at the Auditorium, Musée Chagall, Nice, at 20:30. Tickets €8. Tel: 04 93 53 87 20.
- The Sweet Potatoes are playing **live blues music** at O'Sullivan's Irish Pub in Mandelieu at 21:30. Tel: 04 93 49 95 36.
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Friday 21

- MJC Picaud in Cannes is hosting a **jazz night** with Dave Phillips and Freedance - Rez Abbassi, John O'Gallagher and Tony Moreno - performing at 21:30. Tickets are €6. Tel: 04 93 06 29 90
- The 16th **Festival de Pétanque** starts today at the Boulodromes Roubaud, Piscine and Ranguin in Cannes La Bocca and continues through to Sunday. Pop along every day from 9am to see star international players compete. Tel: 04 93 47 04 12.
- "BD... Ambule", a festival celebrating **comic strips**, is on at the Salle des Fêtes and Place Mejane, Valbonne. It includes "Les Petites Insomnies de Filomene", a show starring two clowns and suitable for non-French speakers from six years old, at the Salle des Fêtes tonight at 20:30. Entry starts at €5. The festival runs from 14:00 to 18:00 today and from 10:00 to 18:00 tomorrow and Sunday. Tel: 04 93 00 34 40.
- Stars 'n' Bars in Monaco is holding a **60s and 70s night** from 24:00 tonight with Jerry Price and his Rockabilly friends and DJ Sagamore and DJ M. Pan. Entry €10. Tel: +377 97 97 95 95.
- Feeling blocked? L'Association Athena is holding a workshop on **artistic expression** tonight and tomorrow at the Salle des Variétés in Monaco, from 21:00. It will take in song, dance, world music and painting. Admission is €12. Tel: 06 62 18 23 48.
- Nice's boat show, the **7th Salon Nautique de Nice**, starts today in the Port. Doors open at 10:00 until 19:00 each day until Monday. The show will have around 120 stands and 150 boats to see. Entry €8. Tel: 08 92 70 74 07.
- Senegalese singer Ismael Lo - called **the African Bob Dylan** because of his guitar and harmonica combination - is performing at the Théâtre La Licorne in Cannes at 20:30. Tickets are €22. Tel: 04 92 99 33 83.

Riviera Weather

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