THE five men arrested last week in the Nice City Hall corruption scandal have been named.

And the Director General of City Services for Nice and for the Canca regional authority, one of the city council’s most senior executives, is amongst the five.

Michel Vialatte, 43, a close and trusted colleague of mayor Jacques Peyrat, has been accused of ‘corruption, favouritism and peddling influence’ after suspicious payments of €45,000 and €76,000 linked to the Stade du Ray construction contract sparked a swoop on the five last week.

**Fraud**
Together with businessman Pierre Besrest, 61, he is alleged to have cooked up an organised system of fraud in the public works department with kickbacks in exchange for favours dished out to bent businesses.

**Embezzlement**
Besrest has already served one prison sentence for embezzlement in connection with a public works contract placed by the Conseil General of Essonne. He was arrested in Paris and transferred to Nice for questioning last week, under suspicion of active corruption, peddling influence and favouritism.

Besrest is believed to have been responsible for making the introductions between Vialatte and Marseille-based construction firm A3com whose director has also been named as one of the five arrested. Philippe Pariset, 50, is accused of corruption and peddling influence after A3com won the main Stade du Ray construction contract. It is believed the company was also preparing a bid for the €305 million Nice tramway project at the time of the arrests.

The councillor responsible for sports, former police chief Bernard Oerengo, 55, is suspected of the lesser crime of passive corruption. A source close to the investigation told Nice Matin this week he believes Oerengo and fellow accused René Daolio, head of the council’s cleaning services, were both approached by one of the three key figures in the scandal rather than having been driving forces behind it.

The investigation that led to the arrests was started in October 2002. “Since the opening of the enquiry in October, we’ve been waiting for the first fruit of this fraudulent pact to manifest itself,” Eric de Montgolfier, the leading prosecutor of the Alpes-Maritimes explained. Taped phone conversations are expected to form the cornerstone of the case against the five, along with numerous documents seized at the city hall, at the offices of Canca and at the homes of the accused. Documents seized relate to ten or so public works contracts handed out or about to be awarded by the City of Nice.

**Scandal**
Given Jacques Peyrat’s close association with Vialatte, the scandal has forced the Nice mayor to take a very defensive stance.

Nice councillors will meet on Friday for the first time since the scandal broke. The opposition is promising a heated debate.

By JENNY PAUL

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**CENTRE OF SCANDAL...** an artist’s impression of the new Stade du Ray, due to be completed in 2006. The award of the main building contract to A3com sparked the arrests.
FRENCH INHERITANCE LAW - WHO BENEFITS?

Planning for the distribution of your estate when you die can be a daunting and emotive task, but it is a hugely important part of tax planning and should not be ignored.

This is a particularly important issue for UK residents and UK expats who own French property. Many incorrectly assume that if they have a UK will that deals with worldwide property it will adequately deal with their French property too.

In France, however, immovable property (land and buildings) is subject to French succession law. This applies regardless of the residency of the owner and regardless of any specific distribution of property they may have outlined in their UK will.

UK residents are familiar with an inheritance system that allows them to leave their estate to almost anyone but the system in France is very different. As it suggests, succession law dictates who can benefit from a person's estate. Additionally, the amount of inheritance tax paid is determined by the relationship between the beneficiary and the deceased, and the size of each individual's inheritance - not the size of the whole estate.

Assets are divided into two portions: a reserved portion (preserves legal) and a disposable portion (proportional distribution). Blood relatives called protectors have rights to a compulsory share of the reserved portion - these are usually a person's children, Crucially, a surviving spouse or other chosen beneficiary is not protected here.

If there is only one living child, the reserved portion is half the estate; for two it is two-thirds, and for three or more children, it is three-quarters. All portions must be equally divided, so a son or daughter dies before the testator, their share will be distributed equally among their children.

If there are surviving parents or grandparents in both the maternal and paternal lines but no children, the reserved portion is half the estate; with surviving parents or grandparents in one line only, the reserved portion is a quarter of the estate. Both must be divided equally.

The disposable portion is the share that remains. This can be distributed as the testator wishes but the more distant the relationship between the testator and the beneficiary the higher the inheritance tax liability.

Let's look at an example. Mr X is a UK resident with a child, Mr Y, from his first marriage. He marries again and buys a €400,000 villa in France as a holiday home. He makes a will in the UK and leaves the French property to his new wife Mrs Y.

When Mr X dies, his will is administered in the UK and Mr Y is not included in the will. In France, Mr Y, who is now Mr X’s son, will be entitled to one-third of the villa. NOT to Mr X’s new wife Mrs Y.

This is a very harsh result - an unintended part-owner of the property is entitled to a share of the estate while the intended owner has no entitlement.

One possible way to mitigate this problem is to place the property in a trust. However, this is only a partial solution and requires careful planning.
**CMYK**

**Black bags, black flags**

**THIRTY volunteers marshalled by the Surfrider Foundation picked up near-ly 3,000 litres of litter from La Bergerie beach at Hyères this week.**

Rubbish collected included a tele-
vision aerial and a beach table.

Beach cleans took place in many other Var resorts including Frejus and Saint-Mandrier. The Surfrider foundation will use the volunteers’ feedback to award black flags to the dirtiest beaches.

**Three years for drink drive death**

A MARRIED father was sentenced to three years in prison this week for killing a 19-year-old and seriously injuring five others on Nice’s V oie rapide last October.

The driver already had a one month suspended sentence for a previous drink drive offence, and was speeding and weaving across the road before he was in a collision with two other cars.

**French CNN**

A FRENCH-LANGUAGE equivalent of CNN is to launch in 2004.

The government-funded news channel will offer viewers “the choice of a different take on the news, marked with the unique point of view of our country on world affairs,” a government spokesman explained.

**St Tropez season looking good**

HOPES are high for the 2003 tourist season in the Var, with reservations in StT ropez for the months of July and August at a ‘normal’ level, despite international tension.

The Var’s major tourist asset is that 80% of its clientele is French.

**TGV stop, go**

THE Ministry of Transport has given the go-ahead for a public debate and consultation process on a new super-fast TGV train line to link Paris and the Côte d’Azur, just ten days after locals were told government cutbacks meant there was no chance of the project being considered before 2020.

**Resorts share workers**

COASTAL town Ste Maxime has twinned with ski resort Courchevel to share seasonal workers, since the employment needs of the two towns are complementary. Both resorts are now considering how to accommodate the workers.

**Hallyday in trouble again**

AGING rocker Johnny Hallyday was in trouble again this week after altering his home in Marnes-la-Coquette without planning permission. The Belgian crooner has until September 29 to change it back or he faces trouble with the authorities.

**EASY way to jail**

THREE youths were each sentenced to three years in prison this week after sniffer dogs caught them with over 2,300 ecstasy pills on the A8 at Frejus. They were on their way home from a rave party in F Herniaill in May last year when the haul was discovered.

**Snorty boy**

TWENTY SIX kilos of cocaine were seized on the A8 at La Turbie last week. The €1.3M haul was found in the bumper of a Spanish-registered car which was headed for Italy. The Spanish driver has been arrested and is now awaiting trial in Nice.

** resort plans Late Night opening**

AS THE summer season begins to kick off along the Coast, bar and restaurant owners in Juan-les-Pins are calling for later opening hours. Currently they are licensed to open until 2:30am in July and August, but are supposed to close at 12:30 the rest of the year.

“In both cases, it’s too early,” local bar owner Rudy Mamam told Nice Matin. “We used to have extensions to open later at night, but since 1997 we haven’t been able to get them.

“The police used to turn a blind eye, allowing everyone to stay open until 4am or 5am. But last summer, the police kept coming by and telling us to close up.”

“We want to open until 2:30 at the weekends throughout the season,” Martine Parent of the Union of Restaurateurs and Hoteliers told The Riviera Gazette.

“English-speakers who work on the yachts actually came and asked us directly if we could extend our opening hours, so it is at the request of our clientele that we have made the demand for an extension,” she continued.

The union has applied to the council for a 2:30am closing time all year round, and hopes for a verdict soon.
MOUGINS town council moved a step closer to introducing a tough anti-crime scheme this week.

The town, a popular choice for expats, is suffering from a growing reputation as a magnet for burglars. So the town council now plans to bring in a ‘Contrat Local de Sécurité’.

The aim is to ‘organise everyone involved in tackling crime to be as effective as possible.’ Mme Bloch, Mougin’s assistant director general, told The Riviera Gazette.

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Brits warned to be ‘vigilant’

SECURITY has been stepped up in the Alps-Maritimes following the outbreak of war in Iraq.

As a result of the attacks in Spain, we believe there is an increased general threat to visibly British interests from terrorism in France, as there is in all other countries in Europe. Against this background, UK nationals should be vigilant in public places and areas frequented by tourists.

Bye bye Bush

A BRITISH pensioner living in the Hérault has changed his name from Bush to Buisson – French for bush – in protest at the US President’s decision to go to war with Iraq.

“I’m proud of my name, but I now live in France and have decided to become French. I do not want my name to be associated with that horrible man in America,” Eric Bush told The Riviera Gazette.

“I have changed my name in protest at the war. I am completely in agreement with Chirac and think this is an illegal war, I’m not pro-Saddams Hussite, but I cannot accept that innocent people have to die,” the septuagenarian explained.

“I changed my name over the internet on www.deedsonline.co.uk and it cost £38. The certificate will be here this week.”

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LoLo hubby set free

FREE . . . Eric Vigne with LoLo in 1998

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AN ITALIAN man who escaped from Monaco prison with former nurse Ted Maher in January has been recaptured in Pisa.

Luigi Ciardelli, 46, dubbed 'Cyrano' because of his distinctive nose and eloquent speech, was serving seven years for robbery and drug trafficking when he and Maher escaped from the Principality's tiny prison on the night of 21 January.

The pair sawed through bars on their cell window and made off down a rope made from plastic bags.

Despite his recapture, Ciardelli's escape looks as though it will have succeeded in its aims. In a phone call to Nice Matin in early February the fugitive said he would give himself up if he got a guarantee that he would not be returned to Monaco.

Now, as an Italian citizen detained in Italy, any bid to extradite him to Monaco would be unlikely to succeed. The Monegasque authorities have already indicated they will not seek to do so.

Ted Maher, 45, was serving a ten year sentence for starting thepenthouse fire in which billionaire banker Edmond Safra died in 1999. The former commando was recaptured at a hotel in Nice last Sunday. After forcing the rear door of the building, the men loaded the safe, containing €7,000, onto a lorry and escaped.

The Gulf of St Tropez was the most popular location, but film-makers also took their cameras to the Maures, the Gorges du Verdon and the Esterel.

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I came here in July 1974, for three months. I’d been working as a hotel receptionist in Aviemore, Scotland and I’d asked for leave to travel. I had a train ticket to Barcelona but, when I got to London, I changed my ticket to Nice. I already knew someone in Nice, a ski instructor I’d worked with in Scotland, so I sent him a telegram from London asking him to meet me at Nice station.

I got a job as an au pair but it was like slave labour so I left after a month and got a summer job selling milkshakes. I met a chap and, when the summer season ended, we both went up to Isola 2000. The resort was very new then, and it was an English chap who’d built it. He used to go to Auron and there wasn’t always enough snow so he scouted around for somewhere with plenty, picked Isola 2000 out of his eye, and built the resort.

It was smaller then, of course, just that main complex. Celebrities came because they knew the owner. It was great fun, Wilfrid Brambell, the old school teacher has taught Margaret a thing or two about children’s stories.

The school changed hands in 2001 and I left. I’ve always fancied writing children’s books and now I had the time to do it. I translate French stories into English for bi-books, a new range of books with text in two languages, French and English.

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The idea is that each book is in two languages, French and another, with the French and second language on facing pages so children who know or who are learning a second language can read and understand the story in both.

They’re already available in fifteen different languages and there’ll be bi-books in Niçois, Provençal and Corsican soon.

So far there are two French-English books, Blue and Pinkish the Beaver, and my three stories will be joining the range over the next few months.

My husband was French and my children Paul, 19, and Victoria, 10, have grown up in a French atmosphere. We go back to the UK for two weeks every Christmas and six weeks in the summer, but I think I’m very probably integrated with French society. I live in Fabron, Nice which has a mostly French population, and I don’t know many Brits.

My nephew, Damien Gregorini, is the goalkeeper for Nice football club. We go to all the matches, the atmosphere there is incredible. There are so many people at the matches, they’re in Division 1, it feels like everyone’s behind Nice FC.

I’m really excited about being a pro footballer’s wife. With the bi-books, it’s a whole new part of my life starting at 57. Thirty years after I arrived for a three month break turned into a thirty year adventure...
You can’t say civilisation don’t advance... for in every war they kill you a new way”

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  - **Le Cannet Toiles**
  - **Thu, Tue 20:30, Sat 18:00**
- **The 25th Hour**
  - **Mercury**
  - **Thu, Mon 18:00, Fri 14:30, Sat 17:00, Sun 21:40**
- **My Big Fat Greek Wedding**
  - **Mercury**
  - **Sat 14:00**
- **The Magnificent Seven**
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**Thursday 27**  

The International School of Nice presents *The Return to the Forbidden Planet*, a multimedia production involving the streets of Nice, Shakespeare’s *The Taming*, tonight and Friday, and Saturday at 19:30. Tickets are €13 for adults and €6 for students. Call 04 93 21 04 00 for reservations.

The British Association of Monaco is holding a happy hour at 18:30 at Le Bistrot, Galerie Charles de Nard (near the Metropole Hotel) in Monaco – a great chance to meet new people over drinks. Tel: +377 93 50 39 22.

Mila and MIP TV, respectively international markets for digital interactive entertainment and TV programming, continue until tomorrow from 09:00 to 18:00 each day at the Palais des Festivals, Cannes. Tel: 04 93 39 24 53.

**Friday 28**  

The Bill Frisell Quartet performs *live jazz* tonight from 21:00 at the CEDCM in Cimiez, Nice. Tickets are €15. Tel: 04 93 53 89 66.

The 4th Decoration & Garden exhibition, a *homes and gardens* exhibition, starts today at 21:00 at the Espace Fontvielle, Monaco. See everything for the home and garden under one roof until Monday. Entry is €5. Tel: +377 97 58 90 80.

The *Georges National Ballet* company performs at the Palais Nikaia in Nice, from 21:00 to 23:00. Tickets from €40. Tel: 08 92 69 70 73.

The Salon du Patrimoine Maritime Méditerranéen, an event *celebrating the Med’s maritime heritage*, starts today at the Cimelde and port in Villefranche-sur-Mer and continues until Sunday, from 09:00 to 18:00 each day. See stalls, workshops and concerts from countries around the Mediterranean. Entry is free. Tel: +33 4 91 01 73 68.

The Red Pear Theatre woos yachties tonight and tomorrow at 20:00 with *Shakespeare in the Round*. At the Theatre Ambassadeurs Old Ambes. David Bateson, Barry McKenna and Vivienne McKenzie – as well as a few unspoken members of the audience – will *star* in this crazy cocktail of a show, in which Shakespeare is thoroughly *shaken up*? Tickets are €23 (from 04 94 61 01 71).

The Chris Davis Quartet is performing *swing and blues*, from Cab Calloway to Louis Armstrong, at the Bar-e-Bass-juiz club in Antibes from 22:00. Tel: 09 97 41 00 70.

A garden show, the 14th Fête des Jardins de Sophia, starts today Place Sophie Laffitte, Sophia Antipolis, at 12:00, until 18:00. It *continues* tomorrow and Sunday from 10:00 to 19:00. Entry is free. Tel: 04 93 86 84 47.

The *12th Festival Musical du Grand Hotel* deCap-Ferrat continues tonight with *Haley Crooner*, a concert by Gary Clark and the French Cairo Monoukian orchestra at 20:00. Tickets are €30 –*email banquett@grand-hotel-capferrat.com* for information.

Continuing today are Milia/MIP TV, the Monaco homes and gardens show, the Salon du Patrimoine Maritime Méditerranéen and the ISNS school production.

**Saturday 29**  

The CIV School’s 53rd annual charity *Walkathon* starts at 08:00 at the CIV in Haut Sartoux, Sophia Antipolis, until finally. Each child takes *their* guide dog at school, and the walkers this year aim to raise enough to train a new guide dog. Tel: 04 92 96 52 24.

The Ensemble Resonance de Nice is performing the music of Mozart and Bach at the Centre Culturel de Sophia, Nice, from 20:00. Entry is €12. Tel: 04 99 80 34 12.

The local branch of the International Vegetarian Union will hold its monthly get-together at 19:00 at The Spakey’s, 7 rue Lamartine in Nice. The meal afterwards is €12, non-vegans are welcome. Tel: 04 93 85 59 50.

The Bar-e-Bass-juiz club in Antibes is hosting a *Country Rock ‘n’ Roll* evening with Eddie Ray Cooper at 21:00 tonight. Tel: 04 93 73 74 19.

The 6th Salon de la femme – an exhibition for *women* – is today and tomorrow at the Palais de l’Europe, Menton. From 10:00 to 18:00 each day there will be wine and bread tasting, forums, fashion parades and a ‘Great Britain’ show at 15:45. Entry to events ranges from free to €12. Tel: 04 94 42 76 76.

A *model exhibition* runs from 09:00 to 18:00 at the Place de Gaude, Cagnes-sur-Mer – entry is free. Expect *hostesses* showing *model trains*, lions, horses and more. Tel: 04 93 20 61 64.

Handel, Paganini and Ravel will be featured in a *violin and violincello concert* at the Palais Carnolès, Menton, at 15:00. Admission is €16. Tel: 04 92 26 76 76.

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**Sunday 30**  

Daylight Saving Time starts all over Europe today – remember that clocks ‘spring forward’ one hour at 02:00.

Today is *Mother’s Day* in Britain; St John’s church in Menton will be holding a special *morning service* at 10:30. All are welcome. Tel: 04 92 10 28 11.

The Festin des Cognisours is on today at Cimiez – at the gardens and the Place du Cognisours – in Nice. Experience traditional *Nippon* atmosphere with food, music and performances from 10:30. Tel: 04 97 13 21 21.

Monté Carlo’s Philharmonic Orchestra is giving a *classical concert* featuring the music of Rossini, Ravel, Debussy and Respighi at 18:00 at the Auditorium Rainier III in Monaco. Tickets start at €13. Tel: +33 97 99 10 17.

The Cannes PACA Regional Orchestra is also performing today at the Théâtre Noguier, Cannes at 16:30. Tickets are €20. Tel: 04 92 86 62 77.

Cagnes-sur-Mer’s Festival de Musique Sacréé continues with a concert at the Église St-Jean de Cagnes with the Philharmonic Choir and the San Remo Symphony Orchestra at 20:30. Entry is €12. Tel: 04 93 21 21 25.

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**Monday 31**

Roquebilier’s annual *fair* starts at 09:00 at Place General Galibert. *Everything from clothes to food and agricultural equipment will be on show*. Tel: 04 93 03 51 60.

This is continuing today and tomorrow in Monaco homes and gardens show.

**Tuesday 1**

Stay warm on *Quai Albert 1er* in Monaco hosts the second annual Monaco-USA BI-lingual quiz night tonight – the evening kicks off with drinks at 19:30, followed by dinner at 20:30. Entry is €10, with a maximum of six per team. Book a table on +377 99 97 95 95.

**Wednesday 2**

The France-Grande Bretagne Association in Nice will be *hosting a talk*, in English, this afternoon at 15:30. Sandhya Mohan, from India, will speak on Karma and Curry at the Espace Associations, 45 Promenade du Palillon in Nice (just above the Gare Routière). Tel: 04 93 81 22 86 for more information.

Monte Carlo Stars – From today until Friday from the international figure skating circuit will perform in a *brand new, dazzling extravaganza* on a specially built ice rink at the Salle des Princes, Monaco. Shows are at 15:00 and 20:30 tomorrow and Friday. Tickets start at €30. Tel: +377 99 99 3000.

**Now booking**

Peter Gabriel is in concert at the Salle Nikasa, Nice, on May 3, 28. Tickets are €40 and €5 for *standing area*. Tickets are still available for a limited service at 19:30. All are welcome. Tel: 04 92 10 28 11.

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