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## Hate graffiti daubed on memorial to British soldiers who died defending France

ANTI-BRITISH feeling in France reached a new high last week with the desecration of a cemetery for 11,000 British troops who died defending the country in World War I.

Vandals painted slogans on the cenotaph at Etaples, northern France. They included 'Dig up your rubbish. It's fouling our soil', 'Rosbeefs go home' and 'Saddam will win and spill your blood'.

The cenotaph was also daubed with a Nazi swastika and the message 'Death to the Yankees'.

### Grubby

Anti-British sentiment has been stoked by extensive coverage in the French media of sensationalist anti-French articles that have been appearing in the UK 'red top' tabloids.

The *Sun* newspaper produced a special Paris edition on March 20 describing President Chirac as Saddam Hussein's whore and ran a picture of Chirac and Hussein with a headline which screamed 'Spot the difference'.

But Chirac is shrugging off the grubby headlines. "Insults say far more about the people who say them than those they attack," was the reply from the president's office when *The Riviera Gazette* asked for his reaction to *The Sun's* article.

Stories of strong anti-French feelings in the US are not helping popular public sentiment in France, however. Republican members of Congress called on Friday for French firm Sodexo's \$881 million contract to feed the US Marines to be cancelled, and eateries from the US House of Representatives' cafeteria downwards now offer 'freedom fries' instead of 'French fries'.

A French anti-war group has responded with *BretzelsforBush.com*, a site allowing protestors to "join our action by sending a pretzel to G W Bush and stop the war." President Bush famously choked on a pretzel whilst watching a football game on

# ROSBEEFS GO HOME!



THE CENOTAPH AT ETAPLES... The graffiti was quickly removed, but not before being seen by coachloads of visitors last week

By JENNY PAUL

TV in January 2002.

In a survey published by *Le Monde* on Monday, a quarter of those polled said they were more on the side of Iraq than of the US-led coalition, whilst 34% supported the Brits and Americans.

"It's quite disgraceful of course. I presume this is the work of young Arabs encouraged by France's attitude towards the war," Commander

Michael Healy MBE, Chairman of the Nice-Beaulieu branch of the Royal British Legion, told *The Gazette*.

### Shame

"I am anti the war in Iraq and support the stance that President Chirac has taken," said Eli Plenier of Antibes-based relocation agency ASAP.

"It is a shame that the English have participated in the war, but on the other hand it is ridiculous for people to write this sort of graffiti on graves. I work with English people and cer-

tainly don't have anything against them personally."

Language school boss Elizabeth Marandet agrees. "I think this graffiti is completely stupid. In fact it is more than stupid. In situations like war, people with low IQs come out of the woodwork," she said.

The graffiti was discovered last Thursday. "It was swiftly removed, but not before a couple of coach loads had been through and seen it," said Tim Reeves of the Commonwealth War Graves Commission.

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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.

Credit is frequently not given for tax paid in one country against tax due in another. This could mean that the total estate duty payable on your assets could actually amount to more than your assets are worth.

### How do I lose my UK domicile?

The Inland Revenue will look for proof that ties with the UK have been cut and permanent ties with a new country established. This could include purchase of a house in the new country, relinquishing of rights to vote in the UK and establishment of financial ties with the new country.

You can't find out in advance from the Inland Revenue whether you are classed as non-domicile. The easiest way to test domicile is by setting up a discretionary trust, making a 'chargeable transfer' into it over and above lifetime exemption and reporting this to the UK Inland Revenue. If there is no tax charge to lifetime IHT you are non-domiciled. If you receive a charge then you re-

main domiciled.

Act now before it is too late. Changes to non-domicile status will not benefit UK expatriates or wealthy non-domiciled individuals residing in the UK.

If you would like advice on the chances of obtaining non-domicile, or further information about protecting your assets, please contact us.

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### Social security deficit

THE 2002 social security deficit was even bigger than expected, health minister Jean Francois Mattel has revealed.

In November last year he announced an anticipated shortfall of 3.3 billion euros for social security and 6.1 billion euros for health insurance. The current state of the French economy means these figures were too low, he admitted last week.

### Parents to face fines

THE government is considering slapping €750 fines on the parents of school truants.

Families minister Christian Jacob stressed last week that the new proposals are aimed at supporting rather than punishing parents. The fines would be a last resort for parents considered not to be taking all necessary steps to stop their under-16s skiving.

### Take to the sky

LOW COST carriers Globespan and Jet2 start their new services from Nice to the UK this week.

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### Fungus threatens cave paintings

THE celebrated prehistoric paintings in the Lascaux caves are under threat from a fungus introduced on the boots of workmen during air-conditioning work two years ago.

Experts are trying to save the paintings, dating back over 15,000 years, with fungicide and antibiotics.

# SPACE AGE TEMPEST WHIPS UP A STORM



**PUPILS at the International School of Nice wowed audiences with the polish and pizzazz of their annual school production last weekend.**

Described as 'a rock and roll sci-fi musical loosely based on Shakespeare's *The Tempest*', *Return to the Forbidden Planet* is set in outer space and features 50's pop classics including the Beach Boys' *Good Vibrations* and Elvis' classic *All Shook Up*.

The audience laughed along to lines including "Soft! What light through yonder airlock breaks?" and the cast had them rocking and rolling in the aisles as they belted out the hits whilst dressed as futuristic space travellers, all against the backdrop of a set that could have taught the *Doctor Who* production team a thing or two about designing a convincing spaceship.

"Thursday's opening night was a tremendous success," ISN teacher Jo Walker told *The Riviera Gazette*. "and Friday and Saturday were completely sold out. Around 260 people came to see the musical each night."

**STARSHIP TROUPERS...**  
Pandora Todd shone as Miranda, while James Brooks played robot Ariel (opposite)



SPACE CADETS... Nick Campbell, Funda Jelsma, Jonathan Wilkie and David Light

### What a pranker

A MAN accused of making 325 hoax calls to the emergency services in just 26 days was arrested in Marseille last week.

The 27 year-old is said to have made 49 calls in one evening alone and reported fake car blazes, road accidents and burglaries. After one fictitious call - to say he was stuck in a lift - the man stole the radio from the rescue van he had called to the scene.

### Spot check season

POLICE stopped more than 1,500 drivers in the Var over four days last week as part of their road safety campaign.

Nearly 200 motorists were charged in connection with speeding, drink-driving and using mobile phones whilst at the wheel. More spot checks are planned in the run-up to the summer season.

### Mopeds to get plates

MOPEDS are to get number plates and will have to be registered like other vehicles from January 2004.

The new red plates will make 50cc scooters less prone to theft and allow police to trace dangerous moped drivers more easily.

### Poverty on the rise

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## Corruption wave hits France

**AS MAYOR Jacques Peyrat started picking up the pieces in the wake of the arrest of Nice city hall's services chief on corruption charges, a wave of similar scandals has swept across France this week.**

Those under investigation include a former prime minister, an ex-mayor of Cannes and one of Marseille's top city hall bosses.

The long-awaited trial of three bosses of oil giant Elf-Aquitaine has opened in Paris, and the go-ahead has been given for the trial of Sir Alistair Morton and André Bernard, former joint chairmen of Eurotunnel, for allegedly misleading investors in the firm's investment prospectus in 1994.

The case against Edith

Cresson, prime minister in 1991 and 1992, has been brought by the Belgian authorities and concerns her stint as EU Research and Education Commissioner in Brussels from 1995 to 1999. Cresson, France's first ever woman prime minister, is the most senior official in the EU ever to be charged with fraud, forgery and abuse of confidence. Authorities say she and seven staff falsified contracts, forged others' signatures and siphoned off EU funds for personal gain.

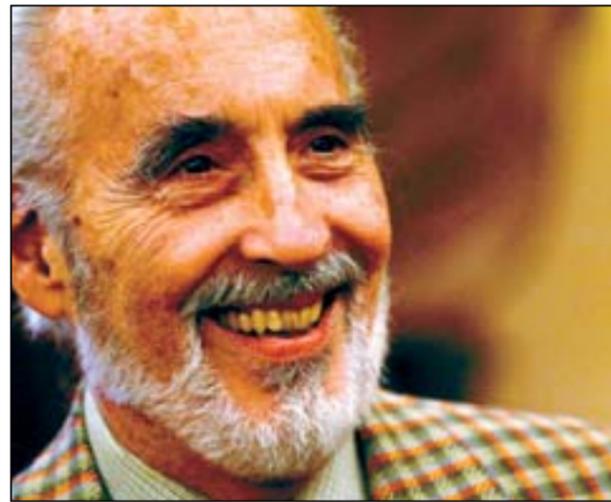
In Marseille, a top aide to Mayor Jean-Claude Gaudin is under investigation for peddling influence, along with three businessmen.

And in Cannes, seven years after disgraced Mayor Michel

Mouillot was slung out of the town hall, investigators say they now have enough evidence to bring him to trial. Mouillot, who was also the vice-president of the Alpes-Maritimes regional council, is suspected of siphoning Fr500,000 from town funds into a bank account held under a false name.

He is also accused of setting up two fake town hall jobs - Director of Marketing and Commercial Director - and then paying himself the Fr50,000 a month salaries.

Mouillot has always maintained innocence and even went on a hunger strike whilst in detention in 1996, but investigators say they expect to be able to bring further charges against him in the near future.



**DRAC'S BACK ... Christopher Lee was in Nice for a special showing of The Lord of The Rings: The Two Towers at the Cinémathèque last week. The veteran horror star played 'baddy' Saruman the White in the film. The 80 year-old British actor, who speaks excellent French, introduced the film and, afterwards, answered questions from the audience. 1,500 fans turned up for the event. Lee, who has played Count Dracula ten times, is currently filming in the south of France opposite Jean Reno.**

## Expats face new tax facts

**EXPATS living in the EU face new hurdles when trying to minimise their tax liability with the introduction of the Saving Tax Directive.**

The new directive is the result of on-going negotiations between the EU and European low-tax financial centres designed to eliminate tax evasion within Europe.

Centres in British dependencies such as the Channel Islands will now have to either share information on their investors with the tax authorities of other EU countries or apply a withholding tax on all funds invested with them.

"None of the affected jurisdictions have announced their decision, which will affect thousands of expats with savings in these centres," Bill Blevins of Blevins Franks International told *The Riviera Gazette*.

To help local expats find out more about the implications of the Directive, two free seminars are being held by Blevins Franks on April 10 in Cannes and on April 11 in Monaco. Those attending will have the chance to put their questions to an expert guest speaker and find out how expats can continue to legitimately avoid tax under the new rules.

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## First forest fire flares

**FLAMES spread through a forest in the Esteron region last week, destroying a dozen hectares of woodland in the area's first forest fire of the year.**

The recent sunny spell is believed to have been responsible for causing the early blaze at the edge of the village of Toudon, inland behind Nice.

"We spend a lot of our time in summer being called out to forest fires," Flavian Denys of the Antibes fire brigade told *The Riviera Gazette*. "In this area we are most often called

out to the wooded area above Vallauris and Cannes. Normally it is because teenagers have been lighting fires for fun and then they have blazed out of control."

As the summer season approaches, Denys is keen to stress that visitors to the area's woods and forests must be extremely vigilant. "Barbeques are absolutely forbidden in any area of woodland. Also people throwing away still-lit cigarettes pose an enormous danger when it is very dry," he warned.

## Penny and Tom to Cruise into Cannes

THE opening film at the Cannes film festival this year will be French language movie *Fanfan La Tulipe*, starring Spanish actress Penelope Cruz in a role originally made famous by Gina Lollobrigida in 1952.

Both Cruz and boyfriend Tom Cruise are expected to grace the red carpet at Cannes' Palais des Festivals for the showing on May 14.

*Fanfan La Tulipe*, directed by Gerard Krawczyk, is a swashbuckling drama set in the reign of Louis XV.

## Taxing problems

BUGS on the tax authority's website have left many taxpayers unable to file their returns on time.

The deadline for filing paper tax returns was March 24, but taxpayers have been given until April 6 to file online. Technical problems mean that many internet users are now worried they face late payment penalties.

The 'fisc' is being lenient, however. They say late delivery penalties won't apply if users put 'technical difficulties' as the reason for late filing at the bottom of the form.

## Laureus nominees announced

MICHAEL Schumacher, Tiger Woods, Ronaldo and cyclist Lance Armstrong are amongst the nominees for this year's Laureus World Sports awards, to be held in Monaco on May 20.

Serena Williams is *The Gazette's* tip for World Sportswoman, but she faces tough competition from athletes Marion Jones and Paula Radcliffe. Other stars up for gongs this year include tennis ace Pete Sampras and Everton striker Wayne Rooney.

## Beeb offers to fix expat DIY disasters

A HIT BBC series which helps viewers remedy 'do-it-yourself' building projects that have got out of hand is coming to France to film a special programme - and Gazette readers are invited to be part of it.

"DIY SOS is extremely popular, with audiences of over eight million," series producer Annie Heather told *The Riviera Gazette*. "Last year we took the show to Spain and helped two expat families finish the homes they have started to renovate themselves. This September we are coming to France and would like to hear from British home owners whose DIY plans have come unstuck.

"We don't fix builders bodes, or start from scratch, but if you have tried and failed in your efforts to make your property the home of your dreams, we may be the answer to your prayers," she explained. "The property must be your main residence, and we can't take on holiday or second homes."

If you're interested in taking part in the series, email Annie at diysos@bbc.co.uk giving as much information as you can and including photographs if possible.



**SEVEN SEAS SAILS...** The new *Seven Seas Voyager* became the first big cruise ship to tie up at Monaco's new, extended harbour this week. The US\$200 million, 206 metre liner left Monaco on Tuesday for its maiden voyage to Venice. The ultra-luxury ship accommodates 700 guests in 353 suites and has a crew of 445.

Nice Matin/Franz Chavaroche

## SARS travel warning

THE World Health Organization warned on Wednesday to avoid travel to Hong Kong and China's Guangdong province as new cases of the deadly pneumonia-like SARS continue to appear around the world.

So far over 1800 people are ill with the highly contagious virus - including one in Paris - and 62 have died. The outbreak of SARS has been traced to a hotel in Hong Kong, but it is now spreading worldwide via air travellers.

## Banker's bad luck

STEPHEN Troth, the Monaco-based British banker sentenced to four and a half years in prison for fraud last year, has had his sentence raised to five years by the court of appeal.

The ex-HSBC manager scammed mega-rich clients including Michael Schumacher and WRC rally driver Armin Schwarz out of millions of euros in fraudulent transactions.

He was also slapped with an extra €18,000 in fines at the hearing.

## Public sector strikes

TODAY has been declared 'black Thursday' in the public sector as disaffected workers from SNCF, France Telecom, EDF, La Poste and some airlines all go on strike.

The unions say they have called the strikes in order to persuade the government to open salary and pension negotiations "immediately."

## Aussie drivers licences recognised

AUSTRALIAN driving licences can now be exchanged for French driving licences, without having to re-sit and pass a driving test.

# High class hookers spied on Russian bosses for mafia

A RUSSIAN spy ring has been at work on the Riviera, using call girls to get confidential business information from their wealthy clients, it was revealed this week.

The ladies of the night were paid to party with rich Russian businessmen in luxury hotels and on flash superyachts - and then report any commercially sensitive information they picked up back to their mafia bosses.

"It's a well known fact in the yachting industry locally that charter clients or yacht owners may wish to party with call girls," one senior local yachtie

told *The Riviera Gazette*. "The Captain will normally be given a discreet word and then he has to go off and find some girls."

The brains behind the operation, brothers identified only as Vladimir and Roman, were arrested in Paris last week after a two year investigation by French and Russian authorities.

The brothers are accused of running two separate but connected rackets. The first involved a 'standard' vice ring, supplying call girls in Paris. The second used high class girls as industrial spies.

Four interpreters listened in to phone calls for four months to collect evidence for the arrests.

The girls, aged between 19 and 25 and with classy model looks were recruited from Latvia, Russia and the Ukraine. They were housed in apartments in the Champs Elysees district of Paris and placed on 24 hour call.

The most intelligent and prettiest of the girls were then recruited into the second 'elite' group. These girls mixed with the Russian jet set, travelling between Paris, Courchevel, Cannes and St Tropez to spy on clients on

behalf of their bosses. Neither the Parisian nor the Russian investigators are willing to give further information at this stage of the investigation, beyond the fact that the arrests have taken place and that prostitution is involved, although further details are expected to be revealed in the coming weeks.

"We can confirm that two Russian Nationals are under investigation by the French authorities suspected of running an illegal prostitution operation," Natalya Lebedev of the Russian Embassy in Paris told *The Gazette*.

## OPEN FORUM EU ANNOUNCES AGREEMENT TO END TAX EVASION

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The difficulties and dangers of these new laws will not be avoided by closing your eyes to them. Nor will they be avoided by merely waiting to see what happens. At the second in our Open Forum series we will discuss the implications of these new EU laws and explain how you can legitimately avoid tax on your savings and investments.

Time will be allocated for you to put questions to our guest speaker. We have studied and understand the new laws. Your attendance will ensure that you do too! To ensure your place please book early. The Open Forum held last Autumn was fully subscribed.

If you have not booked your place for the event yet, contact your local partner now.

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at 10.30 for 11.00am, until 1.00pm

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## My Riviera

Former model **Marjan Simmons** tells Jenny Paul why she left the US rap music scene for candle making in Biot...

“ I'M HALF Persian and half English. I grew up in England and Iran but, as an Iranian family, my Dad thought we'd do better in the States so we moved to California.

After doing my degree in the States I moved back to London and did a stint as a photographic model. Then I returned to California. My brother is a music video director and I ended up working with him as a co-producer.

We ended up specialising in rap music videos and worked with Dr Dre, Snoop Dogg and Tupac Shakur [the controversial but very successful rap star who was gunned down and killed in 1996].

Tupac was a real gent and a real professional. He was refined and intelligent and always had something of value to say. That boy could drink ten bottles of Cristal champagne and smoke blunts [cannabis filled cigars] and still be able to function.

I saw him about an hour before he got shot. We were in the MGM Grand casino in Vegas after watching a Mike Tyson fight, and he came over and chatted, then he went off down the strip in Marion 'Suge' Knight's car, which is where he was shot. My brother was with him in the hospital when he died.

My husband Gary had a hair



WAXING LYRICAL... Marjan and husband Gary now make exotic candles

salon in Hollywood and we had a really fun lifestyle. Then I became pregnant with my first child and realised it is too much of a mad place to bring up children. So we left the States, child in arms, and went back to live in Epping Forest, where Gary is originally from.

Gary started up a successful

candle making business but I was a real fish out of water. I'd grown up on the Abbey Road in London so, after four years, we sold the business and moved out here. We'd fallen in love with the place on holidays here and took the leap of faith six months ago.

Our kids Layla, three, and

Aidan, five and a half, go to a brilliant local school here in Biot. We've got a gallery in the square in Biot where we display our handmade candles. We walked past 'La Galarie' here in the square in Biot one night and I said to Gary what a lovely place it would be to display our candles. Then the next week it was empty! We asked the owners of the Mas des Orangiers if we could use the gallery and they said yes. It was like a dream come true!

Gary is busy in our factory every day and I'm busy building up a client base along the coast and selling our candles to superyachts.

We get great big slabs of wax and melt them in a vat. We then add oils from a local scent company and then add rose petals or coffee beans for decoration, according to what scent the candle is. We love to blend in different colours of wax too.

When I'm not working or looking after the kids I love to go out — you ask me to go out dancing and no matter how tired I am, I'll say yes!

I also love the fact that a lot of the people you meet who live here tend to be travelled and well cultured. I also love going down to the beach and swimming. I get a real sense of exhilaration and 'chilling'.

I really feel at home here and will definitely be staying for a while...

## Classifieds

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ABOUT SCHMIDT  
Tue 20:30

**Les Arcades**  
**Rue Felix Faure, Cannes**

CHICAGO  
Daily 14:00, 18:00, 22:00  
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Daily 22:00  
FAR FROM HEAVEN  
Daily 14:00, 16:00, 18:00, 20:00  
THE HOURS  
Daily 14:00, 16:00, 20:00

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Thu 20:30, Sat 14:00, 20:30

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**Blvd du Jeu de Ballon, Grasse**

THE HOURS  
Thu 18:30, 21:00, Fri 15:00, 21:00, Sat, Sun, Mon 18:30, Tue 18:30, 21:00

**Eden**  
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THE MAGDALENE SISTERS  
Thu 17:45, 20:45, Fri 17:45, Mon 14:30, Tue 17:45

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8 MILE  
Fri 17:30  
ABOUT SCHMIDT  
Sat 19:30, Sun 17:30, 21:15

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Mon 17:30, 21:15  
THE MAGDALENE SISTERS  
Thu 17:30, 21:15, Tue 17:30

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Fri 21:30, Sat 17:00

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Sat 17:00, Sun 21:40, Mon 16:00  
BOWLING FOR COLUMBINE  
Mon 20:10, Tue 21:40  
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Sun 16:45, Tue 19:00  
HARRY POTTER AND THE CHAMBER OF SECRETS  
Sat 21:30  
MINORITY REPORT  
Sun 21:30  
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Fri 14:30, Sun 19:25  
PUNCH-DRUNK LOVE  
Sat 14:40  
SOLARIS  
Sun 19:25  
THE 25TH HOUR  
Thu 20:10, Fri 19:00, Sat 21:40, Mon 15:30  
THE LORD OF THE RINGS: THE TWO TOWERS  
Tue 21:30  
THE MAGDALENE SISTERS  
Thu 20:10, Fri 19:00, Sat 14:40, Mon 16:00  
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Thu 15:30, Tue 19:00  
TWO WEEKS NOTICE  
Thu 18:00

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- Antibes Roadworks on Blvd Wilson until end of April
- Biot 50km/h limit and traffic lights on RD4 until April 11
- Cannes Numerous roadworks in city centre; expect delays until April 30
- Menton Long-term delays on Blvd Carnot during road widening works
- Mougins-Sartoux RD209 closed until June 6. Diversions via RD9 and RD 409.
- St Jeannet 50km/h limit and traffic lights on RD2210 until April 30
- Vence Traffic lights and 50km/h limit on RD36 until April 30
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# The Riviera This week

**Thursday 3**

- The Monte-Carlo International Electric & Hybrid Vehicles Show starts tonight at Port Hercule with the arrival of the first **Paris-Monaco electric car rally**. The exhibition, showcasing the latest electric vehicle technology, is open tomorrow until Sunday from 10:00 to 16:00. Entry is free. Tel: +377 92 16 61 16.
- Le Japon à Monaco is a **Japanese themed week** in the Principality, including exhibitions, demonstrations and workshops on ikebana, Japanese tea ceremonies, ceramics, calligraphy and origami. Tel: +377 92 16 61 66
- Nice's **motor show**, the Salon de l'Auto, starts today and continues until Sunday at the town's Parc Phoenix, from 10:00 to 18:30 each day. More than 250 cars will be on display. Entry is €6.04 92 00 20 80.
- Continuing tonight and tomorrow is the Monte Carlo Ice Stars at the Salle des Princes, Monaco at 20:30. Stars of **international figure skating** will perform on a specially built ice rink. Tickets start at €30. Tel: + 377 99 99 3000.

**Friday 4**

- **Felicien le Magicien** performs at the Salle des Fêtes, Valbonne at 20:30 this evening as part of the Les Clownesques festival. Tickets €5/€7/€10 from 04 93 12 32 30.
- The **5th Rallye de Grasse** starts tonight, until Sunday. The first stage, from St Cézaire to Valferrière, starts at 20:45. Tomorrow there are six stages: the first and fourth stages are from Col de Bleine to Aiglun at 9:20 and 14:20 respectively. The second and fifth start and finish at Saint Antonin at 10:23 and 15:20, and the third and sixth stages, from Pont des Miolans to St Auban, start at 10:56 and 16:00. Prizegiving is on Sunday at 10:00. Tel: 04 93 36 66 66.
- Red Pear Theatre presents **Where Does Your Fire Come From?**, a 'powerful and fascinating Swedish-language play' about the relationships between poet and author August Strindberg and his three wives. The show is at 20:00 tonight and tomorrow at the Théâtre Antibéa, Antibes. Tickets are €23 from 04 93 61 01 71.
- The Ensemble Baroque de Nice is performing a **concert** tonight and Sunday night at 20:30 at the Chapelle Sainte-Croix in Vieux-Nice. Violinist Gilbert Bezzina and pianist Angela Vernizzi will be performing the music of Mozart. Tickets €12. Tel: 04 93 80 08 74.
- The Forum, a club for younger people finding their feet on the coast, is putting on a social night at Morrison's Irish Pub in Cannes tonight from 20:00. Live music, a special drinks promotion and a **chance to meet new friends** are on offer. All are welcome. E-mail Simon for information at ai\_forum@hotmail.com
- Stars 'n' Bars in Monaco has a **teen party** tonight for 13 to 17 year-olds, from 20:00 to 23:00. The evening includes a buffet and a live DJ. Tel: +377 97 97 95 95.

- St-Raphaël's Salon du Bien Être, an exhibition covering everything to do with **health and well-being**, runs from today until Sunday at the Congress Center from 10:00 to 19:00 daily. Entry is €3. Tel: 04 94 50 45 10.
- The 11th Festival Musical du Grand-Hôtel du Cap-Ferrat concludes tonight with a gala night; Laurent Cirade and Paul Staicu perform on the **violin and piano** at 20:00. Tickets are €30, or €120 including dinner. Tel: 04 93 76 50 07.
- Writer and actress **Carol Drinkwater** is signing copies of *The Olive Season*, her latest book about her life in Provence, at Cannes English Bookshop, 11 rue Bivouac Napoleon, Cannes today from 14:30 to 16:00. Tel: 04 93 99 40 08
- LOT flies to Copenhagen, Gdansk, Prague, Stockholm and Warsaw at 16:30.
- Continuing today is the Electric & Hybrid Vehicles Show, the Salon de l'Auto and Monte Carlo Ice Stars.

**Saturday 5**

- Vence's Fête ses Cultures is on today at Place Clemenceau from 10:00 to 22:00. The annual event offers a **chance to discover the foods, tastes and cultures** of the many nationalities living in Vence, including contributions from the town's Chinese, Romanians, Brazilians and Danes. Entry free. Tel: 04 93 58 06 38.
- The final event of the PACA winter programme is this weekend at Isola 2000 with a giant downhill and half-pipe **snowboarding** competition today and tomorrow. The action starts at 8:00 and finishes at 16:30 each day. Tel: 04 93 23 15 15.
- Violinist Laura Corolla and Vera Elliot on the harpsichord are performing **classical music** tonight at the Ensemble Baroque de Nice, 25 rue de la Croix at 20:00. Entry is €8, including a free drink. Tel: 04 93 80 08 74.
- The Nuit du Cirque **circus show** is on tonight at 20:30 at the Gymnase Pierre Sauvaigo, Cagnes-sur-Mer. Entry is €15. Tel: 04 93 20 61 64.
- The 7th **International Cat Show** is on today and tomorrow at the Hall Gare Maritime, Cannes from 10:00 to 19:00. Entry is €6. Tel: 04 93 35 61 78.
- There's a big local needle match tonight at 20:00 with Monaco meeting Nice in a French **first division football match** at the Principality's Stade Louis II. Tel: +377 92 16 61 16.
- **Martial arts** fans can head to the Salle Leyrit, Nice tonight at 20:30 for the Festival d'Arts Martiaux. There will be demonstrations of a number of disciplines in the presence of both international champions and grand masters. Tickets start at €16. Tel: 08 92 70 74 07.
- LOT flies to Gdansk, Warsaw and Wrocław at 16:30.
- Continuing today is the Electric & Hybrid Vehicles Show, the Rallye de Grasse, the Salon du Bien Être and Where Does Your Fire Come From?

**Sunday 6**

- Bargain hunters should head for Juan-les-Pins today for a vide grenier – a **car boot sale** – at 55 avenue de Cannes. Tel: 04 93 34 72 71.
- Villeneuve-Loubet is holding a **spring market**, Le Marché du Printemps, today in the village from 10:00 to 20:00. Arts, crafts, flowers and food will be on offer. Entry is free. Tel: 04 93 73 18 13.
- Mouans-Sartoux is holding its **spring fair** – Fête du Printemps – with an artisans' market all day and a spring parade at 15:00. Local produce, art and more is on sale in Place Jean Jaures and Place de Gaulle. Tel: 04 93 75 75 16.
- The Cannes PACA Orchestra is playing **Rossini, Verdi and Berlioz** at the Théâtre Debussy, Cannes, from 16:30. Tickets are €26. Tel: 04 92 98 62 77.
- The **Monte Carlo Philharmonic Orchestra** presents a **Matinée Classique** today at the Auditorium Rainer III at 11:00. Tickets from €15. Tel +377 93 10 85 17
- LOT flies to Copenhagen, Gdansk, Kraków, Stockholm, Tel Aviv and Warsaw at 16:30.
- Continuing today is the Electric & Hybrid Vehicles Show, the 7th International Cat Show, the Rallye de Grasse, the snowboarding competition at Isola, the Ensemble Baroque de Nice and the Salon du Bien Être.

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**Wednesday 9**

- The Monte Carlo Philharmonic Orchestra presents a **'musical mid-day'** concert at 12:30 at the Salle des Variétés, Monaco. Tickets are €8. Tel +377 93 10 85 00.
- LOT flies to Copenhagen, Gdansk, Stockholm and Warsaw at 16:30.

**Now booking**

- The Menton branch of the British Association of the Alpes-Maritimes & Var is taking a **guided tour in English** of the Musée Nationale, Monte-Carlo on April 10. Bookings must be made by April 4 – call 04 93 28 22 32.
- Monster 80's heavy rock band **Iron Maiden**, fronted by Bruce Dickinson, plays the Zenith in Toulon on 27 May. Tickets are €33. Tel: 04 94 22 66 77
- Former **Dire Straits** frontman Mark Knopfler has cancelled his European tour after his recent motorbike accident. The performance scheduled for April 28 at the Palais Nikaia will not now take place. Ticket holders should take tickets back to the original point of purchase for a refund.

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	Thursday 3	Friday 4	Saturday 5	Sunday 6	Monday 7	Tuesday 8	APRIL IN NICE...
AM	9°C Cloudy	7°C Cloudy	6°C Clearing	7°C Cloudy	6°C Cloudy	7°C Clearing	Avg. high: 17°C Avg. low: 10°C Avg. rainfall: 62mm
PM	15°C Cloudy	13°C Cloudy	14°C Clearing	14°C Cloudy	16°C Cloudy	16°C Clearing	Time to service the lawnmower and clean out the pool – summer's just around the corner.

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