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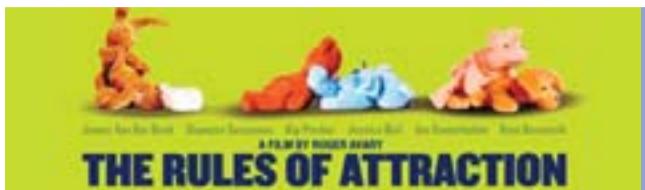
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PRINCESS IN PALACE ROW

MONACO'S Princess Stephanie checked out of the palace and into a hotel this month, amid speculation that yet another love affair with a member of the palace staff had been the final straw for her father, HSH Prince Rainier.

The Princess' past lovers include a bodyguard, a barman, a butler and an elephant trainer. This time, it is a palace gardener who is alleged to be the object of her affection.

The unhappy Princess, 38, was spotted arriving with eyes "reddened with tears" at pal David Coulthard's Columbus Hotel in Fontvieille, accompanied by her three children and a set of Louis Vuitton suitcases.

Paris Match claims Stephanie's stay at the hotel followed a row with her father, Prince Rainier, after he discovered she was having an affair with yet another member of staff.

"Prince Rainier exploded with rage when he discovered she'd been having a bit on the side with his gardener," the magazine claims, before he "chased her out of the palace."

But Prince Rainier's office has issued a strongly worded denial.

"Certain publications have stated that Princess Stephanie was chased



AFP/Vanina Lucchesi

PRINCESS STEPHANIE...with Prince Rainier at Monaco's glittering Rose Ball last month

By JENNY PAUL

from the Palace by her father the Sovereign Prince. The Royal Palace refutes, with great strength, these allegations, which are without any foundation and are designed purely to cause suffering to His Royal Highness the Prince and his family," says the statement.

But it stops short of specifically denying that the Princess had had a

dalliance with one of the Royal staff, or making any reference to whether father and daughter had argued.

"The Princess has now left the hotel" a spokeswoman from The Columbus told *The Riviera Gazette* on Tuesday. But the Palace refuses to confirm or deny if she is now in residence there. "There is nothing further the Palace wishes to say that is not already in the press statement," spokeswoman Katia Zykowski told *The Gazette*, when asked this week.

The Princess' past lovers include her bodyguard Daniel Ducruet, whom she briefly married in 1995 after the birth of their children Louis, 9, and Pauline, 7. The marriage hit the rocks when Ducruet was caught on camera canoodling with a Belgian model who carried the accolade "Miss Bare Breasts of Belgium".

Next on the list was her Head of Security, Jean Raymond Gottlieb. Then, seven months after their romance became public, Stephanie revealed she was pregnant with daughter Camille, now five. Stephanie has always refused to publicly name the father.

After Camille's birth the Princess went to a local mountain resort to escape media attention, but promptly fell for Auron barman Pierre Pinelli.

She then embarked on an infamous affair with Swiss elephant trainer Franco Knie, with whom she and the children travelled in a caravan.

The Princess split up with Knie in February last year and returned to the 253-room palace. She was then linked with her Father's butler Richard Lucas and now, it seems, a palace gardener.

Hollywood heart-throb Rob Lowe and Manchester United goalkeeper Fabien Barthez have also been linked with the Princess in the past.

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More frog spawn

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A report delivered to families' minister Christian Jacob last week recommends stepping up training and increasing capacity in existing child-care centres.

Tanked up

TWO MEN who stole a 38-tonne tank carrier from an army base in the Gironde wanted to use it to move their mobile home to the Mediterranean coast.

The pair were arrested after driving the monster vehicle at night without lights, before crashing it into a wall in Bordeaux. The two, aged 24 and 25, were sentenced last week to 18 months in prison.

Fags kill

CIGARETTE packets will soon display bigger and bolder warnings in a heavy black-edged frame. Labels like 'light' that suggest the contents are less harmful will also be banned.

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Plates rules to change

THE government is planning to simplify car registration by allocating vehicles a 'number for life' from 2006.

The present system sees a change of registration when a car is sold to someone from another Department or when owners move home.



POLISHED... members turned out in classics including an MG TD, a Jensen Interceptor, a Karmann Ghia and an Alfa Spyder

Car club's flying start

FOUNDER members of The Riviera Classic Car Club met up for a run from Grasse to Lac de St Cassien on Sunday April 13.

According to organiser Jon King, the club is open to owners of classic and prestige cars, and "is all about relaxed and informal runs in the countryside, followed by a good meal."

It's not full of classic car bores."

Dilip Soni, a trust consultant based in Mougins and South Africa, told *The Gazette* "It's great to meet other people with a shared interest. I've got a 1966 Mercedes SL, and I'm looking forward to bringing it on future runs."

"In fact, I'm going to programme all my overseas trips around the club's

meeting dates!" he continued.

Not all the cars were old, though. Andy, a yacht skipper from Villefranche, persuaded his boss to lend him a Ferrari 355 Spyder for the day. "It's one of the benefits of living in the shadow of the rich," he quipped.

Anyone who'd like to go to the next meeting can call Jon on 04 93 36 81 58.

Bomb builders blown up

A 17-YEAR-OLD Corsican was killed and another seriously hurt when a bomb they were making exploded last week.

The pair, thought to have downloaded bomb-making instructions from the Internet, blew up the shed in which they were tinkering, killing Mickael Antony and injuring Mathieu Piro, also 17.

98% courteous

A POLL commissioned to mark 'National Courtesy at the Wheel Day' last week found that 98% of French drivers believe their conduct behind the wheel to be both "courteous and responsible". 77% denied tailgating cars travelling more slowly in front, but 51% did admit to feeling annoyed at slow vehicles.

Fake cops busted

TWO youths who stole a police car in Rives, Isere last week passed themselves off as gendarmes, stopping cars and intimidating drivers.

The pair, both under 18, even struck a motorist who didn't have a licence. They were eventually arrested several days later after one of the youths drove at real gendarmes.

Gay porn comes to TV

THE country's first gay TV channel has been given the go-ahead by French broadcast watchdog, the Higher Audiovisual Council.

Pink TV, a subscription-based cable station, will also be allowed to broadcast pornographic content – but it only between midnight and 5am.

Concorde sadness

OPIO'S Beatrice Vialle, the first female Concorde pilot, expressed "very great sadness" at hearing the news, announced last week, that Air France and British Airways were retiring the pioneering supersonic airliners.

Leccy price rise

BUDGET MINISTER Alain Lambert announced last week that the price of electricity is likely to go up, with consumers likely to receive higher EDF bills from this summer.



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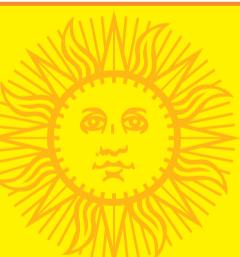
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Far right elects Le Pen jr

RIGHT WING firebrand Jean-Marie Le Pen was in Nice this week for the Front National's party conference.

Le Pen was re-elected President of the far-right party unopposed, but he later caused waves of dissent in the party ranks by shooing in daughter Marine as one of the party's four vice presidents, in the face of lack of support for her from the other party members.

Le Pen shocked France when he ran Lionel Jospin out of the presidential contest last year to go head to head with Jacques Chirac for the Presidency.

Le Pen, 76, garnered over 28% of the vote in the Alpes-Maritimes and has vowed to run for president again in the next election, scheduled for 2007.



FAMILY BUSINESS... Jean-Marie and daughter Marine celebrate in Nice

AFP/Jacques Munch

Minister Sarkozy visits the Riviera

Interior Minister Nicolas Sarkozy visited the area to support the fight against crime last week — as the third prison breakout in as many months threatened to throw his tough anti-crime strategy into disarray.

In the latest breakout, three prisoners escaped by helicopter from a prison in Luynes, SE France last week. In the daring escape, two thugs hijacked a helicopter from a nearby airfield and ordered the pilot to take them to the prison. A masked man then abseiled from the chopper, cut through security fencing above the exercise yard with a chainsaw and helped two of the lags to climb aboard.

The gang then rescued the third man from another area of the jail before flying off to a waiting getaway car.

In March, a gang used a rocket launcher to blast open the doors of a prison in Southern Paris just a few weeks after a convicted murderer escaped from a Corsican jail after sawing through the bars of his cell.

In Nice, the minister opened the new police station in Saint-Augustin and awarded medals



HAVING A BALL... Sarkozy meets the Cannes Ladies volleyball team

AFP/Jacques Munch

to the six police specials involved in ensuring the safe deactivation of the bomb found at the Nice Treasury in October 2002.

M Sarkozy then moved on to Cannes. He inspected the state of the art video surveillance system installed in the city centre in January. The system, said to be second only to Monaco's, uses 40 colour cameras and has helped detect over 250 crimes in its first three months of operation. By 2004, at least 87 cameras will be in place.

M Sarkozy also found time to meet the Cannes Ladies Volleyball team, recent winners of the European cup.

Grenades and TNT turn up in Cannes

HAND grenades, dynamite, detonators and several dozen kilos of other explosives dating from WWII were found during building work in Cannes last week.

The haul, discovered by builders as they dug a hole in the Grand Parc residential area of the town, took five hours to deactivate. Toulon's specialist bomb disposal squad worked with the Cannes firemen to make the lethal stash safe.



US-FRENCH RELATIONS IMPROVE LOCALLY... The US Consul General for Marseille, Leslie McBee, was in Nice last week for a meeting with mayor Jacques Peyrat. The pair lunched together and then shared a joke with waiting photographers. "Do you want us to pretend we're having a punch-up?" teased Peyrat. Meanwhile, US Secretary of State Colin Powell hinted on Tuesday that France will suffer consequences for its stance on the war in Iraq when he said that the US is to review its relationship with the country following France's promise to veto any UN Security Council vote authorising military action.

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Star Meg's jury duty

HOLLYWOOD A-list star Meg Ryan and director Steven Soderbergh will sit on the nine member jury at the Cannes Film Festival next month, organisers revealed last week.

The jury chairman will be French director Patrice Chereau, best known for his period drama *La Reine Margot*. The jury also includes Indian actress and former Miss World Aishwarya Rai, now a Bollywood star, French actor Jean Rochefort, actress Karin Viard and Italian writer Erri De Luca.

Completing the jury line-up are Bosnian Danis Tanovic, who directed *No Man's Land* and China's Jiang Wen, director of *Missing Gun*.

Cannes president Gilles Jacob is scheduled to announce this year's official film selection this week, ready for the opening of the festival on May 14.

The jury will award the prestigious Palme d'Or at the closing ceremony on May 25.

Meg Ryan appeared in *Top Gun*, and made her name squealing through the famous 'restaurant scene' in *When Harry Met Sally*. Soderbergh is one of Hollywood's hottest directors, with *Traffic* and *Erin Brockovich* to his credit. His first film, *Sex, Lies and Videotape*, took the Palme d'Or at Cannes in 1989.

Also expected are Penelope Cruz, Matrix star Keanu Reeves, Tom Cruise and, possibly, Nicole Kidman and Lauren Bacall to promote their new film, Lars Von Trier's *Dogville*.

Nice Jazz Festival gets funky with Jamiroquai

JAMIROQUAI, Robert Plant and Kool and the Gang are just a few of the names set to rock Nice during this summer's 'Jazz Fest'.

The festival, one of the largest in Europe, is held over eight days and draws over 45,000 visitors every year. Three stages accommodate over 500 performers and celebrate all genres of jazz, from *avant garde* to gospel, blues and urban funk.

This year's festival runs from July 22 to 29 and has a distinctly British flavour. Jamiroquai and flamboyant front man Jay Kay, as notorious for drug and drink fuelled bust-ups with paparazzi as he is for his groovy brand of 'space funk', are set to play in Monday night's line up in the Les Arenas area of town.

Portsmouth lad and 80's star Joe Jackson will be one of the performers wowing Nice on Tuesday, while Beth Gibbon of Bristol-based band Portishead will be singing on Friday night. Former Led Zeppelin front man Robert Plant will be bringing back memories of those student days on Saturday, while disco fans will be able to dust off their flares for Kool and the Gang on Sunday. Tickets are now on sale at Carrefour, FNAC and

Virgin, by phone on 0820 800 400 or online at www.fnac.com. Prices start from €27 per day for adults and €7 for under 12s.



THE SONG REMAINS THE SAME... Robert Plant sounds as good as he did in the 70s

THE CAT IN THE HAT... Jamiroquai's Jay Kay

Nina Simone dies

JAZZ legend Nina Simone passed away at her home in Carry-le Rouet, near Marseille on Monday.

The 70 year-old 'High Priestess of Soul', famed for hits including 'My Baby Just Cares for Me' and 'I Put a Spell on You', had been "ill for some time," her management said.

American-born Simone, who appeared at the 1997 Nice Jazz Festival, moved to the South of France in 1993.

Parents demand Roquefort college

LOCAL parents have hit out this week saying the Roquefort les Pins, Valbonne and Opio areas are in dire need of a college for their children.

The Conseil General has given the go-ahead to a new college in the Les Lucioles area of Sophia Antipolis, but campaigners say this is too far away.

An on-line petition has been started at <http://sos.college.free.fr>

Phone masts safe

MOBILE phone masts are not dangerous, according to the environmental security agency (AFSSE).

However, while the health fears about the masts are not proven, experts from the agency warn that there are still questions to be answered about the long-term effects of holding mobiles against the head.

Online tax returns up

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chased two years ago for EUR250,000 may well now be worth over EUR500,000. If you sell the property this would yield a profit of EUR250,000 but also a capital gains tax bill of approximately EUR83,000.

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Inheritance tax

Inheritance tax in France is charged at up to 60 per cent, depending on the relationship between the deceased and the beneficiary. This is payable regardless of the residency of the owner of the property.

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Yacht captain Ian Hawkins talks to Jenny Paul about why making music is better than making money...

“I CAME to the Riviera to travel. I got my first job on the quay in the old port in Cannes on a boat that was a real old heap, but I got to begin to learn the job. Another boat, Deema, moored up next door and they needed another hand. I was enthusiastic and when the old skipper retired I took over as Captain.

I've now been on the boat for eleven years and the owner's great. We are a private boat and never do charters and the owner is only on board for three months a year in summer.

It's loads more interesting when we're out of port. You never know if the sea's going to be bad, and we travel all over the eastern Med and take in Tunisia and Morocco. It's great as I'm in the job to avoid routine.

I love that feeling when we leave the port, when I wonder if anything's going to go wrong or if all the arrangements I've made in the next port are going to be ok.

We did once manage to leave the port without the owners on board — we didn't even realise until about twelve hours later! It sounds daft, but we always left at four in the morning and the owners would normally go out clubbing, get back on board and then off we'd go. Someone had re-arranged the shoes and we assumed they'd all come back, so off we went.



FROM SEA MAN TO FREE MAN... Ian is giving up yachts for music

When we did realise it was panic stations as we checked in all the cabins.

The boat was on its way to Ibiza and the worst thing was we had all their passports on the boat. When we finally did get in contact with them, rather than waste time by turning the boat round, they had to get the train to Vandres in the west of France, where we picked them up.

I'm not one of those

Captains who only socialises with other yachters, I don't want to hang out in a clique and only talk about work.

At the moment, I'm really into composing music — soundtracks for TV and film. I've made the decision to really go for it and I'm going to leave the yachting industry at the end of this summer and concentrate on music full-time. I've been building up contacts for the last ten years and at the

moment spend all my time in the studio recording demos.

Over a year or so ago, I made a hard decision whether I wanted to go full time with music. Having worked for someone who's loaded, I've been cured of my materialisticness'.

When you're a skipper you deal with a lot of money and, after a while, you lose sight of the value of it. A lot of people get on that trip of chasing cash all their lives and then get to sixty, look back over their lives and wonder what they've done. If I don't do the music thing now, I'll kick myself in ten years time for not giving it a shot.

I'm going to leave here and go back to the UK to make that 'clean break'. You have to move on in life. With all the boats around I'd be tempted to come back. I want to put a barrier up, not burn bridges.

So I'm giving up good restaurants and Armani and swapping it for baked beans and Oxfam!

I'm going to miss loads of things about down here. I'll miss the boat and spinning around up in the mountains on my motorbike. I hate being cooped up and am always out and about.

But after this summer, my Riviera life is over and I'm trying my hand at another which I'm really excited about... **”**

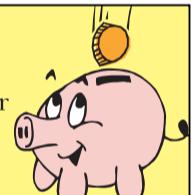
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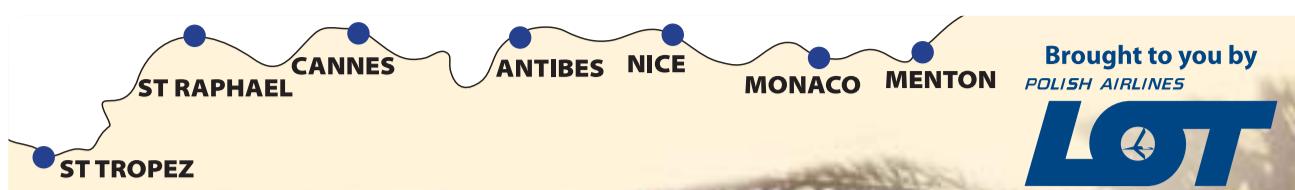
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