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One dead and two seriously injured in Menton port explosion 'BRIT' BOAT BLOWS UP



SHIP WRECKED... Donna Pup's Italian owner died in the explosion

AN EXPLOSION on board a British registered yacht on Sunday left the boat's owner dead and two others seriously injured, writes Jenny Paul.

The 26 metre Donna Pup was moored in Menton-Garavan harbour when the fatal explosion ripped through its stern at just past nine o'clock in the morning.

The rear of the vessel was extensively damaged. Italian Franco Barone, 42, was killed instantly and his companion Alexandra Carrara and

the boat's captain, Mario Nattucci were injured. Six other guests, four adults and two children – all from Turin – were unhurt.

Investigators are examining the wreckage to determine the cause of the explosion, but early indications are that twelve lead-acid batteries stored in an enclosed compartment were to blame.

The car batteries were used as a back up for Donna Pup's electricity supply. It is thought that hydrogen gas built up in the compartment, which

may have then ignited when the captain started the electrics which operate the yacht's passerelle.

"We were told that they closed the door to the room where the batteries were on Saturday evening, because there was a smell, then they forgot to re-open the door," Garavan port based nautical specialist Daniel Chamy told *The Riviera Gazette*.

"The gasses would have built up over night, which is what we believe caused this fatal explosion.

"What is clear is there was a very

serious oversight that night. An enquiry is underway and the investigators are going to talk to everyone who even touched the yacht to ascertain what happened and whether charges need to be pressed," he explained.

● On Tuesday, a luxury yacht caught fire in Beaulieu-sur-Mer, causing havoc in the small port. The cause of the blaze on the 30 metre Saharet is as yet unknown. The yacht is also registered in the UK although the four crew were all Italian.

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Strike to cause havoc

A GENERAL strike over the government's plans for pension reform looks set to cripple France on May 13.

A key and much disputed proposal is to extend the contribution period for public sector workers from 37.5 to 40 years, a plan aimed at resolving the country's pension funding crisis.

A new poll out this week revealed that 68% of French people would prefer to take a reduced pension rather than work beyond the age of 60.

Great grandson in bid for Austin Reed

MONACO-BASED entrepreneur Nigel Robinson is still working on a bid for the upmarket clothing chain founded by his great grandfather Austin Reed.

Robinson, who made an €75 million fortune as founder of Scoot.com during the dotcom boom, is bidding against Slater Menswear for control of the €67 million retailer.

Model drivers

FRENCH transport minister Gilles de Robien called British drivers Europe's "model pupils" during a visit to London to study British road safety last week.

"With a population about the same as that of France, Britain has half the number of deaths," he explained.

Poop scoop

ANTIBES' deputy mayor has urged the town's pooper-scoopers to get tough with locals who allow their dogs to foul the streets.

In 2002, 10.75 tonnes of dog poop was scooped from Antibes town centre and Juan-les-Pins alone.

Football violence comes to Cagnes

OVER fifty soccer hooligans rampaged sleepy Cagnes-sur-Mer last Sunday after a needle match between the town and bitter rival Toulon.

In shocking scenes of violence, which erupted in the car park of the tiny Stade Pierre-Savaigo, one supporter was restrained when seen carrying a baseball bat while an intervening policeman suffered a leg injury. The youths threw stones and bottles at each other and smashed up nearby parked cars, including a police vehicle.

"The police have opened an enquiry to see how this happened and if they can do anything in future to put into place preventative measures," Eric Vandervoort of Cagnes' town hall told *The Riviera Gazette*. "Unfortunately there has been a rivalry between the two clubs for some time," he explained.



KICKING OFF... Police had to intervene to stop the fighting after the match

Juan's jazz programme announced



THE line up has been announced for the Juan les Pins jazz festival, which will take place from July 12 to 20.

Now in its 43rd year and one of the oldest music festivals in Europe, Jazz à Juan promises nine 'eclectic evenings' in the swish beachside setting of the town's Pinède Gould park.

It is felt by many to be a more genuine celebration of jazz than Nice's much bigger Jazz Fest, and will this year bring together old-timers including Ike Turner, Keith Jarrett, Lucky Peterson and the 'new First Lady of Jazz' Dee Dee Bridgewater.

IKE... in Juan on July 20

Saxophonist Maceo Parker, scheduled on the July 12 opening night, and funky jazz bassist Marcus Miller, due to perform on July 15, will be back after they last played to enthusiastic audiences of more than 3,000 last year.

Other big names due to play are Herbie Hancock on Wednesday night and living legend Joe Zawinul, who will wow the crowds on Thursday as he tinkles away on the piano with his band. The last night sees rock'n'roll legend Ike Turner take to the stage with his eight piece band The King of Rhythms.

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New mums get baby bonus

A PACKAGE of measures aimed at helping families with young children was announced by the government this week.

Under the new benefits, known as Paje, mums-to-be will get a bonus of €800, to be paid in the sixth or seventh month of pregnancy.

Most parents will get €160 a month per child from birth to three years old, and there will also be means-tested help towards paying for childcare.

A parent who gives up work following the birth of a first child will get an additional €340 a month, provided they have previously been in work for at least two years, and this sum will increase to €493 following the birth of a second child.

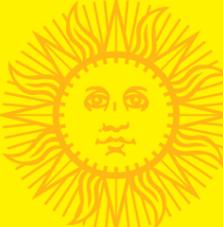
An additional 10,000 crèche places will also be created, via a public-private partnership scheme.

The measures will apply to women giving birth from 1 January 2004 and will cost one billion euros over four years, representing an overall increase of 18% on the current child benefit budget.

Some parenting groups have criticised the plan, however, saying the current system already pays pregnant women a total of €795 euros between the fifth and ninth months of pregnancy.

Also, when it comes to child care, French parents who both work say they prefer qualified child minders (43%) and grandparents (23%) over sending their child to a crèche.

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REALITY TV SETS UP HOME ON RIVIERA

MILITARY PRECISION... Local antipodeans celebrated Anzac day with a sociable pub crawl on Friday night. Australians and New Zealanders traditionally get together to remember the 10,000 of their compatriots that died in World War I at Gallipoli, Turkey, as they stormed ashore 88 years ago. Organisers Nick Laletin (fourth from left) and Peter Nugent (second from left) ran the event to a tight schedule, barking at drinkers "four minutes till we go on!" and "thirty seconds to drink up!" as the happy crew made their way around Nice's old town bars.

NICE PEOPLE, the new pan-European reality TV show broadcast from Nice's Riviera Studios, drew seven million viewers for its launch on TF1 last weekend.

The programme, in the Big Brother/Loft Story mould, has assembled twelve contestants from different European countries for its ten week run. The UK is represented by 22 year old Eleanor, who has lived in France for two years.

Meanwhile French channel M6, creator of Loft Story, has announced it has been secretly filming its own new reality show in a villa on the Cap d'Antibes. The Bachelor is based on a successful US show of the same name and will follow the progress of 25 women as they compete for the heart of a very eligible 30 year old company boss from Paris.

A million ducks down

A LEGENDARY Paris restaurant celebrated serving up its millionth baby duck this week.

The Tour d'Argent laid on fireworks over the city's famous Notre Dame cathedral for 140 guests, all of whom gorged on the restaurant's signature dish, 'duck in blood'.

The 421 year old eatery is famous for holding the secret to what fans claim is the most succulent duck in the world – eight week old marshland ducklings are strangled, roasted and then served in a sauce made from their own blood, cognac and port.

Each dish is served with a souvenir numbered tag. Teddy Roosevelt tucked into duck No 33,642 in 1910 and Charlie Chaplin gorged on No 253,642 some 45 years later.

Marineland tops tourist charts

MARINELAND was the region's top tourist destination again last year, with the Biot marine park's dolphins and killer whales attracting 1,400,000 visitors.

Monaco's Oceanographic Museum came second, closely followed by Fondation Maeght in St Paul de Vence.

Next came the Russian Church and the Chagall Museum in Nice, Villa Rothschild in St Jean Cap Ferrat, the Mattisse Museum in Nice, the Picasso Museum in Antibes, Nice's Museum of Modern Art and, finally, Villa Kerylos in Beaulieu-sur-Mer.

Sporting stars coming to Monaco

MONACO will welcome sporting personalities from around the globe for the 2003 Laureus World Sports Awards later this month.

Top names who will be in town for the bash include tax-dodging tennis star Boris Becker, cricketer Ian Botham, Sebastian Coe, Sir Bobby Charlton, and John McEnroe.

The ceremony will be held at the Grimaldi Forum on Tuesday May 20. *The Gazette* predicts Michael Schumacher and Serena Williams are in line for the top gongs.

Ski resorts toast bumper season

AS THE summer gets under way and attention turns to the region's beaches, local ski stations are celebrating the end of a bumper season.

Auron and Isola 2000 sold over 700,000 day passes over the winter and the two resorts have been hearing the sweet sound of euros winging their way into the cash registers.

Isola raked in over €5.6 million and Auron bagged €5.4 million, representing year-on-year increases in sales of 17% and 35 % respectively.



MARKET LEADER... Berlusconi (right) with organiser Alessandro Félis Italian PM visits Mougins fair

VISITORS to Mougins' Italian food fair last weekend got a surprise when they spotted Silvio Berlusconi, Italy's prime minister, wandering around the stalls to taste the wares on offer.

Politician and media mogul Berlusconi was in the region for the Easter holidays and made a private visit to the Marché Piémontais.

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Hollywood lines up to visit Cannes

THE American film industry is set to descend in force on the Cannes film festival later this month, despite international travel fears over the Sars epidemic.

Amongst the twenty directors battling it out for the prestigious Palme d'Or are Clint Eastwood and Gus Van Sant. Eastwood's film *Mystic River* stars Sean Penn, Tim Robbins and Kevin Bacon.

Good Will Hunting and *Drugstore Cowboy* director Van Sant will be showcasing his latest offering, *Elephant*.

Lars Von Trier, who won the festival's top Palme d'Or award in 2000 for *Dancer in the Dark*, which starred quirky Icelander Bjork and had French critics blubbing away during its screening, is back with *Dogville*, which stars Nicole Kidman.

Special guests expected at film festival this year include Ewan McGregor, Lauren Bacall, James Caan, Charlotte Rampling and Laurence Fishburne.

Also gracing the famous red carpet at the Palais des Festivals will be estranged Hollywood couple Tom Cruise and Nicole Kidman – and Tom's latest squeeze, Penelope Cruz.

Eagerly anticipated *The Matrix* sequel *The Matrix Reloaded* is set to have its world premiere on Thursday May 15 and makers Andy and Larry Wachowski have promised that the whole cast will be in Cannes to celebrate.

The 56th Festival de Cannes opens on Wednesday May 14 and closes with a showing of Charlie Chaplin's last film, *Modern Times*, on May 25.

Brits busted in vice swoop

THE SON of an eminent UK publisher and another British man have been arrested in Paris after police swooped on a suspected high-class call girl operation, writes Jenny Paul.

Ramsay Attallah, 38, and Matthew Barrett, 33, are being held under suspicion of supplying vice workers to Arab princes, business moguls and Hollywood stars.

In Barrett's hotel suite police uncovered over €350,000 in cash and a snap of heart-throb actor Leonardo DiCaprio with his arms round two leggy south American call girls. The photo is alleged to have been taken outside DiCaprio's €2,000 a night hotel suite, when he was in Paris earlier this year promoting *Gangs of New York*.

The American actor and star of *Titanic* and *Romeo and Juliet* is thought to have taken the Brazilian beauties back to his suite at the Plaza Athénée after a premiere on January 6.

While DiCaprio's camp do not dis-



NO IDEA... DiCaprio in Paris on January 6

pute he was with the ladies, they deny that he paid for their services and say he had no idea they were call girls.

Publishing magnate Naim Attallah, who owns UK based *Quartet Books* and is the chairman of *The Oldie* magazine, hit out at the allegations made against son Ramsay. "It is staggering what has happened to my son.

He is completely innocent yet he has been locked up in almost medieval conditions, kept in his cell for almost 23 hours a day," he said.

The wealthy British publisher, writer and philanthropist, who turns 72 today, found notoriety himself twelve years ago when he revealed that newly appointed French prime minister Edith Cresson had told him in 1987 that she thought over a quarter of British and US men were homosexual. Cresson was outraged, saying "If this conversation took place I was not only not prime minister, I was not even in the government," and claiming that bringing the matter up was "not very 'fair play,' to use an English expression."

Barrett is accused of conducting an 'exotic troupe' of vice workers, including male escorts, transvestites and hookers – one a former Miss South America – who it is alleged charged up to €1,000 an hour for their services. Ten other people have been detained in connection with the case.

Var airport to relieve Nice?

LE LUC, on the A8 in the Var, has been singled out as a possible site for a new airport to relieve the strain on Nice.

New proposals from transport agency DATAR envisage an airport that would have high-speed rail links with Marseille and Nice via the proposed Provence-Côte d'Azur TGV service.

The announcement comes as a definitive answer was given this week on the future of Cannes-Mandelieu airport. The State and the local *Chambre de Commerce* have agreed the site will remain open only to private aircraft and will not be allowed to expand.

Nice Matin wows Big Apple

AN UPSCALE eatery with a Provençal theme opened in Manhattan's swanky Upper West Side last week – and it's named after Nice's daily newspaper.

Nice Matin is owned by Simon Oren, who has already enjoyed success with several other restaurants specialising in French regional cuisine in New York.

He came to Nice last autumn looking for inspiration for his latest venture and ended up taking home more than just recipes.

"The name of the newspaper had the right ambiance and just kind of fitted," manager Robert Guarino told *The Gazette*.

Terrible twins

FOUR-YEAR-OLD twin boys who disappeared last week from their home near Chateauroux were found by police three days later – having ransacked a neighbour's house.

While their distraught parents searched for them with the help of police, a passer-by discovered the pair naked in the street, carrying a bedside lamp. They had emptied out drawers and the contents of shampoo bottles and had been eating orange-flavoured calcium tablets.

Out of pocket

FRENCH families are the meanest when it comes to giving children pocket money, according to a new eight-country survey. Only 61% of French parents hand out cash to their kids, compared with 84% in the most generous country, Germany.

Chirac out of favour?

LESS than half of those questioned for an FOP poll for *Le Figaro* newspaper want Jacques Chirac to be a presidential candidate in 2007.

46% were in favour of his standing, while 51% were against.

European president?

A SURVEY of nearly 11,000 French people shows that 69% believe there should be a president of Europe, with a third believing that he or she should have the same powers as a national head of state.

Phone moan

FRANCE TELECOM is getting tough with late payers, threatening to restrict phone users to local calls only as soon as a reminder is sent out, or even, for habitual offenders, cutting them off.

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YACHT REGISTRATION

Yacht registration in the 21st century has become more sophisticated. With increasing EU regulations the various Ports of Registry have become more self-contained. Each now has different regulations in place and each offers its own advantages and disadvantages over others.

The British Flag

While yachts and commercial vessels can be registered in any of the world's registers, British ports of registry are usually recommended.

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Who can register in a British port?

Broadly speaking, most British ports of registry will register yachts that are owned by nationals of EU member states. But by owning a vessel through a company anyone can indirectly obtain the advantages of British registration. Corporate ownership may also provide other benefits including privacy, confidentiality and asset protection.

There are certain factors that should be considered prior to registration. These include whether the

vessel has any mortgages or liens on it and whether it is already registered in a foreign registry.

VAT issues should also be assessed. Regardless of the ownership of the flag, if the yacht is for use in EU waters and the beneficial user is an EU resident then the yacht is liable to pay VAT. If the beneficial user is not an EU resident then VAT-free temporary importation is still available.

The registration process

The registration procedure itself is relatively straightforward. The first step is to submit the proposed names to the appropriate registry. Once these are cleared and reserved a measurement and tonnage survey must be carried out by a recognised classification society.

If the yacht is new, a builder's certificate is required. If it is second-hand a notarised bill of sale is required together with previous bills of sale establishing a five-year chain of title.

All the documentation is submitted to the Registry, which then issues the carving and marking note for the vessel. Once verified, the note is returned to the Registry and the British registration certificate or 'blue book' is issued.

Representative agents

Most British ports of registry require non-resident owners to appoint a locally based representative agent to attend to the renewal of registration on behalf of the owner.

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My Riviera

German **Katja Beste** talks to Jenny Paul about motherhood, wine and belly dancing...

“I came to the Riviera three years ago after my husband got a job here selling luxury boats.

I'm German by birth and was working in a bar near Stuttgart when I met Russell, who's English. He was dating one of the other barmaids, but one night we got chatting and we exchanged phone numbers.

The next morning his girlfriend found the slip of paper in his jeans, but he eventually talked his way out of it!

A year later they had split up and we hooked up again. We had met at a rave party. I was wearing a micro-mini skirt and a white fur coat. A year later I was pregnant.

Our son Johannes is three, and was born in England just before Russell changed jobs and we re-located to the Riviera.

At first I didn't really like it here. I was quite disappointed with the Côte d'Azur. I'd never been here before and wasn't impressed with all the high-rise buildings.

Now, though, I love it. I can't imagine living in Germany where it is raining all the time – just what do you do with your kids? I love the weather here, and the sea, and the outside lifestyle.

It's not all plain sailing, though. We've had lots of problems with petty theft. I've had a pushchair stolen – luckily with-



BELLY LAUGHS... Katja makes her own costumes, sewing every sequin

out the baby – and we've been burgled, had the German number plates stolen off our car and even my dustpan and brush 'disappeared'!

When we go out, I love to go to Le Brulot in Antibes. I like to eat the duck or fish, but I'm a sucker for when the guy comes over with his 'recommendation du jour'. You just have to choose it. He describes it with such passion, kissing his hands with an ecstatic look on his

face.

I mix business with pleasure and sell wine for a group of producers from the Côte du Rhône region. We tend to supply mostly the yachts and foreigners who have second homes here. Most of our customers already know the brand.

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When I'm not working, I go down to the beach and act like a lady of leisure. We bought an apartment near the beach in Antibes last year. I didn't find buying it too stressful – buying the furniture was far worse.

And, of course, we had a nightmare with a cowboy carpenter. It took him five visits to get one wardrobe built.

In my spare time I love to belly dance. Believe it or not, it is a skill I learned by going to lessons when I was in Germany. I do it as a hobby and make the costumes myself. It takes a long time to sew on every individual sequin.

It's a great conversation point, and everybody I tell wants to see it done.

My sister's getting married this summer and she's getting the wedding march set to oriental music, and then I'm going to belly dance at the reception.

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SOLARIS
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THE CONSPIRATORS (1944)
Tue 18:00

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The Riviera This week

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- Today is a **public holiday**, the Fête du Travail.
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- Nice is also celebrating May Day with the **Fête des Mais** in the gardens and arenas of Cimiez. Tel: 04 97 13 21 21.
- The Sunny Bank Association's **second hand bookstore** Sunny Bank Books has found new premises in Mandelieu and is open today, the first Thursday of the month, plus every third Saturday from 10:00 to 15:00. Call 04 94 76 17 05 for info and directions.
- The 6th St Raphael Joust is on today in the old port. Teams of boat-borne **yachties equipped with lances** compete with each other in a series of knockout rounds. Tel: 06 09 77 89 67.
- The Salon des Vignerons runs from today until Monday at the Hippodrome, Cagnes-sur-Mer with wines from across the country available at direct from the producer prices and, of course, **free wine tastings**. Tel: 04 94 52 80 80.
- **Gardeners** can head to Golfe Juan's Théâtre de la Mer today until Sunday for the Salon du Jardin & des Aménagements Extérieurs, with plants and all things gardening. Tel: 04 93 63 73 12.
- Bargain hunters are spoilt for choice today with **second-hand sales** at the Croix-Rouge, near the swimming pool in Antibes, Ludiparc in La Colle-sur-Loup, the port in Beaulieu-sur-Mer and the Villa Daudet in Peymeinade.
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- Also on until Sunday is the French **ladies open tennis championship**, the 6th International Gaz de France, at the Parc des Sports Pierre Sauvaigo, Cagnes-sur-Mer.

Friday 2

- Spring comes to the Grimaldi Forum, Monaco from today until Monday with the 6th Salon Reveries sur les Jardins, an **upmarket gardening show**. An array of Mediterranean plants will be on display and for sale, open daily on the esplanade from 10:00 to 20:00. Also the Concours de Bouquets (flower arrangements) is in the Grimaldi Forum from 17:00 to 20:00 on Saturday and 10:00 to 18:30 on Sunday. Call +377 92 16 61 66 for info.
- There's **traditional music** this evening with Chansons Napolitaines at the Centre Culturel de la Providence, Nice from 20:00.
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● Continuing today are the Salon des Vignerons, the French Ladies Open Tennis Championship, the Salon Brocantiquries, the Printemps des Arts and the Salon du Jardin.

Saturday 3

- The yachting season gets off to a start this weekend with the 4th **Trimed Boat Race** with around 100 yachts leaving Toulon for an eight day race to Nice, plus the Azuréenne Regatta off Antibes today and tomorrow.
- **Strawberry lovers** can find fruit in abundance at the Fête des Fraises in Carros this weekend as local strawberry growers get together to celebrate the first fruit of the season and sell their produce by the basketful in the Place des Plans. Tel: 04 93 29 20 50.
- Bargain hunters should head to Mouans-Sartoux today for a car boot and **second hand sale** on the streets, in the town square and at the boulodrome. Open 08:00 to 19:00. Or head to the port in Beaulieu for a crafts and flea market or the Carnoles area of Roquebrune-Cap-Martin to see local artists displaying their works.
- **Football:** Nice FC play Sedan in a French League Division 1 match at the Stade du Ray at 20:00. Tel: 04 93 18 07 27.
- The Colmiane Forest **adventure discovery trail** opens today for the summer season, weekends and bank holidays in May, Wednesdays and weekends in June and September, daily in July and August. The Via Ferrata, with its death defying narrow rope bridges across mountain gullies, is also open. Suitable for ages 5 and up, call 04 93 02 83 54 for info.
- There's a **jazz evening** tonight at Les Arbousiers, on the lakeside at Lac St Cassien, with the Martinique Jazz Show. Menus start at €20, call 04 93 60 67 89 for info and bookings.
- **Local artists** display their work in Place Grand Jardin, Vence all day today. Tel: 04 93 58 06 38
- Art Johnson & Gary Scott play **jazz** at the Bar en Biais, Nova Antipolis, Antibes tonight. Tickets are €17. Tel: 04 92 91 15 46
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- Riviera Singles and the Draguinan-based Friendship Group are meeting at Lac St Cassien for lunch and **pedalo racing**. Email rivierasingles@yahoo.co.uk to join in.
- Bargain hunters should head for the car park at Stade Coubertin, Cannes for a **car boot sale** from 07:00 to 18:00 today or to Stade Perdigon, Grasse from 08:00 to 18:00. There are also smaller second hand sales in Cap d'Ail's Square Beaverbrook, Place Clémenceau in Cap Ferrat

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	Thursday 1	Friday 2	Saturday 3	Sunday 4	Monday 5	Tuesday 6	MAY IN NICE...
AM	12°C Sunny	11°C Rain	13°C Sunny	15°C Clearing	16°C Sunny	15°C Sunny	Avg. high: 20°C Avg. low: 13°C Avg. rainfall: 49mm
PM	22°C Clearing	23°C Rain	22°C Sunny	23°C Clearing	26°C Sunny	25°C Sunny	Time to service the lawnmower and clean out the pool – summer's just around the corner.

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