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BECKHAMS' HOLIDAY HOME SUICIDE SHOCK

DAVID and Victoria Beckham's purchase of a mansion in the South of France took on a sour note last week as it was revealed the previous owner committed suicide in the dream home just two years ago.

The England football captain and his Spice Girl wife heard about the grisly death just a week after they completed the purchase of the €2 million 19th century Domaine St Vincent in Bargemon, near Draguignan, a fortnight ago.

Former owner Leslie Duck, a retired EU bureaucrat and historian, blew his brains out in the study with a shotgun in 2001.

He is now buried in the chapel within the property's 250 acre grounds and his widow Catherine de Tscharmer has moved to Paris.

Secluded

The sprawling ten bedroom property, set in woods above the sleepy village of Bargemon, has its own pool and vineyard and is set to be the scene of secluded family holidays for the Beckhams and their two young sons, Brooklyn, 4, and Romeo, eight months.

"I hope this doesn't mean the village becomes a magnet for paparazzi," Janet Hill, a Bargemon resident, told *The Riviera Gazette*.

"But maybe, with the Beckhams having a house here, it may put house prices up," she continued.

"I've visited the house and its lovely, very secluded, which is obviously



BECKINGHAM PALAIS... but David and Victoria's holiday home has an unhappy past

By JENNY PAUL

what they need.

"I wish them luck, but I hope it doesn't change the quiet ambiance of the village," Janet concluded.

Quaint

Bargemon, which has a population of only 1,200, is 12 miles from Draguignan and 35 miles from St

Tropez.

The quaint village has a distinct 12th century feel to it, with shaded squares and eight tiny restaurants.

The couple have been frequent visitors to the Riviera since they spent their honeymoon on Cap Ferrat in July 1999.

They have also holidayed at Elton John's €7 million mansion on Nice's Mont Boron and were in Cannes for the NRJ Music Awards two years ago.



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Malkovich leaving

HOLLYWOOD star John Malkovich is set to leave his home in Provence after a row with French tax authorities. Malkovich maintains that, although he pays taxes in his native America, he is being asked for 65% his income by the French state.

He has told friends he will "probably have to leave the country" in the next few months and is searching for an alternate home. Malkovich has lived in his Provence farmhouse with his wife and two kids for the past six years.

Work extension

THE EU has agreed to let non-EU workers, employed or self-employed, stay in the zone for twice as long.

The offer will allow professionals engaged in contracts ranging from engineering projects to management consultancy to spend six months in an EU country, rather than three, as previously.

007 gets pacemaker

MONACO second homer and former 007 Roger Moore had a pacemaker fitted in the US last week after being taken ill during a performance of the musical, "The Play What I Wrote", in which he is starring.

Despite collapsing, Moore, 69, finished the performance after a ten-minute interruption.

Hot spring found

A RARE natural hot spring has been discovered at Le Lavandou, Var.

With a surface temperature of 18 degrees C and an estimated underground temperature of around 30 degrees C, there are hopes that the town could become a year-round thermal spa.

Cannes kicks off...



LARGER THAN LIFE... workers plaster facades in Cannes with film adverts before the festival's gala opening. Italian actress Monica Belluci, shown on the right hand poster, presented last night's opening ceremony.

NORMAL life in Cannes began its annual two week standstill yesterday as the 56th Festival de Cannes – the Cannes film festival – kicked off.

Whilst the main part of the festival is trade-only, the organisers are responding to locals' complaints that the festival takes over the town whilst giving them nothing in return by adding more ways for the public to get involved.

Dedicated movie-goers can get one of the limited availability one-day film passes handed out each day by heading to the Cannes Cinéphiles stand just outside the Palais des Festivals. But get there early, they're distributed on a strictly 'first come, first served' basis.

The open air beach cinema, the Cinéma de la Plage, returns this year with nightly public screenings. It is offering a range of both 'out of competition' feature films and 'in competition' short films from the official selection.

The Croisette will again be equipped with a speaker system, from the Vieux Port to Port Canto, and this year promenaders will be entertained with classic film scores from a different film composer every day.

And a public concert will be held on May 19 at 8:30pm at the Martinez Hotel. The Cannes PACA Regional Orchestra will honour three film-score greats: Bruno Coulais, Nicola Piovani and Laurent Petitgirard.

Focus for star spotters will be Clint Eastwood, Meg Ryan and Ewan McGregor. Nicole Kidman, ex-husband Tom Cruise and his current partner Penelope Cruz are also all expected – but at different premieres. Kidman is here to promote Dogville, in competition for the Palme d'Or this week. Cruise is accompanying Cruz as she promotes Matrix Reloaded.

But the hottest ticket in town this year is for MTV's Terminator 3 party, being held at a secret location tonight. The hot rumour is that Arnold Schwarzenegger will be there...

Cannes SARS scare

PASSENGERS hoping to disembark the cruise liner Regal Princesse at Cannes at the weekend were held up several hours while port and health authorities ensured there was no risk of SARS.

The scare came after a member of the crew was taken off the ship in Naples showing symptoms of the killer virus. Once given the all-clear, 760 of the 1,400 passengers went ashore.

Mad cows

TWO cows held up traffic for two hours on the A40 in the Haute-Savoie last week.

After getting onto the Chamonix-Geneva motorway via a slip road, they set about a fire engine, breaking a headlight, after its colour drove them into a rage.

Message in a bottle

A 43-YEAR-OLD volunteer fireman from Marseille not only found a message in a bottle dropped by a 40-year-old American woman during a boat trip off Majorca, he also found love.

The message from Brenda Houston from California asked the finder to contact her. This was the beginning of a three-year correspondence between Brenda and Christian Jannussi, which culminated in a romantic first meeting last month in Los Angeles.

EU crime swap

FROM now on fines incurred in one European country will be enforceable in another.

The new rule, agreed last week by the justice ministers of EU countries, covers some thirty offences, including motoring infractions, but will only apply to fines of over €70.

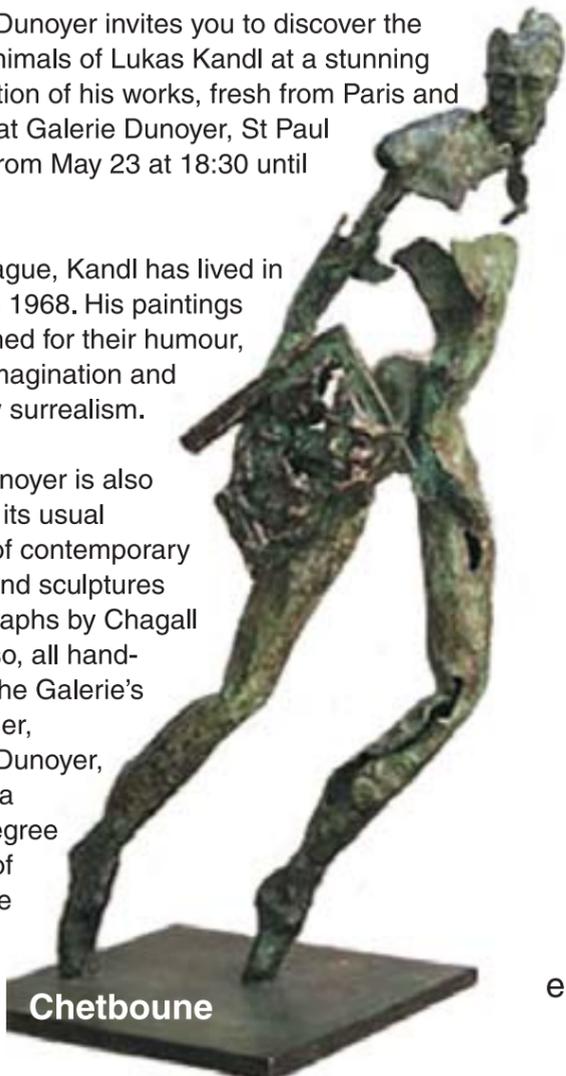
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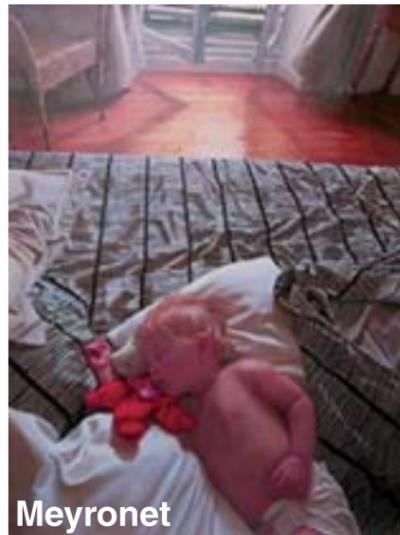
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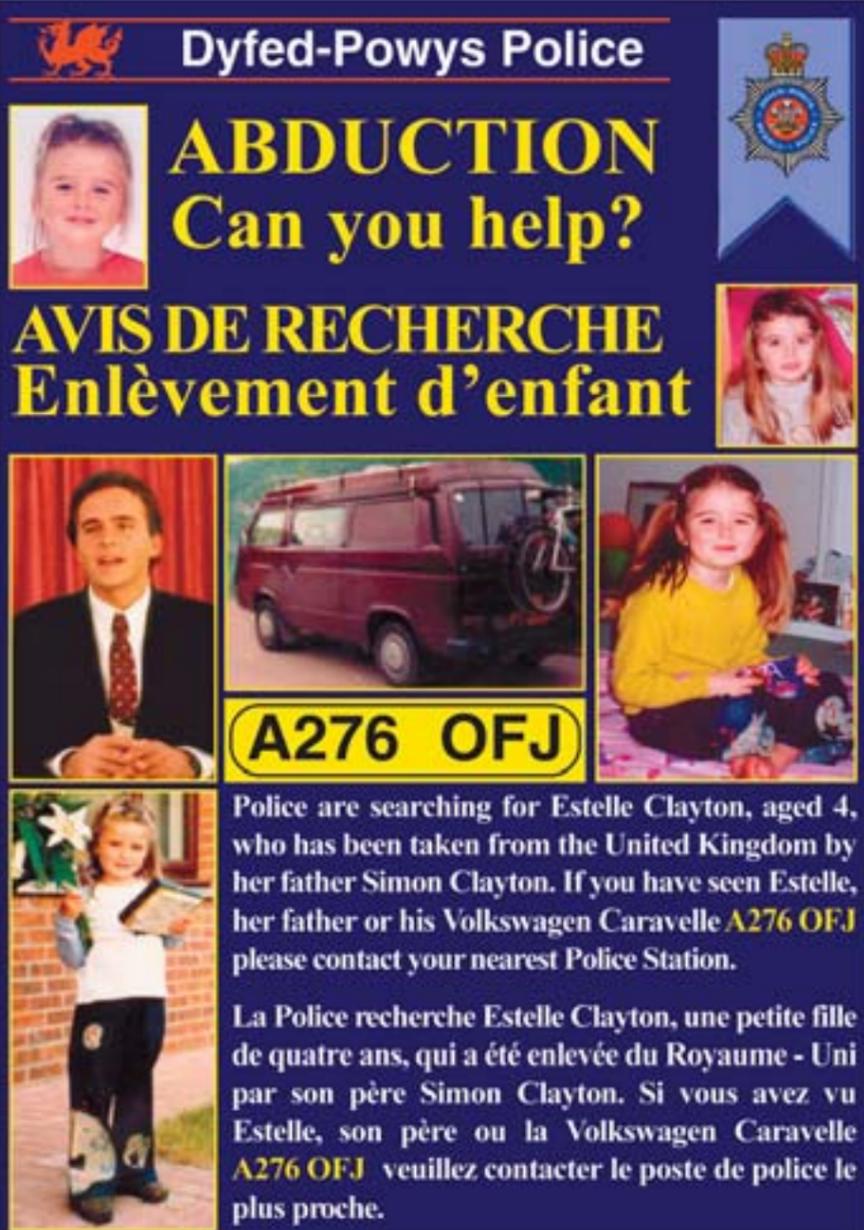
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MISSING ESTELLE SPOTTED IN NICE

A FOUR YEAR OLD girl abducted from the UK by her father has been spotted at a well known market in Nice.

The case has received much media coverage in the UK but so far has been largely ignored in France. Dyfed-Powys Police are now appealing for Riviera residents to keep an eye out for the pair, who could still be in the area.

Now missing for five weeks, Estelle 'Esti' Clayton was seen by a Welsh holidaymaker in Nice's Cours Saleya last Thursday.

"From the woman's description I am very sure it was Esti," Aneta, Esti's Polish mother told The Gazette from her home in Dyfed, Wales.

"It has been terrible. Words can't describe how I feel. I went to pick her up from her father's after a three day stay and they had gone. He had left a note saying he had taken our daughter away and that he would ring me after two weeks. He hasn't called.

"He had been talking for some time about living abroad and taking Estelle. I really miss her, I am now doing whatever I can to

get her home."

In a voice brimming with emotion Aneta made an appeal to Gazette readers: "Please cut out the poster printed in the paper and put it up in your local cafe and other public places. My little girl is only four years old and in a foreign country. Please help get her back home."

Dai Davies of Dyfed Powys Police said "It is now known that Simon, Esti's father, booked ferry tickets to France from Portsmouth before Esti was due to stay with him for a routine custody visit. He also sold his bookshop in Hay on Wye and took a substantial amount of cash with him.

"We are asking people on campsites to look out for them. Esti also has her distinctive pet ferret, Fifi, with her, which she keeps on a lead."

Dad Simon speaks fluent French and the pair are travelling in a red UK registered VW Caravelle van A276 OFJ. Anyone with any information is invited to contact their local police station or call Brecon police station in Wales on 00 44 1874 622331.

F1's Montoya banned after A8 speeding

Race ace cops Juan thousand euro fine

COLOMBIAN formula one driver Juan Pablo Montoya had his licence suspended after being caught speeding on the A8 on Sunday.

The Monaco-based Williams BMW ace was doing 204 kmh (127 mph) in a 130 kmh zone between Le Muy and Frejus when motorcycle cops pulled over his BMW X5 at around 5pm.

The 27-year-old racer was also fined a thousand euros, and now faces a court appearance and a driving ban of up to two months.

Whilst rally drivers who lose their road licences are banned from competition, different rules apply in formula one - Montoya will still be allowed to race the streets of Monte-Carlo in the Principality's grand prix on June 1.

Pension protests bring France to a standstill

FRANCE ground to halt on Tuesday as workers took to the streets to protest about the government's pension reforms.

Planes, trains, buses and schools were all but immobilised and over a hundred demonstrations took place across the county. Air France managed to run all its long-haul flights, but two-thirds of domestic flights were cancelled as well as two-thirds of mainline railway services - despite the fact SNCF staff won't be directly affected by the pension reforms. La Poste, EDF-GDF electricity and gas workers, France Telecom and other public sector workers all joined in the day of action and unions claimed a Black Tuesday-style victory for the level of disruption caused.

In central Nice several thousand public sector workers took to the streets just a week after

striking teachers demonstrated in Place Massena against government education policy. The unions are protesting against a

fundamental reform of the public sector pensions system which will leave them having to contribute for 40 years rather than the current 37.5 years. By 2020 this will increase to 42 years.

State pensions are paid out of current tax revenues, and France, in common with many other countries, faces a pensions crunch as the working population ages - currently there are two workers contributing towards each state pension paid, but over the next few years it is expected that their will be only one paying in for every pension paid out.

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DEMO... Nice's march

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Chirac aide to stand trial

ALAIN Juppé, a former prime minister and a close friend of president Jacques Chirac, is likely to stand trial for his alleged role in illegal political financing, the state prosecutor's office said last week.

Juppé, 57, was prime minister from 1995 to 1997 and is now president of Chirac's UMP party. He is alleged to have been involved in a scam in the early 1990s where party jobs were paid for by private companies and city hall in Paris when Chirac was mayor.

More arrests in kickback scandal

TWO more company bigwigs have been arrested in the ongoing Nice City hall kickbacks investigation.

The two men are on the board of Korrigan, a business that specialises in cleaning up graffiti. They were arrested on Tuesday at their offices in Paris.

The scandal first broke in March this year when the director general of city services for Nice, Michel Vialatte, was arrested along with a member of his staff and four businessmen under suspicion of handing out lucrative

municipal contracts in return for cash kickbacks. The suspect deals included flagship contracts for the new football stadium, the tramway project and the new city hall building.

The arrests come after new evidence suggested businessman Pierre Besret got Vialatte to fax him details of the fifteen companies touting for lucrative cleaning contracts.

It is thought that Besret then used this inside information to put Korrigan in position to win the contract. The investigation continues.

Oil spill closes local beaches

BEACHES from Menton to Roquebrune Cap Martin remain closed today as emergency workers deal with the aftermath of an oil slick which washed up on the Riviera on Sunday.

The oil, believed to have come from a ship unlawfully rinsing out its tanks, started washing up at 2pm on Sunday and then spread along 7km of the Menton and Roquebrune-Cap-Martin coastline.

In Menton, emergency services quickly put up a 200 metre floating barrier to protect the old port and the popular Plage des Sablettes.

Then a helicopter spotted two 300 metre long spills some 18km out to sea, heading towards Monaco. Monegasque authorities were able to put an anti-pollution barrier in place before the spill could reach Larvotto beach. Police cleared the beaches as a precaution and boats were banned from entering or leaving the port.



SLICK ROUTINE... hundreds of sun worshippers were cleared from local beaches as oil washed up at Menton

Tax breaks for letting older properties

BUYERS of old and rundown homes are to get tax breaks if they renovate them and then rent them out.

In force retrospectively from April 3 this year, a new law allows owners to offset half their rental income against tax if they let their revamped accommodation for nine years.

The measure is part of the government's drive to provide 50,000 more homes for rent.

TGV in 2023?

THE planned Nice-Marseille TGV route could take 20 years to complete and cost up to €30 million, it was revealed this week.

The new line is expected to reduce the journey time between Nice and Marseille from 142 minutes to 60.

And God cremated man...

THE remains of Roger Vadim, the late director of the classic movie *And God Created Woman* starring Brigitte Bardot, were moved to their final resting place at a family plot in St Tropez this week.

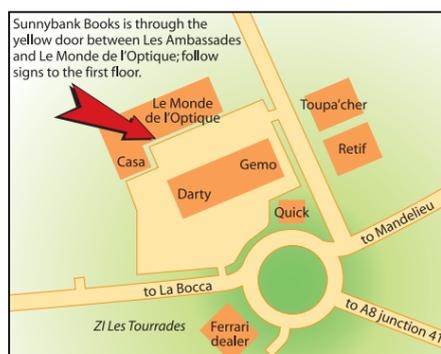
Suicide pact?

JEAN Berthon, the 53-year-old owner of Le Krill and a well-known figure in Le Lavandou, and a 31-year-old male friend were both found dead in a flat in the town last weekend.

Spotted a celeb?

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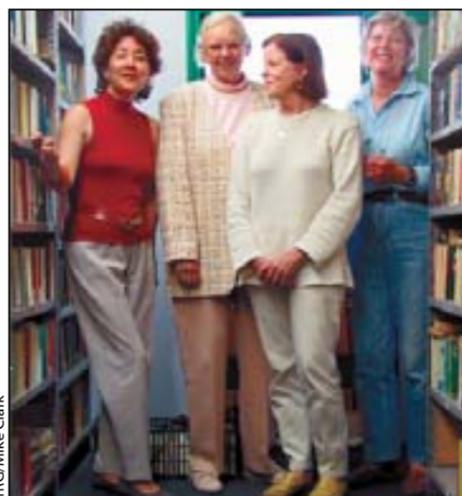
ONE of the region's longstanding English institutions, Sunnybank Books, is open for business again after an eight month closure.

The second hand book store has moved into new premises in ZI Les Tourrades in Cannes Mandelieu. The shop opens twice each month, on the first Thursday and the third Saturday, from 10am to 3pm.

The shop is run by volunteers to raise funds for the Sunnybank Association, which is aiming to build a new Anglo-French retirement home in the Cannes area.

The shelves are crammed with several thousand 'pre-read' books, covering all genres, and at low prices.

Staffer Carolyn MacGinnis told The Gazette "We'll be open this Saturday. We're also happy to accept donations of paper- and hard-back books in good condition, in both English and French."



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INHERITANCE TAX & PROPERTY

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

Most UK expats remain liable to UK inheritance tax even if they left the UK many years ago. This means that many expats - especially those who also have property in the UK - will be finding that the increased value of their property now takes them over the lifetime UK inheritance tax exemption level, which is £255,000.

Inheritance tax varies by coun-

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

Domicile

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

The UK government has plans

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

Double charges

Estate duties may be payable in your country of residence and in the country where the assets are physically located. Without proper planning a double charge on the same asset can and does occur, as credit is often not given for tax paid in one country against tax due in another.

'Equalising' your estate

Estates not exceeding £255,000 are exempt from UK inheritance tax so married couples should try and 'equalise their estates' to take full advantage of this exemption.

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

Lifetime gifts

Lifetime gifts, which exceed the £255,000 nil rate band, are taxed at a maximum of only 20 per cent on death. In many cases the gift will be exempt from this tax and in others it will be a 'potentially exempt transfer'. This means that if the donor survives for more than seven years after making the gift there are no inheritance tax consequences.

Corporate ownership

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

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My Riviera

Nathalie Lucy Attar tells Jenny Paul about performing with Pavarotti in London and Shakira in Monaco...

“ I WAS the kind of kid who was always singing and dancing. I've always wanted to perform; I remember always singing Morning Has Broken for my gran and her friends on her birthday.

When I was five years old I started performing at The Royal Opera House in Covent Garden. I'd only go to school for a few hours in the morning, then go home for a sleep because I was going to be up so late doing the operas.

One was with Pavarotti when I was seven - we did Tosca, and I remember meeting him after one performance. He took my hand and said in a heavy Italian accent "What a boootyful girl!" My Mum made a really big deal out of it!

In the last opera I was in - at the age of ten and it was La Bohème - we had to sing in Italian, so the rehearsals went on for a long time compared to the ones I performed in when I was younger, where I really didn't have many lines.

I also performed at The Royal Albert Hall, and got into the final three for a Disney advert. But with that one at the last minute I got an attack of shyness and so didn't make it!

When I was ten I decided I wanted a change of direction musically and wanted to do pop rather than classical singing.

Later on I started doing



SINGER... Nathalie splits her time between London and Mougins

Saturdays at The Sylvia Young School - some of its well-known pupils are Denise Van Outen, Billie and Emma 'Baby Spice' Bunton.

I did drama and dance, I took 'jazz dance' lessons and also completed ballet to the point of using blocks. I passed grade six drama, singing grade

five and did tap dancing lessons too!

I left school with the intention of studying in New York, but came down here first to visit my parents in Mougins. I was due to start there at the end of September 2001, then 9/11 happened and that changed all my plans!

I've now been living on the Riviera for eighteen months, so things haven't worked out too unlucky - and I got the chance to be Shakira's backing singer at the World Music Awards in Monte Carlo last year. It was great and she was really sweet to me.

I love clubbing in Cannes. I like going to Baouli, Les Coulises and Le Loft. I also love clubbing at La Village in Juan les Pins and drinking at the Xtreme bar in Antibes. I like eating in Tantra and, in summer, at all the beachfront restaurants in Juan les Pins.

I'm always going back and forth to London from here. I go back for auditions, to see friends and to go clubbing there. I've eaten in Nobu, above the Met Bar, but the only celebs we saw when we went in were British soap stars, which don't really count!

I'm moving back to London at the end of this summer, as there are more opportunities there. I want to pursue my singing career and need to be based in London to do that. You need a London based agent and you need to be on the spot.

I love 'here' and 'there' about the same, but I can always come back here for holidays.

I'm nervous about going back home, but I'm also really excited about all the opportunities there for me. I'm raring to go!"

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- Antibes Traffic lights and 50km/h speed limit on RD704 until May 20
- Cannes Expect complete chaos with lots of diversions until May 26, due to the film festival.
- Menton Long-term delays on Blvd Carnot during road widening works
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THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

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What's On and Where To Go...

The Riviera This week

Thursday 15

● The 2003 Cannes film festival opened last night and is now in full swing, until May 25. See page 3 for full info.

Friday 16

● Take the family to St Tropez this weekend for the 440th Les Bravades festival, when the locals re-enact the town's rich history, and in particular its years of independence in the 16th and 17th centuries when it had its own army and became a tax free port. Daily children's parades, entertainments, a market and an amazing display of firearms. Tel: 04 94 97 45 21 for info.

● The annual Fêtes Imperial takes place in Monaco this weekend, celebrating Stéphanie de Beauharnais, the adopted daughter of Napoleon I and an ancestor of HSH Prince Rainier. Look out for processions and demonstrations on Saturday at 16:30 in the Place du Casino and at 11:30 on Sunday on the rock. Tel: +377 93 30 48 39

● Women is the theme for a series of 18 dance performances at the Théâtre de la Semeuse, Nice tonight and tomorrow night at 20:30. Tickets €9 and €12, Tel: 04 93 92 85 08.

● The first Salon Fit Show, an exhibition covering fitness, beauty and sport, opens today until Sunday at Espace Fontvieille, Monaco. Tel: +377 93 50 43 50.

● LOT flies to Copenhagen, Gdansk, Prague, Stockholm and Warsaw at 16:30.

● Continuing today is the Cannes film festival.

Saturday 17

● The British Association of Monaco is going on a Magical Mystery Tour today; call +377 93 50 19 52 for info.

● Amiac, the Alpes-Maritimes International Aperitif Club, is meeting up for lunch and drinks at the Amoretti Restaurant, Nice today. Call 04 93 08 10 64 for info.

● Sunnybank Books is open today with a wide selection of second hand English-language books, from 10:00 to 15:00 at ZI Les Tourrades, Mandelieu (see page 5). Tel: 04 94 76 17 05.

● Fêtes des Mais, traditional corn festivals, begin today across the region with events in Villefranche-sur-Mer old town and Cagnes-sur-Mer's Place de Gaulle today, this evening in Beaulieu-sur-Mer and Antibes' Place du Safranier and today and tomorrow in Menton's Parc du Plan.

● The week long Festival de Guitare Acoustique begins tonight at the Cedac and Espace Magnan, Nice with Bob Brozman and the Hoochie-Coochie Men Duo performing blues tonight, a Brazilian themed evening on May 23 and top French guitarists playing on May 24. Tickets €13, call 04 93 86 28 75 to book.

● Magagnosc is celebrating its patron saint, St Honoré, this weekend with events tonight and throughout tomorrow. Tel: 04 93 42 75 65.

● The Côte d'Azur 4x4 and buggy trials take place in Plan de Grasse from 14:00 today and all day tomorrow. Tel: 04 93 09 19 04.

● There's Brazilian style music and dance at the Salle des Variétés, Monaco tonight at 20:30 and tomorrow at 15:00 with Escala au Brésil. Call +377 93 25 67 83 to book.

● Bargain hunters should head to the Salle Paroisse in Plan de Grasse today for a second hand goods sale. Tel: 04 93 70 22 23.

● There's a flute and guitar concert at 20:30 tonight at the Chapelle de Notre Dame du Brus, Chateaufort de Grasse. Call Jennifer Elstub on 04 92 60 44 89 for info.

● LOT flies to Gdansk, Warsaw and Wrocław at 16:30.

● Continuing today are the Cannes film festival, Women, Salon Fit Show and the Fêtes Imperial.

Sunday 18

● Traditional local festivals continue today with the Fête du Cabri in and around the village of Cabris, with cheese making demonstrations, sheep and sheepdogs, folk music and more, the Fête de la Rose in Opio, the Fête de la Saint-Lambert in Vence, the Fête de la Saint-Honorat in Auribeau-sur-Siagne and in Agay and the Fête de la Saint-Marc in Villeneuve Loubet village.

● Head into the hills on foot today to re-trace the old salt road from Nice inland with the fifth annual La Route de la Sel walk. Departs Nice for Levens at 08:00; call 04 93 79 71 00 to join in.

● VW Beetles will be filling Beaulieu's port today for the annual local Beetle Drive. Tel: 04 93 01 02 21 for info.

● The Triathlon de Cap d'Ail takes place today with club athletes battling out off the beach, through the streets and into the hills behind the town. Tel: 04 92 10 59 50.

● The Mississippi State University Chamber Choir performs at the Cathedral in Monaco this morning at 10:30. Tel: +377 92 16 61 66.

● Bargain hunters should head to the Stade de la Paoute, Grasse, to the Parking du Vieux Port in Golfe Juan, Beaulieu-sur-Mer port or to Allées Azémar and the Jardin Anglès in Draguignan for car boot and collectibles sales today.

● LOT flies to Copenhagen, Gdansk, Kraków, Stockholm, Tel Aviv and Warsaw at 16:30.

● Continuing today are the Cannes film festival, Salon Fit Show, Menton's Fête des Mais, the Fêtes Imperial, the Côte d'Azur 4x4 and Buggy trials, Magagnosc's Fête de la St Honoré, Escala au Brésil

Monday 19

● Sospel is holding its annual fair today, a combination of traditional farmer's market and livestock sale, locally themed displays and activities and crafts and local produce for sale. Tel: 04 93 04 15 80.

● The Laureus World Sports Awards are on today

and tomorrow with top sporting stars in Monaco for pro-celebrity golf and tennis tournaments and a prize giving. Confirmed attendees include Ian Botham, Kapil Dev, John McEnroe, Gary Player, Edwin Moses, Daley Thomson - plus Winnie Jones, Lionel Ritchie and Rod Stewart.

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● Continuing today is the Cannes film festival.

Tuesday 20

● Nine hundred school children aged three to sixteen from the Alpes-Maritimes, the Var, Liguria and Piedmont will be dressing up and taking part in parades through the streets of Menton today and tomorrow, accompanied by the professional street theatre troupe Camila, for the 10th Rencontres Franco-Italiennes de Théâtre de Rue. The event starts with a mini-parade from the Lycée Paul Valéry through the streets at 17:00 today with the main event tomorrow starting from the Jardins Biovès at 10:30 until noon with events continuing in the afternoon. Tel: 04 92 10 50 25.

● Nice FC plays Bordeaux tonight at the Stade du Ray, Nice in a French football league division one clash. Tel: 04 93 84 49 11.

● LOT flies to Copenhagen, Gdansk, Kraków, Stockholm and Warsaw at 16:30.

● Continuing today is the Cannes film festival.

Wednesday 21

● France-Grande Bretagne is presenting It's All in Your Head, a talk by psychologist John Powell, at 15:30 today at the Espace Associations, Nice. Call 06 78 59 16 05 to attend.

● Top ice skaters including Olympic gold medallists Marina Anissina and Gwendal Peizerat perform in the Les Etoiles de la Glace show at the Nikaia Zenith tonight and tomorrow night at 20:30. Tickets from €22 to €57, call 03 20 30 21 21 to book.

● LOT flies to Copenhagen, Gdansk, Stockholm and Warsaw at 16:30

● Continuing today is the Cannes Film Festival 2003.

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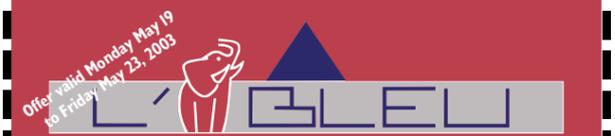
● The British Chamber of Commerce is hosting a 'Healthy Business' meeting at the Antibes Squash & Fitness Club on May 22. Call 04 92 29 29 60 for info.

● Professional stand-up comedians, fresh from the London alternative comedy circuit, are set to perform at La Gaffe, Antibes on June 12, Stars 'n' Bars, Monaco on June 13 and McMahons Pub, Nice on June 14. Call +377 93 30 08 75 for info.

● There are still tickets available for Iron Maiden at the Zenith Omega, Toulon on May 27, at €33, and for Peter Gabriel at the Nikaia, Nice on May 28 for €50 and €40. Call 08 92 69 70 73 to book.

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PM	21°C Sunny	22°C Clearing	21°C Clearing	21°C Clearing	23°C Sunny	25°C Sunny	Summer's here! Watch out for sunburn, mozzies and too much rosé on the terrace...

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