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## Hollywood A-list gives the thumbs up to film festival

# CANNES-TASTIC

By JENNY PAUL

THIS week the 'who'll be coming' guessing game came to an end as major Hollywood stars swarmed into Cannes for the 2003 film festival.

Although business is done by film industry minions, it can seem that the festival is just an excuse for the rich and famous to party.

The hottest party in town was MTV's Terminator 3 bash, held in fashion designer Pierre Cardin's mansion in the hills above Vallauris, and the Gazette was there.

"Arnold Schwarzenegger walked right past me at one point. He was just wandering round casually just chatting with people," said our reporter.

"No expense was spared - every glass had a tiny light in the bottom of it, and you could get any drink imaginable. Groove Armada took care of the music.

"There were around 1,500 people there. The place was crammed with famous faces from the pop and film worlds. But even within this VIP party, there was an area reserved for even more rarified stars.

Earlier in the week we were also at

London club Soho House's villa in Le Suquet. "They've basically hired a sumptuous villa and turned it into a party for the duration of Cannes. There was a little scene on Friday night - one of the lads from boy band Blue was caught 'in flagrante' with a girl in the toilet, and had to beg the security men to let him stay."

### Sozzled

Cardin's futuristic home is dubbed the Bubble Palace and has swimming pools on every level of the house. But there are no safety fences and sozzled partygoers risked tumbling from the upper levels and landing in one of the pools.

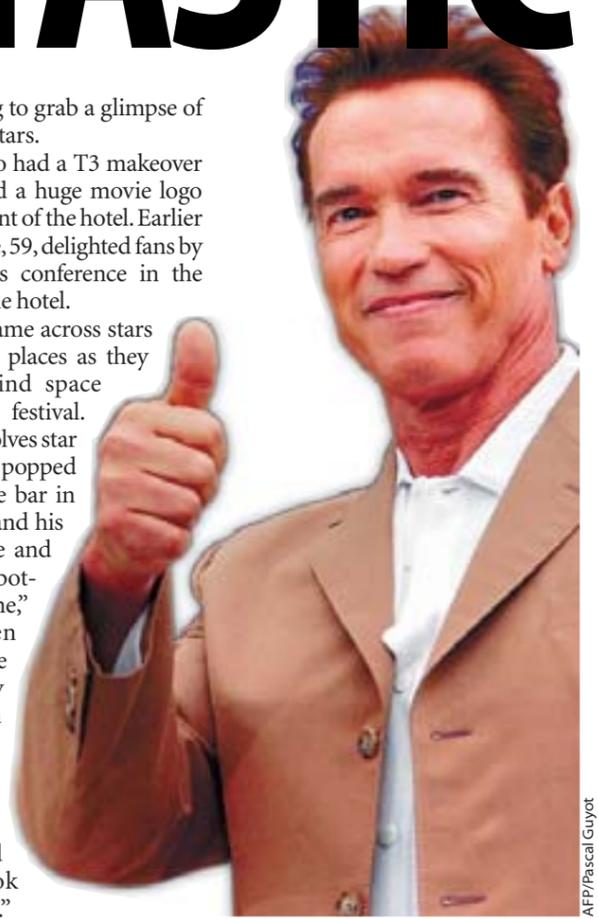
Earlier on Saturday night at the swish Carlton hotel on the Croisette, The Gazette watched the champagne flow as stars including Ewan McGregor, Kristin Scott Thomas and Andie McDowell revelled at another party to laud the long awaited Terminator movie.

The street outside was crammed

with fans trying to grab a glimpse of their favourite stars.

The hotel also had a T3 makeover with droids and a huge movie logo covering the front of the hotel. Earlier in the day, Arnie, 59, delighted fans by holding a press conference in the street outside the hotel.

Locals also came across stars in less obvious places as they struggled to find space away from the festival. Dances with Wolves star Kevin Costner popped into the Xtreme bar in Antibes - "He and his entourage came and had a couple of bottles of red wine," manager Glen Ray told The Gazette. "They had just flown in and were pretty tired, but had decided to get out of Cannes and have a look around Antibes."



AFP/Pascal Guyot



**YOU GOTTA BE KIDMAN**... Nicole came to promote 'in competition' film *Dogville*



**PRINCE OF ANTIBES**... Kevin Costner called in at the Xtreme bar for a drink



**MEG-NIFICENT**... Meg Ryan is on the jury which will award this year's Palme d'Or



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**Esti found safe**

ESTELLE Clayton, 4, who was thought to be in Nice last week after being abducted from the UK, has been reunited with her mum after being found in Portugal yesterday.

A detective with Dyfed-Powys police said "Thank you to the Gazette readers who helped last week by putting up posters, and particularly to the gentleman who contacted us with a possible sighting."

**Car theft down**

CAR theft in the Var is down 18% according to figures out this week.

Some 5,880 vehicles went missing in the department in 2002, compared to 7,100 in 2001.

The favourites were German models, including Audis and BMWs, but thieves are also making off with small French-built cars such as the Renault Twingo and the Peugeot 206. Luxury cars like Porsches, Ferraris and Jaguars are often spared.

**Fake cops nabbed**

CON MEN who tricked tourists into parting with their cash were caught on Saturday in Nice.

The three men used a complex scheme where one would rob the victim, then his pals would pose as cops and catch him before giving the hapless tourist some of their cash back. They pocketed the rest.

**Health reforms**

DOCTORS and patients will have to change their way of thinking to save France's health insurance system, warned health minister Jean-Francois Mattei this week.

Mattei plans to launch a series of proposals aimed at reforming the system, which is in the red.

**Fangio back on track in Monaco**

A STATUE of Juan Manuel Fangio, regarded by many as the greatest racing driver ever, was unveiled this week on the Rascasse corner in Monte Carlo.

The event was part of a four day programme laid on as stars from both entertainment and sport swarmed into Monaco for the annual Laureus World Sports Awards.

Brazilian soccer star Ronaldo flew in from Madrid to scoop two statuettes at the awards ceremony, held at the Grimaldi Forum on Tuesday night. One was for World Comeback of the Year, for the two goals he scored in last year's world cup, and the other was the World Team of the Year award, which he picked up on behalf of Brazil's national side.

**Lapdance**

Other winners included tennis ace Serena Williams, who scooped Sportswoman of the Year and, taking a break from the film festival, Arnold Schwarzenegger who won a Sport for Good award.

The Hôtel de Paris was the favoured place to stay, counting Rod Stewart and latest squeeze Penny Lancaster, Rod's ex-missus Rachel Hunter, Kylie Minogue and French boyfriend Olivier Martinez and Arnold Schwarzenegger among its clientele.

After the awards 'do' the usual suspects including Boris Becker, Patsy Kensit, Eriq La Salle and Rod Stewart all moved on to Jimmyz nightclub. Penny Lancaster laid on a saucy lapdance for wrinkly rocker Rod, before the pair jumped in a cab and headed for their hotel.

Also in town for the four days, which includes a golf and tennis tournament, were Vinny Jones, singer Gabrielle, John McEnroe and Lionel Ritchie.

The awards are organised by the Laureus World Sports Academy, which raises money for underprivileged children to play sport.



FANGIO VERY MUCH... McLaren formula one driver David Coulthard joined HSH Prince Albert, Emerson Fittipaldi and Niki Lauda for the unveiling of Fangio's statue on the famous Rascasse corner.



POPPING IN... Rachel Hunter arrives at the awards bash



CAN'T GET YOU OUT OF MY MED... Kylie back in Monaco



THIGHTLY THOUGHT OF... Serena picked up a gong

**More taxes**

FRENCH taxpayers whose assets exceed €720,000 must file a wealth tax return by June 16.

Those who are not tax resident in France but have assets in excess of that amount have until July 15 if they are taxed in Monaco or another European country.

Tax payers of other countries have until September 1 to make their declaration to the French tax authorities.

**Bodyshops up in arms**

LOCAL car bodyshop workers have complained at the lack of trade in the wake of the crackdown on the country's appalling road safety record.

A 20% downturn in insurance claims has been recorded since the beginning of the year.

**GP tix still available**

TICKETS for next week's Monaco formula one grand prix are still available, which is rare this close to the event, sparking fears that Americans are staying clear due to the war and Sars. Prices start at €250; call the ACM on +377 93 15 26 00 for further details.

**Restaurant guide out**

THE 12th edition of the Guide Gantié was launched this week, offering gastronomes reviews of 800 of the PACA region's best restaurants.

The guide is in one volume in English and French and costs €23.

**Virgin pulls out**

VIRGIN Express will not be flying to Toulon-Hyeres after all. It is thought that Richard Branson's airline gave up its slots to the Var's main airport because of fears that the destination would not prove profitable.

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# Financial woes dampen Monaco's cup celebration

MONACO'S football team carried off the league cup on Saturday and is in with a chance of winning the Ligue 1 championship this year.

But the club could be demoted to the semi-professional national league unless it can find sufficient funds to satisfy the DNCG, France's football regulator.

Clubs have to show proof of sufficient funds to the French football league to qualify for professional status. Monaco is currently €87m in the red.

However, the team is hoping that HSH Prince Albert will step in and save the day.

"It is clear the club is in danger and if 48-hours before going to the DNCG no solution has been found, we'll have to act," Prince Rainier's son said in an interview with sports daily L'Equipe last Thursday.

"We'll have to bring investors together. It will be part of an emergency plan, but if needed,



IN THE RED... Monaco players celebrate their cup final win in Paris

we'll step in," said Prince Albert, who is prohibited by law from injecting government or palace money into the club.

Prince Albert denied recent speculation that the club had already found new investors and said he was worried.

"There are only three local investors, in a company called Monaco Football Investment,"

he said.

"With palace approval, it bought ten percent of the shares with €5m. It will help Monaco get through to the end of the season from a financial point of view.

"But we are all worried. There is nothing concrete taking shape. And in a week, it will be too late."

## Fraudsters hack into superstore pumps

OVER 100 shoppers at a 24-hour petrol station in Antibes have become the latest victims of an international bank card scam.

Banks began receiving complaints of mystery cash withdrawals on customers' bank statements early this month. All the cardholders had recently filled up with petrol using the automated pumps at Carrefour in Antibes.

The first case was in the Var in early 2003. In March there were similar complaints by customers who had used the automatic petrol pumps at the Géant Casino in Mandelieu and, in April, an ultra-thin card reader was found hidden in a pump at an out-of-town superstore in Montpellier.

The device allowed crooks to grab details of customers' cards

and Pin numbers. These can be used to make fake cards to withdraw cash from ATMs in countries that do not yet have chip security in their bank cards.

Over 1,000 people have now reported their cards have been used to make 'phantom' withdrawals, mostly at cash dispensers in Spain, Greece, Italy and the Far East.

Cardholders are now being urged to check their statements as soon as they arrive and report any suspect transactions to their bank.

"Cardholders are fully protected and will be fully reimbursed for all costs by their bank within a month," says Yves Randoux of the French bank card association Groupement des Cartes Bancaires.

## Paris, London vie for games

PARIS and London are competing in a bid to host the 2012 Olympic Games.

President Jacques Chirac is supporting the Paris bid, which the Le Parisien newspaper estimates could cost up to €6bn.

Britain's Tony Blair is backing a London bid put forward by mayor Ken Livingstone, which would cost some £2.4bn. It would be paid for by a new Olympic lottery game and a £20 increase for London council tax payers.

Paris mayor Bertrand Delanoë is in negotiations with the president and the regional authorities over who will cover the costs.

Paris already has many of the facilities required to hold the games after hosting the football world cup in 1998.

The capital already boasts a state-of-the-art 80,000 capacity stadium. A basketball arena, swimming pool and athletes' and media villages are the only major new projects that would need to be undertaken.

Yesterday UK bookmaker Ladbrokes declared Paris the favourite to win at odds of 2/1, followed by both London and New York at 3/1.

## Workers strike out at reforms

LOCAL schools faced more closures last Monday as teachers took to the streets again to protest against the government's reform in pensions.

Around 9,000 placard wavers marched around Nice's Place Massena as public sector workers showed their anger at plans which will mean they will have to retire two and a half years later than they do at present.

Schools were worst hit by strike action, but post office staff, bank workers and employees of France Telecom all jumped on the protest bandwagon. Some teachers are now threatening to boycott end-of-year exams, a move which has been blasted by the government's education minister Luc Ferry.

Although the second-largest French union, the CDFP, has agreed to support the pensions reform, a mass protest is still being planned across the country for this Sunday. Smaller demonstrations are planned for Menton today and in Nice on Sunday.

In Cannes, 3,000 people marched through the streets of the city on Tuesday, the largest demonstration to take place during the film festival since the student riots of 1968. Further disruption of the festival are planned for Saturday afternoon, and for the Palme d'Or awards ceremony.

President Jacques Chirac maintains the reforms are necessary due to the burden being placed on the state by the retirement of the country's post war baby boomers.

## Border controls back

TRAVELLERS face long delays after land border controls were re-instated for the duration of the G8 summit at the Alpine resort of Evian.

The return of passport checks on the local Italian border comes at a busy time for the French Riviera, as the Cannes film festival winds down and Monaco prepares for its grand prix.

Identity checks will be carried out on the A8 at Ventimiglia, as well as on smaller local roads. Rail travellers will also be checked at Menton.

The G8 summit starts today and finishes on June 4.

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## Wolves face the bullet for killing farmers' flocks

FARMERS may soon be allowed to shoot wolves that threaten their sheep.

A new report recommends steps to protect local farmers' flocks from the threat of being savaged by the wolves.

The 25 proposals suggest that Alpine areas be placed under three legal categories: areas where wolves would be given complete protection, those where they could be culled under certain conditions and finally areas where its presence would not be tolerated.

"If wolves and humans cannot live alongside one another, priority must be given to humans," claims Christian Estrosi, MP for the Nice arm of the UMP party and chairman of the panel.

Wolves are protected by the 1979 Bern Convention on wild species but a loophole allows protected animals to be killed if they are deemed dangerous to the public or inflict damage to property.

Over the last 10 years, French sheep farmers have received compensation for around 11,000 sheep that, they claim, have been killed by wolves.

According to Estrosi, "each wolf costs the taxpayer €100,000 a year in compensation and protection costs."

The claims are checked by experts who look for the wolves' ravenous bite marks on the sheep's carcass.

Farmers have been up in arms that wolves are a protected species, and until now they have not been allowed to shoot them on sight as they would a dog that was harrasing their animals.

# VILLAGE BOOK PRIZE DRAWS TOP AUTHORS

A SMALL village west of Toulon became the focus of the literary world last weekend as it awarded its annual prize for France's best first novel, writes *Susannah Hickling*.

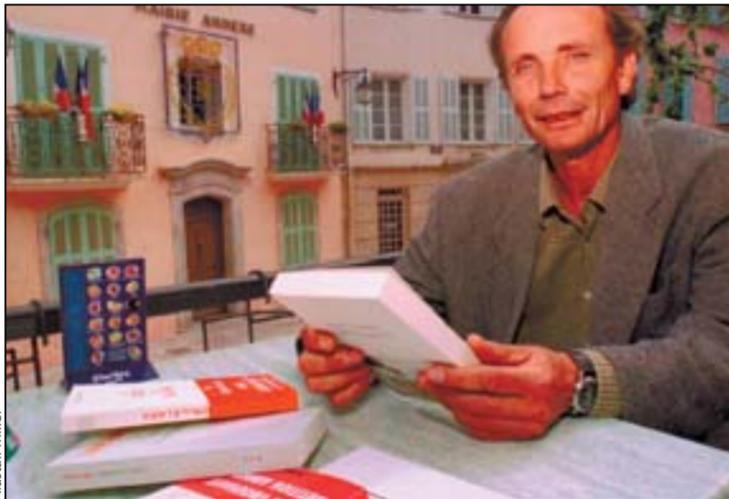
What makes La Cadière d'Azur's book prize so special is that the winner is elected by the community of the sleepy Var village, which has a population of 4,300.

The winner of the €1,000 Prix de la Cadière was Pascal Campin, a 36-year-old Paris-based management consultant, for La République Selon Malik (The Republic According to Malik).

The award, now in its second year, was the brainchild of local doctor François Dufour. "The idea was to involve everybody," he said, "and to bring the village alive in winter, which is a dead time of year."

Late last year a 60-strong group of villagers read 136 novels, boiling them down to a shortlist of five.

These were made available in special boxes placed around the village, including at the mairie, the post office,



Alastair Miller

NOVEL IDEA... Dr François Dufour came up with the book prize "to involve everybody"

in bars and in shops. Villagers borrowed them and then, last weekend, voted for their favourites.

### Moved

Three of the five shortlisted authors were also selected for the long-established and more prestigious Prix de

Chambéry, also awarded last weekend, but chose to go instead to La Cadière.

"To me it is more important that people came up to me today and said that my book moved them and made them cry," said Pascal Campin after receiving his prize.

## Stars follow Beckhams to Bargemon

SIR Elton John has been spotted viewing a sprawling property in Bargemon just days after England's football captain David Beckham finalised a deal to buy a dream holiday home in the village. And locals are wondering if the Var is set to replace the coast between Nice and Monaco as the destination for the stars after former formula one driver Mikka Hakkinen bought a property in the nearby village of Callian.

The Beckhams were in Nice last weekend to enjoy a relax-

ing break at Elton John's mansion in the Mont Boron area of the city. They were spotted leaving Nice airport on Saturday evening on a British Airways flight and David was overheard telling son Brooklyn, "come along, hurry up buster!" as they were escorted to their flight.

Earlier that day the couple had lunch with Liz Hurley and son Damian, Elton and his partner David Furnish and artist Sam Taylor-Wood at the Colombe d'Or hotel in St Paul de Vence.

## Fogwell's hidden cash

A FORMER banker at the heart of a Monaco financial scandal is in the spotlight again after some of his victims claimed he is not really bankrupt.

William Hobbs Fogwell, 68, siphoned off some six million dollars belonging to clients of portfolio management company Hobbs Melville Financial in Monaco.

Now victims claim that his mistress owns a villa worth several million euros in the French Caribbean. Lawyers are arguing that he probably bought it for her. Fogwell is currently in prison in Monaco.

## Brit babe killed by dog

A TWO-MONTH-OLD British baby has been killed by a dog in northern France.

The baby died instantly after being bitten by the Alsatian, in the village of Holque, near Calais, on Friday. The infant's parents had left the child with a friend who is now under investigation for manslaughter by French authorities, after it emerged she was drunk at the time of the incident.

## Hotel name change?

THE famous Martinez hotel in Cannes has been ordered to change its name by a Parisian court.

The 81-year-old daughter of the hotel's founder has made a court plea that current owners, group Martinez Concorde, do not have the right to use her family name after the hotel was sold in 1981. The group is to appeal.

## Population increase

A NEW report claims the PACA region's population will top five million by 2030, prompting a major housing crisis. The region currently has some 4.5 million residents.

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## FRENCH INHERITANCE LAW – WHO BENEFITS?

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

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

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

UK residents are familiar with an inheritance system that allows them to leave their estate to almost anyone but

the system in France is very different. As it suggests, succession law dictates who can benefit from a person's estate. Additionally, the amount of inheritance tax paid is determined by the relationship between the beneficiary and the deceased, and the size of each individual inheritance – not the size of the whole estate.

Assets are divided into two portions: a reserved portion (reserve légale) and a disposable portion (quotité disponible). Blood relatives called 'protected heirs' have rights to a compulsory share of the reserved portion – these are usually a person's children. Crucially, a surviving spouse or other chosen beneficiary is not a protected heir.

If there is one living child the reserved portion is half the estate; for two it is two-thirds, and for three or more living children, it is three-

quarters. All portions must be equally divided. If a son or daughter dies before the testator, their share will be distributed equally among their children.

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

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

Let's look at an example. Mr X is a UK resident with a child, Ms Y, from his first marriage. He marries again and buys a €400,000 villa in France as a

holiday home. He makes a will in the UK and leaves the French property to his new wife Mrs X.

When Mr X dies, his will is administered in the UK. He has not planned for the effects of French succession law and his new wife Mrs X now finds that half of the villa passes to Ms Y.

Ms Y could, by law, renounce her rights to her reserved portion of Mr X's French property, but she would lose her personal allowance and so the French inheritance tax liability could rise. In any case Ms Y does not like Mrs X and has no intention of surrendering her half of the villa.

Without proper planning French succession laws can easily lead to family arguments and difficulties such as these. Mr X, like many UK residents, assumed that his UK will would be sufficient but has now left a messy situation for his family to sort out at a time when they are already emotionally vulnerable.

Mr X could have avoided the effects of French succession law by purchasing his high-value property through a

société civile immobilière (SCI) – a French property holding company. He would then have owned the shares in the SCI, which are classified as personal property and therefore not bound by succession laws.

Owning property through an SCI means that you can dispose of the property as you wish but it will not mean the beneficiaries are able to avoid inheritance tax. In next week's **Sovereign Update** we look at structures that can be used to mitigate tax in addition to avoiding French succession laws.

**Plan ahead, get advice and make sure your assets are distributed to the people you choose. If you would like further information regarding tax planning or corporate ownership, please contact us.**

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## My Riviera

## Mike Lorimer tells Jenny Paul about the joys of buying property and having fresh lemons for a gin and tonic...

“MY WIFE and I used to come to Antibes and visit my brother-in-law for holidays and we fell in love with the place.

At the time I was a director selling computer equipment to newspapers. The idea was for me to come down here first, to pave the way, but then things changed and we got divorced.

I took a job as a financial advisor with a company down here, and then I struck out on my own in April. So far it's proved to be a great success as just about all my clients decided to stay with me.

I'm a keen sportsman and play squash three times a week at the Antibes Squash Club. I also play football once a week in Sophia with a bunch of French lads. The opportunity has presented itself for me to go waterskiing, so I hope to do that soon.

I'm also on the committee of the area's British Chamber of Commerce. I'm the membership secretary.

My fiancée Liz and I like to go walking up in Courmes, just up behind Gourdon. We go up for a long four-hour walk and there's a wonderful auberge where we like to stop for a long lazy French lunch. You can get up there in 40 minutes and it's spectacular.

We always take Jess, the English cocker spaniel we bought down here.



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In summer, though, I'm drawn to the beach.

Liz is Italian and a fabulous cook. We love going over to Italy for the day and that's where we buy our coffee. You can't beat real Italian coffee – the French stuff doesn't even come near.

But we do eat out a lot and love going to Chez Giorgio in Antibes. They have specials on all the time and the owners really make you feel welcome. It's very friendly, with a real family atmosphere. The guy'll be in the middle of serving you and he'll notice someone leave and he always makes sure he takes the time to stop and say goodbye and thank you.

I love living by the sea here in

Golfe Juan, but I'm going to lose the view as I've just bought a new place in Antibes. But we will have a garden, which'll be nice for Jess.

The sale went through alright but it's amazing how much you have to pay to the French government in tax when you buy a place – it's sky high in comparison to the UK.

One thing that annoys me about living here, as it does everyone else, is the bureaucracy. But you must remember it's the same for the French as it is for the foreigners. No one is spared. So far I haven't got the 'anti-French thing' that so many expats eventually get, and the locals I've met are generally alright.

On the plus side though, I was sitting here the other evening and poured myself a gin and tonic and just leant over and picked a lemon off the tree on my balcony to put in it. You can't beat living somewhere where you can have fresh lemon with your gin!

Of course, there are some things I miss about the UK. Like English football; I'm a supporter of Newcastle United and I don't have a TV.

I miss family and friends, like everyone else. But another good thing about living here is that you can get 'home' quickly and cheaply if you want to.

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● Mougins-Sartoux RD209 closed until June 6. Diversions via RD9 and RD 409.

● Nice RN202 reduced to one lane with 50km/h speed limit north of St Isidore until June 5.

● St Jeannet Traffic lights and 50km/h speed limit on RD2210 until June 12.

● Vallauris RN7/RN98 interchange closed for repairs until May 23.

● Villefranche sur Mer Traffic lights and 50km/h speed limit on the RN98 until May 30 and on RN7 until May 23.

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# The Riviera This week

**Thursday 22**

- The 56th **Cannes international film festival** is being held at the Palais des Festivals until Sunday. Limited availability one-day passes are available on a 'first come, first served' basis every day at the Cannes Cinephiles stand, in front of the Palais des Festivals.
- The **Cinéma de la Plage** in Cannes will be screening free films every evening during the festival. All films that are not VO English will be subtitled. Tonight's film is *Prova d'Orchestra* directed by Federico Fellini. The open-air beach cinema is opposite the Majestic but you need a pass. These are available from the tourist office at the Palais from 14:00 on the day of the show or you can use a Cinephiles badge. Films start at 22.30. Tel: 04 93 39 24 53.
- The British Chamber of Commerce is hosting a 'Healthy Business' meeting at the Antibes Squash & Fitness Club. Tel: 04 92 29 29 60.
- The British Association, Monaco is holding a 'Happy Hour' at Le Bistrotquet, Monte Carlo at 18:00. Contact Aisling Launder. Tel: +377 93 50 19 52 for info.
- Adapt in France, a non-profit association that helps expatriates and new arrivals feel at home on the Riviera, is holding its **2nd anniversary get-together** in the hall of the Centre de Vie in Valbonne from 15:00 to 17:00. Call if you would like to attend. Tel: 04 93 65 33 79.
- Les Etoiles de la Glace, **Stars on Ice**, is showing at the Nikaïa, Nice at 20:30. Olympic gold medallists Marina Anissina and Gwendal Peizer will be performing. Tickets €22 and €57. Tel: 04 92 29 31 12.
- Continuing today is the Cannes film festival.

**Friday 23**

- Screening of the winner of the **Prix Media 2003** at the Cinéma de la Plage, Cannes. Free passes are available from the tourist office from 14:00. The film starts at 22:30. Tel: 04 93 39 24 53.
- **Lukas Kandl's Fantastic Animals** exhibition opens at 18:30 tonight, until June 1, at Galerie Dunoyer in St Paul de Vence. Tel: 04 93 32 84 74.
- The Grimaldi Forum in Monaco is showing the Irish tap dance **Magic of the Dance** in the Salle des Princes at 20:30. Tel: +377 99 99 3000.
- A charity **jumble sale** is being held at the Espace Fontvielle in Monaco. Plenty of bargains to be had, English tea-rooms and a raffle, from 11:30 to 23:00.
- Menton is hosting its annual 'rendez-vous aux jardins' where its **gardens are open to the public** for the weekend, including some private ones. Entrance is free. Tel: 04 92 10 97 10.
- Stars 'n' Bars in Monaco is holding a **teen party** for 13 to 17-year-olds between 20:00 and 23:00. Tickets are €30. Tel: +377 97 97 95 95.
- LOT flies to Copenhagen, Gdansk, Prague, Stockholm and Warsaw at 16:30.
- Continuing today is the Cannes film festival.

**Saturday 24**

- Screening of the **FIBA Short Films** competition winner at the Cinéma de la Plage, Cannes. Free passes are available from the tourist office from 14:00. The film starts at 22:30. Tel: 04 93 39 24 53.
- Open day at the **Waldorf School** in La Turbie. Contact Judith Veraart. Tel: 04 92 10 89 35.
- Vence is holding a **Mother's Day pottery and ceramics** fair today and tomorrow in the place du Grand Jardin. Tel: 04 93 58 40 10.
- There is a **national games festival** titled 'Art du Jeu' in the old medieval hilltop village of Haut de Cagnes with art workshops, exhibitions and old-fashioned games. Tel: 04 93 22 19 25.
- La Colle sur Loup is celebrating its traditional **May festival** of provençal folklore in the village. Details from the tourist office. Tel: 04 93 32 68 36.
- Marc Bussa on violin and alto Mauro Righini are performing in the cellar of the **Baroque Bar** in Vieux Nice this evening at 21:00. The venue, at 25 rue de la Croix, is the inspiration of Gilbert Bezzina, director of the Ensemble Baroque de Nice, who has created an authentic Baroque atmosphere for classical music. Entrance fee is €8 and includes a drink. Tel: 04 93 80 08 74.
- LOT flies to Gdansk, Warsaw and Wrocław at 16:30.
- Continuing today are the Cannes film festival, Menton gardens rendez-vous and Monaco's charity jumble sale.

**Sunday 25**

- Today is Fêtes des Mères, **Mother's day**
- Screening of **Modern Times** in English, directed by and starring Charlie Chaplain at the Cinéma de la Plage, Cannes. Free passes are available from the tourist office from 14:00. Beach opens at 22:00 and the film starts at 22:30. Tel: 04 93 39 24 53.
- Pick up a Ferrari gearbox or some Dunlop racing tyres at **Bonham's Collectors Motor Cars**, Automobilia and Wrist Watches auction. Viewing today at Les Terrasses de Fontvieille from 10:00 to 18:00 and tomorrow between 09:00 and 15:00. The auction is tomorrow at 15:00. Tel +377 97 77 91 37.
- There's a **Mother's Day vide-grenier** at the plan de Grasse, Grasse from 08:00 to 18:00. Tel: 06 03 28 84 64 for details.
- The Riviera Hash House Harriers are organising a **walk or run** at 15:00, starting near Cabris and followed by dinner. Non-members welcome. Tel: 04 93 12 16 23.
- Last day of Barry Flanagan's exhibition of **bronze sculptures** dating from 1980 and his drawings from the 1960s at the Musée d'Art Moderne et d'Art Contemporain, Nice. Tel: 04 93 62 61 62.
- **The Chippendales** are performing at the Acropolis, Nice at 20:30. Tel: 04 93 92 83.

- LOT flies to Copenhagen, Gdansk, Kraków, Stockholm, Tel Aviv and Warsaw at 16:30.
- Continuing today are the Cannes film festival, Vence pottery fair and Menton open gardens.

**Monday 26**

- The Nikaïa in Nice is holding its own **Night of the Proms**. Pop stars The Pointer Sisters, David Garrett, John Miles, Florent Pagny and Julie Zenatti perform their greatest hits, accompanied by a 72-strong symphonic orchestra and 50 choral music singers. Performance starts at 20:30 and tickets are €57. Tel: 04 92 29 31 12.
- The **Syrinx Orchestra** will be playing at the cathedral in Vence at 20:00. Tickets from the Vence tourist office. Tel: 04 93 58 06 38.
- LOT flies to Copenhagen, Gdansk, Kraków, Stockholm and Warsaw at 16:30.
- Continuing today is the Collectors Motor Cars auction in Monte Carlo.

**Tuesday 27**

- The Opéra de Nice is performing a new production of the ballet **Coppelia**. The performance starts at 20:00 and tickets range from €7 to €34. Tel: 04 92 17 40 00.
- A charity **football match** between Monaco's Star Team, captained by HSH Prince Albert, against Formula 1 drivers, led by Michael Schumacher, is kicking off today at 19:00 in Monaco's Stadium Louis II. All proceeds will go to the Star Team for Children fund. Tickets are €15. Tel: +377 93 50 08 58.
- Magician Enric Magoo and trapeze artist Olena Yakymenko are performing at the **Cabaret du Casino** in Monte Carlo until June 21. Performances start at 22:30 and tickets are €40. Tel: +377 92 16 36 36.
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- Today is **National Buildings Celebration** day, a chance to get to know your neighbours. Aperitif's will be served in the foyers of buildings, domaines or streets between 19:00 and 22:00.

**Wednesday 28**

- **Peter Gabriel** is performing at the Nikaïa in Nice at 20:00. Tickets priced between €40 and €50. Tel: 04 92 29 31 12.
- LOT flies to Copenhagen, Gdansk, Stockholm and Warsaw at 16:30.
- Continuing today is the ballet Coppelia.
- Don't forget that tomorrow is a public holiday.

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- A five-day **sponsored walk** is starting on Friday May 29. All proceeds will go to UNICEF's children in Iraq fund. Tel: 04 92 29 29 60.
- The Riviera Amateur Dramatic Association (RADA) is performing the play **Alarms and Excursions** at Mougins school on 29, 30 and 31 May at 20:30. Tickets are €10. Tel: 04 97 01 08 94.

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PM	23°C Sunny	26°C Sunny	27°C Clearing	24°C Stormy	22°C Stormy	20°C Cloudy	Summer's here! Watch out for sunburn, mozzies and too much rosé on the terrace...

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