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CRETINS

AT LEAST 15,000 workers took to the streets of Nice on Tuesday to protest against the government's planned pension reforms.

And guests and employees at the city's famous Negresco hotel were besieged by militant strikers making their feelings known.

"They threw eggs at the hotel's facade," Jeanne Augier, the hotel's owner told The Riviera Gazette. "A large group of, to my mind, stupid people gathered outside the hotel. Acting like this shows they are really just cretins," she concluded. Flares were also lit outside, causing traffic jams and mayhem.

Loggerheads

There were also more power cuts across The Riviera from Eze to Cagnes-sur-Mer, trains were at a standstill and buses were few and far between. And there is no end in sight.

"If the strikes continue it's just too bad. We're going to do whatever it takes to stop these pension reforms," warned a spokeswoman from the Antibes' branch of the CGT union, currently at loggerheads with the government.

However, prime minister Jean-Pierre Raffarin received an enthusiastic reception from centre-right members of the national assembly on Tuesday.

"This is a necessary reform and everybody knows it," he said, pointing

By **JENNY PAUL**

out that fewer people were paying into the pension system while more were taking money out of it.

Striking air traffic controllers caused less disruption than in previous weeks and airlines tried their best to minimise the chaos. "We cancelled four flights to France on Tuesday but as yet there have been no cancellations today," said Sophie Greenyer of British Airways yesterday, "and Nice has not been as badly affected as Paris."

But not all French people disagree with the government's pension reforms. "The government has a point. The pension reforms for those reaching retirement age are necessary. The problem is that when you take away a right, the population is not happy," Jean-François Senechal of Riviera Languages told The Gazette.

Stress

Pupils taking exams are also being hit by the strike, with teachers threatening not to supervise them. "I've worked really hard for these exams so I think the teachers should not take it out on us," Anne Marchand of Nice told The Gazette. "Not only am I worried about my exams, I have all this extra stress that perhaps the trains won't run or the traffic will be blocked and that I won't physically be able to make it to college."



FLARE UP... protestors stopped traffic outside Nice's Negresco Hotel on Tuesday

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Prison for slapper

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Her explanation was that she was reacting to a miscarriage of justice.

Virgin on the ridiculous

YOUNG French people have their first sexual encounter when they are 17.5 years old, roughly the same age as their British counterparts, according to a survey released last week by the National Institute of Demographic Studies (INED).

Boys in France lose their virginity at an average 17.4 years old, while girls hold out barely longer until they're 17.6. But these figures apply to people born around 1970 – and they'll probably be surprised to hear their parent's generation averaged 19 years old for women and 18 for men.

In Europe the youngest sexual experimenters are the Icelanders who lose their virginity at 16.6 years, while Italian women hold out the longest, until they are 20.3 years old.

Cheap airline inquiry

THE French secretary of state for transport announced last week that the general aviation inspectorate would be looking into the behaviour of some low-cost airlines.

Practices such as demanding subsidies from local chambers of commerce are "unjustified or unjustifiable" said Dominique Bussereau, but he conceded that some regional airports owed their continued existence to the no-frills airlines which have boosted tourism in inland areas.

CANNES CLUB TOASTS QUEEN

A LOCAL society promoting links between Britain and France met on Tuesday afternoon to celebrate Queen Elizabeth II's official birthday.

Members of the Association France Grande Bretagne enjoyed afternoon tea at the Carlton Hotel in Cannes.

Georges Roca, chairman of the association for the last 22 years, explained to The Gazette, "We exist to foster good relations between France and the UK. Around a third of our members are British, the rest French."

"We meet up to spend time with each other and also help co-ordinate events with Cannes' twin in England, the Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea in London.

The health of the Queen was toasted by Peter Durlacher, the chairman of the Sunnybank Association in a short speech where he revealed that he was present at Queen Elizabeth's coronation 50 years ago.

"I was a young man of 18 then, but I can remember it clearly. I feel I was very lucky to be there," he said.

The Queen was born on 21 April 1926, but the Sovereign's birthday is traditionally celebrated with the Trooping of the Colour in June.



CHEERS... Club chairman Georges Roca and member Dorothy Chamaide raise a glass to the Queen's continued good health

Summer holiday activities on offer

WITH the region's schools breaking up for summer at the end of this month, local activity centres are busy organising fun ways for kids to spend their holidays.

A wide range of sports are on offer to children aged between three and twelve. Kids can be enrolled now at your local activity centre (in the phonebook as 'Direction Jeunesse Loisirs') for activities ranging from music, art and swimming to football and other team sports.

Teenagers can also enrol for sailing, diving, kayaking, volleyball and rafting.

For all these courses your kids will need to speak reasonable French, although Valbonne's Centre Omnisport (COV) will accept children who are not fluent for courses including bike-riding, kayaking and sailing.

For further info and details on how to sign up call the COV on 04 92 94 33 43.

Package causes chaos

AN unofficial strike by air traffic controllers was exacerbated last week at Toulon-Hyères airport in the Var by a suspicious piece of luggage.

The airport was evacuated after the discovery of an unattended rucksack at the British Airways check-in. The bag was found to belong to a British woman who had forgotten it when she went to make a telephone call.

This, together with strike action, resulted in a three-hour delay for London-bound passengers.

Back at the bar

A FEMALE lawyer who was suspended from the bar association for busking with her accordion in southwestern France has been reinstated.

Valerie Faure from Bergerac appealed against the ban, claiming that she could not have brought her profession into disrepute as she was not wearing her lawyer's robes at the time.

Kicking up a stink

THE city of Nice plans to clean up its streets by providing an extra 300 paper recycling bins and forbidding residents to leave plastic bin-liners outside.

It is also clamping down on residents leaving unwanted furniture and other broken household goods in the streets outside their homes.

Catch the wave

RESIDENTS of Villeneuve-Loubet and Cagnes-sur-Mer have found a way to enjoy the freak afternoon wave caused by the wake of the Corsica ferry.

Keen surfers hang around with surfboards to take advantage of the giant wave, which soaks unsuspecting sunbathers at around 4pm each day.

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INHERITANCE TAX & PROPERTY

According 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 country, 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 trans-

fer of the ownership – through a discretionary trust, for example.

Plan ahead and leave your assets to your loved ones, not the taxman. If you would like further information regarding tax planning or corporate ownership, please contact us.

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Suicide was 'work related accident'

THE SUICIDE of a Sophia Antipolis worker has been recognised as a work related accident by the Caisse Primaire d'Assurance Maladie (CPAM).

In a letter sent to the family of Victoria Binet, who worked at Amadeus, CPAM referred to her death on January 25 as an accident.

This opens the way for action against the employer.

Binet shocked colleagues when she threw herself off a bridge near the company's offices after leaving a letter

blaming her depression on 'moral harassment' at work.

Amadeus conducted an internal inquiry in the following weeks and concluded they were not to blame.

On 30 September 2002 Binet consulted the company doctor who said she had a 'temporary inaptitude to work' and ruled that an investigation should be carried out on January 2.

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Stars enjoy sea, sun and... girls

SIR Paul McCartney enjoyed a romantic break with pregnant wife Heather in Cap Ferrat last weekend.

Macca, 60, and Heather, 35, were spotted on a public beach on Sunday enjoying a dip in the sea while staying at the €3,500-a-night Grand Hotel du Cap Ferrat.

And further along the coast two members of boy band Blue were partying the night away in Monte-Carlo. Duncan James and Simon Webbe turned up at Jimmy's nightclub on Saturday night and were seen chatting up the ladies.

U2's Bono was also out on the town at Cannes' Baoli club celebrating a birthday as Roger Bastonie, the head concierge at the town's Majestic hotel, turned 51.



CAN'T BUY ME LOVE ... Sir Paul and wife Heather

Lou Reed to play at Monaco's Warhol show

NEW YORK rock'n'roll legend Lou Reed is set to play in Monaco on July 11 as part of the principality's summer long Andy Warhol event.

The former front man of 60s pop group Velvet Underground will be performing at the Grimaldi Forum to mark the opening of SuperWarhol, a exhibition that will pay tribute to the man recognised as the founder of pop art. The exhibition will include some of Warhol's largest works, some 12 metres long.

Warhol encouraged Reed to form the Velvet Underground in the avant garde creative furnace that was New York in the 1960s. The singer then went on to a successful solo career, with hits including 'Walk on the Wild Side' and 'Perfect Day'.

The exhibition runs from July 16 to August 31 at The Grimaldi Forum and will be open every day from 10am. Tickets for the concert are available from the box office and from FNAC. Velvet Underground fans will also want to grab tickets for fellow bandmember John Cale's appearance on July 24.

Retired people face driving ban

HEALTH minister Jean-Francois Mattei announced last week that he is in favour of medical check-ups for drivers aged over 75.

"Hearing and sight can diminish with old age and along with any medication older people's ability to drive may be impaired," said Mattei addressing the Assembly Nationale last Thursday.

Medical certificates will be issued by qualified practitioners to allow senior citizens to hit the road again.

Maher appeals

CONVICTED arsonist Ted Maher appeared before the appeal court in Aix en Provence last Thursday for a hearing to rule whether he should be sent back to Monaco's jail. He escaped last January.

The court will announce its decision on June 25. Until then Maher will remain in prison in the Bouches de Rhône.

He was given a ten year sentence in Monaco last December for starting a fire which killed billionaire banker Edmond Safra.

Tarts told to move on

POLICE in Nice are toughening up on prostitutes plying their trade on the city's pavements and on businesses who allow them to use their premises.

Four women of eastern European origin were arrested last week on the streets around the Promenade des Anglais.

The police are acting under new laws passed last December which make prostitution illegal.

The city has recently seen a significant drop in the number of girls out on the streets as many are now working from apartments by appointment.

But chief of police Frédéric Lauze warned last week, "hoteliers and estate agents will be shut down if the owners are allowing illicit activities to go on within their establishments."

Meanwhile in Cannes the authorities are not as strict — prostitutes in the town are more discreet and don't have the same highly visible presence as in Nice.

There the ladies, who are mainly French, work from their cars which are usually parked just outside the town near the Gould roundabout at the Golfe-Juan end of the town.



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Racketeer shot by friend

A RESTAURANT owner shot and killed a friend outside his Nice eatery in the early hours of Saturday morning.

Thierry Lahoussine is now under arrest for the murder of Thierry Leroy, 38, outside Le Fétiche.

Lahoussine, 40 and a married father of three, claims he acted after falling victim to a protection racket run by Leroy. He claims Leroy demanded €1,500 a month, an open table at the restaurant for him and his friends – and he threatened to kill the restaurant's children if his demands weren't met.

But the victim's relatives hit out on Monday, claiming the two men had been good friends who often spent family days playing boules together.

Reality show shock

FANS of French reality TV show Greg the Millionaire were shocked this week to discover the star has a secret past as a drug smuggler.

Eligible bachelor Gregory Basso was sentenced to six months in prison in 1998 for trafficking drugs in Montpellier.

Station bosses at TF1 failed to uncover his secret past when he was chosen for the show.

He is now masquerading on TV as a millionaire bachelor in the show, where one of a group of prospective brides is eliminated each week. The winner gets a marriage proposal, after finding out he isn't really a millionaire.

FLYING SCOT RIDES HOME FOR CHARITY

A SOPHIA ANTIPOLIS software engineer is set to cycle from Monaco to his hometown in Scotland next month – while wearing his kilt.

Incredibly, Charles MacFarlane claims he is not a particularly keen cyclist and will be making the 1,900 km trip on an ordinary bicycle given to him by a friend.

He'll start in Monte-Carlo on July 18 and will ride up to 200km each day, reaching Glasgow just 12 days later.

But the furthest he has cycled in one go was a four-day ride from Glasgow to Inverness – some 270 km. "I'm not a sports nut. I couldn't run a marathon. Am I a mad keen cyclist? No, just mad," Charles quipped.

"I want to do something for Cancer Research and local charity Stimuler Pour Aider a Mieux Vivre, which my wife and I are closely involved with. It makes sense to pick a real challenge, rather than something I know I can easily do," he told The Gazette.

Stimuler Pour Aider a Mieux Vivre, or 'stimulate to live better', is Vallauris-based and helps handicapped children and their families.



'MAD'... fundraiser Charles MacFarlane will ride 1,900km in a kilt

energy drinks and Mars bars.

And to stave off boredom the flying Scotsman will be listening to non-stop folk music. "I've got recordings of Take the Floor, Radio Scotland's ceilidh music programme, and I'll be downloading an hour's worth into my personal stereo every night."

Charles, who works for electronics giant Philips in Sophia, will be sending daily updates and photographs to his website via his up-to-the minute mobile phone.

"At the moment I'm still looking for corporate sponsors to back me.

"Each day I'll be wearing a different sponsor's logo on my shirt, and there's bound to be lots of press along the way because it's not every day that a kilted Scotsman rides in to town."

Interest so far has centred on the issue of what's under the kilt. "I'm not telling, unless somebody persuades me with a hefty donation," says Charles.

Sponsorship information can be found on the internet at www.freewebs.com/monaco-glasgow

Charles has ordered a special lightweight racing kilt for the trip. "I went for the lightest I could. Traditionally kilts are made from heavy woolen tartan but I don't want to overheat.

"I have been training and I ride to work most days. My strategy will be to keep up a good pace and not rush it. I'll be in the saddle for around eight hours a day."

Wife Sally will be following in a car and will catch up with Charles each night to replenish his supplies of

Crime soars with heat

POLICE are warning tourists and residents to be vigilant as opportunist thieves take advantage of the soaring temperatures.

Open windows are being clamored into by burglars, motorists in jams are having handbags stolen by scooter-riding villains and bathers are having their bags stolen while cooling off in the sea. The police stations are also shut between noon and 2pm, making filing complaints for insurance claims a lengthy process.

Graffiti pests

ANTIBES has decided to install a special graffiti wall to stop the desecration of its historical ramparts. Vandals are currently causing €305,000 damage a year at the taxpayers' expense.

007 safe and well

ACTOR Roger Moore appeared to have put his recent health scare behind him as he frolicked on a yacht in St Tropez with wife Christina last weekend.

Monaco resident Moore, 75, recently had a pacemaker fitted following his collapse on stage during a production in New York.

US bars French kids

A GROUP of French schoolchildren are heartbroken after their exchange trip to America was cancelled.

The Carcassonne teens have been told they're no longer welcome because of anti-French sentiment over the war in Iraq.

Four of the American families that had agreed to put them up have withdrawn their offers, while organisers said they "could not guarantee that the children would not be greeted with unpleasantness."



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My Riviera

Steve Crowe talks to Jenny Paul about snowboarding, mountain biking, sailing and his new business venture...

“ I WAS a senior account executive for a major telephone directory based in Southampton in England before I came here.

I woke up one morning and thought that it'd be nice to see Europe before life passed me by.

So in August 2000 I put my snowboard and mountain bike on the car, bought a one-way ferry ticket to France and set off with a friend.

I didn't know what I was going to do but thought I would travel around Europe and maybe get a job at one of the ski stations.

We travelled through France and went to see some friends in Switzerland where we went snowboarding. We climbed up the Breithorn and snowboarded all the way down the other side. It was great!

We then went on to Chamonix and climbed Mont Blanc, but it was too windy to board down this time – even though it was August. You can still ski there above 2,500 metres but it's on glaciers, where snowboarding off piste is just too dangerous.

We then drove down through Italy and arrived in Monaco. We started looking for a campsite there but didn't find one until we got to Biot!

Then my car broke down and I had a bit of a nightmare fixing it. But I managed to find



OUTDOORS AND HEALTHY... but Steve Crowe has been tied to his computer while he launches his business

a guy who spoke some English and as I had a rough idea what was wrong, explained to him and he fixed it.

I ended up staying in Antibes, where I met my girlfriend Armelle and acquired a dog called Tash.

In August 2002, using the contacts I had built up in the area and picking brains of ex-colleagues in the UK, I set up my own business, the Anglo Phone Book. It's a telephone directory designed to help the

English-speaking community find English speaking services down here.

Now it's launched and I'm busy distributing it. It's been a great success; too much even – one gentleman liked it so much he took around 60 copies from the English supermarket in Antibes!

When I'm not travelling between here and England, I like doing anything that's healthy and outdoors. I'll go for a run with the dog or in sum-

mer we like to go out in our small sailboat. It must be the smallest on the Riviera at only five metres, but we like to take it out to sea and get away from the crowds.

I also like mountain biking. Valberg's good for it as you can put your bike on the lift and then cycle back down!

I'm also on the committee of the local British Chamber of Commerce, which is a good way of meeting like-minded people.”

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Daily 18:00, 21:45

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Thu, Fri 20:30, Sat, Mon 18:00

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Thu, Fri 17:30, Sat 17:00, Mon 17:30, 21:15
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Mon, Tue 17:30

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Sat 14:30
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Thu 18:00, Sat 21:30

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Fri 14:30, Sun 19:25, Mon 20:10, Tue 14:30, 19:25

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Thu 18:00, Mon 16:00
THE IMPORTANCE OF BEING EARNEST
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- **Eze** RN98 has a 50km/h limit until June 13.
- **Le Broc** RD101 closed; diversion via RD1 and RD2202 until Nov 28.
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THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

"Patriotism is the willingness to kill and be killed for trivial reasons."
Bertrand Russell

What's On and Where To Go...

The Riviera This week

Thursday 12

- The British Association of Monaco is holding its **Happy Hour** tonight between 18:30 and 20:00 at Le Bistrot in Galerie Charles III, Monte-Carlo. Beers, wine and soft drinks are priced at €3 with spirits or cocktails around €5. Tel: +377 93 50 19 52
- The three-day Longines **Show Jumping** competition starts today in Cannes at the Stade des Hespérides. Tickets priced between €16 and €28 can be bought from the Palais des Festivals in Cannes, FNAC and Carrefour or via the internet at www.france-billet.com. Tel: 04 92 98 62 77 or 0 892 692 694.
- The Prada Trophy continues today. **Classic sailing yachts** will be racing off the coast between Antibes and Juan les Pins. There'll also be live music, BBQs and a party atmosphere in the port of Antibes until Sunday. Tel: 04 93 34 42 47.
- Some of London's **top professional comedians** will be performing in the region over the next three nights. Tonight they'll be at La Gaffe in Antibes at 21:00 for a two hour show that targets the English-speaking expat community. Tickets at €15 should be bought in advance, although some may still be available at the bar on the night. Tel: 04 93 34 04 06.

Friday 13

- Blue Water Golf's **corporate golf tournament** tees off at Golf de St Donat at 09:00. First prize is a weekend superyacht charter for eight. The price is €560 per team of four players. Tel: 04 93 34 34 13.
- The perfume museum in Grasse is holding an exhibition from now until September on the origins of **perfume in ancient Egypt**. Tel: 04 97 05 51 50.
- Cagnes-sur-Mer's **horse show** starts today at the Hippodrome and finishes on Sunday. There will be demonstrations by horse whisperers, acrobats on horseback, dressage shows, pony, donkey, horse and cart rides and rodeo with a mechanical bull. Tel: 04 94 52 80 80.
- London **stand-up comedians** are performing at Stars 'n' Bars in Monte-Carlo at 21:30 this evening. Tickets are €15. Tel: +377 97 97 95 95.
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- Continuing today are the Prada Trophy and the Cannes Longines Show Jumping.

Saturday 14

- The Café de Paris in Monte-Carlo is exhibiting **photographs by Sebastien Darrasse** until June 29. Darasse specialises in black and white shots of his travels, as well as underwater photography. This latest exhibition records his recent adventures in west Africa in a 4x4. Tel: +377 92 16 62 13.

- Over 50 countries will be represented in Menton today for the first **European Open Bridge Championships** at the Palais de l'Europe. Millions of bridge players worldwide will also be following the two week event via the internet. You can too at www.ffbridge.asso.fr. Tel: 06 81 31 58 43.
- The roving team of London-based stand-up comedians at McMahons Pub in old Nice at 21:00 this evening. Tickets are €15. Tel: 06 60 28 68 06.
- The **gypsy jazz** group Bartalho Swing is playing at the Theatre de Verdure in Biot from 18:00 to 20:00 to mark the end of Biot's Apero Concert evenings. Tel: 04 93 65 78 00.
- **The Bela Trio** on violin, clarinet and piano will be playing Brahms, Debussy, Milhaud and Khachaturian at the Chapelle de Notre Dame du Brus in Châteauneuf de Grasse at 21:00. Tickets are €15. Tel: 04 92 60 44 89.
- LOT flies to Gdansk, Warsaw and Wroclaw at 16:30.
- Continuing today are the Prada Trophy, the European Open Bridge Championships, Longines Show Jumping and the Horse Show.

Sunday 15

- The 3rd Riviera **Classic Car Club** meeting starts in Biot at 10:30 this morning. The English-speaking and informal club wants to attract owners of classic, sports and prestige cars although anyone who wants to join in is welcome. Tel: 04 93 36 81 58.
- The Phil Image Association of Nice is celebrating **Philippines National Day** with a feast of cultural delights to celebrate the islands' national day, from 14:00 to 18:00 at the Salle Polyvalent Leyrit, near St. Roch church in Nice. Tel: 06 62 02 67 25.
- Pick up a watercolour or oil painting in Vence today at the **outdoor art exhibition** in the Grand Jardin and old town. Tel: 04 93 58 06 38
- Tournettes-sur-Loup is having a **car boot sale and flea market** in the Parking de la Madeleine all day. Tel: 04 93 24 1893.
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- The Act Pro Bono Collection, part of the Cannes Lions **International Advertising Festival** will be open to the public until June 21 at the Palais des Festivals. This is a collection of non-profit advertisements created since 2001 for charities, public service and non-profit organisations by the worldwide advertising community. The collection is housed in the Hall des Professionnels at the Palais des Festivals and entry is free. Open 07:00 to 21:00. Tel: 06 18 94 83 92.

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- The Alpes-Maritimes International **Aperitif Club** is hosting lunch at the beach restaurant Le Cougoulène in Cagnes-sur-Mer. Aperitifs are at noon with lunch at 13:00. Price is €31 for members and €33 for guests. Tel: 04 93 65 00 58.
- The Nice Philharmonic Orchestra is performing **Bizet's Carmen** with soloists Béatrice Uria-Monzon, Richard Leech, Inva Mula and Franck Ferrari at the Nikaïa in Nice at 20:00. Tickets start at €23. Tel: 04 92 29 31 12.
- Students of the **Académie de Musique Prince Rainier III** de Monaco accompanied by the Monte-Carlo Philharmonic Orchestra are performing a concert to mark the end of their scholastic year at the Salle du Canton, Espace Polyvalent, Monaco at 20:30. Entrance is free. Tel: +377 93 15 28 91.
- Monaco's **Fête de Music** kicks off tonight with the first of a series of five musical concerts at 21:00 at the Seaside Café, Salle Camille Blanc in Monte-Carlo. Enjoy drinks and tapas while listening to jazz, rock, blues, electro, world and classical music. Jane Birkin will be performing on June 21. Tel: +377 99 99 30 00.
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Now booking...

- The **Royal Air Forces Association** is holding its next lunch at the Marineland restaurant, Antibes, on Thursday June 19. Tickets are €33 and include lunch, unlimited wine and entrance to the marine park to see the dolphin and killer whale show and the museum. Tel: 04 94 79 76 39.
- English-speaking boules enthusiasts should head for the pitch near the Salle des Fetes in Valbonne at 17:30 on Friday June 20. Teams of three can take part in a **friendly match**. All are welcome, especially beginners. The emphasis is on fun rather than ability and there will be refreshments and prizes. Tel: 04 93 12 21 42.
- The Red Pear Theatre in Antibes is launching its own annual **fringe festival** this year starting with Warm and Wet at the Theatre Antibea on Friday June 20. Created by drama students at Queen Margaret University College, the play explores the ins and outs of life without sex. The performance starts at 20:30 and tickets are €23. Tel: 04 93 61 01 71.

Riviera Weather		Call 08 99 70 11 11 for today's weather in your town, or to get a three-day forecast in English. Calls cost €0.34 per minute					
	Thursday 12	Friday 13	Saturday 14	Sunday 15	Monday 16	Tuesday 17	JUNE IN NICE...
AM	20°C Sunny	20°C Sunny	21°C Sunny	21°C Sunny	20°C Sunny	19°C Sunny	Avg. high: 23°C Avg. low: 17°C Avg. rainfall: 36mm
PM	30°C Sunny	29°C Sunny	30°C Sunny	30°C Sunny	29°C Sunny	27°C Sunny	Summer's here! Watch out for sunburn, mozzies and burglars taking advantage of open windows...

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