THE DEATH of a diver off Cap Ferrat last Sunday has prompted the Riviera’s maritime police to announce a ‘zero tolerance’ policy on offences committed on the water.

Diver Patrick Papa, 39, was killed instantly when he was hit by a speedboat piloted by Benoit Jouguet, a Cannes-based taxi firm manager. Jouguet, 29, now faces up to five years in prison for involuntary homicide and using excessive speed.

Jouguet had not even realised he had hit and killed the diver until his boat Dizzy was stopped by police nearly two hours later.

Papa was on the surface keeping an eye on his brother-in-law who was diving below. Despite having the regulation buoy required to signal to boat drivers that they were underwater, the tragedy still occurred. Witnesses told police what had happened and Jouguet was placed under arrest.

But the incident has had repercussions for all the region’s pleasure craft users as the police get tough. “We are implementing a zero tolerance policy for all boats and jet-skis with regard to excessive speeds at sea,” Capitaine Andreu of the Nice-based maritime division of the Gendarmerie told The Gazette.

“Foreigners are subject to the same rules as French people. The law is clear. Water craft are not allowed to do more than five knots within 300 metres of the shore. We often catch holiday makers paying no attention to the laws. They disregard the speed limit and they pose a grave danger to themselves and the public.

“We will stop anyone who is flouting the law and we will commence the relevant legal process,” warned Andreu.

Sebastian Charton, a diving instructor at Côte Plongée in Cap d’Antibes, told The Gazette “We often go out with four boats, which means 60 divers can be under the water. We always leave someone on the boats because despite the fact that we have the regulation warning flags, boat drivers take no notice and drive straight through the middle. If a diver was coming back up to the surface they could be killed,” says Charton.

“We often have to scream and shout ‘get away – there’s divers!’ but generally they are nonchalant, shrug their shoulders and have an ‘I’ll go where I want, what’s the big deal?’ kind of attitude. If the police do crack down and people are aware of the laws and regulations, it could avoid fatal accidents in the future,” concluded Sebastian.

● Even secret agents aren’t immune to the crackdown. Sir Roger Moore, the former James Bond star who picked up a knighthood in the Queen’s birthday honours list last weekend, was stopped by police during a routine check on yachts in the Rade de Villefranche on Tuesday.

GETTING A TUG … pleasure craft from superyachts to jetskis are liable to boarding and spot inspections by the maritime police.

DOUBLE-EAU-SEVEN . . . Screen star Moore was ‘controlled’ near Villefranche.

By JENNY PAUL

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Divorcee wanted

A MILLIONAIRE businessman thought to be based in Monaco is looking for a wife at 143,000 a year personal assistant.

But the advert, in the UK's Sunday Times, warns: "If you are married and want the job, get divorced now because you will never see your partner again."

The unidentified tycoon describes himself as an "eccentric tax exile" and an inconsiderate, insensitive and "inconsiderate" tax exile. "I am looking for a woman who fits that description," he said.

Intrigued Monaco residents are now busy guessing who might have placed the ad, which the paper has now busy guessing who might have placed the ad, which the paper has been unable to work out."

Mistaken identity

A FLORIDA woman was put in jail for six days and had her children taken into care after a French man mistook her for his missing wife, it was revealed this week.

Mother of two Nona Cason, 39, was arrested in Florida on May 16 and accused of being Nadine Retiakoff, who disappeared with her two children six years ago.

Hubert Pierre Fourcade has been hunting for them ever since. Cason was only released after a DNA test cleared her.

"I was wrong. Of course, I am sorry. She looked like my wife," said director Hilary King. "We are pleased to give these students a chance to perform, and also they have given back by taking the play into two local schools this week."

"Now, hopefully, pupils at Meosigns School and Nice's ESN will also have a greater understanding of how real drama works thanks to these young actors."

The play is set to be part of this year's Edinburgh fringe festival in August, but first the curtain will go up on Warm and Wet's world premier at the Antibéa Theatre in Old Antibes at 8.30pm tomorrow night.

Tickets are only €14. And the theatre is fully air-conditioned. Advance bookings can be made on 0493610171. And, while you're on the phone, you might as well ask about tickets for next weekend's show; Never Say Dai – namely Earth – which is showing terms with the failure of a pet project – namely Earth – which is showing terms with the failure of a pet project – namely Earth – which is showing terms with the failure of a pet project.
SBM, which is 69% owned by US$45m. cent stake in Wynn Resorts for of the principality’s luxury invests in a chain of casino Bains de Mer (SBM) has buys into Vegas Monaco’s SBM

ON THE ROCKS…. Cliff divers plunged 25 metres into Fontvieille harbour

Hitch hiker hijack

A KINDLY DRIVER became the victim of a car-jacking last week after giving two hitchhikers a lift in the early hours of the morning.

The man picked up the hitchers in Golfe-Juan, where they asked to be driven to Cannes.

But as soon as the car reached a quiet spot the two youths ordered the man to get out of his Citroën ZX. They then took off towards St Raphaël where they picked up some friends.

Police found the gang after they crashed as they returned to Grasse later the same night. The culprits were arrested and ordered the man to get out of his car. They then took him towards St Raphaël where they picked up some friends. At 9:15pm, with tickets at €800,000 for

Butterfly takes off outdoors

AN open-air production of Puccini’s Madame Butterfly will be in the town square at Gattières from July 19 to 25.

The 30 musicians, ten singers and seven soloists will be in the town square at Gattières from July 19 to 25.

Puccini’s Madame Butterfly

Four cliff divers plunged 25 metres into Fontvieille harbour just last year. They were jumped on by a large wave and were temporarily thrown into the water. However, they were unharmed and have since returned to the event.

This is the first time that the organisation has focused its operations abroad.

Le Reve will have 2,701 bed-

rooms and will be completed in 2008.

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The crash, which caused huge traffic jams in both directions, happened at 6:30.

Jumping mad

This year’s Red Bull Cliff Diving competition took place in Monaco last Saturday. Adrenaline-hungry divers hit speeds of over 100 km/h in less than three seconds as they plunged 25 metres from the cliff into Fontvieille’s port.

The winner was 28-year-old Orlando Duque, who performed a forward somersault with four full twists. “I am really tired. Once the competition is over all the adrenaline is gone and you feel totally exhausted,” said the Colombian.

Some divers were left bruised after performing their three dives, and four were forced to withdraw.

Serbian Zvezdan Grotic shrugged off injury when he hit the water too hard. “I am OK, this happens all the time,” he said, with a grin on his face.

And Daniel Locher, 19, told reporters “we’re always happy after a competition. we don’t have any injuries.”

Three more hurt at blackspot

TWO moped riders and a car passenger were seriously injured in yet another acci-
dent on the RN86 between La Colle and Antibes on Tuesday.

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In the evening and police are appealing for witnesses to call them with any informa-
tion on 04 92 90 78 00.
TWO COMMUNES WIN BLUE FLAGS

THE Prestigious blue flags for beach quality have been handed out – and locally only Antibes-Juan les Pins and Cap d’All will be flying the Pavilion Bleu on their beaches this summer after passing the rigorous tests set down by the European parliament.

The award is only given to beaches that have water clean enough to pass the strict tests and that have facilities including lifeguards, first aid and access for disabled visitors.

“We are very happy as we didn’t get the Pavilion Bleu last year,” Olivier Dark of Antibes’ town hall told The Riviera Gazette, “but we’ve got it this year after making the necessary changes and we have very good quality water.”

“There was some oil pollution in the area caused by a boat on Monday, but that will not affect us as it was out at sea and well away from the coast, and anyway it has now been cleaned up,” Dark continued.

Nine winners

Nine beaches in Antibes-Juan les Pins are flying the blue flag: Hotel Belles Rives, Armoral, La Bretagne, Le Provençal, Neptune, Les Sablettes, La Siesta and Voile Blanche.

And the only other beach to reach the standard required to fly the flag is the Plage des Pissarelles at Cap d’All, which is popular with naturists. However, mayors in other towns along the coast have snubbed the award and are not even entering their beaches to see if they are eligible for the accolade.

Nice has not entered since 1996 and Cannes refused to enter this year after failing to make the grade last year.

Winners are monitored regularly and organisers warn that if standards slip the flag can and will be removed.

The reluctant burgurers surely hope the sun worshippers will assume the beaches of the area’s tourist hotspots are clean anyway, but some may feel they’re simply not taking part because they can’t win.

Those not wishing to take the chance in Cannes could perhaps try Weston Super Mare, Cleethorpes or Colwyn Bay – just three of the award winners in the UK, where the number of beaches to make the grade has almost doubled in the last three years.

Woodie backs French

AMERICAN film director and Francophile Woody Allen is appearing in a promotional video for the French tourist board to urge his countrymen to forget recent differences over Iraq and visit France.

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Lorry overturns

AN ENGLISH family’s move to the south of France was in tatters this week after a lorry carrying their furniture crashed in the centre of Grasse.

The 3.5-ton truck overturned on the town’s Avenue Baudin as the driver fought to slow it after brake failure caused the vehicle to veer out of control on the town’s steep streets.

The driver escaped unharmed.

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Fraudster’s year long spree ends

AN UNEMPLOYED man was arrested this week, accused of spending €48,000 in a haphazard credit card scam.

The unidentified 56-year-old, who is on the dole, went on the year-long spending spree after he applied for two credit cards, one in his wife’s name and another bearing just his first name.

When the cards turned up he gleefully spent an average €4,000 a month on luxuries including champagne, clothes and furniture.

But fraudster’s flag came to an end after police traced him via his mobile phone and swooped on his mother’s house to nab him.

Xtreme golfers sail home

LAST FRIDAY’s Bluewater Golf annual International Team Scramble was won by Team Xtreme, the entry from Antibes’ Xtreme bar.

Teams of four players paid €560 each to enter the event, and the winners walked away with a weekend superyacht charter for eight.

WINDERS . . . Bluewater’s Peter Bennett with Mark Mathias, Judson Mathias, Caroline Theatre, Toby Muller and Phillip de la Clergerie from the winning Xtreme Team.

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Relocation specialist Eli Plenier tells Jenny Paul how a spell of house-sitting led to a job helping stave off French bureaucracy...

I CAME here from Dunkirk in 1991. I followed my boyfriend so, in a way, you could say that I moved down here for love.

I was an optician and I managed to work straight away in Antibes. It was very easy, you know, in Dunkirk but I love it here. I have made lots of friends and am very happy.

I had been to Juan les Pins on holiday once when I was 17 and saw a woman with her kids having barbecues at the beach. I thought this is where I want to live. I didn’t know what I wanted to do so I looked after a friend’s house for a while. It was then that I discovered lots of people need help with French administration, so I decided to start a business helping people with all the red tape in France.

It’s been a lot of hard work and very stressful but interesting as there’s always something different and you need lots of patience. I love helping people out and they are always so happy when they get their carte de sejour or the registration papers through for their car. I also smooth the pain of house buying and can help with notaries and estate agents.

I like to relax too and I also go out a lot socialising. I do a lot of outdoor sports including rollerblading and tennis, but chilling around the pool is great as well. I also enjoy long lunches on the beach.

My favourite is the Plage Keller at La Garoupe on Cap d’Antibes because the food is great – a fusion of French and Italian. They do a great artichoke and anchovy salad. I also love having barbecues at home with friends.

I like going to Latinos bar in Antibes for a few drinks as I never know who I’m going to bump into there. The population is so transient; people are always going away but they always end up coming back, even if it’s several years later. That also gives me a chance to meet lots of people which is great. I don’t like all the traffic in summer though, but nobody does. But there isn’t anything else I don’t like about this part of France. Everything is here that I like – from the skiing in winter to all kinds of outdoor activities in summer.

And I adore my work. If someone has a problem sorting out their papers they say ‘go and see Eli’. I like the informal and friendly way of doing business. I’m very happy here.
Thursday 19

The Royal Air Forces Association is having lunch today at Marineland in Antibes, from 12 to 14. The cost is €33 and entry to the marine park. Tel: 04 92 76 97 16.

The British Chamber of Commerce’s monthly meeting tackles ‘surviving in business’ at this evening at the Les Arbousiers restaurant on Lac St Cassien. Two speakers will detail how they have survived so long in the French business climate. Appetisers at 19:00 and the price of €30 includes a buffet dinner and wine. Reservations are essential. Tel: 06 95 07 05 72.

Monaco’s Fete de Musique continues tonight with the third in a series of five music concerts at 21:00 at the Salle Camille Claudel in Monte-Carlo. Enjoy drinks and tapas while listening to jazz, rock, blues, electro, world and classical music. Tel: +377 99 99 90 80.

The Nice Philharmonic Orchestra and the Nice Opera are performing Ravel’s Carmen with soloists Bagas/Julia Motroni, Richard Lech, Inna Mulia and Frank Ferrari at the Nikias in Nice tonight and tomorrow at 20:00. Tickets from €23. Tel: 04 92 59 29 12.

Friday 20

The British Association of Monaco is running a coach trip to the Serrallen designer outlet mall in Italy where there are over 130 discount stores. Buses will be departing from business centre items to household goods. The coach will leave Monaco at 08:00 on the dirt and return around 19:00 with drivers and €25 for guests. Tel: 04 93 50 10 52.

Yvelines’ annual boules tournament for English speakers will take place today on the boules pitches near the Salle des Fetes. Up to 32 teams of three people will enjoy an evening of fun. The format is similar to that of tennis, but beginners as the emphasis is on fun rather than ability. There will be refreshments and prizes. Advance registration is essential. For more information or to register your team contact [3].

The Red Pear Theatre’s own fringe festival gets underway tonight with a performance of Warm and Wet at Antibes’ Antōine theatre at 20:30. The slick and funny play ‘exploring in the ins and outs of life without sex’ will be playing at the Edfoule Pavilion, Antibes. Tickets are still available at €23 from 04 93 43 01 71.

The Open University Business School is holding a drop-in information session in Sophia Antipolis at the Hotel Miramar. Apertifs will be served from 18:00 and the presentation between 19:30 and 20:30. There will also be an opportunity to network with alumni and students over the bar. Tel: 04 94 22 10 21.

Verdi’s La Traviata with Agnès Bastian, Gay Bonfiglio and the Orchestral Ensemble and Chor conducted by Ernst Gastein will be performing tonight and tomorrow at the Salle des Vétérinaires in Monte-Carlo at 20:30. Tel: 04 92 95 82 89.

Bar-le-Duc’s annual Fête de la Ste Jean weekend kicks off tonight with a gala dinner and concludes on Sunday with a street festival, with fireworks and a spectacular finale on Sunday. The opening of the new Jardin d’Enfants followed by aperitifs and boules tournament. Aïoli will be served at 19:30 and will be followed by a ball in the evening. Tel: 04 92 43 22 72.

Contemporary jewellery by German designers Dorothy Prödl, Hermann Jünger, Gabriele Dudda and Gerit Rehmstöver will be shown at the Espace Solder in Haut de Cagnes until September 14. The exhibition starts this evening at 18:00. Tel: 04 93 92 93 23.

‘Start’s a Bar’ in Monaco is hosting a teen party for 13 to 17-year-olds this evening starting at 20:00 and finishing at 23:00. Tickets are €10. Tel: +377 97 97 95 95.

LOT Bics to Copenhagen, Gdansk, Prague and Stockholm and Warsaw are at 16:30.

Continuing today Monaco’s Fête de Musique and Nice Opera’s Carmen.

Saturday 21

Today is Fête de la Musique, a country-wide celebration of music. All towns throughout France will be celebrating with music and entertainment on the streets. Jane Birkin will be performing at Monaco’s Sandie Calvi, while Eelco is hosting a concert and a barbecue with music and entertainment and Il Ponte Vincen. Jazz, Brazilian traditional and classical music. Monte-Carlo promises an exceptional gospel concert recreating the feeling of Harlem Church at 20:30 at the Salle Grenadal and Cubain music will be on offer in the place des Patrons at 21:30. Amateur and professional musicians are welcome to bring their instruments and a picnic to a jam session in the olive orchard at Monaco’s Jean Feur Remond, with the music starting at 19:00. Vélodrome will have Irish groups performing in its streets as its continues its Irish Year theme. For details of events near you contact your local tourist office.

LOT Bics to Galamk, Warsaw and Wiesbad at 16:30.

Continuing today in the Torville and Monaco’s Fête de Musique.

Sunday 22

The Menton branch of the British Association is organising a day trip to see the Battle of Flowers in Ventimiglia, Italy. The group will meet in the ticket hall at Ventimiglia railway station at 14:20 and walk down to the route of the parade. Tickets are €47, or €45 for a place in the stands – these are reduced prices and must be booked in advance. Call 04 92 95 10 44 for more details.

Temperate ‘House Barriers – The drinking club with a running problem’ – will be holding its 42nd event on the runners or walkers at 11:30, starting in the parking area next to Air France on the Route de Cerise in Sophia Antipolis. There will be a barbecue and pool party at Yvelines afterwards. More details on www.rivieraclub.com or on 04 93 12 16 23.

Bring your own picnic to the Château de Yvelines for a celebration of music from the Ian Anderson Jazz Trio. The château has a pine tree shaded picnic area and offers good local wines for sale. Tel: 04 99 44 91 60.

The Forum, an informal social club for English-speakers, is holding a singles evening at Montevier’s Irish bar in Cannes, starting at 20:00. Advance booking is essential. call 02 22 86 18 18.

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Monday 23

International Jazz festival will be playing at the Salle des Vétérinaires in Monaco at 20:30 this evening in the first of two concerts organised by the Académie de Musique. Tel: 04 93 97 13 89.

LOT Bics to Copenhagen, Gdansk, Krakow, Stockholm and Warsaw are at 16:30.

Continuing today in Cannes’ dance show Testa.

Today is the 428th event for the British Association on its 428th anniversary. ‘We are dying of thirst’ – will be holding its summer finale for members and non-members and the price includes wine. Don’t forget to bring a prize for the winner! Tel: 04 93 77 74 40.

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Continuing today the International Jazz Festival concert in Monaco.

Wednesday 25

The exhibition for 375th International Tourism Art Prize starts today the Salle d’Exposition Quai Antoine Ier in Monte Carlo. Opening hours are 11:00 to 19:00 until July 10. Tel: 04 93 15 20 83.

LOT Bics to Copenhagen, Gdansk, Krakow, Stockholm and Warsaw are at 16:30.

Now booking…

Red Pear Theatre’s fringe festival continues with Never Say Da, a brilliant and beguiling evening of comedy and music written and performed by Arwel Treherne Morgan. Shows are on Saturday 25 and Sunday 26 June from 8:30 at the Théâtre Antibes, Antōine. Tickets are €23.

South African singer Johnny Clegg is performing in Venice as part of the Nuits du Sud festival on July 11. Tickets are €13. Tel: 04 99 50 38 58.