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# TWO DIE AFTER HORROR SMASH

A BRITISH man and a 19-year-old motorcyclist died on Monday after a horrific collision on the RN98 near Eze.

Craig Jackson, 40, was in the Cap Estel tunnel on the Basse Corniche when his powerful Lancia Delta Integrale spun out of control, collided with a motorbike and burst into a ball of flames.

The divorced father of one was killed instantly and Monaco student Sebastian Toscano, whose motorbike he hit, died on the way to hospital.

French police are conducting alcohol and drug tests as the car was seen swerving along the coast road just before the collision at 1pm.

"The car was without doubt exceeding the speed limit," confirmed a police spokesman. An enquiry is now underway.

Mr Jackson, from Stockton-on-Tees in the north of England, was working on a temporary contract at the Société des Bains de Mer in Monaco and was living in Nice.

The deaths are a harsh warning to motorists as the summer 'silly season' starts on the region's roads and the government continues to get tough with careless drivers.

Overall, the news is good – fatal accidents fell by a third in the first five months of 2003. This year the number of deaths on French roads is expected to be about 5,000.

A year ago, it was nearer 7,000, a



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*CHILLING... Brit Craig Jackson was killed instantly when his car spun out of control, hit a motorbike and then burst into flames*

number hailed as a revolution after a peak in the 70s when road deaths approached a colossal 14,000.

Fears of stiff penalties have made drivers more careful and vigilant and an obvious police presence on the roads is driving home the message.

Motorists can theoretically lose their 12-point driving licence in just minutes by refusing to use a seat belt (three points), using a mobile phone while driving (two points), failing to

keep a safe distance from the car in front (three points) or ignoring a police warning to stop (six points).

This month, parliament stepped up penalties across the board, and police are ending the years of informal tolerance over speed limits and drinking.

Offenders risk on-the-spot license suspensions, a move that has already left many stranded and forced to call taxis.

Earlier this week a Paris prosecutor

recommended an eight year prison sentence for a young motorist whose reckless driving killed three pedestrians in the city's suburbs.

Police are now also using helicopters to spot drivers who tailgate others on the motorways, where up to 15 people a day are killed or injured by impatient over-takers. Motorists have been surprised to be stopped several kilometres after committing an offence and being fined up to €430.

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**Investment strategy**

PRIME minister Jean-Pierre Raffarin last week presented a strategy aimed at making France more attractive to overseas investors.

Concrete measures, including tax incentives, will be announced in the autumn.

France already occupies the world number one spot in terms of foreign investment, attracting 54.7bn euros. This puts it ahead of China, Germany and the US.

**Beaches closed**

THREE beaches on the Porquerolles islands were closed last week after oil washed up on their shores.

Then, just as the beaches reopened, a decree was issued to ration water as a result of shortages. Daytime temperatures in the region have consistently been around 30 degrees C since the beginning of June.

**Prosecutor urged to resign by High Court**

A HIGH COURT review in Nice last week called for the resignation of prosecutor Eric de Montgolfier and three examining magistrates, including court president Hervé Expert. Montgolfier maintains that he has "committed no fault" and is resisting any attempt to unseat him.

**Record compensation**

A MAN wrongfully imprisoned for 15 years for the murder of two children received the biggest ever compensation pay-out in France last week.

Jailed for life in Metz in 1986, Patrick Dils has been awarded one million euros.

**Footballer dies**

CAMEROON footballer Marc-Vivien Foe, 28, collapsed and died during a Confederations Cup semi-final in Lyon last week. Midfielder Foe played for Manchester United last season.

**Politicians await trial**

UMP party leader Alain Juppe and 26 others who are alleged to have created fictitious jobs at Paris City Hall are due to stand trial in Paris at the end of September.



*HOWZAT... Both cricket teams – and all their supporters – got together for a photograph after the match*

David Britten

## CABRIS CAPTURES CUP

THE Cabris Cricket Club took on St Cézaire in St Vallier last Saturday for the Chenes Blanc Cup, writes David Britten.

Cabris batted first and reached 139 for nine in 30 overs. St Cézaire's Marc Radford (four wickets) and David Larg (three wickets) bowled well to restrict Cabris to 139, with Larg taking

the important wickets of French international Phil Martin and Cabris captain Andy Macmillan.

St Cézaire then went out to bat but Cabris bowled excellently so they were in serious trouble at 11 runs for three wickets.

David Britten and David Larg then came to the wicket to steady the ship

and the game began to swing in St Cézaire's favour. Larg was then out for 52 and Cabris mopped up with St Cézaire being all out for 123 in 29 overs.

Andy Macmillan, the captain of Cabris, was presented with the Chenes Blancs Cup while David Larg was named man of the match.

## Sunnybank poised to buy land

By Jenny Paul

A NEW Sunnybank nursing and retirement home, boasting bilingual staff to serve the anglophone community, may become a reality in the near future.

"We have agreed, on a handshake basis, to the acquisition of a piece of land but it is still subject to approval by the association's members on July 15," Peter Durlacher, chairman of the

Sunnybank Anglo-American Association, told The Riviera Gazette.

"The deal also needs planning permission from the Conseil Général. If it is granted we can then build a 90 to 100 bedroom retirement and nursing home on the 18 square kilometre site

at Mouans-Sartoux.

"After seven years without the Sunnybank Hospital we now have a chance of re-establishing it on an excellent site in the foreseeable future," concluded Peter.

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# JAZZ FESTIVALS UNDER THREAT

NEXT week's Jazz à Juan and the Nice jazz festival could be cancelled by striking CGT members protesting against new government reforms on their unemployment status.

A block on all summer cultural events has been called for by members of the union.

Yesterday The Gazette spotted posters for the Juan festival splashed with stickers saying 'annulé' – French for 'cancelled'.

"The CGT did this," the Antibes tourist office told The Gazette. "We are not going to cancel the festival. You should turn up with your tickets and hope for the best."

Next week's series of jazz soirees is scheduled to run from July 12 to 20.

By Jenny Paul

"I can't say for sure whether or not it was our members who put up these stickers," the Antibes' branch of the left-wing CGT told The Gazette, "but we will do whatever we feel necessary to make our position clear to the public," warned a spokesman.

Nice's Jazz festival is also under threat. "The position changes daily," Evelyne Pampini, press officer for the festival told The Gazette. "However we will do everything we can to prevent it from being cancelled."

Theatres as well as film and television studios have been hit

by the action, designed to bring the show business industry to a standstill in the dispute over the reduction of unemployment pay for 'resting' performing artists and technicians. The government wants to make it harder for freelance performers and temporary backstage staff to claim benefits.

Nationally some 650 summer festivals face the axe because of the protest by performers, musicians, dancers, managers and technicians.

The CGT trade union's show business secretary general Jean Voirin, who represents 70 per cent of all stage, film and TV staff, warned that his union was planning a general strike to bring the industry to a full stop.

## GAY PARADE!



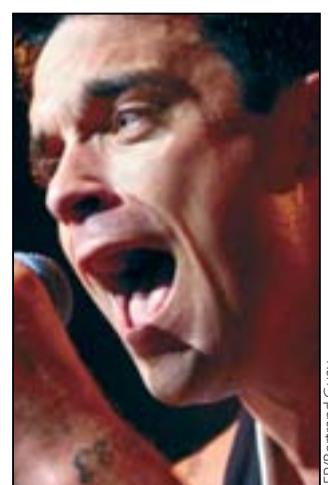
A FAIR COP ... Revellers sported camp costumes at the Gay Pride march

### Jackal's praise for bin Laden in new book

CARLOS the Jackal, the notorious terrorist who inspired Frederick Forsyth's novel The Day of the Jackal, has praised the 'luminous' example set by Osama bin Laden in a book released this week.

The Venezuelan-born terrorist, now serving a life sentence in prison in central France, paid tribute to the world's most wanted man from his cell. The letters appear in a new book, 'Revolutionary Islam' written by French journalist Jean-Michel Vernochet and previewed in Le Monde last week.

### Robbie to play at Nice's Nikaia



ROBSTER... Let him entertain you

THOUSANDS of homosexuals, bisexuals and transvestites enjoyed an outing in the French capital on Saturday as gay socialist mayor Bertrand Delanoë led the city's annual Gay Pride march.

Romeo was not impressed. François de Panafieu, a local district mayor, slammed Romeo as "undignified" for taking part.

Alex Foster travelled from Nottingham to Paris for the march. "I have been coming every year since 1998. It really doesn't compare to anything you get in the UK. There's a wonderful party atmosphere. In London the Gay Pride march is very regimented and there's a huge police presence, whereas in Paris the police are a lot more low key," Alex told The Gazette.

However some UMP mem-

### Masseur arrest

THIERRY Chichportich, masseur to the rich and famous, was arrested in Nice last week accused of sexually assaulting two women who claim he drugged them.

Chichportich, known as 'the man with the golden fingers', regularly provided massage to actresses and other celebrities – including Emmanuelle Beart, Isabelle Adjani, Kate Moss and Claudia Schiffer – at the Cannes film festival.

### Not a safe bet

NICE police apprehended two youths carrying a 50kg safe through the centre of the city on Sunday afternoon.

The two young Croats, just 13 and 14, had stolen the safe from an apartment block on rue Spitalieri. After hearing noises neighbours called the police, who caught up with the crooks near the Nice Etoile shopping centre.

They were placed in custody and police suspect they are part of an organised gang.

CWYK

AFP/Joe Robert Guay

## US reluctant to kiss and make up

THE Paris tourist office has confirmed that the city will decorate the Champs Elysées with stars and stripes on July 4 and that many hotels in the capital will celebrate the American independence day holiday.

But American buyers are still boycotting France. There were no Americans at France's largest wine fair, held in Bordeaux last week, confirming fears they are going elsewhere in the aftermath of the Iraq war.

The backlash comes as French exports are already suffering in the face of a weak US economy and the strength of the euro, making French products more expensive for Americans.

Overall French exports to the US dropped by 21 per cent in the first four months of the year. US opposition to drinking French wine has come at a time when competition from the 'new world' is growing and the market is unsteady.

Domestic winemakers complain that France's strict regulations make it difficult to compete with South Africa, New Zealand and Australian wines.

New world winemakers can irrigate their vineyards to control the quality of the grapes, or mellow the wine by adding oak chips to the stainless steel tanks in which it is aged. But all that is not allowed in France, which had to turn 15 million bottles of wine into industrial alcohol last year.

France's American-bound wine exports, which totalled nearly US\$1 bn in 2002, account for about 16 per cent of all the wine France ships abroad.

# EZE SAYS NO TO NAKED BATHERS

BURGHERS in Eze sur Mer are sending police onto the town's beaches to order increasing numbers of nudists to cover up.

"Naturism has never been allowed on the beach at Eze," a spokeswoman for the town hall told The Gazette.

"The local police are now enforcing the commune's rules and are telling nude sunbathers that they have to wear bathing suits," she continued.

It's not clear why naturists are invading the tiny town, but for those wanting an all-over tan there are plenty of other options.

Bathers can let it all hang out Les Pissarels beach in nearby Cap d'Ail, or at one of Europe's naturist capitals at the L'ile de Levant, opposite Hyeres in the Var.

Uninhibited sun worshippers can also check out the beach at Roquebrune's Le Golfe Bleu, near the train station on the Italian side.



BROWNED OFF...but Eze bathers can go to Europe's top naturist resort at l'ile de Levant



## Red Pear's 'Never say Dai' goes down well

ARWEL Treharne Morgan, a firm candidate for the funniest living Welshman, played to a packed house in Antibes over two nights last weekend.

Morgan is a classically trained singer and accomplished concert pianist who has made the leap to all-round entertainer by sprinkling shining anecdotes, monologues and short scenes through his one man show.

"An old school friend is now a theatrical agent; she recently told me 'Arwel, you may not be the greatest singer, the greatest actor or the greatest pianist – but the whole lot together works really rather well!'" Arwel told The Gazette.

## Raffarin says sorry

CONSERVATIVE prime minister Jean-Pierre Raffarin caused an outcry when, in a speech on Tuesday, he remarked "France isn't yet on the path to heaven, but rather is in purgatory because it still has Socialists."

Outraged socialists immediately demanded President Jacques Chirac publicly chastise Raffarin, who is widely believed to have been appointed by Chirac last year because of his common touch. Raffarin promptly hit the airwaves to apologise, telling France Inter radio "I completely respect the Socialists... I am really sorry."

## Jealous killer on trial

A COURT in Douai, northern France, was dotted with people hiding under hats and sunglasses who turned out on Tuesday to watch the trial of a woman accused of murdering a rival during a sado-masochistic sex session two years ago.

Marie-Therese Samyn, 59, is charged with the pre-meditated killing of Yveline Grenthe, 31, who was the girlfriend of Samyn's lover at the time.

## Exam papers nicked

OVER 160 students face re-sitting their exams after their completed BAC papers were stolen. The papers went missing during their transfer from the science college in Montpellier to La Poste.

## Marché Provencal ban

ANTIBES' Marché Provençal is now a no parking zone. "The parking ban is for an indefinite amount of time," Olivier Dark of the town hall told The Gazette.

## French go Harry potty

JK ROWLING'S latest Harry Potter adventure, The Order of the Phoenix, this week became the first English-language book to top France's best-seller list.

## Motorways safer

A survey of accident blackspots in the Var, released last week, showed that motorways are the safest roads, while Route Nationales and Departmental roads are often the scene of the most serious accidents.

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UPDATE

## 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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## My Riviera

**Mia Chargeloe** tells Paul Coleman how she keeps the jet set flying in style when she's not spending weekends among the vines...

ALTHOUGH I was born in Copenhagen I spent the first five years of my life in Paris.

Then my family moved down here and I went to school and university in Nice, where I studied commercial and social economics. My first job after university was with a debt collection agency. I then went on to work for an estate agent and also worked as a hostess at some of the major exhibitions in Cannes.

After that I worked on yachts for a couple of years. I did two winter seasons in the Caribbean. The first was on a yacht travelling around all the islands, but I spent the second winter in St Martin making mosaics and doing lots of other odd jobs.

But since last September I have been working here on the Riviera for an air charter company. The business is twelve years old but they've only recently opened a branch here because they now want to tap into the Côte d'Azur market.

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I lived in Haut de Cagnes until recently, when I moved to Carros. I live there with my daughter Aloé, who is four.

One of things I like about living here is that you can still find little villages that



JET SET ... but Mia likes to find the unspoilt old-fashioned villages that still exist on the Riviera

haven't been ravaged by modern society. But there seem to be fewer real locals around these days as tourism is driving the prices up and out of their reach.

There are also lots of natural beauty spots around which are only marred by some of the thoughtless and ugly architecture found on the coast.

Just the other side of Mandelieu the red cliffs of Treyas are great for swimming, walking and having picnics.

Whenever I get a chance I head off to the mountains or the Var – St Tropez and Draguignan are favourites of mine. There is a fablous guest house called Ferme la Douceur near Ramatuelle where I like to

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As my dad lives in Corsica I go there twice a year and I also like visiting my mum in Le Lot, about an hour from Toulouse. It's always a relief to have a rest from parenting and let the grandparents get on with looking after children!

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