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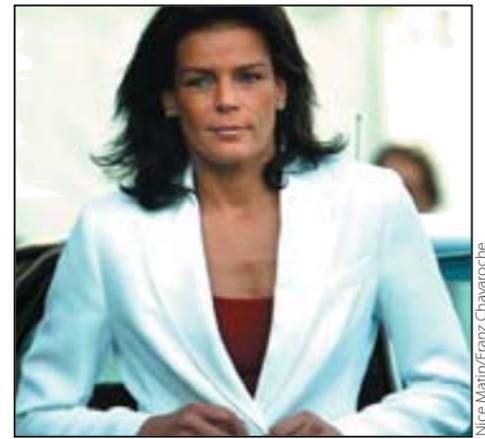
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PRINCESS TIES KNOT WITH ACROBAT



ROYAL...HSH Princess Stephanie last week in Monaco

Baby speculation as Monaco's Stephanie weds Portuguese tumbler in secret Swiss ceremony



HE AIN'T HEAVY... Steph's new husband Adans supports brother Ivan in Monaco

MONACO'S HSH Princess Stephanie married a Portuguese acrobat in Switzerland last Friday in a low-key ceremony at the town hall in Eaux Vives, Geneva.

Divorcee Stephanie, 38, said 'I do' to Adans Lopez Perez, 29, an acrobat with the Swiss Cirque Knie.

The vows were taken in the presence of the princess' three children and two witnesses – the Monaco royal family's lawyer Thierry Lacoste and Ivan Lopez Peres, the groom's younger brother.

Fears that the news – and that of a rumoured pregnancy – could prove devastating to her father, HSH Prince Rainier, who's fragile health has shown little sign of improving, were quashed on Tuesday by the palace.

"HSH Prince Rainier wishes all his children much happiness," Armand Deus, the royal family's chief press

By JENNY PAUL

officer, told The Riviera Gazette. When asked if the princess may be pregnant, he replied "no comment."

The couple first met in 2001 at the International Circus Festival of Monte-Carlo – Adans is one half of an act called the Peres Brothers and performs a daring stunt where he balances his brother on his head. The pair are fifth-generation performers – their father Salvatore was an acrobat and their mother a flamenco dancer.

Elephant trainer

This is not the first encounter the princess has had with the Knie Circus. She famously dated circus boss and elephant trainer Franco Knie, travelling with him in a circus caravan until their split in February last year.

Stephanie's love life has been the

subject of much media scrutiny and a cause for concern within the Grimaldi family. Past lovers include bodyguard Daniel Ducruet, who she briefly married in 1995 after the birth of their two children Louis, 9, and Pauline, 7.

Their marriage hit the rocks when Ducruet was captured on camera canoodling with a model who carried the accolade 'Miss Bare Breasts of Belgium'.

Next on the list was her head of security, Jean Raymond Gottlieb. Then, seven months after their romance was made public, Stephanie revealed she was four and a half months pregnant with daughter Camille, now 5. Stephanie has always refused to publicly name the father.

After Camille's birth, the princess retreated to Auron to escape media attention, and fell for barman Pierre Pinelli. She then embarked on her infamous elephant trainer affair.

But the princess, youngest of Prince Rainier's three children, returned to Monaco's 253-room palace in February last year. There she was linked with butler Richard Lucas and, earlier this year, a palace gardener.

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This summer's blazes in the Maures hills registered six, the most serious level, on a scale drawn up for the ministry of the environment to calculate the seriousness of forest fires, according to scientists from Cemagref near Aix-en-Provence.

The measure reflects the damage done to the environment, loss of life – seven people died – as well as damage to property and disruption to the population.

Tourists down 15%

TOURISM was down five per cent in France this year, according to figures released last week.

The PACA region suffered one of the biggest drops, with visitor numbers down by 15 per cent on last summer.

The government has announced plans to re-launch the industry, starting with a campaign to promote the country to overseas visitors. There are also plans for an annual gastronomy day along the lines of the Fete de la Musique, to celebrate French cuisine and attract visitors.

Var deaths 'high'

THE highest mortality rate in the south-eastern departments during the August heatwave was recorded in the Var, according to figures out last week. Ecologists believe pollution is to blame, with the Var exceeding safe ozone levels on 33 separate occasions out of 55 incidences of high ozone levels across the whole region.

No wine tax

GOVERNMENT spokesman Jean-Francois Copé has put an end to fears that an extra tax would be levied on wine to help pay off the social security deficit.

Wine producers were outraged that the government was contemplating a rise in the current rate of three cents per bottle. Britons pay €2.50 on each bottle.

WATER GOOD IDEA

A FREJUS plumber has invented an ingenious system to protect homes threatened by forest fires.

The system is based on roof-mounted sprinklers attached to a heat detecting device. This can switch on automatically and pump water out of a tank to soak the walls and roof of the house.

"I had August off work," André Werner told The Gazette, "and with all the fires around I was inspired to build this. I originally had the idea ten years ago when a friend's house in St Aygulf burned down.

"And so with all the dramatic fires this summer I decided to bring the idea back to life. I made some small prototypes and now have a fully working version on my garage. And now I can install it in any home."

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SPOUTING OFF... plumber André believes his invention has fireproofed his garage

Heated moment

A VOLUNTEER fireman from the Hérault was remanded in custody for arson last week after lighting eight forest fires and four fires in rubbish bins, causing damage estimated at more than €15,000. The 19-year-old was motivated by a bonus paid for every call-out. He aroused suspicion after raising the alarm on several occasions for fires he had started himself.

Yacht industry strong

DESPITE a levelling-off after several years of rapid growth, the pleasure-boat industry is still strong in the PACA region. It is the top region in France for facilities and has a third of the country's ports. Of these, 34 are in the Alpes-Maritimes, 53 in the Var and 45 in the Bouches-du-Rhône. The industry employs 6,000 people in 1,200 related businesses.

Not so trigger happy

ACTOR Gerard Depardieu's son Guillaume appeared in court on Tuesday after threatening a fan and firing a gun outside a Normandy bar in August.

The 32 year-old actor, who had a leg amputated earlier this year after a motorcycle accident, was handed a nine month suspended sentence, fined €8,000 and ordered to undergo counselling.

OKI new race

A NEW round-Europe yacht race, backed by Japanese printing equipment manufacturer OKI, has been announced.

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Pot luck

THE government is considering reducing penalties for cannabis use and introducing a sliding scale of fines ranging from €68 to €1,500.

Under current regulations, offenders can get up to a year in prison and a €3,750 fine.

Fundraising success

A charity concert held in Cogolin on Saturday night raised "thousands of euros" for the families of the firefighters who died in the Var fires.

Messages of sympathy from Sir Roger Moore, Brigitte Bardot, Prince Albert of Monaco and Carol Drinkwater were read out in English and French during the evening.

Thanks were also given to those who made generous donations but wished to remain anonymous.

"The evening was a tremendous success," organiser Paul Vernon told The Gazette.

Among those who gave their time to perform was Justin Hayward, lead singer of the Moody Blues, who travelled from Monaco to perform hits Forever Autumn and Nights In White Satin.

Afterwards Justin told the Gazette "My thoughts are with the families of the firemen. I've never known such

brave people, we all need them, they're always there, you see them risking their lives every day for us.

"I was here two weeks ago visiting friends in St Tropez and as I drove through the area I couldn't imagine what it must have taken to go in there when the fires were raging. I hope this evening helps in some way."

■ Fire brigades are warning that fraudsters posing as collectors for the firefighters' families are approaching companies, shops and individuals. Suspect approaches should be reported to the pompiers' Centre de Secours.

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Children hospitalised in poisoning accident

SIXTEEN school children were hospitalised after inhaling tear gas on their way to a swimming lesson in the Saint Roch area of Nice last Friday.

The children, aged between 10 and 11, were rushed to hospital with streaming eyes, covered in allergic rashes and complaining of the loss of use of their legs.

They were kept under observation overnight and released the next day.

The children are pupils of Jean Giono college on Rue Humbert Ricolfi.

"We were all really worried and waves of panic went around the school," Herve Puzzinat, the school's headmaster, told The Gazette.

"At first we thought someone had hurt the kids intentionally and we had difficulty understanding why. But after an



GASSED...medics tend to incapacitated school children in Nice on Friday

inquiry, the police found out a man had carelessly thrown away some tear gas and unfortunately it came into contact with a group of our pupils.

"It was an accident and the man had no intention of hurting the children. Now after the

shock of it all, the children in question are all fine," concluded Puzzinat.

A 54-year-old local man was arrested by police on Sunday but released later after the incident was ruled to have been an accident.

Food prices rise in wake of heatwave

FOOD prices are at an all-time high after the summer heatwave destroyed or damaged much of the season's crop yield.

At Nice's MIN, the central market for fruit and vegetables, fruit has gone up by 30 per cent and vegetable prices have practically doubled in the last few weeks.

Normally at this time of year courgettes are around €1 per kilo on supermarket shelves, but on Tuesday they were spotted on sale for a whopping €2.70.

French supermarkets are now turning to the rest of Europe for cheaper supplies as local producer prices soar.

Even meat markets are affected, with veal up between 10-12 per cent and beef up six to eight per cent.

Another reason cited for rising prices is the inflationary effect of the nation's switch from the franc to the euro, but not everyone is convinced that the reasons are so clear cut – local consumer organisation UDCAM (The Union Départementale des Consommateurs) has announced it is to launch an inquiry next month to ascertain exactly why prices have risen so sharply.

Green taxes loom

THE government has unveiled new measures to combat pollution after record levels were recorded this summer.

Among the proposals are plans to increase diesel fuel tax to boost investment in the rail network and encourage people to leave their cars at home.

The proposed increase of 2.5 cents per litre will raise €800m, but will not affect commercial road users who benefit from tax rebates for fuel.

Prime minister Jean-Pierre Raffarin presented a 'clean car' plan on Monday that included tax breaks of between €1,500 and €3,050 for those who buy eco-friendly vehicles such as electric cars, and proposes additional taxes on cars that can't meet strict exhaust emission standards.

He also promised more money for research into reducing car pollution, to help France meet its targets under the Kyoto Protocol.

YACHT'S GOING ON?



BEACHED... The owner of a 12-metre yacht woke up to find herself and her pride and joy on the Cro del Pin beach at St Jean Cap Ferrat in the early hours of Sunday morning. Rafiki II slipped her anchor and drifted before running aground during the night time storms that lashed the coast last weekend – while the hapless owner was sound asleep on board. The local lifeboat de-beached the yacht later on Sunday.

Tart trial starts

THE trial of a British woman accused of masterminding an international high-class prostitution ring started in Paris yesterday.

Margaret MacDonald, 44, is accused of "aggravated procuring for the purposes of prostitution," and faces up to fifteen years in prison if convicted.

MacDonald says she was unaware that her employees may have been selling sex.

School reforms

THE government plans to encourage schools to create 'free-thinking individuals', it was revealed at a debate on education in Paris on Monday.

Jean Pierre Raffarin met senior educationalists to discuss how best to improve schools. "This debate is open to everybody – pupils, parents, elected officials and associations, because school concerns everybody," he said.

Gliding deaths

TWO people died in accidents at a British Paragliding Open Competition at Laragne, between Sisteron and Gap, on Friday.

A 53-year-old Frenchman perished when his delta-wing glider smashed into another competitor, a 35-year-old New Zealander, who was seriously injured in the accident.

And in a separate incident a 31-year-old woman died after crashing into a mountain.

Flats up 10.5%, but houses flat

THE cost of buying an apartment went up 10.5 per cent in the Alpes-Maritimes last year, to an average €2,085 per square metre.

But house prices remained fairly stable with an increase of only three per cent in 2002.

Apartment prices now range from €790 per square metre in the arrière-pays – the mountainous areas north of Vence and Grasse – to €4,081 per square metre on the Cannes seafront, where prices are up 20 per cent on twelve months ago.

The rise in apartment prices not only differs from town to town but also from area to area within the larger towns.

Nice as a whole saw a rise of 11.1 per cent in apartment prices last year but, while north-central Nice saw a rise of 22 per cent, prices in the upmarket Cimiez residential area were up only 1.7 per cent.

There were larger-than-average rises in Mougins, up by 18 per cent, and Cannes Californie, up 14.6 per cent, and the Collines sector of Antibes is up 14.3 per cent.

Houses

The average cost of a house across the department is now €318,200, but again there are major variations across the region.

At the top of the list is the Trois Corniches, which includes Cap Ferrat, Beaulieu and Villefranche, where the average purchase price of a home was €674,600 in 2002.

Antibes is in second place with an average cost of €575,100, up 9.5 per cent year on year. St Paul de Vence comes next at €567,400, then Mougins (€458,000), Cannes (€450,100), Roquefort-les-Pins (€428,100) and Valbonne (€412,100).

Houses in the popular expat towns of La Colle sur Loup, La Gaude, Le Rouret, Tourrettes sur Loup, Biot, Mouans-Sartoux and Vence all changed hands for an average price of between €300,000 and €400,000 last year.

WHAT A CHEEK



WILY JUMPER... Eunice Barber's 7.05m long jump broke the French national record

GERMAN athlete Tim Lobinger faces being slapped with a US\$5,000 fine after he bared his buttocks at the World Athletics championships last weekend in Monaco.

Lobinger caused a stir by celebrating his winning 5.91m pole vault by mooning the crowd. The 30 year old athlete told reporters afterwards "I felt it was funny. It's not something you plan in advance. It just happens."

"I knew I had underwear on." But the sport's governing body was not amused, and now \$5,000 could be deducted from his €30,000 prize money. IAAF spokesman Nick Davis said Lobinger, who pulled the stunt in front of 10,000 spectators including

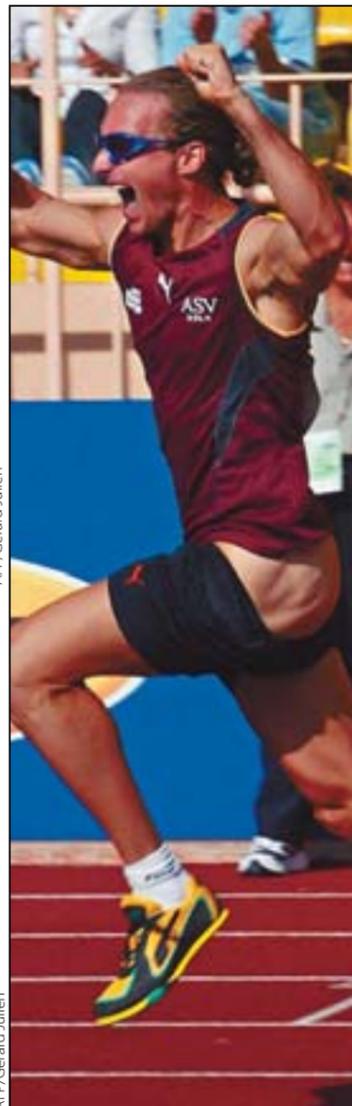
Monaco's HSH Prince Albert, faces a fine for 'unbecoming behaviour'.

The weekend event attracted some of the world's best athletes including Eunice Barber, Hestrie Cloete and sprinter Gail Devers.

"The event was a great success, we are very pleased and we had two world bests," an IAAF spokesperson in Monaco told The Riviera Gazette.

1500m champion Hicham El Guerrouj and South African high jumper Cloete both picked up awards for World Athlete of the Year and each took home \$100,000 in prize money.

Australian sprinter Cathy Freeman also picked up the Distinguished Career Award.



BUM RAP... winner Tim faces \$5,000 fine

In the groove

FOUR hundred top executives from the world's video games industry were treated to a glittering bash at La Maison des Pecheurs in Juan les Pins on Tuesday night.

Computer software giant Microsoft took over the club and its beach to show off new games and marketing plans for its Xbox console. Music was laid on by a DJ from Bristol trip hop band Massive Attack.

Snip a peace of Yoko

YOKO Ono, widow of Beatle John Lennon, has made headlines again with a bold performance – all in the name of peace.

In a recreation of her famous 1960s performance in Japan, the 70-year-old artist sat on a stage in Paris while the audience snipped off her clothes with scissors. They were then urged to send their snippings to 'someone they love'.

Madrid beat Marseille

OLYMPIC Marseille were thrashed 4-2 by Real Madrid, David Beckham's new team, at the French side's home ground on Tuesday night. Two goals came from Brazilian striker Ronaldo and the other two from Roberto Carlos and Luis Figo.

Top names

AN annual list of the most popular names for French babies has been updated – Lea, Manon, Emma and Chloe are the top names for girls and Lucas, Theo, Thomas and Hugo are the winners for boys.

London bids for Tour

LONDON has put forward a bid to host part of the Tour de France. The proposals, as yet unseen by French officials, include plans for several stages of the race to be held in the south of England in 2006.

Huge business debt

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To maximise your investment,

using a legal entity to purchase high-value properties could reduce or even avoid these tax pitfalls. The correct ownership may also provide other benefits including savings on legal fees, transfer taxes, value added taxes and stamp duties on any future sales.

Capital gains tax

Unless you have owned the property for over 22 years, French capital gains tax is payable regardless of your country of residence and is charged for direct ownership or the sale of shares in a property based entity at up to 33.3 per cent less relief after two years.

To put this into perspective, a property on the Côte d'Azur pur-

chased two years ago for EUR250,000 may well now be worth over EUR500,000. If you sell the property this would yield a profit of EUR250,000 but also a capital gains tax bill of approximately EUR83,000.

Buying through a structure, however, may mean you can avoid paying capital gains. Under a legal French entity held in a Luxembourg SOPARFI (a special type of company combining the commercial and holding benefits of Luxembourg's tax treaties), the property is 'sold' through the transfer of shares. This means the capital gain is in Luxembourg where there is currently no tax.

Inheritance tax

Inheritance tax in France is charged at up to 60 per cent, depending on the relationship between the deceased and the beneficiary. This is payable regardless of the residency of the owner of the property.

As a company never dies, this tax can normally be avoided with the correct legal entity ownership structure. This may also provide you with additional planning opportunities for the eventual transfer of the ownership – through a discretionary trust, for example.

Patrimonial tax

This is an annual three per cent tax applicable to French and foreign companies owning real estate in France, where there is no tax treaty and the appropriate declarations have not been made. The charge means that more traditional property holding structures using off-

shore companies are not recommended. Luxembourg, however, has signed a tax treaty with France permitting an exemption from this charge. So purchasing property through the Luxembourg SOPARFI structure detailed above, will avoid this charge.

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My Riviera

Celebrity hat designer **David Shilling** tells Jenny Paul about his passion for fashion, hot chocolate and his first tiff...

“MY career in millinery started when I was just 12 years old and I designed a hat for my mother to wear at Royal Ascot.

It was a metre wide and very flamboyant, in black and white tulle with a matching frilled shawl and mini coat dress.

After that I used to design her Ascot hat every year. She was known affectionately by the British press as ‘the Ascot Mascot’.

The designs included a five foot tall giraffe and a huge sunflower with a bird that moved around as she moved.

Another one I made was a giant hat with a smaller hat inside so she could take the big one off if she wanted.

I was born in London's West End just around the corner from Bond Street, which is why I'm a complete shopaholic!

I was educated at St Paul's in London and I always loved fashion. My grandmother used to take me to all the fashion shows when I was a child. They were amazing as women put a lot more effort into dressing in those days.

Then, in the 1970s, with the dawn of New York's trendy Studio 54 and fashion moving towards very flamboyant clothes, I found myself starting a hat revolution.

I was always going to go into fashion, but nowadays I prefer to concentrate on my sculptures.

I moved to Monaco three years ago. I've wanted to live here since I was a teenager and now with e-mail and laptops and the availability of cheap flights back to the UK, it is very easy to be here. I keep a studio in London too, so I can divide my time between the two places.

I don't think Monaco's for everyone but I absolutely love it. For me it's as close as one can get to paradise – I've been all over the world and haven't found anywhere bet-



HAT MAN ... dapper David has lived in Monaco for three years and says it is 'close to paradise'

ter than here. And I have travelled – in the 1990s I headed a number of projects around the world working as a senior consultant on design for the United Nations.

I went to Africa, Asia and Latin America. I was even made president for life of a small village in Papua New Guinea, but all that meant was they put a banner out across the street to mark my visit!

Nearer home, one place I love to visit is the Hotel du Cap on the Cap d'Antibes. The view from the terrace is fantastic. I was over there just the other day – it really is one of favourite places in the world. I enjoy sitting there with friends and cocktails and watching the sun set.

Then I come back to my flat and see the Prince's palace all lit up. It's really beautiful.

They also do fantastic concerts in the gardens of the palace in Monaco on summer evenings and everybody gets dressed up; it's fun.

Another place I adore is the Hotel de Paris right here in Monte Carlo. Of all the restaurants I've been to, they do the best hot chocolate – and I have tried it in lots of places, so it comes very highly recommended!

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Friday 19

- Adapt in France's **morning workshops** for new arrivals in France start today at the Centre de Vie in Garbejaire, Sophia Antipolis at 9:30. This morning's topics are accommodation and insurance. Monday's talk is on 'culture shock'. Tel: 04 93 65 33 79.
- The Red Pear Theatre presents **Fascinating Aida**, featuring Dillie Keane, Marilyn Cutts and Adele Anderson – with Russell Churney on piano – tonight and tomorrow night at the Antieba theatre in old Antibes. Tickets are €28 and the curtain goes up at 20:00. Tel: 04 93 61 01 71.
- Monaco's first **Retro Motor Festival** is being held in the principality's Espace Fontvieille. Old cars and accessories will be on display until Sunday. Tel: +377 99 99 91 50.
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- LOT flies to Copenhagen, Gdansk, Prague, Stockholm and Warsaw at 16:30.
- Continuing today is the Ton un Kirschen Theater.

Saturday 20

- The **Riviera Charity Golf Tournament** tees off today at the St Donat golf course. The expat-led event will be played over three days, with rounds at St Andreol tomorrow and Cannes Mandelieu on Monday. Celebrities including Dennis Waterman and ELO's Bev Bevan are taking part. €500 gets you onto the player list, and the price includes a champagne reception at Cannes' Hotel Martinez beach bar. Call Florence on 04 92 19 18 51.
- **Cabris Cricket** club will play Whichchurch Heath from the UK at St Vallier de Thiey today. Tomorrow's match is against Provence CC and is the SE Cup Semi-Final. Play starts at midday and finishes around 19:00. Tel: 04 93 70 27 23.

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- The Palais des Congres in Juan-les-Pins is holding a **Minerals, Fossils and Gem Stones** exhibition today and tomorrow. There will be rocks, crystals and fossils from all around the world on show. Entrance is €5, and free for under tens. Tel: 04 93 34 65 65.
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Sunday 21

- The 5th **Biathle World Championships** are on today in Monaco at the Plages du Larvotto, starting at 08:30. Athletes will gather from around the world to take part in the 'run, swim, run' event, over various distances for under 18s, seniors and masters. There'll also be a celebrity challenge starting at 15:00. Tel: +377 99 99 91 50.
- A **charity yacht regatta**, Les Voiles de l'Espoir, starts in Toulon today to raise funds for children with leukemia. The week-long race stops off in Hyeres, Ste Maxime and Cannes

before finishing in Villefranche.

- Vence is holding a **flea market** in the town square all day from 10:00. Tel: 04 93 58 90 49.
- LOT flies to Copenhagen, Gdansk, Kraków, Stockholm, Tel Aviv and Warsaw at 16:30.
- Continuing today are the The Riviera Charity Golf Tournament, Cabris Cricket club's SE Cup Semi-Final, First Annual Entrecasteaux Cricket Festival and the region's public transport weekend.

Monday 22

- LOT flies to Copenhagen, Gdansk, Kraków, Stockholm and Warsaw at 16:30.
- Continuing today: The Riviera Charity Golf Tournament, Les Voiles de l'Espoir, Entrecasteaux Cricket Festival, the public transport weekend and Adapt in France will hold a morning workshop.

Tuesday 23

- **Circus Arlette** will be in Antibes until Sunday, at the Pré au Pecheurs by the port. There are daily big top shows and the animals will be on display all day. Tel: 04 93 34 23 66.
- LOT flies to Copenhagen, Gdansk, Kraków, Stockholm and Warsaw at 16:30.
- Continuing today: Les Voiles de l'Espoir and the First Annual Entrecasteaux Cricket Festival.

Wednesday 24

- The British Association of Nice is having **lunch at The Green Room** in Nice at 12:00. Booking is essential; contact Josephine on 06 82 26 61 06.
- The 13th **Monaco Yacht Show** starts today in Port Hercule. It will be open daily from 10:00 to 19:00 until Saturday 27. A day pass is priced at €40. Tel: +377 93 10 41 70.
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- Continuing today is the First Annual Entrecasteaux Cricket Festival, Antibes' Circus Arlette and the Les Voiles de l'Espoir.

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- A celebrity lunch with **Jack Charlton** OBE – angler, footballing legend and honorary Irishman – will be held at the Cafe de Paris in Monte Carlo on Thursday September 25 from 12:30. Prices start at €75. Tel: +377 93 30 08 75.
- The Var Village Voice is organising a late summer **picnic and auction** to raise funds for local firefighters in Lorgues on Sunday September 28. The event promises jazz music, a charity auction, and a chance to catch up with other English-speakers. Tel: 04 94 04 49 60.
- Sir **Elton John** will be performing in Cannes on December 15 at the Palais des Festivals. The show will start at 20:30 and tickets are priced between €60 and €85. Tel: 04 92 98 62 77 to book.

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	Thursday 18	Friday 19	Saturday 20	Sunday 21	Monday 22	Tuesday 23	SEPTEMBER IN NICE...
AM	17°C Sunny	19°C Sunny	18°C Sunny	18°C Sunny	16°C Sunny	18°C Sunny	Avg. high: 24°C Avg. sea temp: 22°C Avg. low: 17°C Avg. rainfall: 54mm
PM	27°C Sunny	28°C Sunny	27°C Sunny	27°C Sunny	28°C Sunny	27°C Sunny	Mornings and evenings are cooler. Daytime temperatures remain high, but with an increased chance of rain.

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