



rench section (avril 2004)

Découvrez la France!

France is a wonderful, interesting, and romantic place to spend your vacation. Once you've seen Paris, why not *jeter un coup d'oeil* at some other great town and villages?

Orléans

(Région: Val de Loire)

The historic city of Orléans was liberated from the British by Joan of Arc in 1429. Each May *une grande célébration* commemorating Joan of Arc is thrown in the city's ancient, bricked streets; and the house where she stayed during the ten-day siege of Orléans is opened for visiting. The vinegar capital of France, Orléans' wine industry blushes amongst the **cathédrales** and mansions of the city.

Strasbourg

(Région: Alsace)

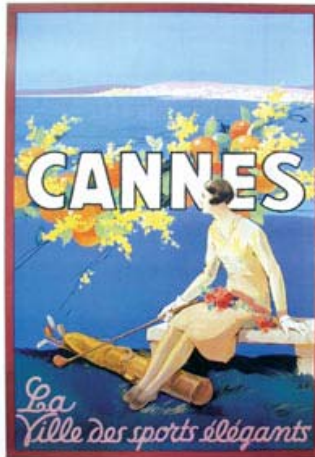
During the month of April, the *pièce de théâtre*, or play, called, "A` la Volette," is premiering in Strasbourg. This is a show about freedom, spectacle, and joy; a paralleled expression of Strasbourg itself. Strasbourg is the cultural, intellectual, and gastronomical capital of Alsace. It combines a big city feel with an intimate spice of warmth. If not off to the many art galleries or opera houses, boat rides on the Rhine River are *voyages romantiques* that can last all the way to Germany and Holland!

The Riviera

(Région: Côte d'Azur)

Southeastern France has a little something for everyone. Visitors can choose between the livelier towns of **Nice** and **Cannes**, home of the famous film festival, and the calmer more discreet villages of **Beaulieu** or **Menton**

For those in a risk-taking mood, **Monte Carlo** is not to be missed. Should one be looking to mask the smell of defeat from any gambling debts, the town of **Grasse** is the home of French perfumes.



The Brittany Region (Bretagne)

Located along the western coast of France, the region of **Bretagne** features 800 miles of rocky, rugged coastlines and rustic fishing villages. Several walled towns boast the many ancient Celtic influences seen in this region.

(Reportages par Eric Eggers and Krista Moody)

Vocabulaire:

Where is _____?

Où est _____?

How much does it cost?

Cela coûte combien?

Do you speak English?

Parlez-vous anglais?

Hotel and Bank

Hôtel / Banque

Nude Beaches?!?

For many, the sheer thought of a nude beach arouses feelings of titillation, embarrassment, and unfamiliarity. For thousands of people however, nudity seems, well, natural. After all, that's how we came into the world! Nude beaches first became popular on the sandy shores of the Mediterranean in the 1950s. Since then, numerous beaches around the world have become: "Clothing Optional." If you're ready to bare all and lounge on one of the best nude beaches in the world (while avoiding tan lines), make sure to make a stop in **Montalivet**. Enjoy nude art classes, yoga, soccer, and more!

Les Films Français

Check your local video store!

Voilà quelques bons films:

* **Camille Claudel**

(Isabelle Adjani)

* **Indochine**

(Catherine Deneuve)

* **Madame Bovary**

(Isabelle Huppert)