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Over 250,000 households are still without electricity in northern parts of France after Storm Aurora hit last night. Train services are still disrupted, especially in Normandy, Lorraine and the Ile-de-France. In the Champagne-Ardenne regions, the SNCF has told travelers to postpone their trip or to use an alternative means of transport.

A green light has been given for the health bill which was adopted by the National Assembly after heated debate. The bill outlines using the health pass until July the 31st, 2022 and a state of emergency in Guyana has also been extended until December the 31st. It was adopted by only 10 votes, 135 votes for and 125 against.

Among the changes being made, there is one which is concerning French citizens. That directors of schools will know the vaccination status of their students. This has not been fully supported especially with nurses unions who fear a risk of student stigmatization.

At the same time, it is undoubtedly a consequence of the end of the reimbursement of tests for those not vaccinated. Less than 3 million tests were carried out last week in France – a level not reached for three months and particularly noticeable for antigenic screening and for young adults.

A man has been arrested in the Vaucluse and accused of having beheaded his grandfather, in Bollène. The 37-year-old suspect was actively sought since the discovery of the victim's body yesterday at his home. Over a hundred policemen were mobilized for the search. It was thought that it might be terrorist related but now it has been determined as a family drama along with a background of psychiatric problems.

And finally, Asterix is back today in bookshops. After two years, the Gaul is embarking on

a new adventure with his friend Obélix. In this 39th edition, titled "Asterix and the Griffon", our two heroes set off to attack the East.