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Emmanuel Macron will be visiting a robotics factory in the Loire today. The President's visit to the factory in Saint-Étienne is the occasion to announce funding packages for the sector. As part of the France 2030 investment plan, 30 billion euros will be released to fund robotics.

Meanwhile, Marine Le Pen will be flying to Hungary today. The head of the far right National Rally party will be meeting president Viktor Orban tomorrow in Budapest. Marine Le Pen comes hot on the tail of her rival, Eric Zemmour who visited Budapest last month. President Viktor Orban is known for his strong positions on immigration and homosexuality.

Residents of Easter Island have said that they do not want visitors to return to the beauty spot. After being cut off from the world for a year and a half because of COVID, 67% of the island's inhabitants said they were against re-opening the island to tourists. However, less than 20% of the population took part in the poll.

In the United States, there are increasing calls to ban the use of firearms on film sets. Last week, actor Alec Baldwin accidentally shot dead a director of photography. A petition against live handguns on movie sets has collected more than 15,000 signatures. A senator from California says he is ready to sponsor a bill on the matter.

And finally, it's a sad day for fans of the TV series Friends. Actor James Michael Tyler has died at the age of 59. He played the role of Gunther, the owner of the café Central Perk in which the famous gang of squatted the sofas for so many years. James Michael Tyler had been suffering from prostate cancer for several years.