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A 7-year-old boy and his 24-year-old sister were killed last night during a fireworks display in Cholet. The tragedy seems to be the result of a shooting accident in the middle of the festivities for July 14th. According to the mayor of Cholet, the pair had been standing some fifty paces from where the gun went off in the middle of the crowd. An investigation has been opened for involuntary manslaughter.

The Gironde remains on red alert for forest fires. Two fires have already destroyed more than 5,300 hectares of vegetation in La Teste-de-Buch near Arcachon, and in Landirasse in the south of the department. Strong winds have meant that the fires are not yet under control, despite the thousand firefighters on site. More than 10 thousand people have already been evacuated, including 4 thousand inhabitants of the town and the military base of Cazaux yesterday afternoon. No one has been hurt but two houses have been destroyed.

Temperatures remain high across the entire country today, with 11 departments on orange weather alert for the heatwave, including the Gironde, the Tarn, the Pyrénées Orientales, and between the Gard and the Alpes de Haute Provence.

Caroline Cayeux claims that she "regrets" her "stupid" past remarks on same-sex couples. The Minister for Local Authorities made the comments in yesterday's edition of the newspaper Le Parisiens. In 2013, Cayeux criticized giving same sex couples the right to marry. She said that the reform was simply following a whim and was a design that goes against nature.

Ivana Trump, the former wife of Donald Trump died at her home last night at the age of 73. Her death seems to be of natural causes.

And finally to athletics, the world championships kick off today in Eugene. This is the first time that the competition is being held in the United States. 44 French athletes will be taking part, 28 of them in individual competitions.