



The News

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The *Republicains* are on the verge of tipping the scale in favour of the pension reform. The main figures of the party were received today by Elisabeth Borne - The president of the party, Eric Ciotti, and the leaders of the parliamentary groups in the Assembly and the Senate, Olivier Marleix and Bruno Retaillea. For Eric Ciotti, this meeting was a success. The Prime Minister confirmed that there would be a revaluation of small pensions for nearly 2 million retirees. He believes that supporting this reform makes sense for the *Republicains*. The foundations for an agreement have been laid.

Meanwhile the members of the PS are beginning to vote to elect the first secretary of the party. More than 40,000 voters have until 10 p.m. tonight to choose their candidate. The three candidates are: the outgoing secretary Olivier Faure, as well H  l  ne Geoffroy and Nicolas Mayer-Rossignol. The question of the place of the Socialists within the Nupes will be central and H  l  ne Geoffroy wants to leave the alliance of the left.

It's a way of trying to raise the level of young middle-school students. At the start of the next school year, all sixth-grade students will be entitled, each week, to one hour of support in French or mathematic. The classes will be provided by middle school teachers, but also by schools. To implement this support, the Ministry of Education is removing one hour of technology. As a reminder, when entering middle school, one in four students does not have the level requested in French, and one in three in mathematics.

An investigation has been opened in the Vosges after the suicide of a 13-year-old teenager, near Epinal. A suicide against a backdrop of school harassment and homophobia, as he was severely mocked by his comrades. The family had not filed a complaint, but the situation had been reported to the school. The establishment claims to have taken the situation seriously.

And then in the Biathlon World Cup, two French women finished on the individual podium in Ruhpolding in Germany: Lou JeanMonnot, second, and Julia Simon, third. Julia Simon remains leader of the World Cup and even widens the gap with her main rival, the Swedish Elvira Oberg.