



The News

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Storm Gérard has hit the west of France. 23 départements are on orange alert this morning for strong winds, including in the Côtes d'Armor, the Marne, the Ile de France and the Vendée. Gusts of wind that reached more than 120 km/h were recorded last night in Brittany and Normandy. Meanwhile, Cantal and Lozère have been put on alert for snow and ice.

Motorists on modest incomes are eligible for help from the government with paying for fuel. The 100 euro cheque can be requested online on the website impots.gouv.fr. 10 million French people are eligible.

An investigation has been opened in Blagnac, near Toulouse. A caregiver is suspected of mistreating residents in a retirement home. One family has already filed a complaint. The 48-year-old employee was laid off by the facility's management.

Claire Hédon will be presenting her report on retirement and care homes today. The defender of rights is due to announce new measures on the fundamental rights of elderly people living in these establishments, while the number of reports for abuse is on the rise.

To football and the year 2023 is off to a bad start for PSG. Paris Saint Germain have already clocked up their 2nd defeat of the year. Last night they lost 1-0 to Rennes at the end of day 19 of the Ligue 1. PSG remains at the top of the leaderboard, but only three points ahead of runner-up Lens.

And finally to tennis and the Australian Open got underway last night. French players Corentin Moutet and Clara Burel won their first matches but it's already all over for Grégoire Barrère and Arthur Rinderknech. Local favourite Nick Kyrgios has announced he is bowing out of the tournament due to a knee injury.