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Wreaths of flowers have appeared outside of the address 5 bis rue de Verneuil in Paris' 6th arrondissement following yesterday's announcement of the death of Jane Birkin. Fans have come to pay their respects to the Franco-British singer outside of the home that she had spent 10 years living in with Serge Gainsbourg. There has also been an enormous amount of tributes online. The Césars Academy is mourning the loss of the most French of British actresses. Jane Birkin was nominated 3 times for the Césars: in 1985, 1987 and 1992. She died yesterday at the age of 76.

Elisabeth Borne is due to announce a new type of road offence today to coincide with the interministerial committee for road safety. The offence covers fatal accidents caused by being under the influence of alcohol or drugs with a penalty of up to 10 years in prison and a 150,000 euro fine. It follows the accident caused by comedian Pierre Palmade.

In the search for missing two-year-old Emile, the flagrant offence inquiry has become a preliminary inquiry. The change in investigation is automatic 8 days after the offence is reported. Investigators remain mobilised even though progress is slow. According to the public prosecutor of Digne les Bains, no lead has been ruled out.

France is bracing itself for a heatwave this week, with Tuesday forecast as the hottest day. Temperatures exceeding 40 degrees are expected in a lot of the country. The Alpes Maritimes has been placed on orange weather alert for a heatwave.

And finally, to tennis and Carlos Alcaraz won Wimbledon yesterday. The 20-year-old Spanish player took down Novak Djokovic over the course of four hours and forty two minutes and five sets in the final on the London lawn. This is the second Grand Slam title for the world number 1.