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New pension reforms, which created outrage and industrial action across France, come into force as of today. The main point of contention – retirement age being pushed back to the age of 64 – is among a number of changes which are effective as of September the 1st. Teachers salaries are due to increase as are scholarships, and prices at university restaurants have been capped at last year's level.

Elisabeth Borne announced yesterday a series of salary increases for the benefit of caregivers to fight against the shortage of staff at hospitals through a financial boost of €1 billion. Among the measures presented is a 25% increase in the night shift pay for caregivers and nurses.

A new variant of Covid 19 has been detected in France for the first time according to an announcement yesterday from Public Health France. Nicknamed Pirola on social networks, it was detected in the Grand Est. It presents a large number of mutations compared to the dominant variants. The national public health agency has launched an investigation to collect more detailed information.

A woman has been killed in the middle of the street in Savoie. The event took place yesterday morning in a street in La Croix-de-la-Rochette. The forty-year-old woman was attacked with a baseball bat or possibly a machete after dropping off a child at nursery. Her ex-partner is actively being sought.

And keeping to news in the Alps, the rail link between France and Italy will be interrupted for at least 2 months as a result of the landslide which took place last Sunday in the Maurienne valley. 10,000 tonnes of fallen rock has created the blockage. Paris to Lyon journeys are also impacted since Trenitalia announced that it will suspend its connections between the two cities from Monday until further notice, in order to complete necessary maintenance.

And finally to tennis and the end of the second round at the US open where it's the end of the line for Gaël Monfils who was eliminated by Andrey Rublev. Arthur Fils was also knocked out. However, Arthur Rinderknech and Clara Burel are both through.