



The News

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Government ministers are seeking a new way to pass the Immigration Bill, after it was rejected in the Assemblée Nationale two days ago. During a crisis dinner at the Elysée last night, Emmanuel Macron made clear that he does not intend to add “fuel to the fire” by using article 49-3 of the constitution to get the bill passed without a vote. The President has recommended that the text go to a joint committee of the senate and the lower house. If no agreement can be reached within the committee, the bill will be abandoned.

Sélim Fourniret, the son of the infamous serial killer Michel Fourniret, will be taking to the stand today to provide highly-anticipated testimony in the trial of his mother, Monique Oliver. This trial, for aiding and abetting in the disappearances of Estelle Mouzin, Joanna Parrish and Marie-Angèle Domèce, is spanning two weeks before the Hauts-de-Seine Assize Court. The verdict is expected Friday.

At the COP 28 in Dubai, the second draft of the climate deal calls for countries to “transition away” from fossil fuels but does not include a commitment to phase them out or phase them down. The new draft of the deal, unveiled this morning by the Emirati presidency, must be adopted by consensus today. Countries will sign the deal in a bid to achieve carbon neutrality by 2050.

Volodymyr Zelensky is leaving the United States without any more financial aid for his army. The Ukrainian president went to US Congress yesterday in a bid to try and obtain more aid in order to continue the war against Russia. In a meeting at the White House, US President Joe Biden promised Zelensky that he would not “turn his back” on him.

And finally, it’s good news for more than two million of France’s most modest households, today Pôle emploi will start paying out the annual Christmas bonuses. These range from 152 euros for single people without children to 250 euros for single parent families.