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"Jacques Delors helped to draw Europe, as it is today, line by line", said Emmanuel Macron as he paid tribute to the former politician who died last week at the age of 98. The Head of State presided this morning a national tribute at Les Invalides in Paris - a ceremony in the presence of many European leaders.

Global warming is confirmed in France. The year 2023 is the second hottest year ever recorded in France, according to Météo France. Their study is based on the data recorded over the last 12 months. The average temperature recorded over the year reached 14.4 degrees, due to a succession of heatwaves. On a global level, 2023 was the hottest year ever recorded according to data from the European Copernicus program.

Also in the news, the return to school is disrupted in Pas de Calais, due to the flooding of these past days. 13 schools in the department will remain closed on Monday. Among the towns affected, are Arques, Cormont, Saint- Omer, and Blendecques. On site, the rain will stop falling by tomorrow. The hardest part seems to be over, but the damage is considerable. Pas de Calais is now under orange weather alert, as the north, the Ardennes and the Meuse.

A 30-year-old man died following his arrest. The victim was hospitalized in critical condition after suffering two cardiac arrests during a police intervention, which took place during the night from Wednesday to Thursday in Montfermeil. Intoxicated, he had resisted the police after causing panic in a night grocery store. Officials were interviewed by the police and two investigations have been opened.

The British actor David Soul has passed away. He was mostly known for his role in the legendary series from the 70's "Starsky and Hutch", in which he played a detective. It was his wife who announced his passing. David Soul was 80 years old.

And then a word about the biathlon: A .4th victory in a row for the French Justine Braisaz Bouchet, who won the sprint this afternoon during the fourth stage of the World Cup in Oberhof in Germany.