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**A.** Angelina Jolie and Brad Pitt.

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**A.** He's *the* French news anchorman, or was, now replaced by the glamorous (female) Laurence Ferrari as host of TF1 news after two decades in the job.

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**A.** British cyclist, the first to win two stages of a Tour de France for 35 yrs.

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**A.** The investigation of Father Raymond Zambelli, rector and treasurer of the Sanctuary of Our Lady of Lourdes, suspected of embezzling over €400,000. He denies any impropriety.

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**A.** Les Immortels?

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