

BERTHOLLET'S PRESS REVIEW

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SOCIETY :

March 9, 2023

The Guardian

Georgia drops bill on 'foreign agents' after two nights of violent protests

Georgia's ruling party said it would withdraw a controversial bill on "foreign agents" in the face of mass protests and widespread criticism of the law as an authoritarian move. The law would limit press freedom and affect organizations that receive more than 20 per cent of their funding from abroad. It would also compromise the country's efforts to become a candidate for EU membership.

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BBC News

Israel sees one of its biggest-ever protests

On Saturday, Israel saw one of its greatest protests yet, the latest of a series of demonstrations against the government's plan to reform the judiciary system. Tel Aviv has been flooded with hundreds of thousands of protesters, who fear that the reforms will turn Israel into a dictatorship.

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POLITICS :

March 10, 2023

The New York Times

Why Russia Has Such a Strong Grip on Europe's Nuclear Power

Since the beginning of the war, Europe has imposed economic sanctions on Russia. But the Russian nuclear exports are more difficult to remove. In fact, the Russian company Rosatome provides all the equipment for many plants in the EU. An alternative could be the Westinghouse company, but it takes years to change nuclear policy.

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CNN

What to know about the controversial Willow oil drilling project in Alaska

The Willow Project is a project proposed by ConocoPhillips that aims at drilling 600 millions oil barrels in the North of Alaska. The project is supported by Alaska's lawmakers and some native groups : they argue that it will create jobs and be a source of revenue to invest on education or healthcare. However, the project is also facing a huge opposition. Other natives are concerned about the environmental consequences it will have on their villages.

Moreover, activists are fighting online by sending over a million letters to the White House and organizing a petition, that received over 2.8 millions signatures, to stop the project. They point to the threat the project represents to the environment, as it would release 9.2 million metric tons of planet-warming carbon pollution a year and would break Biden's promise to end oil drilling and lands.

Biden's administration is expected to make a decision soon while activists are preparing to take legal actions if the project is approved.

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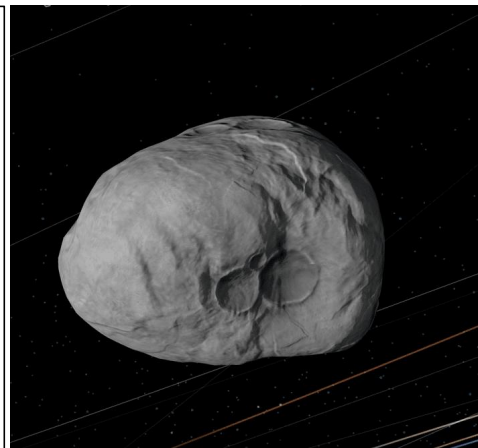
SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY :

March 10, 2023

The Guardian

NASA predicts that a large asteroid will crash into Earth... on Valentine's Day. However, don't worry, this is only a possibility and it will happen in 2046 if it happens. Despite the 2023 DW asteroid size (about 50 metres), the chances of a collision are very low (1 in 607).

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ENTERTAINMENT

March 10, 2023

BBC News

Eurovision tickets: How touts get to the front of the online queue

A BBC investigation has revealed how ticket resellers are using robots to buy tickets before the general public. Scammers can buy tickets in seconds, allowing them to get ahead of real fans in a digital version of the queue. They use commercial data centers to increase computing power to gain an advantage over legitimate fans. There are dozens of groups that use bot software to attack online queuing systems, including one called The Golden Circle, which provides its members with everything they need to defeat online queues for \$118 a month.

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