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Topic area: Patterns of daily life**Los beneficios de dormir la siesta**

Estudios recientes señalan que una breve siesta diaria nos ayuda a aliviar el estrés, fortalece el sistema inmunológico y mejora el rendimiento en el trabajo. En España una pausa de dos horas a mitad del día permite a los trabajadores descansar y compensar las siete horas de sueño que los españoles duermen por la noche y que es mucho menor que la media europea.

Mientras que en algunos trabajos todavía es posible tomarse un pequeño descanso a mitad del día, en las grandes ciudades parece haberse abandonado este hábito. Casi el 60% de los españoles confiesa que nunca duerme siesta y tan sólo el 18% disfruta en contadas ocasiones de una breve siesta.

Según la Organización para la Cooperación y el Desarrollo Económicos (OCDE), los españoles pasan más tiempo que otros europeos trabajando, exactamente una media de 1.691 horas al año, mientras que los británicos pasan 1.674 y los alemanes 1.371.

Sin embargo, una jornada laboral más larga no siempre equivale a una mayor productividad. En muchas empresas españolas los trabajadores pasan más tiempo en la oficina para parecer más productivos, únicamente por miedo al despido.

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Topic area: Conservation**La prevención de incendios forestales**

Año tras año los incendios forestales son protagonistas en los telediarios españoles. La mano del hombre y el cambio climático son algunas de las causas por las que en España ocurre este tipo de catástrofe medioambiental.

Aunque se han hecho grandes avances en la política de prevención y extinción de incendios, cada vez son más frecuentes los incendios de gran magnitud, en los que se llegan a quemar más de 500 hectáreas. Estos son especialmente peligrosos porque son imposibles de controlar y ponen en peligro vidas humanas.

De los 13.000 incendios al año que tienen lugar en España, el 96% son provocados por el hombre intencionadamente, en ocasiones, por razones económicas. La organización ecologista WWF ha sugerido que “es necesario trabajar para reducir el número de víctimas y la vulnerabilidad del bosque. Hay que promover que la gente vuelva a habitar las zonas rurales abandonadas y fomentar el desarrollo rural, que también es un importante método de prevención”.

Las autoridades están aún más preocupadas ya que se prevé que para finales de siglo en España las temperaturas se incrementen cuatro grados en invierno y seis en verano. Además, serán más frecuentes los períodos de fuertes sequías y las olas de calor extremas, lo que provocará un descenso de un 25% de las precipitaciones.

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Topic area: Law and order**Estados Unidos deporta a un arquitecto español**

El primer español seriamente perjudicado por el endurecimiento de las políticas migratorias de Estados Unidos ha sido el arquitecto navarro de 32 años Leandro Pérez Cadarso, detenido en la frontera de Tijuana, supuestamente por haber viajado a Siria hace seis años.

Al terminar sus estudios de arquitectura, su interés profesional le llevó a visitar las ruinas romanas de Palmira en Siria. Leandro, su hermana, padres y una tía pasaron dos semanas en Siria donde visitaron algunas de las maravillas arquitectónicas de la región.

Durante su estancia en México, donde trabajó para varias empresas de arquitectura, decidió visitar San Diego para conocer el Instituto Salk, una obra de su arquitecto favorito. En la frontera norteamericana no solo le fue denegada la entrada al país, sino que fue arrestado sin cargos ni explicaciones, encadenado de pies, manos y cintura.

Después de pasar 40 días en la cárcel de San Diego fue deportado a España. No podrá volver a Estados Unidos hasta pasados cinco años. El abogado de Leandro comentó que “es lamentable que las autoridades estadounidenses no hayan sabido diferenciar entre un turista inocente y un supuesto terrorista”.

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Topic area: Travel and tourism**El boom del turismo en Colombia**

En la plaza Simón Bolívar de Bogotá, un turista fotografía el Palacio de Justicia que en 1985 fue escenario de enfrentamientos entre guerrilleros y soldados del ejército colombiano. Aunque todavía hay quien considera Colombia un destino peligroso, el número de turistas que visita este país ha pasado de un millón a más de seis millones en cinco años.

El turismo en Colombia ha superado recientemente a industrias tradicionales dedicadas a la producción de café y de plátanos, y se ha convertido en la segunda fuente de riqueza más importante del país. ProColombia, la entidad estatal dedicada a promover el turismo y las inversiones en Colombia, ha confirmado que el turismo está creciendo tres veces más rápido que la media mundial.

Hasta ahora Bogotá, Cartagena, Medellín y Cali se mantienen como las principales ciudades receptoras de visitantes extranjeros. Sin embargo, el objetivo de ProColombia es mejorar las infraestructuras para promover la diversidad cultural y la riqueza ecológica de las regiones del interior del país.

Para Felipe Jaramillo, director de ProColombia, el aumento de turistas está íntimamente ligado a los avances logrados por el país con respecto a la pacificación del conflicto armado y el descenso de la delincuencia, que han afectado al sector positivamente.

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Topic area: Scientific and technological innovation**La innovación contra los desastres naturales**

Un grupo de estudiantes chilenos de ingeniería ha participado en un concurso internacional en el que se proponen iniciativas para enfrentarse a desastres naturales. Nueve proyectos de la Pontificia Universidad Católica (PUC) de Santiago han llegado hasta la final del concurso, que recompensará con 23 mil dólares al equipo ganador.

El alto riesgo de desastres naturales a los que se enfrenta Chile es una de las motivaciones para que el programa de Ingeniería 2030 haya apoyado el concurso “Investigación, Innovación y Emprendimiento”, que busca reunir las mejores ideas para hacer frente a los posibles desastres medioambientales.

Entre estas ideas se encuentran una estantería antisísmica diseñada para supermercados y un videojuego que enseña a sobrevivir a un terremoto, para intentar concienciar a la población de una forma más entretenida. *BoBlo*, una máquina dispensadora de bloques tipo lego hechos con el plástico de botellas, es una iniciativa para concienciar sobre el cambio climático y la contaminación en el planeta.

El decano de la facultad de Ingeniería de la PUC señaló que “esta iniciativa busca transformar a los estudiantes en fuentes de innovaciones científicas, tecnológicas y de emprendimiento para el desarrollo económico y productivo del país”.

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Topic area: Religion and belief**El Papa propone ordenar sacerdotes a hombres casados**

Con el objetivo de hacer frente al descenso vocacional dentro de la Iglesia Católica, el Papa Francisco se ha manifestado a favor de que los hombres casados católicos puedan ser ordenados sacerdotes.

La Iglesia está pasando por una situación de crisis, sobre todo en América Latina, donde el número de sacerdotes es cada día menor y en algunos lugares llega a haber solamente un cura por cada 10.000 devotos.

En una entrevista para la televisión argentina, el Papa ha reconocido que la falta de sacerdotes es un problema enorme para la Iglesia y, aunque ha admitido que anular el celibato no es la respuesta, sí ha señalado que estaría abierto a un cambio en las reglas para nuevos sacerdotes. Además, ha manifestado su preocupación por el hecho de que algunos curas decidan cambiar de profesión para poder casarse.

En la actualidad, algunos hombres casados ya son sacerdotes: los curas protestantes casados que se han convertido al catolicismo pueden continuar con su situación marital dentro de la Iglesia y los sacerdotes que pertenecen a la Iglesia Católica Oriental tienen permiso para casarse.

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