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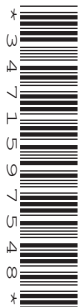
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Topic Area: Education**Reforma educativa en México**

Los profesores de primaria René Cruz y Maximino Morales suman casi 50 años de experiencia dando clases bilingües, en español y zapoteco. Sin embargo, la reforma educativa del gobierno mexicano los apartará de las aulas si no realizan los exámenes requeridos por el ministerio. Para cientos de miles de padres indígenas, los maestros bilingües son el único puente entre ellos y sus hijos, entre un modelo educativo rural y en zapoteco, y otro urbano y en español.

Nadie logra entender con claridad los motivos de esa reforma que pone en peligro a los maestros indígenas. “Quieren terminar con nuestra cultura indígena, privatizar la educación y hacer una reforma laboral encubierta”, señalan René y Maximino. Los profesores de Oaxaca llevan 45 días cortando carreteras, haciendo manifestaciones frente al aeropuerto y han dejado sin clase a más de un millón de niños.

“Los alumnos, que tienen cinco años, saben que estamos peleando contra el gobierno. Pero les explicamos que pelear no es llevar machete ni armas, sino impedir que dañen su escuela”, explica Maximino.

La reforma educativa, según el presidente del gobierno, busca que México, y Oaxaca en concreto, abandone los últimos puestos en el ranking educativo de América Latina.

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Topic Area: Pollution**El sueño de navegar en el río más contaminado de Argentina**

El Riachuelo, el río más contaminado de Argentina, en pleno corazón de Buenos Aires, está cerrado al público desde 2011 por decisión judicial. Sin embargo, un grupo de activistas quiere que vuelva a ser navegable. Algunos desean practicar allí deportes náuticos y otros transportar pasajeros que podrían ahorrarse el tráfico de la capital argentina.

La ONG Unión por el Riachuelo presentó ante el juez un recurso para que se levante la prohibición de navegar en el río. Lo firman 88 organizaciones y más de 1.000 personas a favor de levantar la prohibición. Argumentan, entre otras cosas, que un barco de transporte de frutas y verduras puede reemplazar a 150 camiones en la calle, eso sin hablar del impacto en el medio ambiente.

El Riachuelo desemboca en el Río de la Plata, donde el agua se ve viscosa, con millones de burbujas, producto de los materiales contaminantes que contiene, como benceno o mercurio.

Sin embargo, el mal olor tan característico de décadas atrás ya no está presente, las costas empiezan a recuperar el verde y hasta se ven algunas especies de aves y tortugas que habían abandonado el ecosistema. Aunque falta tiempo para el saneamiento total, muchos consideran que el regreso de la navegación ayudaría a oxigenar el agua.

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Topic Area: Health and fitness**Los insectos podrían ayudar a combatir el hambre**

Algunos tipos de insectos se consideran de alto valor nutritivo; la mayoría de ellos son ricos en proteínas, grasas saludables, hierro y calcio y bajos en hidratos de carbono. De hecho, los autores de un informe científico español afirman que los insectos son más nutritivos que las carnes de consumo habitual y contienen menos grasa que la carne de vaca.

Los beneficios de comer insectos no se encuentran sólo en la pérdida de peso; según un estudio reciente que la ONU ha llevado a cabo comer insectos podría ayudar a combatir la desnutrición, que está muy extendida en los países en desarrollo.

Además de ser una muy buena fuente de grasas saludables y proteínas, los insectos están en todas partes, lo que significa que son alimentos muy accesibles y baratos, un hecho que realmente podría beneficiar a los países de ingresos bajos y medios, donde la desnutrición es común.

Según UNICEF, casi la mitad de todas las muertes entre los niños menores de 5 años en todo el mundo es causada por la desnutrición, siendo Asia y África donde se produce la mayor parte de estas muertes.

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Topic Area: Medical advances**Universitarios bolivianos crean un chip detector de la tuberculosis**

Dos universitarios bolivianos han creado un chip que detecta automáticamente la tuberculosis en la saliva. Hasta ahora, esta enfermedad se detectaba en Bolivia y otros países en desarrollo utilizando una técnica manual no muy precisa.

Loza y Nallar, estudiantes de Medicina de la Universidad Católica Boliviana, presentaron su chip a un concurso que promueve el desarrollo tecnológico de proyectos libres e independientes a nivel mundial para hacer la competencia a las grandes corporaciones que controlan el mercado.

Según Loza, su chip es preciso, rápido y barato. Ahora cuesta 130 dólares, pero podría ser menos si se masifica la producción. También añade que es muy importante diagnosticar la enfermedad a tiempo, pero que a veces esto no ocurre por falta de recursos médicos.

La tuberculosis es una de las principales causas de mortalidad en el mundo, con 1,3 millones de víctimas al año. Además, las tasas de mortalidad más altas causadas por esta enfermedad están en los países pobres o en vías de desarrollo de África, Asia y Latinoamérica.

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Topic Area: The developing world**Tener agua en el desierto de Lima**

Debido al cambio climático el agua del deshielo que llega a los ríos de Lima ha disminuido un 12%. Y, mientras el agua se hace más escasa, la ciudad sigue creciendo sin control. Lima recibe unos 15.000 nuevos habitantes al año, que eligen construir sus casas en las afueras. La mayoría de estas viviendas tiene luz y televisión, pero les falta lo más básico: agua.

Una comunidad de 120 familias de Lima ha encontrado la solución a la falta de agua en una red de nailon que colocan entre dos postes de madera. Debido a su clima húmedo, cuando el viento empuja la niebla a través de la red, pequeñas gotas de agua quedan atrapadas y se deslizan, gracias a la gravedad, hacia un depósito. En días favorables una red puede recoger 400 litros de agua.

Gracias a esta red, que solo puede usarse nueve meses al año, estos vecinos han conseguido cultivar aloe vera, que luego venden a empresas de cosmética. “Durante ese tiempo el agua nos sale prácticamente gratis, con lo que el coste de la vida se ha reducido un 50% para nuestra comunidad”, dice Maura, una vecina.

La falta de agua corriente en la capital ha convertido al barrio de Maura en un lugar atractivo para las personas que llegan a Lima en busca de oportunidades, pero los vecinos quieren proteger su fuente de agua construyendo una valla para evitar la llegada de inmigrantes.

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Topic Area: Sport**Ultramaratón, más allá del límite**

Cada vez hay más deportistas *amateur* que participan en competiciones de larga distancia, como los ultra maratones, con una distancia superior a los 42 kilómetros del maratón tradicional, o las carreras tipo *ironman* que multiplican horas de carrera a pie, a nado y con bicicleta.

La cifra de participantes en estas competiciones se ha multiplicado por seis en los últimos cuatro años, particularmente entre hombres de mediana edad, y ha convertido estas carreras en eventos muy populares por todo España.

Sin embargo, no ha sido hasta hace poco cuando la medicina ha comenzado a interesarse por estos eventos. El prestigioso fisioterapeuta José Antonio Martín ha declarado que las fracturas por sobrecarga aumentan en estas competiciones y que además, cuando combinan carrera a pie con bicicleta, se suman dolores de cuello y espalda.

Es recomendable hacerse un chequeo médico antes de este tipo de competiciones que debería incluir, al menos, un electrocardiograma, un análisis de sangre, una prueba de esfuerzo y, tal vez, una prueba genética que detecte un posible riesgo de muerte súbita.

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