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Card 1

Topic area: Scientific and technological innovation**Los sindicatos españoles en contra de un nuevo sistema de vigilancia**

Varias empresas españolas han expresado interés en una nueva patente solicitada por una empresa informática. Se trata de un sistema que vigila la conducta de los empleados cuando trabajan en sus ordenadores o hacen llamadas telefónicas, además de observar su lenguaje corporal.

En el caso de que algún trabajador tuviera un comportamiento fuera de las normas, el sistema alertaría al departamento de Recursos Humanos. Los empleados, por su lado, recibirían un correo electrónico con los resultados de las observaciones.

Algunos de los datos facilitados por este nuevo sistema serían el tiempo dedicado al correo electrónico o a navegar por Internet. Sin embargo, los sindicatos españoles opinan que otros aspectos de esta vigilancia podrían constituir una intromisión, por ejemplo la observación de las conversaciones que tienen lugar dentro de la oficina, los gestos, o la ropa elegida para una reunión de negocios.

El proveedor asegura que esta nueva tecnología beneficiaría tanto a la empresa como a los trabajadores. Con este método, la empresa podría influir de forma más efectiva en la conducta dentro de la oficina, mientras que los trabajadores podrían mejorar sus prácticas y sus perspectivas laborales dentro de la empresa.

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Card 2**Topic area: Law and order****Una comisión internacional pide la legalización de las drogas blandas**

La Comisión Global de Políticas sobre Drogas aconseja en un informe legalizar el uso de algunas sustancias prohibidas como la marihuana.

Ex-presidentes y grandes personalidades del mundo hispano, tales como Javier Solana y Mario Vargas Llosa, urgen a los gobiernos nacionales a reformar las políticas públicas para combatir las drogas: “El primer paso es tratar las adicciones como un asunto sanitario y, al mismo tiempo, reducir la demanda a través de iniciativas de educación en vez de criminalizar la marihuana”.

La comisión recomienda experimentar con la regulación, especialmente en el caso de la marihuana, para disminuir el poder del crimen organizado. También pide que se acabe con la “marginalización y estigmatización” de los consumidores que no causen daños a los demás.

Asimismo los expertos aconsejan más variedad de tratamientos médicos para las drogas duras, no solamente los basados en metadona y otros fármacos, sino también los que utilizan heroína. Estos métodos, según parece, ya están teniendo resultados eficaces en muchos países europeos y en Canadá.

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Card 3**Topic area: Religion and belief****Los musulmanes piden al gobierno español que evite la islamofobia**

Asociaciones de musulmanes en España han reclamado al gobierno que tenga “sentido común” para evitar actitudes islamófobas que dificulten la convivencia. Quieren que la administración incluya en su agenda varios temas de importancia fundamental para la comunidad musulmana en España.

El presidente de la Federación Española de Entidades Religiosas Islámicas (FEERI), Mohamed Hamed Ali, ha declarado que “la Constitución española garantiza la libertad religiosa. Queremos que se aclare la posición del gobierno respecto a nuestros derechos, como son la enseñanza islámica en la escuela, nuestras mezquitas y espacios de culto, y el uso del velo”. Otros temas a tratar son la asistencia religiosa en prisiones, los cementerios y la protección del patrimonio cultural islámico.

Por su parte, el presidente de la Unión de Comunidades Islámicas de España (UCIDE), Riay Tatary, ha recordado que “más de medio millón de musulmanes votamos ayer en las elecciones” y, por lo tanto, “merecemos que el gobierno español preste atención a nuestras inquietudes. Cumplimos con nuestros deberes, así que debemos tener también nuestros derechos”.

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Topic area: Young people

La generación de jóvenes “ni-ni”: ni estudian, ni trabajan

Los integrantes de la generación “ni-ni” son jóvenes españoles de entre 18 y 31 años que ni trabajan ni estudian, y todavía viven con sus padres. No tienen ningún proyecto que les ilusione y “se pasan el día en el sofá”, como explica el psiquiatra Paulino Castells.

Para el doctor Castells, los “ni-ni” son los afortunados hijos de la sociedad del bienestar, la consecuencia de una época de prosperidad económica: “Sus benevolentes padres les han dado todo y les han librado de cualquier esfuerzo o sacrificio. Les han rodeado de comodidades para ofrecerles un presente mejor que el pasado que ellos tuvieron”.

El problema es que nadie miró al futuro: una España inmersa en una profunda crisis cuyas víctimas principales son los trabajadores más jóvenes. Ellos saben que les espera un futuro peor que a la generación anterior y eso les desanima por completo: no tienen ninguna esperanza ni fe en sí mismos. Muchos no quieren luchar y piensan que es imposible cambiar el mundo.

Para Castells, los “ni-ni” tienen difícil recuperación: “Es una pena, pues suelen ser chavales muy inteligentes pero no les importa nada, y acaban inhabilitados para la vida familiar y laboral”.

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Card 5

Topic area: Conservation

Los pueblos indígenas de América Latina luchan por su supervivencia

En mitad de una selva se inicia la construcción de una carretera o la explotación de una mina. El gobierno del país ha dado su visto bueno, pero nadie ha avisado a los habitantes, que temen la pérdida de su patrimonio cultural. Se trata de los indígenas.

Ésta es la historia común de algunas zonas de países de América Latina que, el próximo 9 de agosto, celebran el Día Internacional de los Pueblos Indígenas. Desde 1994 la ONU lo conmemora, pero esta organización ha reconocido que aún es difícil combatir estereotipos, discriminación y abusos de los derechos de estas comunidades.

La Comisión Interamericana de Derechos Humanos declaró en 2009 que “los pueblos indígenas gozan de derechos de propiedad sobre todas aquellas tierras y recursos que usan actualmente, y también sobre los que poseyeron pero les fueron injustamente confiscados”.

Con esta declaración bajo el brazo, algunos de estos pueblos han reclamado a sus gobiernos respeto a su territorio. Por ejemplo, los indígenas sarayaku de Ecuador iniciaron en 2003 una batalla legal contra el gobierno para exigirle la expulsión de una empresa petrolera de sus territorios. Los sarayaku ganaron el caso, animando a otras comunidades a continuar luchando por su supervivencia.

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Topic area: Health and fitness

La falta de ejercicio causa una de cada siete muertes en España

Una investigación realizada por la Escuela de Medicina de Harvard concluye que el sedentarismo tiene un impacto sobre la salud equiparable al del tabaquismo. Cada uno de estos factores fue responsable de la muerte de unos 5 millones de personas en el mundo en 2014, un 9% del total de fallecidos ese año.

La investigación también muestra que la falta de ejercicio aumenta más el riesgo de algunos cánceres frecuentes, como el de colon o el de mama, que el de las enfermedades coronarias.

Los resultados en España son peores que los que se registran a nivel mundial o europeo. En España, un 13% de la mortalidad (casi una de cada siete muertes) es atribuible a la falta de ejercicio. En el caso del cáncer de colon, el porcentaje de casos debidos al sedentarismo supone el doble de la cifra publicada a nivel europeo.

Los malos resultados de España se deben a que más de la mitad de la población no practica suficiente ejercicio, especialmente las mujeres, muchas de las cuales ni siquiera cumplen el mínimo recomendado de actividad física. Esto sitúa a España en el puesto 97 de una clasificación de 122 países que la Organización Mundial de la Salud ha estudiado.

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