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Card 1**Theme: Sport****Termina la primera operación antidopaje**

Tras varios años de investigaciones y tres meses de juicio, el primer gran caso de dopaje en el deporte en España, la Operación Puerto, ha terminado con una gran decepción. Tres de los cinco acusados han sido absueltos y los otros dos condenados a penas mínimas. El principal acusado, el médico Eufemiano Fuentes, ha recibido una pena de un año de prisión y cuatro de inhabilitación para ejercer la medicina deportiva.

En el juicio ha quedado probado que existió una trama de dopaje que pudo implicar a un centenar de deportistas, no solamente ciclistas. Sin embargo, la juez ha ordenado destruir las 212 bolsas de sangre y plasma incautadas, a través de las cuales se podría identificar a los deportistas implicados.

Si bien es positivo que por primera vez se haya impuesto una condena por facilitar sustancias dopantes a deportistas, la sentencia puede considerarse demasiado benigna, y confirma la opinión de los observadores internacionales de que las autoridades españolas no son suficientemente firmes en la lucha contra el uso ilegal de drogas.

La sentencia ha provocado gran indignación en el mundo del deporte y ha causado un grave daño a la imagen de España. No es extraño que la Agencia Mundial Antidopaje la califique de “decepcionante e insatisfactoria”.

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Card 2

Theme: Food and drink

Un supermercado ecológico celebra 10 años de éxito

Veritas, la cadena de supermercados ecológicos, ha celebrado su décimo aniversario con la apertura de un nuevo supermercado en Barcelona. La compañía cuenta ahora con un total de 25 tiendas en Cataluña, Andorra y Baleares y recientemente ha empezado también a vender online.

El director general, Silvio Elias, fundó la compañía con el objetivo de poner al alcance de todo el mundo una alimentación más sana. En estos 10 años, *Veritas* ha logrado reducir considerablemente el precio de los alimentos ecológicos. Según ha declarado Elias, “no me cansaré de luchar para que comer ecológico llegue a ser un hábito para todos”.

Silvio Elias cree firmemente en las ventajas de la comida ecológica. Ha señalado, por ejemplo, que “las frutas y verduras ecológicas no presentan residuos de pesticidas dañinos para la salud. Asimismo, tienen menos concentración de agua y por lo tanto más sabor. La agricultura ecológica aporta también beneficios al medio ambiente: no contamina las aguas y frena la erosión y desertización del suelo”.

En cuanto a la carne ecológica, “nos garantiza que no vamos a ingerir residuos de antibióticos, porque la ganadería ecológica no los utiliza como medida rutinaria. Tampoco habrá nunca un caso de vaca loca con carne ecológica”.

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Theme: Human relationships**Adolescentes españoles sufren acoso escolar homofóbico**

Recientemente más de 600 adolescentes lesbianas, gays y bisexuales han alzado su voz y han hablado del acoso homofóbico que sufren en sus escuelas. Para estos jóvenes, romper el silencio no ha sido fácil. Pero ahora se han atrevido a hablar públicamente para participar en un estudio.

Este informe, que incluye entrevistas a chicas y chicos de entre 12 y 25 años de 129 municipios españoles, revela que en nuestras escuelas se maltrata cruelmente a quienes no se ajustan a ciertos comportamientos de género. El 43% de estos jóvenes dice que pensó en suicidarse.

Para los niños y adolescentes españoles constituye una tortura ser o parecer diferentes en cuanto a su sexualidad. No hay una estructura que les proteja, que les permita conocerse sin despreciarse a sí mismos, sin miedo a ser rechazados por sus amigos y familiares. En la escuela perciben una pasividad vergonzosa ante su sufrimiento.

Hay que tomar muy en serio este estudio. Quienes tienen la responsabilidad de educar y legislar no deberían ignorarlo. Tal vez así, el Ministerio de Educación no suprima la lucha contra la homofobia del currículo escolar. Tal vez así se desarrollen planes urgentes para terminar, lo más pronto posible, con este gravísimo problema.

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Theme: Law and order**Una nueva ley combatirá la piratería en Internet con fuertes penas de cárcel**

España va a perseguir por primera vez con penas de cárcel a los dueños o administradores de las llamadas *webs de enlaces*: los sitios de Internet que no ofrecen obras pirateadas, pero sí venden acceso a otros sitios donde se guarda ese material, sin consentimiento de los autores y vulnerando el derecho de propiedad intelectual.

Hasta ahora, la ley sólo establecía penas de hasta cuatro años de cárcel para quien “reproduzca, plagie, distribuya o comunique” obras de otros sin permiso de su autor. Pero nada decía de las *webs de enlaces*.

El proyecto de ley que aprobará en breve el Consejo de Ministros recoge el nuevo delito con penas que van de seis meses a seis años de cárcel, la retirada de los contenidos pirateados y, en los casos más extremos, el bloqueo de la página web.

Esta propuesta, redactada desde el Ministerio de Justicia, ha dado lugar a una dura disputa entre el Ministerio de Industria, presionado por los operadores de Internet, que piden una ley más suave, y el de Cultura, presionado por los creadores, que reclaman más dureza para frenar la caída que sufren sus ingresos.

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Theme: Cultural life/Heritage**Aumenta la popularidad de los encierros taurinos**

Los festejos populares taurinos aumentaron el año pasado hasta los 15.848. España celebró 2.000 encierros más que el año anterior, según datos del Ministerio de Cultura, una subida del 15% que contrasta con la caída en un 8% de las corridas de toros.

A pesar de la crisis económica, el apoyo financiero que han prestado algunos gobiernos regionales ha ayudado a que este festejo siga en alza.

La muerte este verano de nueve personas en encierros taurinos ha reabierto el debate sobre su seguridad. Pamplona, la meca del sector, que cuenta con 16 muertes desde 1910, ha ido mejorando las medidas de seguridad con el paso de los años. En esta ciudad, la policía dedica gran parte de su tiempo a sacar del espacio donde se concentran los corredores a todos aquellos que estén borrachos o no lleven la ropa adecuada para correr con los toros.

Desafortunadamente estas precauciones no existen en los encierros de muchas localidades, donde se repite la escena de participantes en sandalias o que se hacen *selfies* con el móvil. Incluso, en algunas comunidades, existe una precariedad del servicio médico ya que no se obliga a que haya un cirujano o anestesista donde esos encierros tienen lugar.

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Theme: Health and fitness**Los árboles mejoran el rendimiento de los niños en el colegio**

El primer estudio sobre el impacto de las zonas verdes en el desarrollo cognitivo de los niños ha mostrado un efecto positivo de los árboles en la memoria, la atención y la resolución de problemas.

Los autores han observado a casi 2.600 niños escolarizados de entre 7 y 10 años, y han concluido que en los centros con más zonas verdes se detecta un 10% menos de problemas de atención entre los alumnos.

“Nuestra conclusión es que hay que crear más zonas verdes dentro de los colegios y alrededor de ellos”, dice el médico Jordi Sunyer, principal autor del estudio. Los árboles absorben las partículas de carbono negro producidas en la combustión de los motores diésel, que entran hasta el pulmón y llegan a inflamar el cerebro. La contaminación explicaría hasta el 50% de los problemas de atención y un 20% de los problemas en el almacenamiento de información.

Los niños analizados en colegios con menos zonas verdes presentan un 5% menos de desarrollo cognitivo que los que van a escuelas más arboladas. Los científicos no han detectado ninguna influencia de factores socioeconómicos ya que los colegios con más zonas verdes no están necesariamente en los barrios más ricos.

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