

REKOMENDUOJAMOS VIDEO PREZENTACIJOS

Atsidarykite šią nuorodą:

Jack Harries on the BBC - Climate Change and Activism

8:03 <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vCllbqdQcqA>

Atsidarykite šią nuorodą:

An interview with teen climate activist, Jamie Margolin - New Day Northwest

11:39 <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xRhbm5asqT0>

Truth is more valuable if it
takes you a few years to find it.



French proverb

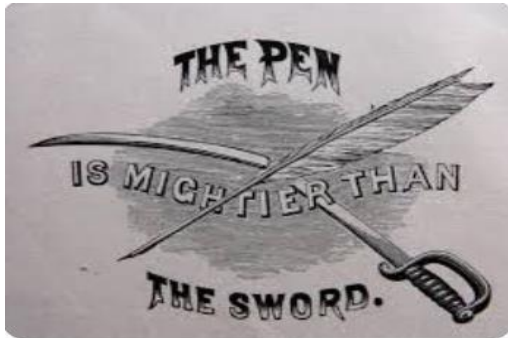
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English proverb

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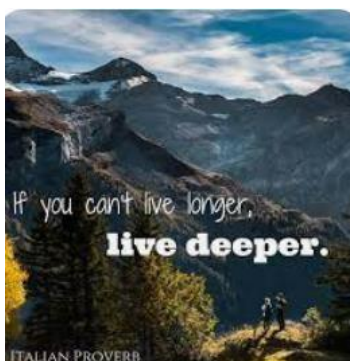
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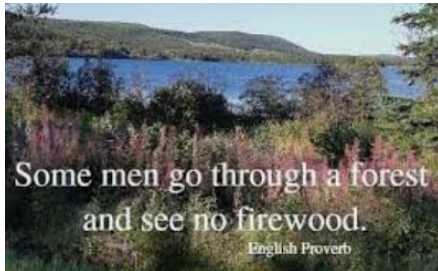
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The war and Russia's bombing of Ukraine's energy infrastructure in recent weeks have sparked fears Ukrainians will be forced to freeze or flee this winter.

Each stove, which includes two chambers for firewood and ash, is made of three rims stacked on top of each other and is supported by metal legs. According to craftsman and project co-author Rokas Utakis, the stove can also be used as a dryer or a heater, depending on necessity. Utakis said that craftsmen have been staying overtime to work on the project, and have been joined by residents happy to lend a hand and help Ukrainians.

"It's nice to work with such an enthusiastic group of people," Utakis said. "The emotions of people enjoying the stoves make up for the fatigue you experience making them."

Kalvis has already produced nearly 100 stoves, half of which have already been sent to Ukraine in places like Bakhmut and Iziom. Some 20 stoves were sent to a military unit which sent a thank-you letter back to the company, according to LRT.

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Crowd-beloved Vilnius Light Festival returns with futuristic illumination art

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Vilnius Light Festival, returning to the capital for the fifth time, has already presented 77 projects from 16 world countries over the last four years and is visited by over 200,000 spectators each time. Now it will become the European capital of world-renowned artists from Lithuania, France, Canada, Spain, the United Kingdom, the Netherlands, and Italy.

Vilnius has been celebrating its 700th birthday throughout the past two years and is making 2023 its most festive year ever. The city will present a number of projects as gifts of art, music and interactive history, like *Opera. Connect: Vilnius, a City of Opera* which will spread the gift of opera in the most unexpected spots of the city or *Vilnius Poker: The Exhibition* which will invite visitors to MO modern art museum to explore the city-labyrinth of text, sound, and images. In the international music festival *As Young As Vilnius* international classical, contemporary, pop and other artists will put on an impressive music show in Vingis Park in July.

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Valujavičius' journey commemorates the 90th anniversary of the flight of Lithuanian pilots Steponas Darius and Stasys Girėnas across the Atlantic Ocean, from continental Spain to Florida in the United States. If successful, he will become the first Lithuanian and only the third person in the world to complete such a journey.

"It's unique. This is the only trip not only for me but also for Lithuania. I cannot imagine a more beautiful and magnificent commemoration of the flight of Darius and Girėnas across the Atlantic," Valujavičius explained his motivation before the journey.

After setting off from Spain, he also hopes to reach the US Florida shore in mid-April to break the world record. He is usually rowing for 14 hours a day and is most often accompanied by larger ships and animals on his solo journey. Consuming the right amount of calories is essential to give the man energy for rowing in the open ocean every day. Around 150 kilograms of food is packed in the traveller's boat, so consuming more of it would make it lighter and allow him to row faster.

The Lithuanian man is filming his journey and is planning to make a documentary film, which is scheduled to premiere in Lithuanian cinemas in January 2024.

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Europe's water crisis – could Lithuania become water-exporting country?

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According to Gintaras Valiuškevičius, a hydrology professor at Vilnius University (VU), many EU countries draw a large part of water for drinking and domestic use from surface sources, including rivers, lakes, and ponds. "Countries further south tend to have seasonal fluctuations in their surface water supplies, which can lead to freshwater shortages, especially in summer," he said. "In Lithuania, we are unlikely to be affected by this problem because we are among the countries that obtain all their water from deep boreholes. It is safe to say that the crisis won't touch us. But the world is global, so we might feel it indirectly, for example, when we start exporting water in the future," he added.

According to Midona Dapkienė, a professor at Vytautas Magnus University's Water Engineering Department, climate change is among the major causes of the decline in freshwater. The lack of rain and high temperatures are drying up surface water bodies and lowering groundwater levels in aquifers. The second reason for Europe's declining freshwater reserves is the growing population, rising living standards, and increasing demand. Lithuania is among the few countries in the world with abundant fresh groundwater resources. Thus, it may one day start exporting its freshwater to other countries, according to Dapkienė.

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Lithuanian Lego enthusiast draws inspiration from Kaunas architecture

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“I visited Liepaja in the 8th grade, and it was the structure of the buildings that caught my attention. My parents also contributed to my interest: they encouraged me to go, look and pay attention to the buildings. Then, I started taking pictures of the buildings with an amateur camera. From then on, I became interested in architecture and its styles,” says Rokas. “I discovered Kaunas in 2017 and learned about its modernist architecture and those curved, beautiful shapes.”

Rokas received a Lego set in 2018 and since then, he says, he has been hooked. “The bricks were like a tool to help me create the modernist buildings that I liked so much at the time,” he shares.

One of his Lego designs – representing a Kaunas landmark, the modernist Iljinai House – has been submitted to the Danish toy manufacturer in a bid to make it an official Lego set. On a special website for such bids, not registered visitors of the site can vote for submitted designs. When a project gets 10,000 “likes”, the company considers it for a set. At the moment, Rokas’ submission has around 7,500 likes. The final decision, however, is up to the company.

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