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## Former Ecuadorian Minister and President of UN General Assembly to run for position of General Secretariat of the Organization of American States

The former president of the UN General Assembly, Ecuadorian María Fernanda Espinosa, will present her candidacy to compete for the role of General Secretariat of the Organization of American States (OAS) against Luis Almagro—the current General Secretariat who is from Uruguay—in the coming weeks. This was revealed by Sir Ronald Sanders, the OAS ambassador of Antigua and Barbuda.

"After the 71 years of life of the OAS, there is a feeling that it would be good for a woman with the experience and creativity of Espinosa to occupy the General Secretariat," said Sanders.

The diplomat also said that Espinosa has "the ability to be a healer" and to "seek consensus," qualities that contrasted with the "dividing" figure of Almagro, who announced his intention to opt for reelection in December 2018, which has been publicly backed by the US and Colombia.

Diplomatic sources say that other Latin American politicians are considering running in the coming weeks.

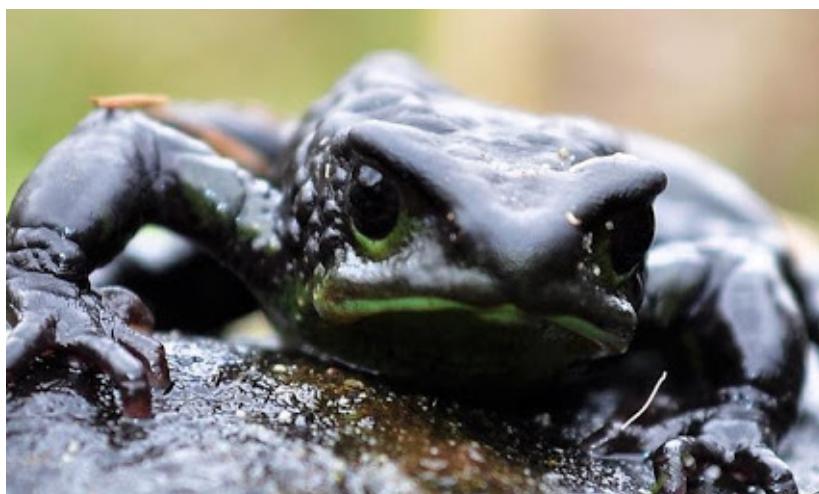
Within the possible list of candidates, Espinosa would represent the most leftist option and could count on support of several of the 14 countries



that make up the Caribbean Community (Caricom).

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## Amaru Amphibians important to medicinal discoveries



by Noah Foster-Koth

A frog species that was once thought to be extinct may be the key to discovering new medicines in Ecuador.

The frog, known as the Tres Cruces Stubfoot Toad or the Black Toad of Cajas (Atelopusnanay), is being actively researched and bred in conservation at the Amaru Bioparque in Cuenca. Amaru is a wildlife park that rehabilitates animals that have been rescued from dangerous or abusive situations throughout Ecuador. Amaru also conducts captive breeding programs for endangered Ecuadorian species, including the Tres Cruces Stubfoot Toad.

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## El Arenal problems overtake the neighborhood



More than 3,000 merchants are concentrated in the largest supply center in Cuenca. Insecurity, disorder and unhealthiness reign in that place. For Jorge Pazán, a taxi driver, the El Arenal market (also known as Feria Libre), is one of the most messy and insecure sectors in Cuenca. And his argument is not far-fetched.

When walking along Carlos Arizaga Vega Avenue, passers-by encounter all kinds of obstacles. Small and large signs placed on the sidewalks that invite you to enter a hairdresser, to drink a juice, a retreader, to buy coal or to a parking lot without any signaling. "It's very complicated walking in the day, worse at night in these places;

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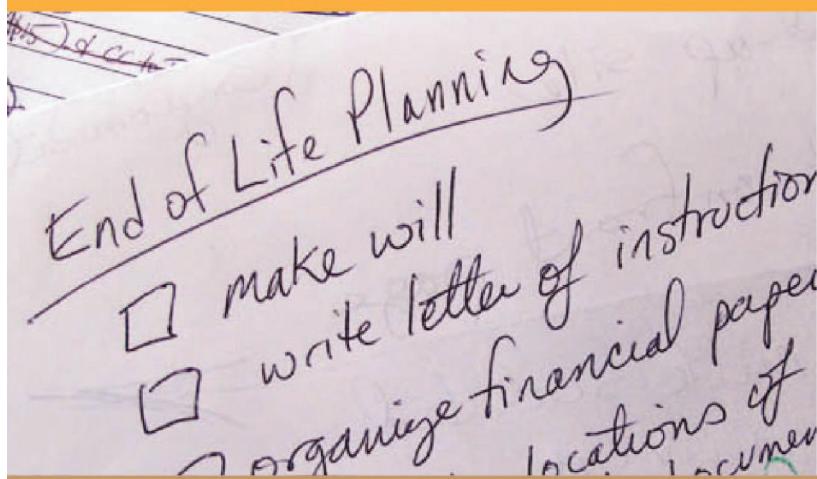
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# I'M JUST SAYIN'

By Michael Soares

## Whatever it is, it's not an emergency

The coffee is still brewing, but I'm writing without it this morning. Only because I have to get my column done early today. The newspaper's graphic design person is going on a well-deserved vacation and needs all the contributors to turn their columns and stories in earlier than usual.

I should have written this yesterday, but I was stuck in the Municipality offices in Santa Isabel for most of the day trying to get that letter I talked about last week (saying that my driveway was private and not a part of any public road). As I mentioned last week, it was a big victory for us to get that letter. But I jumped the gun on that. It was supposed to be ready the day I wrote my column. I should have known better.

Because a week after I wrote that I still didn't have the letter in hand. I only had the promise of the letter. So yesterday, with my lawyer by my side, we visited the Municipality and finally got the actual printed, signed and officially stamped letter in my hands. So, all is good now.

But there's more to the story. You see, yesterday around noon we called the office that was supposed to generate the letter to see if it was ready (we had again been promised on Tuesday that we could go yesterday morning and get it). We were then told by the woman in charge of getting it done that she was in a "course" and wouldn't be available until 5pm.

The story was sounding all too familiar—we'd been given similar stories for the past week. So, my lawyer made the decision that we would just show up in the offices and demand the letter. Which is exactly what we did. And guess what we found? We found the woman sitting at her desk. Not in a course. She was not happy to see us.

It wasn't because she didn't want to provide the letter, it was just that getting it done wasn't as important to her as anything else she had to do. So, it never got done. Which is crazy because when we showed up in her office, and she finally had no choice but to do the letter for us, it took her all of 5 minutes. Literally, 5 minutes.

We waited a week to get something that would have taken her 5 minutes to do for us. And if we hadn't shown up when we did, I expect we would have waited another week, or longer.

This was the perfect example of the "squeaky wheel" getting the oil. Only in this case squeaking was enough. "Running like bulls [to] the china shop" would be more like what actually got the work done.

This is the kind of think that makes expats say, "Well, in the US." Because quite frankly, this is a common occurrence if you have to deal with government issues here in Ecuador. It's not that this was just a one-off situation. This is a daily situation. And it's not just because we are expats. EVERYONE goes through these things. It's almost as accepted as it is expected here.

And for North Americans who are used to getting things done by a prescribed method—where steps are laid out and followed—this can be extremely frustrating. But, for Ecuadorians, while it can be annoying, the folks around here that we talk to say that's just the way that it is. They expect it to be that way. But they also say that I'm wrong in my assumption that it is cultural. It goes deeper than that. Out here in the country, they just don't see the sense in anything being an emergency.

And that's "anything" with a capital A. Like a main water line being broken. And not getting fixed for days. Or an irrigation pump that supplies water to a community not getting fixed. For months. Or a road that is collapsing (in Lentag) not getting fixed. For close to a year (it appears this may get fixed next year). And the capital A list goes on and on.

This is not cultural, it's just that they look at life's "emergencies" differently than I (we) do. We expats joke about mañana not meaning tomorrow, but rather meaning "not today." But it's not a joke. It's a way of life. And it's a way of life that we need to adapt to, or it can drive us crazy to be caught up in it.

I'm trying to do that. Every time I think I've accepted it I find that I'm expecting something else. In reality, just as hard as it would be for Ecuadorians to change their take on things getting done when they get done, it's near impossible for me to change my take on things needing to get done as soon as possible.

But I'm here in their country, so I better work harder at accepting and not expecting. So long as I'm ready to charge into that china shop every once in a while.

I'm just sayin'.



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See answers on page 11

## Former Ecuadorian Minister and President of UN General Assembly to run for position of General Secretariat of the Organization of American States (Cont.)

Sanders explained that Espinosa has held meetings with representatives of several OAS members and has already garnered "very strong support" in the body with the support of nations not only from the Caribbean, but also from Central America and Latin America, according to the diplomat.

Asked about it, Sanders refused to reveal the list of countries that support Espinosa and also did not offer an exact number of supporters, saying that it would be "premature" to provide such data.

Normally, OAS States present their candidates—in this case, tradition would dictate that Ecuador should present Espinosa's candidacy. However, there are no fixed rules in this regard, and in the case of Almagro, Uruguay has already announced that it would not support his application. Ecuador's Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Ecuador confirmed that it will support Almagro's candidacy. "Ecuador has already announced that it will support the candidacy of Luis Almagro for reelection. The candidacy of Mrs. María Fernanda Espinosa is managed individually."

In Ecuador, Espinosa is known to have been Minister of Foreign Affairs of President Lenín Moreno between May 2017 and June 2018.

In that period, she represented the most left wing of a government that was evolving towards the political center and that was trying to demarcate from the management of ex-president Rafael Correa, of whom Espinosa was briefly Minister of Foreign Affairs in 2007 and of Defense between 2012 and 2014.

Espinosa's image as a representative of the previous Executive made her unpopular in conservative circles that support Moreno's management. This, added to controversies such as the case management of WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange, placed her on the exit ramp and took her to the UN.

In September 2018, Espinosa was elected as president of the General Assembly of the United Nations, becoming the first Latin American to hold the position.

During her tenure at the United Nations, she managed to strengthen her international profile, moving away to some extent from the almost protocol character that has traditionally held the position and promoting several personal initiatives in areas such as gender equality and the environment.

The future secretary general will be elected on March 20, 2020 in a General Assembly, the most important political forum of the organization and in which the foreign ministers of the 34 countries that are active members of the OAS participate (Cuba belongs to the organization but has not participated since 1962).

To be elected, any candidate would need 18 votes, a simple majority. Applicants have until December 15th of this year to present their candidacy.

Extracted from Diario El Mercurio

## Milagro outlaws two men on a motorcycle to reduce crime

**B**etween bewilderment, doubts and hope for a reduction in crime, in Milagro an ordinance that prohibits two men on a motorcycle became official on November 4th (but took effect on the 14th of November).

The City Council of the third most populous city in Guayas, with an average of 200,000 inhabitants, approved the regulations as a strategy against crime, as Guayaquil did before (in November 2017), and Quevedo River did last July, among other cities.

Mayor Francisco Asán points out that the request came from the National Police and that the restriction includes 24 hours a day, but excludes male citizens who are relatives, or older adults.

One group that is particularly unhappy with the ordinance are the men who are part of the so-called "mototaxi" service, who outside of the law offer paid rides to citizens.



"You have to see if we stop, people live from this," says Franklin Vera, who points out that the user prefers to pay \$1 to them rather than \$2.50 to a taxi driver.

On Garcia Moreno Street, the most commercial in Milagro, one can see a saturation of motorcycles, with groups of ten parked at the edge of the sidewalks, with dozens lined up in commercial houses and with countless rolling on the road, that is integrated into the railway line.

In addition to the mototaxi drivers, it's normal to see motorcycles without license plates, drivers without helmets and three adult occupants on a motorcycle.

Colonel Ángel Zapata, head of the National Police in the Guayas sub-zone, that includes Milagro and 21 cantons of the province, says that during these days of dissemination of the ordinance, the average number of motorcycles retained is 60 a day and indicates that the lack of papers and adulteration of the numerical record are common anomalies.

"We detected that of the people who carry out these activities (mototaxi), more than 50% had no documents, not even a license."

According to Zapata, the sanctions will be applied from Thursday 14th, "a month after the publication in the Official Gazette." And those who violate the ordinance can expect their motorcycles to be retained for 48 hours. The retention time will be increased to 96 hours in cases of recidivism, along with a fine equivalent to a basic salary, which is currently \$496.

Argenis Santos, community leader of Milagro, estimates that the ordinance will have a positive effect in reducing assaults, but hopes that the authorities will comply with offering work alternatives to the affected motor taxi drivers.

He believes that about 5000 citizens do freight in this modality that is illegal, he admits.

### 'There is a lot of disorder and crime takes advantage of that'

Colonel Zapata comments that 30 years ago "when he was a lieutenant," he served in Milagro and when he returned to this city two months ago (with the change of jurisdictional seat, which was Durán) he could feel that disorder persisted and that, as he remembered it, it was largely linked to the use of the motorcycle.

Making it clear that he does not wish to stigmatize the use of motorcycles, Zapata said that the first evaluation of the crime problem in Milagro reflected that 80% of cases of assaults, robberies, hired assassinations, traffic accidents (...) were related to these 2-person motorcycle units.

In his office at the Citizen Attention Center (CAC), Zapata explained that there were 23 violent events in Milagro in the first ten months of 2019 and that there has been a prevalence in the use of the motorcycle. He adds that there were only 10 of those violent events in 2018.

"It is a vehicle so unprotected, one could say, and this accompanied by the misconduct and irresponsibility of drivers who believe they own the roads; that it is not known if they are going from the front, back, coming; and all this disorder is obviously also exploited by crime," Zapata analyzes.

He proposed to the Municipality the issuance of the ordinance that restricts the mobilization of two men on a motorcycle.

"We have needed this strictness of the restriction, but there are other phases where we are going to establish that in certain areas there should be no motorcycle circulation," he says and adds, "Five, ten, fifteen motorcycles are coming, the least one does is tense up."

Zapata says that they have detected more than 1,000 motorcycles used to make freight, that they found paperless drivers and units without license plates, and they are working with the Traffic Commission of Ecuador CTE) to improve the situation in the city, recognized for its agricultural wealth and whose inhabitants expect an effective fight against crime.

Extracted from Diario El Universo

## Amaru Amphibians important to medicinal discoveries (Cont.)

This toad species was identified in Cuenca's Cajas National Park by Doctor Luis Coloma. "Doctor Luis Coloma is one of the most knowledgeable people about Ecuadorian amphibians, and one of the greatest Ecuadorian scientists," Ernesto Arbeláez, an administrator at Amaru, says. "And he went to Cajas in 1990, and he was studying amphibian diversity in Ecuador, and he ran into these black toads, in all of the mountains of Cajas." Arbeláez says that Coloma reported 900 specimens per hectare in certain parts of Cajas. "In each plot of a hundred by a hundred meters, nine hundred frogs. That's what he counted." However, when Coloma returned to Cajas three years later, the Tres Cruces Stubfoot Toad was nowhere to be found. "So, sadly, he said, 'this is the toad que ya no hay,' that isn't there," Arbeláez explains. "And in honor of that, he described it as Atelopusnanay." Nanay is the Quechua word for "sadness" and "no longer here."

For a decade, scientists believed that this was the end of Atelopusnanay's story. Then in 2004, Arbeláez received a startling photograph from one of his friends from the University of Azuay. A population of Tres Cruces Stubfoot toad was still alive in Patul, a remote village in the Azuay province. "I said, 'It can't be! The black toad reappeared!' Arbeláez recalls. "So we organized an expedition to Patul. When we arrived at that site, we started to talk with the villagers, and the people native to the area told us that in certain times of the year, the famous Atelopusnanay can be seen. After a lot of intense work in the highest parts of Cajas, we managed to find it."

Today, Atelopusnanay is being intensively studied and bred in captivity at Amaru's Center for Amphibian Research and Conservation (hereafter referred to as the Center). The once-extinct toad may even hold the key to treating human diseases. "This is a subject little studied but no less important," Fausto Siavichay, the Center's coordinator, explains, "which is that you can extract medicine from amphibians." Siavichay notes that many people are under the impression that the raised bumps on the skin of some frogs and toads are contagious warts that can pass to humans. In fact, these wart-like protrusions are just glands, from which the amphibians secrete a variety of substances, some of which have medicinal properties. A study conducted by the University of Iquitos found that the Atelopusnanay, which the Center is actively breeding in captivity, excretes chemicals from its skin that could have medicinal value. The research team made this discovery thanks to one of the captive-born Atelopusnanay specimens that the Center had bred. "It was one of the four individuals that we keep in the Center for Amphibian Conservation," Noe Torres, a biologist and veterinarian employed by Amaru, explains. "They extracted a substance from the skin... and they discovered that it has anti-fungal powers."

Other frog species, such as Anthony's Poison Arrow Frog (*Epipedobatesanthonyi*) may also have significant medicinal value. "Epipedobatesanthonyi has a substance, epibatidine, with analgesic powers," Torres says. "But it's necessary to synthesize it, because as a pure substance it's very strong. We also have a frog called Crucioilaca-caorifer, and it's an agricultural frog that lives in the Amazon. From this frog, they took extracts with antimicrobial power, with certain staphylococcus bacteria. The good thing about this substance is that it doesn't create bacteria resistance like current antibiotics." Torres points out that in ancient times, the indigenous people of Ecuador had already figured out how to use amphibians for medicinal purposes, and that some communities in the country continue the practice to this day. She says the discoveries made by these communities likely contributed to researchers' desire to investigate amphibians' potential as a source of biomedicine.

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## José Carrasco Arteaga Hospital celebrates World Premature Day



The best way to give peace of mind and support to parents of premature babies is to listen to others who experienced the same anguish and joy. For that reason, the Neonatology Unit, of the José Carrasco Arteaga Hospital, developed a special program for its patients, in commemoration of World Premature Day.

"Miracles exist, and we know that premature moms know," said one of the mothers who shared her experience with her twins, who were born at 28 weeks.

Similarly, another couple presented with joy, their daughter Nathy, who remained in the neonatal unit of the hospital for three and a half months, where they went daily to see their baby gain even one more gram of weight.

Karina Merchán, head of the Neonatology Unit, explained that the work of this unit is to join efforts to reduce sequelae caused by prematurity, in order to provide a good quality of life for babies and daddies. "Our hospital provides care for extreme premature infants, with biopsychosocial complications," she said.

## Three eagles fly back to the wilderness after a year and a half rehabilitation

Three eagles were released after completing a recovery process for a year and a half in the province of Azuay.

"Verónica", "Yacu" and "Nico" are the birds that were in the Quimsacocha reserve, located 35 kilometers south of Cuenca.

This is part of the linkage project between the Faculty of Agricultural Sciences of the University of Cuenca and the YurakAllpa Zoo. The rector of the higher education center, Pablo Vanegas, was in charge of releasing the first of the birds, who hesitated for a few seconds in his flutter.

Then he embarked on his journey between the sky and the moor, after having completed a cycle of training and bodybuilding.

"I want to thank the people who were involved in the recovery and provided the space for this release," said the educational leader. "It is a work promoted by Professor Estuardo Palacios, from Veterinary, always with the support of institutional authorities and now sees its fruits."

The Dean of the Faculty, Guillermo Serpa, was pleased with the result. He was at the beginning of the conservation work and witnessed the end of the work. He said it will continue with other species.

A caravan arrived from the parish Tarqui to watch the reinsertion of the wild animals. Among the attendees was the veterinary student José Pacheco, who was responsible for the introduction into the recovery process, through techniques using sleeves or tunnels between 40 and 50 meters.

"We have the security of its survival at 95%; the remaining 5% depends on them. They will know how to choose where they will live from now on," he said.

The owner of the zoo, Alberto Vele, said that this was an ending with "much joy", but that it would not have been possible without the cooperative work. The team was also made up of the biologist Fernando Juela, Fernando Andrade and the student Tatiana Sigüenza.

Extracted from Diario El Telégrafo

## El Arenal problems overtake the neighborhood (Cont.)

nobody knows what kind of people you will meet," insists the taxi driver.

Upon reaching General Escandón Avenue, small shops have been taken to the sidewalks. The vehicles are parked without any control, they occupy the sidewalks and passersby must circulate on the street with the danger that this represents. When you are on the Avenue of the Americas, the raucous music that comes from the speakers that the sellers of appliances put up is heard several blocks away.

The purchase of clothing or legumes means that citizens must avoid obstacles in order to follow the path. "It is difficult to move them, they have taken the sidewalks and sometimes to the street," says Pedro Campoverde, owner of one of the homes nearby, while trying to get his car out of the garage.

If this happens in the streets surrounding this market, which has around 3,000 merchants daily, the interior is no exception. Wednesdays, Saturdays and Sundays are the most conflictive days, both for housewives, and for those who exercise controls on this site. On Wednesdays the parking lot cannot be used because a clothing and footwear fair is installed on the esplanade.

The surrounding streets or the few parking lots that exist in this place, are the ones that receive hundreds of vehicles. Trash is thrown everywhere, while dogs look for food in the trash. "There are bad people here; many of the time they are throwing the puppies or kittens in the garbage dumps," says Carmen, an employee of EMAC, who prefers not to give her last name.

A few steps away one can see two alcoholic people lying on the ground with their dogs beside them, probably waiting for their owners to wake up to take them on a walk. "Here and everywhere there are canteens, nobody does anything. Meanwhile, these people are still dying from the drink", emphasizes the cleaning lady.

It is no surprise to anyone that they use drugs there. "Not only do they consume, but they sell," says one lady while offering her vegetables who prefers not to give her name for fear of reprisals. "What do you want, that tomorrow is no longer here?"

"At the bus stops they steal at all times," says Laura N., a merchant who prefers to sell her products abroad. "I sell here because I don't bring the products every day (onion, coriander and cabbage), I only come on Wednesdays and Saturdays," she said.

Add all of this to that the intense traffic, the bad parking situation in the exteriors and the conditions of unhealthiness in the handling of products and all of this spells trouble for many of the people trying to make a living there. Inside the El Arenal Shopping Center there are 600 stalls, without counting the informal ones, In total, outside and in, there are about 3,000 merchants.

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## Ikiam wins \$1.5 million for butterfly research



The genetic and neural basis of the butterfly's reproductive behavior was the project with which the Regional Amazon (Ikiam) and Munich (Germany) universities won funding for \$ 1.5 million. The money is awarded by the European Research Council (ERC).

The objective of this project is to understand the reproductive behavior of the butterflies of the genus Heliconius and to detail aspects that determine who they choose to reproduce with. This is because the butterflies of this genus have almost equal colors and also their individuals share the same geographical areas.

The study will also focus on the genetic, ecological and neurological bases of reproductive behavior; the structure of the brain and its functioning.

Caroline Bacquet, Academic Vice Chancellor of Ikiam, pointed out that the fundamental thing of the study is to understand the functioning of the species within the ecosystems. She clarified that the issue does not occur because there is a direct connection between this species and humans.

"All animals have things in common, we can always find things that resemble and differentiate us in the way they function, and this helps us better understand the behavior of ecosystems."

The researcher and teacher also indicated that these types of studies are important in terms of basic science in order to understand the functional ecology and behavior of the species.

In this project, Ikiam, in addition to human resources, will contribute help with the Scientific Insectarium and the molecular biology laboratory, because a part of the analysis is focused on the molecular study of the butterfly brain.

"The genes that define certain types of stimuli and determine behaviors of the species will be analyzed."

The project is intended to be executed in five years and students can participate to do their thesis on the subject.

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## Loss of glaciers in the Andes spells trouble for future water supplies



If global warming continues at its current rate, 50% of the glaciers of the Andes, especially in tropical latitudes, could disappear by mid-century.

The rapid retreat of these icy masses, that constitute one of the largest reserves of fresh water in the world, produces changes in the rain cycle, increased flooding and landslides. The experts of the High Mountain Summit convened in Geneva by the World Meteorological Organization (WMO) warned of the dangers.

The Andes, like other regions of the high mountain world, are more sensitive to climate change than lowlands. In recent years they have seen a rise in temperatures between 2 and 4 degrees Celsius, compared to an average of one degree at low heights.

"In countries such as Peru, Ecuador, Bolivia or northern Chile and Argentina, we see rates of retreat from glaciers never seen before," said Chilean-Australian Carolina Adler, co-director of the summit and head of the global network of experts, Mountain

Research Initiative.

"Water is still not scarce, but there will be a time when it will happen, in 10 or 20 years the effect will be felt," said expert Nelson Quispe, Deputy Director of Prediction at the National Service of Meteorology and Hydrology of Peru.

In Peru, where 70% of the tropical glaciers in South America are located, 140 of the icy masses have disappeared between 2000 and 2016. The current trend points to the gradual disappearance of those below 5,600 meters.

"Only 10 years ago there was a well-known and visited glacier, the Pastoruri, which is now just a small block of ice," Quispe put as an example.

The water of the Andean glaciers, for example, is today the main source of supply for coastal cities, such as Lima, the second largest city in the world based in a desert area. "Water scarcity is felt especially in that southern part of Peru, but it will gradually spread."

Extracted from Diario EL TELÉGRAFO

## Vaccination coverage in Ecuador continues to decline

The Evaluation of the National Immunization Strategy of the Ministry of Public Health (MSP) with the endorsement of the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO) indicates that "vaccination coverage in Ecuador has suffered a gradual decline since 2013." The publication includes examples such as the application of the third dose that prevents diphtheria, tetanus and pertussis (DPT), that covered 82% of the target population group in 2016.

Although there are vaccination coverages in minors that have improved since 2018, they do not exceed 90%.

For example, the vaccine to prevent the vertical transmission (from mother to baby) of hepatitis B, which is placed within the first 24 hours of birth, reached 70% last year.

Another example of particular concern, is situation of the SRP vaccine

that prevents measles, rubella and mumps. The coverage of the first dose that is placed at 12 months of age fell to 83% of the total of one-year-olds and the second, which is applied six months later, to 74% in 2018.

The coverage of the first dose of SRP in 2010 covered 93%.

Tamara Rosales, a specialist in pediatric infectious diseases at the GSK laboratory, indicates that there are thresholds established according to the level of contagion of diseases that can be prevented with vaccines, known as immune-preventables. "It would be like the minimum vaccine coverage limit we should have. They are ranges because it is difficult to have exact coverage, but in the case of very contagious such as measles and whooping cough this should be between 90% and 95% to prevent potential outbreaks."

Add to that the effectiveness, says María Gabriela Graña, medical director of Vaccines at GSK in Peru, Ecuador and Chile. "There is a susceptible group of vaccinated, that is why in measles, two doses are recommended throughout life. And if you put a third, nothing happens," he says.

Among the causes of the reduction in the number of doses applied to vaccines are, says the study, the elimination of competencies from the expanded immunization program (EPI) and the decrease in staff. The document indicates that there were temporary shortages of doses in 2014 and 2015 and less budget.

The money allocated for immunizations has had cuts since 2014, when \$69 million was allocated. This year it borders on \$50 million, according to Yajaira Vásquez, institutional manager of the PAI.

The general vaccination balance is positive, because the end result is that there are fewer hospitalized children and cases of mortality due to immuno-preventable diseases. The last case of native measles was in 1996, rubella in 2004 and polio in 1990.

But the incidence of certain immune-preventable ailments evidences at least that the full doses are not placed. From January to September 15 of this year, 10,529 cases of chickenpox, 2,227 of papera, 234 of hepatitis B, 56 of pertussis, 13 of tetanus and 7 of meningococcal meningitis (that include a 4-month-old baby), were recorded.

The vaccine to prevent the latter is not part of the national scheme and is only applied to contain outbreaks. Infectious disease specialist Joyce Andrade points out that there is a 50% chance of leaving cognitive and physical sequelae with meningococcal meningitis. "More than ten years ago there was a six-month-old girl at the Roberto Gilbert Child's hospital in Guayaquil where both legs were amputated due to this disease."



One vaccine that is within the 19 biological doses that the country acquires each year through an agreement with PAHO is that of the pneumococcus, which prevents respiratory problems in children under one year.

A study comparing the frequency of pneumococcal disease before and after the introduction of vaccination against this cont. next page

bacterium in Chile, Brazil and Ecuador indicates a reduction in mortality and frequency of hospitalizations for pneumonia and meningitis.

"Mortality from pneumococcal disease has been reduced by 50%; it is more difficult to measure the effectiveness because statistics report respiratory diseases together without specific diagnosis," says Rosales.

The problem is that a part of the population does not comply with the complete schemes in cases that need to be reinforced with more than one dose. "Although vaccines are aimed at preventing mortality, they have components, so if the two doses are not applied, unfortunately we will have cases," says Vasquez. In chickenpox there is still a risk of acquiring it, but the disease is milder in the vaccinated.

Between 2011 and 2012 there was an outbreak of measles with 329 cases. The contagion began with an imported case in the Quisapincha and Atahualpa parishes in Tungurahua, which have a mostly indigenous population. "In those communities we have had a bit of rejection more for a matter of beliefs, of religion," he says.

The 2011 outbreak occurred when coverage against the SRP reached 79% that year and only in 2012 rose to 92%, according to official MSP figures.

Extracted from Diario El Universo

## Children's rights improved over the last 30 years but barriers still exist



Poverty, discrimination, early pregnancies, child labor, malnutrition and marginalization continue to leave millions of children in the world at risk. The generation of new programs for their protection is a challenge for Ecuador and parents.

Three decades of work for the restitution of children's rights, had led to Ecuador's children having longer, healthier lives and access to education. The problem is that progress has not been the same for everyone.

Carla is seven years-old, she attends school in the morning and in the afternoons, she does homework with her mother's help. Paula is the same age and sells vegetables to help her family meet their financial needs. Although she goes to school in the afternoon, she can't manage to get her homework done because she has to work during her free time.

It is an example that for this group there are usually specific limitations in the field of education, health, justice, economic and social situation, among other areas.

The figures in Azuay are worrisome. According to the National Survey of Child Labor, 22,208 children under 14 work in this province. This represents 9.3 percent of the total population of children, which according to the projection of the National Institute of Statistics and Census, (INEC), is 238,796 youngsters in 2019. The last report before 2019, published in 2012, estimated that 8.6 percent of children and adolescents between the ages of five and 17 worked.

To get an idea of these existing barriers and problems in the country and the advances, several organizations that understand children and adolescents, including UNICEF, joined together to discuss the progress and future challenges around children.

Assemblywoman Encarnación Duchi, president of the Commission on Children and Adolescents, explained that significant progress has been

made in the area of rights restitution, but there is still a gap.

"What we are focused on is the comprehensive reform of the Comprehensive Code for Children and Adolescents, on issues such as the specialized protection system, public policy, adolescents in conflict with the criminal law."

There are 19 recommendations that the Ecuadorian State must adapt regarding the protection of the rights of the child. The Comprehensive Code for Children and Adolescents has allowed the construction of a decentralized national protection system, according to Fabián León, executive secretary of the Cantonal Council for the Protection of the Rights of Children and Adolescents.

He explained that one of the high and complex issues is child labor and for this "we are working on an ordinance to prevent and eradicate it, which is debated." The idea is to generate conditions and policies to eradicate work, whether domestic, in situations of risk or begging. One of the challenges is to generate an inter-institutional road map for the protection of their rights.

According to the UNICEF report 'Situation of children and adolescents in Ecuador', 19.3% of children in Azuay live in poverty.

**RIGHTS.** The rights of children must be respected. They demand quality education, decent living conditions, health, comprehensive protection, food.

report. Among the achievements detailed in the report is the reduction of the drop-out rate or access to education, by 73 percent.

achievement. Another achievement that details the report issued by UNICEF is that the country lowered the rate of child killings by 60 percent.

## Limb reattachment after injury is possible at Vicente Corral Moscoso Hospital

A young man who lost his arm in an accident with a grinder, was fortunate to have his limb reattached. The surgery was performed at the Vicente Corral Moscoso Hospital, through the Superior Member and Microsurgery Unit.

'Cristian', played with one of his father's work tools, not knowing how to operate it well and accidentally lost his arm. He's now recovering successfully from a nine-hour surgery, in which surgeons managed to reactivate the vascular system of the arm and reconnect each of the nerves.

Now post-surgery, it is up to 'Cristian' to work hard in a rehabilitation programs to regain full use of the arm.

The reattachment was "total;" his arm had been severed completely. The procedure was extremely complicated because the three main nerves of the arm, the ulnar, the radial and the median nerve, were affected.

"These are surgeries require a lot of rehabilitation time for a functional recovery, the reattachment gradually begins to progress and give the muscle function," said surgeon Juan Pablo Cáceres, head of the unit.

Hand and leg reattachments in patients who suffered accidents, as well as the reattachment of nerve connection in fingers are the surgeries typically performed since the unit was created. They are not very frequent. "Per year, two to three patients with emergency reimplantation arrive at the hospital." To date, Cáceres calculates that about 25 microsurgery for amputations and partial reattachments were done in this Cuenca hospital.

The first case was the reimplantation of a hand to a 56-year-old man who suffered total amputation after an accident with an electric saw. "The recovery has been slow but encouraging, since he has returned to his work," said Cáceres.

The surgeon suggests to health personnel who treat an amputation emergency that "must try to keep the limb in the best conditions," until arriving at a tertiary care.

He warned that the container containing the amputated limb should be surrounded by wet gauze and ice. The limb should not be directly exposed to ice because it may suffer injuries."

As for the stump, he also suggested that sutures should be avoided, and tourniquets should not be used on the limb unless all other measures to stop the bleeding fail. Normally with compressive dressing, they can usually stop the majority of hemorrhages. They should touch the veins and arteries as little as possible.

Limbs generally cannot be reattached after six hours from when the injury was sustained, due to the risk of infection.

# CRIME REPORT AND ACCIDENT REPORT

## Cuenca Area Traffic Accidents

\* A woman who was hit by a van on Monday morning at Avenida Las Americas and Heroes de Verdeloma passed away at the Vicente Corral Moscoso hospital on Tuesday morning.

The victim was identified as Mariuxi Morocho, 21, was a passenger on a motorcycle that was hit from behind by a truck and was critically injured. The driver of the vehicle fled and was located on the road to San Joaquin. The cause of the accident is under investigation.

\* On Tuesday morning a traffic accident on the Panamerican Highway, kilometer 13.2, sector entrance to Petroecuador left two people injured.

Around 06:00 a.m., the ECU 911 video surveillance team witnessed the collision between two trucks. They sent first responders from the Cuenca Fire department as well as staff from EMOV and IEES.

A 30-year-old man was injured and treated at the scene. A second 45-year-old man who was injured was transferred to Vicente Corral Moscoso Hospital to receive care.

\* A truck lost control at the Milchichig traffic circle and smashed into a street post on Wednesday morning. The street post ended up crushing the truck. Fortunately, the driver of the vehicle was unharmed.

According to witnesses, the Jeep Wagoneer brand vehicle, lost control and ran into the light post at Avenida Hurtado de Mendoza and España (just East of the airport).

The driver, who managed to leave before the post fell, said he had his brakes fail and chose to crash into the pole versus running into other cars.

## Cuenca and National Criminal Activity

(Ricaurte) In the early hours of last Tuesday, a criminal tried to enter a condominium building in the Ricaurte parish.

The event was registered on the security cameras of the condominium. The subject managed to raise the window of the unit and when trying to enter, the house alarms were activated; the criminal immediately fled the scene.

Residents of the sector asked the authorities and the National Police to carry out greater control in the area, since this is not the first time that this type of vandalism has occurred in Ricaurte.

(Totoracocha) A woman and her companion were assaulted by armed criminals on Monday afternoon in the Totoracocha sector. No injuries were reported.

The incident occurred at Los Andes and Buerán streets, where strangers in a car and on a motorcycle intercepted two people traveling in a white Chevrolet car.

According to the victim's statements, the criminals got out of a vehicle and shot at the car's tires to stop them and to intimidate them.

"I was going to deposit my work money in a bank, when two subjects got out of a white car, pointed a gun at my partner and took the money," said the victim, who added that the approximate amount that was stolen was \$30,000.

National Police personnel arrived at the scene to carry out the corresponding investigations and search for the criminals.

(Baños) Last Sunday, five agents of the Mobility, Transit and Transportation Company (EMOV), were physically and verbally assaulted by individuals who were allegedly under the influence of alcohol.

Juan Carlos Aguirre, EMOV manager, said that at 07:30 on Sunday, November 17, the agents went to Baños to attend a follow-up on a citizen complaint about the presence of a drunk driver.

The official said that when the uniformed agents arrived, they were attacked by eight people close to the offender, to prevent him from being punished.

According to Aguirre, the agents, three men and two women, were dragged, beaten and bitten causing injuries to various parts of the body.

The assailants were all arrested.

(Cuenca) Last Friday, November 15th, a citizen was arrested in the Camilo Ponce Enríquez canton after a police chase, for illegally carrying a firearm.

According to the police, the incident was recorded around 10:30 a.m. in the vicinity of Calle Nueve de Septiembre and Manantial, when police officers working in the area conducted a preventive patrol.

The information indicates that the citizen was riding aboard a white-colored Ranger motorcycle in an unusual attitude, who, noticing the presence of police officers, fled the place.

After a chase through the streets of the canton he was intercepted and after a search, the agents found that Christian SCH had a Cold Defender gun inside his backpack. The citizen was placed in jail at the orders of the authorities.

(Azuay) Between 2018 and 2019, four crimes increased in Azuay province: theft of people (robbery), theft of vehicles, theft of car accessories and theft of businesses.

Data from the Balanced Scorecard (CMI), which is managed by the National Police, reveals that in comparison with the previous year (to the month of November) four of the seven most common crimes have increased in Azuay.

For the number of crimes committed, theft of persons remains at the top of the statistical table, followed by theft of goods, accessories and auto parts of vehicles, theft of homes and theft of businesses.

Although these crimes are the ones that register the highest number in the province, four crimes mark an upward trend.

Mario Castro, head of the Azuay Police Subzone, explained that these are: car theft, with a percentage increase of 24 percent; followed by the theft of vehicle accessories, with a variation of 19 percent; theft to people with 14 percent; and business robbery with 9 percent.

"To alleviate these statistics," Castro said it is necessary to take joint alternatives between the National Police, the Armed Forces, Municipalities and other entities dedicated to the security of the province.

Another of the main concerns that the officer has is that according to his estimates, 70 percent of those arrested for these crimes, are repeat offenders with criminal records. He said, "it is necessary to take alternatives to solve these facts."

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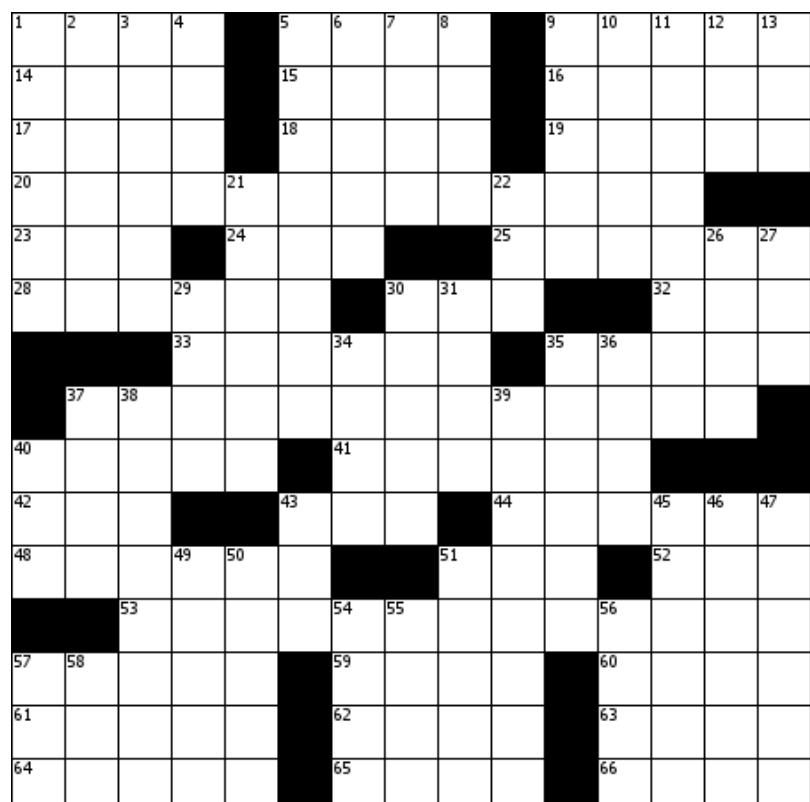
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#### Across

1. Cattle mover
5. Goes bad
9. Hatfield's foe
14. Crescent shape
15. "Hear no \_\_\_, speak no . . ."
16. Ray blocker
17. Cruising
18. Muscularity
19. Three-legged and drag
20. First course at the prison?
23. Start for day
24. 16 1/2 feet
25. Not all there
28. Australia's national blossom
30. Trail
32. Type of hold
33. Like Christmas shopping
35. Asian capital
37. Second dinner course at the prison?
40. Potato unit
41. Become more complicated
42. Time of the 75th meridian
43. Part of FYI
44. Appeased thirst
48. SAT taker
51. Pussycat's partner
52. Chef's phrase
53. Dessert course at the prison?
57. Range
59. Lo-fat
60. Hurt expression
61. Male seal's devotees
62. Modern summons
63. The first chip, usually
64. It could be on the board
65. Takes into a count?
66. Bonnie bairn

#### Down

1. Vein filler
2. Log cabinish
3. Lake in upstate New York
4. Highly valued
5. Act in opposition
6. Out of round
7. Antler point
8. Rosebud, famously
9. Dummkopf
10. Autocrats
11. Crested bird
12. It's "for the money"
13. Da, somewhere
21. Joey or Ross, e.g.
22. Snowball, famously
26. It's not always proper
27. Sniggler's catch
29. Pull up to the bar
30. He's in for good
31. Coyote's company of choice
34. List heading
35. Blanche's sister
36. It's active in Sicily
37. San \_\_\_, Calif.
38. Leave your opponent with love?
39. Old hairdos
40. Term of endearment
43. Swampy land
45. Hawaiian medicine man
46. Sends to Washington
47. Track events
49. Narrow
50. Foe
51. Was decisive
54. Corsica neighbor
55. Conked out, as a car
56. Scuttle's contents
57. Petal-plucker's word
58. Part of a rotating shaft

## WHAT'S HAPPENING AROUND TOWN AND BEYOND....

"What's Happening..." is updated weekly with a large variety of events that both ex-pats and Ecuadorians will enjoy. If you have an interesting event you would like to publicize, email [info@thecuencadispatch.com](mailto:info@thecuencadispatch.com) for consideration.

### Classifieds and Events

#### Classifieds

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##### *Nov. 30th - COMMON GROUNDS present; Deb Davis in Concert!*

Deb Davis, a singer and guitar player, has performed throughout the United States and in Ecuador. Deb recorded a Christmas CD entitled "Christmas Memories" with her Father, John Davis, this past year. Her style of music is folk and soft rock from the 60's to current day. Come join this great and different style of music with Deb Davis in concert! Saturday November 30th 7:30 pm . No cover.

Contact: Cristian

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Solution to Sudoku puzzle on page 3

2	9	1	6	7	5	3	4	8
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