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Proteste in Ecuador: decretato coprifuoco a Quito

QUITO (Ecuador), 13 ottobre 2019-Il presidente dell'Ecuador **Lenin Moreno ha decretato il coprifuoco nella capitale Quito** dopo l'ennesima giornata di proteste e scontri tra manifestanti e polizia. Anche oggi i manifestanti hanno messo a ferro e fuoco la città per protestare contro un gravoso piano di austerità.

La polizia ha lanciato gas lacrimogeni contro i dimostranti che hanno assaltato mercati e hanno attaccato con bombe molotov l'ufficio dell'Ispettorato generale delle Finanze dove è scoppiato un incendio. La zona è stata evacuata dalle forze dell'ordine. Il coprifuoco è entrato in vigore a partire dalle 15.00 ora locale (le 22 in Italia). Tre giorni fa era stato istituito un coprifuoco parziale notturno nell'ambito dello stato d'emergenza già in atto, imposto per 30 giorni. **(ANSA)**

Coronavirus raccontato dai giornali stranieri. Walesonline: "My daughter is 21 and died after contracting coronavirus despite having no underlying health conditions"

WALES, march 25, 2020-The family of a 21-year-old woman say she died after contracting coronavirus despite having no underlying health conditions.

Chloe Middleton's family has described 'unimaginable pain' after losing the young Buckinghamshire woman, and is urging the public to take government advice seriously.

Writing on social media, Chloe's mother Diane Middleton said: "To all the people out there that thinks it's just a virus please think again.

"Speaking from a personal experience this so called virus has taken the life of my 21 year old daughter."

Chloe's family claims she was otherwise healthy before contracting Covid-19.

Chloe's aunt said the family is "shattered beyond belief" by the news of her death.

"The virus isn't spreading, PEOPLE are spreading the virus.

"Life as we know it has changed dramatically but unless we all act now to protect ourselves and others, the longer this turmoil and anguish will go on. Rest in peace Chloe. Until we meet again..."

To date, more than 90,000 people have been tested for coronavirus in the UK.

Of those, 8,077 people have tested positive. More than 400 have died.

She wrote: "My beautiful, kind hearted 21 year old niece Chloe has passed away from Covid-19. SHE HAD NO UNDERLYING HEALTH ISSUES.

"My loved ones are going through the most unimaginable pain, we are shattered beyond belief."

Urging the public to take the virus seriously, she said: "The reality of this virus is only just unfolding before our very eyes. Please, please adhere to government guidelines. DO YOUR BIT. Protect yourselves and protect others!

As cases of the virus continue to rise in the UK, the Prime Minister has bolstered the UK's social distancing measures.

In a public broadcast on Monday, Boris Johnson told people to stay home wherever possible and avoid contact with those outside their home.

He said people should only leave home for "essential purposes", such as visiting the supermarket, exercising once per day, and to attend work if deemed essential during the outbreak. (www.walesonline.co.uk)

Cannabis libera in Svizzera:

al via le sperimentazioni dopo modifica di legge

BELLINZONA, 9 settembre 2020-In Svizzera potranno essere condotte sperimentazioni pilota di distribuzione di canapa. **Dopo il Nazionale, anche gli Stati hanno approvato oggi – con 31 voti contro 7 e 2 astensioni – una modifica della Legge sugli stupefacenti.**

Attualmente, nonostante il divieto, **un terzo delle persone di almeno 15 anni di età ha consumato cannabis almeno una volta nella vita.**

I consumatori regolari sono circa 200.000, ha ricordato Johanna Gapany (PLR) a nome della commissione. Ciò causa un fiorente mercato nero e la qualità dei prodotti non è sottoposta ad alcun controllo. La situazione attuale, basata su proibizione e repressione, non è dunque soddisfacente, ha sostenuto la friburghese.

UDC e parte del Gruppo del centro hanno criticato il progetto: **il consumo di cannabis è nocivo per la salute, più delle sigarette, ha sostenuto Peter Hegglin (PPD), deplorando l'assenza di misure per proteggere i giovani.**

Non si tratta di una liberalizzazione della cannabis, ha replicato Charles Juillard (PPD). **“Facciamo dei test, poi decideremo in seguito il da farsi” ha sostenuto.(RSI.CH)**

NYPD captain to sue department for \$5M over alleged sexual harassment

NEW YORK, August 22, 2020-An NYPD narcotics captain plans to sue the department, claiming that another **captain repeatedly harassed her with questions about her sex life** – and that she was targeted with an Internal Affairs probe after complaining about him.

Sharon Carolyn Balli, the first female Indian-Guyanese ever made captain and a retired Army major, filed her notice of claim with the NYC's Comptroller's Office on Thursday seeking \$5 million, the notice reads.

"I'm not an average female," Balli told The Post.

"And yet this is extremely disrespectful on so many different levels and it's quite scary."

Her workplace was a "boy's club," she alleged. "I've been living six months of hell."

Balli, who is assigned to Manhattan South Narcotics, had

complaints by Captain
Marachilian
after he
allegedly
repeatedly
asked about
her sex life,
the notice
reads.



“While reviewing narcotics operation protocols, he has blatantly asked about Claimant’s and her husband’s sex life,” according to the notice.

“Do you have great sex?” and “You need to have more sex,” she recalled him saying, according to the notice.

She also claims in the notice that Marachilian tried to get into their shared executive bathroom on “several occasion[sic] from December 2019 to June 2020 while [she was] taking a shower.”

In addition, he allegedly tried multiple times to catch Balli undressing by using a spare key to get into her locked office, according to the paperwork.

Another colleague, Capt. Edwin Nuez – a friend of Marachilian’s – also made lewd comments, she alleged.

But when she reported the allegations, Deputy Inspector Andrew Arias told her that she had to “deal with it” and “I am telling you to stand down and shut the f–k down.”

Balli then filed a complaint with the Employment Opportunity Commission, which she says only further created a “toxic

hostile work environment.”

She is now the target of an Internal Affairs probe, according to the claim, after she set up a camera in her office to see if her two colleagues went in there while she was away.



Sharon Carolyn Balli (Law Office of John A. Scola)

According to the notice, she believed someone had popped the tires on her bike and had been adding something to her coffee to make her sick.

“[Balli] was unable to recover the camera footage of her office while she was on vacation but Captain Marachillian, who was not supposed to be in Claimant’s office, was the one who allegedly found the camera,” the claim reads.

“We will review the lawsuit when we are served,” a spokeswoman for the NYPD said.

“This is a case of inept and insecure men, clearly threatened by a woman who is smarter and better at their job than they could ever hope to be,” her attorney John Scola said. (nypost.com)

Charlie Daniels, Southern Rock Pioneer and Fiddle Great, Dead at 83

NASHVILLE, July, 6 2020-Singer-songwriter and multi-instrumentalist Charlie Daniels, who played bass and guitar on Bob Dylan's 1969 *Nashville Skyline* LP and would go on to pioneer the burgeoning Southern rock movement with his namesake Charlie Daniels Band, died Monday at 83. His publicist confirmed Daniels' death from a hemorrhagic stroke to *Rolling Stone*.

With his fiery fiddle at the forefront of much of his recorded output, the leader of the Charlie Daniels Band paved the way for the mainstream country-rock success of that group and others, including Alabama and Lynyrd Skynyrd, and crossed over into the pop charts with his best-known song, 1979's Grammy-winning "The Devil Went Down to Georgia." A country chart-topper about a fiddle contest between a boy named Johnny and Satan, the song also spent a pair of weeks at Number Three on *Billboard's* Hot 100.

Charles Edward Daniels was born October 28th, 1936, in the seacoast town of Wilmington, North Carolina, the only child of teenagers William and LaRue Daniel – the "s" at the end of his name was the result of a mistake on his birth certificate. Two weeks after Daniels started elementary school, his family moved to Valdosta, Georgia, bouncing between there and Elizabethtown, North Carolina, until finally moving back to Wilmington. A feverish bout with childhood measles forced Daniels to wear eyeglasses for most of his life, making him a target of school bullies, but the youngster, who grew up on

Saturday matinees of Western films and Saturday nights spent listening to the Grand Ole Opry, would soon find his niche performing and writing songs.

Daniels' first musical gig was playing mandolin in a bluegrass band called the Misty Mountain Boys in the Fifties, but by the end of the decade, he was gigging around clubs in Washington, D.C. and Maryland. His band at the time, the Rockets, would change their name to the Jaguars after the success of their instrumental hit "Jaguar," released as a single on Epic Records, the same label for which Daniels would again record by the mid-Seventies. His co-writer on "Jaguar" was Don Johnston, a Fort Worth, Texas songwriter and record producer better known as "Bob" Johnston who would play a major role in Daniels' future Nashville career.

In 1967, Daniels followed Johnston to Nashville, with the latter producing sessions for Columbia Records. "I had always wanted to live in Nashville," Daniels told *Rolling Stone* in 2017. "That was going to be it for me. Bob made it possible for me to come there."

He soon began a steady stream of session work, playing fiddle, bass, and guitar on Leonard Cohen's 1969 LP *Songs From a Room* and its 1971 follow-up *Songs of Love and Hate*, and appearing on recordings by Marty Robbins, Pete Seeger, Flatts & Scruggs, and Claude King.

But it was Bob Dylan who would give him his biggest boost. In 1969, he joined Johnston in the studio to record Dylan's *Nashville Skyline*. Although initially admonished for playing too loudly in the sessions, Daniels would appear on three consecutive Dylan albums and also play on Ringo Starr's 1970 post-Beatles foray into country, *Beaucoups of Blues*. During this period, Daniels had his songs cut by Barbara Mandrell and Tammy Wynette, and himself began to work as a producer, overseeing projects by Gary and Randy Scruggs and

the Youngbloods.

In 1970, Daniels released his self-titled solo debut on Capitol Records, a collection that bridged rambling Sixties hippie-centric rock and blues with the more defined country-rock with which he would become most closely associated. In 1973, he had a hit with the single "Uneasy Rider," a bluegrass-influenced talking-blues tune with a pot-smoking hippie as its counterculture protagonist, via the Kama Sutra label, and the next year released the LP *Way Down Yonder*, his fourth album and the first under "The Charlie Daniels Band." (www.rollingstone.com)

Star in sport climbing died in a fall on Sunday in France.

NEW YORK, June 16, 2020— A 16-year-old rising star in sport climbing died in a fall on Sunday in France.

Luce Douady, described as a very promising member of the French climbing team, was with friends in the southeastern part of the country when she fell from a cliff, the French Federation of Mountaineering and Climbing confirmed.

"This terrible news has had a huge impact on her training partners, her coaches and her club, Chambéry Escalade," the FFME statement read in part. "But today, the whole federation is in mourning."

Sport climbing is set to make its Olympic debut at the rescheduled Tokyo Games in 2021. Douady, who won the youth

world championship in bouldering last year in Italy, would have been a strong candidate to make the French team.

A statement from the International Federation of Sport Climbing described Douady as a “young, brilliant and talented athlete.”

“The IFSC’s thoughts and prayers are with Luce’s family and friends at this tragic time,” the statement continued. (www.usatoday.com)

Lia Quartapelle (Pd): “Quello che sta accadendo in Bielorussia è inaccettabile”

VARESE, 12 agosto 2020-“Quello che sta accadendo in Bielorussia è inaccettabile. Il governo italiano si unisca alle voci che in Europa stanno condannando quanto sta accadendo in tutta la Bielorussia, chieda sanzioni per gli individui che stanno ordinando e guidando la repressione e si renda disponibile a dare protezione a chi sta scappando dalla violenza”.

Lo scrive nell’articolo di apertura del sito *‘Immagina’* Lia Quartapelle, capogruppo Pd in commissione Esteri alla Camera.

“Il paese sembra sull’orlo di una rivolta o di una resistenza generalizzata che non è concentrata solo nella capitale, ma è diffusa in tutte le città del paese. Il regime sembra disposto a tutto e il rischio che la situazione degeneri in una spirale di violenza è altissimo”.

Amber Heard left with 'scars' on arms after Johnny Depp abuse, pal testifies

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Civil rights icon and 17-term Rep. John Lewis of Georgia died Friday in Atlanta

ATLANTA (Usa), 18 July 2020- Civil rights icon and 17-term Rep. John Lewis of Georgia died Friday in Atlanta, The Associated Press has reported. He was 80.

Lewis, the son of Alabama sharecroppers whose fight for racial equality spanned seven decades, had waged a long battle with advanced pancreatic cancer, a diagnosis he shared in December, 2019.

“All of us were humbled to call Congressman Lewis a colleague, and are heartbroken by his passing,” House Speaker Nancy Pelosi said in a statement confirming the death.

“May his memory be an inspiration that moves us all to, in the face of injustice, make ‘good trouble, necessary trouble,’” she said, using a favorite quote of the lawmaker.

First elected in 1986 and lauded as the “conscience of Congress,” Lewis, a staunch Democrat, commanded respect from both sides of the aisle.

But he forged his reputation in the 1960s, most notably during the 1965 civil rights march in Selma, during which he suffered a skull fracture at the end of a police billy club.

“There is still work yet to be done,” he urged during a 50th anniversary event at the bridge in 2015.

“Get out there and push and pull until we redeem the soul of America.”

As one of the original Freedom Riders, in 1961 he joined with black and white protesters in challenging segregation at a

Mississippi bus station, spending 37 days in a sweltering,
Jackson jail after using a "whites only" bathroom.