

now I know he was telling them no -
he was not about to let them steal
his taxi -

3-4 - Anyway soon afterwards came gunshots -

Needless to say the man stopped talking
the 2 robbers zoomed past us in "their"
new taxi leaving the taxi driver
dead on the ground.

I was totally shocked.
You have to understand there were lots
of people out & about. Yes - it is
a dangerous area but
my gosh I didn't think that
dangerous.

Afterwards all the neighborhood
gathered around the dead man.
I wanted to get in to see a closer
look but my comp & Antonio
wouldn't let me! ; Due pena!
Too bad I didn't have my camera
w/ me to take some good pictures.

Just kidding.
I was pretty freaked out!
It's hard to imagine people
killing someone for a taxicab.
How sad.

I wonder what kind of life had
these robbers to be able to do such
a thing.
But now at least I understand
better an article that
was in the magazine TIME (over)

"Time" said that in the world the first 3
most dangerous places -
(based on Killings & robberies)
are

- #1 GUAZMO - GUAYAQUIL - ECUADOR
- #2 BRONX, N.Y.
- #3 SUBURBIA, GUAYAQUIL - ECUADOR.

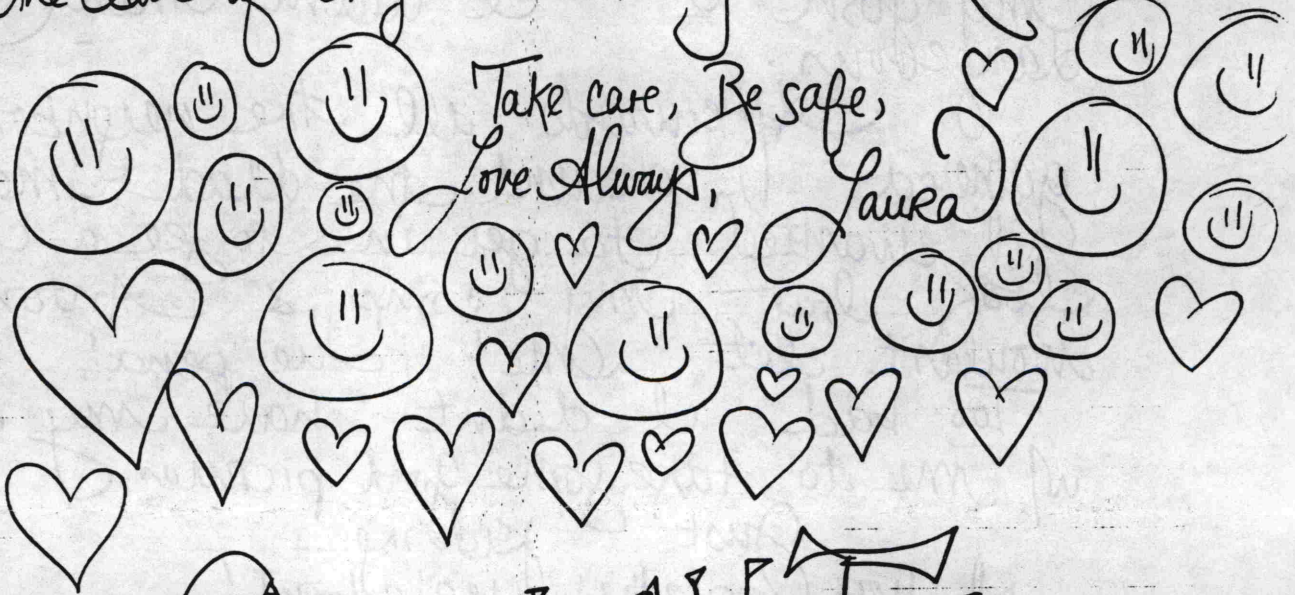
The church of the Z's is in Suburbia!

Hm-m.

No wonder if saw what I did!

Anyway ~

needless to say I hope this is the first and
the last of my exciting Ecuador stories.



Take care, Be safe,
Love Always,

Laura

GOOD NIGHT!

All I hope is that I can sleep tonight!