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## Revolutionary Continuity Encounters the Change of the Opposing Half **by Daniel Finco**

*Ever since the primary elections for the candidate of the "Unidad", or opposing group of political parties, there is little doubt that there has never been an event of such transcendentalism in Venezuela than the 7-O presidential elections.*

Current Venezuelan president Hugo Chavez's opposing candidate, Henrique Capriles Randonski, points out that the country has advanced nowhere in the past decade, regardless of the promises and hopes that Chavez has given through his populist approach, and that we urgently need a change. What calls the attention of the whole Venezuelan and international community is not only that the approaches are drastically opposite, but also the possibility that both of them could be consecrated the winner.

Interestingly enough, the 7-O Elections are the only ones in the democratic history of our country in which the two options presented reflect the two conflicting Venezuelas, a nation of increasingly polarized opinions.

Regardless of who the winner is, he must not alienate the other half of Venezuelans. Inclusion is the key element to reach sustainable development. In other words, Venezuela's government path must

change or the nation will crumble into social and economic ruin.



Hugo Chavez has governed the country for the last 14 years and aspires to do so for a third term. Since the beginning of his career, he has proposed a political path different from the one of the previous decades. Through the use of his charismatic abilities and the massive construction of social aid programs aimed at improving the life of Venezuela's poor, Chavez intends to reduce the poverty rate substantially by distributing the wealth of the country more equitably. However, although Chavez's future plans for Venezuela seem very promising, he also intends to eradicate the private industry and the wealthy social class of the country under the idea that "imperialism" and "oligarchy" are harmful to the social stability of the country. This is the crucial mistake in his political beliefs.

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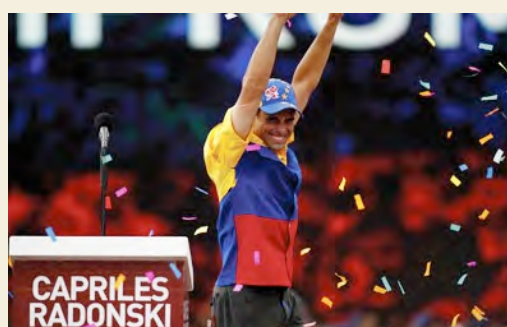


If Chavez's definition of "change" involves the widening of the abyss between the rich and the poor, the possession of the natural resources of the country reserved solely for the benefit of the "have nots," and the usage of corruption and unethical actions to omit the laws of the constitution without being seen as disloyal to one's country, then Mr. Chavez has executed a wonderfully successful job in his presidential term.

From the eyes of the international community, taking into account the modern globalized styles of government, Chavez's change aims backwards from the general trend of neighboring countries. This decaying trend is easily noticeable in the division of Venezuela that ultimately led to the increase of already-existing social and economic issues. This division is reflected in recent surveys done by Venezuelan statistical organizations: "*Varianzas*" and "*Consultores 21*" place Capriles as the winner, while on the other hand, "*Dataanalysis*" and "*Hinterenlaces*" place Chavez as the winner. Among the most objective of them all, the margin of difference is quite small, and the percentage of the electorates that will vote but will not reveal for whom represent the key voters that will determine the winner in the end.

We have seen wide contrasts in the electoral campaigns in both form and content, which account to what we witness today. Capriles Radonski, who launched a "grassroots" campaign by visiting home after home, reached his competitor two weeks before election day.

On the other hand, Chavez has shown himself inaugurating projects and social aid programs via long TV transmissions, making his campaign somewhat distanced and obscure.



Also, Venezuela's underestimated social division is promoted by Chavez and smoothened by Capriles. Words of the current president explicitly express: "Con Chavez todo, sin Chavez nada," meaning that with Chavez there is everything and without him there is nothing. On the other hand, Capriles demonstrates to the Venezuelans that his form of government will promote efficiency, honesty and opportunities for everybody, proclaiming that "no importa el color, en mi gobierno caben todos los colores," which suggests that in his government, everything fits.

Although Capriles' approach seems to be the one which will break the pondering division of the country, over half of the Venezuelans support Chavez. However, regardless of who takes control of the country in the end, the abyss between the "haves" and the "have nots" must be taken into account by any president because this is the key factor that will lead Venezuela to a more social, economic and sustainable future.

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Here is Williams fighting for the ball with other teammates from the Green Bay Packers!

## The Worst Call in NFL History

by Baylee Carter

Last night in American football something horrific happened. An erroneous call was made and the Green Bay Packers lost against the Seattle Seahawks.

The call was made on the very last play of the game, which was a Hail Mary pass into the end zone intended for receiver Golden Tate. However, Tate went up for the ball, but the Packers safety M.D. Jennings ended up pulling it down to his chest.

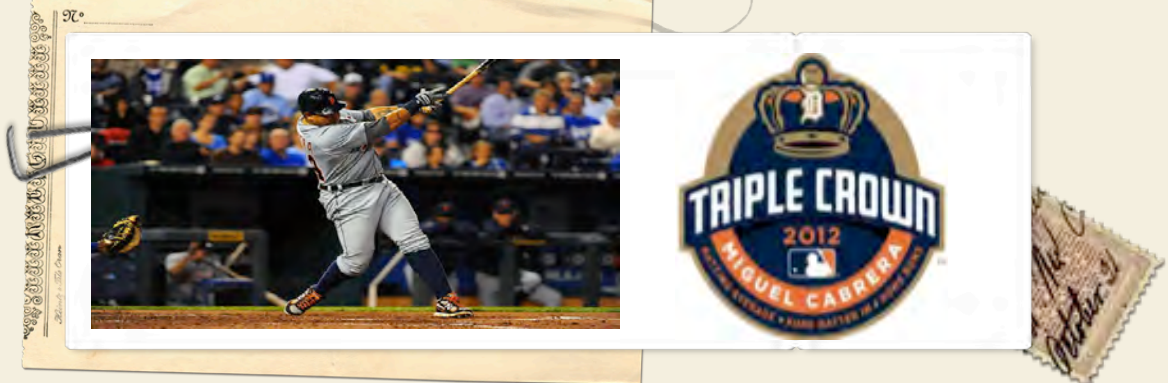
The referee ("ref") Wayne Elliott who made the call was a replacement due to the current NFL referee strike, carried out by the refs not getting the salary they wanted. People that have watched the sport for more than 30 years said that it is probably the worst call they have ever seen.

O lineman at Georgetown Prep Ugo Udeogu stated, "It was a simple mistake that could have only been made by an inexperienced replacement referee."

The recent lockout in the NFL was caused by one thing only: the referees wanted and demanded more money upon the end of their former contracts. The NFL negotiated by raising the paycheck slightly, but the refs were not satisfied with the five thousand-dollar raise and walked out.

The strike was ultimately successful in convincing the League to boost the raises and bring all the regular refs back.

This situation has brought many questions from all over the United States, such as: what does this mean for the NFL? Are fans going to hold the same trust in the league to have fair games? At the moment, nobody really knows what to think, but fans will simply have to see how the football is passed!



## The Triple-Crown of the New Monarch

by **Alfredo Quilarquez**

The imperturbable temper of Miguel Cabrera could be felt since he landed in the MLB, in that memorable inning against Roger Clemens in the fifth game of the 2003 World Series.

Clemens tried to intimidate Cabrera with a nearly straight fast ball up to the chin of the then 20-year Venezuelan prodigy. Batting from the right side of the plate, Cabrera was unfazed, and hit a homer to the right field of the old Marlins stadium.

People still remember Cabrera's behavior after that point: relaxed, unaware of the turmoil his team and the rest of the world was going through because of him.

Almost a decade later, at Kauffman Stadium in Kansas City, Cabrera reached a milestone as few have in major league baseball: he became the 15th batter to complete the Triple Crown, as a leader in average (.330), home runs (44) and RBIs (139).

His name now appears alongside legends like Mickey Mantle, Ted Williams and Lou Gehrig.

But most striking are the names that are not on the list, like Babe Ruth, Roberto Clemente or Stan Musial. None of them could get the trimmed mythical feat.

Nobody had reached three offensive statistics led since Carl Yastrzemski of the Boston Red Sox in 1967.

After the game, Cabrera spoke to reporters with the gentle tone that characterizes him, constantly remembering that the most important thing was that his Detroit Tigers had completed the regular season with the pass in hand to play the playoffs.

His hands were in a sweatshirt. But, this time, could not contain his excitement at the circumstances of the moment to drop a "wow".

"Everybody tells me it's incredible," he said. "All are happy to have witnessed this, to have enjoyed me being a part. And I feel better because we won."

It was what many Venezuelans were waiting for in 2003 in his debut with a home run. Everyone knew that he would be the next MLB super star. The Triple Crown was seen as impossible, a relic of the past. But we knew that Miggy could do it.

He being the first batter to earn the Triple Crown title in more than 40 years is quite amazing, but being the first Latino to win the degree in batting and pitching stats is even more outstanding. Miguel Cabrera will be the monarch for a long while, and for many, it will be the only monarchy they will be proud of and that will not be criticized.



## Dear Bobby!

Dear Bobby is an advice column that takes after the popular Dear Abby in the *Chicago Sun-Times*. Dear Abby was written by two sisters, Esther Pauline Freidman Lederer and Pauline Ester Friedman Phillips, of Sioux City Iowa. The women are known to the world as Ann Landers and Abigail van Buren, their pen names.

Dear Bobby takes anonymous submissions, questions seeking advice, and gives advice. If your submission is not answered in the issue, just wait! Dear Bobby will include it in the next issue.

### 1. Dear Bobby, what is the best way to study for more than two tests that are on the same day?

*First, you must determine which of the subjects is most challenging for you. Then the subject you find most difficult should be the one you devote most of your time to. You should study earlier than you would for only one upcoming test to eliminate the stress. Otherwise you'll find yourself cramming for several subjects and it will be less effective. Helpful study tips include: writing down key concepts, creating flashcards to quiz yourself, and doing practice problems.*

*P.S. asking the teacher or other peers about the problems you are not sure about at least two days before the test will give you a chance to retry the problem with a better chance of getting it right.*

### 2. Dear Bobby, what can I do to feel less stress?

*Every person is different and you must find different things that work for you. However, some examples include: going for a walk, watching a movie, taking study breaks, listening to music, exercising, or simply doing a hobby that you enjoy. Don't over-think things too much and get overwhelmed. Depending on what is causing your stress there are different ways to relax.*

*However, the best way to not feel stress is to avoid it all together. Try organizing yourself and using your time wisely to reduce academic stress. And finally, social stress can be reduced by not caring about criticisms and just worrying about your own. In the end, you cannot let what Joe Blow says bring you down!*

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## Project X Receives Conflicting Reviews

by Melissa Rodriguez

There was huge talk about the blockbuster, “Project X”, which was first played in theaters on March 2<sup>nd</sup> of this year—the story of young outcasts who decide to throw a party that soon becomes a little too much fun, with things getting outrageously out of control. Critics, however, immediately jumped to criticize the much anticipated film. “Rotten Tomatoes,” the well-known movie review website, gave it a pathetic 26%, describing it as “unoriginal, unfunny, and all-around unattractive.”

With such a harsh critic review for what seemed to be a popular movie, one could only assume that this was just the opinion of critics looking for a profound and intricate story line similar to that of films like 2010’s “Black Swan,” which received high critic ratings. What about the fans: the viewers who aren’t looking to have some kind of deep emotional reaction to the movies they watch? Where were their heads during this modern “Animal House” film?

It’s so amazing” stated Islahiner Polignano, a 16 year old who watched the movie the summer of 2012, a few months after its release date.

Frankly, this movie did seem to be just a newer version of “Superbad,” the movie about high school misfits who desperately do all in their power to be accepted by the “cool kids” by supplying alcohol for a party, released in August 2007. However, when this was suggested to Islahiner, she simply shook her head.

“No, it’s *nothing* like Superbad, this movie was way better. It’s just *epic*.”

Epic. This seems to be the word most fans use to praise the film. But could this also be the opinion of CIPLC students? To see if other fans felt similarly, I checked one last time for fan reviews on “Fandango.”

These are only a few of the reviews:

“KRAAAAAZY energy, funny moments” – JoseG

“This movie was off the hook”  
-Fandangggggg CRITIC

“Epic party movie!!” - Spdfirk1

“You just have to see it,” advises Islahiner. And I guess I do, because apparently this movie is unbelievable. So, as all fans stated on “Fandango:” Project X, I’m in.

Are you?



## A CIPLC EdVenture

by Sebastian Rusic

In September, CIPLC's high school students experienced a unique EdVentures where there sense of adventure was pushed to the limit! 9th and 10th graders teamed up to travel to the distant place of Barinas where they enjoyed various activities, primarily hiking and rafting. Even though they underwent a lot of climbing they still weren't exhausted nor tired: I'm pretty sure they were hyped up for continuing the EdVenture.

One of the most exciting parts of Barinas had to be the rafting. Floating with the motion of the river, the boat clashing with the rocks while the kids tried

to regain control of the movable aquatic vehicle, made the whole experience an unforgettable one. Plus, everybody at school sure enjoyed some refreshing water splashes after hanging out in the humid weather down there. However, even though Barinas was at times sweltering, once the students started hiking, the weather took a drastic change and became even colder and foggier. Many of the students as well as teachers took various pictures to capture the moment.

11th and 12th graders traveled to more distant lands, flying from Venezuela to Bocas Del Toro in Panama. Everything

there was a huge difference from Venezuela. The juniors and seniors braved activities like exploring a cave full of bats that made terrifying screeching noises in the dark, and discovering incredible species of animals like searching for sloths on trees. Quite often they would go and spend some time at the beach to refresh themselves from the days full of activities. They also got many moments to just hang out and relax before traveling to a research facility or a cacao plantation. At the end of the day, people would gather and share what they appreciated the most from the day.





# Are Indigenous People Happy With Their Current Lifestyles?

By Jessica Duque

I always wondered: if these indigenous tribes once lived happily in the jungle, surrounded by nature away from civilization, why today do they seek our help for better living conditions?

This used to make me think that natives today are unsatisfied with the way their ancestors carried out their life. But this trip made me realize that it is not a matter of dissatisfaction, but rather a need for a better life.

It is hard to imagine that these people would rather preserve their identities than improve their lifestyles. Globalization has already led to the destruction of multiple cultures. People's need to live with technology has led them to move away from their traditions.

The polluted world our civilizations have been installing is an obstacle for natives to stay in their original ways of life and away from technology.

The situation that struck me the most was the lack of clean water supply in these communities. Sadly for them, staying means adapting to drinking dirty water.

A mother from the community told me about the kids who get thirsty while playing soccer and with no water to drink there is no other option than to zip from the puddle of rain water.



As a result, children suffer from parasites that can lead them to death.

For this reason, the indigenous people seek better living conditions. With foreign organizations willing to install water tanks for a clean water supply, who would say no?

Being with these people taught me how important it is that we are thankful for everything we have. I know that once every human being appreciates the value of everything they have, humanity will be willing to serve.

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One day, at one of the villages, I asked a group of girls if they had toothbrushes and toothpaste. I felt the need to teach them how to brush their teeth because you could tell they had no idea of the importance of hygiene.



The girl told me her family only had a little toothpaste left over for the week so she couldn't share it. I asked her how often she brushed her teeth and she giggled saying she couldn't even remember the last time she did. Her dad was the one who brought supplies from town and right now he didn't have enough money to buy another toothpaste for the family; there were other supplies they needed more.

I didn't know what to say. At home I have a stack of toothpaste for whenever it runs out I go and grab the next one. I put toothpaste on my toothbrush at least twice while I am brushing my

teeth. I don't think about how much I need to use or how often I should do it. I am sure you don't either. At that moment I just wished I could get some of those toothpastes I had home and bring them back there for all these kids. Their smiles are deteriorating slowly as their teeth begin to rot. I felt the need to teach them the importance of hygiene but I would have only upset them if they didn't have the supplies to do it.

These kids opened their hearts to us from the moment we arrived. I made a very special friend at one of the schools. Her name was Dania. She told me not to forget that her birthday was this November 2nd and that I should think of her wherever I was that day. Trust me, I will. I liked how happy she was to have me there. It seemed like I had known her for so long. She took me everywhere; she wanted to show me that she knew the place like no one else did. The best thing she taught me was that she so little and innocent, and knew the most important thing in life: to always carry a smile. This girl was happier than anyone else who has all the riches in the world. She, in her humble environment, living in destitute conditions, could only see the world through joy.

This, more than interviews and filming, helped me understand that the reason the indigenous people continue to live happily in their poor living condition is their humbleness.



Thank you board of directors for this amazing trip. Exploring our surroundings is the best way to achieve education. The opportunity you gave us to go visit and interact with another civilization taught me so much. It is incredible how one week away from home can teach you so much.



## Classifieds



**Jack Russell**  
**Terrier**

Birthdate: June 3<sup>rd</sup>  
2012

Contact:  
0414-789-0424

Price: **BsF:**  
**3.200,00**



### **Ford Ka 2006**

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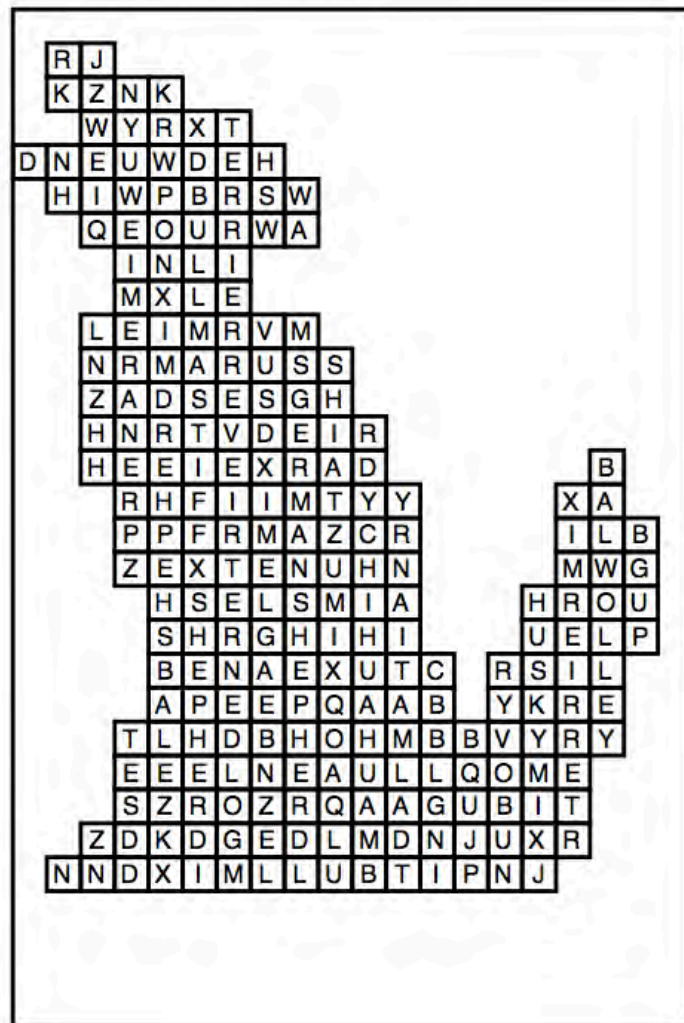
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## Fun and Games!

### Dog Word Search



BEAGLE MIX  
GERMAN SHEPHERD  
LAB SHEPHERD MIX  
TERRIER

BULLMASTIFF  
GOLDEN RETRIEVER  
PIT BULL MIX  
TERRIER MIX

CHIHUAHUA  
HUSKY MIX  
SHEPHERD  
WEIMARANER

DALMATIAN  
PUG  
SHIATZU MIX  
YELLOW LAB

