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A Second Chance, A Change of Strategy

By: Daniel Finco

Chavez is dead, and now not only the rules of the game have changed, but the playground itself. Maduro seeks to cement his identity to Mr. Danger, while Capriles aggressively battles for the opposite: to tell Venezuela that the former bus driver is anything but Chavez. Mr. Flaco is no longer Mr. Nice Guy: the shift from pacifism to hostility is more than evident and, in my opinion, fully necessary.

In October, to dare Mr. Chavez into a more critical confrontation would have wreaked havoc on Venezuelan society. Now that destiny has removed Chavez from the battlefield altogether that is precisely what Capriles' next strategy is all about: to forcefully disconnect the image of Hugo Chavez from that of the officialist candidate, Nicolas Maduro. The coming 14A Elections will be full of confrontations, and it is presumed that the opposition will bring to the spotlight important themes and allegations like the disrespect towards the constitution, the failure of checks and balances, and the lies surrounding Chavez's illness and death. Capriles recently stated, "This campaign is between Nicolas and I: leave the president alone." This is the new idea behind the opposition contingent that will seek to minimize abstention. As a result, in these upcoming months the political climate will become more polarized and will increase the tensions and lower the tolerance between the groups. On the other hand, Nicolas Maduro will seek to reinforce his association with the figure of Hugo Chavez, like the logo "Chavez por siempre, Maduro presidente."



Candidates

Given these political and social conditions, in foresight I believe that Maduro will win the coming presidential elections. However, Capriles will be much closer to the half cutoff line this time, given the fact that a decent portion of the officialist do understand that Maduro is not Chavez. If Maduro wins, the country will go through an even steeper path towards destruction...

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Capriles Rises Back Like a Blazing Phoenix to the Political Arena

By: Alfredo Quilarquez

After Capriles was defeated in the last elections by his adversary president Hugo Chavez on October 7 of 2012, many people believed there was never going to be a comeback from his part. However, after Chavez passed away on March 5 of 2013, it seems Capriles is back in the fight for the spot of president of Venezuela.

It seems that Capriles was hesitating towards making the decision of fighting once more for the title of president of Venezuela. However, in the end, he made his final decision of participating in the political war. This time around, he has a different opponent: the contender is none other than Nicolas Maduro, who was Chavez's loyal follower for a great period of time. Both competitors have begun their electoral campaigns to obtain the most supporters. The struggle has truly divided many Venezuelans into choosing sides.

There are not many statistics referring to who has a higher chance of winning. All the information is just speculation, so there is no real merit in it. We can't trust pure predictions of who might be victorious. There are simply too many factors to consider to speculate so soon, for example some Chavistas have changed sides

because of disagreement with Maduro. Many voting inscription places are closing doors and prohibiting the younger population to vote. If they do, their vote is invalid. Many more events make the situation unpredictable.

In the end, Capriles has accepted his second opportunity to enter once again. The answers will be revealed on April 14 where the elections will take place and when everybody will deposit its vote. That'll be the moment of truth determining the future of our country.

“Chavistas have changed sides because of disagreement with Maduro.”



Henrique Capriles

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Venezuelan Soccer Taking a Stance Against the World

By: Alfredo Quilarquez

The Venezuelan National soccer team, also known as “La Vinotinto” due to its burgundy colored uniform, is climbing up the Coca-Cola Fifa World Ranking. Venezuela is currently in the 43rd spot with 622 points out of the 207 available. Soccer is a rising sport in Venezuela filling the hearts of many with passion and the desire to be in the next Fifa World Cup, which will take place in Brazil in the summer of 2014.

Venezuelans are full of hope after knowing that the group is located in a qualifying position for the moment and the games left are against those under them in the classificatory leader boards.

The only truth is that all teams in Venezuela’s pass to the World cup are countries of higher position in the world ranking, Peru being the closest in the 42nd spot with 624 points, Paraguay in the 38th with 640 points, Bolivia in the 37th with 641 points, Chile in the 22nd with 829 points, Brazil in the 18th with 908 points, Uruguay in the 16th with 950 points, Ecuador in the 11th with 1037 points, Colombia in the 6th with 1159 points, and as the top ranked South American country Argentina is in the 3rd spot with 1309. These points represent the quality of the Argentinian team over the last 4 years.



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In the qualifiers itself, Venezuela is tied in the 4th with Chile. The first place goes to Argentina with 24 points, the second to Ecuador with 20 points, the 3rd to Colombia with 19 points, 4th to Chile and Venezuela with 15 points, 6th to Uruguay with 13 points, 7th to Peru with 11 points, 8th to Bolivia with 9 points and last in the 9th spot, Paraguay with only 8 points.

Venezuela is currently tied with Chile in points and goal difference, but the next thing that needs to be judged are goals in favor for which Chile has 16 and Venezuela only has 9. This makes the Venezuelan squad sit on the 5th spot, but if seeing the games won, tied and lost, they are tied in 4th.

If the qualifiers ended today just as they are, Venezuela would play against the 5th of the Asian Qualifier for a spot in the World Cup. Being in the top 4 makes you go straight to the honorary soccer tournaments, where only the best get the opportunity to play.

The Coca-Cola Fifa Ranking spots are set from March 14th. From that date until now Venezuela lost versus Argentina but beat Colombia by the minimum with a magnificent goal by the Venezuelan forward Jose Salomon Rondon. After

the calculation is done, this would leave Venezuela with 708 points putting them in the mid 30's just over Serbia which is in the 35th spot of the world ranking with 659 points. This new positioning will be released at the end of April.

As a Venezuelan, soccer is a passion to me as it is to many. These soccer players are more than a team for our country. From my perspective, the sport is the only thing that keeps Venezuela united. It's the only thing in which all Venezuelans agree on no matter if they are rich or poor, black or white, religious or agnostic, socialist or capitalist. It's the ideals of uniting a diverged country. As the Venezuelan soccer team skyrockets through the ranking, this unites more and more a country of political and social differences showing the country how 'stupid and nonsense' these differences can be. Venezuela is only one. La Vinotinto, our driving force for a more united country.



Cesar Farias



“Con Los Terroristas:” The Harlem Shake Craze

By: Melissa Rodriguez

The new YouTube sensation and trend that, at its uttermost popularity was fueling 4,000 vide uploads a day, has finally reached Colegio Internacional de Puerto La Cruz. It hit the small international school of Puerto La Cruz on March 1st, when the sophomore class added their clip to the massive group of Harlem Shake videos that exist on the internet.

So what exactly propelled this fad that has swept numerous countries around the globe including the USA, the UK, Canada, Australia, Germany and much of western Europe, Russia and eastern Europe, China, India, the United Arab Emirates, Jamaica, and of course, Latin America? It all started with 5 teenagers in Queensland, Australia who uploaded the first video with the style of meme that became associated with Harlem Shake videos (one person starting the dance, then followed by others) under the name “TheSunnyCoastSkate.” After that, the viral spread that proceeded was something those adolescents probably never could have imagined. Not even two weeks after its post, there were already 40,000 Harlem Shake clips on the web with views totaling up to 175 million. But not everyone is so excited with the prospect of creating a Harlem Shake video.

“It’s stupid,” stated Daniel Finco, a senior in CIPLC. When asked why, he curtly responded, “It’s just a stupid, 30 second song and a bunch of stupid people dancing stupidly,” and waved his hand in dismissal. And he’s not the only one who thinks this way.

“I just don’t see why it’s funny,” shrugged Mr. Perry, a science teacher at the same school.

Still, this negative feedback from some students and teachers didn’t stop the 10th grade from making their own. The dancing was started by Arturo Seijas, and then was tailed by the rest of the class.

“It’s just a stupid, 30-second song and a bunch of stupid people dancing stupidly.”

“The class begged me to do it. They had been beginning me for about 4 classes now, and it was



Friday and I was tired of arguing, so I finally just gave in and said yes. I let them do their Harlem Shake for the last 10 minutes of class,” said Mrs. Lingenfelter, the language arts teacher, with annoyance clear in her voice. However

she adds with a wry smile, “But...it *was* pretty funny.”



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People's Spotlight: Gregory Perry

1. **Where is your birthplace?**
Dallas, Texas.
2. **The name of the school where you studied when younger?**
Virginia Commonwealth University.
3. **Favorite cartoon as a child?**
Bugs Bunny.
4. **Favorite TV show recently, or do you not watch much TV?**
"Game of Thrones" and "Glee."
5. **Favorite movie genre?**
Drama.
6. **Places you wish to travel to?**
South East Asia.
7. **Did you want to become a teacher as a child?**
No. I did not have any plans for anything beyond the moment.
8. **When did you gain an interest in science?**
I have always liked science.
9. **At what age did you decide to get married?**
30.
10. **Is there something you would change about yourself or are you comfortable as you are?**
I talk too fast.
11. **Do you have any pets?**
We rescued a callejerita dog and named her Jenrieta.
12. **What is an exotic pet you've always wanted to have (if any)?**
I have never wanted an exotic pet. I like dogs and used to have three.
13. **What's your hobby, like something that makes you happy besides teaching?**
Running, biking, reading, cooking, baking bread, making movies of things I do with my family.
14. **Have you ever entered in a tie dye contest?**
No.

Ms. Perry





Dear Bobbie:

How do you tell someone they have very bad hygiene—politely?

That's a very tough question because it's a very sensitive matter. But if it's done in a careful way, they probably will appreciate being told.

First of all, you should find a time to approach them in private. This doesn't mean pulling them aside, because they will just return to their group upset. You should tell them at a time when you both are alone and, if possible, as soon as you notice the hygiene problem (for example, if that day a person did P.E. and their sweat odor stayed on them) so that they don't become paranoid that others noticed it all day but that person himself wasn't aware of it.

Start off with a sincere explanation and an introduction of what you are going to say. For example, "Look, I wanted to talk to you about something that I know is sensitive but it's something that I would like to be brought to my attention. And I really don't want you to be hurt by what I'm going to say, or think I'm doing it to be mean, but I, truly as a friend, want to tell you so that you aren't put in an uncomfortable position in the future." This way, they will see that you have good intentions and are really concerned for them

and don't want others saying hurtful things to them. After that, very gently touch on the subject, explaining to them their hygiene issue and offer helpful tips on what ways they could work on it. Then, to conclude, stress again how you really are looking out for them and that this wasn't a confrontation, but rather a sincere way to help them out and that you hope they aren't offended and hope that they will do the same for you if the situation is ever reversed.

Hope this helped!

-Bobbi



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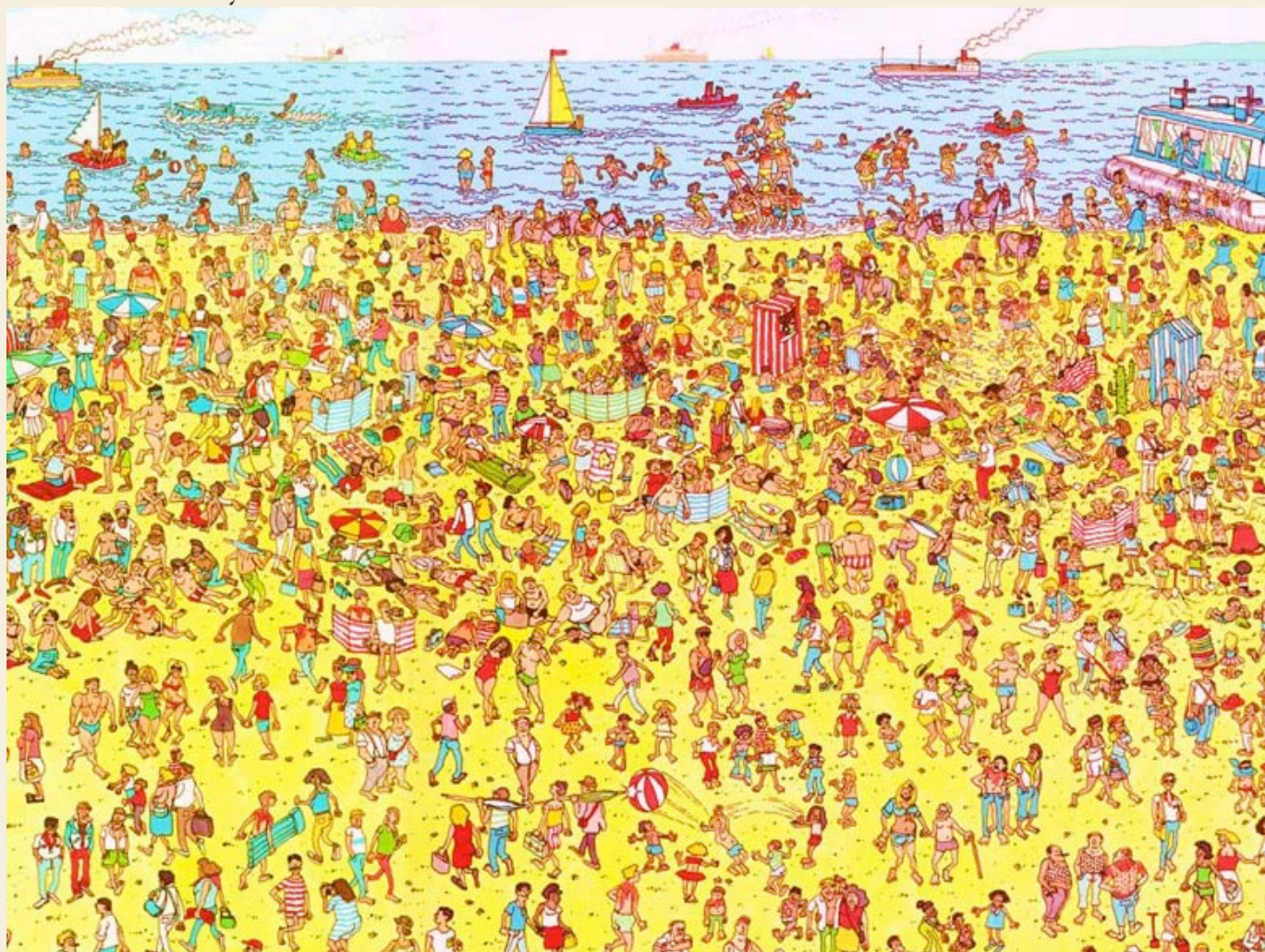
CIPLC Agenda

International Day.....	April 18 th
Venezuela Independence Day (No School).....	April 19 th
GIN Conference Costa Rica.....	April 18 th – 22 nd
Sports Banquet.....	April 26 th
HS Prom (STUCO).....	April 27 th
Spring Art Show.....	April 30 th
Labor Day (No School).....	May 1 st
MS Lock-in.....	May 3 rd
SAT Testing @ CIPLC.....	May 4 th
AP Exams.....	May 6 th -17 th
Elementary Floor Hockey @CIPLC.....	May 11 th
MS Boys Soccer, Girls Basketball @ECA (JVANAS).....	May 16 th -18 th
Chess Tournament.....	May 16 th
Forensics @ISM.....	May 17 th -18 th
MAC Symposium All School.....	May 23 rd
Senior Symposium.....	May 24 th
Senior Roast.....	May 28 th
End of the Year Fest (TLC).....	May 31 st
ECE Graduation.....	May 31 st
High School Graduation.....	June 1 st

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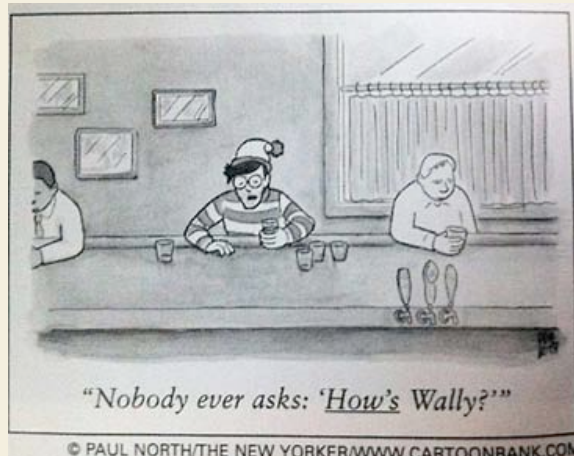
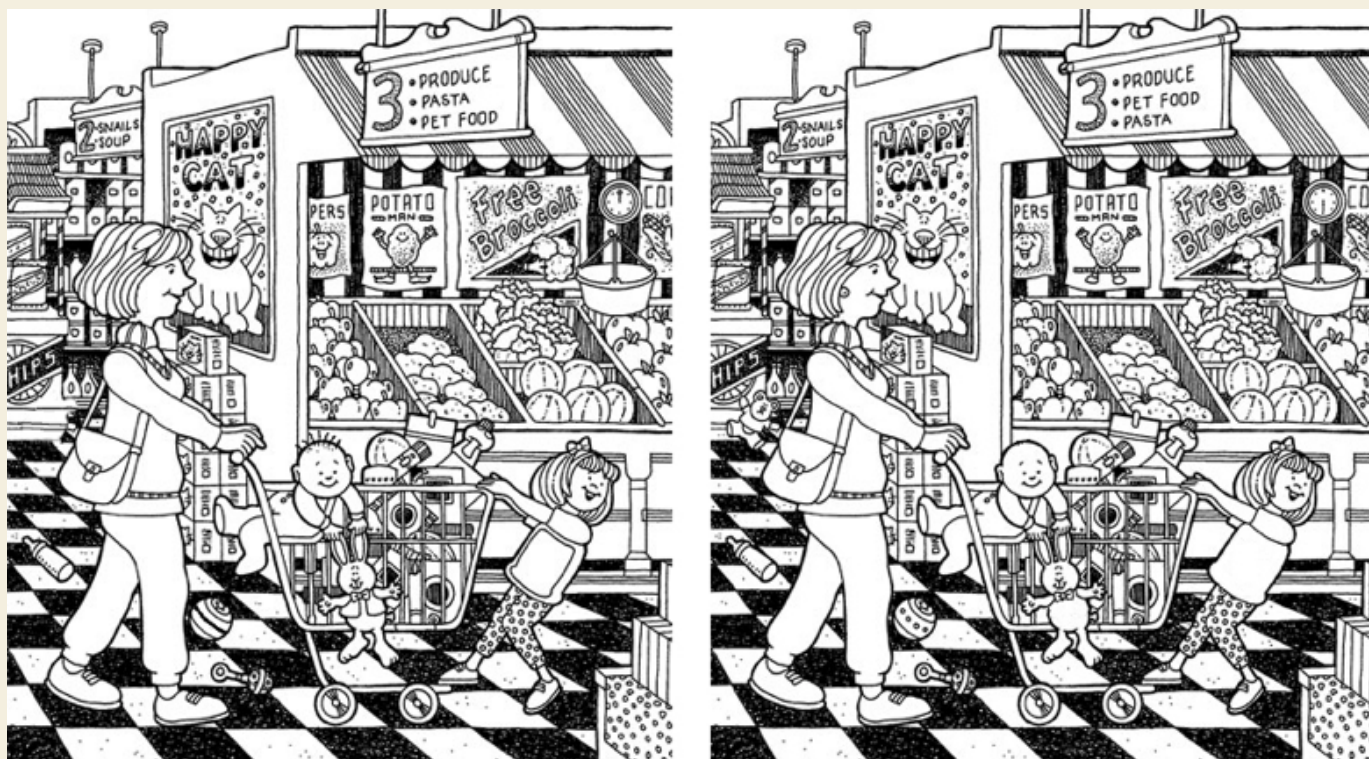
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