

**Gringo Update – Election Special**



It's the year of the elections again in the Dominican Republic. In 2004, Leonel Fernandez was voted in, and now in 2008, Dominicans get the chance to show their pleasure (or displeasure) with their voting cards.

Gallup recently polled a number of voters to see which way they were inclined to vote, and the results were as follows:

- Leonel Fernandez (PLD) Dominican Liberation Party – 51.8%
- Miguel Vargas Maldonado (PRD) Dominican Revolutionary Party- 34.7%
- Amable Aristy Castro (PRSC) Social Christian Reformist Party – 7.5%
- Eduardo Estrella (LCV) Fourth Way – 2.4%
- Pedro Candelier (PAP) of the Popular Alliance Party – 0.9%

Whether you live on the North Coast or you are vacationing and have the chance to get out and about, you can't miss the thousands of political billboards erected by the side of all the major roads.

Each one shows a smiling face and the name of a candidate for the next presidential election due to take place on the 16th May 2008.

Can you tell from the photos who is who?

Answers for those of you who drive with your eyes shut is on page 13.

It does beg the question - does the average person really need to see the same billboard staggered at 50m intervals for 3 miles down the highway? Is the average person really that impressionable, or so forgetful they need to be reminded so often?

Other points to ponder - how much did all these billboards cost?

And who got the printing contract? :-)

This Gallup poll interviewed 1200 Dominican adults on February 16th-20th. The eagle-eyed will have spotted that the percentages don't quite add up to 100%. We're not quite sure what the remaining 2.7% thought.

2.7% of 1200 people is 32.4 people. So we assume that approximately 32 and a half people wouldn't vote for either candidate. That's Gringo logic!



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When police contacted the woman, she said she may have accidentally put the bag into the deposit envelope when she reached into her pants pocket to get money.

The woman was arrested and charged with one count of possession of methamphetamine.

**Missing Man Spotted  
 in Movie**

An Italian man who disappeared with \$74,000 and his mistress was found after he was spotted in a movie scene.

Martino Garibaldi, a 45-year-old shop owner, took the money from a family bank account when he left Montecalvo.

Despite employing detectives to track him down

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