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*Special Edition from Caracas, Venezuela - Nearly 20 million Venezuelans will cast their ballots this Sunday, October 7, in one of the most crucial and followed elections in Latin America. Jorge Ramos will lead Univision's special coverage from Caracas. President Hugo Chavez faces the toughest election of his 14 year rule against Henrique Capriles Radonski. Capriles Radonski, 40, has run an eight month campaign invigorating an opposition that was fractured not too long ago. He talks to Univision News about the possibilities of defeating a still very popular Chavez and also explains his comments that he already selected an active military officer from the Bolivarian Armed Forces of Venezuela to be his Defense Minister. Will the country continue in the path that Chavez has created or will it take a new direction? Will the country face potential violence after the winner is announced? If Capriles Radonski secures a victory will President Chavez relinquish power?

Monica Radonski de Capriles, Mother of Henrique Capriles Radonski - Monica Radonski de Capriles talks about how her son overcame all obstacles and was able to unite the opposition to become its sole candidate. Capriles Radonski who was accused by the Chavez government of fomenting violence in a siege of the Cuban embassy during the coup attempt in 2001, spent 120 days in prison but was acquitted in 2006. What were those days like for her and the rest of the family? Did she ever lose hope that he would be freed? What does she have in common with Chavez's mother?

PSUV International Youth Commission and Roberto Patio, National Coordinator of Youth Force in Venezuela. The youth vote in Venezuela. The youth movement in Venezuela has awakened other political groups with their inspiration and motivation as well as their desire to play leading roles. They mobilized masses of young people and encouraged them to actively take part in what they see is best for their country. The youth vote is essential to win the elections in Venezuela; that is why both candidates Chavez and Capriles Radonski worked tirelessly to get their support. Both sides are coming to Al Punto to defend their points of view and how they envision the Venezuela of the future.

Rafael Reif, President of Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) - This week Univision launches a nationwide, week-long education event, Educate, Es el momento. As part of this initiative, Professor Rafael Reif, president of the prestigious Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) comes to Al Punto to speak about his experience as an educator. President Reif has been at the front of multiple partnerships and initiatives that have maintained the university at the top. His many achievements include an online program that allows anyone to take courses at MIT. How can Hispanics and the country benefit from this? Will all universities become virtual campuses in the future? How can Hispanics attend MIT?

Francisco Urreiztieta, Univision Correspondent in Venezuela - Carlos Chirinos, BBC Mundo Correspondent

Elections in Venezuela - Al Cardenas, Chairman of the American Conservative Union and Surrogate for the Governor Mitt Romney Campaign and Ambassador Luis Laureado, Surrogate for the President Barack Obama campaign. Within the next 25 days, Americans will choose to either reelect President Barack Obama or elect Governor Mitt Romney into The White House. The latest Pew Research Center

polls show that 69 percent of Latino registered voters support President Obama and 21 percent support Governor Romney. On national polls, nevertheless, there is nearly a virtual tie between the two candidates. How is each party preparing for the last stretch of their campaign? How will their performance on the presidential debates affect the results on November 6? Who is the best candidate for Hispanics? Al Cardenas, Surrogate for the Governor Mitt Romney campaign and Ambassador Luis Laureado Surrogate for the President Barack Obama campaign discuss on Al Punto.

Rafael Cox Alomar, Candidate for Puerto Rico's Resident Commissioner in Washington, D.C. PPD - On November 6, Puerto Ricans will also go the polls to elect a governor and vote in a non-binding plebiscite that will decide the future status of the island. They will also participate in the election of the resident commissioner to represent in Washington. According to the latest El Nuevo Día polls, Rafael Cox Alomar, the main opposition candidate from PPD is trailing the incumbent Resident Commissioner Pedro Pierluisi, from Partido Nuevo Progresista (PNP) by 6 percent. This Sunday, Cox Alomar visits Al Punto. How does he plan to win the election? Why does he support Puerto Rico's commonwealth status? What is his plan to end the wave of violence in the island that left more than one thousand dead last year? What is his response to the racist attacks against him?

Latin America Bureau Chief, Time Magazine - Fabian Nunez, Noticias Univision Democratic Analyst; Alfonso Aguilar, Republican Analyst; Phillip Arroyo Chairman of the Young Democrats of America Hispanic Caucus; Daniel Garza, Executive Director of The Libre Initiative. There are 17 days and one more presidential debate before the November 6th elections. The second debate proved to be a contentious exchange between President Obama and Governor Romney and for the first time the issues of immigration were brought to the table. Up for grabs are the undecided voters and, this week, both campaigns focused their efforts aggressively on women. The debate continues during Al Punto's roundtable. What can we expect for the next and final debate? Representative David Rivera, (R), Florida's 26th District; Joe Garcia, Candidate of the House of Representatives for Florida's 26th District. Race for the House of Representative for Florida 26 District. The fight for the congressional seat for Florida's 26th district between Republican Congressman David Rivera and Democratic candidate Joe Garcia has been named by Politico as one of the top five scandalous House races of this election year. This Sunday, in an exclusive informal debate, both politicians come to Al Punto to discuss the most controversial issues of their race. Rivera responds to accusations that he secretly financed the campaign of one of Garcia's opponents. Joe Garcia explains his position towards Cuba and also responds to Rivera's accusations of alleged corruption. Jorge Ramos is joined by Mario Andres Moreno, co-anchor of Univision affiliate WXTV Channel 23, to moderate the conversation

Carlos Gutierrez, Former Secretary of Commerce and Chair of the Trade Policy Advisory Group for the Mitt Romney Campaign; Henry Cisneros, Former United States Secretary of Housing and Urban Development. With only 10 days until the election, President Barack Obama and Governor Mitt Romney are in a close and heated race. The candidates have spent all week campaigning in decisive battleground states. A new ABC News/Washington Post poll gives Republican candidate Mitt Romney 50 percent and President Barack Obama 47 percent of the vote. Among Hispanics, Obama still holds the lead with 74 percent of the vote compared to Romney's 21 percent. This Sunday Carlos Gutierrez, former Secretary of Commerce and Chair of the Trade Policy Advisory Group for the Mitt Romney Campaign and Henry

Cisneros, former United States Secretary of Housing and Urban Development talk to Jorge Ramos about the issues that matter most in this election and argue why each of their candidates deserves to win

Gabriela Domenzain, Director of Hispanic Press, Obama for America; Ana Carbonell, Advisor for Mitt Romney's Presidential Campaign; Adryana Boyne, National Director of "Voces Action"; Carmen Cornejo, Board Member Chicanos por la Causa

Women's Vote - Women are key to this election and candidates are aware of this voting bloc that helped elect President Barack Obama in 2008. A new AP/GFK poll shows that President Obama has lost ground among women. Both candidates are tied 47-47. The question is what issues will impact women's vote? A Gallup poll of female voters showed that among the most important issues for them are abortion, with 39 percent saying it's their number one issue; jobs, with 19 percent of women saying it is the most important issue; followed by healthcare with 18 percent. This Sunday Al Punto opens the debate about the female vote with Gabriela Domenzain, Director of Hispanic Press, Obama for America, Ana Carbonell, Advisor for Mitt Romney's Presidential Campaign, Adryana Boyne, National Director of Voces Action and Carmen Cornejo, Board Member Chicanos por la Causa

Richard Carmona, (D) Arizona Senate Candidate - The race for the senate in Arizona is an election to watch closely. Democratic candidate Richard Carmona faces off with Representative Jeff Flake. If Carmona wins this election, he would become the third Hispanic senator currently serving in the senate along with New Jersey Senator Bob Menendez and Florida Senator Marco Rubio. This Sunday, Carmona, the former U.S. surgeon general under the Bush administration, tells Jorge Ramos why he decided to run for the Democratic Party. He also talks about the anti-immigrant sentiment in Arizona and why he was told as a child not to speak Spanish to avoid discrimination

House of Representatives; California 24th district race - Former Lt. Governor of California Abel Maldonado is seeking a seat in the House of Representatives for the 24th district of his state. Maldonado, a Republican, faces longtime incumbent Rep. Lois Capps who has served for 14 years. This Sunday Maldonado appears on Al Punto to tell Jorge Ramos how he plans to win as a Republican in a Democratic stronghold. Does the newly drawn 24th congressional district give him an advantage? As a centrist in his party, what are his plans to push for immigration reform in congress if he wins the election

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