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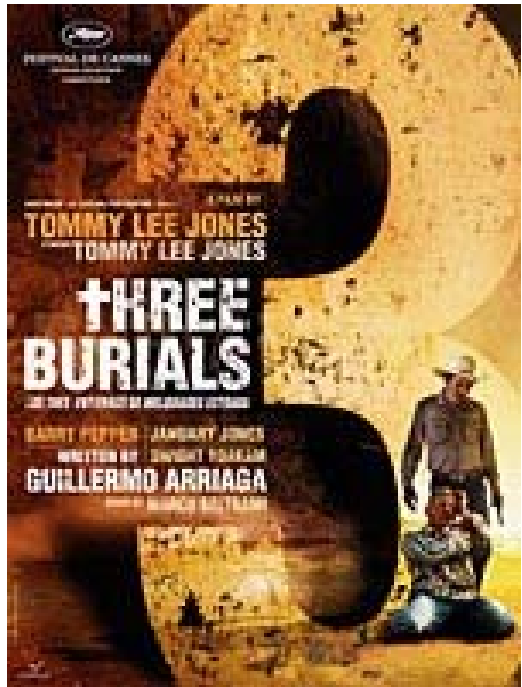
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After graduating from **Memorial High School** in May 1974, **María Luisa** awaited her date of entry into the **US Air Force** to begin a six-year

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In May 1988, she earned a bachelor's degree in sociology from The **University of Texas at San Antonio** and then accepted a position with the **National Veterans Outreach Program**, a veteran's service organization of the **American G.I. Forum**.

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# Hispanics and Texas Politics

## Did You Know?

Since Republicans became the statewide majority in 1994, 8 minority Texans have held statewide office; yet in the 122 years that Democrats controlled the State (1872-1994), only 4 minority Texans held statewide office.

It took Democrats 114 years to elect a single Hispanic to statewide office. The Democrat establishment later tried to defeat him because he was too conservative.

Under Republican leadership, 5 Republican Hispanics have held statewide office. Currently, **Victor Carrillo** serves as Chairman of Texas' powerful Railroad Commission, and **Justice David Medina** serves on the Texas Supreme Court. Others who have moved into even higher positions include **Al Gonzales**, appointed by **President George W. Bush** as U.S. Attorney General and **Tony Garza** now serving as Ambassador to Mexico.

When the Republicans became the majority in the Texas Legislature in 1869, they established a system of free public schools to educate all the children of the state something Democrats had refused to do.

In 1998, Republican Governor **George W. Bush** created the Office of Border Initiatives, which facilitates trade and investment opportunities for Texas communities and companies along the border.

In 1999, Republican **Lt. Governor Rick Perry** established the first ever standing Committee on Border Affairs to address needs along the Texas Mexico border.

In 2001, Anglo Democrat men comprised only 20% of all Texas House members, but were named to 36% of all chairmanships by the Anglo Democrat Speaker. Hispanics were shortchanged because their support was taken for granted by the Democrat elite.

In 2003 however, Hispanics received approximately a 5% increase in chairmanships by the Republican Speaker of the House.

As of October 2004, **Governor Perry** has appointed over 300 Hispanics to different state commissions.

Under the administration of Republican **Governor Rick Perry**, state agencies have invested more resources in the 32-county border region than under Democrat leaders at any time in history.

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# La Politica by the Numbers

In the 2006 Primary Election scheduled for **March 7th, 2006**, a total of 1,128 candidates filed with their respective state parties in **Texas**.

For the Republicans, there are a total of 534 candidates. For the Democrats, there are 410 candidates and for the **Libertarian Party**, there are 184 candidates. Those candidates who stated they are running as independents were not counted.

As Table # 1 shows, the Republicans fielded the largest slate with 534 candidates or 47% of the total. (534/1128) These figures do not include candidates who are running for offices at the county level.

In Table # 2 the candidates for elective office in the coming primary are shown in terms of gender. Both the Republican and Democratic parties fielded a slate of candidates that is about 25% female. The **Libertarian Party of Texas** came up with 16 female candidates or 8.6%.

Statewide, a total of 249 of the 1128 candidates in this year's primary election (33%) are female.

Table # 3 shows the candidates by party affiliation and ethnicity. A total of 151 Latinos are represented in this election cycle's offering. Upon closer examination it can be seen that the largest number of Latino candidates (116) have filed to run as Demo-

crats. Stated differently, 13.3% of the candidates in the 2006 primaries in Texas are Latinos. (151/1128) The **Republicans** and **Libertarian** parties contributed 25 and 10 of the Latino candidates respectively.

**Table # 1**  
**Candidates for Elective Office by Party Affiliation**

POLITICAL PARTY	NUMBER OF CANDIDATES
Republicans	534
Democrats	410
Libertarians	184
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1128</b>

Source: Texas Democratic Party, Republican Party of Texas, Libertarian Party of Texas

**Table # 3**  
**Candidates for Elective Office by Party Affiliation and Ethnicity**

PARTY	TOTAL CANDIDATES	LATINO CANDIDATES	PERCENT
Republicans	534	25	4.6%
Democrats	410	116	28.2%
Libertarians	184	10	5.4%

Table # 4 increases the level of detail by examining party affiliation, ethnicity and gender. Here it can be observed that among Latino candidates:

76.0% filed to run as Democrats (84+32=116/151)

72.8% of those who filed were male. (17+84+9=110/151)

55.6% are Latino and Democrats (84/151)

27.1% are Latinas (8+32+1=41/151)

16.5% are Latino/a and Republican (17+8=25/151)

**Table # 2**  
**Candidates for Elective Office by Party Affiliation and Gender**

PARTY	MALE	FEMALE	PERCENT
Republicans	407	127	23.7%
Democrats	304	106	25.8%
Libertarians	168	16	8.6%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>879</b>	<b>249</b>	<b>22.0%</b>

Source: Texas Democratic Party, Republican Party of Texas, Libertarian Party of Texas

**Table # 4**  
**Candidates for Elective Office by Party Affiliation, Ethnicity and Gender**

PARTY	TOTAL CANDIDATES		LATINO CANDIDATES	
	Male	Female	Male	Female
Republicans	407	127	17	8
Democrats	304	106	84	32
Libertarians	168	16	9	1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>879</b>	<b>249</b>	<b>110</b>	<b>41</b>

Source: Texas Democratic Party, Republican Party of Texas, Libertarian Party of Texas

## En Español

En esta pagina tenemos cifras de los candidatos que estan corriendo por todo el estado. Un total de 1128 candidatos estan buscando puestos tales como gobernador, juez, representatantes, senadores y otras. La cifras no incluyen candidatos al nivel del condado y para abajo.

En terminos de Latinos, un total de 151 Latinos forman parte de la candidatura estal en Texas en esta temporada de primarias. De los 151 candidatos, 41 son mujeres. En cuestion de partido, 116 son del partido Democrata y 25 estan corriendo bajo el partido Republicano.

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# La Política by the Numbers

The tables on this page examine in greater detail the candidates who have filed to run in the March 7th, 2006 Texas Primary. In Table # 5 Latino participation in the Primary Election is examined in terms of incumbency.

As Table # 5 shows, there are a total 40 Latino Democrats in the March 7th, 2006 Texas Primary who are **incumbents**. There are 16 Latinas who share the same status in the Democratic Party. In the Republican Party there are 6 Latino and 4 Latina incumbents. There are no Latino incumbents in the Libertarian Party. Altogether, there are a total of 66 Latinos who are **incumbents** scheduled to run in the March 7th, 2006 primary.

**Table # 5**  
**Latino/a Candidates for Elective Office by Party Affiliation, Gender and Incumbency**

PARTY	TOTAL CANDIDATES	GENDER		INCUMBENTS	
		Male	Female	Male	Female
Republicans	25	17	8	6	4
Democrats	116	84	32	40	16
Libertarians	10	9	1	0	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>151</b>	<b>110</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>20</b>

Source: Texas Democratic Party, Republican Party of Texas, Libertarian Party of Texas and the Texas Secretary of State Office

## En Español

Los datos en esta pagina nos permite ver en más detalle la participación de los candidatos en las primarias de 2006. Por ejemplo, podemos ver que 110 de los Latinos buscando varios puestos son hombres y 41 son mujeres. También podemos ver que 66 (46+20) de los candidatos Latinos estan buscando de vuelta los puestos que ya ocupan. (incumbents)

**Table # 6**  
**Latino/a Candidates as Challengers for Elective Office by Party Affiliation, Type of Office and Gender**

PARTY	NON JUDICIAL CHALLENGE CANDIDATES		JUDICIAL CHALLENGE CANDIDATES		
	Male	Female	Male	Female	
Republicans	10	1	2	2	15
Democrats	22	4	21	13	60
Libertarians	9	1	0	0	10
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>85</b>

Source: Texas Democratic Party, Republican Party of Texas, Libertarian Party of Texas

Table # 6 examines Latino participation during this 2006 primary season with respect to **challengers**. As the table on the left shows, there are 41 Latinos and 6 Latinas running for non-judicial posts on March 7th, 2006. In judicial contests there are 23 Latinos and 15 Latinas who are running against someone for a total of 38 candidates. Altogether there are 85 Latino candidates who are challengers

Combining the 66 Latino and Latina incumbents who are **incumbents** from Table # 5 with the 85 candidates who are **challengers** brings the total number of Latino/as running in the 2006 Primary season to 151.

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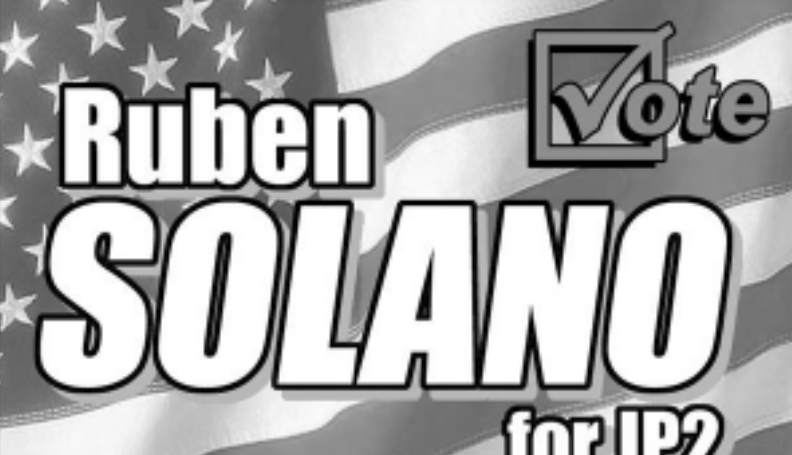
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Ruben also serves as an Instructor at the Alvin Community College where he specializes in teaching Spanish to law enforcement cadets.

He welcomes the opportunity and privilege to serve the fine citizens of Brazoria County and requests your support.

As Justice of the Peace for Brazoria County, Precinct 2, Place 2, Ruben Solano pledges himself and his office to integrity, fairness, and what is right for Brazoria County families.

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# How I learned English

by Angel Espinosa

When I came to the United States I didn't know any English. I was living for several months with my aunt and then I went to Palm School. I didn't understand anything and I would cry. Then I said, I came to the United States to learn English and obtain a job that I would like. Afterwards I would stay after school to learn how to speak English well.

The school year ended and I was passed to the 6<sup>th</sup> grade where I learned more English and then my mother informed us that we would be moving in about 6 months and that I would have to change schools. Soon we moved into another apartment where we didn't know anyone. We never went out because we didn't have an automobile.

Afterwards we met many people and we got to play with them. A friend of mine at school told me there was a place where students could go to do their homework and that it was called River City. My mother told us that she would take to enroll. We went there for about two weeks and got to meet everyone and went to all the fiestas that Miss Mona would put on for the everyone in the barrio.

Many children from my school would go (to River City) because it was cool and fun and you never got bored because there were computers to play on. I went every day because I didn't have anyone to help me with my home work. At River City there was someone to help me with my homework.

I met a new friend there and we are still friends today. He and I would go to all the fiestas at River City. Once we went to Six Flags Over Texas and he was afraid of heights. But I convinced him to get on one of the rides with me. On another trip we went to Splash Town in San Antonio which is a water park and we were there all day.

Well, that is how I arrived at River City and I now speak English. If it were not for River City I might have not been able to learn English as well because they helped me much more than the regular school did. I have now gotten used to the new apartment and the many friends who live next door. Once day I am going to go back to Mexico to visit my family.



# Cómo Aprendí el Inglés

by Angel Espinosa

Cuando yo vine a los estados unidos yo no sabia inglés. Estube viviendo unos meses con mi tia, y luego fuimos la escuela Palm School. Yo no entendia nada y me ponía a llorar. Luego dije, yo vine a los estados unidos a aprender inglés y tener un trabajo que me guste. Después estube quedandome después de escuela para aprender como hablar bien el inglés.

Se acabo el año 5th grade y me pasaron al 6th y aprendi más y asi estube y luego mi mama dijo que nos teniamos que mover en 6 meses y me tenian que cambiar de la escuela y nos movimos. Al otro dia estabamos en el nuevo apratamento y no conociamos a nadie. Nunca saliamos porque no teniamos carro para movernos.

Después conosimos a muchas personas y jugabamos con ellos. Luego mi amigo de la escuela me dijo que habia un lugar que el iba para hacer su tarea y que se llamaba River City. Mi mama dijo yo les voy a encribir. Estuvimos

llendo por 2 semanas y ya conosia a todos y estube llendo a todas las fiestas que Miss Mona hacia para todos en el barrio.

Muchos niños fueron de mi escuela porque yo les dije que estaba bien padre y divertido y no te aburres porque habia computadoes para que jugaias. Yo iba todo los dias porque no habia nadie que me ayudara con mi tarea. Los de River City me ayudaron con la tarea.

Yo conosi a un amigo nuevo y todavia somos amigos. Todas las fiestas que hacen en River City el va y yo voy. Una ves fuimos a Six Flags y el tenia miedo a las alturas. Pero lo hice que se subiera conmigo. En otro viaje fuimos a Splash-Town en San Antonio, un parque de agua y el estube conmigo todo el dia.

Bueno, asi es como yo llege a River City y hablo ingles porque si no estuviera River City yo no aprenderia inglés porque ellos me ayudaron mucho más que la escuela. Yo me acostombre a la nueva casa y más amigos y muchas personas se movieron a la casa de lado. Yo un dia voy a ir a Mexico a visitar a mi familia.

## ABOUT

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