



Rio Grande Valley

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## SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- Early Voting is February 16 through February 26
- Election Day for the Republican Primary is March 2

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## The Boston Tea Party, Jan 19, 2010?

What? The Boston Tea Party was December 17, 1773, not January, 19 2010! Or was it? The election of Scott Brown to the US Senate on January 19, 2010 is being heralded, by some, as a modern day Boston Tea Party.

The Boston Tea Party in 1773 was a revolt by the colonists of Massachusetts against the Tea Act of 1773 that was imposed by the King of England on the small colonies of America. The colonists had had enough of the oppression and tyranny by the British Government and in protest dumped an entire shipment of Tea into Boston Harbor. The colonists felt that Britain had no right to tax them since they were not under British rule anymore. The act sparked a movement in the colonies and was a pre-

cursor to the Revolutionary war in 1775.

The similarities to today's times are amazing. Over taxed citizens



**VP Joe Biden swears in Scott Brown.**

**Photo Courtesy of Fox News**

rally together to send a message to their government. There is a lot of discussion about why the voters of Massachusetts elected a Republican Senator in a state that

has been Democrat for more than 30 years, but one thing is for sure; the people are concerned about maintaining the Balance of Power within the government. Worried about increasing deficits, debt, taxes, and entitlement programs the people know that it is dangerous to have one political party making all of the rules.

The significance of this election, will be known as one of the most important in our nations history. With the election of Scott Brown to the Senate as a Republican, the Democrats no longer have the 60 votes needed to pass any legislation that they choose. This one vote ensures that there will be debate and compromise between conservative and liberal ideologies in the US Senate.

## Cameron County Republican Primary

### TX District 27, US House of Representatives, Republican Primary

There are four candidates competing for Congressman for the US House of Representatives. The candidates are Willie Vaden, James Duerr, Blake Farenthold; all from Corpus Christi, and

Jessica Puente-Bradshaw from Brownsville. You can learn more about the candidates by watching the Candidate Forum that was conducted in Harlingen, on January 26, 2010. The forum is posted on-line at Youtube at <http://tinyurl.com/yd5mewq>, or <http://brownsville.rgvtp.com/>.

The winner of the March 2 primary will face incumbent Solomon Ortiz, and Libertarian challenger Ed Mishou.

### TX District 15, US House of Representatives, Republican Primary

# Cameron County Republican Primary

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Voting for the Republican primary is March 2, 2010

## Quote of the Month

*"If ever a time should come, when vain and aspiring men shall possess the highest seats in Government, our country will stand in need of its experienced patriots to prevent its ruin."*

Samuel Adams,  
1776

The candidates for district 15 are Daniel Garza, Paul B. Harling, and Eddie Zamora.

The winner of the republican primary will face incumbent Ruben Honojosa or Democrat challenger Doug Purl. More information about the candidates can be found at <http://harlingen.rgvt.com>.

Early voting is from Feb 16 through Feb 26

Let your voice be heard. Vote in this year's elections!



## Five Propositions on the GOP Primary Ballot

The State Republican Executive Committee has placed five propositions on the GOP primary ballot. These non-binding questions gauge grassroots support on the issues, and will inform our elected officials where the party's most active voters stand on the issues. Early voting begins Tuesday, February 16, and primary day itself is March 2. The propositions are below. Get informed, and get ready to vote!

### Ballot Proposition #1: Photo ID

The Texas legislature should make it a priority to protect the integrity of our election process by enacting legislation that requires voters to provide valid photo identification in order to cast a ballot in any and all elections conducted in the State of Texas.

**YES or NO**

### Ballot Proposition #2: Controlling Government Growth

Every government body in Texas should be required to limit any annual increase in its budget and spending to the combined increase of population and inflation unless it first gets voter approval to exceed the allowed annual growth or in the case of an official emergency.

**YES or NO**

### Ballot Proposition #3: Cutting Federal Income Taxes

In addition to aggressively eliminating irresponsible federal spending, Congress should empower American citizens to stimulate the economy by Congress cutting federal income taxes for all federal taxpayers, rather than spending hundreds of billions of dollars on so-called "federal economic stimulus".

**YES or NO**

### Ballot Proposition #4: Public Acknowledgment of God

The use of the word "God", prayers, and the Ten Commandments should be allowed at public gatherings and public educational institutions, as well as be permitted on government buildings and property.

**YES or NO**

### Ballot Proposition #5: Sonograms

The Texas Legislature should enact legislation requiring a sonogram to be performed and shown to each mother about to undergo a medically unnecessary, elective abortion.

**YES or NO**

# Primary Candidates, Districts 27 & 15



**Willie Vaden**  
District 27 Republican

Limited Government "We cannot forget the 10th Amendment"  
Lower Taxes "We cannot borrow our way out of debt"  
A Strong Military "We are only as strong as our military"  
Life begins at conception "This is not open for debate"



**Eddie Zamora**  
District 15 Republican

I believe in:  
Securing Our Borders, Fiscal Responsibility: No Bailouts, Energy Independence: Drill Here. Drill Now, Pro-Small Business: Create Jobs, Strongly Support: The 2nd Amendment, Right to Keep & Bear Arms, Pro-Life, Pro-Marriage: One Man + One Woman, Pro-Troops & Pro-Veterans.

[www.elect-eddiezamora.com](http://www.elect-eddiezamora.com)



**James Duerr**  
District 27 Republican

**Support Education** – My Number One Priority as your next Congressman is education. We have world class universities and colleges in District 27 that need support and adequate funding. **Create Jobs** – Companies Relocate to Regions with an Educated Workforce. **Lower Taxes** – Lower Taxes Results from An Expanded Business tax base.

[www.duerrforcongress.com](http://www.duerrforcongress.com)



**Daniel Garza**  
District 15 Republican

If you believe that America is the land of the free, but that freedom is under assault by the growth of government; if you believe the United States is a nation that derives its powers from the consent of the governed, but now has grown so powerful that it ignores the voice of its people, then join me.

[www.danielgarzaforcongress.com](http://www.danielgarzaforcongress.com)



**Jessica Puente Bradshaw**  
District 27 Republican

No more tax and spend policies, No more government mandates, No more ignoring the shouting voices, No more control of the people through the revoking of our God given freedoms! These are OUR families, OUR communities, and OUR Country!

Time to TAKE IT BACK!

[www.texansforjessica.com](http://www.texansforjessica.com)



**Paul B. Haring**  
District 15 Republican

As your pro-life, pro-family candidate, I promise to fight for what is important to you. I will not only fight against abortion, but also defend the family from those who wish to redefine marriage and promote a homosexual culture.

[www.paulbharingforcongress.com](http://www.paulbharingforcongress.com)



**Blake Farenthold**  
District 27 Republican

I'll work with anyone with common sense solutions to problems, but as a conservative, I am unwilling to compromise on my core beliefs that government is too big, taxes are too high and complicated, individuals have rights, and that God and family are the foundations of our society.

[www.blake.com](http://www.blake.com)



**Doug Purl**  
District 15 Democrat

**God, Family Values & Country:** A life long Valley resident Doug Purl knows the importance of the issues facing the constituents of the Rio Grande Valley. Mr. Purl now seeks to give back to the community that has given back so much to him. Electing to base his campaign on the foundation of the constitution, Mr. Purl seeks a seat in congress to vote for the people and not the party.

[www.dougpurl.com](http://www.dougpurl.com)

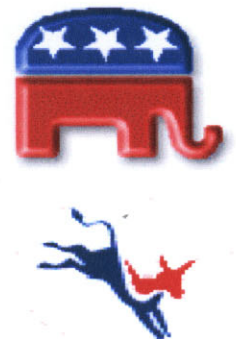
## What's the Difference Anyway?

What is the difference between Democrats and Republicans anyway? In a nut shell, there are two basic beliefs, those who believe that individuals know what is best for themselves and can run their own lives better than anyone else. And then there are those who think that it is the government's job to provide for all of our needs. The truth lies somewhere in the

middle. There is a role for government in our lives, it is clearly spelled out in the US Constitution. Conservatives today, see the government getting too large and overstepping its bounds. Democrats today think the government should do more. When the government overpowers the people, that is tyranny. The Constitution describes a land where the govern-

ment is accountable to the people not the other way around. Think about it!

You can get a free copy of the US Constituion by contacting a Tea Party Volunteer or from [www.heritage.org](http://www.heritage.org)





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### Renewing the Ideals of Liberty and Freedom

**Freedom Today** is a publication of the Tip of Texas Tea Party Volunteers.

The mission of the Tip of Texas Tea Party is to renew the ideals of liberty and freedom as intended by the founding fathers and established in the Constitution of the United States of America.

This outcome will be achieved through the execution of the following five resolutions:

**Education** – ensure that our schools teach, and our communities know, the truth about the constitution, the founding fathers, and the free market.

**Awareness** – inform the general public about the constitutionality of proposed, pending, and current legislation.

**Advocacy** – advocate for all candidates for public office that support legislation that upholds the constitution, the free market, and conservative values.

**Exposure** – expose mis-information and hypocrisy in the political and ideological arenas.

**Partnership** – partner with other, like minded, activists to achieve the mission



## Calendar of Events

### Monthly Tip of Texas Tea Party Meeting

The first Saturday of each month

9:00 to 9:30 Meet and Greet

Word of God Church

1944 E. Alton Gloor

Brownsville, Texas

### Tea Party Protest

1:00 Every Sunday at 802 and Habana

Paseo Plaza Shopping Center

(in front of US Representative Solomon Ortiz' office)

Brownsville, Texas

### The Daily Carp w/Craig Price

Weekly Internet Radio Talk Show

Tea Party Thursdays 1:00 to 2:00

<http://lutbstingradio.com>

### Tax Day Tea Party Rally

6:00 pm April 15th 2010

Federal Courthouse

Brownsville

Guest Speakers Dr. Lawrence Gelman and Bob Jones, and Sergio Sanchez as Master of Ceremonies

### Verse of the Month

"If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sins and heal their land."

II Chronicles 7:14