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## Harris County Primary Results

### 70% of Republicans Smartly Refuse to Vote for Pratt in 311th GOP Race

Pratt	33,483	29.81%
Franklin	26,012	23.16%
Magdaleno	24,107	21.47%
Detamore	19,773	17.61%
Placzek	8,933	7.95%

On the Sunday before the primary, the *Houston Chronicle* ran an editorial entitled, "Beware of Slate Cards," which stated in part:

*As an example of how skewed they are, consider that several of the better-known slates endorse [Denise Pratt](#), the incumbent judge for the 311th District Court who's been mired in scandal for months. Never mind that she's been reprimanded for "unreasonable" delays, that she's been accused of backdating court documents and that's she's been rated "not qualified" by the [Houston Bar Association](#). Never mind all that: She paid; she plays.*

### No More Amicus Appointments for Woodfill?

Jared Woodfill may not be so popular on the 7th floor as he lost his race to be reelected Chair of the Harris County Republican Party in a lop-sided loss to Paul Simpson 53% to 37%. Despite our big differences in politics and attitudes toward the proper role of amicus attorneys, I have come to like Jared and I am sorry personally for the dude losing.

### District Clerk Daniel Lets Loose a Beat Down

Chris Daniel won his primary race for District Clerk big time 69% to 31% over Court Koenig.

### Runoff Between Schmude and M.L. Walker



## Galveston County Primary Results

The Republican party rules Galveston County now and here are the results of the contested judicial primaries there:

### 306th Family District Court

Darring	5,422	33.80 %
Schmitz	6,341	39.53%
Burnett	4,278	26.67 %

### 212th District Court

Grady	6,803	41.63%
Griffin	5,748	35.17%
Young	2,661	16.28%
Gross	1,130	6.91

### Court No. 3

Quintanilla	5,155	31.6%
Ewing	4,477	27.4%
Foley	3,557	21.8%

Results in the Republican primary for the 247th Family District Court to replace Bonnie Hellums were:

Schmude	40,393	36.45%
Walker	37,378	33.73%
Flowers	33,045	29.82%

I have given M.L. Walker a hard time lately but let me say two things about this race: (1) Walker is a darn good Associate Judge and we all know that, and (2) John Schmude needs to do more to renounce Dr. Hotze for the racist and ugly e-mail Hotze sent out about Walker and Melanie flowers. [Click here](#) to read a blog by a Republican who was disgusted by the e-mail. Hotze needs to stop worrying so much about sodomites and reconsider what it means to be live a life that is truly Christ-like.

### Charley Prine Coasts to Victory

Charley Prine beat Angelina Gooden 78% to 22% in the race for the GOP nomination to replace Judge Jim York in the 246th District Court.



### Peake Defeats Maldonado in Democratic Primary

In the Democratic race to see who gets to take on Judge Prine, Sandra Peake defeated Julia Maldonado 51.07% to 48.93%.

### Jim Evans Beats Bruce Steffler for Chance to Take on Judge Lombardino

Democrats chose Jim Evans 67% to 33% over Bruce Steffler. Evans will now square off against Judge James Lombardino in November.

### Stalder Defeats Pottinger in Democratic 280th Race

Barbara Stalder beat Allecia Pottinger 61% to 39% in the Democratic primary to run for the 280th District Court (the "Protective Order Factory").

### Unopposed Judges Win!

Judges Farr, Moore, Millard, and Warne won their primaries without opposition and we already know they will win in November because no Democrats filed against them. Judge Dean and Lombardino were not opposed in the GOP primary but face Democrats in November. These folks won the Democratic nominations for family district courts without opposition: Kathy Vossler for 309th, Sherri Cothrun for 311th, and Chip Wells for the 247th.

**I do not expect to win every case. I just want an efficient system in which my client gets a fair hearing before a judge who works hard, knows the law, and does not play favorites. I also expect judges to appoint qualified amicus**

Fulk 3,128 19.2%

I feel really bad for Judge Foley who has done a great job since she was appointed to replace *He Who Shall Not Be Named*. We all owe Foley a "thanks" for taking on this assignment.

Judge Barbara Roberts defeated her challenger, Jonathan Kieschnick, 57% to 43%, in the most polite, civil race I have ever seen.

District Attorney Jack Roady cruised to an easy victory 62% to 38% over Phillip Morris.

County Judge Mark Henry barely held off his challenger. Henry got 8,881 votes to Michelle Hatmaker's 8,313 votes.

In Justice of the Peace races, Jim Schweitzer won his Republican primary and Mike Nelson won his Democratic primary. Penny Pope defeated Darrell Appfel. Toni Randall and Alison Cox are headed to a runoff.

Attorney Greg Enos has been through his own divorce and child custody battle (he won) and understands what his clients are going through. Enos graduated from the University of Texas Law School and was a very successful personal injury attorney in Texas City before he decided his true calling was to help families in divorce and child custody cases. Greg Enos is active in politics and in Clear Lake area charities. He has served as President of the Bay Area Bar Association and President of the Board of Interfaith Caring Ministries.

attorneys who zealously look after children (and actually visit the kids in their homes). Is that asking too much? Stay tuned.

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## The Basics of Runoff Elections

Here is what you need to know about runoff elections:

- If no candidate gets over 50% of the votes in the primary, then the two candidates with the most votes compete in a run off election to be their party's nominee.
- Political scientists will tell you that very often the candidate who came in second in the first round of voting wins the runoff election. This is particularly true when the two top vote getters are close to each other and the other losing candidates support the second place finisher (i.e. - the race for the 311th!).
- The runoff election will be held on Tuesday, May 27. Early voting will be from May 19 through May 23.
- Anyone can vote in the runoff election, even those who did not vote in the first primary. However, if you voted in the Democratic primary, you cannot vote in the Republican runoff and vice versa.
- Even fewer people vote in runoff elections - usually a third to a half of the number who voted in the primary.
- Municipal elections will be held on May 10.
- This year, Republicans will have state-wide runoff elections for Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General, Agriculture Commissioner and Railroad Commission. There will also be runoff elections in the Houston area in some State Senator and State Representative races.

