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Race, justice and the heated contest for Dallas County DA

By David Wilfong
NDG Contributing Writer

The race for District Attorney is a hotly contested one in Dallas County. Currently, the office is held by Republican Faith Johnson after being appointed by Texas Governor Greg Abbott. She is being challenged by Democrat John Creuzot, who earned the chance to compete by defeating fellow Democrat Elizabeth Frizell in the primaries.

With the recent spate of high profile deaths of Black men at the hands of white police officers and the apparent inequalities of treatment received by minorities in prosecution and sentencing practices in the current judicial system, Creuzot has made reforming criminal justice front and center in his campaign.

But the issues of race should be well noted among Creuzot's opponents as well. Both in the primary and general elections, he has run against African American women. When asked why such issues would not be served by them just as well, Creuzot said it doesn't matter.

"I do not think the race or sex of my opponents has a bearing on their awareness of the issues of disparate treatment of minorities in the criminal justice system," Creuzot said. "I am the only candidate in this race focusing on ending mass incarceration. Ending mass incarceration re-



Democrat John Creuzot (at right) has made racial disparities a central issue in his quest to unseat current Dallas County District Attorney Faith Johnson (seated left). (Photo: David Wilfong / NDG)

quires an acknowledgment of racial and socioeconomic disparities that give rise to mass incarceration. Understanding and acknowledging those facts are the only basis for developing a new approach to end the structural components of mass incarceration."

He says past programs he devised and implemented prove his commitment to these causes were not adopted for the purpose of one political race.

"In DIVERT Court, we reduced rearrests by 68 percent and created a cost savings of \$9.34 for every dollar spent," Creuzot said. "After completion of the program require-

ments, the cases were dismissed and expunged. The program participants were charged with felony offenses. Dismissal and expunction allowed participants to create a normal criminal justice background-free life, unburdened with a criminal record. Those programs became the model for similar programs across the state. The DIVERT program is now replicated, in part, by over 300 programs in Texas.

"In 2005, the Texas Legislature was faced with a projection of needing 17,000 new prison beds in addition to the already existing 150,000

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SAN FRANCISCO -- HBUS (www.hbus.com), the exclusive U.S. strategic partner of Huobi (www.huobigroup.com), the world's leading blockchain asset solutions provider, announced Tiffani McCoy as General Counsel. McCoy previously served as the Assistant General Counsel at Intuit, where she drove new business initiatives while helping the



company navigate complex regulatory frameworks on a

"Tiffani has helped scale some of the largest technology companies in Silicon Valley, defining complex legal and regulatory guidelines," said Frank Fu, CEO of HBUS. "Her insight and experience with new and innovative technologies will be a major asset for HBUS as we gear up to become one of the top digital cur-

McCoy is the first African-American woman to step into the General Counsel role at a digital currency marketplace. She brings more than 20 years of experience advising cutting-edge technology companies like Intuit, Google, and Yahoo! on a wide variety of issues including Fin-Tech & money movement, product development, regulatory compliance, govern-

"Blockchain and digital currency offer some of the most innovative technological and financial opportunities for global evolution," said Tiffani McCoy. "In order for that to happen and for more people to benefit from this wave of innovation, it is critical for us to diversify the voices and participants in this industry. I

McCoy is a graduate of USC Gould School of Law and has an MA from the University of Oklahoma in Organizational and Small Group Communication. She began her education at Ithaca College where she obtained a BS in Television and Radio.

Dr. Christopher Lebron is scheduled to accept the 2018 Hiett Prize award at the The Hiett Prize in the Humanities Luncheon. This is an annual award aimed at identifying candidates who are in the early stages of careers devoted to the humanities and whose work shows extraordinary promise and has a significant public component related to contemporary culture.



Dr. Lebron is an Associate Professor of Philosophy at

His first book, *The Color of Our Shame: Race and Justice In Our Time*, published in 2013 by Oxford University Press, won the American Political Science Association

Foundations of Political Theory First Book Prize. His next book, *The Making of Black Lives Matter: A Brief History of An Idea*, will be published in October 2018, also by Oxford UP, and presents an intellectual history of the Black Lives Matter movement, tracing its origins and connecting it to the long tradition of the struggle for freedom and equal rights for African Americans that includes such figures as Frederick Douglass, Ida B. Wells, Langston

The Hiett Prize seeks to encourage future leaders in the humanities by recognizing their early accomplishment and their potential and by assisting their ongoing work through the cash award

The luncheon is scheduled for Wednesday, Nov. 7 at 11:30 a.m. at the Ritz Carlton Dallas located at 2121 McKinney Avenue. For tickets and information, visit <http://dallasinstitute.org/hiet/>.

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Black women voters seek to shake up midterms

By Stacy M. Brown
NNPA Correspondent

National Newspaper Publishers Association President and CEO Dr. Benjamin F. Chavis, Jr., heralded 2018 as "payback year" for African Americans and other minorities who have suffered on the new presidential administration policies and it that seems Black women are in lock-step with Chavis.

Two years into the presidency of Donald Trump – which has seen an onslaught of attacks on health care, reproductive and other rights – the stakes for Black women could not be higher this midterm cycle, according to many observers.

Statistics reveal that Black women face disproportionate barriers to reproductive health care and are more likely to die after childbirth than their white or Latinx counterparts.

Also, women of color are disproportionately impacted by bans on insurance coverage for abortion and at risk for criminalization should abortion be made illegal once again.

"Black women in America face significant barriers to health care, including abortion. We are also three times more likely to die after childbirth than white women," said La'Tasha D. Mayes, founder and executive director of New Voices for Reproductive Justice, a nonprofit that promotes the complete health and well-being of Black women and girls.

"The Trump presidency has repeatedly undermined

the Affordable Care Act and other health programs that benefit the health of Black women. Black women will step up and vote for those who will work together with us to create health equity so that our families and communities can thrive," Mayes said.

The pain of Black women and their rising up as one has also been heard in the LGBTQ community, said Candace Bond-Therault, a reproductive health, rights and justice policy counsel and democracy project director at the National LGBTQ Task Force.

"We too are a part of the American body politic and though the system is broken, we demand a seat at the table so we can center our own experiences and stories and vote for candidates who are dedicated to our collective liberation," Bond-Therault said.

"All of the issues that we care about – living in neighborhoods with safe drinking water, nondiscrimination protections for LGBTQIA folks, and access to safe, legal abortion – are always on the ballot because the legislators we elect will make decisions that affect our everyday lives."

In a series examining the role of women in the 2018 midterm elections, NPR noted that more than a year and a half ago, the day after Trump was inaugurated, millions of women worldwide took to the streets in fury over his election.

It was a massive show of resistance.

One of the biggest ques-

tions that loomed over the demonstrations that day: Could the energy last?

Amy Chomsky, an ophthalmologist from Nashville, attended the demonstration in Washington, D.C., and she wanted to make it clear that she and her fellow marchers were serious in their anger.

"We're not just crazy protesters," she said the day of the march. "It's a shame that we have to still be fighting for women's rights or saying that we have a right to decide on our own reproductive health. We have a right to equal pay. It's a shame that we're still doing this."

Already, a record number of women have run and won primaries for the U.S. House, U.S. Senate, and governorships this year, according to the Center for American Women and Politics at Rutgers University, and a record number of women have also won nominations for state legislatures; the vast majority are Democrats.

In particular, according to the NPR series, Black women have relatively high turnout rates, and they vote heavily Democratic.

For instance, Black women in Alabama propelled Democrat Doug Jones to a Senate seat – a remarkable political upset – in a December special election, and they also helped push Ralph Northam to a win that was larger than predicted in most polls in his 2017 election for the Virginia governorship.

In a feature on 'How 2018

became the year of the Black Progressive," Politico noted that 2018 may well be remembered as the political "Year of the Black Progressive," much as 1992 was the "Year of the Woman."

The online publication noted that Black women are taking office as mayors in major cities such as San Francisco and New Orleans.

Record-breaking numbers of black candidates are running for office at the state level.

No fewer than three black candidates are being seriously discussed as presidential nominees.

And with gubernatorial candidates Stacey Abrams in Georgia, Andrew Gillum in Florida and congressional candidate Ayanna Pressley in Boston, among others, Democrats have nominated young, black, progressives where they typically would nominate white moderates.

"No matter the outcome, this election results will give us a taste of what to expect in the next presidential race," Politico's Theodore R. Johnson wrote.

"Senators Kamala Harris and Cory Booker, as well as former Governor Deval Patrick, will be watching how black progressives fare this year very closely before making their decisions on whether (and how) to embark on a presidential run.

"Trump and the Republican Party will be paying attention, too. The nation will be tuned in to see if this is truly the year of black progressives, or if they're just the flavor of the month."

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After a stroke strikes, what comes next?

The American Heart Association/American Stroke Association, the world's leading voluntary health organization devoted to fighting cardiovascular disease and stroke, wants stroke survivors to know that while life may be different after a stroke, rehabilitation can help you regain some independence, decrease chances of another stroke and provide new goals for you to work toward.

Worldwide, stroke is the No. 2 cause of death and is a leading cause of long-term disability. Stroke is more disabling than it is fatal.



American Stroke Association

However, stroke is largely beatable through high-quality rehabilitation and patient support and implementation of the Association's Rehabilitation Guidelines.

October 29 is World

Stroke Day, and the American Heart Association/American Stroke Association is working with Medical City Healthcare in North Texas to help spread awareness of the need to act fast at the onset

of stroke symptoms and the importance of rehabilitation.

"Rehabilitation is key to recovery after stroke," said Parita Bhuva, MD, Interventional Neurologist with Medical City Healthcare's Texas Stroke Institute. "But up to a third of people who have a stroke do not participate in a rehab program."

Stroke rehabilitation can help patients build their strength, capabilities and confidence, potentially regaining skills and returning to independent living. Rehab can also help patients better manage other conditions they have, which may affect

daily living or their risk for a second stroke.

"Stroke recovery begins the moment you suspect a stroke," said Dr. Bhuva. "The sooner a person can be treated for stroke, the more likely they are to have a successful outcome." Dr. Bhuva advises everyone to be ready to act FAST if they suspect a stroke.

The acronym F.A.S.T. stands for:

- Face Drooping - Does one side of the face droop or is it numb? Ask the person to smile. Is the person's smile uneven?
- Arm Weakness - Is one

arm weak or numb? Ask the person to raise both arms. Does one arm drift downward?

- Speech Difficulty - Is speech slurred? Is the person unable to speak or hard to understand? Ask the person to repeat a simple sentence, like "The sky is blue."

- Time to Call 9-1-1 - If someone shows any of these symptoms, even if the symptoms go away, call 9-1-1 and get to a hospital immediately. (Tip: Check the time so you'll know when the first symptoms appeared.)

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beds. The legislature adopted the philosophy of treatment over incarceration, which I pioneered, with a result that we have now closed eight prisons. Our prison population has been reduced to 141,000 prison beds."

During a recent Monday Night Politics (MNP) forum, hosted by the *Dallas Examiner* at Fair Park, Creuzot went as far as to

say that some cases could be averted by merely not filing them. Questioned as to whether such discretion is feasible or fair, he quickly defended the option.

"Yes, it is within the discretion of the District Attorney to not file cases or, working in collaboration with other departments or social service agencies, to provide treatment and other related services to reduce

the likelihood of repeated behaviors that violate our laws," Creuzot said. "By exercising prosecutorial discretion of cases to lessen the burden of a criminal record to a person does not create legalization of the offense. Despite more rational approaches, some offenders will refuse services and opt for prosecution. That seems counterintuitive, but some people will choose to take that route. The criteria should be whether the person poses a threat to the

community, can be treated with non-criminal justice services and whether a new approach will save taxpayer dollars."

Finally, with partisanship running high throughout the country, Creuzot was asked about the need to paint his opponent as someone to "spread the Republican message" in an office such as District Attorney (which he did at the MNP forum). Many feel the office should be a non-partisan position in the first place, and whether

or not the Republican-Democrat dynamic plays itself out in a significant way.

"Spreading the Republican message," was a direct quote from the then-party chair made at Ms. Johnson's swearing-in ceremony," Creuzot said. "The dynamic plays out in an implicit or explicit recognition of bias in the criminal justice system; the training of prosecutors to handle low-level offenses in a way that saves tax dollars and creates public safety. My platform is

rational, realistic, and moral. We got into this mess by doing the same things over and over. A true criminal justice reformer with a distinguished track record of measured and verified results can guide us out of the realities of structural mass incarceration."

(Editor's note: Faith Johnson was given the opportunity to address the same questions posed to John Creuzot. No response was received by press time.)

Educating voters critical for write-in judicial candidate

By Ruth Ferguson
NDG Editor

Judge Teresa Hawthorne's name does not appear on the mid-term ballot. But she is still fighting to return to the District 203 bench for a third term. She has spent the election cycle educating voters on how they can return her to the court as a write-in candidate.

Hawthorne takes full ownership of the error which resulted in her name not appearing on the ballot for the Democrat's primary in May. However, she believes a technicality should not prevent voters from deciding who they want to see serve. While she does not agree with the final decision, during a telephone interview with the *North Dallas Gazette*, Hawthorne never expressed bitterness or re-

sentment over the experience.

"There was a blank line, I put the date; it should have been the word Democrat," Hawthorne acknowledged. The party leadership elected to stick to the requirement and she took the matter to court and actually gained a ruling in her favor. However, nine hours later an appellate court ruled because the military ballots had already been mailed out without her name, she could not be added to the general ballot.

To appear on the fall ballot, a candidate must win a primary. Therefore Hawthorne's name is not on the Nov. 6 ballot, and she could not run as a third party candidate at this stage.

"I did my research; it was too late [for the spring primary] to be listed an independent," Hawthorne shared.

Also, voting in the spring party primary would prevent her from being on the fall

ballot. Therefore, Hawthorne

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A Blue Wave, trickle or drought?

Races to watch in a record-setting midterm season

By David Wilfong
NDG Contributing Writer

Early voting began on Monday, and it started with an explosion. Across Texas, voters filled polling locations in record numbers, and Dallas County was no exception. Looking to beat the participation numbers chalked up in the last mid-term, many counties (Dallas included) turned in higher first-day numbers than in the previous presidential election.

Excitement is running high, as Democrats are seeing the long-running dream of "Turning Texas Blue" as more and more of a possibility. But many exit polls show Republican voters have their own fervor, seeking to stave off a perceived Democratic attack on their turf.

With the battle lines drawn, there are important races both sides are keeping an eye on.

Texas Governor

Texas Governor Greg Abbott has held his position since taking the reins from former Governor Rick Perry, who announced he was leaving the office in 2013. Abbott took office the following year after serving three terms as Texas Attorney General.

He is being opposed in the general election by popular former Dallas County Sheriff Lupe Valdez. Valdez created quite a stir in 2004 when she took office as an underdog in an election which saw her pitted against Republican Danny Chandler, who himself had just knocked off a 20-year sitting sheriff in the GOP primary. She was elected four times before announcing her intention to run for governor in 2017.

To truly "Turn Texas Blue" would require a win in the governor's seat, and Valdez seems likely to take Dallas County. But Abbott has consistently gained ground in statewide polls, and currently holds around a 20-point lead over Valdez. To overcome this, Valdez would need a very strong share of the voting surge.

U.S. Senate

If the pre-election polls are



Many Democrats are placing their hopes in El Paso Congressman Beto O'Rourke (shown above at a recent campaign stop in South Dallas) to gain a Blue spot in a deep Red Texas, but there are other competitive races to keep an eye on as well. (Photo: David Wilfong / NDG)

to be believed, the Democrats best chance at taking a significant office in the Lone Star State comes with the showdown between sitting U.S. Senator Ted Cruz, and Beto O'Rourke, who comes into the race a challenger from the U.S. House of Representatives.

The EL Paso congressman made waves with the first poll, showing him only 3 points behind Cruz (which is generally considered "within the margin of error"). "We've got a race on our hands," Cruz admitted early on.

In the months since, different polls have shown Cruz up by as much as 11 points, or have even had Beto up by 3. Recently the voting public finally received two of the three face-to-face debates they were promised.

The result? Depends on where you look. Some pundits gave Cruz the edge, some online polls went two-to-one for Beto; ultimately the standard polls received no seismic shifts. Beto does enjoy one advantage, a small-but-noticeable pool of support among Texas Republicans. His steadfast refusal to engage in the "Turn Texas Blue" war cry might be the ticket to turning at least one statewide office.

But it will be an uphill climb.

U.S. House of Representatives, Texas 32nd District

There is another race afoot where poll-watchers say the Democrat has a better chance than given credit for, and that is the competition for Texas'

32nd Congressional District. Former NFL football player Colin Allred is challenging a divisive GOP incumbent in Pete Sessions.

Sessions enjoy staunch support from the die-hards in the Republican base, while at the same time being particularly disliked by the left. The 32nd District runs through the northeast corner of Dallas County and spills over into Collin County as well. Traditionally this would qualify as safely Republican geography, but a recent *New York Times* Upshot/Sienna College poll showed almost a dead heat, with Sessions leading 48 to 47 percent (in a poll with a margin of 4.8 percent).

Texas House of Representatives, District 105

One place where an upset has not been spoken of much in the media, but perhaps it should be, is in the race for District 105 in the Texas House of Representatives. Republican incumbent Rodney Anderson has held the seat since winning his first election in 2014. He is being challenged by Democrat Terry Meza.

The district went for Hillary Clinton by a convincing 8 points in the 2016 election, but according to the *Texas Observer*, voter turnout is "abysmally low" in the district during midterms. With this midterm already well-exceeding expectations, this is a race to watch.

Texas 101st District Court
In the race for the Texas 101st District Court, it is a

Democrat looking to hold off a Republican challenger. Staci Williams has held the bench in this position since first winning in the 2014 election. However, in that competition, she was unopposed in the general election. This time the opposite is true, she was unopposed in the primary and now faces Republican Mike Lee, who was unsuccessful in a bid for Dallas County Court at Law, No. 3 in 2014. If primary voting totals are considered, Williams holds a significant advantage.

Dallas County Commissioner, District 2

Democrat Wini Cannon admits she is defying conventional wisdom in seeking election to the Dallas Commissioners Court in District 2, which has historically been a GOP stronghold.

"It's never been tested," Cannon explained, adding that her Republican oppo-

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Free DCCCD Sustainability Summit will focus on partnerships, sustainability goals

Partnerships help cement relationships and cooperative efforts to reach sustainability goals in schools, businesses and communities. Those partnerships will be the focus of the 2018 Dallas County Community College District Sustainability Summit.

The free event, which is open to the public, will be held on Fri., Nov. 9, from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Richland College, 12800 Abrams Rd. in Dallas. Interested participants must register by Mon., Nov. 5, to receive lunch during the event at no charge. To register, visit www.dcccd.edu/SustainabilitySummit.

"As DCCCD moves forward with its goals for sustainability – inspired by 17 guidelines suggested by the United Nations – we want to focus on goal #17, partnerships," said Georgeann Moss, the district's executive director of sustainability and outreach initiatives. "One person can't do it all, but one person – or one organization – can pick one sustainability project or goal and make it their call to action."

Moss added, "Every person in every community can get involved in activities or sustainable practices, even at home, in partnership with others. Our keynote presentations and breakout sessions during the summit will offer ideas that can help us achieve sustainable goals which benefit everyone."

Two keynote speakers headline the day's activities: Marianella Franklin, chief sustainability officer for the University of Texas Rio Grande Valley, will be the first featured morning speaker; and Kevin Wilhelm, CEO of Sustainable Business Consulting, will address the group at 10 a.m.

Check-in will be held from 7:30 to 8:30 a.m., followed by the general session at 8:30 a.m. Dr. Joe May, DCCCD's chancellor, will welcome participants, along with Dr. Kay Eggleston, president of Richland College, and Ken Dunson, Rich-



land's director of facilities. Franklin then will deliver the first keynote address.

Morning activities also include two sets of breakout sessions and lunch (at noon). Three sets of breakout sessions are scheduled for the afternoon before the summit adjourns at 4 p.m.

Franklin, who joined UT in 2003, started managing projects for facilities, planning and operations; she then transitioned to the role of director of the office for sustainability shortly after she earned her certification as a LEED AP (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design Accredited Professional). In 2008, Franklin

founded one of the first sustainability offices in the UT system. She earned her bachelor's degree in architecture from Universidad Autonoma de Nuevo Leon, Monterrey N.L., Mexico, and a certificate in global sustainability from the University of Vermont.

Wilhelm, a sustainability thought leader, has taught at seven universities and is the author of four books, including: "Return on Sustainability: How Business Can Increase Profitability and Address Climate Change in an Uncertain Economy"; "Making Sustainability Stick"; and "An Introduction to Sustainable Business." He teaches

online and has developed online multimedia materials and videos that make learning more student-friendly. He has more than 20 years of experience working with at

least 120 businesses; some of his clients are Amazon, Nordstrom and Expedia.

A total of five breakout sessions are scheduled. Some of the topics include:

Climate Leadership in Higher Education; The Impact of Our Food; Why an Energy Master Plan?; Sustainability in Dallas; and many others.

Wini Cannon

Democratic Candidate for Dallas County Commissioner, District 2

Wini Cannon is the principal at the Cannon Law Group PLLC, former Associate Municipal Judge for the City of Dallas, and dedicated public servant running for Commissioner District 2. Wini supports good governance. She is fiscally responsible and creatively resourceful. Her approach to the County budget is to identify revenue growth opportunities to increase the County Budget without resorting to raising taxes. She will work diligently to make Dallas County better by providing economic opportunities for individuals and small businesses, promoting criminal justice reform, and strengthening our support for schools and adult job training programs.

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Black contractors celebrate accomplishments and invest in the future

By Rachel Hawkins
NDG Staff Writer

The Regional Black Contractors Association (RBCA) held the Year End Gala on Oct. 20 at the Hilton in Arlington. The RBCA is a trade union serving the local construction industry for 14 years. Their job is to work on behalf of members and local industry partners to ensure their members are obtaining meaningful work. They also assist in managing contract deals between the city and the state, while advocating for the mobilization of so-



Thurman Jones, NDG Publisher; John Proctor RBCA Chairman, Shandra Colón RBAC Board Member and Tammy Pierce, Vice Chairman of the RBCA Fort Worth Chapter (Image: Rachel Hawkins / NDG)

cial change within their communities.

"We are honoring the

contracts we have gotten this year, and the small team we are building with all of

the big teams," John Proctor Chairman of the RBAC. "The purpose of this is to

celebrate what we have done this year as well as let everyone get together. A lot of these people don't know each other, and I want them to get acquainted with each other."

The annual gala is held to celebrate the members as well as the stakeholders within the city and highlight many game changers inside of the industry. They ranged from construction to political figures in the African American community.

The organization strives to contribute toward influencing social changes while trying to tackle issues like

unemployment to underemployment, education, and giving back to the community in forms of scholarships to help underserved students get into universities.

"This year we'll be celebrating the gains the RBCA has already accomplished, including some of our scholarships efforts as well as rehabilitation for our community," Zerius Brittain, Director of industry partnerships on the board of directors for RBAC, and Dallas Black Chamber of

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nent, J.J. Koch is a "combative" right-winger who will be seeking to sow conflict among the other commissioners in the county. Both Koch and Cannon are seek-

ing the position for the first time since Republican Mike Cantrell is leaving the office after serving since 1994.

(The North Dallas Gazette endorses Wini Cannon.)

Dallas City Council, District 4

Finally, a race to watch just for its unpredictability. Dallas City Councilperson Dwaine Caraway resigned from his position after accepting a plea deal on cor-

ruption charges stemming from the scandal that ultimately led to the demise of Dallas County Schools. Now 12 citizens are looking to fill the empty seat, including the councilperson Caraway, unseated to take his place on the

council back in 2017. In that race, there were only 3,313 votes cast, so how this race plays out is a big question mark.

(The North Dallas Gazette believes there are several promising candidates

in this race, but at this time due to her experience endorses former Dallas City Councilwoman Carolyn King Arnold.)

Early voting is underway until Nov. 2 and Election Day is Nov. 6.

JUSTICE AND EQUALITY FOR ALL

Former Judge John Creuzot has seen how the District Attorney's office has failed to apply justice equally. He will work to ensure that everyone is treated fairly and that all are held accountable, regardless of who they are or what uniform they wear. Judge Creuzot is the founder of Dallas County's first-ever diversion court that provides rehabilitation as an alternative to prison for first-time drug offenders.

John CREUZOT
DEMOCRAT FOR DISTRICT ATTORNEY

DEMOCRAT JOHN CREUZOT
FOR DISTRICT ATTORNEY

VOTE!

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Vote Early: October 22 to November 2
Election Day: Tuesday, November 6

Dallas

Commerce Street Night Market, hosted by Little D Markets will be held on Oct. 26 from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. at Pike West Commerce, in Dallas. Little D Markets began in 2014 out of a desire to support local economy, activate underutilized spaces, and provide an avenue for independent artists and entrepreneurs to test and develop

their ideas. There will be different vendors ranging from food, drinks, gifts, artworks, and music. For more information email terry@littledmarkets.com.

Wings Over Dallas will be held on Oct. 26 to Oct. 28 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Dallas Executive Airport, in Dallas. No admittance will be allowed after 1 p.m. so be sure

to arrive early. Tickets range from \$5 to \$65. For more information and to purchase tickets visit wingsoverdallas.org.

Frisco

Trunk-or-Treat will be hosted on Oct. 27 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. in the Frisco Campus parking lot near Founder's Hall, in Frisco. Family members are encour-

aged to dress in costumes and walk from trunk to trunk to collect treats and visit the college's decorated Mobile Go Center.

Sex Trafficking: A Growing Epidemic will be held on Oct. 30 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Plano Campus Living Legends Conference Center, in Plano. Presenters will define sex trafficking,

the various aspects of this issue and the role agencies play in addressing this growing epidemic.

Garland

"Danse Macabre" by MillerMuller Ballet will take place on Oct. 26, starting at 7:30 p.m. at Plaza Theatre, in Garland. MillerMuller ballet is hosting its 4th annual "Danse Macabre."

There will be several new works for the Halloween season including the premiere of an original one act ballet "Tales of Mystery and Imagination."

This all-new work features Carlos Hernandez as Edgar Allen Poe and resident Guest Artist Sarah Stoffels as The Muse. Tickets: \$10-15 by calling 214-861-7221 or visiting garlandarts.com.

CollinCountyVotes.com works with employers seeking to encourage voter participation

By Ruth Ferguson
NDG Editor

When it comes to voter participation, Texas can do better.

"Texas has one of the lowest voter turnouts," Monica Shortino, Director of Social Innovation at Capital One shared with the North Dallas Gazette by phone recently. Elections have resulted in less than 20 percent of eligible voters participating in Collin County.

The mission of CollinCountyVotes.com (CCV) is to change this. They focused their efforts during this election cycle to help employers inform their staff on where to vote, critical dates throughout the election season, the voting process, and spotlighted vital issues. CCV worked with local chambers to help inform employers on the resources available via their website which includes videos created spotlighting



candidates from both sides of the aisle.

CCV is a nonpartisan effort and does not promote either party's agenda or specific candidates. Their primary goal is to encourage voter participation. The efforts are led by the Collin County Business Alliance in partnership with five local chambers of commerce: Allen Fairview, Frisco, McKinney, Plano, and Richardson.

"This is very unique, for a business organization to encourage their employees to vote without offering endorsements," Shortino shared. "One of the things we really wanted to be true was to provide an equal nonparti-

san platform."

Given the divisive passion in American politics today's headlines, it may seem surprising for employers to open the door to discuss politics at work.

"It is a noisy space, a lot of info from a lot of places," Shortino acknowledged. "Sometimes we fear some of these conversations and don't want to seen as taking sides. So we don't want to have those conversations."

Through their social media footprint, CCV strived to provide a platform for candidates to share their views in their own words with a professionally prepared video. Not all invited candidates participated.

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Judge Teresa Hawthorne

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Teresa Hawthorne
for
Judge/203rd Judicial District Court

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Redskins outing continues road losing streak for Cowboys

By Dwain Price
NDG Sports

FRISCO — Another road game for the Dallas Cowboys turned into yet another road defeat for the Dallas Cowboys.

That's been the sordid pattern for the Cowboys so far this season as they dropped this past Sunday's game on the road to the Washington Redskins, 20-17.

The loss put the Cowboys' record at 3-4 going into their bye week. They're also two games in the loss column behind the Redskins, who lead the NFC East with a 4-2 record.

Sunday's game was just as bizarre as the fact that the Cowboys are 3-0 at home this season, but only 0-4 on the road. Two lost fumbles by quarterback Dak Prescott, a rushing attack that was non-existence, and some horrific clock mismanagement by coach Jason Garrett all ended up costing the Cowboys in the end.

And that's not counting that 52-yard field goal by Brett Maher that would have sent the game into overtime as time expired. The kick subsequently hit the left upright and fell harmlessly to the ground.

Maher would have attempted the field goal from 47 yards. But the long snapper on the play, L. P. Ladouceur, was incredulous after he was flagged five yards for a false start after he was whistled for allegedly moving the ball before snapping it.

"That's never happened before," Ladouceur said. "I do the exact same thing every time."

"(The referees) told me that I was the one responsible for the false start."

Maher, though, got Ladouceur off the hook.

"That penalty had zero impact in the result of that kick, I can promise you that," said Maher, who had made 16 straight field goals before missing his last one on Sunday. "I just felt like I just pulled it a little bit."



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Elliott's longest run was just six yards, and nine of his rushing attempts went for two yards or less. In the end, that put more pressure on the Cowboys' defense, which limited the Redskins to just 305 yards in yet another strong effort that went for naught.

"Our defense is playing way too hard for us to be leaving them hanging," El-

liott said. "We just got to go out there and we got to help those guys out."

And do more to give the defense some relief. That vaunted Cowboys' offense — well, at least during home games — has scored just 54 points in their four winless road games.

The Cowboys made a move to try and help their anemic passing attack by

trading a first-round pick to the Oakland Raiders for wide receiver Amari Cooper, who was a Pro Bowl pick after collecting more than 1,000 receiving yards in 2015 and '16. But will that be enough?

That question probably won't begin to be answered until the Cowboys play their next game, which is Nov. 5 on Monday Night Football against the Tennessee Titans.

"Maybe the wind caught it a little on the way down and it hit the upright and that was the end."

It was another dreadful day for the Cowboys' offense, which presumably was back on track after scoring 40 points the previous week at home against Jacksonville. Prescott did complete 22 of 35 passes for a season-high 273 yards and a 49-yard touchdown to rookie Michael Gallup, but he also was sacked four times.

One of those sacks was extremely costly as Prescott lost the ball at the Washington 1-yard line when he was stripped by Ryan Kerrigan, and his former Mississippi State teammate, Preston Smith, picked it up and pranced into the end zone to put Washington ahead, 20-10, early in the fourth quarter.

"I got ready to spin out of that (hard defensive rush by the Redskins) and make a play and at that moment I realized I was in the end zone," Prescott said. "I tried to get back forward and then by that time (Kerrigan) got his hands on the ball."

"It was one of those deals where I was trying not to make a bad play and I ended up making it worst. I've got to do a better job of taking care of the ball."

Prescott also lost a fumble while trying to negotiate a quarterback sneak on a fourth-and-1 play.

The Cowboys were held to just 72 yards rushing. And Prescott had as many yards rushing (33) as running back Ezekiel Elliott, who carried the ball 15 times and finished with the second-lowest rushing output of his NFL career.

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NDG Book Review: *John Woman* will make you very happy

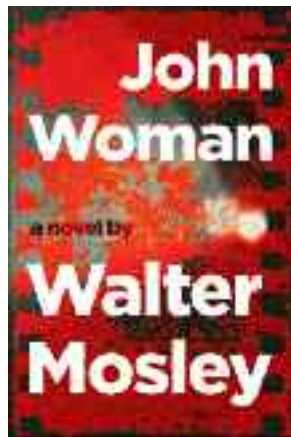
By Terri Schlichenmeyer

Clothes, as they say, make the man.

So do his language and demeanor – but what else? Did his parents or teachers make him who he is? Is it income, peer pressure, the movies he sees, jobs he holds, or his favorite music? Or, as in the new novel “John Woman” by Walter Mosley, is a man made purely of his actions – including murder?

Cornelius “CC” Jones had always adored his mother.

Some of his best memories were of having tea with her in her apartment, listening to her blithely reminisce



about past loves, kisses and passion, and the night she was almost killed but instead met CC's father.

Those memories framed one side of CC's childhood, and his father framed the other side. Herman Jones

was a slave in Mississippi before he taught himself to read. He had a great love of books and philosophy, and he demanded much from his son: CC learned to speak correctly, to think widely, and to love history. He became a respected, responsible boy who quietly assumed his father's job when Herman fell ill.

It was a job that saved them both, in many ways, but it wasn't to last. When Herman died and CC's mother vanished, CC left New York, attended college under an assumed name, and then reinvented himself again as John Woman, professor at New University of

the Southwest in Arizona. There, because of his brilliant hypotheses and his cutting-edge deconstructionist history classes, students flocked to his classroom.

But not everyone loved John Woman.

John Woman never fit in, nor did he try. Several of his colleagues wanted him gone from the NUSA, though others were highly intrigued by the way his mind worked. A barely-transparent “cult” of elites that ran the University had their eye on Woman because they recognized his extreme genius. And then there was the NYPD, which was looking for John Woman for a mur-

der they were sure he'd committed....

The very first thing you need to know is that “John Woman” is absolutely not an easy book to read.

In many ways, fans of author Walter Mosley will know this: Mosley likes to create unique situations, deep philosophers, and thinkers, and in this book, he's totally accomplished that. There's a weird super-educated “cult,” for example, that serpentine through the plotline, but it's a largely-unexplained tease. More prominently, the title character here is so deep in his ideas that what he says is

sometimes indecipherable but it'll still tickle your mind until well, well into the book. At that point, the sheer brilliance of it all becomes clear, as does his next step – and yours, for that matter, as this book's meaning lingers and your mind is blown.

Needless to say, despite the drama and bedroom scenes within, this book isn't a fluff-bit that you can set down at a whim. This novel is going to force you to think, as well as gasp, smile, and chuckle. If you're ready for a ten-ton-heavy novel, “John Woman” will make you very happy.

NDG Entertainment Guide: Halloween week in Dallas

By Tiffany Gilbert
NDG Entertainment

Spookedelic Robot Halloween Party, will offer an unforgettable Halloween experience this Thursday, Oct. 25 at the immersive art experience Psychedelic Robot. A creation of Bivins Gallery, Psychedelic Robot features internationally-recognized artists including Punk Me Tender, not.travis, Thanx-Zoe, Jojo Anavim, and many more. Located at The Crescent, guests have been enjoying custom art exhibitions, mind-bending worlds created by the artists, with opportunities to meet the creators themselves.

Breathtaking fall color and some of the most beautiful fall displays throughout

the garden are highlights of **Autumn at the Arboretum**, the garden's fall festival that runs through Nov. 21. To give all guests more time to enjoy the gardens, the main garden and the Rory Meyers Children's Adventure Garden will open at 8 a.m. Oct. 25-31. For more information, visit www.dallasarboretum.org.

Put politics and news headlines aside and enjoy a few laughs at the **Kevin Hart Irresponsible Tour** at the American Airlines Center starting at 7 p.m. on Oct. 26. Tickets are available at the center's website.

Warning the creepiest carnival has come to town at **The Graveyard at Oak Grove Park** on Oct. 26

from 6 p.m. to 11 p.m. Don't worry they promise it is always family-friendly, but the thrills and chills won't stop until the curtain falls. Details at VisitDallas.com.

The Stoneleigh Hotel and Dallas Nightlife present the **Gatsby's Masquerade Ball** at The Haunted Penthouse, with DJs, an electric ballroom, and the luxury of The Stoneleigh's penthouse. The Halloween Ball is Oct. 27 from 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. Tickets start at \$35 for general admission but VIP options are also available. Must be 21+. Tickets may be purchased online at Dallas-NightLife.com or 469-317-0808.

Come out to party with cool people and vibe to great

music at **LockJohnson's Playground for Gino's 43rd Birthday Edition** at Louie's Piano Bar on Oct. 28 the fun runs from 7 p.m. to 11:30 p.m.

Sports fans there is still plenty of you to do while trying to avoid the Dallas Cowboys disastrous season.

Hope still springs eternally for the 2018-19 NBA

season and the **Utah Jazz play the Dallas Mavericks** on Oct. 28 at the American Airlines Center. Come out with the friends and family for a good game.

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CCV focused on three primary issues: transportation, education, and water. No matter what party an individual supports, most will agree these are issues which need to be addressed.

“We all want less traffic,” Shortino points out, “We may have different ways of solving those issues, but in a lot of ways, we are more alike than different.” Their goal was to spark conversations about concerns Collin

County voters are facing.

The events the CCV helped employers to host included voter registration drives, and they are encouraging the companies to provide employees with time off to go and vote. These are ways companies can encourage active citizen participation in the voting process.

While indeed, companies continue to spend money through political action committees and private dona-

tions, they are also more active than in recent years in encouraging voter participation through non-partisan messaging.

The current television ads such as the one featuring an Aretha Franklin song on behalf of Levis is a national example of encouraging voter participation.

Early voting is underway until Nov. 2, with election day on Nov. 6. Employers can still reach out to Collin County Votes for materials to share with their staff.

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CITY OF DALLAS

**NOTICE OF ELECTION
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TO THE RESIDENT QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE CITY OF DALLAS, TEXAS:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT a generalelection is ordered to be held on Tuesday, November 6, 2018, between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. for the purpose of electing 1 member to the city council of the City of Dallas to be designated as: Member of Council, Place 4, respectively.

Biliera Johnson, City Secretary

For more information call 214-670-5654

EARLY VOTING

Early voting by personal appearance for the Tuesday, November 6, 2018 City of Dallas general election will be conducted at the early voting locations listed below. Any qualified voter of the City of Dallas may vote early by personal appearance at any of the listed locations. Early voting locations are subject to change. The most current list of early voting locations is available in the City Secretary's Office, and the status of a particular location may be checked by calling (214) 670-3738 or accessing <http://www.dallascountyvotes.org/election-day-information/upcoming-election-information/>. Dates and times all locations will be open for early voting are as follows, unless otherwise indicated:

DALLAS COUNTY

DATES AND TIMES OF EARLY VOTING

October 22 – October 26 (Monday through Friday) 7 a.m. - 7 p.m.
October 27 (Saturday) 7 a.m. - 7 p.m.
October 28 (Sunday) 1 p.m. - 6 p.m.
October 29 – November 02 (Monday through Friday) 7 a.m. - 7 p.m.

Location	Address	City	Zip
Belch Springs Civic Center	12400 Elam Rd.	Belch Springs	75180
Bethany Lutheran Church	10101 Walnut Hill Ln.	Dallas	75238
Carrollton Farmers Branch ISD Administration Building	1445 N. Perry Rd.	Carrollton	75006
Cedar Hill Government Center	285 Uptown Blvd.	Cedar Hill	75104
Coppell Town Center	255 E. Parkway Blvd.	Coppell	75019
Crosswinds High School	1100 N. Carrier Pkwy.	Grand Prairie	75050
Dallas ISD Administration Building	9400 Central Expy.	Dallas	75231
Disciple Central Community Church	901 N. Polk St.	DeSoto	75115
Duncanville Library	201 James Collins Blvd.	Duncanville	75116
Eastfield College-Pleasant Grove Campus	802 S. Buckner Blvd.	Dallas	75217
El Centro College-West Campus	3330 N. Hampton Rd.	Dallas	75212
Farmers Branch City Hall	13000 William Dodson Pkwy.	Farmers Branch	75234
Florence Recreation Center	2501 Whitson Way	Mesquite	75150
Fretz Park Library	6990 Belt Line Rd.	Dallas	75254
George L. Allen Sr. Courts Building (Replaces Records Bldg.) **Main Location**	600 Commerce St.	Dallas	75202
Glenn Heights City Hall	1938 S. Hampton Rd.	Glenn Heights	75154

DALLAS COUNTY (CONTINUED)

Location	Address	City	Zip
Grauwyler Park Recreation Center	7780 Harry Hines Blvd.	Dallas	75235
Harry Stone Recreation Center	2403 Millmar Dr.	Dallas	75228
Highland Hills Library	6200 Bonnie View Rd.	Dallas	75241
Irving City Hall	825 W. Irving Blvd.	Irving	75060
*J. Erik Jonsson Central Library	1515 Young St.	Dallas	75201

*** SPECIAL NOTE REGARDING PARKING ACCOMMODATIONS AT THIS LOCATION**

- **PARKING** – During the entire early voting period, free above-ground and underground parking is available to citizens visiting the J. Erik Jonsson Central Library ("Library") to vote. Free metered parking is available on the west and north side of the Library (corner of Young and Ervay Street). Underground parking can be accessed on the north side of the Library (Wood Street, traveling east). A parking attendant will be available at the entryway to the underground parking area. The parking stub will be validated by Dallas County election staff which will enable exit from the underground parking area at no cost. The underground parking area will be closed at the end of each early voting period. Any vehicles not moved by the end of the voting period for a specific day will be locked in, with access to the vehicle delayed to the next working day.
- **DISABLED (CURBSIDE) VOTING** – Although free meter parking is available, it is recommended that those citizens desiring to utilize curbside voting use the underground parking method. Notify the parking attendant or security officer of the intent to vote "via curbside." The parking attendant will notify the election judge and a voting device will be brought to your vehicle.

Please contact the City Secretary's Office at 214-670-3738 if you have any questions or require assistance during the early voting time periods.

Josey Ranch Library	1700 Keller Springs	Carrollton	75006
Kiest Recreation Center	3081 S. Hampton Rd.	Dallas	75224
Lakeside Activity Center	101 Holley Park Dr.	Mesquite	75149
Lancaster Veterans Memorial Library	1600 Veterans Memorial Pkwy.	Lancaster	75134
Lochwood Library	11221 Lochwood Blvd.	Dallas	75218
Marsh Lane Baptist Church	10716 Marsh Ln.	Dallas	75229
Martin Luther King Jr. Core Building	2922 Martin Luther King Blvd.	Dallas	75215
Martin Weiss Recreation Center	1111 Martindell Ave.	Dallas	75211
Mountain Creek Library	6102 Mountain Creek Pkwy.	Dallas	75249
Oak Cliff Presbyterian Church (Replaces Friendship-West Baptist Church)	6000 S. Hampton Rd.	Dallas	75232
Oak Cliff Sub Courthouse	410 S. Beckley Ave.	Dallas	75203
Our Redeemer Lutheran Church	7611 Park Ln.	Dallas	75225
Our Redeemer Lutheran Church- Grand Prairie	4726 S. Carrier Pkwy.	Grand Prairie	75052
Paul Laurence Dunbar Lancaster-Kiest Library	2008 E. Kiest Blvd.	Dallas	75216
Richardson Civic Center	411 W. Arapaho Rd.	Richardson	75080
Richland College - Garland Campus	675 W. Walnut St.	Garland	75040
Richland College - Main Campus - Guadalupe (G) Building	12800 Abrams Rd.	Dallas	75243
Rowlett City Hall Annex	4004 Main St.	Rowlett	75088
Sachse City Hall	3815 Sachse Rd.	Sachse	75048
Samuell Grand Recreation Center	6200 E. Grand Ave.	Dallas	75223
Seagoville City Hall	702 N. Highway 175	Seagoville	75159
Skyline Branch Library	6006 Everglade Rd.	Dallas	75227
South Garland Branch Library	4845 Broadway Blvd.	Garland	75043
University Park Methodist Church	4024 Caruth Blvd.	Dallas	75225
Valley Ranch Library	401 Cimarron Trl.	Irving	75063
West Irving Library (Replaces Irving Arts Center)	4444 W. Rochelle Rd.	Irving	75062

TEMPORARY VOTING LOCATION**DATES AND TIMES OF EARLY VOTING****October 29 – October 31 (Monday through Wednesday)****7 a.m. – 7 p.m.**

Location	Address	City	Zip
Brookhaven College – “H” Building – (Miles Bldg.)	3939 Valley View Ln.	Farmers Branch	75244
Eastfield College – Main Campus – “C” Building	3737 Montley Dr.	Mesquite	75150
Northlake College “L” Building (Community Library)	5001 N. MacArthur Blvd.	Irving	75038

TEMPORARY LOCATION (CONTINUED)

Location	Address	City	Zip
Southern Methodist University – Hughes-Triggs Student Ctr. Rm. 205	3140 Dyer St.	Dallas	75205

October 30 – November 01 (Tuesday through Thursday)**7 a.m. – 7 p.m.**

Location	Address	City	Zip
Cedar Valley College – “G” Building Room G101	3030 North Dallas Ave.	Lancaster	75134
El Centro College – Main Campus – Student Center	801 Main St.	Dallas	75202
Mountain View College – “E” Building	4849 W. Illinois Ave.	Dallas	75211
University of Dallas – “SB Hall”	2925 Gorman Dr.	Irving	75062



NOVEMBER 6, 2018 SPECIAL ELECTION FINAL BALLOT ORDER

Place 4

- 1 Brandon J. Vance
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- 3 Becky Lewis
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- 8 Corwyn Davis
- 9 Justina Walford
- 10 Donald Washington
- 11 Kebran W. Alexander
- 12 Keyaira D. Saunders
- 13 Carolyn King Arnold

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Commerce said. "What they have in common (the organizations) is that they work in a space of not only construction but social mobility as well."

The organizations honored during the gala are staples within the community, with many of them being legacy companies and organizations, also community-based organizations.

"This is important because we get to talk about the future, and what we plan to do for the community and some of the things we

hold dear to our hearts, and things we want to see change," Brittain said. "We get to highlight those who already made changes without the blessings from a lot of the decision-makers. They already stepped in and did all of the work, and they already gained changes. This is really to highlight them and set an agenda for 2025."

The RBCA awarded \$45,000 worth of scholarships this year. Brittain pointed out this is more than what the industry usually

provides to help the underserved communities.

"We have industries partnerships, so one of the things underserved communities have been asking for is a program that actually combines commercial, social, and academic components into something that works for the community," Brittain said. "We've created that through industries partnerships. This is something that has never been done before in construction."

The RBCA's efforts working across the spectrum locally, nationally and

internationally in the industry is the difference maker.

"This is a real partnership between the trade union as well as the community colleges, and commercial sectors," Brittain said. "We are active nationwide, and I am currently leading our efforts to plan the international space. We actually have contractors who plan international space, that's one of the things I don't think a lot know about. And we don't just cater to construction, we actually play in all industries from artificial intelligence to technology as well as engineering for the community."



Tammy Pierce, Vice Chairman of the RBCA Fort Worth Chapter, opens the gala. (Image: Rachel Hawkins NDG)

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refrained from voting in May.

If unsuccessful in her bid, Hawthorne will conclude her second term on the bench this year. Throughout her service and previous elections, she has gained support in the party including precinct chairs who raised concerns to the local party officials about her being left off the primary ballot. As a result, going forward, the party has agreed to type in this info instead of requiring a candidate to write it on their application.

The primary challenge for her campaign has been educating voters who wish to support her attempt for reelection to a third term. Hawthorne is realistic about facing a steep challenge, but her mission to help those who appear before her bench is essential enough to warrant the expense and effort.

"Rehabilitation sometimes takes longer than six weeks," Hawthorne pointed out. "I may admonish them and put them in jail for a weekend, but I do not send them to prison," she shared referring to non-violent defendants trying to get their lives on the right track.

Hawthorne believes the general public is unaware of the severe problems facing our criminal justice system and the difficulties a convicted felon faces after serving their sentence.

"I believe in integrating

them back into society," Hawthorne stated. She works with members of the business community to help them find jobs.

Recently a man she sentenced for a crime committed, came back to her court in tears.

"You told me if I ever needed help to come back," Hawthorne shared. After he finished the terms of his conviction, he was now unable to find a job despite his efforts. "This is what causes

people to re-offend," she pointed out. Hawthorne made some calls and helped him to gain employment. Her passion for assisting individuals like this is a key reason why she has invested so much in this election.

Hawthorne has been busy on the campaign trail visiting various events hosted around the district. She was allowed to introduce herself and share information with audiences regarding the process of voting for a write-in candidate at all events, except for one which did not allow her to

distribute info.

"Everyone else has been extremely gracious," Hawthorne stated. She is particularly appreciative of the warm welcome received at the various churches in the Southern Dallas community. According to her, they have been more engaged in this race the North Dallas region.

To appear as a write-in candidate, Hawthorne paid the Secretary of State \$2,500 for a blank line to appear on the ballot. It is important to note, only her name will be counted. If someone decides

to randomly write in John Doe, themselves or a celebrity, for example, it will not be counted as an official vote. Also, if someone misspells her name, but it is clear the intention was some form of Teresa Hawthorne, it will be counted as a vote for her.

Hawthorne stressed a voter can still vote a straight party ticket for either the Democrats or the Republicans, and then write in her name. Their vote for all of the other races will remain unchanged from the party of their choice. Only the race for

judge in District 203 will be changed.


During early voting, which begins on Oct. 22 and ends Nov. 2, voting is via an electronic ballot. A supporter will have to scroll down to the race for District 203, find the blank line, press the screen and when the keyboard appears, type in Hawthorne's name. On Election Day, Nov. 6, the voter must completely fill in the oval bubble on the paper ballot before writing in her name on the appropriate blank line.

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The Big Tex Job Fair Event will be held on Oct. 26 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Fair Park's Briscoe Carpenter Livestock Center, in Dallas. The State Fair of Texas has partnered with Goodwill Industries of Dallas to assist with your job search. Goodwill offers FREE, personalized services, including resume tips and interview skills training. Regardless of your background, they will help identify your career interests, quantify your existing skillset, and visualize how that connects with jobs that are available. Register at BigTex.com/JobFair to learn more.

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Nov. 7 Dallas Area Campus Bi-Annual Job Fair

The Dallas Area Campus Bi-Annual Job Fair will be held on Nov 7 from 4 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. at Ana G. Méndez University System- Dallas Area Campus, in Dallas. The Bi-annual Job Fair open to students, alumni of any major, and the general public. The job fair hosts employers from various industries including Technology, Government, Health Care,

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Nov. 8 Faith Formula Community Job Fair

The Faith Formula Community Job Fair will be held on Nov 8 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Friendship-West Baptist Church (Kiest Campus), in Dallas. Employers from all over the metroplex will be present with jobs ranging from customer service, sales, warehouse, IT, education, and much more. For more information contact Gloria Shellman at our Faith Formula Human Services Department at gshellman@friendshipwest.org or call 214-964-0700. www.faithformula.org. You must register online at www.friendshipwest.org in order to attend.



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October 31, 7 p.m.

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October 31

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October 26, p.m.

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October 28, 10 a.m.

Don't forget to invite family and friends to join us for our Morning Service as we celebrate our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

October 31, 7 p.m.

You are invited to Monday

School to see what God has to say to us.

November 4, 10 a.m.

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October 28

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NOTE: Don't Forget to Vote in the Midterm Elections, Early Voting has already started.

"Be still and know that I am God..." Psalm 46:10

There is a time and place in our walk with God in which He sets us in a place of waiting. It is a place in which all past experiences are of no value. It is a time of such stillness that it can disturb the most faithful if we do not understand that He is the one who has brought us to this place for only a season. It is as if God has placed a wall around us. No new opportunities--simply inactivity.

During these times, God is calling us aside to fashion something new in us. It is

an isolation chamber designed to call us to deeper roots of prayer and faith. It is not a comfortable place, especially for a task-driven believer. Our nature cries out, "You must do something," while God is saying, "Be still and know that I am God." You know the signs that you have been brought into this chamber when He has removed many things from your life and you can't seem to change anything. Perhaps you are unemployed. Perhaps you are laid up with an illness.

Most Christians live a very planned and orchestrated life where they know almost everything that will happen. But for people in whom God is performing a deeper work, He brings them into a time of quietness that seems almost eerie. They cannot say what God is doing. They just know that He is doing a work that cannot be ex-

plained to themselves or to others. Has God brought you to a place of being still? Be still and know that He really is God. When this happens, the chamber will

open soon after.

Put your trust in God. Ask Him the way you should go, for God to lift up your soul. Ask God to teach you His will, for He is your

God; ask Him to let the Holy Spirit to lead you on level ground (Psalm 143:8-10).

Since God knows you and your special needs. Trust God to meet your needs in the way that He knows that is best. God knows what is in your heart

and mind. Pray that God will provide you with His calmness and to fill you with good thoughts and actions as you interact with the people around you. In the name of Jesus Christ pray and don't forget to offer God praise for what He does.



Another year of the State Fair of Texas has come and gone. There was a lot of rain this year, so we are hoping everyone had a chance to enjoy the festivities on what clear days we did get.

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October 31

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