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RAFAEL'S REMATCH

Rafael Nadal is back in the U.S. Open quarterfinals, where he won't face a rematch of the 2017 final. Instead, it's a rematch of this year's French Open final.

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Union membership grows by 81,000 in pro-business Texas

By Mitchell Schnurman
Dallas Morning News

COMMENTARY

Unions are having a moment, and it's not just the Labor Day holiday. Even in Texas, where union membership is far lower than the national rate, there are signs of momentum.

Organizing activities have been ramping up on several fronts. Union officials pointed to a big push for paid sick time in Dallas, Austin and San Antonio, and to union campaigns that signed up about 1,500 hospitality workers in Houston. Another effort led to a first-ever contract for 500 hotel workers in San Antonio.

Statewide numbers also show some growth. In 2017, Texas added 81,000 union

members, and their share of the workforce ticked up from 4 percent to 4.7 percent.

It's too early to declare a union revival, given that membership has declined steadily for decades. In 1983, 20 percent of U.S. workers were in a union; that number has fallen by almost half.

It wouldn't be nearly that high without government workers. Nationwide, union membership is over five times higher in the public sector, according to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

In Texas, participation peaked at 7.5 percent of workers in 1993. The state initially adopted a right-to-work law in 1947 and

modified it in '93, and it prohibits employees from being required to join a union as part of their job. A long decline followed.

Texas brags about its pro-business climate, which can mean a lot of things: low taxes, limited regulation, public incentives for expansion and a workforce that's largely not unionized. But the recent union gains may be part of a broader shift in attitudes.

In the spring, teachers from West Virginia to Arizona staged giant protests over pay and benefits, and many saw their efforts pay off.

In Missouri, Republican lawmakers passed a right-to-work law that prompted a petition drive to put the issue on the ballot. In August, voters in the Show-Me State

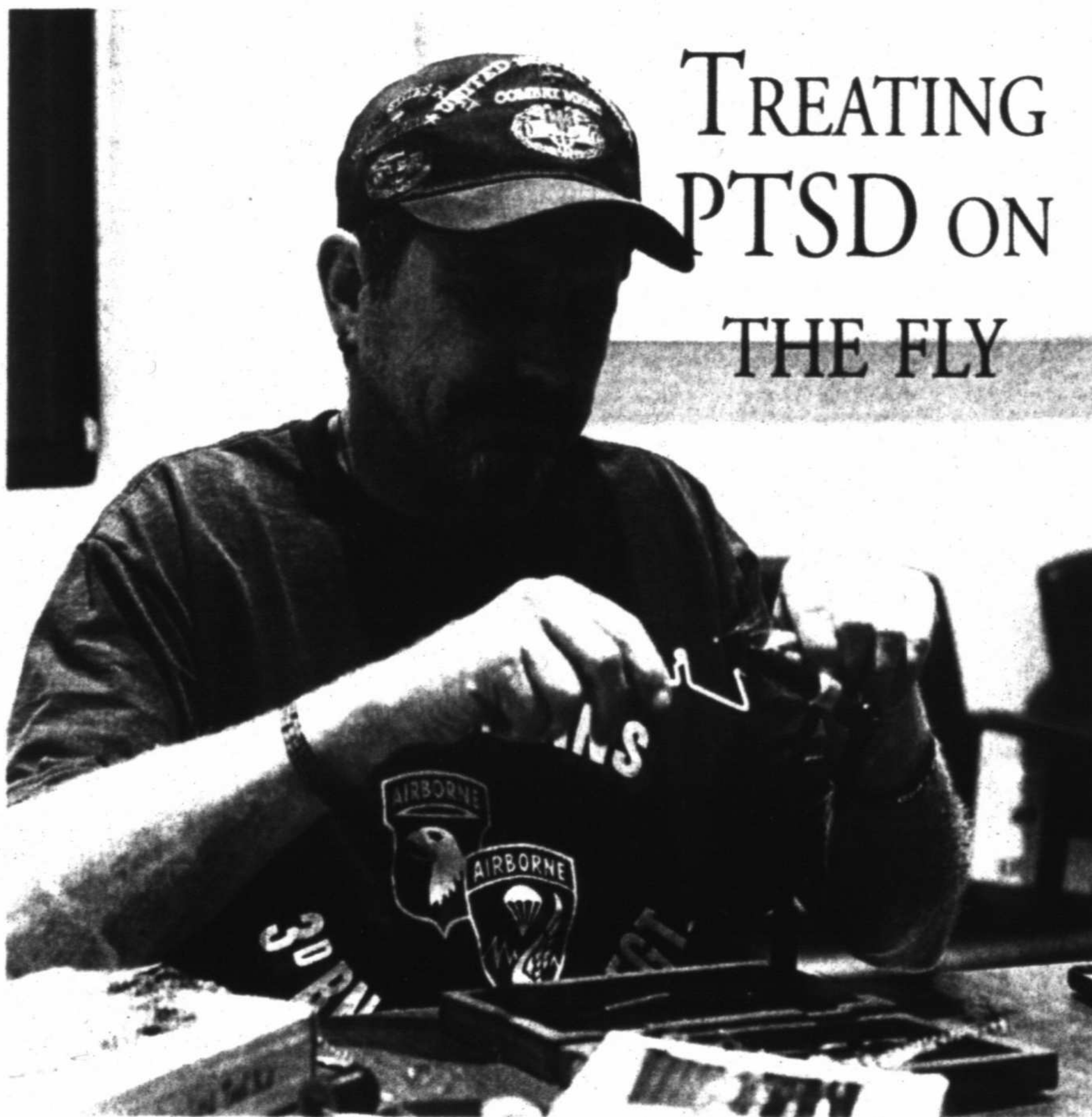
rejected the law by a 2-to-1 margin.

"Working people are getting fed up with the system," said Willy Gonzalez, the Texas chapter president for Unite Here, a labor union that represents 270,000 in North America. "They're open to coming together to improve their rights and working conditions. You can really feel the energy."

He cited a recent effort underway with 2,700 catering employees for United Airlines. That group, which includes about 800 workers in Houston, will start voting on joining the union in mid-September.

Other factors contribute to the higher numbers in Texas. There's been growth in local government, which includes teachers,

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In this Aug. 15 photo, Ray Kirby ties a fishing fly during a "Fly Time" event in Las Cruces, N.M. The event was hosted by Project Healing Waters, a group that helps disabled veterans recover through the "therapeutic benefits of fly fishing."

Fly fishing group helps heal veterans with PTSD

Las Cruces Sun-News

LAS CRUCES, N.M. — A Veterans Administration clinic in Las Cruces is helping disabled military veterans deal with post-traumatic stress disorder through a program that uses the therapeutic benefits of fly fishing.

Project Healing Waters is free for disabled veterans like Ray Kirby, who is haunted by experiences he went through during his service, the Las Cruces Sun-News reported.

The local group has about 10 veterans who participate regularly and gets one or two new members each year.

Kirby's life was on a downhill spiral after he returned from a tour in Iraq where he saw "mankind at its absolute worst."

He was diagnosed with PTSD in 2006. He's gone through two failed marriages

and was kicked out of his mother's Las Cruces home after a few months of living there.

"I was angry at the military," he said. "I was angry at myself. I was angry at the world. I drank and drank. I was in denial."

The Army veteran happened to see a brochure on the program in 2012 at the Las Cruces VA clinic.

He was connected to fellow veteran Ron Bellerose who leads the program and taught Kirby the basics of fly fishing.

Project Healing Waters provides members with rods, reels, flies and supplies for making them and covers travel and all related costs for overnight fishing trips.

The program takes members on two to three trips per year. Most excursions are overnight trips because of the lack of fishable streams in southern New Mexico.

Kirby remembers one November day

when he joined the group for a fly fishing trip to Rio Penasco in southern New Mexico.

He didn't catch any trout that day, but he loved it nonetheless.

"It felt so good — listening to the wind, hearing the birds chirping," he said. "It was a cold, rainy day, but I will never forget it."

Kirby still struggles with mental health issues and is trying hard to stay away from alcohol for good, but he said fly fishing has helped him cope and he is in better shape today because of it.

"Compared to where I was, (I'm) a billion times better," he said. "I don't have nightmares as often. I'm still working on managing my emotions."

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Adult day care in Midland meets a neglected need

By Bob Campbell
Odessa American

As the only program of its kind in the Permian Basin, Mission Center Adult Day Service is a happy place with the serious responsibility of caring for people with a wide range of disabilities.

They come to Suite 1300 in the Midland Shared Spaces Building at 3500 N. "A" St. each day with everything from autism to traumatic brain injuries, schizophrenia, dementia, Alzheimer's disease and Down syndrome.

But the socialization they get from the staff and one another and the treatments and medical attention provided by therapists, a registered nurse and certified nurse's aides give their caregivers a respite and help keep them in their homes.

Ranging in age from the late 30s to 97, they respond to the attention and enjoy staying at home where many of their caregivers have day jobs, said Executive Director Jayni Whitefield, a former policewoman and an Army veteran who served in Afghanistan.

"Our main goal is for our 36 clients to remain in their homes with their families for as long as they can," Whitefield said, noting the center's capacity is 75.

"Most of them live at home and are able to be somewhat independent. We're an alternative to home health agencies and nursing homes."

Two of the 2,800-square-foot facility's four buses run each weekday morning to pick up about half of the clients in Odessa and Midland. The per diem fee for non-veterans and those without Medicaid is \$60 and there is a \$15 transportation fee and a \$4 charge for take-home meals. Serving breakfast and lunch, the center is open from 7 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

"We have church on Friday morning, and sometimes, we go out to eat or go to a store or museum," said Whitefield, who is married to a Midland police officer. "We go to RockHounds games, Fiddlesticks Farm, the Dollar Tree, Mr. Gatti's and other places. We're a secure facility so that clients with Alzheimer's and dementia can't just wander out the door."

"What sets us apart from senior centers is that we have medical capabilities with an RN and four CNAs on staff. We have 10 employees including myself."

One of Mission Center's three

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Did you know?

"Crazy Rich Asians" dominated box office for the third week in a row. Page 5A

The big number

San Angelo representative becomes fifth Republican to file for Texas House speaker. Read more on Page 2A

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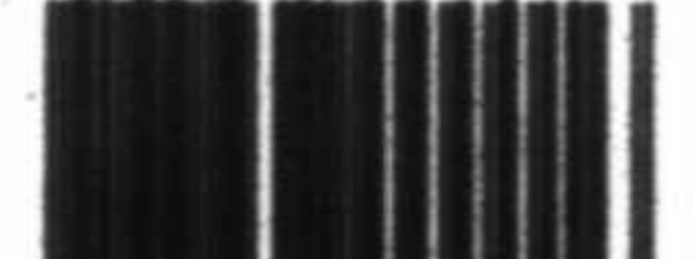
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police and firefighters in unions. And several major employers with big union shops have been growing. In D-FW, that group includes American Airlines, Southwest, AT&T, General Motors and Lockheed Martin.

At American and Southwest, the vast majority of workers are in unions — 85 percent at American, 83 percent at Southwest. Both have had high-profile conflicts over contracts, and American's high labor costs were one factor in its 2011 bankruptcy.

But Southwest has a 45-year record of profits (and profit sharing with employees). And Southwest leaders have often boasted about being so heavily unionized.

The new American, led by former leaders of US Airways, worked hard to turn around financial results and build a new culture. The unions have been essential at every step, starting with backing the merger of American and US Airways and lobbying Washington.

"I can't imagine why a company would fear unionization or fight it," said Elise Eberwein, American's executive vice president of people and communications. "That's old-school thinking."

She made those comments on the same day that flight attendants picketed American's headquarters, pushing for better sick leave policies. While the public clashes may be frustrating for management, they're part of the process — and much more often, she said, the groups collaborate in a positive way.

Every quarter, American's executive team meets with union leaders to dig into financial results and discuss emerging issues among front-line workers. For a company with 126,000 employees, it's imperative to nurture those lines of communication.

"We have 27,000 flight attendants, and you can't possibly synthesize all those views without some mechanism to bring them forward," Eberwein said.

A few years ago, reservations agents wanted to add stand-up, sit-down desks, an issue that came up in a meeting with union leaders, she said. The company made the improvements.

Of course, you don't need a union in order to be responsive to employees. But some matters, such as adding health or retirement benefits, can be negotiated more effectively as a group.

Union shops also tend to have lower turnover, an advantage when unemployment is near historical lows and companies are competing hard for talent.

"But it's also harder to get rid of people," said Danyelle Williams Ackall, a longtime human resources executive who teaches at Texas Christian University's Neeley School of Business.

And retirement plans are great, she said, "as long as they're fully funded."

That's a nod to the many pension plans, in the public and private sector, that were badly underfunded. While the problem affected a range of employers, union shops had some of the largest liabilities.

Some workers would benefit from union protections on job security and health benefits, Ackall said, but others haven't gained much. The same general principle applies to employers.

"A company gets the union it deserves," she said. "Treat employees well and the union works with management. Treats employees poorly and they'll have an adversarial relationship."

Editor's note: At 11 a.m., this story was updated to clarify that Texas initially adopted a right-to-work law in 1947 and modified it in 1993.

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major fundraisers, the Grandparents of the Year Banquet, will begin at 6 p.m. Sept. 11 at Green Tree Country Club in honor of former mayor Bobby Burns and his wife Denise. Its 5-kilometer run and walk was held May 19 at Midland College and its Clay Shoot, in which shotgunners shoot clay pigeons, will be Nov. 9 at Jake's Clays at 13301 FM 1379.

Whitefield said the run-walk averages raising \$10,000, the grandparents' banquet \$30,000 to \$40,000 and the Clay Shoot \$10,000 to \$15,000 to help fund the center's \$700,000 budget.

Founded in 1986 by John and Freddie Utsman in a small house on Powell Street in western Midland, the program was first called Pal Adult Day Care. It became incorporated and got state licensure and Medicaid approval in 1990 as Mission Health Care and in 2011 it signed a provider's agreement with the Veterans Administration.

In September 2014 as Mission Center Adult Day Service, it moved from a shopping center in the 4500 block of West Illinois Avenue to the Shared Spaces Building.

"It becomes like a second family," said Whitefield, 29. "Our longest-attending client has been here for 10 years. He is in his late 30s and disabled. Our oldest is 97. I want somebody who is 99 so we can celebrate a 100th birthday. That would be amazing."

"We have caregivers say Mission is a lifesaver. They don't know what they would do without it. It has saved their relationship with their father or mother. It's a daunting task to take care of your family and on top of that to take care of your loved one."

"Most take an evening meal home with them, but you don't have to be a client to receive food. We take meals to 10 people in the community."

Whitefield was drawn to her profession from having seen her grandmother die and her granddad rapidly decline in Pittsburgh, Kan.

"He deteriorated faster by not getting that socialization," she said.

"They didn't have a center like this. I was close with my grandfather. He holds a special place in my heart for the job I do here."

A staff sergeant in the Army Reserve, she was on active duty as a military policewoman in Kandahar, Kandahar Province, Afghanistan, in 2012-13. She's attached to the 67th Battalion Headquarters Unit at Grand Prairie.

"So I have a sweet soft spot for our veterans," said Whitefield, who was a policewoman in Leavenworth, Kan., in 2013 and Midland in 2015. Her husband's name is Derrick.

Former board president Rae Smith recounted going to the center after a friend told her about it and then getting involved. "I liked what it stood for," said Smith, who is chairing this year's Clay Shoot.

"You know the old saying, 'Volunteering is paying rent for the lord's letting you be on this earth.' It's a worthwhile endeavor that offers respite care as an alternative to help the caregivers have a life and help the clients stay independent. They're a lot happier."

Board member Paula Barbieri said the facility "is a nice place to go."

"They have all kinds of activities and can help with medical problems," said Barbieri, who chairs the finance committee. "A man had a heart attack and the nurses helped. Any non-profit can have touch and go moments, but so far we've been able to survive."

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O'Rourke bets national attention lifts him in US Senate race

By Will Weissert
Associated Press

AUSTIN — If elections were decided by viral videos and fawning media profiles, Democrat Beto O'Rourke would win Texas' Senate race in a landslide.

Video of the candidate defending NFL players' right to protest during the national anthem had been viewed by millions even before NBA star LeBron James called it a "must-watch." Another of O'Rourke, a three-term congressman, thrashing through a Whataburger parking lot on a skateboard is almost as popular, increasing the onetime punk rocker's already considerable street cred.

National magazines are suggesting he could be a Democratic vice-presidential pick in 2020 — or even a White House contender, ala a young Barack Obama. Sure, O'Rourke may lose to incumbent Republican Sen. Ted Cruz, the argument goes, but just staying competitive in Texas, which hasn't elected a Democrat to statewide office in nearly a quarter century, would still further boost his political star.

The White House is taking notice. President Donald Trump tweeted that he plans to stage "a major rally" for Cruz in October. Help from the president was long unthinkable in a race that for months looked like a Cruz cakewalk.

The hype machine powering O'Rourke has brought in piles of campaign cash and generated excitement nationally. But it also risks eventual backlash. Voters have often punished candidates for getting too big for their political branches — especially if they haven't won anything yet. O'Rourke need only look to his opponent for an example of a politician whose ambitions irked voters he needed.

Still, the Democrat seems eager to test a Trump-era theory that, with such an outsized personality in the White House, voters may no longer want their politicians to stay humble.

O'Rourke has largely welcomed the spotlight. His stance on anthem protests landed him an appearance on Ellen DeGeneres' TV show this week. O'Rourke also hasn't disavowed descriptions of himself as "Kennedyesque," given his boyish good looks. He livestreams constantly and, in March, when he appeared on HBO's "Real Time with Bill Maher," the crowd in



James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

U.S. Rep. Beto O'Rourke speaks at a town hall event Thursday at the Grand Texan Hotel Convention Center in Midland.

Los Angeles cheered so much that the host crowed. "It's like when the Beatles came to America."

"You can't control it," O'Rourke spokesman Chris Evans said of the attention. He disputed the idea that national praise could hurt back home, saying it's "hard to say we're not focused on Texas" since O'Rourke just spent 34 days of the congressional summer recess campaigning without leaving the state.

O'Rourke himself has shrugged off questions about whether too much attention could create unrealistic expectations. "The whole thing is not something he's talked about, really," Evans said.

Some Texans think the campaign might want to, though.

"Most voters in Texas still don't know who Beto O'Rourke is. If the first thing they know about him is he's like Obama, then that's going to turn off more voters than it attracts," said Brandon Rottinghaus, a political science professor at Rice University in Houston.

Ironically, O'Rourke could ask Cruz about this problem. He arrived in the Senate and immediately laid the groundwork for a presidential campaign that saw him finish second to Trump in the 2016 primary. Cruz then alienated much of his base by refusing to endorse Trump at that year's Republican National Convention, and though he's since embraced the president, some Texas conservatives say they're still wary, seeing what happened at the convention as putting personal ambition over party.

Florida Republican Sen. Marco Rubio has also run into issues with political ambition clashing with his day job, and just ask former North Carolina Democratic Sen. John Edwards, who was already fading before word of his affair and a child with his mistress broke, about how well being dubbed the second coming of Bill Clinton went.

Texas Democrats, meanwhile, have been down this road before. Wendy Davis staged a marathon state Legislature filibuster in the name of abortion rights, rocketed to national stardom and launched a 2014 gubernatorial bid. Like O'Rourke, Davis was a strong fundraiser and the toast of liberals from Hollywood to Brooklyn.

Largely unable to define herself beyond abortion, which resonated nationally but not at home, Davis eventually lost by 20-plus points to Republican Gov. Greg Abbott.

Bob Radnich, a retiree who lives near the Texas-Mexico border and donned an Uncle Sam costume to hold up a "Stand with Wendy Davis" sign on a street corner in 2014, is now backing O'Rourke — but trying to keep realistic expectations.

"He's a real star," Radnich said. "But we have to get the people to vote."

Cruz's internal polling is starting to show a much tighter race, those close to his campaign say. But during Texas' primary in March, when Democrats angered by Trump notched their highest mid-term primary turnout since 2002, Cruz still netted 1.3-plus million votes. O'Rourke got less than 650,000, and

only about 1 million total Democratic Senate ballots were cast between him and two-little known primary opponents.

Even if O'Rourke wins over those Democratic primary voters who didn't support him, he's looking at a 300,000-plus vote deficit. And, the more stories written about O'Rourke, the more energized Republicans may be to turn out to vote. That's what Cruz is counting on.

"In Texas, there are a lot more conservatives than liberals," Cruz said following a recent campaign stop. "So, my task politically between now and Election Day is very simple, turn out conservatives."

Cruz has tried to paint O'Rourke as the preferred candidate of non-Texans. But 68 percent of O'Rourke's contributions during the Senate race have come from in-state donors compared to just 39 percent for Cruz, according to the Center for Responsive Politics.

That feeds into O'Rourke's promises to concentrate on representing Texas full-time and championing having visited all of its 254 counties during his campaign — in contrast to Cruz, who hit all 99 Iowa counties on his way to winning that state's 2016 caucus.

Too much national hype, however, could make such promises sound hollow.

"If people perceive him as being an ambitious climber then they might think twice," Rottinghaus said. "He looks like a politician instead of a grassroots-inspired movement, and that's problematic for voters who want to invest in something different."

San Angelo rep becomes 5th to file for House speaker

By Cassandra Pollock
Texas Tribune

State Rep. Drew Darby, R-San Angelo, filed on Friday to run for speaker of the Texas House.

"After prayerful consideration, discussions with my family, and at the urging of my House colleagues, today I filed paperwork with the Texas Ethics Commission to start a speaker campaign for the 86th Legislative Session," Darby said in an emailed statement. "In the coming weeks, I plan to visit with every House member to discuss the priorities of their district and how the Texas House of Representatives can work together to put forward good policies to keep Texas the number one state to live, work and raise a family."

Darby, who's been in the House since 2007, joins four other Republi-

cans in vying for the top slot in the lower chamber state Reps. Tan Parker of Flower Mound, Phil King of Weatherford, Travis Clardy of Nacogdoches and John Zerwas of Richmond. Dallas Democrat Eric Johnson has also declared he is running.

Darby represents House District 72 — a chunk of land in West Texas that includes Coke, Concho and Howard counties. He chairs the House Energy Resources Committee and the House Select Committee on State and Federal Power and Responsibility.

Straus is departing after a record-tying five terms as speaker, and at least several more contenders are expected to enter the race.

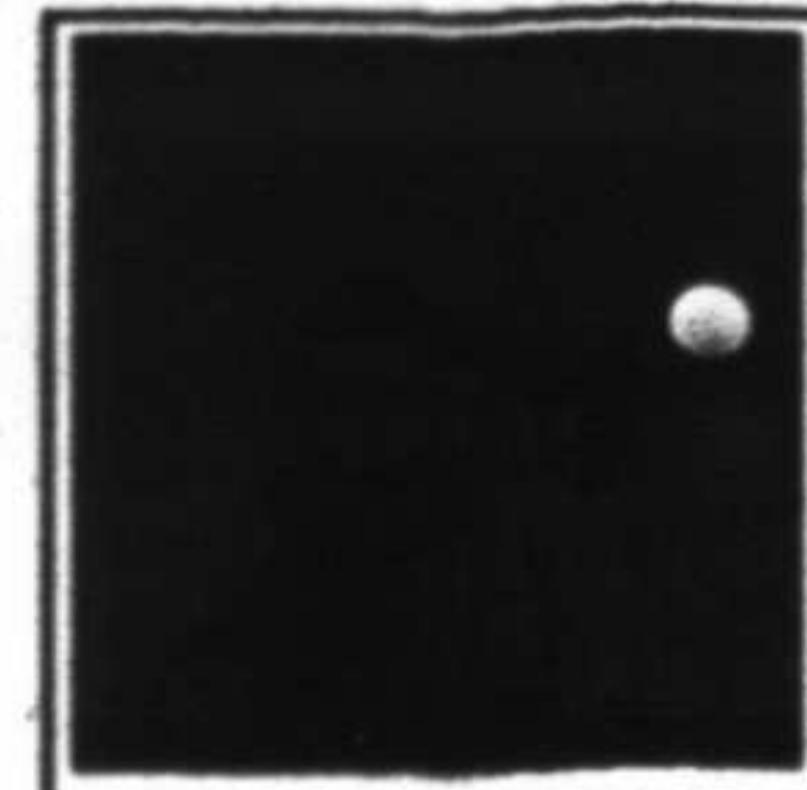
When the Texas House convenes for its legislative session in January, picking the next House speaker will be one of its first acts. Ahead of the vote from the full cham-

ber, House Republicans last year agreed to hold a non-binding vote to pick a speaker candidate within the GOP caucus. And ahead of this year's primaries, the Republican Party of Texas urged candidates and incumbents running for House seats to sign a form pledging to back whoever the caucus

picks as their speaker candidate. Parker and King have signed the form, while Darby, Clardy and Zerwas have not.

Zerwas told The Texas Tribune in November he wants "to have a more in-depth conversation" with the caucus before he decides on whether to sign it.

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1. a procession, especially a ceremonial one.
2. a line or train of attendants; retinue.

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Today is Labor Day

Labor Day is the first Monday of
September every year. It was originally
organized to celebrate various labor
unions' strengths and contributions to
the United States' economy. Labor
Day is a day of rest or the last chance
for many people to go on trips before
the summer ends. In some neighbor-
hoods, people organize fireworks
displays, barbecues and public arts or
sports events. The American football
season starts on or around Labor Day
and many teams play their first game of
the season during Labor Day weekend.
Source: www.timeanddate.com

Labor Day
weather history

Average high: 94
Average low: 69
Hottest high: 103 (Sept. 6, 1948)
Coolest high: 66 (Sept. 4, 2006)
Coolest low: 53 (Sept. 5, 1968)
Most rain: 0.96 of an inch (Sept.
7, 1942)
Source: National Weather Service

Labor Day event

Texas Veterans Outdoors, AT&T
and the Permian Basin Central Labor
Union have scheduled the 62nd annual
Labor Day Celebration and Daily Wills
Memorial event from 11:30 a.m. to 6
p.m. today at Lawndale Park, 9301
Rainbow Drive, Odessa.
There will be food, music, prizes.

Source: Odessa American through
the Tribune News Service

Things to do
(subject to change because
of the holiday)

- Midland RoughRiders, 2 p.m., Security
Bank Ballpark, 5514 Champions Way,
\$10-\$16. midlandroughriders.org
- September Community Meal by
Healthy City, 3-6 p.m. Every month, a
community meal is held at a residence.
Attendees are responsible for bringing
a dish from a provided recipe to
share. Recipes are emailed out after
final head count. RSVP by emailing
meals@ourhealthycity.com.
- Bingo, 6 p.m., Tall City VFW Post
7208, 1306 E. Taylor Ave. Children
welcome.
- Bridge game play, 6:45 p.m.,
Allison Bridge Center, 913 W. Wadley
Ave. \$6. For more information call
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TODAY IN MIDLAND

MCS season opener



Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

Midland Christian fans cheer on their team Friday to start the 2018 football season at Gordon Awtry Field.

benefit both cities' PD and FD associa-
tion, 6:30 p.m., Security Bank Ballpark,
5514 Champions Drive. \$5.

Today in history

Today is Monday, Sept. 3, the 246th
day of 2018. There are 119 days left in
the year. This is Labor Day.
Today's highlight in history:
On Sept. 3, 1939, Britain, France,
Australia and New Zealand declared
war on Germany, two days after the
Nazi invasion of Poland. In a radio
address, Britain's King George VI said,
"With God's help, we shall prevail." The
same day, a German U-boat torpedoed and
sank the British liner SS Athenia
some 250 miles off the Irish coast,
killing more than 100 out of the 1,400

or so people on board.

On this date:
In 1609, English explorer Henry
Hudson and his crew aboard the Half
Moon entered present-day New York
Harbor and began sailing up the
river that now bears his name. (They
reached present-day Albany before
turning back.)

In 1783, representatives of the
United States and Britain signed the
Treaty of Paris, which officially ended
the Revolutionary War.

In 1943, Allied forces invaded Italy
during World War II. The same day Italian
officials signed a secret armistice
with the Allies.

In 1951, the television soap opera
"Search for Tomorrow" made its debut
on CBS.

In 1967, Nguyen Van Thieu (now

van) was elected president of

South Vietnam under a new

constitution.

In 1970, legendary football coach

Vince Lombardi, 57, died in Washing-

ton, D.C.

In 1978, America's Viking 2 lander

landed on Mars to take the first

close-up, color photographs of the red

planet's surface.

In 1978, Pope John Paul I was

installed as the 264th pontiff of the

Roman Catholic Church.

In 1989, a Cubana de Aviacion

jetliner crashed after takeoff in Havana,

killing all 126 aboard and 45 people on

the ground.

In 1995, the online auction site eBay

was founded in San Jose, California,

by Pierre Omidyar under the name

"AuctionWeb."

In 1999, a French judge closed a
two-year inquiry into the car crash that
killed Princess Diana, dismissing all
charges against nine photographers
and a press motorcyclist, and concluding
the accident was caused by an
inebriated driver.

In 2003, Paul Hill, a former minister
who said he murdered an abortion
doctor and his bodyguard to save the
lives of unborn babies, was executed
in Florida by injection, becoming the
first person put to death in the United
States for anti-abortion violence.

Ten years ago, Alaska Gov. Sarah
Palm, John McCain's choice of run-
ning mate, roused delegates at the
Republican National Convention in St.
Paul, Minn., as she belittled Democrat
Barack Obama and praised the GOP
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Weather

Sunday's temperatures
High: 86
Low: 70
Normal high: 91
Normal low: 66

Sept. 2 records
High: 103, set in 1937
Low: 56, set in 1950 and
equaled in 1968

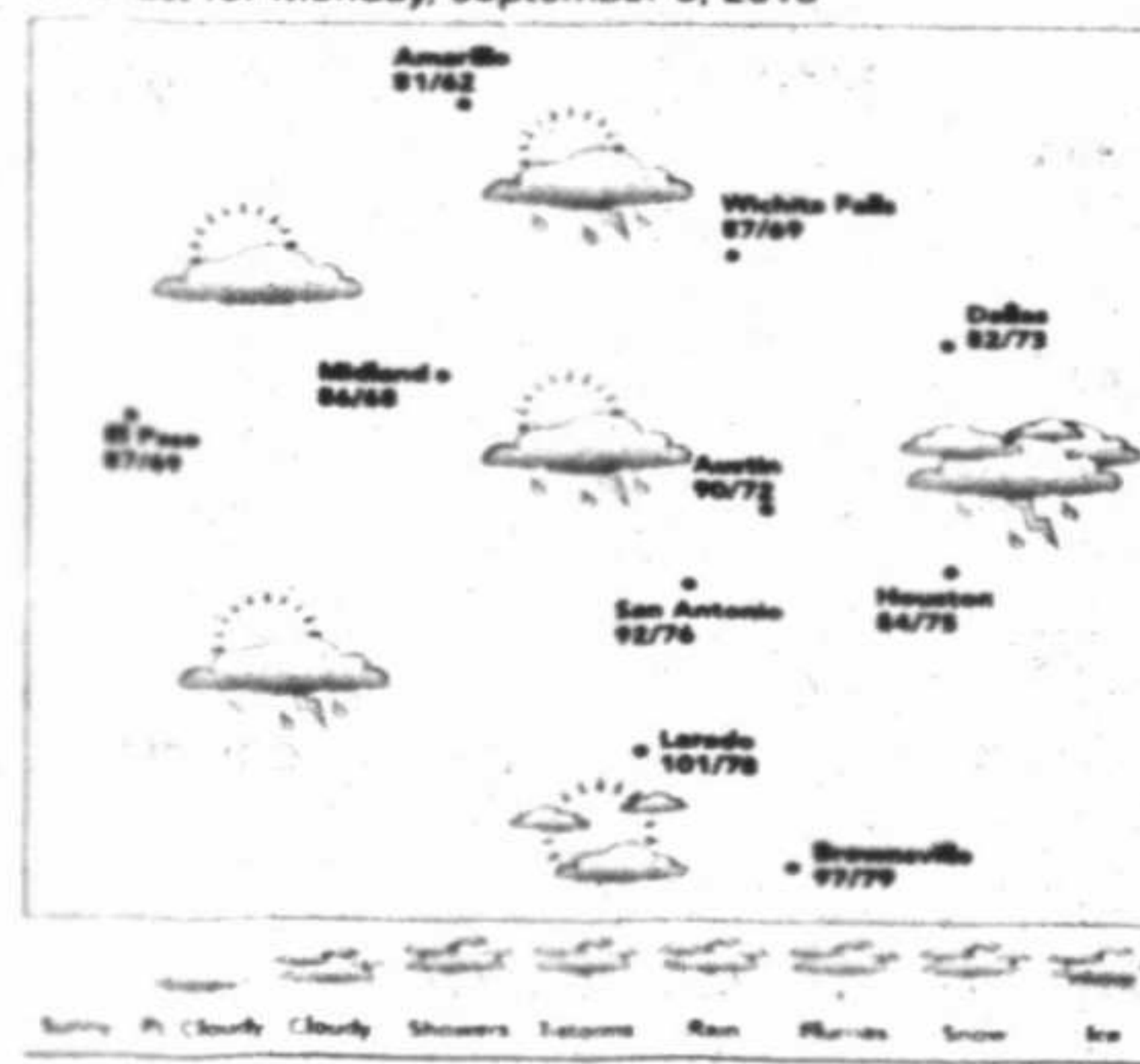
Precipitation
Saturday: 0.52 inch
Sunday: 0.00 inches
Month total: 0.52 inch
Year total: 9.02 inch
Normal total:
(year to date) 9.84 inches

Winds
Average speed: 7.6 mph
Highest sustained: 23 mph
Highest gust: 30 mph

Sept. 3 forecast
High: 86
Low: 69
Conditions: Mostly
cloudy
Winds: 5-10 mph during
the day and night
Chance of rain: 50 per-
cent
Sunrise: 7:25 a.m.
Sunset: 8:10 p.m.

Source: National Weather Service

Forecast for Monday, September 3, 2018



JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS

The stars show the kind of day you'll have: 5-dynamic; 4-positive; 3-average; 2-so-so; 1-difficult

Note: Bigar's Stars is based
on the degree of your sun at
birth. The sign name is simply
a label astrologers put on a set
of degrees for convenience. For
best results, readers should refer
to the dates following each sign.

A baby born today has a Sun
in Virgo and a Moon in Gemini.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for
Monday, Sept. 3, 2018: This
year, you open up to a new realm
of ideas and a different way of
thinking. You could find this
change invigorating and excit-
ing. Your domestic life becomes
more important as well. If single,
you tend to meet people in odd
ways. The One could walk up to
your door to ask a question or do
some work for you. If you are
attached, you are likely to have a
new addition to the family. Don't
stress -- it could just be a puppy.
GEMINI often introduces you to
new people.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
**** You could find today
confusing, yet the confusion
stems from you. You can't seem
to get a strong sense of what
to do and when to do it. You'll
want to be more nurturing, ef-
ficient and of service to others.
However, you also will want
some time just for you. Tonight:
Give in to a whim.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
**** You can save the
day with your ingenuity. Rustle
up a flirtation that will be long
remembered by both parties
or have fun with an old friend.
No task seems too hard for
you to take on. You could be
instrumental in bringing others
together. Tonight: Tap into your
creativity.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
**** You could be hard
to stop, not that anyone really
wants to anyway. You appear
to be more instrumental on the

homefront than you originally
had thought. Make an adjust-
ment. You could be distorting
some very important news. Be
realistic. Tonight: You don't
need to go far.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
** The real issue might be
stopping you from speaking
your mind. If you are too bold
or too abrupt, you can expect
to hear a strong response. Be
careful, as the other party knows
how to jab you and hurt your
feelings. Shield yourself from
hostile comments. Tonight:
Among the crowds.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
**** You seem to be
distracted by a specific person.
A get-together proves rewarding,
as you see people you have not
been around in a while. Your
gift of bringing out the fun and
spontaneity in others makes the
day special. Tonight: Make an
impulsive gesture if you want.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
**** Understand what is
pushing you to react so strongly.
You might not be seeing a
loved one clearly. You could be
distorting who this person is and
giving some negative qualities.
Putting someone on a pedestal
can only result in him or her
falling off of it. Tonight: Accept an offer.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
**** You might have
some difficulty staying in the
present moment. You could be
daydreaming more than you are
aware. When interacting with
others, make an effort to ground
yourself. You might like what

you hear and discover. Tonight:
Make an effort to visit with a
loved one.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
**** You could be off-
kilter in the morning. By the
afternoon, a partner, friend or
loved one makes an effort to
make you smile. Remain respon-
sive; this person means well.
Stay upbeat, knowing full well
that an unusually strong connec-
tion lies between you. Tonight:
Flirt away.

SAGITTARIUS
(Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
**** You might need
to handle a personal matter
differently. Understand what is
going on with the other party
involved, and listen to what he
or she has to say. Acknowledge

your position and let this person
know where you are coming
from. Resolutions arrive quickly.
Tonight: Be yourself.

CAPRICORN
(Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
**** You might want to take
off and feel free, yet somehow
obligations flow into the mo-
ment. Don't make this a big
deal. Others will appreciate your
light and easy attitude. Honor a
fast change that could make you
feel unsure of how to respond.
Tonight: Let the fun continue.

AQUARIUS
(Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
**** You could be off-
kilter, but not for long. Your playful
inner child emerges. Though
you might be silly at times, you
give permission to others to

indulge in such behavior as well.
You note an unusual connection
between you and a new friend.
Tonight: Keep it easy.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
**** Your imagination
will allow you to do the impos-
sible when working with an idea.
Others enjoy your ingenuity and
how it helps in various situa-
tions. Though it might be dif-
ficult to verbalize your thoughts,
keep trying. You eventually will
break through. Tonight: Close
to home.

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'Crazy Rich Asians' banks another crazy rich weekend

By Lindsey Bahr
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — "Crazy Rich Asians" isn't slowing down at the box office even in its third weekend in theaters, and is helping to send a strong summer moviegoing season off on a high note.

Studios on Sunday say the romantic comedy has topped the domestic charts again. Warner Bros. estimates that the film added an additional \$22.2 million through Sunday, down only 10 percent from last weekend. To date, the film has grossed nearly \$111 million from North American theaters, passing the lifetime domestic total of 2015's "Trainwreck," one of the last big studio rom-com success stories.

Should the pace hold through Monday, "Crazy Rich Asians" could also have one of the biggest Labor Day weekends ever by the time final numbers are reported on Tuesday. The current four-day Labor Day record sits with 2007's "Halloween" which opened with \$30.6 million and some are projecting that "Crazy Rich Asians" could hit \$30 million.

It easily won out over the holdovers and a few newcomers, like the Nazi war crime film "Operation Finale" and the sci-fi thriller "Kin."

Warner Bros.' shark pic "The Meg" took second place with an additional \$10.5 million, bringing its global total to \$462.8 million. "Mission: Impos-

sible — Fallout," in its fifth weekend, added \$7 million for a third place finish.

"Operation Finale" landed in fourth place with \$6 million. The film starring Oscar Isaac and Ben Kingsley tells the story of how Mossad agent Peter Malkin captured Adolf Eichmann.

And the John Cho-led computer screen mystery "Searching" performed better than expected in its expansion to 1,200 screens, bringing in an estimated \$5.7 million through Sunday and rounding out the top five.

The sci-fi thriller "Kin," with Zoe Kravitz and Dennis Quaid, did not fare as well, and opened outside of the top 10 to only \$3 million from over 2,100 theaters.

In limited release, Lionsgate and Pantelion's Spanish-language "Ya Veremos" opened to \$1.8 million from 369 locations. And Focus Features' gothic thriller "The Little Stranger" launched on 474 screens to \$420,000.

"Pretty much every summer ends with a whimper... that's very typical," said comScore senior media analyst Paul Dergarabedian. "But this is going to be a very strong Labor Day weekend."

The weekend closes out the fruitful 2018 summer movie season. Box office tracker comScore is projecting that the 2018 summer box office will net out with around \$4.39 billion, up over 14 percent from last year when the summer didn't even hit \$4 billion. Year to date, the box office is up 9.9

percent.

The success of "Crazy Rich Asians" also propelled an especially lucrative August, up almost 30 percent from last year. But, Dergarabedian warns, September is likely to take a bit of a hit.

"We're going to see a downturn in the year-to-date advantage. Last year 'It' propelled a record-breaking September," he said. "I don't think there's anything of that magnitude this September."

Estimated ticket sales for Friday through Sunday at U.S. and Canadian theaters, according to comScore. Where available, the latest international numbers for Friday through Sunday are also included. Final domestic figures will be released Tuesday.

1. "Crazy Rich Asians," \$22.2 million (\$10.4 million international).
2. "The Meg," \$10.5 million (\$17.7 million international).
3. "Mission: Impossible — Fallout," \$7 million (\$89.1 million international).
4. "Operation Finale," \$6 million.
5. "Searching," \$5.7 million (\$5.9 million international).
6. "Christopher Robin," \$5 million (\$4.7 million international).
7. "Alpha," \$4.5 million (\$6.6 million international).
8. "The Happytime Murders," \$4.4 million (\$1.5 million international).
9. "Black KKKlansman," \$4.1 million (\$4.8 million international).
10. "Mile 22," \$3.6 million (\$6 million international).

million.

Estimated ticket sales for Friday through Sunday at international theaters (excluding the U.S. and Canada), according to comScore:

1. "Mission: Impossible — Fallout," \$89.1 million.
2. "The Meg," \$17.7 million.
3. "Ant-Man and the Wasp," \$15.8 million.
4. "Hotel Transylvania 3: Summer Vacation," \$11.8 million.
5. "Crazy Rich Asians," \$10.4 million.
6. "The Equalizer 2," \$10

million.

7. "Incredibles 2," \$9.6 million.
8. "Mamma Mia! Here We Go Again," \$7.6 million.
9. "Alpha," \$6.6 million.
10. "Mile 22," 6 million.

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Narvais

Southwest Airlines launches 2019 routes, including to Cancun

By Lison Joseph
Dallas Morning News

Spring breakers, take heed: Southwest Airlines released its new and returning seasonal routes for spring 2019, including several international destinations.

The international routes include popular tourist destinations in Mexico, Jamaica and the Dominican Republic. The bookable flight schedule on the Dallas-based carrier's website has been extended through April 7.

American Airlines also recently announced a number of new international routes, including to Dublin and Munich from DFW International Airport.

For Southwest, new and returning Saturday seasonal flights start March 9 between:

- St. Louis and Montego Bay, Jamaica
- St. Louis and Punta Cana, Dominican Republic
- Milwaukee and Cancun
- Pittsburgh and Cancun
- Raleigh-Durham and Cancun
- San Antonio and Cancun
- Baltimore/Washington and Cabo San Lucas/Los Cabos
- Cleveland and Tampa
- Cincinnati and Orlando
- And starting March 10, Southwest will begin weekly service on Sundays between:
- Dallas and West Palm Beach, Fla.
- Dallas and Harlingen
- Houston and Lubbock
- The Jamaica and Dominican Republic flights are subject to government approvals.

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Arlington officer fatally shoots driver

Associated Press

ARLINGTON — An Arlington police officer fatally shot a motorist who started rolling up his windows and driving away from a traffic stop with the officer's arm inside.

Arlington police say the sport utility vehicle driv-

en by 24-year-old Terry Oshae and carrying a passenger was pulled over Saturday for a registration violation and officers then smelled marijuana.

The officer standing on the passenger's side reached into the vehicle as the driver began rolling up the windows and starting the vehicle. Police say

the officer shot Oshae as he drove away with the officer still on the side. The officer then fell onto the pavement. The officer was treated for minor injuries at the hospital and released.

Police say items found in the SUV included a pound of marijuana and a handgun.

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2018's most volatile candidate (it's Trump) isn't on ballot

By Zeke Miller and Catherine Lucey
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Heading into the midterm elections, the most volatile candidate this year isn't on the ballot.

But President Donald Trump still loves to take his free-wheeling political stylings on the road on behalf of his fellow Republicans and he's raring to go for the sprint to Nov. 6.

His eagerness to campaign for candidates — and protect his political flank — has led Republican officials and Trump's political team to devise a strategy for managing the president's time. It's designed to keep him in places where he can be helpful.

They're also determined to try to manage his unpredictability so the party's strongest asset in turning out core GOP voters doesn't end up doing damage instead.

There's a constant effort to keep him on best behavior.

This past week, Trump heeded pleas from advisers and Colorado Sen. Cory Gardner, head of the GOP Senate campaign committee, to refrain from picking a favorite in the fractious

Arizona primary, waiting until after the results were in to back the winner. Later, at a rally in Indiana for Senate candidate Mike Braun, the president largely stuck to his script, promoting his agenda and criticizing Sen. Joe Donnelly, D-Ind.

"Senate Republicans will not get to where they need to go without the president this fall. That means doing exactly what he's been doing," said Josh Holmes, a longtime adviser to Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky. "The great danger in a midterm is an enthusiasm gap and there is nobody who can close the enthusiasm gap quite like the president."

Aides believe Trump's drawing power is critical to a strong turnout among the most loyal GOP voters, which is helpful in many statewide contests. But his presence could be counterproductive in many House districts where incumbents are struggling to hold onto voters in the center.

But this is a celebrity-turned-president who hardly is a selfless leader of his adoptive party. He launched his own re-election campaign weeks after his swearing-in last year, rather than waiting until after the midterm elections, as did his predecessors.

With Democrats increasingly optimistic about retaking the House, Trump is motivated by self-protection. He's keenly aware of the threats and investigations that could come his way if Democratic hold a majority in either the House or Senate.

It hasn't all been smooth sailing, and Trump created an unnecessary political firestorm with his delayed and muted response to the death of Sen. John McCain. Still, aides think he generally has grown more focused and disciplined entering the final push to the fall elections.

At his Indiana rally Thursday night, Trump stuck to familiar themes, talking about tax cuts and trade tariffs, slamming high-tech companies, railing against the Justice Department and calling MS-13 gang members animals. But he did not mention McCain, avoiding recounting the well-worn tale about the senator's pivotal vote against the president's health care bill.

After a week in which aides pushed Trump to rise above his personal grudges against McCain, the mere fact that Trump kept the senator out of his remarks was notable.

While Trump's White House remains marked

by turbulence, insiders said the political shop has managed to impose some discipline. On potential endorsements, for example, political director Bill Stepien and adviser John DeStefano bring Trump detailed binders on candidates' voting records, including their past comments on Trump, where they have broken with the president and other details.

While Stepien and DeStefano have gained influence, they must compete with other power centers. Vice President Mike Pence and the White House office of legislative affairs weigh in at times, and Donald Trump Jr. has proved a powerful influence.

Some races have proved complicated, as in the Arizona Senate race, where Kelly Ward and former Maricopa County Sheriff Joe Arpaio both promoted their ties to Trump, as did establishment favorite Rep. Martha McSally. Trump stayed out of the race and McSally handily defeated the two more controversial candidates, averting what GOP operatives believed could have been a disaster for the party this fall.

In the Tennessee governor's race, Rep. Diane Black also pushed for an endorsement. Trump stayed out of that race,

which she lost, on the advice of staff.

But the president could not be persuaded to stay silent in other cases.

He supported Foster Friess in the GOP gubernatorial primary in Wyoming. Friess, who lost, was strongly backed by Trump Jr. Aides also had pushed Trump not to endorse Kansas Secretary of State Kris Kobach in his bid to be governor, but Trump did at the last minute, helping put Kobach over the top in the primary but making the race in November more competitive for Democrats.

Aides said they pick their battles with the president, prioritizing races that could swing the balance of congressional control.

For political travel, White House staffers, who are coordinating with party aides, have divided the electoral map into places Trump can be helpful and places where it's better to send in others such as Pence, Cabinet secretaries or members of the first family.

"He's prioritizing places where he's performed well and where there's a strong network of grassroots support," said North Carolina Rep. Mark Meadows,

chairman of the conservative House Freedom Caucus.

When Trump makes a political trip, aides try to make sure the candidate meets the president at the airport, has time with him in the car and gets the right sound bites on stage. That script was followed Thursday with Braun; Trump called him a "special guy" and promised that Braun would "be a truly great senator."

On Friday, as he praised a pair of North Carolina Republican candidates at both an official and political event, Trump was effusive in his praise before turning the spotlight on his own accomplishments.

Trump's rallies also have served as a boost to the GOP's massive email and voter contact database. Attendees are entered into the party's system within 48 hours.

Republican National Committee staffers gather signatures on petitions from people waiting in line and register voters at the event. Within five days, those that have expressed an interest in volunteering are contacted to schedule their first session.

CALIFORNIA 4 missing after boats collide, sink on Colorado River

MOABI REGIONAL PARK — Four people are missing after two boats crashed and sunk on the Colorado River, ejecting more than a dozen people who were on board, authorities said Sunday.

A recreational boat carrying 10 people and another vessel with six people on board collided head-on Saturday night on a well-traveled stretch of the river that marks the border between California and Arizona, the Mohave County Sheriff's Office said.

Both boats sank, and passing boaters pulled crash victims from the water. Nine people were injured, with two in critical condition, authorities said.

The crash occurred between two popular marinas and near Moabi Regional Park, a well-traveled recreation area crowded with people enjoying the Labor Day weekend.

Three women and one man remained missing on Sunday, Mohave County Sheriff Doug Schuster said.

BERLIN U2 reschedules concert after Bono loses voice

U2 lead singer Bono is reassuring fans that he'll have his voice back for the rest of U2's European tour after ending a concert in Germany on Saturday night, which they are rescheduling.

In a statement posted Sunday to U2's website, Bono says that a doctor has ruled out anything serious related to his loss of voice during the performance in Berlin. He says his relief is tempered by the knowledge that he Berlin audience was inconvenienced, adding that he can't wait to get back there on Nov. 13 for a rescheduled show.

Bono suffered a "complete loss of voice" at the band's Saturday night show at Berlin's Mercedes-Benz Arena, causing the engagement to end early. The 58-year-old frontman made it through the U2 hit "Beautiful Day" with the help of the audience, German news agency dpa reported Sunday.

Concertgoers first were told there would be a short break and eventually were informed the show was over, dpa said. They were advised to keep their tickets for a replacement performance.

U2 opened the European segment of its 2018 "Experience + Innocence" tour in Berlin on Friday. It has a sold-out show scheduled in Cologne on Tuesday and a second concert in the German city on Wednesday before back-to-back performances in Paris on Saturday and Sunday.

NEWSBRIEFS

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IOWA Father of slain student decries using her as 'pawn'

BROOKLYN — The father of slain Iowa college student Mollie Tibbetts in an opinion piece spoke out against using his daughter's death in support of "views she believed were profoundly racist," a call that comes after President Donald Trump and others seized on the suspected

killer's immigration status to argue for changes in U.S. immigration laws.

Authorities have said the University of Iowa student was abducted while she was out for an evening run in Brooklyn, Iowa, on July 18. The man charged in her death, 24-year-old Cristian Bahena Rivera, a Mexican farmworker who is suspected of being in the U.S. illegally. Trump and other politicians quickly noted that element of the case and called for changes to immigration law.

Rob Tibbetts wrote in the opinion piece published online by The Des Moines Register on Saturday that while he supports debate on immigration, some politicians and pundits went too far in using his daughter's death to promote political agendas. He said his stepdaughter is Latina and argued that the suspected killer "is no more a reflection of the Hispanic community as white supremacists are of all white people."

"Do not appropriate Mollie's soul in advancing views she believed were profoundly racist," he wrote.

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Does parents' smoking affect kids' health? Studies show a link

By Lyden Odukwu, MD

Often we don't realize that our actions affect others. This is certainly true of parents smoking around their children, according to a new study.

The study from the American Cancer Society shows that adults who grew up around secondhand smoke have a 31 percent higher risk of early death from chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD), according to an ACS press release from August 16.

Secondhand smoke also increases the risk of early death from other illnesses.

Researchers have known for a long time that secondhand smoke is a health issue. But there were no studies regarding any lifetime effects of childhood exposure to smoke. So, says the ACS press release, "To explore the issue, American Cancer Society epidemiologists led by W. Ryan Diver, MSPH, examined associations of childhood and adult secondhand smoke exposure with death from all causes."

They studied 70,900 men and women ages 50-74 who had never themselves smoked at all. They answered questions about childhood smoking exposure. Researchers then followed their health for 22 years.

Diver says the 31 percent higher risk translates to about seven additional deaths per year per 100,000 participants who never smoked.

"This is the first study to identify an association between childhood exposure to secondhand smoke and death from chronic obstructive pulmonary disease in middle age and beyond," Diver said in the press release.

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OPINION

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Asian-Americans claim the political spotlight

This past week, the Trump Justice Department threw its weight behind a high-profile lawsuit against Harvard University, in which a group of Asian-American plaintiffs claim — with a great deal of evidence — that the famous Ivy school discriminates against them as it once discriminated against Jews. This happened in the same moment that the No. 1 movie in America is “Crazy Rich Asians,” a guilty-pleasure romantic comedy about a young female Chinese-American economist in love with a Singaporean heir.

The convergence illustrates an underrated reality about Trump-era America. Our polarizing immigration debate revolves around the Wall and the border because we’ve just experienced a long wave of immigration from our southern neighbors. But that surge is diminishing, and for almost a decade the United States has taken more Asian than Hispanic immigration. So after the Trumpian moment passes, our ethno-political fights will be gradually reshaped by how Asians relate to American culture, how American politics relates to them, and how they (because “Asian” contains multitudes) relate to one another.

In my lifetime, there have been two stories about where Asian-Americans fit in our domestic coalitions. In the Reagan ’80s they were seen as the most Republican-friendly immigrant group — more educated and prosperous than other immigrants, often anti-Communist (in the case of the Vietnamese and Taiwanese especially), bearing Confucian or Christian values that

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New York Times News Service



aligned with a traditional-values G.O.P. But then from the Clinton era on Asian voters swung toward the Democratic Party — a shift that probably reflected changes in immigrant composition (more South Asians relative to East Asians, more non-Christians relative to Christians), the declining salience of anti-Communism, and a reaction to the G.O.P.’s continued rightward shift and white-Southern-Christian brand.

This, in turn, led to a new story that cast Asian-Americans as a natural constituency in an emerging Democratic majority — one tributary among many in the multicultural river washing white hegemony away.

The term “model minority” often gets thrown around (and deplored) in discussions about Asian-Americans, and what’s interesting is that both narratives I’ve just described traffic in versions of that trope. The older narrative portrays Asians as the hard-working, industrious natural conservatives who don’t need handouts (in contrast with other immigrants, other minorities). The newer narrative casts them as the liberal coalition’s noblest

group — willing to put solidarity with fellow minorities above the economic concerns that might tempt them rightward, and willing to accept, for the greater good, a system of racial preferences that benefits others more than them.

This idea informs a lot of liberal arguments about the Harvard lawsuit, which tend to portray conservative critics of affirmative action as tempters invading the multicultural Eden, and urge Asian-Americans to maintain their model-minority purity and resist the lure of mere meritocratic self-interest.

But in addition to the whispering conservative serpent, the Harvard lawsuit’s liberal critics increasingly have an Asian scapegoat too — specifically recent Chinese immigrants who hang out on WeChat, the popular social-media app, which a Vox writer complains has “become an echo chamber for stories of anti-Asian discrimination.”

For liberals these are the Bad Asians, putting their tribal resentments ahead of the racial-progressive cause. Which makes it striking that they are also the demographic being celebrated in “Crazy Rich Asians,” a movie that begins with a sequence in which Chinese-expat gossip spreads from New York to Singapore via, you guessed it, WeChat.

The only certain takeaway from this complexity is that the new liberal model-minority image, like the old conservative one, is likely to break down with increasing Asian numbers, influence, diversity

and power.

Where strong Asian support for affirmative action endures in this new landscape, it will probably be as part of a more consciously ideological progressivism — one adopted by some second-generation Asian-Americans, as Reihan Salam suggested recently in *The Atlantic*, as a distinctive means of assimilation to the American cultural elite.

Where Asian support for racial progressivism breaks down, meanwhile, there are two possibilities. There could be a real swing back rightward among some Asian voters — a possibility that the Trump White House obviously entertains, but which can only happen if the Republican Party finds a way to lose its Trumpian aura of white identity politics and bigotry.

Perhaps more plausibly, Asian-Americans who reject affirmative action could begin to form their own centrist bloc within the Democratic Party, one that pulls the party back toward a kind of 1990s-style Clintonism, in the opposite direction from Bernie Sanders and Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez.

Or both things could happen, within different parts of the Asian-American community — with Chinese-Americans tilting more Republican and Indian-Americans staying firmly on the center-left.

But no matter what, this week’s multiplex-courthouse convergence isn’t an anomaly. It’s a hint of both Asian-American influence and Asian-American divisions yet to come.

GUEST VIEW

Big-money donor speaks the truth: State government is for sale to the highest bidder

You wouldn’t put the Alamo up for sale. There’s no check big enough to buy Big Bend. But the Pink Dome of the Texas Capitol is on the market to the highest bidder — or at least the decisions made inside.

The corrupting effect of money in politics is often discussed in hushed tones — we’d like to think the fundamentals of our representative republic can withstand a few big-dollar checks. So it is with some cynicism that we thank developer George McMahan for speaking the truth loud enough for everyone to hear.

This truth should inspire Texans to call for better ethics and transparency in state government.

You see, McMahan pledged \$10,000 to Gov. Greg Abbott and joined the local committee hosting a fundraiser for the Republican’s campaign in Lubbock earlier this month. Then, in an interview with a local television station, the generous donor explained why.

“You make a large donation to the governor, and in turn you are eligible for appointment to the Board of Regents,” he told the ABC affiliate station, KAMC, referring to the Texas Tech University board.

It isn’t too hard to see where he gets that idea. Every board member, except the student representative, had donated to Abbott’s campaign in recent years. Chronicle reporter Emily Foxhall wrote last week. Collectively they gave \$1 million. Abbott’s campaign didn’t like what McMahan said, however, and asserted that his suggestion was false and would be illegal bribery. His donation was returned.

But it seems like McMahan’s only sin was explicitly saying what everyone else is thinking.

During the past legislative session, the Texas House tried to prevent “pay for play” by passing a bill that would prohibit the governor from appointing donors who had contributed more than \$2,500 in a single year to the chief executive’s campaign. At the time, at least 71 of Abbott appointees would have been banned. In total, those donors had given Abbott more than a combined \$8.6 million, according to the Texas Tribune.

So why is it still legal for people like McMahan to write a check and hope for an appointment? Because the “pay for play” bill died in the Texas Senate. Then the representative behind the bill had other parts of his legislative agenda vetoed by the governor.

Efforts to stifle government ethics aren’t stopping there. Apparently it isn’t enough to let aspiring appointees give unlimited funds to the governor. Now there’s a movement to let them do it in secret.

The Texas Ethics Commission provides a sliver of sunlight into the shady machinations in Austin. Created in the 1990s, the TEC enforces the state mandates that compel donors and lobbyists in Texas to report their habits. Part of an informed democracy means letting voters know who is cutting checks and greasing palms.

The rich and powerful don’t like it when you report what they do. So, Empower Texans, a right-wing advocacy group funded by rich and powerful millionaires like Tim Dunn, has been waging a legal war to dismantle the TEC.

You would think that a self-proclaimed constitutionalist like Attorney General Ken Paxton would be excited about defending the TEC — its very existence is written in the Texas Constitution. But Paxton, who has been indicted for securities fraud, refuses to take the case.

Why? His office said it won’t comment. However, it is worth noting that Paxton’s campaign has received \$377,000 from the Empower Texans PAC since 2014. Empower Texans also secured a \$1 million loan for Paxton’s campaign in 2014. Dunn is Paxton’s largest patron, with \$405,000 in donations since 2014.

Empower Texans has also given \$100,000 to Paxton’s wife in her race for the state Senate.

You can thank the TEC for making that information public. Consider that Texas taxpayers pay Paxton a \$153,750 salary. It’s hard not to feel like we’re being outbid.

Because of Paxton, taxpayers also have to write another check. The TEC has been compelled to pay \$300,000 every year for outside counsel to buy the legal representation the attorney general refuses to provide.

The Alamo might not be on the market, but the ideals it embodies — a representative government inspired by liberty — are clearly up for sale. If Texans want things to change, then they’ll have to use the two things that can’t be bought: their voices and their votes.

— Houston Chronicle



What happened to our work ethic?

In tribute to John McCain, this Labor Day weekend I’m serving up straight talk about the American work ethic.

McCain was, of course, an early champion of comprehensive immigration reform — including a path to earned citizenship for some undocumented immigrants.

The Arizona senator had a powerful ally on his side: reality. Protesters would get in his face and challenge his claim that illegal immigrants do jobs that American citizens wouldn’t take.

Fed up, McCain at one point gave an audience a personal offer. The senator told them: “I’ll offer anybody here \$50 an hour if you’ll go pick lettuce in Yuma ... and pick for the whole season. So, OK, sign up!” There wasn’t exactly a flood of applications.

Today, in the agricultural hub of Central California, farmers tell me they’re paying \$30 per hour to pick tomatoes and \$40 per hour to pick melons. On the coast, they’re paying \$60 per hour to pick avocados. They still can’t find enough workers.

Is this the glorious American work ethic that we’re all celebrating this weekend?

Setting aside one day a year to honor the nation’s workers by not working — and instead engaging in leisure activities such as barbecuing and going to the beach — seems bizarre. This is especially true when there is a labor shortage and more vacant jobs than there are people who are willing and able to do them.

Remember just a few years ago when people used to say there were no jobs and that no was hiring?

Look around your town. When have you ever seen so many “Help Wanted” signs? Restaurants, dry cleaners, florists, drugstores. They all need employees.

Who’s going to do those jobs? Probably not your kid. The percentage of teenagers with summer jobs was this year at an all-time low.

Given that we’re raising another generation of children with a poor work ethic, and who often think they’re entitled to a free ride through life, I propose we change the name of the holiday to what it really signifies: “Parental Failure Day.”

When have you ever heard a politician say that? It doesn’t take guts to tell a roomful of voters that Mexico is invading the United States. What takes guts is telling people they stink at parenting.

When I hear Americans try to justify why they’re not taking this job or that one, it always boils down to money. Some jobs are just not worth our time, it seems.

RUBEN NAVARRETTE

Washington Post Writers Group



A lot of people insist that employers overlook U.S. workers so they can hire foreign laborers — either low skilled or high skilled — because supposedly they’re cheaper.

Rubbish. Talk to a human resources manager, and they’ll set you straight. Not only do immigrant and foreign workers have the same cost-of-living expenses as U.S.-born workers, the former often cost the employer more money at the beginning because of the price of visas.

How many journalists go out and talk to employers to get their side of the story? I do. I hear from employers all the time — at speeches, in my inbox and at worksites.

What I hear does not speak well for American workers.

Employers tell me that American workers fail drug tests, show up to work late, rush out at quitting time, pretend to be sick when they want to ditch, refuse to do certain jobs, and generally act like they’re doing the employer a favor just by clocking in.

One small business owner told me that when she hired American workers, the first thing they asked about was salary and time off. With immigrants, all they wanted to know was how much work they could get. Who do you think she preferred to hire?

As for the critics who used to hound McCain, the senator got the last laugh.

By 2007, Jon Kyl, his fellow Arizona senator, had joined the fight for immigration reform. And before long, both of them were having their Senate offices in Phoenix picketed.

I saw a video of one memorable encounter. Clearly stung by McCain’s challenge to put up or shut up, one group showed up at his office holding heads of lettuce. “See, we can pick lettuce too,” said one of the protesters.

They were handsome heads of lettuce, too. In fact, they looked so pristine, I assumed they came from a produce aisle instead of a field.

I bet that spectacle made McCain grin. And, in his honor, it should make the rest of us think.

From the Right | Mallard Fillmore



**By Shannon
Pettypiece**
Bloomberg News

But the linchpin of the strategy is the same. Success or failure hinges on vilifying witnesses and investigators and relentlessly framing the matter as a purely partisan fight.

The narrative Trump has spun and language he has used eerily echoes Clinton damage control. Hillary Clinton complained of a "vast right-wing conspiracy" in an NBC "Today Show" appearance days after the Lewinsky affair was reported. Trump portrays evidence against him as emanating from a conspiracy of "Deep State" FBI and intelligence operatives who never wanted him in office. Clinton allies regularly hit Starr's Republican pedigree; Trump repeatedly tags Mueller's team "angry

The impeachment charges against Clinton revolved around having a sexual affair, and his wife aggressively defended him. The investigation into Trump involves a foreign power's efforts to interfere in a U.S. presidential election and whether anyone around Trump conspired in the meddling. His wife has been silent about the allegations of past affairs that have surfaced along

Davis said he advised Bannon against launching a personal attack against Mueller. He warned that attacking Mueller — a taciturn, by-the-book prosecutor — wouldn't have the same effect as

Richard Nixon announced his resignation the day after former Republican presidential candidate Barry Goldwater led a delegation of GOP lawmakers to the White House to inform him that his support among Senate Republicans had crumbled. Hillary Clinton had a front-row seat on Nixon's downfall as a staff attorney working on the House

"The way the Clinton team handled public opinion is a very good model

Trump's attacks may not be having the same effect, at least so far. Fifty-nine percent of registered voters said they approve of Mueller's investigation, according to a Fox News poll released Aug. 22, up 11 percentage points from a month earlier.

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REWARDS

SPORTS

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Keselowski's move in pits wins Southern 500

By Pete Iacobelli
Associated Press

DARLINGTON, S.C. — Brad Keselowski beat leader Kyle Larson out of the pits with 22 laps to go, then pulled away on a restart to win the Southern 500 on Sunday night and sweep the weekend at Darlington Raceway.

Keselowski took the Xfinity race Saturday when leaders Ross Chastain and Kevin Harvick wrecked late. This time, Keselowski and his crew took advantage on the final caution to move in front with a fast pit stop.

Keselowski then did the rest as he opened a 1 1/2-second

lead down the stretch.

It was Keselowski's first win of the season — the 25th of his career — and the first time a Team Penske driver has won at Darlington since Bobby Allison in the 1985 Southern 500.

"Got to give a lot of credit to my pit crew," Keselowski said. "Running second that last stop and they nailed it."

Joey Logano, Keselowski's Penske teammate, finished second, and Larson was third.

Larson won the first two stages and led 284 of the 367 laps. Yet, he leaves disappointed with his seventh top-three finish of the season.

Kevin Harvick was fourth

and Chase Elliott fifth.

The Busch brothers were next — Kurt in sixth, points leader Kyle in seventh — with Erik Jones, Jamie McMurray and pole-sitter Denny Hamlin rounding out the top 10.

Who's hot: Harvick leads the series with seven wins this season and stayed hot at Darlington despite starting 22nd. It was the 21st time in 25 races he's wound up in the top 10.

Who's not: Jimmie Johnson struggled throughout the weekend at Darlington Raceway. He suffered some damage during qualifying and

Please see NASCAR/2B



Brad Keselowski drives into Turn 1 during the NASCAR Cup Series auto race at Darlington Raceway on Sunday in Darlington, S.C.

Terry Renna/Associated Press

Rematch at US Open



Carolyn Kaster/Associated Press

Rafael Nadal, of Spain, reacts after defeating Nikoloz Basilashvili, of Georgia, during the fourth round of the U.S. Open tennis tournament Sunday in New York.

Nadal reaches quarterfinals, will face Thiem

By Brian Mahoney
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Rafael Nadal is back in the U.S. Open quarterfinals, where he won't face a rematch of the 2017 final.

Instead, it's a rematch of this year's French Open final.

Nadal beat Nikoloz Basilashvili 6-3, 6-3, 6-7 (6), 6-4 on Sunday at Flushing Meadows. Next up is No. 9 seed Dominic Thiem.

Thiem beat Kevin Anderson 7-5, 6-2, 7-6 (2), denying the fifth-seeded South African a second shot at Nadal.

Nadal beat Anderson last year for his third U.S. Open title.

The top-ranked Spaniard captured his 11th title in Paris by beating Thiem in straight sets in June. That was part of what's now a 26-1 run since Thiem beat

him in the quarterfinals of the Madrid Open in May.

"He's a very powerful player, and, yeah, he knows how to play these kinds of matches," Nadal said. "Yeah, I need to play my best match of the tournament if I want to keep having chances to stay in the tournament."

Nadal leads the series 7-3, with all the meetings on clay.

On Sunday, he responded to losing the third-set tiebreaker by breaking Basilashvili twice in the fourth set.

Anderson was hoping to be waiting for Nadal. His run to last year's final was a surprise. At No. 32, he was the lowest-ranked U.S. Open finalist in the history of the ATP rankings. But he backed that up with a strong season, reaching the Wimbledon final and earning the No. 5 seed in this tournament.

"Of course it's disappointing," Anderson said. "I wanted to be here right until the end and put myself in contention of winning my first major. It wasn't meant to be."

He had won six of seven meetings against Thiem, including all six on hard courts. Thiem's only victory had come on clay, his best surface.

But Anderson couldn't get anything going in this matchup with Thiem, who won 41 of 45 points (91 percent) and never faced a break point.

"First of all, I served really, really well today," Thiem said. "Not the best percentage, but I almost made every point in the first serve game. So I didn't face one break point, and I didn't feel so much pressure on service games."

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Ancer takes lead over DeChambeau at TPC Boston

By Doug Ferguson
Associated Press

NORTON, Mass. — Abraham Ancer of Mexico learned the hard way that a game that got him to the PGA Tour was good enough to win.

A Labor Day finish on the TPC Boston will be his biggest test.

Ancer, a former Odessa College golfer, opened with three straight birdies, had a birdie chance on all but one hole and shot a 6-under 65 that gave him a one-shot lead going into the final round of the Dell Technologies Championship that could change his career.

He showed up at the second FedEx

Cup playoff event at No. 92 in the standings, hopeful of getting into the top 70 to keep his season going. A victory would send him to East Lake for the Tour Championship and give him a spot in all four majors.

But one look at the leaderboard is enough to suggest that 18 holes is a long way off.

Right behind is a player who had the lowest score before the largest gallery at the TPC Boston. That would be Bryson DeChambeau, who played with Tiger Woods for the first time in competition and delivered a 63 to get within one shot of the lead.

Tyrrell Hatton had a shot bounce off

a cart and into the woods, never to be found, leading to double bogey. He still managed a 69 and joined DeChambeau one off the lead. They were among 10 players within four shots of the lead, a group that includes major champions Justin Rose, Rory McIlroy and Jordan Spieth.

"I just know to win I've got to play good," Ancer said. "There's no way if you play sloppy you're going to win out here. So I know I have to put up a good score out there tomorrow. And I know if I follow my game plan and make some putts, that could happen."

Please see PGA/2B

Rangers pound 6 homers, rout Twins 18-4

Associated Press

ARLINGTON — Yohander Mendez and Nomar Mazara have gone through down periods this season. Everything came together for them on Sunday.

Mendez earned his first major league win and Mazara hit two of the Texas Rangers' six homers in an 18-4 rout of the Minnesota Twins.

Mendez (1-1) allowed three hits and one walk while striking out two in six scoreless innings. He was making his second major league start in a season when he was a combined 2-10 with the Rangers' top three farm teams.

He got more than enough support. Mazara hit a two-run homer in a nine-run sixth inning and a solo homer in a five-run eighth as the Rangers pounded 12 extra-base hits, tying a team record set in 1986. Texas last hit six homers in a game on April 17, 2012, at Boston.

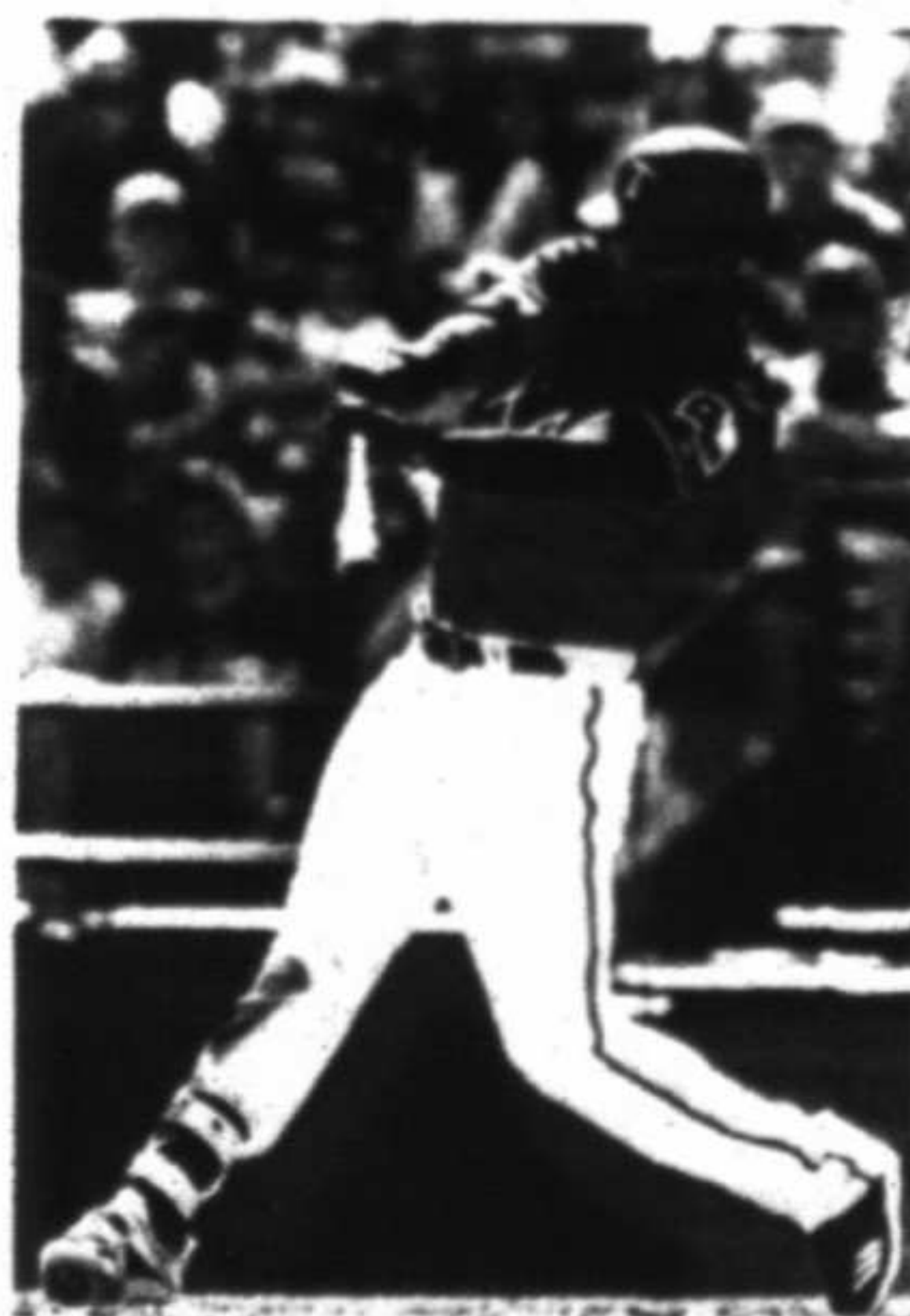
Mendez has been called up to Texas in each of the last three seasons. He began this year at Triple-A Round Rock. After lasting only three innings in a June 15 start for the Rangers, he was sent to Class A Down East to begin his climb back to the majors.

"Always I've been working in this process about my front side and fastball command," Mendez said, "and that's what I've been doing."

He needed just 79 pitches to retire 18 of the 21 batters he faced.

"Throwing strikes early, using some soft early, some spin early, which was

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Texas Rangers' Nomar Mazara hits a home run during the sixth inning against the Minnesota Twins on Sunday in Arlington.



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Girlfriend wonders when it's time to mention her implants

DEAR ABBY: I have been in a relationship with a very special man who is five years younger. We met on an online dating site and have been seeing each other for several years. We are well suited for each other and very much in love. We have now decided to live together, with the possibility of marriage if it won't jeopardize our retirement incomes.

My dilemma is I have breast implants. I had the surgery 20 years ago when I was newly widowed and about to start dating again. I never told any of the men I dated, and I don't believe anyone suspected. My breasts look and feel natural and they have enhanced my love life tremendously.

Now that this relationship is serious, I wonder if I need to tell my guy. If he leaves after I tell him, then I guess he wasn't The One. I'd prefer not to say anything. I've had the implants so long, I feel they are part of me, not something foreign in my body. I am afraid he may have an altered opinion of my body after I tell him. Please advise.

OLD, BUT NOT DEAD
DEAR O.B.N.D.: If you really believe he'd leave you after several years together because you told him you have breast implants, then he REALLY isn't the man for

DEAR ABBY

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you. I think you should level with him, because if one of the implants should need an "adjustment" or replacement, he will find out then and may resent the fact that you hadn't told him. If you two are happy together — and it appears you are — I seriously doubt it will create a wedge between you. Telling him would be better than feeling guilty that you didn't.

DEAR ABBY: I was at a sold-out performance recently, seated next to a family with two young daughters. The youngest daughter had on LED light-up shoes that would flash and blink whenever she stomped her feet. She quietly watched the first half of the show, but got restless during the second half and began stomping her feet to watch the lights, which was extremely distracting in the dark venue. I gently asked if she would please stop and thanked her when she obliged, just as I would have done if she were my own daughter.

A few minutes later, the family got up and left. On the way out, her father said to me, "About my daughter's shoes? She's (expletive) 4!" in a tone that suggested I should have kept quiet and let her continue doing it. Was I wrong to ask her to stop? The show began at 9:15 p.m. and, while not inappropriate, wasn't geared toward entertaining kids. I'm not surprised she got bored, but her light-up shoes were ruining my experience, and her parents were doing nothing about it. How could I have handled the situation better? — **DISTRACTED IN THE EAST**

DEAR DISTRACTED: You did nothing wrong. You couldn't have handled the situation better than you did. The child's father was out of line for using vulgarities, which was uncalled for. Rather than leave the performance, all the parents had to do was keep reinforcing the idea of being considerate to the other audience members — a lesson that would serve their daughter well in the future.

GOREN BRIDGE

With Bob Jones

Bidding Quiz

Q1 — Neither vulnerable, as South, you hold:

♠ A Q J 7 ♥ 5 ♦ 10 9 3 2

♣ Q 10 4 3

EAST SOUTH WEST NORTH

1NT Pass Pass 2♣

Pass ?

What call would you make?

A — No one sent for you. Pass, and give left-hand opponent a confident look.

Q2 — North-South vulnerable, as South, you hold:

♠ K 4 ♥ K 5 4 ♦ A K J 10 4

♣ A Q 2

WEST NORTH EAST SOUTH

1♠ Pass Pass Dbl

2♣ Pass Pass ?

What call would you make?

A — In the balancing seat, your actions show about a king less than they would in direct position. 3D

would not do this hand justice. Double again.

Q3 — East-West vulnerable, as South, you hold:

♠ A 10 4 ♥ Q 10 8 5 ♦ A 10 2

♣ K J 10

Right-hand opponent opens 1H.

What call would you make?

A — All four 10's might tempt you to bid 1NT, but there is nowhere to run if you're doubled and no good lead if you end up defending. Pass.

Q4 — Both vulnerable, as South, you hold:

♠ Q J 7 ♥ A K 8 2 ♦ Q J ♣ Q J 10 3

NORTH EAST SOUTH WEST

1♠ Pass 1♥ Pass

1NT Pass ?

What call would you make?

A — Partner has shown 12-14. Just bid 3NT. This hand is not worth more than that.



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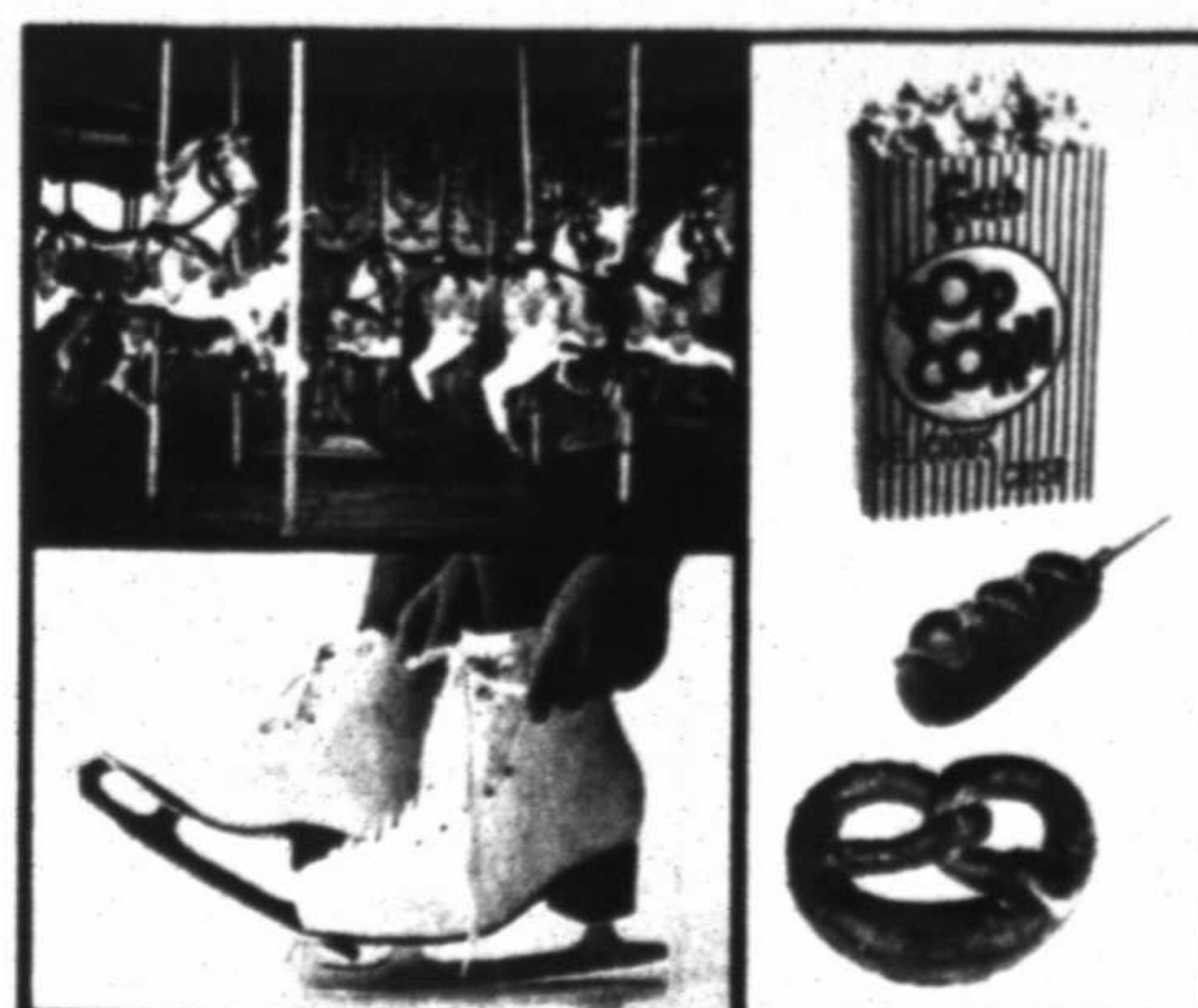
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DIGITAL SALES SPECIALIST

Reports to VP of Advertising

Summary

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- Develops new business by understanding customer needs and selling products and services that provide value to the customer individually and in team support
- Effectively communicates with management to provide accurate revenue forecasts
- Spends significant time with MMSEs visiting customers in the field with the purpose of deepening account relationships, uncovering revenue opportunities and driving revenue
- Works in tandem with the Management team to identify revenue opportunities in market support
- Help drive consultative, customer-centric selling behaviors
- Develops a strong sales plan with team and assists in the achievement of KPIs and digital revenue goals
- Assists the sales team in achieving their goals in both digital, print and specialty publications
- Train new sales reps on ordering system and report generation
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