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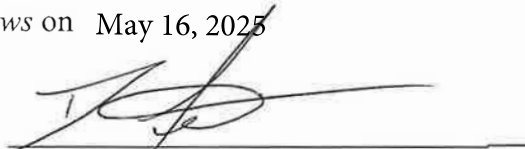
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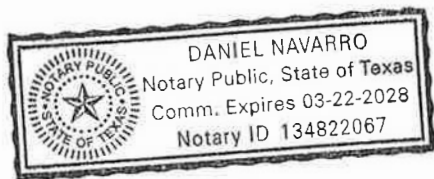
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Theatre Three aims to raise \$200,000 to avoid closing

Staple of local arts scene has struggled financially since 2020

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Theatre Three, one of Dallas' oldest nonprofit theaters, has announced it is facing severe financial strains that could lead to the company's closure.

"The ongoing erosion of support for the arts has dealt a devastating blow to our funding," the theater said in a Facebook post. "Without immediate and substantial help from our community, we will be forced to close our doors."

Theatre Three opened in 1961, becoming a staple in the local arts scene. It employs eight full-time staff members, two apprentices, part-time box office workers and over 140 artists each season, including actors, directors, musicians and other creatives who help put on productions.

Attendance dropped in 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Though the theater was the first venue in Dallas allowed to return to in-person performances, the company struggled to regain its footing. A yearlong shutdown followed when the building's property managers chose to remodel the space, forcing the cancellation of the theater's 62nd season. The renovations took longer than expected, pushing the company to move to producing digital content on YouTube.

Ticket sales are the main source of revenue for the company and have steadily decreased since 2020. Associate artistic director Christie Vela said the theater has not been able to recover.



Christie Vela/

Theatre Three is one of the oldest nonprofit theaters in Dallas, having opened in 1961. It employs eight full-time staff members and over 140 artists each season,

"Our tiny staff doesn't really get a break," she said. "We're constantly producing. We're constantly trying to rent out the building. We're trying to find ways to raise money so that we can pay our rent."

To keep its doors open, the company aims to raise \$200,000 to counter the rising costs of rent, insurance and production.

Vela said the Theatre Three's biggest asset is its space. Over the years, Theatre Three has rented out the venue to fellow art groups such as Shakespeare Dallas, Uptown Players and Soul Rep. However, the company charges only what these groups can afford. Vela said the theater has received grants from The Arts Community Alliance and the Texas Commission of the Arts, but that funding hasn't been enough.

"Our operation costs are high," she said. "They support us, but we're not the only ones in town, right? They can only give us so much."

Vela said she finds it "demoralizing" having to ask the community for help.

"You're already an organization that depends so much

on the goodwill of the patrons and the goodwill of the community," Vela said. "To have to admit publicly that you are in trouble, it's not the picture that you want to put out there."

Since the announcement, an anonymous donor has pledged to match all contributions made to the company up to \$100,000 by the end of May. Vela said that money would give the staff room to restructure and plan for a better future.

So far, the theater has raised about a quarter of its goal.

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WALL STREET

S&P within striking distance of record

Reports suggest Fed may have wiggle room to cut interest rates later

By STAN CHOE
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Most U.S. stocks drifted higher in quiet trading Thursday following a jumble of mixed reports that offered little clarity on how the U.S. economy is managing through President Donald Trump administration's trade war.

The S&P 500 rose 0.4%, enough to extend its winning streak to a fourth day and to pull within 3.7% of its all-time high set earlier this year. The Dow Jones Industrial Average added 271 points, or 0.6%, and the Nasdaq composite slipped 0.2%.

Stocks got a lift from easing Treasury yields in the bond market. They fell after the economic reports suggested the Federal Reserve may have more room to cut interest rates later this year to bolster the U.S. economy if it weakens under the weight of high tariffs.

Recession fears

But the reports did little to spell out whether the economy is falling toward a recession, as many investors had been fearing, or shaking off the uncertainty after Trump called off many of the tariffs

temporarily. The reports said shoppers spent less at U.S. retailers last month than expected, while inflation was better at the wholesale level than economists forecast. Other updates said U.S. manufacturing looks like it's still contracting but fewer U.S. workers are applying for unemployment benefits than expected.

Such uncertainty showed itself in Walmart's stock, which slipped 0.5% even though it reported a bigger profit for the latest quarter than analysts expected.

Like other U.S. companies struggling through the on-again-off-again rollout of tariffs, Walmart said it decided not to offer a forecast for how much profit it will make in the current quarter.

Equipment maker Deere said it's seeing "near-term market challenges" and called the situation "dynamic," as many other companies have. It lowered the bottom end of its forecast range of profit for the full year. But Deere's stock nevertheless rose 3.8% after it reported a stronger profit for the latest quarter than analysts expected.

In the oil market, crude prices sank roughly 2% on expectations that more petroleum could be set to flow into global markets because of a possible deal between the United States and Iran over that country's nuclear pro-

gram. Such a deal could help ease sanctions against Iran, which is a major producer of oil.

Fed action

In the bond market, the yield on the 10-year Treasury fell to 4.44% from 4.53% late Wednesday. Falling bond yields can encourage investors to pay higher prices for stocks and other investments.

The two-year Treasury yield, which more closely tracks expectations for Fed action, dropped to 3.96% from 4.05% as traders built bets that the Fed will resume cutting its main interest rate as soon as September.

The Fed has been keeping its main interest rate on hold this year as it waits to see how Trump's trade policies play out for the economy. Cutting rates would juice the economy by making it easier for U.S. households and companies to borrow and spend. But it would also push upward on inflation when worries are high that Trump's tariffs will do the same thing.

Fed Chair Jerome Powell warned in a speech Thursday that the world "may be entering a period of more frequent, and potentially more persistent, supply shocks" that could goose inflation higher and present a "difficult challenge for the economy and for central banks."

Dallas homebuilding firm sold for \$1.2 billion

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egy," Matthew Zaist, president and CEO of New Home, said in a statement. "By bringing together two highly complementary businesses and teams with shared customer-first values, we will further scale our platform nationally and help even more buyers realize the dream of homeownership. I look forward to continuing

to partner with the talented employees from both organizations and Apollo in this next chapter."

The transaction was supported by Apollo Funds, the majority shareholder of New Home since 2021. Apollo is committed to \$650 million of new cash equity. Zaist will lead the combined company.

Landsea moved its corporate headquarters to Uptown

Dallas from Newport Beach, Calif., in 2023, citing North Texas' lower cost of living.

Landsea Homes ranked as the 33rd-largest builder in the nation with 2,831 home closings and \$1.4 billion in gross revenue, according to Builder Magazine. Landsea entered the Texas market in 2021. It is selling homes in the Dallas-Fort Worth and Austin markets.

Investors see an industry in need of a modern platform

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now have a representative on Bestow's board of directors.

Smith Point Capital, a tech-and data-focused venture capital firm with offices in San Francisco and New York, was the other co-leader on the investment round. In addition to the \$120 million, Bestow also secured a \$50 million loan from TriplePoint Capital, a Silicon Valley-based firm.

In the current tumultuous economic environment, Series D fundraising rounds — typically seen as the precursor to an exit or an initial public offering — have been vanishingly small, creating an increasingly difficult situation for startups.

Elite round

Bestow declined to disclose its valuation, but the size of the round is considered elite by industry standards, and well above the median size cited by Carta data.

The 9-year-old company has raised more than \$300 million in equity funding, the company told *The Dallas Morning News*.

The cash infusion was framed by Bestow investors as a push for modernization in a centuries-old industry. Ashwin

Gupta, a Goldman Sachs managing director who will now join Bestow's board, cited "a growing need for a modern insurance technology platform" in a statement.

Keith Block, CEO of Smith Point Capital, said that Bestow is "fundamentally transforming how insurers create and deliver products." The life insurance industry "has remained virtually untouched by innovation for three decades," he added.

"This investment strengthens Bestow's position as the preferred partner for life insurance and annuity providers seeking to modernize and scale," Melbourne O'Banion, Bestow's CEO and co-founder, said in a statement

Bestow is "accelerating product innovation to help the industry stay ahead of market trends" and build competitive advantages through tech, he adds.

Founded in 2016

Bestow was founded in 2016 with the aim of using tech to make it easier for people to obtain life insurance, including the use of algorithms, and by cutting out traditional requirements like doctor visits or blood tests.

After initially underwriting and selling its own policies, the company, which also developed software, later pivoted to partnering with other life insurance companies. Last year, it sold its insurance carrier to Dallas-based Sammons Financial Group, an early investor.

Software partner

Bestow now describes itself as "the life insurance software partner trusted by large carriers to help them digitize, launch new products, and grow faster than ever before."

Years ago, the startup caught the attention of Silicon Valley. In late 2020, with sales surging, it completed one \$70 million round from investors from at least a half-dozen venture capital firms, including Breyer Capital and Valar Ventures, a firm backed by the PayPal cofounder Peter Thiel.

In the summer of 2022, just months after announcing plans to hire up to 150 more workers, Bestow laid off 41 employees, or 14% of its workforce.

At the time, O'Banion cited the "changing market conditions" that were part of a retrenching tech sector that's since rebounded.

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Information to identify the case:
Debtor: Harvest Sherwood Food Distributors, Inc. EIN: 51-0378995
United States Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of Texas
Case Number: 25-80109, Date case filed for Chapter 11: May 5, 2025
Official Form 309F1 (For Corporations or Partnerships)
Notice of Chapter 11 Bankruptcy Case
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For the debtor listed above, a case has been filed under chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code. An order for relief has been entered.

This notice has important information about the case for creditors and debtors, including information about the meeting of creditors and deadlines. Read carefully.

The filing of the case imposed an automatic stay against most collection activities. This means that creditors generally may not take action to collect debts from the debtor or the debtor's property. For example, while the stay is in effect, creditors cannot sue, assert a deficiency, repossess property, or otherwise try to collect from the debtor. Creditors cannot demand repayment from the debtor by mail, phone, or otherwise. Creditors who violate the stay can be required to pay actual and punitive damages and attorney's fees.

Confirmation of a chapter 11 plan may result in a discharge of debt. A creditor who wants to have a particular debt excepted from discharge may be required to file a complaint in the bankruptcy clerk's office within the deadline specified in this notice. (See line 11 below for more information.)

To protect your rights, consult an attorney. All documents filed in this case may be inspected at the bankruptcy clerk's office at the address listed below or through PACER (Public Access to Court Electronic Records at <https://pacer.uscourts.gov>), or by visiting the court appointed claims agent's website at <https://dm.epiq11.com/HarvestSherwood>.

The staff of the bankruptcy clerk's office cannot give legal advice.

Do not file this notice with any proof of claim or other filing in the case.

1. Debtors' full name: See chart below

2. All other names used in the last 8 years:

Debtor	Other Name(s)		
Harvest Sherwood Food Distributors, Inc.	Sand Dollar Holdings, Inc.		
Jointly Administered Cases:			
DEBTOR	ADDRESS	CASE NO.	EIN
DEL MAR HOLDING, LLC		Case No. 25- 80113	47-4629207
DEL MAR ACQUISITION INC.		Case No. 25- 80112	47-4628866
SURFLINER HOLDINGS, INC.		Case No. 25- 80119	46-0569456
HARVEST SHERWOOD FOOD DISTRIBUTORS, INC.		Case No. 25- 80109	51-0378995
HARVEST MEAT COMPANY, INC.		Case No. 25- 80108	33-0639136
LAMCP CAPITAL, LLC		Case No. 25- 80115	N/A
WESTERN BOXED MEATS DISTRIBUTORS, INC.	c/o Epig Corporate Restructuring, LLC	Case No. 25- 80120	93-0828735
CASCADE FOOD BROKERS, INC.	10300 SW Allen Blvd, Beaverton, OR 97005	Case No. 25- 80111	93-0981389
HAMILTON MEAT, LLC		Case No. 25- 80114	27-1586917
SFD ACQUISITION LLC		Case No. 25- 80116	51-0378995
SFD TRANSPORTATION CORP.		Case No. 25- 80118	32-0521551
SHERWOOD FOOD DISTRIBUTORS, L.L.C.		Case No. 25- 80110	38-2764375
SFD COMPANY LLC		Case No. 25- 80117	36-4351175

3. Address: See chart above.

4. Debtors' attorneys proposed: **Sidley Austin LLP**, Rakhee V. Patel, Esq., Chelsea McManus, Esq., 2021 McKinney Avenue #2000, Dallas, Texas 75201. Contact Phone: (214) 981-3300; Email: rpatel@sidley.com, cmcmannus@sidley.com; **Sidley Austin LLP**, Stephen Heesler, Esq. (admitted pro hac vice), Anthony R. Gross, Esq. (admitted pro hac vice), 787 Seventh Avenue, New York, New York 10019. Contact Phone: (212) 839-5300. Email: sheesler@sidley.com, agross@sidley.com; **Sidley Austin LLP**, Jason L. Hufendick Esq. (admitted pro hac vice), Ryan Fink, Esq. (admitted pro hac vice), Daniela Rakowski (admitted pro hac vice), One South Dearborn, Chicago, Illinois 60603. Contact Phone: (312) 853-7000. Email: jhufendick@sidley.com, ryan.fink@sidley.com, drakowski@sidley.com

5. Bankruptcy Clerk's Office: Documents in this case may be filed at this case: Earle Cabell Federal Building, 1100 Commerce St., 8th Fl., 75244, Dallas, TX 75242-1496. Hours Open: Monday — Friday, 8:30 a.m. — 4:30 p.m. Contact phone: (214) 753-2000. You may inspect all records in this case at this office or online at <https://pacer.uscourts.gov/>.

6. Meeting of Creditors: Time and Date: June 16, 2025, at 10:30 a.m. (CT). Location: Telephonic Meeting of Creditors. Dial-in Information: Trustee: United States Trustee, Toll Free Number: (866) 818-4670, Alternate Number: (203) 480-2179, Participant Code: 3304120. The meeting may be continued or adjourned to a later date. If so, the date will be on the court docket. Information can be found at the Debtors' Case Website, available at: <https://dm.epiq11.com/HarvestSherwood>. The debtor's representative must attend the meeting to be questioned under oath. Creditors may attend, but are not required to do so.

7. Proof of claim deadline: **Deadline for filing proofs of claim:** Not yet set by the court. If a deadline is set, the court will send you another notice. More information can be found at the Debtors' Case Website, available at: <https://dm.epiq11.com/HarvestSherwood>.

A proof of claim is a signed statement describing a creditor's claim. A proof of claim form may be obtained at <https://pacer.uscourts.gov>, at <https://dm.epiq11.com/HarvestSherwood>, or any bankruptcy clerk's office.

Your claim will be allowed in the amount scheduled unless your claim is designated as *disputed*, *contingent*, or *unliquidated*; you file a proof of claim in a different amount; or you receive another notice.

If your claim is not scheduled or if your claim is designated as *disputed*, *contingent*, or *unliquidated*, you must file a proof of claim even if you might not be paid on your claim and you might be unable to vote on a plan. You may file a proof of claim even if your claim is scheduled.

You may review the schedules at the bankruptcy clerk's office, online at <https://pacer.uscourts.gov>, or online at <https://dm.epiq11.com/HarvestSherwood>.

Secured creditors retain rights in their collateral regardless of whether they file a proof of claim. Filing a proof of claim submits a creditor to the jurisdiction of the bankruptcy court, with consequences a lawyer can explain. For example, a secured creditor who files a proof of claim may surrender important nonmonetary rights, including the right to a jury trial.

8. Exception to discharge deadline: If § 523(c) applies to your claim and you seek to have it excepted from discharge, you must start a judicial proceeding by filing a complaint by the deadline stated below. The bankruptcy clerk's office must receive a complaint and any required filing fee by the following deadline: **Deadline for filing the complaint: To be determined.**

9. Creditors with a foreign address: If you are a creditor receiving notice mailed to a foreign address, you may file a motion asking the court to extend the deadlines in this notice. Consult an attorney familiar with United States bankruptcy law if you have any questions about your rights in this case.

10. Filing a Chapter 11 bankruptcy case: Chapter 11 allows debtors to reorganize or liquidate according to a plan. A plan is not effective unless the court confirms it. You may receive a copy of the plan and a disclosure statement telling you about the plan, and you may have the opportunity to vote on the plan. You will receive notice of the date of the confirmation hearing, and you may object to confirmation of the plan and attend the confirmation hearing. Unless a trustee is serving, the debtor will remain in possession of the property and may continue to operate its business.

11. Discharge of debts: Confirmation of a chapter 11 plan may result in a discharge of debts, which may include all or part of your debt. See 11 U.S.C. § 1141(d). A discharge means that creditors may never try to collect the debt from the debtor except as provided in the plan. If you want to have a chapter 11 plan owed to you excepted from the discharge and § 523(c) applies to your claim, you must start a judicial proceeding by filing a complaint and paying the filing fee in the bankruptcy clerk's office by the deadline.

If you have questions about this notice, please contact the Debtors' Notice and Solicitation Agent, Epig Corporate Restructuring, LLC, by email at HarvestSherwood@epigglobal.com. You may also find more information at <https://dm.epiq11.com/HarvestSherwood>.

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