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Partly sunny 56/43 • Tomorrow: Partly sunny 61/43 B6

Democracy Dies in Darkness

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Besieged IRS loses 'will' for oversight

Study found no targeting of tea party, but dispute and budget cuts take toll

BY ROBERT O'HARROW JR.

Years of conservative attacks on the Internal Revenue Service have greatly diminished the ability of agency regulators to oversee political activity by charities and other nonprofits, documents and interviews show.

The fall in oversight, a byproduct of repeated cuts to the IRS budget, comes at a time when the number of charities is reaching a historic high and they are becoming more partisan and financially complex.

It represents a success for conservatives who have long sought to scale back the IRS and shrink the federal government. They capitalized on revelations in 2013 that IRS officials focused inappropriately on tea party and other conservative groups based on their names and policy positions.

Lacing up for the holidays



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Trump: No plan to fire Mueller

CRITICIZES SPECIAL COUNSEL ON EMAILS

Effort to discredit Russia probe intensifies

BY PHILIP RUCKER,
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President Trump on Sunday sought to douse speculation that he may fire special counsel Robert S. Mueller III amid an intensifying campaign by Trump allies to attack the wide-ranging Russia investigation as improper and politically motivated.

Returning to the White House from Camp David, Trump was asked Sunday whether he intended to fire Mueller. "No, I'm not," he told journalists, insisting there was "no collusion whatsoever" between his campaign and Russia.

The president's comment...

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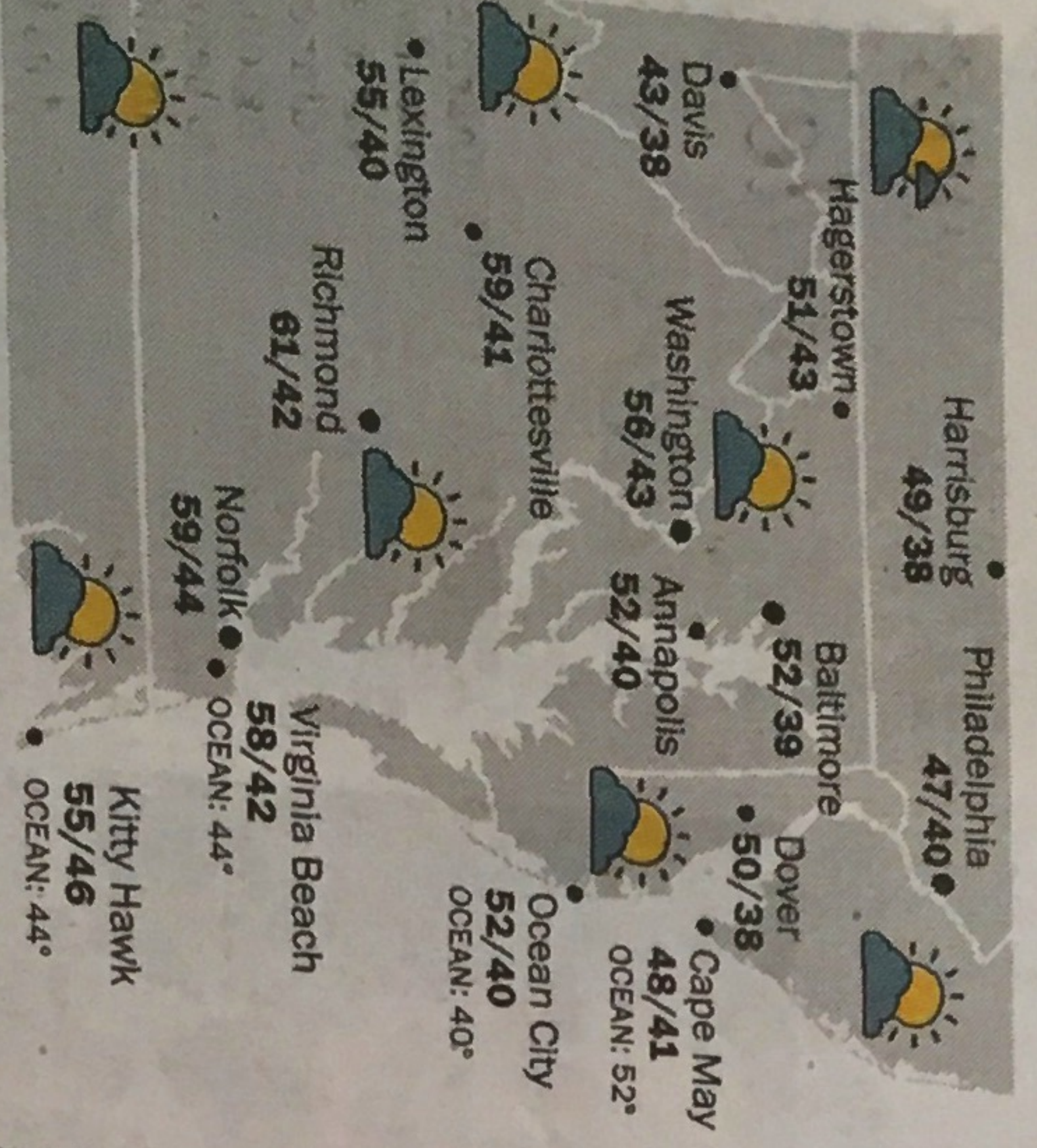
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A warm December Monday



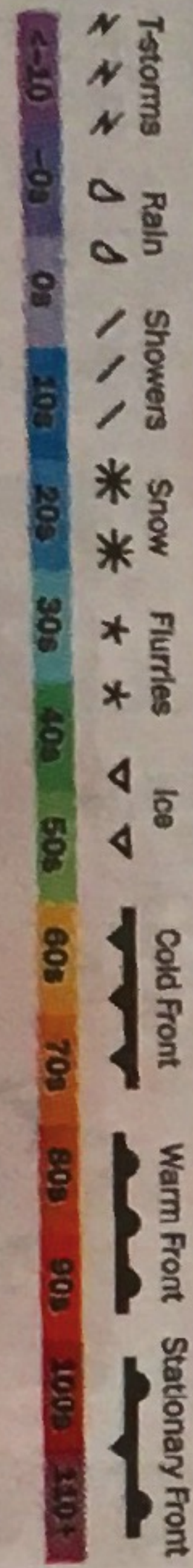
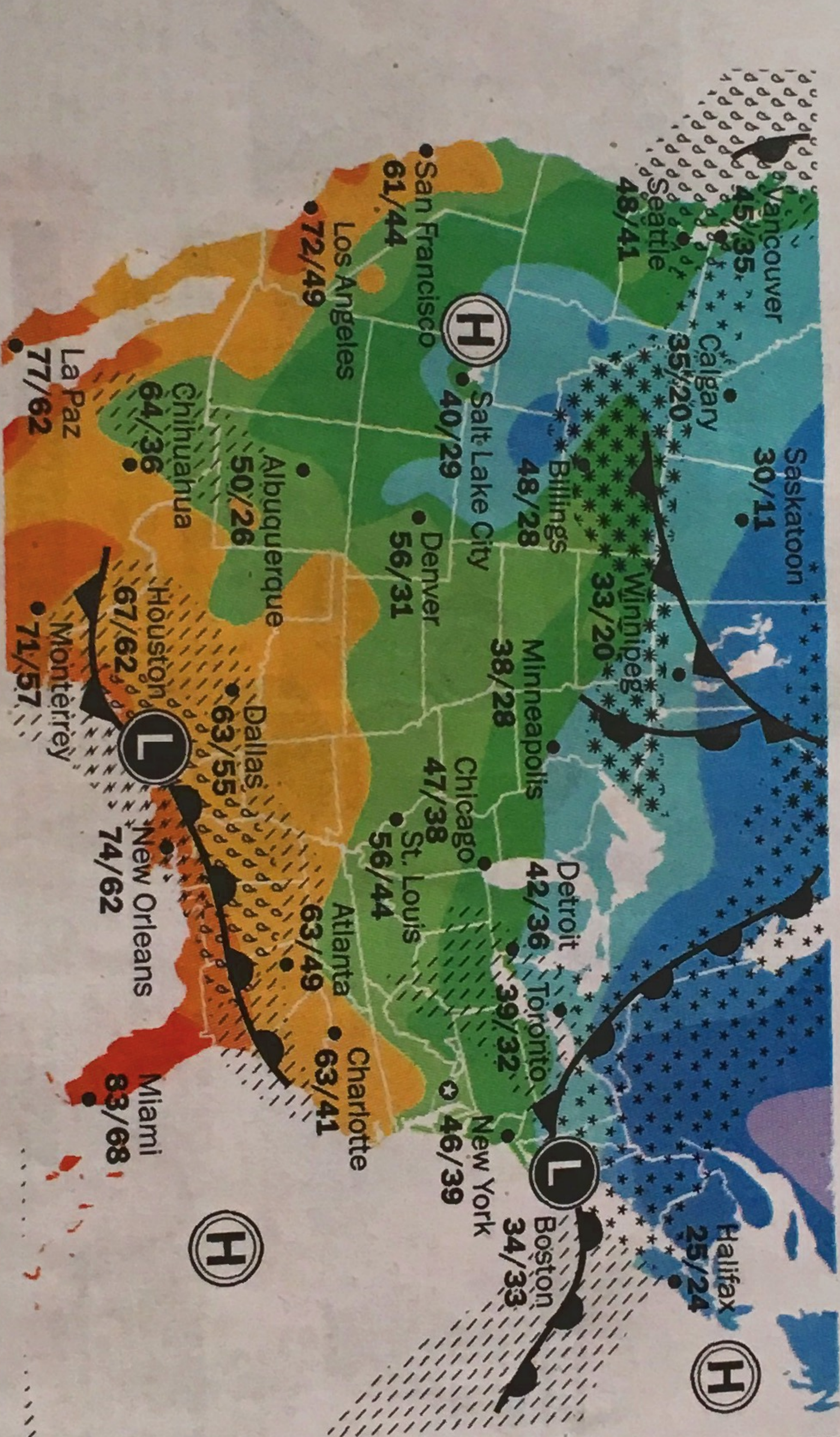
Temperatures will rise nicely as we sit on the positive side of a warm front. Light winds (around 5 mph) from the southwest will push temperatures into the low 50s by the afternoon, and we'll see partly sunny skies. Clouds move in by the evening, with a slight chance of a shower or two at night. Lows are expected to be in the upper 30s to low 40s.

REGION



Day	Weather	High/Low	Feels Like	Precip	Wind
Today	Partly sunny	56°/43°	57°	0%	SW 4-8 mph
Tuesday	Partly sunny	61°/43°	59°	0%	SW 7-14 mph
Wednesday	Partly sunny	52°/34°	50°	0%	NW 7-14 mph
Thursday	Sunny	47°/35°	50°	0%	NE 4-8 mph
Friday	Partly sunny	55°/48°	52°	20%	S 6-12 mph
Saturday	Rain	57°/48°	56°	30%	WSW 6-12 mph

NATION



Yesterday's National High: Immaculate, FL 84° Low: Saranac Lake, NY -19°

World High: Birdsview, Australia 113° Low: Oymyakon, Russia -61°

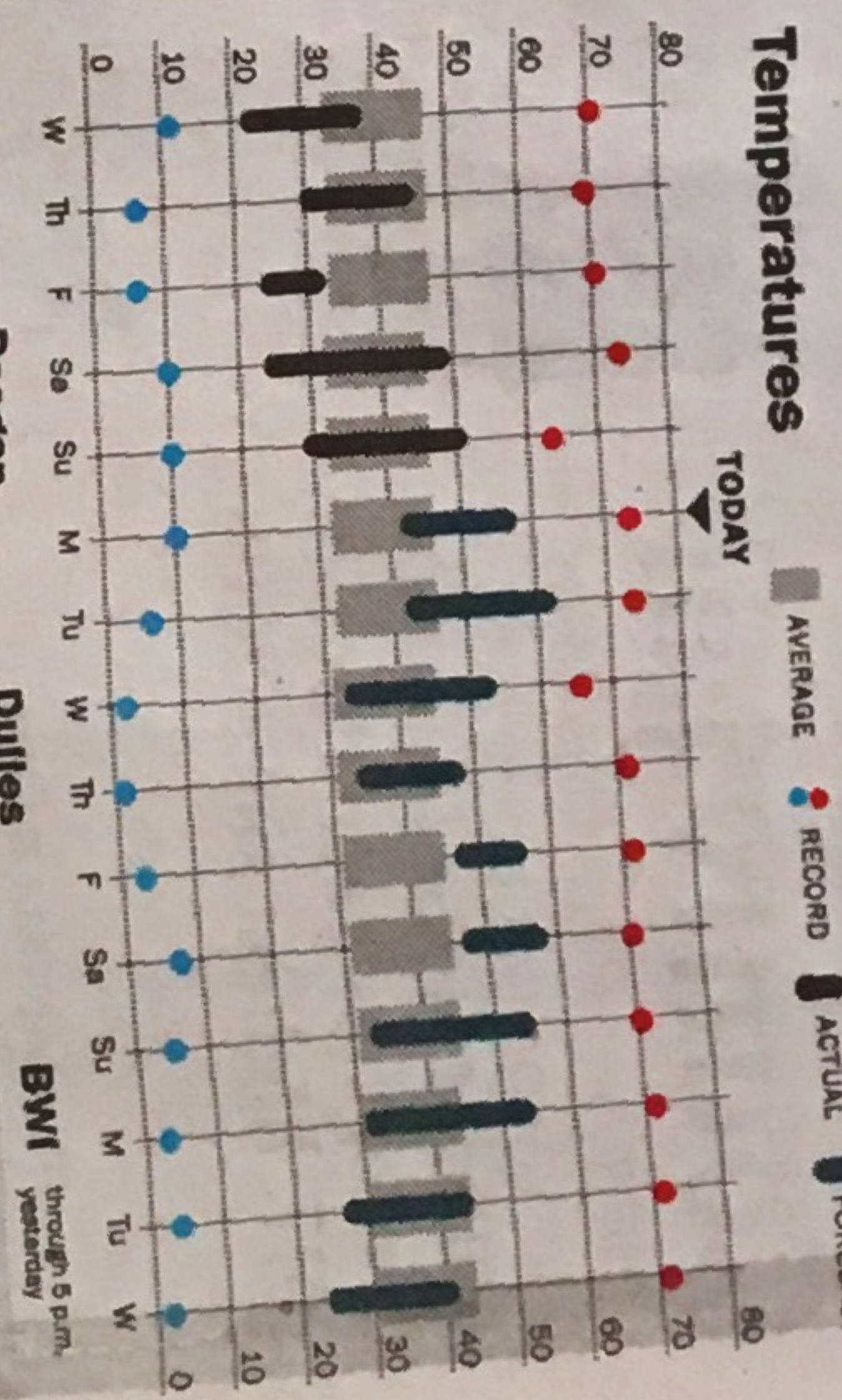
NATIONAL

City	Today	Tomorrow
Albany, NY	37/31/sn	45/35/c
Albuquerque	50/26/s	50/28/s
Anchorage	22/16/pc	34/28/sn
Atlanta	63/49/c	67/59/f
Austin	62/57/c	69/46/f
Baltimore	52/39/pc	59/41/pc
Birmingham	61/50/c	67/59/f
Bismarck, ND	52/24/c	41/23/pc
Boston	34/33/sf	45/24/f
Burlington, VT	40/37/sn	44/29/f
Charleston, SC	67/54/c	43/31/sn
Charlotte, WV	52/44/c	60/42/c
Charleston, WV	63/41/c	60/42/c
Cheverme, WV	49/32/pc	50/33/s
Chicago	47/30/c	51/28/pc
Cincinnati	50/40/c	55/33/pc

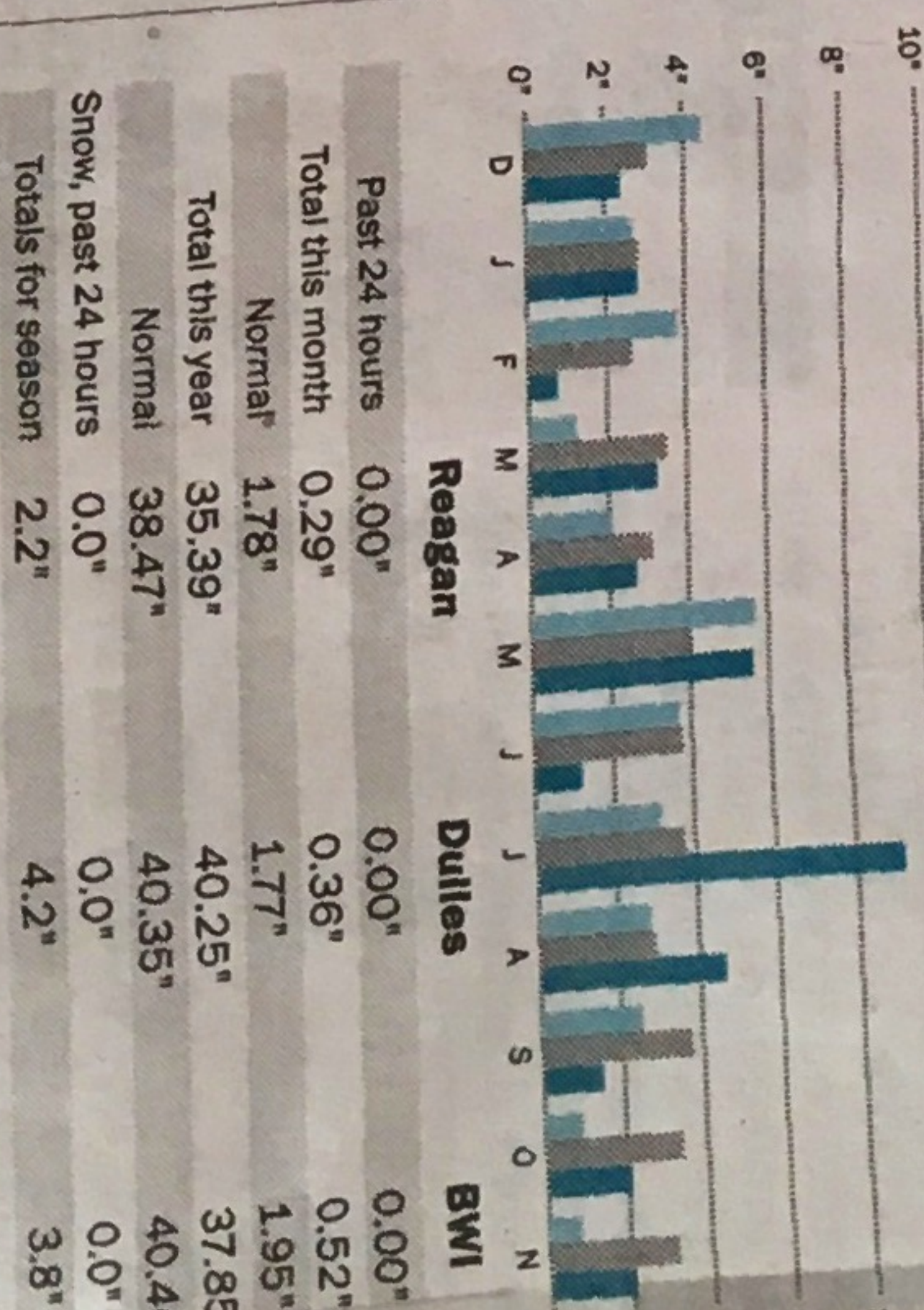
WORLD

City	Today	Tomorrow
Dallas	63/55	63/49
Detroit	42/36	39/32
Houston	67/62	71/57
Los Angeles	72/49	74/62
London	11/5	11/5
Los Angeles	61/44	61/44
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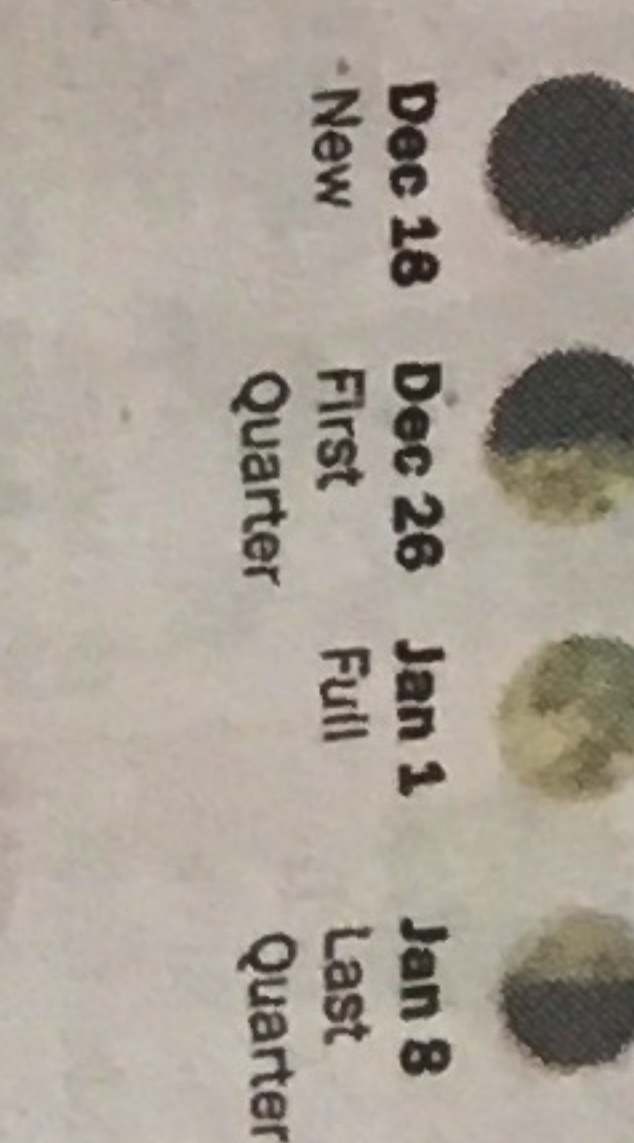
OFFICIAL RECORD



Precipitation



Moon Phases



Solar system

Planet	Rise	Set
Sun	7:21 a.m.	4:48 p.m.
Moon	7:24 a.m.	5:27 p.m.
Venus	7:00 a.m.	4:25 p.m.
Mars	3:12 a.m.	2:20 p.m.
Jupiter	3:56 a.m.	2:20 p.m.
Saturn	7:33 a.m.	5:03 p.m.

Pollen: Low
Grass Low
Weeds Low
Mold Low

Air Quality: Moderate
Dominant cause: Particulates

UV: Low
2 out of 11+

Blue Ridge: Today, patchy morning fog, rather cloudy. High 43-47. Wind west 8-16 mph. Tonight, mostly cloudy, spotty drizzle, areas of fog late. Low 34-38. Wind west 7-14 mph. Tuesday, morning fog, clouds and sunshine. High 49-53. Wind west 10-20 mph.

Atlantic beaches: Today, clouds and sunshine. High 48-59. Wind west 4-8 mph. Tonight, partly cloudy. Low 40-44. Wind west-southwest 4-8 mph. Tuesday, times of clouds and sunshine. High 54-62. Wind west-southwest 6-12 mph. Wednesday, mostly cloudy. High 48-54.

Waterways: Upper Potomac River. Today, intervals of clouds and sunshine. Wind southwest 3-6 knots. Waves around 1 foot. • Lower Potomac and Chesapeake Bay. Today, a mix of clouds and sunshine. Wind west 3-6 knots. Waves around 1 foot on the lower Potomac and Chesapeake Bay. • River Stages. Today, the stage at Little Falls will be around 2.9 feet and holding nearly steady Tuesday. Flood stage at Little Falls is 10 feet.

Today's tides

Location	High	Low
Annapolis	2:50 a.m.	8:06 a.m.
Washington	2:43 p.m.	8:25 p.m.
Antanapolis	4:29 a.m.	10:53 a.m.
Washington	4:43 p.m.	11:59 p.m.

Key: sunny, partly cloudy, cloudy, rain, drizzle, snow, fog, wind, waves, tides, sunrise, sunset, moon phase, day length, sunrise, sunset, moon phase, day length, sunrise, sunset, moon phase, day length.