

ESSEX JCT. TODAY



66°

Low 45° · Showers tonight
Friday: 53°, cooler

The Morning Courier

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THE FED · WEDNESDAY

3.75–4%

Rates held, vote 10–2

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DOW 52,475 ▲+0.19% S&P 500 7,744 ▲+0.28% NASDAQ 26,550 ▲+0.27% GOLD \$4,080 10-YR 5.04% GAS \$4.29 WTI \$102.55

WORLD SERIES · GAME 5

Brewers Are Champions

Milwaukee beats Tampa Bay 4–1 for the first World Series title in franchise history; William Contreras is the Series MVP

THE BREWERS' TITLE BY THE NUMBERS

4–1

Brewers' Series win

1st

Title in team history

.381

Contreras' Series average

4

Runners Contreras threw out

BY THE COURIER SPORTS DESK · SOURCE: SPORTRADAR

For the first time, the Milwaukee Brewers are World Series champions. They beat the Rays 4–1 Wednesday night in St. Petersburg to take the Series four games to one.

Jacob Misorowski pitched 5½ strong innings before a cramp in his right leg forced him out. The Milwaukee bullpen did the rest, and Tampa Bay's only run came in the ninth. The last out was a ground ball by Palacios to second base.

The Brewers scored first in the second inning, when Brice Turang doubled and Cooper Pratt singled him home. David Hamilton drove in a run in the fifth. In the sixth, Christian Yelich was hit by a pitch, William Contreras doubled, and Pratt added a sacrifice fly.

Contreras was named Most Valuable Player. He hit .381 with four runs batted in, threw out four runners trying to steal, and won 10 of his 13 challenges under the new robot-umpire system.

Drew Rasmussen took the loss for Tampa Bay. The Rays won the long Game 4 in 12 innings but could not do it again.

Manager Pat Murphy's team began play in 1969 as the Seattle Pilots and moved to Milwaukee a year later. They lost their only other World Series, in 1982. **Line score and more, Page 3.**

ESSEX JUNCTION FORECAST



66°

Low tonight: 45°

Sunny and mild for late October, then showers move in tonight.



CHANCE OF RAIN TODAY

45%

Showers tonight; fire danger high today

THE WEEK AHEAD

FRI



53°

15%

SAT



46°

5%

SUN



56°

0%

MON



62°

0%

Blue = chance of rain. NWS forecast data, Thursday a.m.

FORECASTER'S NOTE

Forecast data: Halloween looks dry, sunny and cool, with highs in the 40s. Warmer early next week.

NHL · TONIGHT

Bruins Try to Bounce Back in St. Louis

BY THE COURIER SPORTS DESK · SOURCE: SPORTRADAR

Boston plays at St. Louis tonight at 8 after a 2–1 loss at Carolina on Tuesday. The Bruins are 9–3–1.

Forecast data gives the Blues a slight edge at home, about 51 percent. Boston managed only 15 shots against the Hurricanes.

The Bruins come home to play Chicago Saturday at 1.

Also: the Celtics host the Bulls Friday at 7:30.

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CRIME

Murder at a Jay chalet. **P. 11**

WEATHER AROUND THE MAP							Thursday forecasts · forecast data · "Now" = overnight						
MIDDLEBURY, VT			NOW 43°	HI 65°	LO 43°	RAIN 0%	CHARLOTTE, NC			NOW 56°	HI 74°	LO 51°	RAIN 5%
MT. WASHINGTON, NH			NOW 41°	HI 53°	LO 41°	RAIN 0% summit	WILMINGTON, NC			NOW 61°	HI 78°	LO 57°	RAIN 20%
SNOWSHOE, WV			NOW 45°	HI 64°	LO 44°	RAIN 5%	ST. PETERSBURG, FL			NOW 73°	HI 83°	LO 73°	RAIN 10%
ROSEBURG, OR			NOW 43°	HI 56°	LO 41°	RAIN 10%	FULTON, MO			NOW 57°	HI 77°	LO 56°	RAIN 15%
E. DENNIS, MA · CAPE			NOW 49°	HI 64°	LO 49°	RAIN 0%	HOT SPOT · PHOENIX, AZ			NOW 62°	HI 85°	LO 60°	RAIN 10%

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MARKETS & MONEY

Wednesday's close · Thursday, October 29

THE BIG BOARD — WEDNESDAY, OCT. 28

INDEX / STOCK	CLOSE	CHANGE	PCT	DAY MOVE
Dow Jones Industrials	52,475.10	+97.53	+0.19%	<div></div>
S&P 500	7,743.98	+21.38	+0.28%	<div></div>
Nasdaq Composite	26,549.85	+72.04	+0.27%	<div></div>
Russell 2000	2,830.51	+11.64	+0.41%	<div></div>
JB'S WATCHLIST				
Microsoft (MSFT)	531.01	-0.32	-0.06%	<div></div>
Oracle (ORCL)	144.54	+14.01	+10.73%	<div></div>
Intel (INTC)	95.53	+1.79	+1.91%	<div></div>
BIG NAMES				
Apple (AAPL)	343.83	-3.27	-0.94%	<div></div>
Amazon (AMZN)	254.60	+1.50	+0.59%	<div></div>
Alphabet (GOOGL)	324.89	+4.31	+1.34%	<div></div>
Meta (META)	612.49	-7.70	-1.24%	<div></div>
Tesla (TSLA)	404.22	-3.24	-0.80%	<div></div>

Index closes via CappNotes; stocks via MarketAlleys closing tape; rates and commodities via CappNotes.

RATES · ENERGY · METALS

10-yr Treasury back above 5%	~5.04%
Fed funds held, 10-2 vote	3.75-4%
Dec. hike odds futures market	~85%
Gold	~\$4,080
Gas, U.S. avg. AAA regular	\$4.29
WTI crude +2.6%, back over \$100	\$102.55
Brent crude	~\$115.10
Bitcoin	~\$81,500
VIX the fear gauge	16.91

THE WEEK AHEAD

THU. GDP & PCE 8:30; Amazon, Intel report

FRI. Month-end; Halloween

NEXT WK. Election Tuesday; jobs Friday

Wednesday: Russell +0.4%, S&P +0.3%, Nasdaq +0.3%, Dow +0.2% · oil +2.6%

Index closes via CappNotes

THE FED · NEW CHAIR, SAME RATE

Warsh's Fed Holds Rates, but Two Want a Hike

BY THE COURIER MARKETS DESK · SOURCES: CAPPNOTES, MARKETALLEYS

The Federal Reserve kept its key rate at 3.75% to 4% Wednesday in Chair Kevin Warsh's meeting. The vote was 10-2: Lisa Cook and Beth Hammack wanted to raise rates to fight inflation. Futures traders now see about an 85% chance of a hike in December.

Stocks edged up anyway. After the bell, Alphabet fell almost 10% on a profit miss (\$2.12 a share vs. \$3.01 expected), though Google Cloud sales doubled. Microsoft rose about 3% on Azure.

Today: GDP and PCE inflation at 8:30; Amazon and Intel after the close.

STOCKS TO WATCH TODAY

On the Radar

Alphabet (GOOGL) — Down about 10% after hours on a profit miss.

Microsoft (MSFT) — Up about 3% after hours; Azure beat.

Oracle (ORCL) — Up 10.7% after investor-day targets.

Vertiv (VRT) — Up about 16%.

Wendy's (WEN) — Up about 15% on a Trian offer.

Micron (MU) — Up about 6%; SK Hynix jumped 13% in Seoul.

Nvidia (NVDA) — Down about 1.2% on a report of a Justice Department inquiry.

Amazon · Intel — Report today after the close.

BIG MOVERS

VRT	Vertiv	+16.00%
WEN	Wendy's	+15.00%
MU	Micron	+6.00%
LOGI	Logitech	-12.00%
ENPH	Enphase	-16.00%
Best of these: Vertiv +16% Worst: Enphase -16%		

YEAR TO DATE

Nasdaq	+14.2%
Russell 2000	+14.1%
S&P 500	+13.1%
Dow	+9.2%
Through Wednesday; Courier estimates from AP year-start levels.	

THE LUMBER DESK

Oil Back Over \$100

FOR THE JB WOODS DESK

U.S. crude rose 2.6% Wednesday to \$102.55, back over \$100 a barrel. A rate hike in December would make loans for building and equipment cost more. Weather: today near 66°, a good outdoor-work day before showers tonight.

HOUSING STARTS · SEPT.

1.22M

-5.2% from Aug. Permits 140M

-7.4% from a year ago Single-family 859K

Census Bureau, seasonally adjusted annual rate · next report Nov. 18

NATION & WORLD

Washington, the courts & beyond

WORLD · ISRAEL

Israel Votes; Likud Leads

BY THE COURIER NATION DESK · SOURCE: JUST SECURITY

Turnout was high in Israel's election, and early results show Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's Likud ahead of former army chief Gadi Eisenkot's Yashar party by about seven seats, Just Security reported. Arab parties were on track for 17 or 18 seats. Forming a government will take weeks.

Iran. The U.N. nuclear chief, Rafael Grossi, said there is no sign Iran is repairing its damaged nuclear sites. The Wall Street Journal reported that Gulf states were told to prepare for a possible U.S. campaign after the midterms, and a

Patriot battery was sent to Israel. (Just Security)

Brazil. Sen. Flávio Bolsonaro, who lost the presidential runoff, has not conceded and reportedly left the country for Ecuador by way of Argentina after being ordered to surrender his passport. (Just Security)

Serbia. A student-led opposition won the election. (Just Security)

ELSEWHERE

Climate. The World Meteorological Organization says carbon dioxide hit a record 426.8 parts per million. The next U.N. climate summit, COP31, is in Antalya, Turkey. (Just Security)

Cuba. Cuban and U.S. diplomats traded angry words at the U.N. ahead of the yearly vote on the embargo. (Just Security)

Poland. Picked to host a maintenance center for Patriot PAC-3 missiles. (Just Security)

AI. Anthropic sent a letter to California Gov. Gavin Newsom on AI rules. *The Courier is written with help from Claude, made by Anthropic.*

Music. Neil Young filed a \$10 million lawsuit over the use of "Rockin' in the Free World." (Just Security)

VERMONT

Around the Green Mountain State

STATEWIDE · ELECTION

All 180 Legislative Seats on the Ballot

BY THE COURIER VERMONT DESK · SOURCE: WCAX

Every seat in the Vermont House and Senate is on Tuesday’s ballot — and control of the Legislature shapes what the next governor can do, WCAX reported.

Democrats have run both chambers for more than 20 years. Their veto-proof supermajority ended in 2024. Today Democrats and one Progressive hold 17 of the 30 Senate seats.

Gov. Phil Scott, a Republican, favors cutting regulations and taxes. His Democratic challenger, Amanda Janoo, wants higher taxes

on top earners and on second homes.

“Even though Republicans didn’t gain a majority, we really made an impact,” said Vermont GOP chair Paul Dame of the last election. Lachlan Francis called this year “an opportunity to move forward at a much faster pace on the issues.”

Scott and Janoo met in a WCAX debate Wednesday night on health costs, schools and the F-35s.

RUTLAND COUNTY · COURTS

State Senator Pleads Not Guilty

State Sen. Terry Williams of Rutland County pleaded not guilty Wednesday to a domestic assault charge after Vermont State Police arrested him in Poultney. He was due back in court later. (WCAX)

BURLINGTON · UVM

Tarrant Center Back on Track

The University of Vermont says its long-delayed Tarrant Center, a new events center plus an upgraded Gutterson Fieldhouse, should be finished in 2029. Trustees approved \$10 million for pre-construction work. The project broke ground in 2019 but stalled when COVID drove up costs. (WCAX)

FOLIAGE REPORT

Dry, then showers

Fire danger: high today — dry leaves, wind and sun. No burning.

Tonight: showers finally bring some rain.

Leaves: mostly down in the north; oaks hang on in the south.

Trick-or-treat: sunny Saturday; 40s by evening.

Clocks: fall back Saturday night into Sunday.

Sunset: about 5:43 p.m. — Sunday, about 4:40.

THE WEEK IN VERMONT

Today Sunny and mild, 66°.

Tonight Showers, low 45°.

Fri. Cooler, 53°.

Sat. Sunny Halloween, 46°.

Sun. Sunny, 56°.

Forecast data for Essex Junction; check before you go.

VERMONT BY THE NUMBERS

- 180 Legislative seats on Tuesday’s ballot
- 17 of 30 Senate seats, Dems + Progs
- 2029 Tarrant Center target date
- \$10M For UVM pre-construction
- 76–69 UVM men over St. Mike’s

AROUND THE STATE

MONTPELIER — Boil the water. A water main break late Wednesday led to a boil-water order for parts of the city, including Independence Green, Freedom Drive and Westview Meadows. (WCAX)

S. BURLINGTON — Brush fire on Spear St. Crews put out a brush fire near UVM’s research

complex; it was believed to have been sparked by a wire. No one was hurt. (WCAX)

BURLINGTON — A new general store. The Old Brick Store of Charlotte is opening a Burlington outpost in the Karma Bird House space. (Seven Days)

SPORTS

Brewers win it all · Bruins at St. Louis tonight · Packers host Panthers

WORLD SERIES GAME 5 · MILWAUKEE 4, TAMPA BAY 1

TEAM	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	R	H	E
MIL	0	1	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	4	8	2
TB	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	4	0

W: Jacob Misiorowski (5½ IP) · L: Drew Rasmussen · MVP: William Contreras · MIL wins Series 4–1

WORLD SERIES · HOW IT ENDED

Champions at Last

BY THE COURIER SPORTS DESK · SOURCE: SPORTRADAR

Milwaukee scored single runs in the second and fifth innings and two in the sixth, and its pitchers held the Rays to four hits.

The Rays scored in the ninth on doubles by Liam Hicks and Chandler Simpson off Trevor Megill, who then got Richie Palacios to ground out to end it.

“I couldn’t get a smile off my face,” said Jacob Misiorowski, who left in the sixth with a leg cramp. “It had to happen for the city,” said MVP William Contreras. “They were waiting a long time.” (SI)

NFL WEEK 8 · FINAL

		Final
PIT 16, NO 10		F
MIN 16, IND 10		F
MIA 28, NYJ 25		F
CIN 35, BAL 13		F
CLE 27, TEN 24		F
TB 43, CAR 13		F
ATL 29, SF 20		F
NYG 27, HOU 21		F
DEN 30, ARI 16		F
LA 35, LV 21		F
DET 20, GB 17		F
SEA 20, KC 3	SNF	F
DAL 38, PHI 21	MNF	F
CAR at GB	Tonight 8:15	GB 64%

Scores and win chances via SportRadar.

AFC EAST STANDINGS

TEAM	W-L	GB
Buffalo	5-1	—
New England	4-3	1½
NY Jets	2-5	3½
Miami	2-5	3½

Via SportRadar. Patriots at Miami Sunday, 4:25 p.m.

NHL · BRUINS CORNER

At St. Louis Tonight

Boston (9–3–1) plays the Blues at 8 after a 2–1 loss at Carolina. St. Louis is a slight favorite. Next: Chicago Saturday at 1.

UVM HOOPS · EXHIBITIONS

Catamounts Sweep St. Mike’s

Men: 76–69; Momo Nkugwa 19. Open Tue. at Iona.

Women: 59–49. Open Mon. vs. Keene State.

MLB · FULL SCHEDULE (ET)

- G1 MIL 3, TB 2, Final
- G2 MIL 5, TB 4, Final
- G3 MIL 10, TB 1, Final
- G4 TB 4, MIL 3 (12), Final
- G5 MIL 4, TB 1, Final

THE BOURBON PAGE

Bottled in bond, by the rules of 1897 · plus the Paper Plane



BROWN-FORMAN · LOUISVILLE, KY.

Old Forester 1897 Bottled in Bond

PROOF	AGE	STYLE	SERIES	PRICE
100	4+ years (bonded)	Bottled in bond	Whiskey Row	~\$50

In the 1800s, a lot of “whiskey” sold in America was doctored with tobacco, iodine or worse. Honest distillers wanted a way to prove their product was real — and in 1897, Congress gave them one.

The Bottled-in-Bond Act set strict rules. The whiskey has to come from one distillery in one distilling season, age at least four years in a government-bonded warehouse, and go into the bottle at exactly 100 proof. The label must say where it was made and bottled.

Old Forester was one of the brands that cared. George Garvin Brown began selling it in 1870, in sealed bottles at a time when whiskey was usually sold by the barrel. Its 1897 bottling honors the act’s birth year.

How to drink it: neat, or with a splash of water. Expect caramel, vanilla, baked apple and a peppery finish.

Worth knowing: it’s part of Old Forester’s Whiskey Row series; the 1920 bottling was featured here before.

BOTTLE OF THE WEEK

BOURBON SCIENCE 101

Why “Bonded” Still Matters

BY THE COURIER SPIRITS DESK

The 1897 law was one of America’s first consumer-protection rules. It came nine years before the Pure Food and Drug Act of 1906.

The government didn’t taste the whiskey. It guaranteed facts: one season, one distillery, at least four years in a locked warehouse watched by a Treasury agent, and 100 proof.

Distillers paid the federal tax only when the whiskey left the bonded warehouse, which helped them afford to age it.

Today the label is a shortcut for value: a known age and a known strength, often at a fair price.

Label tip: look for “Bottled in Bond” or “Bonded” and the distillery’s DSP number.

THE WHISKEY ROW SHELF

Old Forester’s History Series

1870 Original Batch — the founding year, 90 proof.

1897 Bottled in Bond — this week’s bottle, 100 proof.

1910 Old Fine Whisky — finished in a second, charred barrel.

1920 Prohibition Style — 115 proof, featured here before.

Why the dates: each bottling marks a moment in the brand’s history.

The street: Louisville’s Main Street was once lined with whiskey houses; Old Forester distills there again today.

Shopping tip: the 1897 is usually easy to find and fairly priced.

THIS WEEK’S POUR

Cocktail Corner

The Paper Plane. Four ingredients in equal parts — a modern classic created by bartender Sam Ross in 2007.

Shake ¾ oz each of bourbon, Aperol, Amaro Nonino and fresh lemon juice hard with ice. Strain into a chilled coupe. No garnish needed.

Bitter-orange note: Aperol is the light orange aperitif from Italy.

TASTING LAB

Pour the 1897 next to a non-bonded bourbon at 90 proof. Add a few drops of water to each and notice how the stronger pour opens up.

Equal-parts trick: the same formula makes the Last Word and the Naked and Famous — easy to remember.

No Nonino? Another amaro works, but the drink will taste more bitter.

THIS WEEK’S POUR PLAN

TONIGHT · BRUINS AT ST. LOUIS

A Paper Plane for a road game.

FRIDAY · COOL AND CLEAR

The 1897 neat by the woodstove.

SATURDAY · HALLOWEEN

A splash of water, then hand out candy.

What to sip with what’s on

THE BOURBON GLOSSARY

Label terms, decoded

<p>Bottled in bond — one distillery, one season, 4+ years, 100 proof.</p> <p>Bonded warehouse — a government-supervised aging house.</p> <p>DSP — Distilled Spirits Plant number on the label.</p> <p>Distilling season — January–June or July–December.</p> <p>Whiskey Row — Louisville’s old Main Street whiskey district.</p> <p>Amaro — a bittersweet Italian herbal liqueur.</p>	<p>Aperitif — a light, often bitter drink before dinner.</p> <p>Equal parts — a recipe with matching measures.</p> <p>Coupe — a stemmed, shallow cocktail glass.</p> <p>Double barreled — aged, then moved to a second new barrel.</p> <p>Proof — twice the alcohol percentage.</p> <p>Straight — aged at least two years.</p>	<p>Finish — the flavor that lingers after a sip.</p> <p>Neat — straight from the bottle, no ice.</p> <p>Mash bill — the grain recipe; bourbon is at least 51% corn.</p> <p>Char — the burnt inside of a new oak barrel.</p> <p>Angel’s share — whiskey lost to evaporation.</p> <p>Dry shake — shaking without ice first.</p>
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THE FUNNY PAGES

JB's Morning Strip — original art by JB, fresh lines daily



Characters and artwork © JB. Today's dialogue: The Courier.

THE WEEK-AHEAD PLANNER

Thursday, Oct. 29 — Tuesday, Nov. 3

ON THE TUBE (ET)

Tonight 8:00 — Bruins at St. Louis.
Tonight 8:15 — TNF: Panthers at Packers.
Fri. 7:30 — Celtics host the Bulls.
Sat. noon — Navy vs. Notre Dame, Gillette.
Sat. 1:00 — Bruins host Chicago.
Sun. 1:00 — Ravens at Bills.
Sun. 4:25 — Patriots at Dolphins.

AROUND VERMONT

Today — High fire danger — no outdoor burning.
Through Mon. — Early voting at your town clerk's office.
Sat. — Trick-or-treat; sunny and cool.
Sun. — Clocks fall back an hour.
Tue. — Election Day.

WEATHER AT A GLANCE

Thu. — Warm and breezy, 66°.
Fri. — Cooler, 53°.
Sat. — Crisp Halloween, 46°.
Sun. — Bright, 56°.
Mon. — Mild, 62°.
Tue. — Clouds, 64°.

GOOD NEWS ROUNDUP

Kindness, critters & comebacks

MICHIGAN

Fixing Cavities Without a Drill

In a University of Michigan-led trial of 830 children under 6, a liquid called silver diamine fluoride, simply painted on, stopped decay in more than half of the affected baby teeth — no drill, no shots. The results will go to the FDA. (Good News Network)

BROOKLYN, N.Y.

One Man, Ten Bags

When the city couldn't clear a trash dump under a Crown Heights bridge quickly, Joshua Service did it himself: 10 bags in about two hours. A city councilmember plans to honor him. (Good News Network)

BOLIVIA

A 715,000-Acre Refuge

A new wildlife reserve on the Iténez River, created with help from Rainforest Trust, protects 715,000 acres and links forests in Bolivia and Brazil. (Good News Network)

NOVA SCOTIA

Six Years, No Wins, All Smiles

A high-school baseball team in Dartmouth hasn't won a game in six years, and most losses end early under the mercy rule. "Even through those large defeats, everyone has a blast on the team," says captain Curtis Snelgrove. (Good News Network)

JERSEY

More Room for Fish

The Channel island has expanded the waters closed to bottom trawling from 15% to 21.7% of its seas. The rules took effect Sept. 1 under a plan worked out with French authorities. (Good News Network)

SCOTLAND

A Lost Monastery

A crowdfunded dig on the island of Lismore led by archaeologist Clare Ellis found that the early monastery of Lios Mòr was a busy craft center, with six burials from 650 to 1040 A.D. and about 1,000 pieces of metalworking waste. (Good News Network)

THE THURSDAY KITCHEN

A SEASONAL RECIPE

Chicken and Dumplings

Serves 6 · 20 min prep · 45 min

THE STEW 2 Tbsp butter; 1 onion, 2 carrots, 2 celery ribs, chopped · ¼ cup flour · 6 cups chicken broth · 1½ lb boneless chicken thighs · 1 tsp dried thyme, 1 bay leaf; ½ cup frozen peas

THE DUMPLINGS 2 cups flour · 1 Tbsp baking powder, 1 tsp salt · 3 Tbsp cold butter · ¼ cup milk · 2 Tbsp chopped parsley

METHOD

1. Melt the butter in a big pot. Cook the onion, carrots and celery 6 minutes. Stir in ¼ cup flour for 1 minute.
2. Slowly whisk in the broth. Add the chicken, thyme and bay leaf. Simmer 20 minutes; shred the chicken.
3. For the dumplings, mix the flour, baking powder and salt. Rub in the butter, then stir in the milk and parsley just until combined.
4. Drop heaping spoonfuls onto the simmering stew. Cover and cook 15 minutes without peeking.
5. Stir in the peas; season to taste.

Courier tip: Don't lift the lid while the dumplings cook — the steam is what makes them light and fluffy.

THE TRAVEL DESK

Destinations, drives & the airport board



Courier illustration: a Savannah square under live oaks

DESTINATION OF THE WEEK

Savannah, Georgia

Shady squares, Spanish moss, cobblestone River Street and highs near 80° — Georgia’s oldest city is at its best in late fall

Why go: Gen. James Oglethorpe laid out Savannah in 1733 as a grid of wards, each built around a green square. Twenty-two of those squares survive, and walking from one to the next — under live oaks hung with Spanish moss, past fountains, statues and old townhouses — is the whole point of a visit. The summer steam is gone by late October, and this week’s forecast runs 78° to 79° through Friday, with rain chances rising Sunday.

DON’T MISS

Forsyth Park. Thirty acres at the south end of the historic district, anchored by a white cast-iron fountain installed in 1858. The Saturday morning farmers market is a local favorite.

River Street. Old cotton warehouses along the Savannah River, now shops and restaurants. Climb the steep stone steps to Factors Walk and watch giant cargo ships glide past.

Bonaventure Cemetery. A haunting riverside cemetery of oaks, moss and marble angels, made famous by the book “Midnight in the Garden of Good and Evil.” Free to visit.

Wormsloe. On the Isle of Hope, a mile-and-a-half avenue of live oaks leads to the tabby ruins of a colonial estate. Now a state historic site, about 20 minutes from downtown.

Savannah: partly sunny, 78° today and 79° Friday; 74° for Halloween; showers likely Sunday (55%), then low 70s.
From BTV: connect through a hub to Savannah/Hilton Head International (SAV), about 20 minutes from downtown. Sources: National Park Service; Georgia State Parks; forecast data.

MORE ABOUT SAVANNAH

Where to eat. Mrs. Wilkes’ Dining Room has served Southern food family-style at shared tables since 1943 — fried chicken, collards, mac and cheese, and a line out the door at lunch. For dinner, The Olde Pink House is in a 1771 mansion. Leopold’s Ice Cream has been scooping since 1919; try the Tutti Frutti.

Getting around. The historic district is about 2½ square miles and flat, so walking is easiest. A free downtown shuttle and a free ferry across the river help tired feet. Trolley tours hop on and off at the squares. Parking downtown is metered, so leave the car at the hotel.

Where to stay. Many visitors book an inn in a restored townhouse on one of the squares — breakfast, a front porch and a short walk to everything. Big hotels line the river near River Street, handy but busier. Tybee Island has beach motels and rentals for a quieter stay.

A bit of history. Savannah was spared burning in the Civil War: Gen. William T. Sherman reached it in December 1864 and offered it to President Lincoln as a Christmas present. Preservation fights in the 1950s saved much of the old city, and today the district is a National Historic Landmark.

Local character. Juliette Gordon Low founded the Girl Scouts here in 1912; her birthplace is open for tours. The Savannah College of Art and Design fills old buildings with students. And you can carry a drink in a plastic cup on the street in the historic district — a local custom.

Best season. Spring brings azaleas and dogwoods, and St. Patrick’s Day draws one of the country’s biggest parades. Fall is quieter, cooler and less humid, with highs in the 70s. Summer is hot and sticky, and June through November is hurricane season.

Day trip. Tybee Island is about 18 miles east, with a wide beach, a pier and the Tybee Island Light Station — a light has guided ships here since 1736, and visitors can climb the 178 steps. Fort Pulaski National Monument, on the way, shows how new rifled cannons breached brick walls in 1862.

Local tip. Squares fill with ghost tours after dark — Savannah calls itself one of America’s most haunted cities, and Halloween weekend is peak season. Book a walking tour ahead, and wear comfortable shoes: the old ballast-stone streets near the river are rough.

AIRPORT BOARD · DELAYS & CANCELLATIONS

Today’s U.S. totals: Not available at press time. For scale: U.S. flights averaged about 5,600 delays and 340 cancellations a day last year (FlightAware via CNN).

Phoenix: Rain likely Friday (75%) and again Sunday — expect weather delays at Sky Harbor.

Burlington: Showers tonight, then dry for the weekend.

Milwaukee: Fans fly home from Tampa Bay after the Brewers’ title.

Clocks: Daylight saving time ends early Sunday — double-check morning flight times.

Savannah: Savannah/Hilton Head is a small, easy airport; downtown hotels fill up for Halloween weekend ghost tours.

Thanksgiving: Four weeks away. Holiday flights fill early, so plan trips now and watch the weather the week before.

WEEK-AHEAD OUTLOOK

	THU	FRI	SAT
Essex Jct., VT	66° 5%	53° 15%	46° 15%
Savannah, GA	78° 10%	79° 10%	74° 15%
Snowshoe, WV	64° 5%	60° 5%	56° 10%
St. Petersburg, FL	83° 10%	83° 15%	83° 15%
Charlotte, NC	74° 5%	79° 10%	65° 10%
Cape Cod, MA	64° 0%	67° 10%	50° 0%
Roseburg, OR	56° 10%	56° 15%	53° 15%
Phoenix, AZ	85° 10%	68° 75%	77° 45%

Highs and rain chances, NWS forecast data, Thursday a.m.

THE WEATHER DESK

Forecasts, almanac, mountains & Snow Watch 2026–27

THE FORECASTER’S TAKE

Warm, Dry and Breezy — Watch the Fire Danger

BY THE COURIER WEATHER DESK · SOURCE: FORECAST DATA · WCAX · COURIER WEATHER DESK

Today is the mild one. A south breeze and plenty of sun push highs into the low to mid 60s across the region, about 66° in Essex Junction — well above normal for late October.

That warmth comes with a catch: fallen leaves are bone dry, humidity is low, and the breeze fans any spark. Fire danger is high today, so hold off on burning brush piles.

Clouds build late, and a few showers move through this evening and tonight — only about a tenth of an inch. Rain ends early Friday, and it turns cooler, in the 50s.

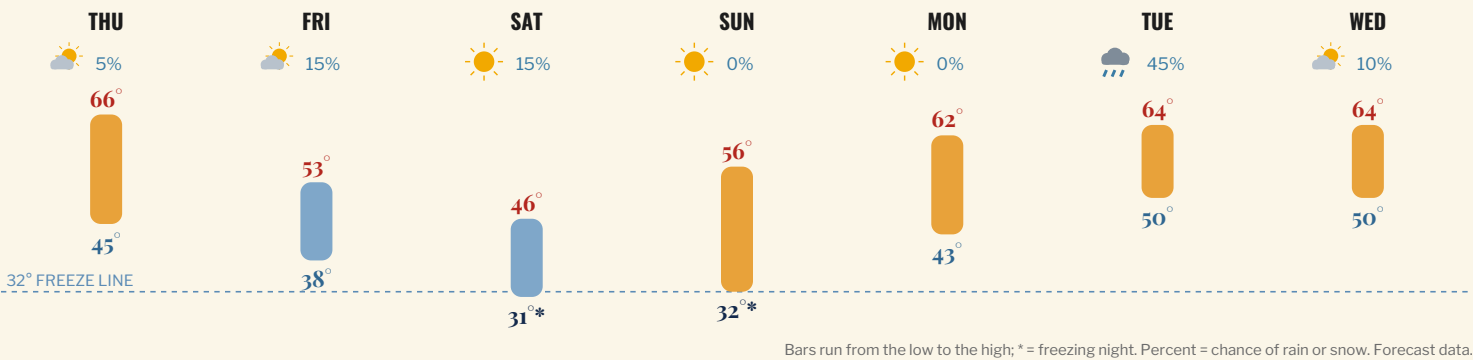
Halloween is sunny and chilly: highs in the 40s, with trick-or-treaters dropping from the 40s into the 30s after dark. Clocks fall back Saturday night. Sunday is sunny in the 50s; Monday and Tuesday turn milder.

ESSEX JCT. ALMANAC

YESTERDAY	High 52° · Low 27°
SUNRISE	7:26 a.m.
SUNSET	5:45 p.m.
DAYLIGHT	10 hr 19 min
CHANGE	-2.8 min vs. yesterday
SINCE JUNE 21	5 hr 13 min less light
MOON	Waning gibbous

Sun & moon computed for Essex Jct.; temps from forecast data.

ESSEX JUNCTION · THE NEXT SEVEN DAYS



MOUNTAINS, VALLEYS & THE PLACES WE WATCH

MT. ASCUTNEY
Windsor County

64° / 37° 0%

Halloween high near 45°.

EAST BURKE
Northeast Kingdom

61° / 35° 5%

Saturday tops out near 40°.

BRATTLEBORO
Connecticut River

67° / 36° 0%

Warmest spot: 67° today.

KILLINGTON
Central Green Mtns.

59° / 42° 0%

Below freezing Fri. night.

ISLAND POND
Essex County

61° / 34° 5%

Saturday night low near 27°.

SNOW WATCH 2026–27

3 DAYS UNTIL TRACKING BEGINS · NOV. 1

Season totals in inches, Nov. 1 – Apr. 1

ESSEX JCT.

0.0"

Burlington (BTV)

MIDDLEBURY

0.0"

Addison County

STOWE

0.0"

Mt. Mansfield

SNOWSHOE, WV

0.0"

Highland House · Rimfire

SEVERE & NATIONAL

Rain Heads for the Desert

Phoenix hits the mid-80s today before a storm system brings a 75% chance of rain Friday and again Sunday, with highs falling into the upper 60s. Flash flooding is possible in the Southwest’s washes and burn scars.

The Southeast stays warm, near 80° from Savannah to Wilmington, while the Northeast cools off for the weekend. The Atlantic remains quiet: 10 named storms and one hurricane, Isaias, so far this season, with a month left.

MOUNTAIN WATCH

A Taste of Winter Up High

Mount Washington’s summit warms to about 53° today, then the cold returns: highs near 43° Friday and only about 30° on Halloween, with a small chance of snow both days.

At Snowshoe, W.Va., it stays mild — mid-60s today and near 56° Saturday, with nights in the 40s, still too warm for snowmaking.

Daylight: sunset in Essex Junction is about 5:43 p.m. today. After the clocks fall back, Sunday’s sunset is near 4:40 p.m.

WEATHER WORD

Red Flag Warning

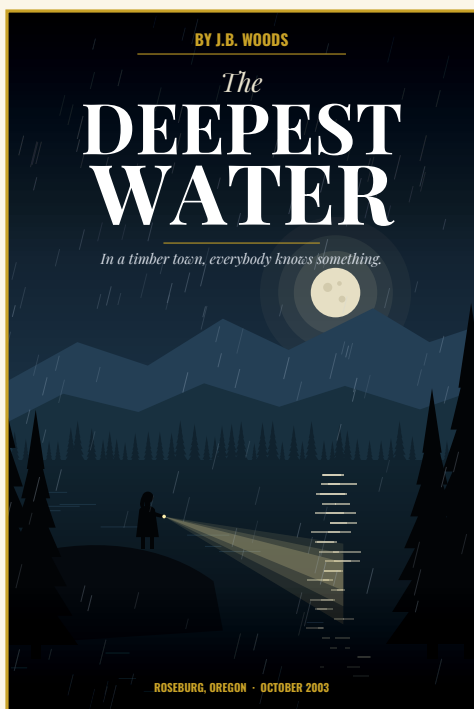
The National Weather Service issues a red flag warning when warm temperatures, very low humidity and strong winds come together so that any fire could spread fast.

Today: Vermont’s fire danger is high — dry leaves, sun and a breeze. Skip the brush pile.

THIS DAY IN WEATHER

Oct. 29, 2012: Superstorm Sandy came ashore near Brigantine, N.J., pushing a record storm surge into New York City and flooding subways and tunnels; Vermont saw gusty winds.

THE DEEPEST WATER

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CHAPTER 27

Behind the Boulders

Little River · October 2003

Previously: Hollis Tate swore he'd fixed Room 118's deck door and named Josh Foster among the missing men. Then Walters doubled back and saw him on the phone in his kitchen.

"Sir — we found it!"

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Tess answered on the first ring, as if she had been sitting by the phone. She had been.

"I'll help any way I can," she said. "I just don't know how much. I was blindfolded most of the time."

"You've kept this story alive in the *Ledger*," Mason said. "But what you see today stays out of print until we say so."

"Nothing that hurts the case," Tess said. "You have my word."

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They went out Highway 138 in a long line past the roadblocks and up Little River Road, Tess riding with Mason.

At the end of the spur, Tess stepped out and closed her eyes.

"The truck was rough," she said. "Gravel, then worse. Then he walked me a few steps. Maybe twenty. Downhill a little." She turned slowly. "And water. Not loud like the river. A creek, close."

Myers spread his agents into a line along the slope above the creek. For an hour they found nothing but ferns, mud and the fishing hole where Kally had found the tackle box. Tess trailed behind, trying to match the woods to a place she had only felt and heard.

Then, from up the hill, a young agent's voice cracked through the trees.

"Sir — we found it!"

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You could have stood ten feet away and never seen it. Two great Douglas firs had come down long ago across a jumble of mossy boulders, and the trunks and the rocks together made a wall of green and gray. Vine maple and salal had grown up through the gaps. Behind the largest boulder, in a crease of shadow no wider than a man's shoulders, sat a low door of split planks faced with bark and moss, so it looked like one more piece of the hillside.

"Somebody spent years on that," Walters said quietly.

Myers sent two agents in first with flashlights. Then he waved Tess forward.

She ducked through the door, and the smell hit her first — wood smoke and damp earth — and her stomach turned over. Log walls. A ceiling of poles and black plastic. The thin crack of light where the poles met the hill. And the shelves, three rough planks along the back wall, exactly where she had stared at them for a whole day.

But the shelves were empty. The cot was gone. The propane stove, the water jugs, the canned beans and crackers and coffee, the wool blanket that smelled of smoke — all gone. Even the dirt floor had been swept.

Only one thing was left. On the end of the top shelf, in a neat little pile, sat a handful of mayonnaise packets.

"This is it," Tess said. Her voice shook. "I'm a hundred percent certain. Those shelves. That crack in the roof. I sat on a crate right there." She pointed at an empty patch of floor. "He sat across from me."

Myers looked around the bare room for a long moment. "Somebody cleared this out after Pryce was killed," he said. "And they took their time doing it." He crouched by the mayonnaise packets. "Everything except these. Bag them anyway."

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Walters had promised the sheriff a call the minute they found anything. Up here there was no signal at all so he drove back down Little River Road to the pay phone outside the Glide store, the same one Kally had used.

Coyle picked up on the fourth ring.

"We found Pryce's bunker, Sheriff. Above the creek, behind some boulders. The FBI's inside now."

A long silence. "I told you I wanted a call before anybody moved, Deputy. You couldn't wait one day?"

"Agent Myers didn't want to wait, sir."

"Agent Myers doesn't run my county." A longer silence. Then, low and careful, in a voice Walters had never heard from him, Coyle asked his first real question.

"Was there anything left inside?"

CHRISTINE MASON'S MOTEL phone rang at 6:40 Saturday morning.

"Mason. Myers." Her boss never wasted a word. "We're forty minutes out. Meet me at the sheriff's office with your casts. We go after that bunker from there."

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Special Agent Dan Myers walked into the Douglas County Sheriff's Office at 7:30 sharp, four agents and an equipment van behind him. He was in his late fifties, about six feet tall, with salt-and-pepper hair cut close and not an ounce of fat anywhere on him. He raced triathlons for fun, and it showed.

He looked at the empty office with Coyle's name on the door. "Where's the sheriff?"

"Out of town, sir," said Deputy Cal Walters. "A prior commitment. He's due back Sunday evening."

Myers had read every page of Mason's reports. He hadn't been impressed with Sheriff Ray Coyle before he walked in. He was less impressed now.

"Then we start without him." He turned to Mason, and his voice changed — the way it always did with her. "Christine. The third print — the one by the creek where Pryce was found. Has the lab run it?"

"Last night, sir. Same tread as the cast from Tess Halloran's yard. Same wear on the left heel."

Myers nodded slowly. "Too much time has been wasted in this county. We have a maniac out there, and I'd bet my pension he's done this before. I want answers — or at least a direction — by tonight." He paused. "Can you get the reporter? She's the only one of us who's been inside that bunker."

A work of fiction: characters and events are invented; places are real. · Catch up: Reader's Guide, Pages 9–10.

Chapter 28 coming soon

THE DEEPEST WATER · READER'S GUIDE

The Story So Far · Chapters 1–27

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October 2003. Roseburg is a timber town still sore from the mill closures of the '90s. When its most prominent mill owner vanishes, a reporter who came home to start over finds a town where everybody knows something, and nobody is saying it.

CHAPTER 1
Lights On Till Eleven
Editor Walt Brenner hands Tess Halloran the story: Gordon Pryce, owner of the shuttered Pryce Lumber mill, left the Elks Lodge Friday and never came home. Then a car turns up on Highway 138.

CHAPTER 2
Whoever Left It There
A deputy turns Tess away from Pryce's Lincoln, its wheels turned neatly toward the river. At dawn Sheriff Coyle admits the wallet was on the seat with \$200. Whoever left that car wanted it found.

CHAPTER 3
The Sister at the Bar
At the Idle Hour, Big Dave says Gordon was scared all summer and points Tess to "Tic Tac." His sister Darla: her brother told Coyle what he saw Friday night.

CHAPTER 4
Forty Dollars a Plate
Over dinner at Brix Grill, PI friends Teresa and Kally of Eye Spy identify Tic Tac in unison: "Oh, Josh Foster?" But Josh had called Eye Spy asking what it costs to run a license plate.

CHAPTER 5
If I End Up in the River
Trent Pryce says he was home watching the game with his mother. At Abby's, Josh says he saw the Lincoln heading up the canyon with a dark pickup behind it, no lights. As he leaves, a dark pickup follows.

CHAPTER 6
Patient as the Rain
Old neighbor Buck tips Tess to Gordon's hidden fishing hole at Cavitt Creek. That night Darla calls: Josh never showed, and his truck and gear are gone.

CHAPTER 7
The Third Time Today
Back at the Idle Hour, police come looking for Josh. A dark pickup with no lights roars past; the chase fails. Darla: that's the third time today.

CHAPTER 8
Your Case, Not Ours
The dark pickup was seen at the Holiday Inn by the river. A beagle finds a stag-handled knife engraved DOUGLAS COUNTY ROADS · 1987. Coyle logs it as found property, then calls a number twice.

CHAPTER 9
Up Little River
At Gordon's fishing spot, Eye Spy finds an old tackle box with "G.P." carved in the lid — and a torn mayonnaise packet sitting on top. Tess: "Don't tell anyone you found it. Bring it to me."

CHAPTER 10
August 1987
Kally delivers the tackle box: "No, Tess. Mayonnaise!" Channel 9 breaks the news: Commissioner Harlan Voss is missing. That night an envelope waits on Tess's desk: "Ask them about August 1987."

CHAPTER 11
Behind the Hedge
Tiffany Voss lets Tess in: Sunday evening Harlan took a call from Josh Foster, said "Don't wait up" and drove off. His wallet turns up at the Rice Hill truck stop.

CHAPTER 12
The Tin in the Gravel
FBI profiler Christine Mason arrives: somebody wants us looking north. Tipped off, Tess finds Josh's dented mint tin behind the Ranch Motel.

CHAPTER 13
The Brass Key
Josh's tin holds a brass key stamped "1987"; Tess gives it to Mason. Darla breaks down. At his diner, Del says Owen Marsh is out of prison and asking about Harlan Voss.

CHAPTER 14
The Twin Knife
Owen Marsh swears he was in Cannon Beach the weekend Pryce vanished. A housekeeper finds a bloody knife in a Room 118 ottoman. The guest two doors down: Marsh.

CHAPTER 15
The Door That Wasn't Locked
Room 118's deck door is rigged to look locked. Owen, who loves 118, drives off in a dark blue pickup. Tess sends Eye Spy to the Screw and Brew.

CHAPTER 16
The Screw and Brew
At the Screw and Brew in Cannon Beach, Eye Spy learns Freddy, the chef and Owen's alibi, was stabbed to death last night.

CHAPTER 17
Alive a Minute Ago
Josh calls Darla at the Idle Hour: "Pryce and Harlan are alive. At least they were —" A gunshot, and the line goes dead.

CHAPTER 18
The Phone Didn't Ring
Coyle detains Darla; Mason says Josh is now a suspect. Darla says Coyle knows more than anyone.

CHAPTER 19
Room 118
At City Hall, Coyle never names Josh. A dark pickup races past; Darla spots a figure in black: "Josh!" Tess books Room 118.

CHAPTER 20
Not a One-Glass Night
A third 1987 county knife hits Tess's door: STOP DIGGING OR YOU'LL GO FOR A SWIM TOO.

CHAPTER 21
Rubber Gloves and White Wine
Tess checks into Room 118, Eye Spy next door. At 3:08 a.m. someone stands at the foot of her bed. "It's you!"

CHAPTER 22
Pale as Chalk
Room 118 is empty, its deck door open, a motorboat far off. Tess is gone. Kally suspects a hotel insider. Mason casts a riverside shoe print.

CHAPTER 23
Count to a Hundred
Gordon Pryce is alive. He takes Tess to a hidden shelter: he is hunted, and goods were once smuggled in mill lumber. At dusk he leaves her near Rice Hill.

CHAPTER 24
Focus, Tess
Tess tells Coyle, Walters and Mason that Pryce is alive. At the next day's press conference, Coyle announces Pryce has been found stabbed to death.

CHAPTER 25
Under the Lab Lights
The riverbank and yard prints don't match; Coyle leaves town. At Gordon's death site, the yard print turns up again. Coyle let 118 be re-rented; clerk Karen Marsh is Owen's cousin.

CHAPTER 26
65 Alder Brook Road
Hollis Tate tells Mason and Walters he fixed 118's deck door and calls Josh "missing." Walters doubles back: Hollis is on the phone.

CHAPTER 27
Behind the Boulders
FBI boss Dan Myers arrives. Tess leads the search; agents find Gordon's hidden bunker, stripped bare but for mayo packets. Coyle asks what was left inside.

OPEN QUESTIONS

• Who killed Gordon Pryce — and who knew where he was hiding?

• What does the brass key stamped 1987 open — and why did Josh have it?

• Three matching knives — river, Room 118, Tess's door. Whose are they?

• Who killed Freddy — and where did Owen go when he checked out Friday?

• Josh says Pryce and Voss were alive. Where — and what was that gunshot?

• Why is Coyle so eager to blame Josh — and whose side is Mason on?

• Who left the notes — and what happened in August 1987?

• What was hidden in the mill's lumber — and who is hunting Pryce?

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Who's Who in Roseburg

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THE LEDGER

Tess Halloran — Our lead, 34. Reporter at the Umpqua Ledger. Grew up in Winston, laid off from a Portland daily, came home. Daughter of the late Frank Halloran, a faller at Pryce Lumber.

Walt Brenner — Ledger editor. Gruff and protective; keeps stories tight in the conference room until they're ready.

Gloria Bordiam — New staff reporter and newsroom busybody. Tells Tess what to eat — and orders it for her.

THE MISSING

Gordon Pryce — Owner of the closed Pryce Lumber mill. Faked his disappearance and hid in the woods; found stabbed to death.

Josh “Tic Tac” Foster — Idle Hour regular (40s, Mariners cap, rattles a mint box). Saw the dark pickup tailing the Lincoln, got part of a plate, vanished. Called Darla (Ch. 17); a gunshot. Now a suspect.

Harlan Voss — Douglas County commissioner. Left home Sunday about 6 p.m. after a call from Josh Foster; his wallet turned up at the Rice Hill truck stop on I-5.

THE PRYCE HOUSEHOLD

Trent Pryce — Gordon's son, 35, running for county commission. Says he was home all night watching the game with his mother.

Evelyn Pryce — Gordon's wife. Watches silently in a gray cardigan.

Martin Kessler — The family's Eugene lawyer. Shuts down interviews.

THE VOSS HOUSEHOLD

Tiffany Voss — Harlan's wife of 18 years, about 20 years younger; nobody knows her real name. Flashy in public, a plain brown house at home. Josh was kind to her when she was new in town.

THE LAW

Sheriff Ray Coyle — Douglas County sheriff. Stonewalls Tess, downplayed Josh's statement, keeps the river knife quiet — and didn't ask for the FBI.

Deputy Cal Walters — 28. The only lawman who seems to care. Quietly feeds Mason and Tess what he finds.

Christine Mason — FBI profiler, about 50. Takes no guff from Coyle. Holds Josh's tin and the key.

Dan Myers — Mason's FBI boss, late 50s, triathlete. All business; unimpressed by Coyle.

Officer Ron & partner — Roseburg police. Want Josh about a break-in at Umpqua Gold & Coin; lose the pickup in a chase.

FRIENDS & ALLIES

Teresa Juniper — Eye Spy Investigations co-owner, Tess's friend since high school. Tea drinker; has an office cat in Klamath Falls.

Kallysta “Kally” Hawthorn — Eye Spy co-owner, self-declared germaphobe, transplanted from back East. Found the “G.P.” tackle box.

Big Dave — Shift supervisor at the veneer plant south of town; knew Tess's father. Her Idle Hour escort.

Buck — Tess's old Winston neighbor (red suspenders, calls her “Tessie”). Worked for Gordon fifteen years.

Del — Runs the diner in Glide on Hwy 138; drove log trucks thirty years. Marionberry pie and advice. Keeps a faded snapshot of his “niece” by the register.

Flo — Waitress at Del's for as long as Tess can remember. Pink uniform, pencil behind her ear: “Sit anywhere, hon.”

THE IDLE HOUR CROWD

Darla Foster — Josh's protective older sister; raised him. Tends bar part-time and is thawing toward Tess.

Herb & Rocky — Herb, in a fishing vest, waltzes with Rocky, a googly-eyed pet rock.

The owners — Brothers who flip coins to decide who pays for drinks.

TOWNSFOLK & WITNESSES

Earl Haskins — Graveyard-shift cabinet-shop worker who tipped police about the pickup.

Heather — Holiday Inn front-desk clerk; doesn't notice trucks. Called Walters about Room 118.

Marisol Reyes — Holiday Inn housekeeper who found the Room 118 knife.

Hollis Tate — Holiday Inn maintenance chief, nearly 16 years; 65 Alder Brook Road.

Karen Marsh — Holiday Inn desk clerk; Owen Marsh's cousin.

Lorraine Pettibone & Moose — Retired teacher and her beagle, who found the engraved knife.

Janet Marsh — Local woman whose funeral Tess covered three weeks before the story opens.

Owen Marsh — Janet's son, about 28; 6-foot-5. Tess babysat him. In and out of prison since 18. Says he was in Cannon Beach the Pryce weekend; stayed two doors from Room 118. Drives a dark blue pickup.

Freddy — Smoker chef at the Screw and Brew in Cannon Beach; met Owen in prison. Found stabbed to death in an alley (Ch. 16).

Sally — Screw and Brew waitress who breaks the news.

The Ranch Motel clerk — Kind, tired, reading glasses on a chain. Remembers a man paying cash Sunday night; didn't see him leave.

THE EVIDENCE LOCKER

The Lincoln — Gordon's car, wheels turned neatly toward the river, wallet on the seat with \$200.

The knife — Stag-handled, engraved DOUGLAS COUNTY ROADS · 1987. Found in the shallows; Coyle had it logged as found property.

The tackle box — Silt-filled, “G.P.” carved in the lid, a torn mayonnaise packet on top. Locked up by Eye Spy.

The note — Unstamped, on Tess's desk: “Ask them about August 1987.”

Harlan's wallet — Tossed in a Rice Hill truck-stop trash can, \$41 inside, plus cash receipts from the K&R Drive-In (Sunday, 9:12 p.m.) and the Ranch Motel.

The mint tin — Dented, in a puddle in the tire ruts behind the Ranch Motel. Josh's — still holding his Tic Tacs. Now with the FBI.

The brass key — Small, worn, stamped “1987,” found under the mints. Now with the FBI.

Room 118's back door — Looks locked but opens with a tug; the strike plate was tampered with. A private way in from the river deck.

The second knife — In an ottoman in Holiday Inn Room 118: stag handle, dried blood, same 1987 engraving. The river knife's twin.

KEY TIMES

Gordon Pryce: Friday night: leaves the Elks Lodge · about 10 p.m.: calls home to take a drive “up the river” · about 10:30: Josh sees the Lincoln heading up the canyon, a dark pickup behind it with no lights · next morning: the wallet is still on the seat.

Harlan Voss: Sunday, about 6 p.m.: leaves home after a call from Josh · Sunday night: cash at the K&R and the Ranch Motel · Tuesday: the wallet turns up at Rice Hill · Wednesday: the FBI arrives.

KEY PLACES

Roseburg · Glide · Hwy 138 pullout near Toketee Falls · Idle Hour Tavern · Umpqua Ledger · Brix Grill · Abby's Pizza · Fred Meyer · Holiday Inn on the South Umpqua · Cavitt Creek & Little River · the Voss house on the hill · Rice Hill, 25 miles north on I-5: the truck stop, the K&R Drive-In and the Ranch Motel · Carlos, Winston · Seven Feathers Casino, Canyonville · the Screw and Brew, Cannon Beach

THE CRIME DESK

Cold cases · Blotter · Court watch · Top 20 · Scams · Trivia

COLD CASE FILE

Jay, Vermont · 1984

The Hanel: Murder at the Chalet

Roland and Maram Hanel had come to the hills of Jay, near the Canadian border, from Montreal. He was 49 and born in Germany; she was 32 and born in Egypt. They lived in a chalet on Gendron Road.

They were last seen at home about 7:30 p.m. on Sept. 13, 1984. A week later, on Sept. 20, a friend went looking for them after Roland missed a tennis date — and found them both shot to death.

It was a brutal attack. According to the Caledonia Record, each was hit eight to 11 times, more than 20 shots in all, with 9 mm ammunition of Yugoslav origin. Yet no one ever reported

hearing gunfire. The Vermont State Police Major Crime Unit took the case. Investigators have never named a suspect or a motive publicly, and they have not said what brought the couple from Montreal to the Northeast Kingdom.

Forty-two years later, the killings remain on the state police list of unsolved homicides. Someone who knew the Hanel in Montreal or Jay — or who heard about unusual ammunition in 1984 — may still hold the key.

Tips: vsp.vermont.gov/tipssubmit, text VTIPS to 274637, or call 802-244-8727 (case 05B104560).

CASE FACTS

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Roland & Maram Hanel
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49 and 32
FROM
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LAST SEEN
Sept. 13, 1984
FOUND
Sept. 20, 1984
WHERE
Gendron Road, Jay
CASE NO.
05B104560

vsp.vermont.gov/tipssubmit (anonymous)
Text VTIPS to 274637 · VSP 802-244-8727

VERMONT POLICE BLOTTER

FAIRLEE — Police are investigating a hit-and-run near the town’s elementary school, WCAX reported. Anyone who saw it is asked to call police.

BURLINGTON — A house fire displaced three people, WCAX reported. The cause is under investigation.

MONTPELIER — A water main break late Wednesday led to a boil-water order for parts of the city (more on Page 3). (WCAX)

Tips: vsp.vermont.gov/tipssubmit

COURT WATCH

Rutland County — State Sen. Terry Williams pleaded not guilty to domestic assault after his arrest in Poultney (Page 3). (WCAX)

Washington — The Federal Election Commission’s website was hacked, knocking its electronic filing system offline days before the election. (Just Security)

Brazil — Defeated presidential candidate Flávio Bolsonaro was ordered to give up his passport; he reportedly left the country (Page 2). (Just Security)

CASE CLOSED · HOW IT WAS CRACKED

The Night Stalker

In 1984 and 1985 a burglar and killer terrorized Los Angeles and later San Francisco, breaking into homes at night. Newspapers called him the Night Stalker. The break came from a stolen orange Toyota. A witness noted part of its plate, and when police found the car they lifted a single fingerprint. California’s brand-new computerized fingerprint system, Cal-ID, matched it to Richard Ramirez in minutes. Police released his photo on Aug. 30, 1985. The next day, residents of an East Los Angeles neighborhood recognized him from the newspaper, chased him down and held him for police. Ramirez was convicted in 1989 of 13 murders and sentenced to death. He died in prison in 2013.

SOLVED AFTER DECADES					Cold cases cracked by DNA
VICTIM / CASE	WHERE	CRIME	SOLVED	HOW DNA CRACKED IT	
Rita Curran	Burlington, Vt.	1971	2023	Cigarette-butt DNA and genealogy named her neighbor, William DeRoos, who died in 1986.	
Sherri Rasmussen	Los Angeles	1986	2009	Saliva from a bite mark matched LAPD detective Stephanie Lazarus.	
Grim Sleeper	Los Angeles	1985	2010	A familial DNA hit on his son led police to Lonnie Franklin Jr.	
Bear Brook	Allentown, N.H.	1985	2017	Genealogy tied the bodies found in barrels to Terry Rasmussen.	
Lisa Ziegert	Agawam, Mass.	1992	2018	Retested DNA led to Gary Schara’s arrest.	
Christy Mirack	Lancaster, Pa.	1992	2018	Genealogy led to DJ Raymond Rowe; his discarded gum confirmed it.	
Angie Dodge	Idaho Falls	1996	2019	Genealogy named Brian Dripps and helped free Christopher Tapp.	
Green River	Washington	1982	2001	A 1987 saliva sample, retested, matched Gary Ridgway.	
BTK	Wichita, Kan.	1974	2005	A floppy disk led to Dennis Rader; family DNA confirmed it.	
Michella Welch	Tacoma, Wash.	1986	2018	Genealogy and a discarded napkin led to Gary Hartman.	

Genetic genealogy compares crime-scene DNA with public family-tree databases to find relatives, then builds the family tree.

SCAM ALERT

The Fake Charity Prize

You get a call, a message or an ad saying you’ve won a sweepstakes — because you donated to a charity. The caller may use a real charity’s name or one that sounds just like it, and the caller ID may look legitimate.

Then comes the catch: to collect, you must pay a “fee” or “taxes,” or give your Social Security number. **The FTC says** real sweepstakes are free. If you have to pay to get a prize, it’s a scam.

Check first: search the charity’s name with “complaint” or “scam,” skip paid ads, and report it at ReportFraud.ftc.gov.

CRIME TRIVIA

Test Your Detective Skills

The Night Stalker was caught after a computer matched a single fingerprint in minutes. What does AFIS, the name for such systems, stand for?

Answer: Automated Fingerprint Identification System.

PUZZLES & GAMES

Grab a pencil and your coffee

THE DAILY SUDOKU

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WORD SEARCH · AROUND THE KITCHEN

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FIND THESE 12 WORDS

- COLANDER
GRATER
GRIDDLE
KETTLE
LADLE
PEELER
RAMEKIN
SKILLET
SPATULA
TOASTER
TONGS
WHISK
- Words run across, down, diagonally — and some backward.

THE COURIER QUIZ

Five Questions, No Peeking

1. Which British general founded Savannah, Ga., in 1733?
2. Which Brewers catcher was named World Series MVP this week?
3. Which planet has the most known moons?
4. The Fed’s rate-setting panel goes by what four letters?
5. What is Vermont’s state bird?

NAME THAT YEAR

Three Clues, One Year

- Walt Disney World opens near Orlando.
- Starbucks opens its first store, in Seattle.
- Intel introduces the 4004 microprocessor.

YESTERDAY’S SUDOKU SOLUTION

8	2	9	6	4	5	3	7	1
4	9	6	3	2	7	2		
5	6	2	7	1	4	8	9	
2	9	8	4	6	5	7		
6	2	9	1	2	4	3		
9	4	2	5	3	2	1		
7	1	4	4	2	9	9		
3	5	9	1	6	7	2		

Solutions run the next day.

THE JUKEBOX

Music history, a record to spin and shows near home

OCTOBER 29 IN MUSIC

This Day in Music

- 1971 — Duane Allman, 24, dies in a motorcycle crash in Macon, Ga.
- 1974 — David Bowie plays the first of seven sold-out nights at Radio City Music Hall.
- 1978 — “KISS Meets the Phantom of the Park” airs on NBC.
- 1983 — Pink Floyd’s “Dark Side of the Moon” logs its 491st week on the Billboard album chart, a record.
- 2009 — The Rock Hall’s 25th-anniversary concerts open at Madison Square Garden.
- 2012 — Imagine Dragons release “Radioactive.”

Born today: Denny Laine of the Moody Blues and Wings (1944), singer Melba Moore (1945), Fleetwood Mac founder Peter Green (1946) and Quiet Riot singer Kevin DuBrow (1955).



SPIN THIS

At Fillmore East

The Allman Brothers Band · 1971

Duane Allman died 55 years ago today, just months after his band released the album that made its name.

Recorded over two nights in March 1971 at Bill Graham’s Fillmore East in New York, the double album caught the band stretching out — “Whipping Post” runs about 23 minutes.

Duane’s slide guitar on “Statesboro Blues” and the twin-guitar lines with Dickey Betts on “In Memory of Elizabeth Reed” are still the standard for Southern rock jams.

Best with: a slow pour and nowhere to be.

LIVE IN VERMONT

Shows Near Home

- Tue. Nov. 3 · Clutch, Higher Ground
- Sat. Nov. 14 · Phillip Phillips, Higher Ground
- Wed. Nov. 18 · John Scofield, Flynn, Burlington
- Mon. Nov. 30 · Bonobo, Higher Ground

Listings via Songkick; check venues for tickets.

MUSIC TRIVIA

Peter Green, born on this date in 1946, wrote which Fleetwood Mac song later made a hit by Santana?