

ESSEX JCT. TODAY



53°

Low 37° · Breezy, cooler
Halloween: sunny, 46°

DOW	52,343	▼ -0.25%	S&P 500	7,720	▼ -0.30%	NASDAQ	26,185	▼ -1.38%	GOLD	\$4,032	10-YR	4.98%	GAS	\$4.29	WTI	\$102.00
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WALL STREET · THURSDAY

Alphabet's Worst Day Ever

Google's parent loses about 12.6% after a profit miss, wiping out roughly \$480 billion in value and pulling the Nasdaq down 1.4%

ALPHABET'S DROP BY THE NUMBERS

▼12.6%

GOOGL on Thursday

\$283.82

Closing price

\$51B

Quarterly spending on buildings and gear

103%

Google Cloud sales growth

BY THE COURIER MARKETS DESK · SOURCES: CAPPNOTES, GOTRADE, YAHOO FINANCE

Alphabet, the company behind Google, had the worst day in its history as a public company Thursday. Its stock fell \$41.07, or 12.6%, to \$283.82, and investors erased roughly \$480 billion of its market value.

The trigger was Wednesday night's earnings report. Profit came to \$2.12 a share, well short of the roughly \$3 Wall Street expected, and sales from Google Search and advertising fell short too.

It wasn't all bad news. Total sales rose 25% to \$127.6 billion, and Google Cloud more than doubled, to \$30.7 billion. But Alphabet spent about \$51 billion in a single quarter on data centers and equipment for artificial intelligence, and its free cash flow — the money left over — turned negative.

That worries investors: if search ads are slowing while A.I. spending keeps climbing, profits get squeezed. The selloff spread to other tech stocks, and the Nasdaq fell 1.4%.

Alphabet's stock had been up for the year before Thursday; now it's down for 2026. Small-company stocks went the other way, and the Russell 2000 rose 1%. **The full market story, plus Amazon and Intel, Page 2.**

ESSEX JUNCTION FORECAST



53°

Low tonight: 37°

Cooler and breezy, with gusts near 28 mph and lots of clouds.

CHANCE OF RAIN TODAY

A sprinkle or mountain flurry

20%

THE WEEK AHEAD

SAT



46°

5%

SUN



58°

0%

MON



64°

10%

TUE



66°

10%

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

FORECASTER'S NOTE

Forecast data: a crisp, sunny Halloween; trick-or-treaters in the 30s after dark. Warmer next week.

NHL · THURSDAY

Blues Beat Bruins 4–1

BY THE COURIER SPORTS DESK · SOURCE: SPORTRADAR

Boston outshot St. Louis 32–18 but lost 4–1 in St. Louis, its second straight loss on the road trip.

The game was tied 1–1 after one period. Defenseman Philip Broberg scored the winner and added two assists, and goalie Joel Hofer

stopped 31 shots.

The Blues scored twice on the power play. Boston is 9–4–1.

Home Saturday vs. Chicago at 1. **Packers win, Page 3.**

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WEATHER AROUND THE MAP							Friday forecasts · forecast data · "Now" = overnight						
MIDDLEBURY, VT		NOW 56°	HI 55°	LO 37°	RAIN 25%		CHARLOTTE, NC		NOW 50°	HI 81°	LO 50°	RAIN 10%	
MT. WASHINGTON, NH		NOW 46°	HI 45°	LO 23°	RAIN 25% summit		WILMINGTON, NC		NOW 57°	HI 81°	LO 56°	RAIN 10%	
SNOWSHOE, WV		NOW 47°	HI 61°	LO 41°	RAIN 5%		ST. PETERSBURG, FL		NOW 75°	HI 83°	LO 74°	RAIN 20%	
ROSEBURG, OR		NOW 46°	HI 54°	LO 38°	RAIN 15%		FULTON, MO		NOW 59°	HI 76°	LO 57°	RAIN 10%	
E. DENNIS, MA · CAPE		NOW 58°	HI 68°	LO 49°	RAIN 20%		HOT SPOT · McALLEN, TX		NOW 73°	HI 87°	LO 70°	RAIN 25%	

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MARKETS & MONEY

Thursday's close · Friday, October 30

THE BIG BOARD — THURSDAY, OCT. 29

INDEX / STOCK	CLOSE	CHANGE	PCT	DAY MOVE
Dow Jones Industrials	52,342.56	-132.54	-0.25%	<div></div>
S&P 500	7,720.39	-23.59	-0.30%	<div></div>
Nasdaq Composite	26,184.72	-365.13	-1.38%	<div></div>
Russell 2000	2,859.22	+28.71	+1.01%	<div></div>
JB'S WATCHLIST				
Nvidia (NVDA)	213.66	-1.72	-0.80%	<div></div>
Palantir (PLTR)*	196.81	-1.92	-0.97%	<div></div>
Microsoft (MSFT)	530.16	-0.85	-0.16%	<div></div>
BIG NAMES				
Alphabet (GOOGL)	283.82	-41.07	-12.64%	<div></div>
Amazon (AMZN)	243.79	-10.82	-4.25%	<div></div>
Meta (META)	624.52	+12.03	+1.96%	<div></div>
Tesla (TSLA)	403.30	-0.92	-0.23%	<div></div>
Intel (INTC)	92.07	-3.46	-3.62%	<div></div>

Indexes via CappNotes; stocks via Gotrade. *PLTR: Thursday close unavailable at press time — Wednesday's close shown.

RATES · ENERGY · METALS

10-yr Treasury	4.98%
down 0.07 pt.	
2-yr Treasury	4.61%
30-yr Treasury	5.32%
Gold	~\$4,032
-0.5%	
Gas, U.S. avg.	\$4.29
AAA regular	
WTI crude	\$102.00
-0.8%	
Brent crude	\$114.88
-0.4%	
Bitcoin	~\$78,900
-2.9%	
VIX	17.20
+1.7%	

THE WEEK AHEAD

FRI. Month-end; Halloween weekend

TUE. Election Day

NEXT FRI. October jobs report

Thursday: Russell +1.0%, Dow -0.3%, S&P -0.3%, Nasdaq -1.4% · health care +2.4%

Index closes via CappNotes

THE ECONOMY · AFTER THE BELL

Strong Growth, Then Amazon and Intel Slide

BY THE COURIER MARKETS DESK · SOURCES: CAPPNOTES, GOTRADE

The economy grew at a 3.4% pace last quarter, beating the 3.1% forecast. The Fed's favorite inflation gauge rose 3.6% from a year ago (3.1% without food and fuel). Traders see about an 80% chance of a December rate hike.

After the bell, Amazon fell about 7% despite 12% sales growth and 39% cloud growth, on heavy spending. Intel sank about 23% on a weak holiday-quarter forecast, blaming slow PC sales.

STOCKS TO WATCH TODAY

On the Radar

Nvidia (NVDA) — Down 0.8% to \$213.66 as chip stocks slipped.

Palantir (PLTR) — JPMorgan named it a favorite stock, CNBC reported.

Microsoft (MSFT) — Plans to borrow about \$25 billion for A.I. data centers.

Caterpillar (CAT) — Down more than 9%, the Dow's biggest drag.

Marvell (MRVL) — Down 13% on reports it may buy Lumentum.

DoorDash (DASH) — Up 5.6%; buying Instacart for \$17 billion.

Eli Lilly (LLY) — Up more than 6% after earnings.

ServiceNow (NOW) — Down 27% after its report.

BIG MOVERS

GKOS	Glaukos	+33.65%
CROX	Crocs	+25.54%
CMG	Chipotle	+9.00%
NOW	ServiceNow	-26.95%
ALNY	Alnylam	-25.13%

Best of these: Health +2.4% Worst: Telecom -1.9%

YEAR TO DATE

Russell 2000	+15.3%
S&P 500	+12.8%
Nasdaq	+12.6%
Dow	+8.9%

Through Thursday; Courier estimates from AP year-start levels.

THE LUMBER DESK

Growth Stays Strong

FOR THE JB WOODS DESK

A 3.4% growth pace keeps building demand up, but also keeps a December rate hike likely — pricier loans. Crude: \$102. Weather: breezy, 53°.

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 · UKRAINE

Russian Drone Hits Crowded Train Platform

BY THE COURIER NATION DESK · SOURCE: JUST SECURITY

A Russian drone struck a crowded platform at the main train station in Dnipro, Ukraine, killing 13 people, the regional governor, Oleksandr Hanzha, said. Ukraine's railway said people were on the platform despite an air-raid warning.

Russia, for its part, said it shot down most of 613 Ukrainian drones overnight. And a letter from Uganda's embassy in Moscow says 27 Ugandans recruited to fight for Russia are dead or presumed dead.

Iran. Vice President JD Vance wrote to a top Iranian security official to try to restart peace

talks, The Wall Street Journal reported. Qatar is pushing a deal: U.N. inspectors back into Iran's bombed nuclear sites in exchange for some sanctions relief. (Just Security)

North Korea. It fired 10 short-range ballistic missiles into the sea off its east coast, South Korea said. (Just Security)

ELSEWHERE

Europe. Christine Lagarde will step down as head of the European Central Bank on Feb. 7, 2027. (Just Security)

Nicaragua. A U.N. human-rights panel said President Daniel Ortega and his wife have set up a dictatorship. Nicaragua rejected it. (Just Security)

Elections. A federal judge refused a Justice Department demand that California set aside 20,000 ballots. (Just Security)

Betting. Utah filed criminal gambling charges against the prediction-market company Kalshi and its co-founders. (Just Security)

Colleges. Dartmouth's provost resigned after a review found he didn't disclose his use of A.I. (Just Security)

VERMONT

Around the Green Mountain State

STATEWIDE · ELECTION

Two Amendments on Tuesday’s Ballot

BY THE COURIER VERMONT DESK · SOURCE: WCAX

Besides picking a governor and a Legislature, Vermont voters will decide two changes to the state Constitution on Tuesday. Both sailed through the Legislature with little opposition, partly because they would write into the Constitution rights that already exist in law, WCAX reported.

Proposal 3 would guarantee people the right to organize or join a labor union to bargain collectively. That is already state law; supporters say putting it in the Constitution would keep a

future Legislature from weakening it.

Proposal 4 would bar the state from denying anyone equal protection of the laws because of race, ethnicity, sex, religion, disability, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, or national origin. Critics call it unnecessary, since state and federal law already protect those rights, and some worry it could invite claims for reparations.

Each needs a simple majority of votes to pass and would take effect right away. The governor has no say.

STATEWIDE · ENERGY

A Clean-Power Deal With Nova Scotia

Gov. Phil Scott and Nova Scotia Premier Tim Houston signed a three-year agreement to work together on offshore wind, transmission lines and grid reliability. The goal is to bring wind power from Nova Scotia to New England and hold down electric costs. No dollar figures or project dates were announced. (WCAX)

AROUND THE STATE

MONTPELIER — \$4.5 million from GM. Attorney General Charity Clark announced Vermont will get \$4.5 million from General Motors in a data-privacy settlement. (WCAX)

STATEWIDE — Longer bobcat season? The Fish and Wildlife Board voted to consider a petition

STATEWIDE · HUNGER

Food Shelves Stretched Thin

Visits to Vermont Foodbank partners are up 30% from last year. The Williston Food Shelf sees about 100 more families a month and now spends \$14,000 a month on food, up from \$10,000. New federal work rules cut more than 5,300 Vermonters from 3SquaresVT benefits. Food shelves are counting on holiday donations. (WCAX)

adding two weeks to bobcat trapping, to match Maine, New York and Massachusetts. Any change is years away. (WCAX)

ST. ALBANS — I-89 reopens. Southbound I-89 reopened after a vehicle fire closed it for a time Thursday. (WCAX)

FOLIAGE REPORT

Breezy, then crisp

- Wind:** gusts near 28 mph today — rake before, not after.
- Fire:** leaves still dry; no red-flag warning expected.
- Mountains:** a few flurries possible up high today.
- Trick-or-treat:** sunny Saturday; 30s after dark.
- Clocks:** fall back at 2 a.m. Sunday.
- Sunset:** about 5:42 p.m. — Sunday, about 4:40.

THE WEEK IN VERMONT

- Today** Clouds and wind, 53°.
- Tonight** Chilly, 37°.
- Sat.** Sunny Halloween, 46°.
- Sun.** Sunny, 58°.
- Mon.** Partly sunny, 64°.
- Forecast data for Essex Junction; check before you go.

VERMONT BY THE NUMBERS

- 2** Constitutional amendments on the ballot
- 30%** More food-shelf visits than last year
- 5,300+** Vermonters cut from 3SquaresVT
- \$4.5M** GM privacy settlement
- 3 yrs.** Nova Scotia energy pact

SPORTS

Packers top Panthers · Bruins fall at St. Louis · NFL Week 9

THURSDAY NIGHT FOOTBALL · GREEN BAY 27, CAROLINA 19

TEAM	1	2	3	4	T
CAR	3	7	3	6	19
GB	6	14	7	0	27

Jordan Love 30-for-41, 288 yards, 3 TD · Josh Jacobs 2 TD · Packers 6 sacks · Bryce Young TD pass to Coker

NFL · THURSDAY NIGHT

Packers Hold Off Panthers

BY THE COURIER SPORTS DESK · SOURCE: SPORTRADAR

Jordan Love threw three touchdown passes — to Tucker Kraft, Matthew Golden and Josh Jacobs — and Green Bay beat Carolina 27–19 at Lambeau Field.

Jacobs also ran for a score, and the Packers’ defense sacked Bryce Young six times. Green Bay led 27–10 in the third quarter.

Carolina got closer late on Young’s 26-yard touchdown pass to Coker, but the two-point try failed. The Packers lost two fumbles and still won comfortably.

Forecast data had Green Bay a 64% favorite.

NFL WEEK 9 · SUNDAY

Win chances

BAL at BUF	1:00	BUF 61%
LV at NYJ	1:00	NYJ 53%
CLE at PIT	1:00	PIT 64%
MIN at DET	1:00	DET 62%
ATL at TB	1:00	TB 56%
ARI at DAL	1:00	DAL 73%
TEN at CIN	1:00	CIN 87%
IND at JAX	1:00	JAX 82%
LAC at LA	4:05	LA 73%
NE at MIA	4:25	NE 74%
KC at DEN	4:25	
PHI at WAS	SNF 8:20	
CHI at SEA	MNF 8:15	
CAR 19, GB 27	TNF	F

Win chances via SportRadar. Times Eastern (standard time Sunday).

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

Lose 4–1 at St. Louis

Boston (9–4–1) outshot St. Louis 32–18 but scored once. Next: Chicago Sat. at 1.

COLLEGE · THIS WEEKEND

Navy vs. Notre Dame in Foxborough

Sat. noon: Navy vs. Notre Dame at Gillette.

THIS WEEK ON TV (ET)

- NHL Blackhawks at Bruins, Sat. 1:00
- NFL Patriots at Dolphins, Sun. 4:25
- NFL Ravens at Bills, Sun. 1:00

THE BOURBON PAGE

Four recipes in one bottle · plus Vermont's own Stone Fence



SMALL BATCH
90 PROOF

FOUR ROSES DISTILLERY · LAWRENCEBURG, KY.

Four Roses Small Batch

PROOF	RECIPES	STYLE	MASH BILLS	PRICE
90	4 of 10	Small batch	2	~\$35

Most distilleries make one or two bourbons and age them differently. Four Roses does something unusual: it makes ten different bourbons from scratch, then blends them.

It uses two mash bills — grain recipes — one with about 20% rye and one with about 35% rye. Each is fermented with five different house yeast strains. Two times five makes ten recipes, each with its own four-letter code, like OBSK or OESO.

Small Batch mixes four of those ten. The result is smooth and fruity, with enough rye spice to keep it interesting, and it's one of the best bourbons you can buy for about \$35.

How to drink it: neat, on a big ice cube, or in a cocktail. Expect ripe red fruit, honey, a little pepper and a soft, medium finish.

Featured before: Four Roses Single Barrel ran here earlier — that one is a single recipe from a single barrel.

BOTTLE OF THE WEEK

BOURBON SCIENCE 101

What Yeast Does

BY THE COURIER SPIRITS DESK

Yeast turns the sugar in cooked grain into alcohol. But it also makes hundreds of other compounds that give whiskey its flavor.

Some strains lean toward fruit — banana, pear, cherry. Others bring spice, herbs or flowers. Distilleries guard their strains closely; many keep backup samples frozen.

Four Roses keeps five, so the same grain can taste five different ways. That's why its codes matter to fans: the last letter names the yeast.

Label tip: the second letter is always “S” for straight whiskey; “B” or “E” names the mash bill.

THE FOUR ROSES CODE

Reading the Letters

O — first letter: made at Four Roses.

E or B — mash bill: E is about 20% rye, B about 35%.

S — straight whiskey.

V, K, O, Q, F — the five yeasts, from delicate fruit (V) to herbal (F).

Small Batch — OBSK, OESK, OBSO and OESO.

Bonus: Four Roses ages its barrels in single-story warehouses, so they age more evenly.

Hunting tip: store-pick single barrels list the code on the label.

THIS WEEK'S POUR

Cocktail Corner

The Stone Fence. Whiskey and apple cider — a drink with Vermont roots.

Fill a tall glass with ice. Add 2 oz bourbon and 2 dashes of Angostura bitters, then top with about 4 oz of cold hard cider (or sweet cider). Stir gently and add an apple slice.

The legend: Ethan Allen's Green Mountain Boys are said to have drunk Stone Fences — then made with rum — before capturing Fort Ticonderoga in 1775.

TASTING LAB

Try the Stone Fence two ways: with dry hard cider and with fresh sweet cider from a farm stand. The sweet one tastes like dessert; the dry one is crisper.

Warm version: heat sweet cider, then add bourbon and a cinnamon stick for a cold Halloween night.

THIS WEEK'S POUR PLAN

TONIGHT · BREEZY FRIDAY

A Stone Fence by the woodstove.

SATURDAY · HALLOWEEN

Four Roses neat after the last trick-or-treater.

What to sip with what's on

SUNDAY · EXTRA HOUR

Clocks fall back — a slow pour with the football.

THE BOURBON GLOSSARY

Label terms, decoded

<p>Mash bill — the grain recipe; bourbon is at least 51% corn.</p> <p>High-rye — a bourbon with lots of rye for spice.</p> <p>Yeast strain — a family of yeast that shapes flavor.</p> <p>Small batch — a few barrels mingled; no legal size.</p> <p>Single barrel — every bottle from one barrel.</p> <p>Store pick — a barrel chosen by a liquor store.</p>	<p>Hard cider — fermented apple juice.</p> <p>Sweet cider — fresh, unfermented apple juice.</p> <p>Bitters — a concentrated herbal flavoring.</p> <p>Highball — spirit plus a tall mixer over ice.</p> <p>Rickhouse — the warehouse where barrels age.</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>Angel's share — whiskey lost to evaporation.</p> <p>Fermentation — yeast turning sugar into alcohol.</p> <p>Lawrenceburg — Kentucky town home to Four Roses.</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

Friday, Oct. 30 — Wednesday, Nov. 4

ON THE TUBE (ET)

Tonight 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.
Sun. 8:20 — SNF: Eagles at Commanders.
Mon. 7:00 — Bruins host Vegas.

AROUND VERMONT

Sat. — Halloween; trick-or-treat before dark.
Sat. night — Clocks fall back at 2 a.m.
Sun. — The Courier's Snow Desk begins.
Mon. — Last day to vote early.
Tue. — Election Day; polls close at 7.

WEATHER AT A GLANCE

Fri. — Gusty and gray, 53°.
Sat. — Clear and crisp, 46°.
Sun. — Sunny and milder, 58°.
Mon. — Pleasant, 64°.
Tue. — Mild, 66°.
Wed. — Near 70°.

GOOD NEWS ROUNDUP

Kindness, critters & comebacks

SOUTH AUSTRALIA

A Kangaroo Lost at Sea

A boat crew near Port Lincoln spotted a young kangaroo swimming more than a mile and a half from shore. A farmer aboard hauled it in, and it fell asleep in his arms. Hours later it hopped off the beach on its own. (Good News Network)

SOUTH KOREA

Lunch on a Stranger

A diner at an Incheon barbecue restaurant quietly added extra beef to the order of 27 people from a disability welfare center, then paid the whole bill — about \$420 — and left. “I hope the gratitude of all 27 of us reaches that person,” a volunteer said. (Good News Network)

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J.

Catching Microplastics

A Princeton-founded startup is testing a sewer filter that copies water-repelling plants; in the lab it caught 98% of tiny plastic bits. A two-year trial is under way. (Good News Network)

LIBYA

Farmland Made Safe

Mine-clearing crews removed 14,066 explosive items from a farm near Misratah between January and September, so families who fled can return. The HALO Trust and the United Nations led the work. (Good News Network)

BERLIN

Adopt a Thirsty Tree

A free city app maps about 900,000 street trees and turns the thirsty ones orange or red, so neighbors can adopt one and water it. Other cities, including Paris, have copied it. (Good News Network)

SHANGHAI

Stairs for Everyone

A new opera house on the Huangpu River opened with “Tosca.” Its outdoor spiral staircase, shaped like a Chinese fan, is open to the public, ticket or not. (Good News Network)

THE FRIDAY KITCHEN

A SEASONAL RECIPE

Loaded Baked Potato Soup

Serves 6 · 15 min prep · 35 min

THE SOUP 6 slices bacon, chopped · 1 onion, chopped; 2 cloves garlic · ¼ cup flour; 4 cups chicken broth · 2½ lb russet potatoes, peeled, ½-inch cubes · 1 cup milk; ½ cup sour cream

LOAD IT UP 1½ cups shredded sharp cheddar · Sliced scallions · Extra sour cream · Crumbled bacon (from the pot) · Salt and black pepper

METHOD

1. Cook the bacon in a large pot until crisp. Lift it out; keep 2 Tbsp of the fat.
2. Cook the onion in the fat 5 minutes, add the garlic, then stir in the flour for 1 minute.
3. Whisk in the broth, add the potatoes, and simmer 15–18 minutes, until tender.
4. Mash about half the potatoes right in the pot. Stir in the milk, sour cream and 1 cup of cheese.
5. Season and serve topped with bacon, scallions and the rest of the cheese.

Courier tip: Mashing half the potatoes thickens the soup without cream. It keeps four days in the fridge — a warm bowl for after trick-or-treat.

THE TRAVEL DESK

Destinations, drives & the airport board



Courier illustration: Salem Harbor at dusk

DESTINATION OF THE WEEK

Salem, Massachusetts

The Witch City hits its peak on Halloween weekend — but its sea captains’ mansions, wharves and world-class museum are worth a trip any time

Why go: Founded in 1626 on a harbor north of Boston, Salem is forever tied to the witch trials of 1692, when 20 people were executed after neighbors accused them of witchcraft. Today the city tells that story soberly at its memorials and turns October into a month-long festival, Haunted Happenings. Its ships once sailed to China and the East Indies, making it one of America’s richest ports. Friday looks mild near 70°; Halloween turns crisp in the low 50s.

DON'T MISS

Peabody Essex Museum. Founded by Salem sea captains in 1799, it is one of the oldest continuously operating museums in the country, with art from around the world, including a 200-year-old Chinese merchant’s house rebuilt inside.

House of the Seven Gables. The 1668 seaside mansion that inspired Nathaniel Hawthorne’s novel. Hawthorne was born in Salem in 1804; his birthplace now stands on the same grounds.

Witch Trials Memorial. Twenty granite benches, each carved with a victim’s name and execution date, beside the old burying ground. A quiet place to start.

Salem Maritime. The wharves and Custom House where Hawthorne once worked, now run by the National Park Service, with the tall-ship replica Friendship of Salem.

Salem: mild, 70° today with a 20% shower chance; sunny and chilly for Halloween, 52°; 57° Sunday and near 69° Monday.
From BTV: fly to Boston, then 20 miles north by car or train; or drive about 3½ hours. Sources: National Park Service; Peabody Essex Museum; forecast data.

MORE ABOUT SALEM

Halloween weekend. Salem draws enormous crowds in October, and Halloween itself is the busiest night of the year. Streets downtown close to cars, restaurants fill up and parking is scarce. If you go this weekend, take the train, eat early and expect lines. For a calmer visit, come in early October or after Nov. 1.

The real history. In 1692, after girls in Salem Village (now Danvers) accused neighbors of witchcraft, 19 people were hanged and one man, Giles Corey, was pressed to death with stones. Dozens more were jailed. The colony later apologized and paid families. A memorial at Proctor’s Ledge marks the likely execution site.

Where to eat. Salem has a lively food scene for a small city, from seafood on the wharves to bistros on Essex Street, a pedestrian mall. Ye Olde Pepper Companie, open since 1806, claims to be America’s oldest candy company — try a Gibraltar, a hard mint candy.

Getting around. Downtown is compact and walkable, with a red line painted on the sidewalks guiding visitors past the main sights. The commuter rail station is a short walk from the center. Trolley tours run in season, and a ferry to Boston operates in the warmer months.

Where to stay. Historic inns and bed-and-breakfasts fill Federal-era houses near the Common, and the Hawthorne Hotel has hosted guests on the Common since 1925. Rooms for Halloween weekend sell out months ahead; Boston or the North Shore towns are backups.

Local character. Salem embraces its nickname: police cars carry a witch on a broomstick, and a bronze statue of Samantha from TV’s “Bewitched” stands in Lappin Park. The 1993 movie “Hocus Pocus” was filmed partly here, and fans still visit the locations.

Day trip. Marblehead, next door, has crooked lanes, a busy harbor and Abbot Hall, home of the painting “The Spirit of ’76.” Farther up the coast, Rockport and Gloucester offer lobster shacks, art galleries and the rocky shore of Cape Ann.

Local tip. The Peabody Essex Museum is the city’s gem and is easy to miss among the costume shops. Give it at least half a day. And look up as you walk Chestnut Street: its brick mansions, built by merchants and sea captains, are some of the finest in New England.

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 today (65%) and Sunday (80%) — expect weather delays at Sky Harbor.

Northeast: Gusty winds near 30 mph today from Burlington to Boston may slow arrivals.

Boston Logan: Halloween weekend crowds headed for Salem; leave extra time.

Clocks: Daylight saving time ends at 2 a.m. Sunday — check early flight times.

South Florida: Rain likely in Miami Saturday and Sunday (75–85%).

Thanksgiving: Four weeks out. Book now; holiday flights fill early.

WEEK-AHEAD OUTLOOK

	FRI	SAT	SUN
Essex Jct., VT	53° 20%	46° 5%	58° 0%
Salem, MA	70° 20%	52° 0%	57° 0%
Snowshoe, WV	61° 5%	59° 10%	57° 10%
St. Petersburg, FL	83° 20%	79° 30%	76° 75%
Charlotte, NC	81° 10%	65° 10%	65° 10%
Cape Cod, MA	68° 20%	49° 0%	53° 0%
Roseburg, OR	54° 15%	49° 15%	55° 10%
Phoenix, AZ	68° 65%	77° 45%	68° 80%

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

THE WEATHER DESK

Forecasts, almanac, mountains & Snow Watch 2026–27

THE FORECASTER’S TAKE

Breezy and Cooler, Then a Crisp Halloween

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

A cold front slid through overnight with only a few sprinkles, and today feels like late fall again: mostly cloudy and breezy, with gusts near 28 mph and highs in the low to mid 50s — about 53° in Essex Junction. A few snowflakes may fly on the highest summits.

The wind and dry leaves keep the fire danger up, though no red-flag warning is expected. Tonight turns chilly, near 37°, with wind chills in the 20s.

Halloween is the pick of the weekend: sunny, lighter winds and a high near 46°. Temperatures drop quickly after sunset, so trick-or-treaters will want a layer as it falls into the 30s; the overnight low is near 32°.

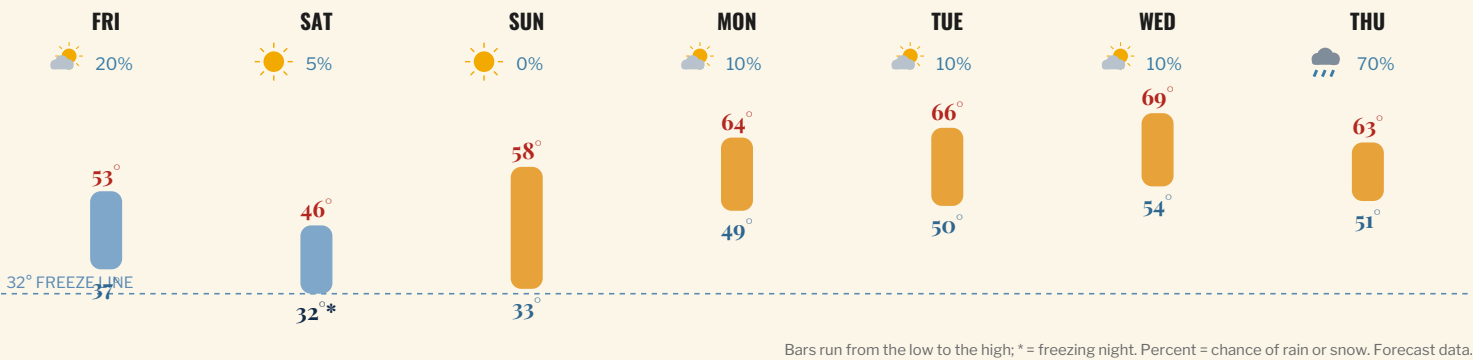
Clocks fall back at 2 a.m. Sunday. Sunday is sunny in the upper 50s, and next week warms into the 60s — near 69° by Wednesday — before showers return late in the week.

ESSEX JCT. ALMANAC

YESTERDAY	High 66° · Low 45°
SUNRISE	7:27 a.m.
SUNSET	5:43 p.m.
DAYLIGHT	10 hr 16 min
CHANGE	-2.8 min vs. yesterday
SINCE JUNE 21	5 hr 16 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

JAY PEAK
Northern Green Mtns.

48° / 28° 35%

Halloween high only 36°.

WOODSTOCK
Ottauquechee valley

57° / 35° 10%

Mildest pick today: 57°.

NEWPORT
Lake Memphremagog

52° / 34° 25%

Saturday tops out near 42°.

PLATTSBURGH
Lake Champlain, N.Y.

53° / 37° 15%

Breezy off the lake.

BOLTON VALLEY
Ski area, 2,100 ft.

49° / 30° 25%

Below freezing tonight.

SNOW WATCH 2026–27

2 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

Desert Rain, Texas Heat

The storm that has been spinning over the Southwest brings Phoenix a 65% chance of rain today and 80% on Sunday, with highs stuck in the upper 60s — about 15 degrees below its recent run. Watch for flooding in washes.

South Texas stays summerlike: McAllen hits about 87° today and the low 90s by Monday. South Florida turns wet this weekend, with a 75% to 85% chance of rain in Miami. The Atlantic remains quiet with a month left in hurricane season.

MOUNTAIN WATCH

A Taste of Winter Up High

Mount Washington’s summit has a 25% chance of snow today, and Halloween stays below freezing up top, with a high near 31° and a low near 22°.

Closer to home, Jay Peak and Bolton Valley drop below freezing tonight, and Jay’s summit area tops out only in the mid-30s Saturday. Snowshoe, W.Va., stays mild, near 61° today.

The Snow Desk starts Sunday on Page 12: daily and season snowfall for Essex, Middlebury, Stowe, Snowshoe and big cities.

WEATHER WORD

Wind Chill

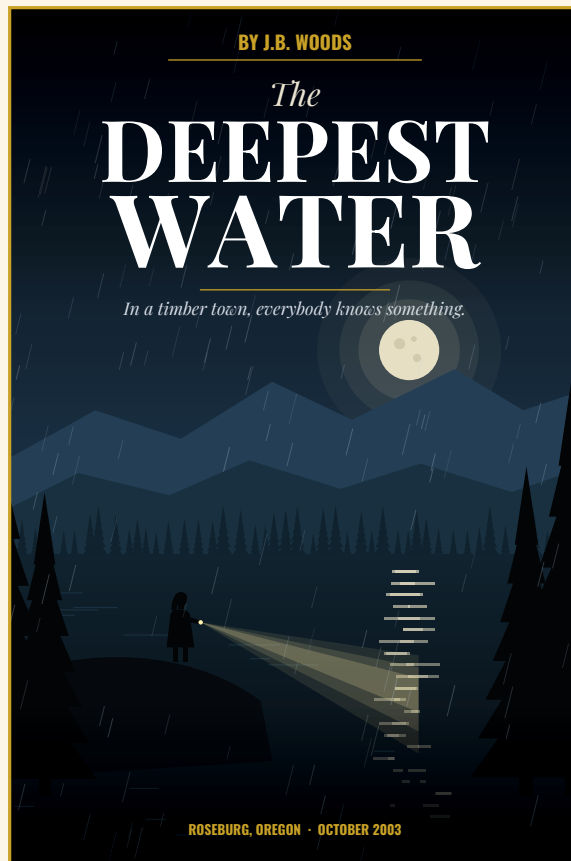
Wind chill is how cold it feels on bare skin when wind carries body heat away faster. At 36° with a 20 mph wind, it feels like about 25°.

Tonight: wind chills fall into the 20s — a good reason to pull out the winter coat.

THIS DAY IN WEATHER

Oct. 29–30, 2011: a rare pre-Halloween nor’easter buried parts of New England in heavy, wet snow on leafy trees, knocking out power to more than 3 million people; Central Park set an October record with 2.9 inches.

THE DEEPEST WATER

[New reader? Tap here to read from Chapter 1 >](#)

CHAPTER 28

Chapter Still Being Written

The author is still at work. The story picks up again soon.

WHERE WE LEFT OFF · 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.

CATCH UP ON THE WHOLE STORY — THE READER'S GUIDE IS ON PAGES 9 AND 10

A work of fiction: characters and events are invented; places are real. · The Deepest Water returns 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?

THE DEEPEST WATER · READER'S GUIDE

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

Derby, Vermont · 1984

Donald Elliott: The Night at the Border Bar

On a spring night in May 1984, Donald Elliott, 31, was at the bar of the Del Monty Hotel in Rock Island, Quebec — today part of the town of Stanstead — just across the border from Derby Line, Vermont.

The bar was packed, with perhaps 100 to 150 people. At some point Elliott got into a disagreement with another patron. Witnesses told police he stayed long after that argument before he left.

The next morning, May 20, 1984, his body was found on the side of Beebe Road in Derby. Investigators ruled his death a homicide.

Vermont State Police interviewed people known to have been at the bar that night and ruled them out as suspects. Later, investigators received information suggesting his death may not be connected to the hotel at all.

Forty-two years later, no one has been charged. Someone who was there that night may know how Donald Elliott got from a crowded bar to a roadside in Derby.

Tips: vsp.vermont.gov/tipssubmit, text VTIPS to 274637, or call 802-244-8727 (case 05B104557).

CASE FACTS

NAME
Donald Elliott

AGE
31

FOUND
May 20, 1984

WHERE
Beebe Road, Derby

LAST SEEN
Del Monty Hotel bar, Rock Island, Que.

STATUS
Open, unsolved

CASE NO.
05B104557

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VERMONT POLICE BLOTTER

RUTLAND — Police searching an apartment at the Sheldon Towers housing complex Wednesday seized nearly 12 grams of suspected fentanyl. Jeremy Green, 40, and Jenny Mohajer, 46, face felony fentanyl trafficking charges. (WCAX)

BELVIDERE — A driver hit a parked car and a front porch on Route 109 about 5 p.m. Thursday and drove off. Troopers arrested a 37-year-old man nearby on DUI charges. (WCAX)

WASHINGTON — The Pentagon is treating August freezer breakdowns that spoiled food at military bases as a suspected hack; Cyber Command is investigating. (Just Security)

Tips: vsp.vermont.gov/tipssubmit

COURT WATCH

Utah — The state filed criminal gambling charges against the betting company Kalshi and its two co-founders — 13 counts in all. (Just Security)

Minnesota — Prosecutors charged activists James O’Keefe and Cam Higby with felony identity theft, saying they applied for ballots in real people’s names as a stunt. They call it retaliation. (Just Security)

California — A federal judge refused a Justice Department demand to set aside 20,000 ballots from suspected noncitizens mid-election. (Just Security)

CASE CLOSED · HOW IT WAS CRACKED

The Boston Strangler

Between 1962 and 1964, 13 women were killed in the Boston area, many strangled in their apartments. Albert DeSalvo confessed to the killings but was never tried for them; he was convicted of other crimes and killed in prison in 1973. Doubts lingered for decades. In 2013, Boston police tested DNA from the last victim, 19-year-old Mary Sullivan, killed in January 1964. Detectives quietly collected a water bottle used by DeSalvo’s nephew; family DNA from it was a near match. DeSalvo’s body was then exhumed, and his DNA matched the evidence in Mary Sullivan’s case — finally linking him to at least one of the murders.

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.
Christine Jessop	Queensville, Ont.	1984	2020	Genealogy named Calvin Hoover, who had died in 2015.
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.
Phoenix Canal	Phoenix	1992	2015	Genealogy led to Bryan Patrick Miller, convicted in 2022.
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

Fake Health-Plan Sites

Open enrollment for health insurance starts Nov. 1, and so do the scams. Search for a plan and the top results may be paid ads from look-alike websites, with official-looking logos, that lead to plans that aren’t real insurance — or that collect your personal details for identity theft.

The FTC says to type the official site in yourself instead of clicking ads, skip anything marked “Ad” or “Sponsored,” and look for the .gov ending. Vermonters shop at Vermont Health Connect; Medicare is at [Medicare.gov](https://www.medicare.gov) or 800-633-4227.

Report it: ReportFraud.ftc.gov.

CRIME TRIVIA

Test Your Detective Skills

In the Boston Strangler case, police got the DNA they needed from a relative without asking. What did they collect from the nephew?

Answer: a discarded water bottle.

PUZZLES & GAMES

Grab a pencil and your coffee

THE DAILY SUDOKU

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WORD SEARCH · HALLOWEEN NIGHT

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FIND THESE 12 WORDS

- BROOM
CANDLE
CANDY
CAULDRON
COSTUME
GHOST
HAUNTED
LANTERN
PUMPKIN
SKELETON
SPIDER
WITCH
- Words run across, down, diagonally — and some backward.

THE COURIER QUIZ

Five Questions, No Peeking

1. In what year were the Salem witch trials?
2. Who threw three touchdown passes for the Packers on Thursday night?
3. What is the capital of Nova Scotia?
4. October’s full moon is traditionally called what?
5. What is the most common grain in bourbon?

NAME THAT YEAR

Three Clues, One Year

- The first Earth Day is held.
- Apollo 13 makes it home safely.
- Paul McCartney announces the Beatles have split.

YESTERDAY’S SUDOKU SOLUTION

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

Solutions run the next day.

THE JUKEBOX

Music history, a record to spin and shows near home

OCTOBER 30 IN MUSIC

This Day in Music

- 1970 — Black Sabbath play their first U.S. show, in Glassboro, N.J.
- 1970 — Jim Morrison is sentenced in Miami in his indecency case.
- 1971 — John Lennon’s “Imagine” is the No. 1 album in America.
- 1975 — Bob Dylan’s Rolling Thunder Revue tour opens.
- 1998 — All four original members of Black Sabbath play “Paranoid” on Letterman.
- 2007 — The Eagles release “Long Road Out of Eden,” their first studio album in 28 years.
- Born today: Jefferson Airplane singer Grace Slick (1939) and Eagles bassist Timothy B. Schmit (1947).



SPIN THIS

Tumbleweed Connection

Elton John · 1970

Elton John’s third album came out 56 years ago today, and it’s the one fans name when they want to show they knew him before the hits.

Bernie Taupin, a young Englishman who had never been to America, wrote lyrics full of the Old West and the Civil War South, and Elton set them to rootsy piano rock.

Listen for “Burn Down the Mission,” “Country Comfort” and “Amoreena,” which Martin Scorsese used to open “Dog Day Afternoon.”

Best with: a Stone Fence and a fire on a windy night.

LIVE IN VERMONT

Shows Near Home

- Tue. Nov. 3 · Clutch, Higher Ground
- Fri. Nov. 6 · Fruit Bats, Higher Ground
- Fri. Nov. 13 · Carbon Leaf, Higher Ground
- Thu. Nov. 19 · Charlie Parr, Higher Ground
- Listings via Songkick; check venues for tickets.

MUSIC TRIVIA

Timothy B. Schmit, born on this date in 1947, joined the Eagles in 1977, replacing which bassist?