

ESSEX JCT. TODAY



46°

Low 29° · Sunny Halloween
Sunday: 57°, clocks back

DOW	51,770	▼ -1.09%	S&P 500	7,580	▼ -1.82%	NASDAQ	25,437	▼ -2.86%	GOLD	\$3,899	10-YR	4.94%	GAS	\$4.29	WTI	\$104.12
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WALL STREET · FRIDAY

Intel's Worst Day Since 1974

Chip stocks crash after a gloomy forecast; the Nasdaq sinks 2.9% and the big tech index falls into a correction to end October

FRIDAY'S SELLOFF BY THE NUMBERS

▼28.6%

Intel shares

▼7.2%

Chip-stock index

▼2.86%

Nasdaq Composite

10.7%

S&P 500 still up for 2026

BY THE COURIER MARKETS DESK · SOURCES: CAPPNOTES, THESTREET, THE WALL STREET REPUBLIC

Intel's stock lost more than a quarter of its value Friday — down 28.6%, to \$65.76 — in its worst day since 1974. The chipmaker told investors it expects to earn just 25 cents a share this holiday quarter, far below the 43 cents Wall Street expected, and warned it will burn through cash.

The news spread through the whole chip industry. The Philadelphia semiconductor index fell 7.2%. AMD and Qualcomm each lost about 11%, Nvidia fell 4.2% and Broadcom

5.5%. Investors are starting to ask whether the huge spending on artificial intelligence will pay off.

"Strong AI demand is no longer enough on its own," said Daniela Hathorn of Capital.com.

The Nasdaq Composite dropped 2.86%, and the Nasdaq-100, the big-tech index, fell 3.5% — its third correction of the year, meaning a drop of 10% from its high. The S&P 500 lost 1.8% and the Dow 1.1%.

Not everything fell. Oil companies rose as crude climbed above \$104; Exxon and Chevron hit record highs after strong earnings. Even after the slide, the S&P 500 is up about 10.7% for 2026. **Your watch list and more, Page 2.**

ESSEX JUNCTION FORECAST



46°

Low tonight: 29°

Sunny and crisp, with lighter winds than Friday. Bundle up tonight.



CHANCE OF RAIN TODAY

Dry for trick-or-treat

10%

THE WEEK AHEAD

SUN



57°

0%

MON



63°

10%

TUE



59°

45%

WED



70°

10%

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

FORECASTER'S NOTE

Forecast data: trick-or-treaters in the 30s after dark. Clocks fall back at 2 a.m. Sunday.

NBA · FRIDAY

Celtics Roll Past the Bulls

BY THE COURIER SPORTS DESK · SOURCE: SPORTRADAR

Payton Pritchard scored 30 points and Jayson Tatum added 26 as Boston beat Chicago 125–111 at the Garden.

The Celtics scored 44 points in the first quarter and led by as many as 32 before the Bulls closed the gap late.

Tatum also had seven rebounds and seven assists, and Pritchard made all nine of his free throws.

Next: at Orlando Sunday at 3:30, then Houston Monday.

Today: Bruins host Chicago at 1. **Page 3.**

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WEATHER AROUND THE MAP							Saturday forecasts · forecast data · "Now" = overnight						
MIDDLEBURY, VT		NOW 37°	HI 48°	LO 27°	RAIN 5%		CHARLOTTE, NC		NOW 56°	HI 67°	LO 51°	RAIN 10%	
MT. WASHINGTON, NH		NOW 17°	HI 31°	LO 18°	RAIN 10%	summit	WILMINGTON, NC		NOW 60°	HI 71°	LO 54°	RAIN 10%	
SNOWSHOE, WV		NOW 41°	HI 60°	LO 41°	RAIN 10%		ST. PETERSBURG, FL		NOW 76°	HI 83°	LO 74°	RAIN 40%	
ROSEBURG, OR		NOW 38°	HI 51°	LO 37°	RAIN 20%		FULTON, MO		NOW 60°	HI 67°	LO 58°	RAIN 20%	
E. DENNIS, MA · CAPE		NOW 50°	HI 50°	LO 43°	RAIN 0%		HOT SPOT · McALLEN, TX		NOW 73°	HI 89°	LO 70°	RAIN 0%	

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MARKETS & MONEY

Friday's close · Saturday, October 31

THE BIG BOARD — FRIDAY, OCT. 30

INDEX / STOCK	CLOSE	CHANGE	PCT	DAY MOVE
Dow Jones Industrials	51,770.31	-572.25	-1.09%	<div></div>
S&P 500	7,580.07	-140.32	-1.82%	<div></div>
Nasdaq Composite	25,437.00	-747.72	-2.86%	<div></div>
Russell 2000	2,811.84	-47.38	-1.66%	<div></div>
JB'S WATCHLIST				
Nvidia (NVDA)	204.64	-9.02	-4.22%	<div></div>
Palantir (PLTR)	184.11	-12.31	-6.27%	<div></div>
Microsoft (MSFT)	521.91	-8.25	-1.55%	<div></div>
BIG NAMES				
Apple (AAPL)	344.63	-4.29	-1.23%	<div></div>
Amazon (AMZN)	240.35	-3.44	-1.41%	<div></div>
Alphabet (GOOGL)	279.84	-3.98	-1.40%	<div></div>
Meta (META)	614.99	-9.53	-1.53%	<div></div>
Tesla (TSLA)	399.81	-3.49	-0.87%	<div></div>

Indexes via CappNotes; stocks via The Wall Street Republic and MarketBeat closing reports.

RATES · ENERGY · METALS

10-yr Treasury	4.94%
down 0.04 pt.	
2-yr Treasury	4.56%
30-yr Treasury	5.31%
Gold	\$3,899
-3.3%, 1-year low	
Silver	\$49.14
-5.9%	
WTI crude	\$104.12
+2.1%; +15% in Oct.	
Brent crude	\$113.43
+2.4%	
Bitcoin	~\$76,760
-1.3%	
VIX	19.42
+12.9%	

THE WEEK AHEAD

MON. Palantir earnings; factory survey

TUE. Election Day; job openings

FRI. October jobs report, 8:30

Friday: Dow -1.1%, S&P -1.8%, Russell -1.7%, Nasdaq -2.9% · energy +1.9%, tech -4.9%

Index closes via CappNotes

OIL, GOLD & THE FED

Mines in Hormuz Send Oil Up; Gold Slides

BY THE COURIER MARKETS DESK · SOURCE: CAPPNOTES

Oil jumped 2% to \$104 after limpet mines hit a tanker in the Strait of Hormuz — the first such strike of the Iran war. Iran said three tankers hit mines and caught fire. Crude rose 15% in October. Gold fell 3.3%, to a one-year low near \$3,899, and silver dropped below \$50. Two Fed officials said more rate hikes are coming; traders put the odds of a December hike near 76%. Bitcoin slipped to about \$76,800 after Binance disclosed a \$6.3 billion security breach. Next week brings Palantir's earnings Monday and the October jobs report Friday.

STOCKS TO WATCH TODAY

On the Radar

Palantir (PLTR) — Down 6.3% before earnings Monday after the close; JPMorgan's target is \$262.

Nvidia (NVDA) — Down 4.2% in the chip selloff.

Microsoft (MSFT) — Down 1.6%; held up better than most tech.

Amazon (AMZN) — Down 1.4%; sticking with \$220 billion of spending next year.

Reddit (RDDT) — Down 29% after its report.

Exxon · Chevron — Record highs after beating forecasts.

Regeneron (REGN) — Up 13% on a big profit beat.

Global Payments (GPN) — Up 13% on buyout talk.

BIG MOVERS

REGN	Regeneron	927.89	+13.33%
GPN	Global Pay.	96.84	+12.97%
XOM	Exxon	187.25	+2.16%
RDDT	Reddit	91.73	-29.22%
INTC	Intel	65.76	-28.58%

Best of these: **Energy** +1.9% Worst: **Tech** -4.9%

YEAR TO DATE

Russell 2000	+13.4%
S&P 500	+10.7%
Nasdaq	+9.4%
Dow	+7.7%

Through Friday; S&P via The Wall Street Republic, others Courier estimates.

THE LUMBER DESK

Oil Up 15% in October

FOR THE JB WOODS DESK

Crude ended October at \$104, up 15% for the month — higher diesel for trucks and kilns. Fed officials keep talking about more rate hikes, which would raise loan costs. Weather: sunny, 46°.

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

Netanyahu Claims a 'Stolen' Election

BY THE COURIER NATION DESK · SOURCE: JUST SECURITY

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and his Likud party claimed this week's election was "stolen" through fraud in Arab communities. Police said they found no evidence, and opposition leader Gadi Eisenkot and Arab party leaders condemned the claims, Just Security reported.

Ukraine. Russia and Ukraine agreed that residents of the Russian-held town of Oleshky will get food and medicine and may leave, under a ceasefire brokered by First Lady Melania Trump. Ukraine has also quietly paused strikes on Russian oil refineries, The Wall Street Journal

reported. (Just Security)

At sea. A drone sank a Greek container ship off Bulgaria; Greece's prime minister called for a worldwide maritime truce. (Just Security)

Iran. U.S. Central Command's commander briefed President Trump in person on military options against Iran, The Wall Street Journal reported, as Qatari mediators returned to Tehran. (Just Security)

ELSEWHERE

Russia. Novaya Gazeta, the independent newspaper that lost six journalists to murder over 30 years, will close Nov. 9. (Just Security)

Crypto. Hackers tied to North Korea stole more than \$6 billion from the exchange Binance, the biggest crypto theft on record. Binance says it will cover losses. (Just Security)

Elections. Washington's secretary of state refused a Justice Department request to set aside 400 ballots. The DOJ says FBI and ICE agents won't serve as poll monitors. (Just Security)

Phones. The FCC votes Nov. 19 on barring Chinese state carriers from U.S. phone numbers, to curb robocalls. (Just Security)

VERMONT

Around the Green Mountain State

STATEWIDE · ELECTION

A Rare Toss-Up for Governor

BY THE COURIER VERMONT DESK · SOURCE: WCAX

Vermont governors almost never lose. Only two sitting governors have been beaten in the past 100 years: Mortimer Proctor in the 1946 Republican primary, and Republican F. Ray Keyser, who lost to Democrat Phil Hoff in 1962. No incumbent has lost in the 31 elections since.

This year could be different. Polls show Republican Gov. Phil Scott, seeking a record sixth term, effectively tied with Democrat-Progressive Amanda Janoo — the most competitive race in at least a decade,

WCAX reported.

With three days left, both sides are chasing turnout. “The last three days or so is about getting your voters out,” said Republican former state Rep. Kurt Wright. Scott tours all 14 counties Monday; Janoo has 540-plus volunteers knocking on doors.

Lieutenant Gov. John Rodgers, a Republican who unseated Democrat-Progressive David Zuckerman in 2024, faces Democrat Molly Gray. Polls close at 7 p.m. Tuesday.

STATEWIDE · BALLOTS

Local Votes Left Off Mailed Ballots

Some towns and school districts have local questions that were not on the ballots mailed to voters, including a \$54 million career-center bond in 18 towns. Voters may get a second ballot Tuesday. Call your town clerk to check, said Secretary of State Sarah Copeland Hanzas. (WCAX)

AROUND THE STATE

WINOOSKI — 1,000 jack-o'-lanterns. About 1,000 carved pumpkins line Rotary Park; the official lighting is tonight at 6, and they stay up through Sunday. (WCAX)

STATEWIDE — Tires for heat. Wheels for Warmth sells inspected used tires today; proceeds

KILLINGTON · SKIING

The World Cup Returns

After a year off to install a new lift, Killington will again host the Stifel World Cup women's races over Thanksgiving weekend. Early-season work is under way, though some forecasters see a warmer winter ahead. The races have drawn crowds of more than 30,000 in past years. (WCAX)

pay for emergency heating help. Last year it raised \$60,000 in sales. (WCAX)

STATEWIDE — A haunted-house tour. WCAX's “Stuck in Vermont” toured a haunted house for Halloween with author M.T. Anderson. (WCAX)

FOLIAGE REPORT

Crisp and clear

Trick-or-treat: clear and calm; 30s after dark.
Fire: leaves still dry and crunchy — no burning.
Clocks: fall back at 2 a.m. Sunday.
Frost: a freeze in colder valleys tonight.
Leaves: season's over; time for the rake.
Sunset: 5:42 p.m. today — Sunday, about 4:40.

THE WEEK IN VERMONT

Today Sunny Halloween, 46°.
Tonight Clear and cold, 29°.
Sun. Sunny and milder, 57°.
Mon. Partly sunny, 63°.
Tue. Election Day; showers, 59°.
Forecast data for Essex Junction; check before you go.

VERMONT BY THE NUMBERS

- 2 Sitting governors beaten in 100 years
- 31 Elections since the last one lost
- 6th Term Scott is seeking
- \$54M Career-center bond on Tuesday's ballot
- 540+ Janoo door-knockers this weekend

SPORTS

Celtics beat Bulls · Bruins host Chicago today · Navy vs. Notre Dame

NBA · BOSTON 125, CHICAGO 111

TEAM	1	2	3	4	T
CHI	25	24	25	37	111
BOS	44	34	21	26	125

Payton Pritchard 30 pts (9-for-9 FT) · Jayson Tatum 26 pts, 7 reb, 7 ast · Neemias Queta 13 · Caleb Wilson 23 for Chicago

NHL · TODAY AT 1

Bruins Come Home

BY THE COURIER SPORTS DESK · SOURCE: SPORTRADAR

After losses at Carolina and St. Louis, Boston (9–4–1) is back at TD Garden this afternoon against the Chicago Blackhawks.

The Bruins outshot the Blues 32–18 on Thursday and still lost 4–1, so the problem has been finishing; they've scored just two goals in two games. St. Louis goalie Joel Hofer stopped 31 of 32 shots.

Vegas visits Monday at 7, then Boston goes to Pittsburgh Thursday.

Also today: Navy plays Notre Dame at noon at Gillette Stadium in Foxborough.

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 are Eastern Standard Time.

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

Today vs. Chicago, 1 p.m.

Boston (9–4–1) has lost two straight on the road. After Chicago: Vegas Monday at 7.

CELTICS · NEXT UP

On the Road

Sun.: At Orlando, 3:30.
Mon.: At Houston, 8:30.

THIS WEEK ON TV (ET)

NHL Blackhawks at Bruins, Today 1:00
NFL Patriots at Dolphins, Sun. 4:25
NHL Golden Knights at Bruins, Mon. 7:00

THE BOURBON PAGE

One barrel at a time from Wild Turkey · plus Boston's Ward Eight



WILD TURKEY DISTILLERY · LAWRENCEBURG, KY.

Wild Turkey Kentucky Spirit

PROOF 101	STYLE Single barrel	SINCE 1994	BARREL No. 4 char	PRICE ~\$60
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Wild Turkey 101 is the bottle most people know. Kentucky Spirit is its quieter, fancier cousin: the same 101 proof, but every bottle comes from a single hand-picked barrel.

Introduced in 1994 under longtime master distiller Jimmy Russell, it was Wild Turkey's answer to the new single-barrel craze. The label lists the barrel number, warehouse and rick, and the bottle wears a pewter stopper topped with a turkey.

Wild Turkey ages its whiskey in barrels with the heaviest char, called "alligator" char for the cracked, scaly look of the burned wood. That gives deep caramel and vanilla.

How to drink it: neat or with one ice cube. Expect toffee, orange peel, baking spice and a long, warm finish.

Featured before: Wild Turkey 101 and Rare Breed. Kentucky Spirit sits between them — single barrel, not barrel proof.

BOTTLE OF THE WEEK

BOURBON SCIENCE 101

Why the Char Matters

BY THE COURIER SPIRITS DESK

By law, bourbon must age in new, charred oak containers. Coopers set the inside of each barrel on fire for a few seconds to nearly a minute.

The heat cracks the wood and caramelizes its sugars into a red layer just beneath the black char. That layer gives bourbon its color, vanilla and sweetness.

The black char itself works like a filter, absorbing harsh sulfur flavors from the young spirit.

Char levels run from No. 1, about 15 seconds of flame, to No. 4, about 55 seconds.

Label tip: "single barrel" plus a barrel number means you can hunt for a sibling bottle.

THE WILD TURKEY SHELF

Three Ways to Fly

Wild Turkey 101 — the classic, a bar staple for decades.

Kentucky Spirit — this week's bottle: single barrel, 101 proof.

Rare Breed — barrel proof, uncut, a blend of ages.

The Russells: Jimmy Russell has made whiskey there since 1954; his son Eddie is now master distiller too.

The name: it's said to come from a 1940 wild-turkey hunting trip, when a distillery executive brought the whiskey along.

Shopping tip: compare barrel numbers — no two taste exactly alike.

THIS WEEK'S POUR

Cocktail Corner

The Ward Eight. A ruby-red Boston classic from 1898 — perfect for Halloween night.

Shake 2 oz whiskey, ¾ oz fresh lemon juice, ¾ oz fresh orange juice and 1 tsp grenadine hard with ice. Strain into a chilled coupe; garnish with an orange slice and a cherry.

The story: it's said to have been created at Boston's Locke-Ober restaurant to toast a politician's win in the city's Ward 8 — fitting for Election week.

TASTING LAB

Make it twice — once with 101 proof bourbon, once with a softer 80-proof whiskey. The stronger one stands up to the citrus.

Real grenadine: it's pomegranate syrup, not cherry. Simmer equal parts pomegranate juice and sugar until dissolved.

THIS WEEK'S POUR PLAN

TONIGHT · HALLOWEEN

A blood-red Ward Eight once the candy runs out.

SUNDAY · EXTRA HOUR

Kentucky Spirit neat — you earned the hour.

What to sip with what's on

TUESDAY · ELECTION NIGHT

One slow pour while the returns come in.

THE BOURBON GLOSSARY

Label terms, decoded

Alligator char — the heaviest No. 4 barrel char.

Red layer — caramelized wood under the char.

Cooper — a barrel maker.

Single barrel — every bottle from one barrel.

Barrel proof — bottled at full strength, no water added.

Rick — the wooden racks that hold barrels.

Grenadine — pomegranate syrup.

Coupe — a stemmed, shallow cocktail glass.

Sour — spirit, citrus and sweetener.

Master distiller — the person in charge of the whiskey.

Proof — twice the alcohol percentage.

Straight — aged at least two years.

Finish — the flavor that lingers after a sip.

Neat — straight from the bottle, no ice.

Mash bill — the grain recipe; at least 51% corn.

New oak — bourbon barrels are used only once.

Angel's share — whiskey lost to evaporation.

Lawrenceburg — home to Wild Turkey and Four Roses.

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

Saturday, Oct. 31 — Friday, Nov. 6

ON THE TUBE (ET)

Today noon — Navy vs. Notre Dame, Gillette.
Today 1:00 — Bruins host Chicago.
Sun. 1:00 — Ravens at Bills.
Sun. 3:30 — Celtics at Orlando.
Sun. 4:25 — Patriots at Dolphins.
Mon. 7:00 — Bruins host Vegas.
Tue. night — Election returns.

AROUND VERMONT

Tonight — Trick-or-treat; dress warm.
2 a.m. Sun. — Clocks fall back an hour.
Sun. — The Courier's Snow Desk begins.
Mon. — Call your clerk about local ballot items.
Tue. — Election Day; polls close at 7.

WEATHER AT A GLANCE

Sat. — Bright but chilly, 46°.
Sun. — Sunny, milder, 57°.
Mon. — Pleasant, 63°.
Tue. — Showers possible, 59°.
Wed. — Mild, near 70°.
Thu. — Rain likely, 66°.

GOOD NEWS ROUNDUP

Kindness, critters & comebacks

ORLANDO, FLA.

'Panther Pat' Gets Her Due

In 1970, elementary-school teacher Pat Palinkas became the first woman to play pro football, for the minor-league Orlando Panthers. A short documentary about her, made with toys and stop-motion, won a top prize at Slamdance and qualified for the Oscars. (Good News Network)

MINNEAPOLIS

A Car for a Veteran

Auto-body students at Dunwoody College rebuilt a crash-damaged 2020 Hyundai and gave it to Navy veteran Robert Hanson, who had been walking everywhere for two years. "A big-time game changer," he said. (Good News Network)

ENGLAND

Roman Magic, Remade

Researchers at the University of Sheffield reproduced the color-changing glass of the 1,600-year-old Lyeurgus Cup, which glows red or green depending on the light thanks to tiny bits of gold and silver. (Good News Network)

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TORONTO

Birding Is Good for Your Brain

Brain scans of expert birdwatchers showed better-organized brains than beginners, a sign the hobby may help slow age-related decline, a Bayercrest study found. (Good News Network)

TURKEY

The Oldest Peace Treaty

Archaeologists at the ancient Hittite capital, Hattusa, found a clay tablet fragment of the treaty of Kadesh, signed with Egypt's Ramses II about 3,300 years ago. (Good News Network)

THE GREAT PLAINS

The First Dice

A Colorado State University study found Native Americans were rolling two-sided bone dice nearly 13,000 years ago — more than 6,000 years before anyone else. (Good News Network)

THE HALLOWEEN KITCHEN

A SEASONAL RECIPE

Spiced Pumpkin Bread

Makes 1 loaf · 15 min prep · 60 min bake

THE BATTER 1¾ cups flour; 1 tsp baking soda; ½ tsp salt · 1½ tsp cinnamon, ½ tsp nutmeg, ¼ tsp cloves · 1 cup canned pumpkin purée · 2 eggs; ½ cup oil; ½ cup milk · 1¼ cups sugar (half brown)

ADD-INS & TOPPINGS ½ cup chopped walnuts · or ½ cup chocolate chips · Butter, for the slices · A drizzle of maple syrup · Cream cheese, softened

METHOD

1. Heat the oven to 350°. Grease and flour a 9-by-5-inch loaf pan.
2. Whisk the flour, baking soda, salt and spices in a bowl.
3. In a second bowl, whisk the pumpkin, eggs, oil, milk and sugar until smooth.
4. Stir the wet into the dry just until combined; fold in nuts or chips.
5. Bake 55–65 minutes, until a toothpick comes out clean. Cool 15 minutes, then turn out.

Courier tip: Don't overmix — a few streaks of flour are fine. The loaf tastes even better the next day and freezes for three months.

THE TRAVEL DESK

Destinations, drives & the airport board



Courier illustration: Old Québec's spires at dusk

DESTINATION OF THE WEEK

Québec City, Québec

A walled French city of stone streets, copper roofs and cozy bistros — about four hours north of Essex Junction, no plane required

Why go: Samuel de Champlain founded Québec in 1608 on a cliff above the St. Lawrence River, and it is still the only city north of Mexico that has kept most of its fortified walls. Old Québec is a UNESCO World Heritage Site, split into the Upper Town on the cliff and the Lower Town at the water, linked by steep stairs and a funicular. November is quiet, before the Christmas market crowds. This week: chilly, highs in the 40s to mid-50s, with rain likely Tuesday.

DON'T MISS

Château Frontenac. The castle-like hotel that defines the skyline opened in 1893. Even if you don't stay, walk the Dufferin Terrace boardwalk out front for big views of the river.

Petit-Champlain. One of North America's oldest shopping streets, in the Lower Town: shops, cafés and stone houses strung with lights. Nearby Place Royale is where Champlain built his first settlement.

Plains of Abraham. The 1759 battlefield where the British defeated the French — now a huge park. The star-shaped Citadelle next door is still an active military base with tours.

Montmorency Falls. Fifteen minutes away, the falls drop about 272 feet — taller than Niagara. A cable car and a suspension bridge over the top give the best views.

Québec City: sunny and cold, 42° today; 50° Sunday and 55° Monday; rain likely Tuesday (70%), 45°.
From Essex Jct.: about 4 hours by car. Bring a passport. Sources: UNESCO; Parks Canada; Québec City tourism; forecast data.

MORE ABOUT QUÉBEC CITY

Where to eat. Try the comfort food Québécois grandmothers made: tourtière (meat pie), pea soup, and pouding chômeur, a cake baked in maple syrup. Poutine — fries, cheese curds and gravy — is everywhere. Aux Anciens Canadiens serves traditional dishes in a 1670s house in the Upper Town.

Getting around. Old Québec is small but steep. Wear good shoes and use the funicular or the Breakneck Stairs between the Upper and Lower Towns. Park once and walk; parking inside the walls is tight. Most signs are in French, but people in the tourist areas switch easily to English.

Where to stay. Stay inside the walls if you can — at the Château Frontenac for a splurge, or one of the small inns in old stone houses. The Saint-Roch neighborhood just outside the walls is cheaper and full of good restaurants and coffee shops.

A bit of history. Québec was the capital of New France for 150 years. In 1759 British troops under James Wolfe climbed the cliffs at night and defeated the French under the Marquis de Montcalm on the Plains of Abraham; both generals died. The city stayed French-speaking, and today it is the capital of Québec province.

Local character. The city feels European: church bells, sidewalk cafés and street musicians. Its motto, “Je me souviens” — “I remember” — is on every Québec license plate. Locals are proud of their French language and culture; a simple “Bonjour” and “Merci” go a long way.

Best season. Summer brings festivals and patios, and fall color peaks in early October. Winter is magical but cold: a German-style Christmas market fills the old town in late November and December, and the Winter Carnival, hosted by the snowman Bonhomme, runs in late January and February.

Day trip. Île d'Orléans, a farm island just downriver over a bridge, is lined with old farmhouses, orchards, cider makers, wineries and chocolate shops — a 42-mile loop road circles it. Sainte-Anne-de-Beaupré, a huge basilica and pilgrimage site, is a short drive farther along the north shore.

Local tip. Cross the river on the ferry to Lévis for about 12 minutes on the water and the best view of the Château Frontenac and the old city skyline, especially at sunset. It runs year-round and costs only a few dollars.

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 (75%) and Sunday (70%) — possible weather delays at Sky Harbor.

Tampa · St. Pete: Showers likely Sunday and Monday (65–75%).

Northeast: Clear skies and light winds from Burlington to Boston this weekend.

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

Border crossings: Driving to Canada? You'll need a passport or passport card.

Thanksgiving: Less than four weeks away; holiday flights are filling.

WEEK-AHEAD OUTLOOK

	SAT	SUN	MON
Essex Jct., VT	46° 10%	57° 0%	63° 10%
Québec City	42° 10%	50° 10%	55° 15%
Snowshoe, WV	60° 10%	57° 10%	57° 10%
St. Petersburg, FL	83° 40%	76° 75%	78° 65%
Charlotte, NC	67° 10%	65° 10%	69° 10%
Cape Cod, MA	50° 0%	53° 0%	64° 5%
Roseburg, OR	51° 20%	56° 10%	53° 35%
Phoenix, AZ	77° 75%	67° 70%	73° 0%

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

THE WEATHER DESK

Forecasts, almanac, mountains & Snow Watch 2026–27

THE FORECASTER’S TAKE

A Clear, Cold Halloween — Then a Warm-Up

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

High pressure settles right over us today: sunny skies, much lighter winds than Friday, and a crisp high in the mid- to upper 40s — about 46° in Essex Junction. The leaves are still bone dry, so the fire danger stays elevated; hold off on burning.

Trick-or-treaters get a classic Halloween night: clear and calm, with temperatures falling through the 30s after dark. By morning it’s near 29°, a freeze for most valleys and the 20s in the colder hollows.

Clocks fall back at 2 a.m. Sunday, and the extra hour comes with sunshine and a high in the upper 50s.

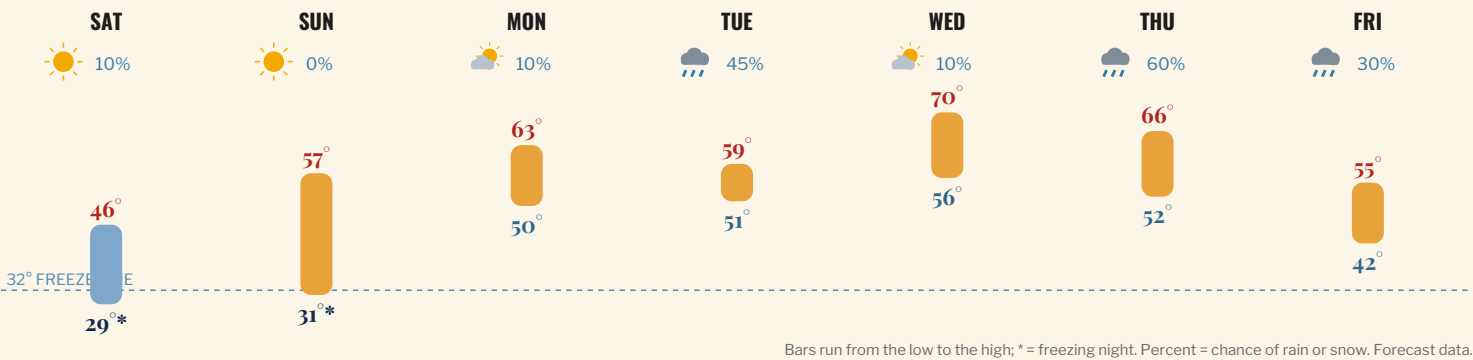
Next week turns mild. Monday reaches the low 60s; Tuesday, Election Day, brings clouds and a chance of showers; and Wednesday could hit 70° before rain moves in Thursday and Friday.

ESSEX JCT. ALMANAC

YESTERDAY	High 53° · Low 37°
SUNRISE	7:28 a.m.
SUNSET	5:42 p.m.
DAYLIGHT	10 hr 13 min
CHANGE	-2.8 min vs. yesterday
SINCE JUNE 21	5 hr 18 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

STOWE Lamoille valley 42° / 26° 10% Up to 54° Sunday.	MONTPELIER The capital 44° / 26° 10% A hard frost tonight.	SUGARBUSH Mad River Valley 40° / 27° 10% Below freezing tonight.	BURKE MTN. Northeast Kingdom 39° / 27° 10% Coldest pick: 39° today.	LAKE PLACID Adirondacks, N.Y. 41° / 27° 10% Near 68° by Wednesday.
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SNOW WATCH 2026–27

1 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

Wet in the Desert, Hot in Texas

The slow-moving storm over the Southwest keeps rain chances high in Phoenix — 75% today and 70% Sunday — with highs only in the upper 60s to 70s. Florida’s Gulf Coast turns showery Sunday and Monday, with a 65% to 75% chance in St. Petersburg.

Deep South Texas stays summery: McAllen hits about 89° today and near 92° on Monday. Up north, Mount Washington’s summit stays below freezing, with a high near 31° and a low near 18°.

SNOW DESK · STARTS TOMORROW

The Season Begins Sunday

Starting tomorrow on Page 12, the Courier tracks every flake: daily snowfall and season totals for Essex Junction, Middlebury, Stowe and Snowshoe, plus 16 big cities and the snowiest spots in the country.

Season totals count from Nov. 1. The official numbers come from the National Weather Service, so Burlington’s airport stands in for Essex Junction.

Daylight: sunset today about 5:42 p.m.; after the clocks fall back, about 4:40 p.m. Sunday.

WEATHER WORD

Indian Summer

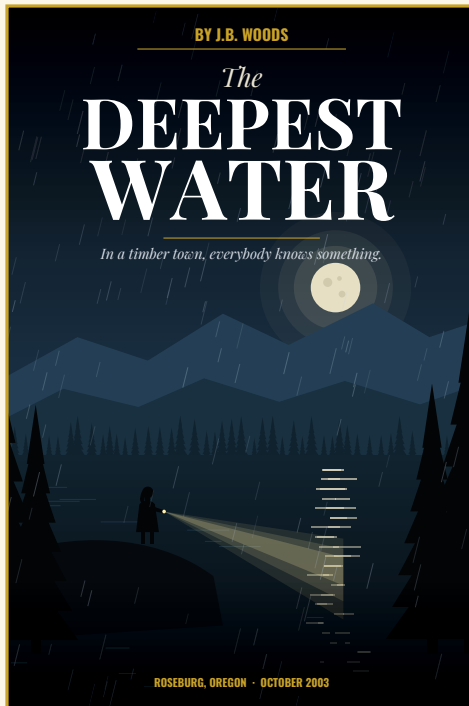
The old New England term for a spell of warm, hazy weather that comes after the first hard frost of fall. By the traditional definition, you can’t have one until the killing freeze has come first.

This week: after a freeze tonight, near 70° by Wednesday could qualify.

THIS DAY IN WEATHER

Oct. 31, 1991: the Halloween Blizzard began in the Upper Midwest, eventually burying Duluth, Minn., under 36.9 inches and Minneapolis under 28.4 — trick-or-treaters went out in the snow.

THE DEEPEST WATER

New reader? Tap here to read from Chapter 1 >

CHAPTER 28

Something in the Wall

*Roseburg · October 2003**Previously: The FBI found Gordon Pryce's bunker swept clean, and Sheriff Coyle wanted to know if anything was left inside.**"Karen, I'll ask you one more time."*

AT 8:20 MONDAY morning, Dan Myers and Christine Mason walked into the lobby of the Holiday Inn on the South Umpqua.

Behind the counter, Karen Marsh looked up from a stack of checkout slips and did not look happy to see them.

"Heather's still out," she said. "Her mother's real sick back in Vermont."

"We'll start with your maintenance man," Myers said. "Hollis Tate."

"Called in sick this morning." Karen shrugged. "First time I can remember."

"Then whoever cleans Room 118," Mason said.

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Marisol Reyes ran housekeeping from a laundry room that smelled of bleach and warm sheets. She was the one who had found the bloody knife in the ottoman, and she sat across from the agents as if she had been waiting weeks for the right question.

"When they did the renovation," she said, "they tore the closet walls out of the river rooms to make them bigger. That was back in September, before all this started."

"Who did the work?" Myers asked.

"A crew from town. One of them was Josh Foster. Everybody calls him Tic Tac." She tapped the table. "He did 118."

Mason set her pen down. In all her weeks of chasing Josh Foster across Douglas County, nobody had said a word about Josh hanging drywall at the Holiday Inn.

"He found something," Marisol said. "Inside the wall, behind the old closet. A metal box, about so big." Her hands made a loaf-of-bread shape. "Heavy. Like a little safe. He wrapped it in his jacket and carried it out to his truck."

"Did you tell anyone?"

"Only Hollis. He's my boss on the repairs." She shook her head. "He said it was nothing. He said Tic Tac already told him about it."

"Have you seen Tic Tac around at all?" Mason asked. "Since all this started?"

"No. Not here." Marisol hesitated. "But Hollis said he and Josh played cards at his house a couple of weeks ago." She looked toward the window and the river beyond it. "Josh used to fish down there all the time. Right below the decks."

Mason counted backward in her head. Josh Foster had vanished on a Thursday, nearly four weeks ago, the same day he told Tess about the truck with no lights. Two weeks ago he had been a missing man with every deputy in the county looking for him. Two weeks ago was the night he called his sister, and the line ended in a gunshot.

And just days ago, standing in his own driveway, Hollis Tate had told her and Deputy Walters that Josh Foster was missing.

Myers saw it in her face. He asked Marisol not to discuss their talk with anyone. "Including Mr. Tate."

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Deputy Walters should have been with them. He had been called away at seven, to a report of a break-in at the old Pryce Lumber mill, empty since the layoffs.

So it was just the two agents at the front desk when Myers asked Karen Marsh who had stayed in Room 118 the night before.

"I'd have to check."

"Then check."

She tapped at the keyboard and frowned at the screen. "Guest privacy, you know. I'm not supposed to —"

"Karen." Myers leaned on the counter. He did not raise his voice, but the lobby got very quiet anyway. "I'll ask you one more time. Who stayed in Room 118 last night?"

Karen swallowed. "Tiffany," she said. "Tiffany Voss. She checked out at eight."

Mason felt the floor tilt a little. Harlan Voss's wife. The woman who lived ten minutes away in a house on the hill.

"Did she ask for that room?"

Karen's eyes dropped to the screen. "Yes. She requested 118."

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The lobby door swung open, and Sheriff Ray Coyle came in, his hat in his hand and his tan a little deeper than when he had left.

"Ray Coyle." He held out his hand. "I hear you've been busy in my county."

"Sheriff." Myers shook it once. "Good of you to stop by."

Coyle looked from Myers to Mason to Karen, who had gone white. "Well. I'm back now, so I can take over the questioning from here."

"I'll let you know when you can take over, Sheriff." Myers smiled without warmth. "Welcome home."

Neither agent said a word about Marisol Reyes.

Myers took out his phone and walked a few steps away. "I want a team at the Holiday Inn on the river," they heard him say. "Room 118. Everything — walls, floors, vents, the deck door. Today." He snapped the phone shut and turned back to the desk. "Ms. Marsh, Room 118 is off limits as of right now. Nobody goes in. Not housekeeping, not maintenance. Nobody."

Coyle's face didn't change, but the color crept up his neck above his collar. He looked at the hallway that led to the river rooms. He seemed about to ask why. Instead he put his hat back on, very carefully.

"Your call, Agent Myers," he said. "For now." And he walked out without another word.

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Out in the parking lot, Mason watched the sheriff's car pull away. "He didn't ask what we found," she said.

"No. He didn't." Myers jingled his keys. "Let's go up the hill and ask Mrs. Voss why a woman with a perfectly good house spends the night in Room 118."

"And Christine — we have to find this Tic Tac guy, or whatever you call him. He has some answers we need."

THE DEEPEST WATER · READER'S GUIDE

The Story So Far · Chapters 1–28

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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; Josh is now a suspect.

CHAPTER 19
Room 118
At City Hall, 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 sleeps in Room 118. At 3:08 a.m. someone stands at her bed: "It's you!"

CHAPTER 22
Pale as Chalk
Room 118 is empty, deck door open. Tess is gone. Kally suspects a hotel insider.

CHAPTER 23
Count to a Hundred
Gordon Pryce is alive. In a hidden shelter he says he is hunted over goods smuggled in mill lumber. He frees Tess near Rice Hill.

CHAPTER 24
Focus, Tess
Tess reports Pryce alive. Next day Coyle announces Pryce 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 says he fixed 118's deck door and calls Josh "missing." Then he makes a call.

CHAPTER 27
Behind the Boulders
FBI boss Dan Myers arrives; Tess leads agents to Gordon's bunker, stripped bare. Coyle asks what was left.

CHAPTER 28
Something in the Wall
Marisol says Josh, on the renovation crew, took a small safe from 118's wall. Hollis saw Josh after he vanished. Tiffany Voss stayed in 118; Myers seals it.

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; vanished. Called Darla (Ch. 17); a gunshot. Worked the hotel renovation.

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 — Hotel housekeeper; found the 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

Waterbury, Vermont · 1988

Bruce Isaacs: The Camper at Little River

In late September 1988, a work crew was clearing brush along a power company right-of-way near Little River State Park in Waterbury when they found the body of a man in the woods.

He was Bruce Isaacs, 29. He had no permanent home and had been camping in the Little River area, the wooded hills around the Waterbury Reservoir north of town.

An autopsy determined that Isaacs had been killed. The date listed for the case is Sept. 26, 1988.

The Vermont State Police Major Crime Unit took the case. Police have never said publicly how

he died, how long he had been in the woods, or who he might have crossed paths with at the campground and along the trails.

Transient victims are among the hardest cases to solve: few people know their routines, and fewer report them missing. That makes anyone who met Bruce Isaacs that summer — a fellow camper, a store clerk in Waterbury, someone who gave him a ride — a possible key witness.

Thirty-eight years later, the case remains open and unsolved.

Tips: vsp.vermont.gov/tipssubmit, text VTIPS to 274637, or call 802-244-8727 (case 09A302084).

CASE FACTS

NAME
Bruce Isaacs
AGE
29
DATE
Sept. 26, 1988
WHERE
Little River State Park area, Waterbury
FOUND BY
Power-line brush crew
STATUS
Open, unsolved
CASE NO.
09A302084

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

VERMONT POLICE BLOTTER

BURLINGTON — Police arrested a woman after a fight with another woman in City Hall Park on Thursday. (WCAX)

STOCKBRIDGE — A driver who swerved around a pedestrian on Laury Road struck an 82-year-old man Friday morning; his injuries were not serious. Troopers said speed and alcohol were not factors, and no charges will be filed. (WCAX)

BROOKFIELD — A Burlington driver and the driver's dog were seriously hurt when their car hit a parked tanker truck on I-89, state police said. (WCAX)

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COURT WATCH

Los Angeles — A federal judge barred ICE agents across Southern California from detaining people based only on their appearance. (Just Security)

Washington — Lawyers for two former FBI officials charged with lying about the Hunter Biden laptop case asked a judge to dismiss it as political. (Just Security)

Washington — A federal judge temporarily blocked the new federal definition of “medically frail” used in Medicaid work rules. (Just Security)

CASE CLOSED · HOW IT WAS CRACKED

Son of Sam

For a year, starting in July 1976, a gunman with a .44-caliber revolver terrorized New York City, shooting young people in parked cars and taunting police in letters signed “Son of Sam.” Six people were killed and seven wounded. The break came from a \$35 parking ticket. On July 31, 1977, after the final shooting in Brooklyn, a woman walking her dog told police she had seen an officer ticketing a car near a fire hydrant — and a man walking away from it. Detectives checked every ticket written in the area that night. One led to a Ford Galaxie registered to David Berkowitz of Yonkers. On Aug. 10, 1977, police found a rifle in the car and arrested Berkowitz as he walked out of his building. He pleaded guilty and is serving life in prison.

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.	
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.	
Golden State Killer	California	1974	2018	Genealogy led to Joseph DeAngelo, a former police officer.	
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 Crypto ‘Recovery’ Pitch

After a big hack like this week’s \$6 billion theft from the Binance exchange, a second wave follows: messages from “recovery experts,” “lawyers” or even fake government agents who say they can get your lost money back — for an upfront fee.

The FTC warns that no legitimate agency or company charges you to recover money lost in a scam, and anyone who demands payment in crypto, gift cards or wire transfers is a scammer. Don’t share passwords or wallet keys with anyone.

Report it: ReportFraud.ftc.gov or the FBI’s ic3.gov.

CRIME TRIVIA

Test Your Detective Skills

New York passed a 1977 law to stop criminals from profiting by selling their stories. What is that kind of law commonly called?

Answer: a “Son of Sam” law.

PUZZLES & GAMES

Grab a pencil and your coffee

THE DAILY SUDOKU

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WORD SEARCH · SNOW SEASON

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FIND THESE 12 WORDS

- BLIZZARD
DRIFT
FLURRY
FROST
ICICLE
MITTENS
PLOW
POWDER
SHOVEL
SLED
SLEET
SNOWFALL
- Words run across, down, diagonally — and some backward.

THE COURIER QUIZ

Five Questions, No Peeking

1. Who founded Québec City in 1608?
2. Which chipmaker had its worst day since 1974 on Friday?
3. The Ward Eight cocktail was named for a voting district in which city?
4. What is a warm spell after the first hard frost called?
5. How many sitting Vermont governors have lost in the past 100 years?

NAME THAT YEAR

Three Clues, One Year

- The Berlin Wall falls.
- An earthquake halts the World Series.
- Tim Berners-Lee proposes the World Wide Web.

YESTERDAY'S SUDOKU SOLUTION

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

Solutions run the next day.

THE JUKEBOX

Music history, a record to spin and shows near home

OCTOBER 31 IN MUSIC

This Day in Music

- 1963 — Bob Dylan finishes recording “The Times They Are a-Changin’.”
- 1977 — Frank Zappa’s Halloween show at New York’s Palladium is filmed for “Baby Snakes.”
- 1983 — Paul McCartney releases “Pipes of Peace.”
- 1993 — Kurt Cobain plays a Nirvana show in Akron dressed as Barney the dinosaur.
- 1994 — Phish plays the Beatles’ entire “White Album” in Glens Falls, N.Y. — starting a Halloween tradition.
- 1998 — Kiss opens its Psycho Circus tour at Dodger Stadium.

Born today: U2 drummer Larry Mullen Jr. (1961), Smiths guitarist Johnny Marr (1963) and the Beastie Boys’ Ad-Rock, Adam Horovitz (1966).



SPIN THIS
Built to Last
Grateful Dead · 1989

The Grateful Dead released *Built to Last* 37 years ago today. It turned out to be their final studio album with Jerry Garcia.

Listen for Garcia’s “Foolish Heart” and the title track, and for keyboardist Brent Mydland, who wrote four of the songs, including “I Will Take You Home.” Mydland died the next summer.

It came out on Halloween, the band’s favorite night to play — Deadheads still trade tapes of their Halloween shows.

Best with: a pumpkin-bread slice and a Ward Eight.

LIVE IN VERMONT

Shows Near Home

- Tue. Nov. 3 · Clutch, Higher Ground
- Sat. Nov. 7 · Willi Carlisle, Higher Ground
- Wed. Nov. 11 · Sleep, Higher Ground
- Sun. Nov. 22 · The Bones of J.R. Jones, Higher Ground

Listings via Songkick; check venues for tickets.

MUSIC TRIVIA

In 1994, Vermont’s Phish began its Halloween tradition by playing which Beatles album start to finish?