ESSEX JCT. TODAY
57°
Low 29° · Sunny and milder
Sunset 4:41 p.m. · Monday 64°

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DOW 51,770 ▼ −0.9% wk · S&P 500 7,580 ▼ −0.6% wk · NASDAQ 25,437 ▼ −2.0% wk · RUSSELL 2,812 ▲ +1.3% wk · 10-YR 4.94% · GAS $4.29 · WTI $104.12

ELECTION 2026 · TWO DAYS TO GO

43 Million Have Already Voted

Early voting runs far ahead of 2022 as the midterms near; polls favor Democrats for the House while the Senate stays up in the air

THE EARLY VOTE BY THE NUMBERS

43M+ Early votes cast nationwide

~10M More than at this point in 2022

6.3M Early votes in Texas

Tue. Polls close 7 p.m. in Vermont

BY THE COURIER NATION DESK · SOURCES: AL JAZEERA, ASSOCIATED PRESS, SEVEN DAYS, WCAX

More than 43 million Americans had voted by Friday, in person or by mail, according to an Associated Press count — nearly 10 million more than at the same point before the 2022 midterms. Texas has logged 6.3 million early votes, up from 4.2 million four years ago, and Georgia more than 2.5 million.

Early ballots do not show who people voted for. But polls lean one way: the RealClearPolling average gives Democrats an 8-point edge on the generic ballot for Congress.

"Almost certain to flip to Democrats," Kyle Kondik of the University of Virginia's Sabato's Crystal Ball said of the House. The Senate, he said, is "much more up in the air," with about seven toss-up races.

One voter made history: Pope Leo XIV, a Chicago native, mailed in his ballot, the first pope to vote in a U.S. general election. The Vatican did not say how he voted.

In Vermont, Gov. Phil Scott and Democrat Amanda Janoo are in a dead heat, and two federal monitors will visit all eight Burlington polling places Tuesday. **The race, Page 3.**

ESSEX JUNCTION FORECAST

57°
Low tonight: 29°

Sunny and milder after a frosty start. Enjoy the extra hour of daylight this morning.

CHANCE OF RAIN TODAY 0%
A dry, bright Sunday

THE WEEK AHEAD

MON	TUE	WED	THU
64°	61°	71°	66°
10%	45%	10%	65%

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

FORECASTER'S NOTE

Forecast data: 27° at dawn, then near 57°. Clocks fell back overnight; sunset is now 4:41 p.m.

NHL · SATURDAY

Lindholm Wins It in Overtime

BY THE COURIER SPORTS DESK · SOURCE: SPORTRADAR

Elias Lindholm scored in overtime as the Bruins edged Chicago 5–4 at the Garden on Saturday afternoon.

David Pastrnak and Morgan Geekie also scored, and Charlie McAvoy had two assists. Chicago outshot Boston 41–32.

Boston (10–4–1) won 43 of 62 faceoffs. Next: Vegas Monday at 7.

Also: Notre Dame beat Navy 35–13 at Gillette. **Patriots at Miami today, Page 3.**

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WEATHER AROUND THE MAP

Sunday forecasts · forecast data · "Now" = overnight

	NOW	HI	LO	RAIN	
MIDDLEBURY, VT	26°	56°	27°	0%	
MT. WASHINGTON, NH	19°	42°	23°	0%	summit
SNOWSHOE, WV	43°	58°	43°	10%	
ROSEBURG, OR	42°	55°	40°	10%	
E. DENNIS, MA · CAPE	44°	53°	44°	0%	
CHARLOTTE, NC	52°	64°	52°	20%	
WILMINGTON, NC	54°	71°	54°	10%	
ST. PETERSBURG, FL	74°	78°	72°	75%	
FULTON, MO	59°	64°	58°	25%	
HOT SPOT · McALLEN, TX	71°	90°	71°	35%	

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MARKETS & MONEY

The week in review · Sunday, November 1

THE BIG BOARD — WEEK ENDING OCT. 30

INDEX / STOCK	CLOSE	CHANGE	PCT
Dow Jones Industrials	51,770.31	−444.85	−0.85%
S&P 500	7,580.07	−43.61	−0.57%
Nasdaq Composite	25,437.00	−518.34	−2.00%
Russell 2000	2,811.84	+35.94	+1.29%
JB'S WATCHLIST			
Nvidia (NVDA)	204.64	−9.02	−4.22%
Palantir (PLTR)	184.11	−12.31	−6.27%
Microsoft (MSFT)	521.91	−8.25	−1.55%
BIG NAMES			
Apple (AAPL)	344.63	−4.29	−1.23%
Amazon (AMZN)	240.35	−3.44	−1.41%
Alphabet (GOOGL)	279.84	−3.98	−1.40%
Meta (META)	614.99	−9.53	−1.53%
Tesla (TSLA)	399.81	−3.49	−0.87%

Index changes are for the week (Oct. 23 closes via Tapeboard). Stock changes are Friday's; markets reopen Monday.

RATES · ENERGY · METALS

10-yr Treasury Friday close	4.94%
2-yr Treasury	4.56%
30-yr Treasury	5.31%
Gold 1-year low	$3,899
Silver	$49.14
WTI crude +15% in October	$104.12
Brent crude	$113.43
Bitcoin Friday	~$76,760
VIX Fear gauge up	19.42

THE WEEK AHEAD — **MON.** Palantir earnings; factory survey · **TUE.** Election Day; job openings · **WED.** ADP private payrolls · **FRI.** October jobs report, 8:30

Week: Russell +1.3%, S&P −0.6%, Dow −0.9%, Nasdaq −2.0%

Weekly math from Tapeboard and CappNotes closes

THE WEEK THAT WAS

Small Stocks Up, Big Tech Down

BY THE COURIER MARKETS DESK · SOURCES: TAPEBOARD, CAPPNOTES

It was a split week. The Russell 2000 of smaller companies rose 1.3%, but the tech-heavy Nasdaq lost 2% as chip stocks tumbled Friday. The S&P 500 slipped 0.6% and the Dow 0.9%.

Your watch list had a rough Friday: Palantir fell 6.3%, Nvidia 4.2% and Microsoft 1.6%. Oil ended October at $104, up 15% for the month, while gold sank to a one-year low.

This week: Palantir reports Monday after the close, with a call at 5 p.m. Tuesday is Election Day. The October jobs report comes Friday at 8:30 a.m.

STOCKS TO WATCH TODAY

On the Radar

Palantir (PLTR) — Reports Monday after the bell; fell 6.3% Friday to $184.11.

Nvidia (NVDA) — Ended the week at $204.64 after the chip selloff.

Microsoft (MSFT) — Closed at $521.91; down 1.6% Friday.

Intel (INTC) — Lost 28.6% Friday, its worst day since 1974.

Exxon · Chevron — Record highs to finish October.

AMD (AMD) — Down 10.9% Friday, to $504.80, in the chip slide.

Bitcoin — Near $76,800 after the Binance breach.

Gold — Down to a one-year low near $3,899.

BIG MOVERS

REGN	Regeneron	927.89	+13.33%
XOM	Exxon	187.25	+2.16%
CVX	Chevron	235.52	+1.75%
AMD	AMD	504.80	−10.88%
INTC	Intel	65.76	−28.58%

Best of these: Russell +1.3% wk. Worst: Nasdaq −2.0% wk

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

Election Week, Then Jobs

FOR THE JB WOODS DESK

Small companies held up best last week, with the Russell 2000 up 1.3%. Oil is at $104, which keeps diesel high. Friday's jobs report will shape the Fed's next move. Weather: sunny, 57°.

HOUSING STARTS · SEPT.

1.22M −5.2% from Aug. · −7.4% from a year ago · Permits 1.40M · Single-family 859K

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

NATION & WORLD

Washington, the courts & beyond

WORLD · ISRAEL

Thousands Rally to Oust Netanyahu

BY THE COURIER NATION DESK · SOURCE: AL JAZEERA

Thousands of people filled Habima Square in Tel Aviv on Saturday, urging opposition leader Gadi Eisenkot to team up with Arab-led parties to replace Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu. Supporters of Netanyahu held a counter-protest.

Tuesday's vote left Netanyahu's bloc with 53 seats and Eisenkot's with 48 in the 120-seat Knesset. Three Arab-led parties won 19 seats; together with Eisenkot's bloc they would hold 67. Eisenkot had ruled out such a deal before the vote.

Iran. Iran said four tankers caught fire after hitting mines in the Strait of Hormuz, and Supreme Leader Ali Khamenei ordered the military to answer any threat "without geographical limit." Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi said talks are under way on a two-day plan to reopen the strait. (Al Jazeera)

ELSEWHERE

Congo. The Ebola outbreak has killed more than 5,000 people and infected 10,000 since May — the country's deadliest on record. No vaccine is licensed for this strain. (Al Jazeera)

Ukraine. The U.S. approved selling Ukraine 500 Patriot missiles for $2.1 billion, paid partly by Canada, Germany and Norway. Deliveries won't start until the 2030s. (Al Jazeera)

Somalia. The United Nations closed its political mission in Somalia on Saturday, ending three decades of work there. (Al Jazeera)

Korea. The U.S., South Korea and Japan jointly called for North Korea's "complete denuclearisation." (Al Jazeera)

VERMONT

Around the Green Mountain State

BURLINGTON · ELECTION

Federal Monitors Head to the Polls

BY THE COURIER VERMONT DESK · SOURCE: SEVEN DAYS

Two plain-clothes observers from the U.S. Justice Department's Civil Rights Division plan to visit all eight Burlington polling places on Tuesday, Seven Days reported. The department aims to put about 1,000 monitors in all 50 states, far more than in past elections.

"Our monitors only observe and take notes," said DOJ senior trial attorney James Thomas Tucker. "They do not intrude or interfere in any way in the voting process." They must identify themselves to each polling place's official in charge and stay in set areas.

Secretary of State Sarah Copeland Hanzas said monitors are "not unusual," though "we don't know what to expect" this time. Her department was sued by the DOJ last year over voter data. Gov. Phil Scott said the state would step in if needed: "We will do everything in our power to protect the process."

More than 139,500 Vermonters had already returned ballots by Friday morning. Polls close at 7 p.m. Tuesday.

STATEWIDE · GOVERNOR

The Final 48 Hours

Democrat Amanda Janoo holds rallies today and Monday in Bennington, Manchester, Rutland, White River Junction, Barre, Waterbury and Williston. Gov. Scott visits all 14 counties Monday, from 4:15 a.m. in Berlin to 6:30 p.m. in Milton. "When you are the governor, the math actually has to add up," Scott said in his closing debate remarks. (Seven Days)

STATEWIDE · TRANSIT

Two Electric Buses Sit Idle

Green Mountain Transit is keeping two broken Proterra electric buses in storage, because getting rid of them would mean paying back the federal grant that bought them, general manager Clayton Clark said. Proterra went bankrupt in 2023. GMT's other electric buses run well, and two new ones join the fleet this week. (WCAX)

AROUND THE STATE

BURLINGTON — Pumpkins under the lake. Divers carved pumpkins in 51° Lake Champlain for cystic fibrosis research; a lighthouse won. (WCAX)

STOWE — Fire at a von Trapp villa. Fire badly damaged a private villa near the Trapp Family Lodge Wednesday night; everyone got out safely. (WCAX)

ADIRONDACKS — Seven hours on a ledge. A Canadian hiker, 60, lost his crampons in Mount Colden's icy Trap Dike and waited hours for rangers. (WCAX)

FOLIAGE REPORT

Fall back, warm up

Clocks: fell back overnight — check the car and stove.

Sunset: 4:41 p.m. today; 10 hours 10 minutes of daylight.

Frost: 27° at dawn, then a mild 57°.

Fire: still dry — hold off on burning brush.

Election: polls open Tuesday; close at 7 p.m.

Snow Desk: our first edition is on Page 12.

THE WEEK IN VERMONT

Today Sunny and milder, 57°.

Tonight Clear, 48° by dawn.

Mon. Partly sunny, 64°.

Tue. Election Day; showers, 61°.

Wed. Warm, near 71°.

Forecast data for Essex Junction; check before you go.

VERMONT BY THE NUMBERS

2	Federal monitors in Burlington
8	Burlington polling places
1,000	DOJ monitors nationwide
139,566	Vermont ballots in by Friday
14	Counties Scott visits Monday

SPORTS

Bruins win in OT · Notre Dame tops Navy · Patriots at Miami today

NHL · BOSTON 5, CHICAGO 4 (OT)

TEAM	1	2	3	4	G	SOG	PP
CHI	0	1	3	0	4	41	1/3
BOS	1	1	2	1	5	32	0/3

Column 4 = overtime · OT winner: Elias Lindholm · Also: Pastrnak, Geekie · McAvoy, Peterka 2 assists each · CHI: Ryan Greene

NFL · TODAY AT 4:25

Patriots Visit Miami

BY THE COURIER SPORTS DESK · SOURCE: SPORTRADAR

New England (4–3) plays at Miami (2–5) this afternoon, and SportRadar gives the Patriots a 74% chance to win. The Patriots lost 30–24 at Chicago last week.

Buffalo (5–1) hosts Baltimore at 1, with the Bills about 62% favorites. The Jets (2–5) host Las Vegas in a near coin flip.

Saturday: Notre Dame beat Navy 35–13 at Gillette Stadium in Foxborough. Navy hosts Temple next Saturday.

Celtics: at Orlando today at 3:30.

NFL WEEK 9 · TODAY

		Win chances
BAL at BUF	1:00	BUF 62%
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 54%
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 72%
NE at MIA	4:25	NE 74%
KC at DEN	4:25	
PHI at WAS	SNF 8:20	
CHI at SEA	MNF 8:15	
JAX at BAL	TNF Thu.	

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 today, 4:25 p.m.

NHL · BRUINS CORNER

Lindholm Wins It in OT

Boston (10–4–1) won 43 of 62 faceoffs Saturday. Next: Vegas Monday at 7, at Pittsburgh Thursday.

CELTICS · NEXT UP

Road Trip

Today: At Orlando, 3:30.

Mon.: At Houston, 8:30.

Wed.: Bucks at Boston, 7:30.

THIS WEEK ON TV (ET)

NFL Patriots at Dolphins, Today 4:25
NHL Golden Knights at Bruins, Mon. 7:00
NBA Bucks at Celtics, Wed. 7:30

THE BOURBON PAGE

Eight generations of the Beam family · plus the Lion's Tail



BOTTLE OF THE WEEK

JAMES B. BEAM DISTILLING CO. · CLERMONT, KY.

Jim Beam Black

PROOF	STYLE	FAMILY	BARREL	PRICE
86	Extra-aged	Since 1795	New charred oak	~$22

Jim Beam is the world's best-selling bourbon, and the white-label bottle is everywhere. Jim Beam Black is the step up: the same family recipe, left in the barrel longer for a deeper, smoother pour.

The Beam family story starts with Jacob Beam, who sold his first barrel of whiskey in Kentucky in 1795. The brand takes its name from James B. "Jim" Beam, who rebuilt the business in Clermont after Prohibition ended in 1933.

The family is still at the stills. Fred Noe, Booker Noe's son, is the seventh-generation master distiller, and his son Freddie is the eighth.

How to drink it: neat, on one big cube, or in any cocktail that calls for bourbon. Look for caramel, vanilla, toasted oak and a touch of dried fruit.

Featured before: Booker's, the uncut small batch named for Fred's father, comes from the same Clermont distillery.

BOURBON SCIENCE 101

What "Extra-Aged" Means

BY THE COURIER SPIRITS DESK

Whiskey changes most in its first years in new charred oak. Each summer the spirit pushes into the wood; each winter it pulls back out, carrying color and flavor.

Longer aging adds deeper color, more oak and spice, and softer edges, but some whiskey evaporates every year — the "angel's share."

A label that says "straight bourbon" means at least two years in the barrel. If it is under four years, the law says the age must be stated.

"Extra-aged" isn't a legal term; it's the maker's way of saying longer than its standard bottle.

Label tip: an age statement is the youngest whiskey in the bottle.

THE BEAM SHELF

One Family, Many Bottles

Jim Beam White — the classic, aged four years.

Jim Beam Black — this week's bottle: extra-aged, 86 proof.

Booker's — uncut, unfiltered, straight from the barrel.

Knob Creek and Basil Hayden — also made by the Beam team.

Visit: the James B. Beam distillery in Clermont, south of Louisville, offers tours and tastings on the Kentucky Bourbon Trail.

Shopping tip: Beam Black is one of the best bargains on the shelf — try it side by side with the white label.

THIS WEEK'S POUR

Cocktail Corner

The Lion's Tail. A warm, spicy sour from the 1930s — made for a chilly November night.

Shake 2 oz bourbon, ½ oz allspice dram, ½ oz fresh lime juice, 1 tsp simple syrup and a dash of Angostura bitters with ice. Strain into a chilled coupe.

The story: it first appeared in the Café Royal Cocktail Book, published in London in 1937.

TASTING LAB

Allspice dram is a rum liqueur flavored with Jamaican allspice berries. A little goes a long way — start with a quarter ounce.
No dram? Swap in ¼ oz maple syrup and a pinch of ground allspice for a Vermont twist.

THIS WEEK'S POUR PLAN

What to sip with what's on

TONIGHT · PATRIOTS AT MIAMI
A Lion's Tail for the 4:25 kickoff.

TUESDAY · ELECTION NIGHT
Beam Black on one cube while the returns roll in.

FRIDAY · JOBS REPORT
A neat pour to close out a long week.

THE BOURBON GLOSSARY

Label terms, decoded

Extra-aged — longer than the maker's standard bottle.

Age statement — the youngest whiskey in the bottle.

Angel's share — whiskey lost to evaporation.

Straight — aged at least two years.

Allspice dram — rum liqueur with allspice.

Coupe — a stemmed, shallow cocktail glass.

Sour — spirit, citrus and sweetener.

Bitters — a few dashes of concentrated spice.

Master distiller — the person in charge of the whiskey.

Proof — twice the alcohol percentage.

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

New oak — bourbon barrels are used only once.

Clermont — Kentucky home of Jim Beam.

Bourbon Trail — Kentucky's distillery tour route.

Neat — straight from the bottle, no ice.

Finish — the flavor that lingers after a sip.

Rick — the wooden racks that hold barrels.

Small batch — a blend of select barrels.

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

Sunday, Nov. 1 – Saturday, Nov. 7

ON THE TUBE (ET)

Today 1:00 — Ravens at Bills.
Today 3:30 — Celtics at Orlando.
Today 4:25 — Patriots at Dolphins.
Mon. 7:00 — Bruins host Vegas.
Mon. 8:15 — Bears at Seahawks.
Tue. night — Election returns.
Thu. 8:15 — Jaguars at Ravens.

AROUND VERMONT

Today — Clocks are back an hour; check the car and stove.

Mon. — Palantir reports after the bell.

Tue. — Election Day; polls close at 7.

Fri. — October jobs report, 8:30 a.m.

Daily — The Snow Desk, Page 12.

WEATHER AT A GLANCE

Sun. — Sunny, milder, 57°.

Mon. — Pleasant, 64°.

Tue. — Showers possible, 61°.

Wed. — Warm, near 71°.

Thu. — Rain likely, 66°.

Sat. — Much colder, 45°.

GOOD NEWS ROUNDUP

Kindness, critters & comebacks

AUBREY, TEXAS

A School Named for 'Miss Marilyn'

Marilyn Hampton spent 39 years as a custodian for the Aubrey school district — and kept snacks and supplies for kids who needed them. Now its new elementary school bears her name. "She is truly Aubrey ISD," the superintendent said. (Good News Network)

JAPAN

A Bumper Potato Crop

Hokkaido, which grows 80% of Japan's potatoes, is having its best harvest in a decade after a cooler summer — good news for chip lovers after last year's heat-damaged crop. (Good News Network)

BEIJING

The Farmer on the Test

Strawberry farmer Mr. Wang's phone number ended up in an English exam question. Now 10 to 20 students call him every year, and he uses the calls to cheer them on. (Good News Network)

BORNEO

53 Orangutans Saved

Rescuers with the Indonesian group YIARI have pulled 53 orangutans from wildfires since August and returned many to protected forest in Gunung Palung National Park. (Good News Network)

INDONESIA

A Forest Spared

Indonesia halted a plan to clear about 4 million acres of rainforest and peatland for rice farms after reaching rice self-sufficiency early; it will use degraded land instead. (Good News Network)

VIRGINIA

Five Cheetah Cubs on Camera

A cheetah named Zura gave birth to five cubs at the Smithsonian's conservation center in Front Royal. You can watch the family day and night on the National Zoo's cheetah cub cam. (Good News Network)

THE SUNDAY KITCHEN

A SEASONAL RECIPE

Maple-Dijon Chicken & Root Vegetables

Serves 4 · 15 min prep · 40 min roast

THE PAN 8 bone-in chicken thighs · 1 lb carrots, cut in chunks · 1 lb small potatoes, halved · 1 red onion, in wedges · 2 tbsp olive oil; salt and pepper

THE MAPLE GLAZE 3 tbsp Vermont maple syrup · 2 tbsp Dijon mustard · 1 tbsp cider vinegar · 2 cloves garlic, minced · Fresh thyme or rosemary

METHOD

1. Heat oven to 425°. Toss the vegetables with oil, salt and pepper on a sheet pan.

2. Season the chicken; nestle it skin side up among the vegetables.

3. Whisk the maple syrup, mustard, vinegar, garlic and herbs; brush half over the chicken.

4. Roast 25 minutes, brush on the rest of the glaze, and roast 15 minutes more.

5. Done at 175° inside. Rest 5 minutes; spoon pan juices over all.

Courier tip: Dark, robust maple syrup gives the most flavor. Parsnips or sweet potatoes work too.

THE TRAVEL DESK

Destinations, drives & the airport board



Courier illustration: a country road into Woodstock

DESTINATION OF THE WEEK

Woodstock, Vermont

A postcard village of covered bridges, a working dairy museum and Vermont's national park — about 90 minutes from Essex Junction

Why go: Woodstock looks like a Christmas card even in November: a village green, white steeples, brick shops and the Ottauquechee River running through town. It is also where American conservation took root — George Perkins Marsh grew up here, and Laurance and Mary Rockefeller later gave his family's estate to the nation. November is the quiet season between leaf-peepers and skiers, so inns are easier to book. This week: sunny and 55° today, near 70° by Wednesday, rain Thursday.

DON'T MISS

Billings Farm. A working Jersey dairy farm and museum founded by Frederick Billings in 1871. Open weekends this winter, 10 to 4; meet the cows and see the 1890 farmhouse.

The national park. Marsh-Billings-Rockefeller National Historical Park has more than 20 miles of carriage roads and trails, open dawn to dusk year-round, through some of the oldest managed forest in the country.

Mount Tom. A 1,357-foot hill right above the village. Climb from Faulkner Park for a view of Woodstock's rooftops and steeples, or loop around the Pogue, a 14-acre pond in the park.

Quechee Gorge. Ten minutes east, the Ottauquechee River runs through a gorge about 165 feet deep — "Vermont's Little Grand Canyon." Nearby, watch glassblowers at Simon Pearce's mill by the falls.

Woodstock: sunny, 55° today after a 26° start; 64° Monday, 62° Tuesday, near 70° Wednesday; rain likely Thursday (65%).
From Essex Jct.: I-89 south to Quechee, then Route 4 west, about 90 minutes. Sources: National Park Service; Billings Farm & Museum; Woodstock Chamber; forecast data.

MORE ABOUT WOODSTOCK

Where to eat. Downtown has cozy pubs, bakeries and farm-to-table dining. The Woodstock Inn's Red Rooster is the splurge; for something simple, grab a sandwich and a maple creemee at a village shop or the general store. In Quechee, the restaurant at Simon Pearce sits right above the waterfall.

Getting around. The village is small and walkable — park once and stroll the green, Elm Street and Central Street. Billings Farm and the national park are a short walk across the river. Route 4 is the main road, so expect slow going through the village center.

Where to stay. The Woodstock Inn & Resort, built by Laurance Rockefeller, faces the village green. Smaller inns and bed-and-breakfasts fill old homes on the side streets. Quechee and Bridgewater have more options for less money.

A bit of history. George Perkins Marsh, born here in 1801, wrote "Man and Nature" (1864), an early warning about how people damage the land. Frederick Billings bought the Marsh home, replanted the bare hills with trees and built a model farm. The Rockefellers gave it all to the National Park Service, which opened the park in 1998.

Local character. Woodstock claims America's first ski tow: in 1934 a rope tow, run by a Model T engine, pulled skiers up a hill on a farm north of the village. Its Middle Bridge, right in the village, was built in 1969 the old way, by hand with wooden pegs.

Best season. Fall foliage brings the biggest crowds. Winter brings sleigh rides, cross-country skiing on the carriage roads and Wassail Weekend in mid-December, with a horse-drawn parade through town. Spring is mud season; summer is for the river and the farm.

Day trip. The Vermont Institute of Natural Science in Quechee cares for injured hawks, owls and eagles and holds bird shows. The Taftsville covered bridge, from 1836, is just east of town on Route 4, and the Calvin Coolidge birthplace in Plymouth Notch is about 25 minutes south.

Local tip. The national park's visitor center closed for the season on Oct. 31, but the trails stay open. Bring a map, wear blaze orange — deer rifle season opens in mid-November — and finish with cider and cheese at a farm stand on the way home.

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).

Tampa · St. Pete: Rain likely today (75%) — possible weather delays.

Midwest: Rain likely Tuesday around St. Louis and central Missouri (75%).

Northeast: Clear and calm from Burlington to Boston today; showers possible Tuesday.

Clocks: Standard time is back — double-check early flight times on your phone.

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

	SUN	MON	TUE
Essex Jct., VT	57° 0%	64° 10%	61° 45%
Woodstock, VT	55° 5%	64° 10%	62° 10%
Snowshoe, WV	58° 10%	50° 45%	63° 5%
St. Petersburg, FL	78° 75%	78° 45%	80° 15%
Charlotte, NC	64° 20%	68° 10%	72° 10%
Cape Cod, MA	53° 0%	63° 10%	64° 10%
Roseburg, OR	55° 10%	54° 35%	58° 10%
McAllen, TX	90° 35%	92° 10%	89° 10%

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

THE WEATHER DESK

Forecasts, almanac, mountains & Snow Watch 2026–27

THE FORECASTER'S TAKE

Sunshine, an Extra Hour — and a Warm Week

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

We start the first day of standard time with a hard frost: about 27° at dawn in Essex Junction and the low 20s in colder spots like St. Johnsbury. High pressure keeps it sunny all day, and a southwest breeze lifts us to about 57° this afternoon.

Tonight stays much milder, only dropping to the upper 40s as clouds drift in. Monday is pleasant and partly sunny, in the mid-60s.

Election Day brings more clouds and a chance of showers (45%), with highs near 61°. Wednesday is the warm peak — near 71°, about 20 degrees above normal for early November.

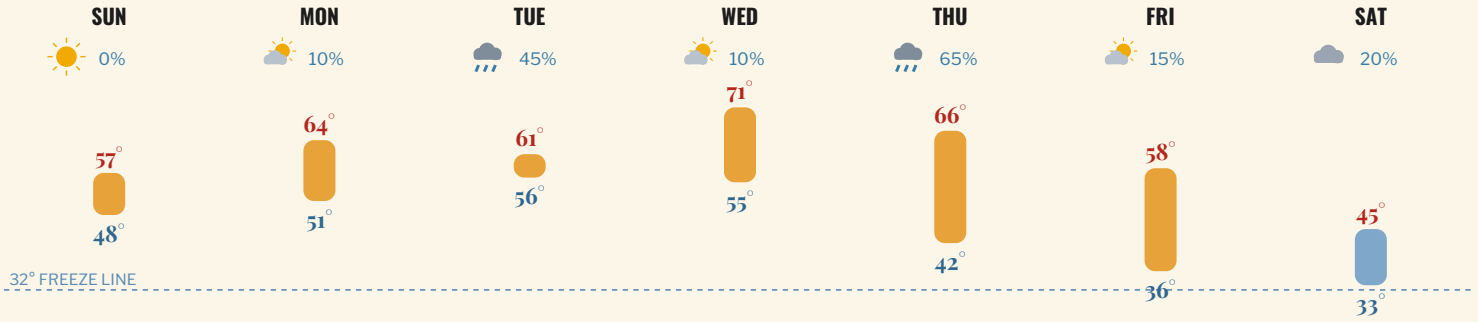
Then a cold front swings through Thursday with rain likely, and much colder air follows. By Saturday highs only reach the mid-40s, and the higher peaks could see their first flakes of the season.

ESSEX JCT. ALMANAC

YESTERDAY	High 46° · Low 29°
SUNRISE	6:30 a.m.
SUNSET	4:41 p.m.
DAYLIGHT	10 hr 10 min
CHANGE	-2.7 min vs. yesterday
SINCE JUNE 21	5 hr 21 min less light
MOON	Waning gibbous

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

ESSEX JUNCTION · THE NEXT SEVEN DAYS



Bars run from the low to the high; * = freezing night. Percent = chance of rain or snow. Forecast data.

MOUNTAINS, VALLEYS & THE PLACES WE WATCH

SMUGGLERS' NOTCH
Mt. Mansfield's north side
50° / 30° 0%
Snow chance next Saturday.

RUTLAND
Otter Creek valley
55° / 26° 0%
Near 71° Wednesday.

ST. JOHNSBURY
Northeast Kingdom
53° / 24° 0%
Coldest start: 23° now.

KILLINGTON
Central Green Mtns.
49° / 29° 0%
Snowmaking weather by Sat.

WHITEFACE
Adirondacks, N.Y.
52° / 28° 5%
Flurries possible Saturday.

SNOW WATCH 2026–27

Day 1

Season totals, Nov. 1 – Apr. 1 · The Snow Desk, Page 12

ESSEX JCT.	MIDDLEBURY	STOWE	SNOWSHOE, WV
0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"
Burlington (BTV)	Addison County	Mt. Mansfield	Highland House · Rimfire

SEVERE & NATIONAL

Soggy Florida, Sizzling Texas

Florida's Gulf Coast gets a wet Sunday: a 75% chance of rain in St. Petersburg, with highs in the upper 70s. Deep South Texas stays summery, with McAllen near 90° today and 92° Monday.

Rain spreads into the middle of the country Tuesday — a 75% chance around Fulton, Mo. On Mount Washington, the summit warms from a frigid 19° this morning to about 42°, before snow chances return next weekend.

SNOW DESK · FIRST EDITION

Season Totals Start Today

The Courier's new Snow Desk debuts today on Page 12, with daily snowfall and season totals for Essex Junction, Middlebury, Stowe and Snowshoe, 16 big cities and the snowiest spots in the nation.

So far it's been a snowless fall in the valleys: Burlington had no snow in October, and only Caribou, Maine, among our cities, has measured any (0.6 inch).

Daylight: sunrise 6:30 a.m., sunset 4:41 p.m. — 10 hours and 10 minutes of light.

WEATHER WORD

El Niño

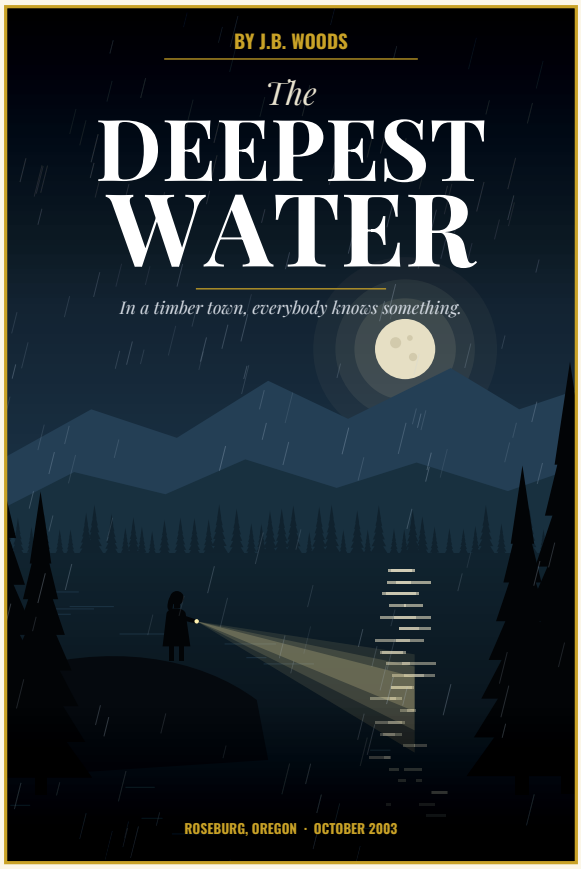
A periodic warming of the equatorial Pacific Ocean that shifts the jet stream; a strong one often tilts the northern U.S. toward a milder winter.

This year: a strong El Niño since summer; NOAA leans warm and wet for the East.

THIS DAY IN WEATHER

Oct. 31–Nov. 1, 2019: the Halloween storm dumped 3 to 5 inches of rain on northern Vermont — 5.26 at East Berkshire — and Burlington set a daily record of 3.30 inches. Mount Mansfield gusted to 111 mph, and more than 120,000 customers lost power.

THE DEEPEST WATER *New reader? Tap here to read from Chapter 1 ›*



CHAPTER 29

Chapter Still Being Written

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

WHERE WE LEFT OFF · 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.

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 1–28

Published chapters only — no spoilers. Updated every edition. By J.B. Woods · Roseburg, Oregon · October 2003

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

Bethel, Vermont · 1992

Cheryl Lunna: The Car in the Brook

In late April 1992, a car was found off Camp Brook Road in Bethel, a back road that follows a mountain stream through the hills of Windsor County. The car had left the road and come to rest partly underwater in the brook.

Inside was Cheryl F. Lunna, 42. The date on her case is Sunday, April 26, 1992.

At first, investigators believed she had drowned — a tragic accident on a narrow country road in spring, when the streams run high with snowmelt.

But other evidence from the scene and the investigation that followed led police to a different conclusion: Cheryl Lunna's death was a homicide. Police have not said publicly what that evidence was.

The Vermont State Police Major Crime Unit still lists the case as open. Someone may know why her car was on Camp Brook Road that weekend, whom she had seen, or who was with her.

Thirty-four years later, a small detail — a car seen parked nearby, a remark overheard — could still matter.

Tips: vsp.vermont.gov/tipsubmit, text VTIPS to 274637, or call 802-244-8727 (case 10D304839).

CASE FACTS

NAME
Cheryl F. Lunna
AGE
42
DATE
April 26, 1992
WHERE
Camp Brook Road, Bethel
FOUND
Car partly in the brook
STATUS
Homicide, unsolved
CASE NO.
10D304839

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

VERMONT POLICE BLOTTER

EDEN — Troopers say a Stowe man, 37, took a truck and flatbed trailer from a Maple Lane property Friday afternoon and crashed into a nearby home. No one was hurt. He faces DUI, grand larceny and six other charges. (WCAX)

GEORGIA — A tractor-trailer rolled over on I-89 northbound near Exit 18 early Thursday, slowing the morning commute. The driver was not hurt. (WCAX)

TENNESSEE — Christa Pike, the death-row inmate who survived a failed lethal injection, said in her first statement since that she is in "constant pain" in solitary confinement. (Al Jazeera)

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COURT WATCH

New York — Judge Jennifer Rochon ordered three taxpayer-funded Trump administration ads pulled from TV and social media, finding they appear to serve political purposes. (WCAX)

Miami — Judge Darrin Gayles permanently dismissed President Trump's $10 billion libel suit against The Wall Street Journal, saying he was "grasping at straws." (WCAX)

Washington — Two Chinese nationals who arranged cash "dead drops" and photographed a naval facility for China's spy agency were each sentenced to 30 months. (Al Jazeera)

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	Allenstown, 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.
Sherri Rasmussen	Los Angeles	1986	2009	Bite-mark DNA matched LAPD detective Stephanie Lazarus.
Golden State Killer	California	1974	2018	Genealogy led to Joseph DeAngelo, a former police officer.
Christy Mirack	Lancaster, Pa.	1992	2018	Genealogy and a discarded water bottle led to DJ Raymond Rowe.
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.
Grim Sleeper	Los Angeles	1985	2010	Familial DNA and a discarded pizza crust led to Lonnie Franklin Jr.

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

CASE CLOSED · HOW IT WAS CRACKED

Ted Bundy

In the mid-1970s, young women were vanishing in Washington, Oregon, Utah and Colorado. Police had a name — "Ted" — and a description of a tan Volkswagen Beetle, but no suspect. The break came from a routine traffic stop. Early on Aug. 16, 1975, Utah Highway Patrol Sgt. Bob Hayward saw a Beetle without its lights on in Granger, near Salt Lake City. The driver sped off, then pulled over. Inside, Hayward found a ski mask, a mask made from pantyhose, a crowbar, handcuffs and rope. The driver was Theodore Bundy, a law student. Investigators tied him to the 1974 kidnapping of Carol DaRonch, who had escaped from a man in a Beetle, and he was convicted in 1976. After two escapes, he was caught in Florida in 1978 and executed in 1989.

SCAM ALERT

Election-Week Scams

Scammers love an election. Watch for texts or calls saying your registration has a problem, that you can "vote by text," or that you owe a fee to vote, plus fake fundraising calls that sound like real campaigns.

Remember: voting is always free, no one votes by text or phone, and election offices won't ask for your Social Security number or bank details by text. Give to campaigns only through their official websites.

Check your status: call your town clerk or visit the Vermont secretary of state's website.

CRIME TRIVIA

Test Your Detective Skills

The FBI's national DNA database links crime-scene evidence across the country. What is it called?

Answer: CODIS — the Combined DNA Index System.

THE SNOW DESK

Season tracking Nov. 1 – Apr. 1 · all totals in inches

Day 1 OF 152

First reports arrive tomorrow

NOV · DEC · JAN · FEB · MAR · APR 1

ESSEX JCT.

LAST 24 HRS	SEASON
—	0.0"

Official: Burlington airport (BTV)
Normal to date: 0.0" · Depth: 0"

MIDDLEBURY

LAST 24 HRS	SEASON
—	0.0"

Nearest observer reports
No report = no observer reading that day

STOWE

LAST 24 HRS	SEASON
—	0.0"

Mt. Mansfield / Stowe observers
No report = no observer reading that day

SNOWSHOE, WV

LAST 24 HRS	SEASON
—	0.0"

Snowshoe observer (4,780 ft)
No report = no observer reading that day

THE CITY SNOW BOARD · OFFICIAL NWS TOTALS

CITY	LAST 24 HRS	MONTH	SEASON	NORMAL	+/-	DEPTH
Burlington, Vt.	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Boston	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0
Portland, Maine	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Caribou, Maine	0.0	0.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Concord, N.H.	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Albany, N.Y.	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Syracuse, N.Y.	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Buffalo, N.Y.	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
New York City	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Erie, Pa.	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Detroit	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Chicago	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Minneapolis	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Denver	0.0	0.0	0.0	—	—	0.0
Salt Lake City	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Anchorage, Alaska	0.0	0.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

NWS Daily Climate Reports. Season and normal count from Nov. 1. T = trace. Depth = snow on the ground, inches.

MOST SNOW IN THE U.S.

Latest reports before the season (Oct. 31)

1	Tuolumne Meadows, CA Elev. 8701 ft	2.0"
2	Bettles Arpt Elev. 633 ft	1.3"
3	Chester 20.0 NNW, MT Elev. 3806 ft	1.0"
4	Wiseman, AK Elev. 1181 ft	1.0"
5	Whitlash 13.5 E, MT Elev. 3501 ft	0.5"

SEASON LEADERS · CITIES

Burlington, Vt.	0.0"
Boston	0.0"
Portland, Maine	0.0"
Caribou, Maine	0.0"
Concord, N.H.	0.0"
Albany, N.Y.	0.0"
Syracuse, N.Y.	0.0"
Buffalo, N.Y.	0.0"

BIGGEST ONE-DAY TOTALS

Season leaders appear once reports come in.

SNOW NOTES

Welcome. The Courier's first Snow Desk. Every day through April 1 we track snowfall at home, in 16 cities and nationwide. Totals count from today.

October recap. Burlington had no snow in October (normal is 0.3 inch). Among our cities, only Caribou, Maine, measured any: 0.6 inch, per the National Weather Service.

On the mountains. Killington made snow in mid-October and planned to restart the guns this weekend; opening day is not set. (WCAX)

The winter outlook. A strong El Niño has NOAA leaning warm and wet for the East, but mountain snowfall in El Niño years is "highly variable," the NWS's Seth Kutikoff said. (WCAX)

First flakes? After a mild week, colder air arrives next weekend. The peaks — Mount Washington, Whiteface and Smugglers' Notch — have a chance of snow Saturday.

PUZZLES & GAMES

Grab a pencil and your coffee

THE DAILY SUDOKU

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WORD SEARCH · ELECTION DAY

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FIND THESE 12 WORDS

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Words run across, down, diagonally — and some backward.

THE COURIER QUIZ

Five Questions, No Peeking

1. In what year did Woodstock, Vt., run America's first ski tow?

2. Jacob Beam sold his first barrel of whiskey in what year?

3. A warming of which ocean's waters is called El Niño?

4. What design won Burlington's underwater pumpkin-carving contest?

5. The Lion's Tail first appeared in a 1937 cocktail book from which city?

NAME THAT YEAR

Three Clues, One Year

- "Saturday Night Live" debuts.
- Microsoft is founded.
- Carlton Fisk's Game 6 homer.

YESTERDAY'S SUDOKU SOLUTION

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Solutions run the next day.

THE JUKEBOX

Music history, a record to spin and shows near home

NOVEMBER 1 IN MUSIC

This Day in Music

1947 — Songwriter Jim Steinman, who wrote Meat Loaf's "Bat Out of Hell," is born.

1957 — Lyle Lovett is born in Klein, Texas.

1962 — Red Hot Chili Peppers singer Anthony Kiedis is born in Grand Rapids, Mich.

1963 — Def Leppard drummer Rick Allen is born; after losing an arm in 1984, he kept playing on a custom kit.

1968 — George Harrison releases "Wonderwall Music," the first album on the Beatles' Apple label.

1969 — Elvis Presley's "Suspicious Minds" hits No. 1 — his first chart-topper in seven years.

Also born today: jazz saxophonist Lou Donaldson (1926), America guitarist Dan Peek (1950) and Kool & the Gang's Ronald Bell (1951).



SPIN THIS

Pontiac

Lyle Lovett · 1987

Lyle Lovett turns 69 today, so spin his second album, *Pontiac* — the record that made the tall Texan with the big hair a star.

It mixes country, swing and folk with a dry sense of humor. Listen for "If I Had a Boat," about riding a pony on a boat, and the jazzy "She's No Lady."

Lovett went on to win four Grammys and to front his Large Band, playing country, jazz and gospel.

Best with: a Lion's Tail and Sunday supper.

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

Wed. Nov. 18 · John Scofield, Flynn, Burlington

Listings via Songkick; check venues for tickets.

MUSIC TRIVIA

Elvis Presley's "Suspicious Minds" reached No. 1 on this day in 1969. Which Memphis studio did he record it in?

ANSWERS — Quiz: 1. 1934. 2. 1795. 3. The Pacific. 4. A lighthouse. 5. London. Name That Year: 1975. Music trivia: American Sound Studio.

ACROSS THE USA

A light look at news from every state

Compiled by the Courier from local TV stations, newspapers and websites over the past two weeks; sources in parentheses.

ALABAMA Auburn: Alabama Rural Ministry staff lived in shacks outside the Auburn Wesley Foundation for five days to raise $200,000 to repair 40 rural homes. (WSFA)

ALASKA Anchorage: Gusts up to 75 mph hit the Anchorage hillside as a storm moved in; Seward braced for 3 to 5 inches of rain and the northern Susitna Valley for 15 inches of snow. (Alaska's News Source)

ARIZONA Phoenix: The Suns' new outdoor screen, 226 feet wide and 41 feet tall with 17 million pixels, is billed as the largest LED display on an NBA or WNBA arena. (AZFamily)

ARKANSAS Jonesboro: Arkansas State volleyball beat Troy 3-2 to clinch the Sun Belt West title. Devyn Lewis had 22 kills; Calea Bush had a career-best 10 blocks. (KAIT)

CALIFORNIA San Luis Obispo: Mission Plaza filled with folklórico dancers, mariachi music and traditional altars Saturday at the Latino Outreach Council's Día de los Muertos celebration. (KSBY)

COLORADO Arapahoe Basin: Arapahoe Basin became the first Colorado ski area to open, kicking off its 80th winter with one run, the intermediate High Noon. (KKTV)

CONNECTICUT Hartford: The Hartford area went 15 straight days without measurable rain through Halloween; the last dry stretch of three weeks or more came in spring 2015. (WFSB)

DELAWARE Cape Henlopen: New fencing helped beach-nesting birds: least tern pairs rose from 127 to 208 this year, and a record 10 piping plover pairs nested at Cape Henlopen. (Delaware Public Media)

FLORIDA Ocala: More than 140 artists competed for $27,000 in awards at the 59th Ocala Fine Arts Festival; proceeds support arts education in Marion County. (WCJB)

GEORGIA Savannah: Former students and teachers reunited at Massie, Savannah's first public school, which opened in 1856 and is now the Massie Heritage Center. (WTOC)

HAWAII Honolulu: The city is urging Oahu residents to renew driver's licenses up to six months early, with more than 7,100 renewals a month expected in coming weeks. (Hawaii News Now)

IDAHO Twin Falls: The Boys & Girls Clubs of the Magic Valley opened a free homework room, the Center for Hope, with a $45,000 grant. The club serves about 200 kids a day. (KMVT)

ILLINOIS Champaign: Stratton Academy of the Arts unveiled murals honoring Kenneth O. Stratton, who in 1961 became the first African American elected to the City Council. (WAND)

INDIANA South Bend: The MLK Dream Center unveiled a gym mural of woodland flowers and the Medicine Wheel, made with the Pokagon Band of Potawatomi. (WNDU)

IOWA Cedar Rapids: After about 20 years and tens of thousands of visitors, Matt Davenport opened his free haunted garage for the last time this Halloween. (KCRG)

KANSAS Lawrence: Manhattan High's girls won the 6A cross country state title Saturday at Rim Rock Farm in Lawrence — their second straight crown. (WIBW)

KENTUCKY Lexington: The Kentucky Horse Park celebrated "Hallowhinny" with costumed horses, a trick-or-treat trail and a draft horse meet-and-greet. (WKYT)

LOUISIANA Baton Rouge: More than 200 skeleton "skelebrities" fill the Harrod family's yard on Bocage Boulevard, including "Slay-Lor Swift" and "Travis Kill-Ce." (WAFB)

MAINE Gardiner: Gardiner won its first Class C state volleyball title Saturday, sweeping MDI in three sets. "It just feels so awesome," said Lila Anderson. (WABI)

MARYLAND Baltimore: About 5,000 gallons of molasses overflowed from a tank into Baltimore Harbor. Inspectors saw no dead fish as crews used booms and vacuum trucks. (WMAR)

MASSACHUSETTS Boston: Wahlburgers closed its Fenway location after about 11 years as its lease ran out. The Wahlberg brothers' chain is looking for a new Boston-area site. (Boston 25)

MICHIGAN Jackson: Jackson suspended downtown overtime parking fines from Nov. 1 through the end of the year to make holiday shopping and dining easier. (WILX)

MINNESOTA Statewide: Expecting El Niño to bring a warmer winter with "more ice than actual snow," MnDOT is seeking about 20 emergency snowplow drivers. (KTTC)

MISSISSIPPI Statewide: Mississippi had 4,221 deer-related crashes in 2025, up 6%, MDOT said. Deer activity peaks from October through January. (WLBT)

MISSOURI Springfield: A record 4,200-plus runners from 41 states signed up for the Bass Pro Shops Marathon Weekend; the oldest competitor is 95. (KY3)

MONTANA Billings: Chris and Pat Wilson's Halloween display on Electric Avenue has about 180 decorations, including 50 or so big animatronics. (KTVQ)

NEBRASKA Omaha: The first national tour of "Death Becomes Her" opened the Orpheum's Broadway season over Halloween weekend, with gowns weighing up to 25 pounds. (WOWT)

NEVADA Carson City: The Nevada Day Parade fell on Halloween as the state turned 162. A local brewery called it the biggest day in its 19-year history. (KOLO)

NEW HAMPSHIRE Concord: More than 20 pine logs tumbled onto North State Street when a logging truck struck a utility pole. No one was hurt. (Concord Monitor)

NEW JERSEY Toms River: The 87th Toms River Halloween Parade stepped off Saturday night with 11 walking and 14 motorized divisions down Main and Washington streets. (Patch)

NEW MEXICO Albuquerque: Old Town's Día de los Muertos runs through Nov. 8 with a Marigold Mile, hidden ofrendas and mini remote-control hot air balloons. (KOB)

NEW YORK Utica: Movies are back at South Utica's Uptown Theatre after more than a decade, starting Halloween weekend with $7 tickets. (WKTV)

NORTH CAROLINA Wilmington: More than 1,000 people joined Wilmington's Walk to End Alzheimer's Saturday, raising about $194,000 toward a $260,000 goal. (WECT)

NORTH DAKOTA Bismarck: Newlyweds Erica and Logan Bauer made Chick-fil-A their first stop as husband and wife, wedding party in full attire. The owner offered a free meal. (KFYR)

OHIO Columbus: The Ohio History Center will stay closed through 2030 for a rehabilitation funded largely by $58 million from the state. (WOSU)

OKLAHOMA Tulsa: A south Tulsa family put 44 inflatables in the yard for Halloween, double last year. Seven-year-old Brody Barber's favorite: the blue ghost. (News On 6)

OREGON Portland: Photographer Keith Zimmerman, who has experienced homelessness, self-published "Outside," film portraits of more than 60 people on Portland's streets. (OPB)

PENNSYLVANIA Philadelphia: The free Mural Arts Fest closed Mural Arts Month at Love Park with mask decorating and a pumpkin painting contest with a $500 prize. (WHYY)

RHODE ISLAND Middletown: Police found 140 fish fillets aboard a boat off Middletown after its operator denied having any fish; officers issued $700 in boating fines. (NBC 10)

SOUTH CAROLINA Columbia: Repticon brought reptile and exotic animal vendors and breeders to Columbia's Jamil Temple this weekend; the expo wraps up today. (WIS)

SOUTH DAKOTA Sioux Falls: Lincoln High fashion students made felt Halloween costumes for NICU babies at Sanford Hospital, from a frosted donut to Thing One and Thing Two. (Dakota News Now)

TENNESSEE Nashville: Fall color is peaking across most of Middle Tennessee; big maples around Nashville look spectacular despite a dry lead-up. (WSMV)

TEXAS San Antonio: The Savannah Bananas will play Banana Ball at the Alamodome on Sept. 10 and 11, 2027, their first San Antonio games. (KSAT)

UTAH Salt Lake City: No. 6 Utah routed Cincinnati 49-25 on Halloween; a pick-six extended the Utes' streak to 23 straight seasons with one, longest in FBS. (KSL)

VERMONT Burlington: Hundreds turned out on Church Street in Burlington for the annual Howl'ween dog costume contest; the Pumpkin Pack, four Chihuahuas, won silliest. (WCAX)

VIRGINIA Roanoke: Roanoke's historical society is more than halfway to the $220,000 needed to relight the H&C; Coffee sign in 2027, the brand's 100th year. (WDBJ)

WASHINGTON Seattle: The Wing Luke Museum opened tours of the restored Eng family home in the Chinatown International District, a 1930s house with a basement sprout business. (KIRO)

WEST VIRGINIA Statewide: A new license plate celebrating nine cryptids, from Mothman to Sheepsquatch and the Grafton Monster, goes on sale Monday. (WVPB)

WISCONSIN Milwaukee: Fans lined the streets Friday as the Brewers celebrated their first World Series title with a parade to the Summerfest grounds. (WPR)

WYOMING Statewide: Ghost lore says a 1950s maintenance man still helps out at Jackson's Wort Hotel, and phantom steak orders ring out at Meeteetse's Cowboy Bar. (Wyoming Public Media)