ESSEX JCT. TODAY
60°
Low 54° · Mild, mostly cloudy
Wednesday: near 74°

The Morning Courier

Markets, Mountains, Box Scores & Bourbon — Delivered Before the Coffee Cools

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CHAPTER 30
"Road Trip to the Running Y"
Tess swears she sees Harlan Voss

VOL. I · NO. 41 · FREE TO JB · TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2026 · ELECTION DAY · ESSEX JUNCTION, VERMONT · SUNRISE 6:32 A.M. · SUNSET 4:38 P.M.

DOW 51,984 ▲+0.41% · S&P 500 7,541 ▼-0.51% · NASDAQ 25,164 ▼-1.07% · PLTR $178.34 ▼-3.13% · 10-YR 4.89% · WTI $96.46 ▼-7.4% · GOLD $3,957 ▲+1.5%

ELECTION DAY · THE NATION

Control of Congress on the Ballot

All 435 House seats, 35 Senate seats and 36 governorships are up today, after more than 50 million Americans voted early

TODAY BY THE NUMBERS

435	House seats on the ballot
35	Senate seats up this year
36	Governor's races
50M+	Ballots cast before today

BY THE COURIER NATIONAL DESK · SOURCES: ABC NEWS, REUTERS, AL JAZEERA, CBS NEWS

Voters decide today who controls Congress for the last two years of President Trump's term.

Republicans hold the House 218–214, with two seats vacant, so Democrats need a net gain of about three seats to take control. In the Senate, Republicans hold 53 seats to 47 for Democrats and the two independents who vote with them; Democrats need a net gain of four, because Vice President JD Vance breaks ties.

The most-watched Senate races include Texas, where Democrat James Talarico faces Republican Ken Paxton, and Michigan's open seat, where Democrat Abdul El-Sayed faces Republican Mike Rogers. Maine's Susan Collins is also defending her seat.

In a Reuters/Ipsos poll released last week, registered voters favored Democrats 47% to 36% for Congress; Mr. Trump's approval stood at 32%.

Early voting ran far ahead of the last midterm in many states: two weeks out, the AP found it up about 74% from 2022 in Texas and 39% in Maine.

Vermont's polls close at 7 p.m. Most results should come tonight, but close races may take days to call. **Governor's race, Page 3.**

ESSEX JUNCTION FORECAST

60°

Low tonight: 54°

Mild and mostly cloudy for the polls; a few showers possible, mainly north.

CHANCE OF RAIN TODAY 25%
Most voters should stay dry

THE WEEK AHEAD

WED	THU	FRI	SAT
74°	66°	62°	48°
10%	75%	10%	65%

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

FORECASTER'S NOTE

Monday reached 68° — 16 above normal. Wednesday near 74°, then a cold front Thursday. Sunset 4:38 p.m.

NHL · MONDAY NIGHT

Bruins Win a Shootout

BY THE COURIER SPORTS DESK · SOURCE: SPORTRADAR

Boston 3, Vegas 2: David Pastrnak scored the shootout winner after a 2–2 tie. The Bruins (11–4–1) lead the Atlantic.

Also: Celtics lost 109–93 at Houston; Bears 34, Seahawks 17. **Standings, Page 6.**

ON THIS DATE 1964
Residents of Washington, D.C., voted for president for the first time, helping Lyndon B. Johnson win a full term in a landslide.

INSIDE TODAY · IN BRIEF

MARKETS	Palantir beats; stock slips.	2
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WEATHER AROUND THE MAP

Tuesday forecasts · forecast data · "Now" = overnight

	Now	Hi	Lo	Rain
MIDDLEBURY, VT	54°	62°	54°	20%
MT. WASHINGTON, NH	48°	51°	46°	45% summit
SNOWSHOE, WV	44°	65°	45°	5%
ROSEBURG, OR	46°	59°	40°	10%
E. DENNIS, MA · CAPE	54°	65°	54°	10%
CHARLOTTE, NC	48°	74°	49°	10%
WILMINGTON, NC	59°	78°	59°	0%
ST. PETERSBURG, FL	73°	82°	73°	65%
FULTON, MO	68°	68°	52°	74%
HOT SPOT · McALLEN, TX	77°	89°	69°	15%



THE DEEPEST WATER · A COURIER SERIAL
New today: Chapter 30, "Road Trip to the Running Y." Page 8.

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MARKETS & MONEY

Monday's closes · Palantir's big quarter · Tuesday, November 3

THE BIG BOARD — MONDAY, NOV. 2

INDEX / STOCK	CLOSE	CHANGE	PCT
Dow Jones Industrials	51,983.98	+213.67	+0.41%
S&P 500	7,541.40	−38.67	−0.51%
Nasdaq Composite	25,164.32	−272.68	−1.07%
Russell 2000	2,805.88	−5.97	−0.21%
JB'S WATCHLIST			
Nvidia (NVDA)	202.06	−2.58	−1.26%
Palantir (PLTR)	178.34	−5.77	−3.13%
Microsoft (MSFT)	507.12	−14.79	−2.83%
BIG NAMES			
Tesla (TSLA)	403.82	+4.01	+1.00%
Intel (INTC)	59.97	−5.79	−8.80%

Closes via AP, CappNotes, MarketBeat and Yahoo Finance. Bars scaled to percent change.

RATES · ENERGY · METALS

10-yr Treasury Monday	4.89%
2-yr Treasury	4.58%
30-yr Treasury	5.27%
Gold +1.5%	$3,957
Silver +3.2%	$50.68
WTI crude −7.4% on Iran talk	$96.46
Brent crude −7.6%	$104.77
Bitcoin Monday	~$76,700
VIX +8.9%	21.15

TODAY & THIS WEEK **TUE.** Job openings 10 a.m.; Election Day **TUE.** AMD earnings tonight **FRI.** October jobs report, 8:30

Monday: Dow +0.4%, S&P −0.5%, Nasdaq −1.1% · Early Tuesday: Dow futures about −0.5%, oil up slightly

Closes via AP and CappNotes

PALANTIR · Q3 RESULTS

Blowout, Then a Shrug

BY THE COURIER MARKETS DESK · SOURCES: MARKETBEAT, INVESTING.COM, BLOOMBERG

Palantir beat Wall Street Monday night. Third-quarter sales jumped 96% to $2.31 billion, against forecasts near $2.18 billion, and adjusted profit was 44 cents a share versus 41 cents expected.

U.S. commercial sales rose 148% to $984 million, passing U.S. government sales ($953 million, up 96%) for the first time. The company raised its full-year sales forecast to about $8.53 billion, up roughly 91%.

"We absolutely eviscerated this quarter," CEO Alex Karp said. Investors still sold: the stock slipped about 3% after hours.

STOCKS TO WATCH TODAY

On the Radar

Palantir (PLTR) — Beat and raised; shares still slipped after hours.

Nvidia (NVDA) — Down 1.3% on AI-spending worries.

Microsoft (MSFT) — Fell 2.8% to $507.12.

AMD — Reports tonight after a 7.5% drop Monday.

Oracle — Down 8.8% on plans to sell $10 billion of stock and $10 billion of bonds.

Oil — Plunged 7% on signs the U.S. and Iran are open to talks.

Job openings — 10 a.m. today; about 7.1 million expected.

BIG MOVERS

IDXX	IDEXX Labs	+21.85%
AMZN	Amazon	+2.20%
AAPL	Apple	−1.83%
AMD	AMD	−7.52%
ORCL	Oracle	−8.76%
MRVL	Marvell	−12.72%
LITE	Lumentum	−18.59%

Best of these: IDEXX +21.9% Worst: Lumentum −18.6%

YEAR TO DATE

Russell 2000	+13.2%
S&P 500	+10.1%
Dow	+8.1%
Nasdaq	+8.2%

Through Monday; Courier estimates from Friday's year-to-date figures.

THE LUMBER DESK

Oil Drops 7%

FOR THE JB WOODS DESK

Crude fell more than 7% Monday to about $96, which should ease diesel and trucking costs if it holds. Factory activity grew faster than expected in October (ISM 55.5). Friday's jobs report is next. Weather: mild, 60°.

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 · MIDDLE EAST

Israeli Forces Leave Hebron

BY THE COURIER NATION DESK · SOURCE: AL JAZEERA

Israeli forces withdrew from Hebron after a 10-day siege, the city's governor, Khaled Dudin, said Monday, and Palestinian security forces have "taken full control." Israel imposed the siege Oct. 23 after a shooting that killed two Israeli soldiers; the two suspects were later killed.

The governorate says 537 families were forced from their homes, 15 homes and structures were demolished and about 262,000 students missed nine days of school. "Everything damaged we will rebuild," Mayor Youssef al-Jaabari said.

Gaza. Eight Palestinians, including a 4-year-old, were killed in Israeli drone strikes across Gaza over the weekend. (Al Jazeera)

Iran. Tehran says it sent a deal proposal to Washington through Qatari mediators and that "the ball is in the U.S. court"; President Trump said the war will end "very soon one way or the other." (Al Jazeera)

ELSEWHERE

Bulgaria. Acting President Iliana Iotova won Sunday's runoff, becoming the country's first elected woman head of state; her rival conceded. Turnout was under 30%. (Al Jazeera)

Ukraine. Air-raid apps in both Ukraine and Russia were hacked to send false alarms as a local truce in Kherson ended Sunday. (Al Jazeera)

Sudan. Sudan complained to the U.N. and African Union that drones used against it are launched from Ethiopia. (Al Jazeera)

Florida. A business jet bound for the Bahamas crashed near Greenacres, killing all nine aboard; the NTSB is investigating. (Al Jazeera)

VERMONT

Around the Green Mountain State

STATEWIDE · ELECTION DAY

Governor's Race Goes to the Voters

BY THE COURIER VERMONT DESK · SOURCES: SEVEN DAYS, WCAX, VERMONT PUBLIC

Vermonters decide today between Republican Gov. Phil Scott, seeking another two-year term, and Democrat-Progressive Amanda Janoo — and the final polls disagree.

The final UNH Green Mountain State Poll, taken Oct. 27–31, had Janoo ahead 51% to 43%, with independent Brian Judd at 4%, Seven Days reported. A State Navigate poll released Oct. 27 had Scott ahead 49–46. Asked who they expect to win, 62% of UNH respondents said Scott.

On election eve, Scott campaigned in all 14 counties; Janoo rallied supporters in Montpelier, pitching universal primary care and property-tax relief paid for by taxing high earners and vacation homes (WCAX).

More than 150,000 Vermonters had already voted by Monday, WCAX reported. Polls close at 7 p.m.; unofficial results will be posted at electionresults.vermont.gov, and on WCAX and Vermont Public.

STATEWIDE · THE BALLOT

Props 3 and 4

Two constitutional amendments are up. Prop 3 would add the right to organize and bargain collectively; Prop 4 would bar the state from denying equal protection based on race, sex, religion, disability, sexual orientation, gender identity or national origin. Both passed the Legislature by wide margins (Vermont Public).

DOWN-BALLOT

Gray, Balint Lead in Polls

UNH had Democrat Molly Gray ahead of Lt. Gov. John Rodgers 63–34, and Rep. Becca Balint ahead of Republican Gerald Malloy 66–31, with independent Adam Ortiz also running (Seven Days).

AROUND THE STATE

PROCTOR — Teacher of the Year. Linda McCuen of Proctor High is Vermont's 2027 Teacher of the Year. (WCAX)

WINOOSKI — A sugarmakers' hotel. The 115-room Sugar House Hotel opens Thursday; each room is named for a sugarmaker. (WCAX)

LOCAL VOTES — Taxes, bonds, a library. Bennington, Essex and Hinesburg vote on a 1% local option tax; Williston holds a third library vote. (Vermont Public)

FOLIAGE REPORT

Mild and mostly dry

Polls close: 7 p.m.; results online tonight.

Mild: 60° today, near 74° Wednesday.

Showers: a few, mainly north (25%).

Sunset: 4:38 p.m.; 10 hours 5 minutes of daylight.

Cold front: rain Thursday (75%).

Weekend: highs in the upper 40s.

THE WEEK IN VERMONT

Today Mostly cloudy, 60°.

Tonight Mild, 54°.

Wed. Warm, near 74°.

Thu. Rain likely, 66°.

Fri. Partly sunny, 62°.

Forecast data for Essex Junction; check before you go.

VERMONT BY THE NUMBERS

150K+	Vermonters who voted early
2	Constitutional amendments
14	Counties Scott visited Monday
7 p.m.	Polls close
3rd	Williston library vote

SPORTS

Bruins win a shootout · Celtics fall at Houston · Bears roll in Seattle

NHL · BOSTON 3, VEGAS 2 (SO)

TEAM	1	2	3	G	SOG	PP
VGK	0	1	1	2	23	1/3
BOS	1	1	0	3	27	1/4

Boston won the shootout · Pastrnak SO winner, 1 A, 7 shots · Geekie PPG · VGK: Connelly

NFL · MONDAY NIGHT

Bears Roll in Seattle

BY THE COURIER SPORTS DESK · SOURCE: SPORTRADAR

Chicago 34, Seattle 17. D'Andre Swift ran for three touchdowns and Caleb Williams threw a 1-yard score to Luther Burden as the Bears (6–2) pulled within a half game of Minnesota in the NFC North.

Sam Darnold threw touchdown passes to Jaxon Smith-Njigba (43 yards) and Cooper Kupp for Seattle (4–4).

Thursday: Jacksonville at Baltimore, 8:15. **Sunday:** Packers at Patriots, 4:25.

Every standing: Page 6.

NFL · WEEK 10

Monday final + next games

CHI 34, SEA 17	MNF	F
JAX at BAL	Thu. 8:15	JAX 80%
CIN at ATL	Sun. 9:30	CIN 60%
DAL at IND	Sun. 1:00	DAL 70%
LA at WAS	Sun. 1:00	LA 69%
NYJ at KC	Sun. 1:00	KC 80%
DET at MIA	Sun. 1:00	DET 74%
DEN at CAR	Sun. 1:00	DEN 58%
NYG at PHI	Sun. 1:00	NYG 62%
CLE at NO	Sun. 1:00	NO 57%
HOU at LAC	Sun. 4:05	HOU 67%
GB at NE	Sun. 4:25	
TB at CHI	SNF 8:20	
BUF at MIN	MNF 8:15	

Win probabilities via SportRadar. Times are Eastern Standard Time.

AFC EAST STANDINGS

TEAM	W-L	GB
Buffalo	6-1	—
New England	5-3	1½
NY Jets	2-6	4½
Miami	1-6	5

Via SportRadar. Patriots host Green Bay Sunday, 4:25 p.m.

NHL · BRUINS CORNER

Shootout Win Over Vegas

Boston (11–4–1) leads the Atlantic with 23 points. At Pittsburgh Thursday at 7; Florida visits Sunday at 1.

CELTICS · 109–93 AT HOUSTON

Rockets Pull Away

Monday: Tatum 19 pts, 9 ast; Queta 16; Sengun 26 for HOU.

Wed.: Bucks at Boston, 7:30.

Fri.: At Charlotte, 7:00.

THIS WEEK ON TV (ET)

NBA Bucks at Celtics, Wed. 7:30
NHL Bruins at Penguins, Thu. 7:00
NFL Packers at Patriots, Sun. 4:25

THE BOURBON PAGE

Maker's Mark gets a French-oak makeover · plus the Mint Julep



BOTTLE OF THE WEEK

MAKER'S MARK DISTILLERY · LORETTO, KY.

Maker's Mark 46

PROOF	STYLE	GRAIN	SINCE	PRICE
94	Stave-finished	Wheated	2010	~$40

For more than half a century, Maker's Mark made exactly one bourbon. Then in 2010 it released Maker's 46 — the brand's first new bourbon in 52 years, created by Bill Samuels Jr., master distiller Kevin Smith and Brad Boswell of Independent Stave Co.

The trick is in the barrel. Fully aged Maker's Mark goes back into its barrel with 10 seared French-oak staves fitted inside, then rests a few more months.

The recipe is the classic Maker's wheater: 70% corn, 16% red winter wheat and 14% malted barley, with no rye. It is bottled at 94 proof.

How to drink it: neat or over one large cube. Look for cinnamon-raisin toast, vanilla and caramel, then charred oak, leather and a little tobacco on the finish (Breaking Bourbon).

Fun fact: Margie Samuels named the whiskey and came up with the red wax.

BOURBON SCIENCE 101

What a Finish Does

BY THE COURIER SPIRITS DESK

Most bourbon gets all its flavor from one new, charred oak barrel. A "finished" bourbon gets a second act: extra time with different wood, or in a cask that once held wine, port or rum.

Maker's 46 adds seared French-oak staves to its own barrel. French oak is tighter-grained than American oak and gives more spice and less vanilla.

Searing the staves, rather than charring them, caramelizes the wood sugars without the heavy black char.

Label tip: "finished" bourbon must still begin as straight bourbon in new charred oak.

THE MAKER'S FAMILY

One Recipe, Several Bottles

Maker's Mark — the original red-wax wheater, 90 proof.

Maker's 46 — this week's bottle, finished with French-oak staves.

Cask Strength — the original, uncut and stronger.

Private Selection — store picks with custom stave mixes.

The bread test: Bill Samuels Sr. reportedly chose his recipe by baking loaves from candidate grain mixes.

Visit: Loretto is south of Louisville; the distillery is a National Historic Landmark.

Shopping tip: 46 often runs only a few dollars more than the standard bottle.

THIS WEEK'S POUR

Cocktail Corner

The Mint Julep. The Kentucky Derby's drink — and fine for one last warm day.

Gently muddle 4 mint sprigs with 1 tsp powdered sugar and 2 tsp water in a julep cup. Fill with crushed ice, add 2 oz bourbon and stir until the cup frosts. Garnish with a mint sprig.

The story: juleps date to the 1700s; Churchill Downs has promoted it with the Derby since 1938.

TASTING LAB

Make one with standard Maker's and one with 46. The 46 julep keeps more oak and spice under all that mint and ice.

Hold it right: grip a silver julep cup by the rim and base so your hand doesn't melt the frost.

THIS WEEK'S POUR PLAN

What to sip with what's on

TONIGHT · ELECTION RETURNS
Maker's 46 over one big cube while the map fills in.

WEDNESDAY · 74° AND SUNNY
A Mint Julep on the porch — November's last warm day.

SUNDAY · PACKERS AT PATRIOTS
A neat pour of 46 at kickoff, 4:25.

THE BOURBON GLOSSARY

Label terms, decoded

Finished — extra aging with other wood or casks.

Stave — one of the wooden strips of a barrel.

Seared — toasted hot and fast, not charred.

French oak — tight-grained; spicier than American.

Wheater — bourbon with wheat, not rye.

Red winter wheat — the grain in Maker's mash.

Julep cup — a silver or pewter tumbler.

Muddle — press herbs gently to release oils.

Crushed ice — the julep's signature.

Wax seal — Maker's dipped red top since 1958.

Loretto — Kentucky home of Maker's Mark.

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

No age statement — the label doesn't give an age.

Proof — twice the alcohol percentage.

Neat — straight from the bottle, no ice.

Finish — the flavor that lingers after a sip.

Angel's share — whiskey lost to evaporation.

New oak — bourbon barrels are used only once.

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

Monday, Nov. 2 – Sunday, Nov. 8

ON THE TUBE (ET)

Tonight — Election returns.
Tonight 7:00 — Clutch at Higher Ground.
Wed. 7:30 — Bucks at Celtics.
Thu. 7:00 — Bruins at Pittsburgh.
Thu. 8:15 — Jaguars at Ravens.
Sun. 1:00 — Panthers at Bruins.
Sun. 4:25 — Packers at Patriots.

AROUND VERMONT

Today — Election Day; polls open across Vermont.
Today — Job openings report, 10 a.m.
Wed. — Near 74° — last warm day.
Fri. — October jobs report, 8:30 a.m.
Daily — Crossword, Page 14.

WEATHER AT A GLANCE

Tue. — Mild, cloudy, 60°.
Wed. — Warm, near 74°.
Thu. — Rain likely, 66°.
Fri. — Partly sunny, 62°.
Sat. — Rain, chilly, 48°.
Sun. — Cool, 47°.

GOOD NEWS ROUNDUP

Kindness, critters & comebacks

CORVO, AZORES

Lights Out for Baby Birds

Each fall the Portuguese island of Corvo switches off its public lights so young Cory's shearwaters can fly out to sea by starlight instead of crashing inland. More than 30,000 fledglings have been rescued in the Azores since 2015, and residents back the blackout unanimously. (Good News Network)

FLORIDA

A Festival for Right Whales

Amelia Island's Right Whale Festival opens Friday in Fernandina Beach. The coast there is the North Atlantic right whale's only known calving ground, and last season brought the most calves since 2009. (Good News Network)

EVERYWHERE

A Forecast for Dogs

A new app, Pawcast by Weather.pet, gives conditions at a dog's head and paw height — including how hot the asphalt is — adjusted for breed, coat and age. (Good News Network)

LONDON

Oxford Street Goes Car-Free

Cars, bikes and scooters are now banned from nearly 0.6 miles of London's famous shopping street, with trees, seating and two squares planned. (Positive News)

MEDICINE

A Vaccine Built From Your Tumor

In a large trial, a personalized mRNA vaccine given with the drug Keytruda cut melanoma patients' risk of death or relapse by 42%. The results are not yet peer-reviewed. (Positive News)

SARDINIA

Dinner Without Screens

Fifteen restaurants on the Italian island are asking families to put devices away during meals, with activity kits for kids, in a month-long pilot. (Positive News)

THE TUESDAY KITCHEN

A SEASONAL RECIPE

Honey-Garlic Pork Tenderloin

Serves 4 · 10 min prep · 25 min roast

THE PAN 2 pork tenderloins (about 2 lb) · 2 apples, cut in wedges · 1 red onion, in wedges · 1 lb baby potatoes, halved · 2 tbsp olive oil, salt, pepper

THE GLAZE ¼ cup honey · 3 tbsp soy sauce · 4 garlic cloves, minced · 1 tbsp Dijon mustard · Fresh thyme

METHOD

1. Heat the oven to 425°. Toss the potatoes and onion with oil, salt and pepper; roast 10 minutes.

2. Whisk the honey, soy sauce, garlic and mustard. Brown the pork in a hot skillet, 2 minutes a side.

3. Add the pork and apples to the pan and brush the pork with half the glaze.

4. Roast 15–18 minutes, until 145° inside, brushing once more.

5. Rest 5 minutes, slice, and spoon the pan juices over the top.

Courier tip: Pull the pork at 145° and let it rest — it stays juicy and slightly pink, which is safe.

SPORTS & STANDINGS

Every team in the NFL, NHL and NBA

NFL through Week 9, including Monday night · NHL and NBA through Monday · via SportRadar

Highlighted: the Patriots, Bruins and Celtics

NFL · DIVISION STANDINGS

AFC EAST	W	L	T	PCT
Buffalo	6	1	0	.857
New England	5	3	0	.625
N.Y. Jets	2	6	0	.250
Miami	1	6	0	.143

AFC NORTH	W	L	T	PCT
Pittsburgh	6	2	0	.750
Cincinnati	5	2	0	.714
Cleveland	5	3	0	.625
Baltimore	4	4	0	.500

AFC SOUTH	W	L	T	PCT
Jacksonville	5	2	0	.714
Houston	2	5	0	.286
Indianapolis	2	6	0	.250
Tennessee	1	7	0	.125

AFC WEST	W	L	T	PCT
Denver	6	2	0	.750
Kansas City	5	2	0	.714
Las Vegas	4	4	0	.500
L.A. Chargers	0	7	0	.000

NFC EAST	W	L	T	PCT
N.Y. Giants	4	2	0	.667
Dallas	3	5	0	.375
Washington	2	4	0	.333
Philadelphia	2	6	0	.250

NFC NORTH	W	L	T	PCT
Minnesota	6	1	0	.857
Chicago	6	2	0	.750
Detroit	5	2	0	.714
Green Bay	5	3	0	.625

NFC SOUTH	W	L	T	PCT
Carolina	3	4	0	.429
Tampa Bay	3	5	0	.375
Atlanta	3	5	0	.375
New Orleans	2	5	0	.286

NFC WEST	W	L	T	PCT
San Francisco	6	1	0	.857
Seattle	4	4	0	.500
L.A. Rams	4	4	0	.500
Arizona	3	5	0	.375

NHL · DIVISION STANDINGS

ATLANTIC	GP	W	L	OT	PTS
Boston	16	11	4	1	23
Montreal	14	9	3	2	20
Ottawa	16	9	6	1	19
Tampa Bay	13	8	3	2	18
Florida	15	8	5	2	18
Toronto	16	8	6	2	18
Buffalo	14	7	4	3	17
Detroit	15	7	5	3	17

METROPOLITAN	GP	W	L	OT	PTS
Carolina	16	12	2	2	26
New Jersey	14	9	5	0	18
Washington	13	8	5	0	16
N.Y. Islanders	14	7	5	2	16
N.Y. Rangers	15	7	7	1	15
Pittsburgh	14	5	7	2	12
Philadelphia	16	4	8	4	12
Columbus	12	5	7	0	10

CENTRAL	GP	W	L	OT	PTS
Minnesota	16	10	3	3	23
Colorado	15	9	5	1	19
Utah	15	9	6	0	18
Dallas	14	8	5	1	17
St. Louis	14	7	6	1	15
Nashville	14	5	4	5	15
Winnipeg	15	4	8	3	11
Chicago	15	4	10	1	9

PACIFIC	GP	W	L	OT	PTS
Edmonton	15	11	2	2	24
Vegas	16	9	5	2	20
Seattle	14	8	5	1	17
San Jose	16	7	8	1	15
Calgary	15	7	8	0	14
Anaheim	14	6	7	1	13
Los Angeles	13	4	7	2	10
Vancouver	16	3	12	1	7

Atlantic and Metropolitan: Eastern Conference · Central and Pacific: Western · PTS = 2 per win, 1 per overtime or shootout loss

NBA · DIVISION STANDINGS

ATLANTIC · EAST	W	L	PCT	GB
Philadelphia	7	1	.875	—
Boston	5	2	.714	1.5
Toronto	4	3	.571	2.5
New York	3	4	.429	3.5
Brooklyn	1	6	.143	5.5

CENTRAL · EAST	W	L	PCT	GB
Detroit	6	1	.857	—
Cleveland	4	3	.571	2
Indiana	2	6	.250	4.5
Chicago	1	6	.143	5
Milwaukee	1	6	.143	5

SOUTHEAST · EAST	W	L	PCT	GB
Washington	4	3	.571	—
Atlanta	4	4	.500	0.5
Charlotte	3	5	.375	1.5
Miami	2	5	.286	2
Orlando	2	5	.286	2

NORTHWEST · WEST	W	L	PCT	GB
Portland	5	1	.833	—
Oklahoma City	5	2	.714	0.5
Minnesota	5	3	.625	1
Denver	3	3	.500	2
Utah	1	6	.143	4.5

PACIFIC · WEST	W	L	PCT	GB
L.A. Lakers	6	2	.750	—
Golden State	5	3	.625	1
Phoenix	1	4	.200	3.5
LA Clippers	1	6	.143	4.5
Sacramento	1	6	.143	4.5

SOUTHWEST · WEST	W	L	PCT	GB
Houston	7	1	.875	—
Memphis	6	1	.857	0.5
San Antonio	5	2	.714	1.5
Dallas	4	3	.571	2.5
New Orleans	3	4	.429	3.5

NEW ENGLAND WATCH

Where our teams stand

Patriots (5–3) Second in the AFC East, a game and a half behind Buffalo (6–1). Green Bay visits Sunday at 4:25.

Bruins (11–4–1) Beat Vegas 3–2 in a shootout Monday; first in the Atlantic with 23 points. At Pittsburgh Thursday, 7.

Celtics (5–2) Lost 109–93 at Houston (7–1) Monday. Host Milwaukee Wednesday, 7:30; at Charlotte Friday.

Monday night Bears 34, Seahawks 17: D'Andre Swift ran for three touchdowns as Chicago (6–2) moved a half game behind Minnesota.

THE WEATHER DESK

Forecasts, almanac, mountains & Snow Watch 2026–27

THE FORECASTER'S TAKE

Mild for the Polls, Near 74° Wednesday

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

Monday beat our forecast: Burlington reached 68°, 16 degrees above normal, and only fell to 52°. The National Weather Service's normal low for the date is 36°.

Election Day stays mild and mostly cloudy, with a high near 60°. The rain chance has dropped to about 25%, so most voters should stay dry. Tonight's low is only about 54°.

Wednesday is the warm peak: near 74°, more than 20 degrees above normal. A cold front brings rain Thursday (75%), still in the mid-60s.

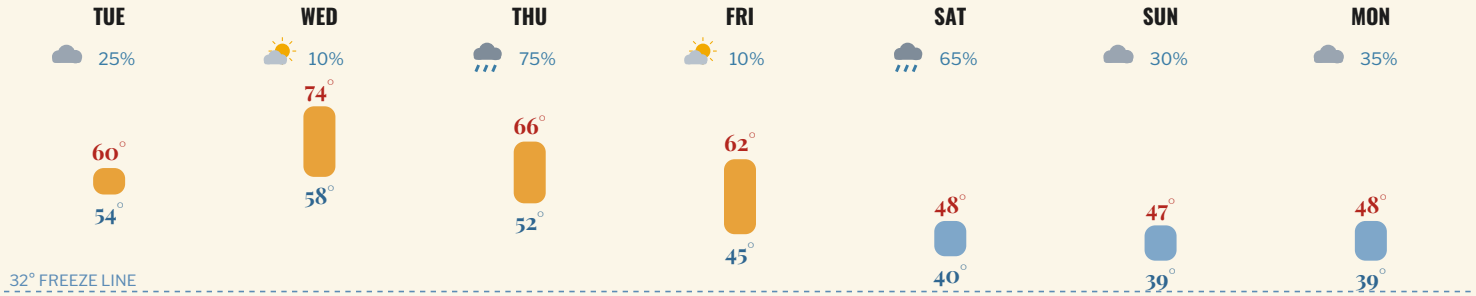
Then November returns for good: highs near 48° Saturday with rain likely (65%), and upper 40s Sunday and Monday.

ESSEX JCT. ALMANAC

YESTERDAY	High 68° · Low 52°
SUNRISE	6:32 a.m.
SUNSET	4:38 p.m.
DAYLIGHT	10 hr 5 min
CHANGE	-2.7 min vs. yesterday
SINCE JUNE 21	5 hr 26 min less light
MOON	Waning crescent

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

WOODSTOCK
Windsor County
62° / 49° 10%
Near 74° Wednesday.

STOWE
Lamoille Valley
56° / 48° 35%
Rain likely Thursday (75%).

ISLAND POND
Northeast Kingdom
54° / 45° 35%
Only 42° by Sunday.

MONTRÉAL
Québec
55° / 52° 48%
Showers today (48%).

MONTPELIER
The capital
57° / 47° 35%
Down to 47° Sunday.

SNOW WATCH 2026–27

Day 3

Season totals, Nov. 1 – Apr. 1 · The Snow Desk, Page 13

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

Wet in Missouri, Summer in Texas

Rain is likely around Fulton, Mo., today (74%), and the cooler air follows: highs drop from the upper 60s to the mid-50s Wednesday.

Deep South Texas stays hot — McAllen near 89° — while showers and storms are likely around St. Petersburg today and Wednesday (65%). The Carolina coast is the pick: sunny and 78° in Wilmington.

BEAT THE FORECASTER

Nature Wins This One

Monday: we said 65°; Burlington hit 68° (3° warmer). More than 2° off counts as a loss.

Season record: 1–1 (50%)

Recent: Sun 57/57 W · Mon 65/68 L

Today's call: 60° in Essex Junction. Check back tomorrow.

WEATHER WORD

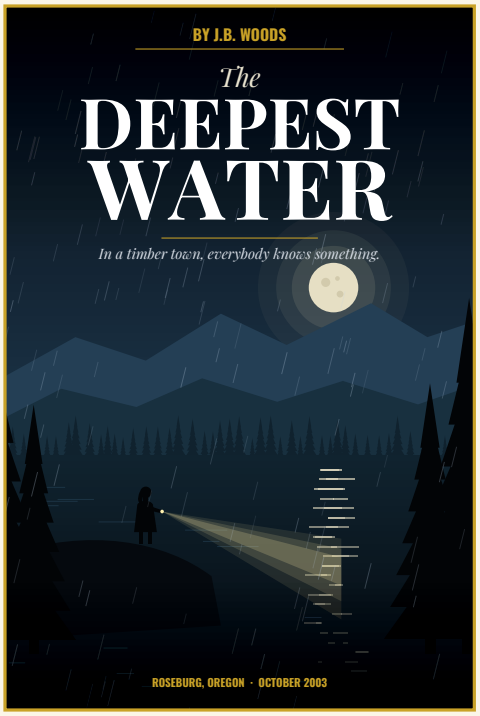
Warm Sector

The mild, humid zone between a storm's warm front and its cold front. South winds pump in warm air until the cold front sweeps through.

This week: Vermont sits in the warm sector Wednesday — hence 74° in November — before Thursday's cold front ends it.

THIS DAY IN WEATHER

Nov. 2–3, 2014: an early nor'easter buried central and eastern Maine — 21 inches at Cary, about a foot in Bangor — and left 127,000 Maine homes without power. South Carolina saw its earliest snow on record. (CNN)



CHAPTER 30

Road Trip to the Running Y

Medford · November 2003

Previously: Tiffany Voss told the FBI that Harlan was Gordon Pryce's silent partner — and that the hiding place in Room 118 was empty.

> *"Kally, follow that car. I swear it's Harlan Voss."*

THE FBI VAN had been parked outside Room 118 since six in the morning. At a quarter to ten the team leader climbed out, peeled off his gloves and walked over to Dan Myers.

"We scanned the whole room," he said. "Floor, ceiling, every wall. We went through the drywall with the imaging gear. There's the hollow in the closet where something used to sit. Other than that — nothing. Not a scrap of paper."

"Here's what I'd like to do," the team leader went on. "There's a spot on the far bank with a clear view of this deck. We set up there, out of sight, and watch 118 around the clock. If anybody tries to get in, we'll know."

"Yes," Myers said. "Do that." He nodded toward the lobby. "I told the Holiday Inn this room stays unbookable until I say it can be opened."

"And the sheriff's office?" "Nobody outside this team. Nobody."

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Tess Halloran was already an hour down I-5 by then, her overnight bag on the back seat. She had packed it the night before for two nights, and booked a room at the Rogue Regency in Medford for both. For the first time in weeks, nobody knew exactly where she was.

At Eye Spy's Medford office, Teresa handed her a mug of tea she had not asked for.

"Walt called me at seven this morning." Tess dropped into a chair. "He wants a story. 'Tess, get us some answers. We need some breaking news in our paper. Let's get ahead of the rest of the media.'"

"Here's the thing," Kally said. "We are taking you somewhere nice and relaxing. The Running Y, over toward Klamath. Peace and quiet. You need it."

"I have a room at the Rogue Regency." "Then call them and move it to tomorrow night," Teresa said. Kally grabbed her keys. "Road trip!"

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They left in the late afternoon, Kally driving, Teresa riding shotgun, Tess in the back with her bag. Highway 140 ran east out of White City and began to climb, and the higher it went, the faster the light went out of the sky. Near the summit the first flurries of the season drifted through the headlights.

"This road is a little intimidating in the dark," Teresa said.

Kally, who was steering with one knee while she worked a wet wipe between her fingers, said, "It's fine."

Headlights swelled in the mirror and a car swung out and roared past them on a blind curve, close enough to rock them. In the instant it went by, the glow of its dashboard lit the driver's face.

Tess sat straight up. "Kally, follow that car." She grabbed the back of the seat. "I swear it's Harlan Voss."

"You're hallucinating," Kally said. "Follow that car!" Tess said again.

Kally floored it. Teresa grabbed the dashboard. "You do realize Kally is not the best driver," she said to the back seat. "She multitasks when she should be focusing."

"I am focusing!" Kally said, and dropped the wet wipe.

The taillights pulled away on the straights. Teresa leaned forward and squinted at the plate, muttering letters and numbers to herself.

"Can you read it?" "Maybe," Teresa said. "My glasses are in my overnight bag."

Two more curves and the taillights were gone. Before the Lake of the Woods turn, the road ahead was empty and dark.

Then a brown sign slid through the headlights: CRATER LAKE NATIONAL PARK, with an arrow pointing north.

"Next time," Tess said quietly as it slid by, "we need to go see Crater Lake." They kept on down the mountain toward the Running Y.

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The lodge sat low and warm beside Upper Klamath Lake, its windows glowing. Kally pulled up out front and sighed happily.

"I love this place," she said, "because they have their own liquor store. Who could ask for more?"

"It's the Running Y Market & Deli," Teresa said. "And she says that every time."

"Then here's what we're doing," Tess said. "As soon as we check in, we're getting a bottle of Cooper & Thief, and we're talking about who I believe we just saw."

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Christine Mason happened to be in Deputy Walters' office, going over hotel records, when her cell phone rang. Sheriff Coyle had gone home for the day. "Mason." "It's Tess."

Tess told it fast: Route 140, a blue car — a Nissan or a Toyota, she wasn't certain — and the face in the dashboard light.

"Did Kally or Teresa see him?" Mason asked.

"Teresa saw the driver's shape, not his face. But she got a plate. Maybe." Teresa took the phone. "I'm not certain. My glasses were in my bag." She read it off slowly, twice.

Mason slid the plate number to Walters. "I'll run it," he said.

"There's no FBI office in Klamath Falls," Mason told Tess. "I'll call our people in Medford, and the state police." She paused. "Tess, there's something you should know. Yesterday Tiffany Voss told us Harlan was Gordon Pryce's silent partner in the mill. For years."

Tess sat down hard on the bed. "Harlan Voss owned part of Pryce Lumber?"

"Nobody knew. Stay put tonight."

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The Cooper & Thief was half gone when the room phone rang at ten minutes to eleven. "It's Walters." His voice was low. "If Teresa read that plate right, that car is stolen."

A work of fiction: characters and events are invented; places are real. · *Catch up: Reader's Guide, Pages 9–11.*

Chapter 31 coming soon

THE DEEPEST WATER · READER'S GUIDE

The Story So Far · Chapters 1–16

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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

On a rainy Monday night at the Umpqua Ledger, editor Walt Brenner put Tess Halloran on a quiet story: Gordon Pryce, owner of the shuttered Pryce Lumber mill, left the Elks Lodge Friday and never got home. Then the police scanner crackled: a dark Lincoln, abandoned on Highway 138, keys in it.

CHAPTER 2

Whoever Left It There

At a pullout past Glide near Toketee Falls, a deputy turned Tess away from Pryce's Lincoln, its door open and wheels turned neatly toward the river. After pie at Del's Riverside Diner, she was on Sheriff Ray Coyle's porch at seven. The wallet held $200, he said. Whoever left the car wanted it found.

CHAPTER 3

The Sister at the Bar

Del told Tess nobody stops at that pullout by accident. At the Idle Hour, Big Dave said Gordon had been scared all summer and pointed her to "Tic Tac." A woman drank Tess's whiskey and told her to leave him alone. She was his sister — and her brother had told Coyle what he saw Friday night.

CHAPTER 4

Forty Dollars a Plate

Coyle still wasn't talking, and the Pryces had hired a Eugene lawyer. Over dinner at Brix Grill, PI friends Kally and Teresa of Eye Spy named Tic Tac in unison: "Oh, Josh Foster?" Outside, Kally added that Josh had called their office Monday asking what it costs to run a license plate.

CHAPTER 5

If I End Up in the River

Trent Pryce said he was home watching the game with his mother. At Abby's Pizza, Josh Foster told Tess he saw Pryce's Lincoln heading up the canyon Friday with a dark pickup behind it, no lights, and got part of a plate. As he walked away, a dark pickup idling at the curb pulled out and followed.

CHAPTER 6

Patient as the Rain

At Fred Meyer, Tess ran into old neighbor Buck, who had worked for Gordon and tipped her to his hidden fishing hole at Cavitt Creek and Little River. She asked Eye Spy to search it. At home, a message from Darla Foster: Josh never showed, his truck and gear were gone. Where was her brother?

CHAPTER 7

The Third Time Today

With Big Dave beside her, Tess went back to the Idle Hour on Friday, where Darla blamed her for Josh's disappearance. Roseburg police came looking for Josh over a coin-shop break-in. Then a dark pickup roared past with no lights, and the cruiser lost it. Darla said it was the third time today.

CHAPTER 8

Your Case, Not Ours

Deputy Cal Walters got a tip that the dark pickup had been parked at the Holiday Inn by the river. A dog walker then brought in a stag-handled knife found below the decks, engraved DOUGLAS COUNTY ROADS · 1987. Coyle had it logged as found property, then dialed a number twice. Nobody answered.

CHAPTER 9

Up Little River

Kally and Teresa searched Cavitt Creek and Little River. At a hidden pool off a gravel spur, Kally found a rusted tackle box with "G.P." carved in the lid — and a torn mayonnaise packet sitting on top of the silt. They called Tess. "Don't tell anyone else you found it," she said. "Bring it to me."

CHAPTER 10

August 1987

Kally delivered the tackle box to the Ledger — "No, Tess. Mayonnaise!" — and it went back to Eye Spy under lock. Channel 9 reported Commissioner Harlan Voss missing since Sunday, his wife Tiffany pleading for him to come home. At six, a typed note waited on Tess's desk: "Ask them about August 1987."

CHAPTER 11

Behind the Hedge

Tiffany Voss let Tess into the plain, dusty house behind the hedge. Sunday evening, she said, Harlan took a call from Josh Foster, said "Don't wait up" and left, scared. Then Walters phoned: Harlan's wallet had turned up at a truck stop on I-5 at Rice Hill. Harlan never goes north, Tiffany said.

CHAPTER 12

The Tin in the Gravel

FBI profiler Christine Mason arrived and faced down Coyle. Harlan's wallet held cash receipts from the K&R Drive-In and the Ranch Motel; somebody wanted them looking north, she said. An anonymous caller sent Tess to Rice Hill, where she found Josh's dented mint tin behind the motel.

CHAPTER 13

The Brass Key

Inside the tin was a brass key stamped 1987. Tess gave it to Mason at Carlos in Winston. At the Idle Hour, Darla broke down: Josh had said Gordon and Harlan were in danger. Next morning at Del's, Del told Tess that Owen Marsh was out of prison, back in town and asking around about Harlan Voss.

CHAPTER 14

The Twin Knife

On a day off at Seven Feathers in Canyonville, Tess pulled old neighbor Owen Marsh out of a fight with casino security. He said he spent the Pryce weekend at the Screw and Brew in Cannon Beach. At the Holiday Inn, Marisol Reyes found a second 1987 knife in Room 118. The guest two doors down: Marsh.

CHAPTER 15

The Door That Wasn't Locked

Walters found that 118's deck door looked locked but wasn't. Owen Marsh said he liked that room, then drove off in a dark blue pickup. Coyle ordered the knife brought to him. Walters called Tess from a pay phone, and she sent Kally and Teresa to Cannon Beach to visit the Screw and Brew.

CHAPTER 16

The Screw and Brew

Kally and Teresa drove I-5 to the coast, stopping at rest areas and plotting how to bring up Owen Marsh with Freddy, the Screw and Brew's pastrami cook. But the sign said no pastrami today. Waitress Sally whispered why: Freddy had been found stabbed to death in an alley the night before.

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CHAPTER 17

Alive a Minute Ago

Kally phoned Tess with the news. Heather said Owen had checked out of the Holiday Inn three days earlier. That night at the Idle Hour, Josh whispered to Darla by phone that Pryce and Harlan were alive — then came a gunshot and silence. Darla called Tess: "My brother's alive. Or he was a minute ago."

CHAPTER 18

The Phone Didn't Ring

Tess hurried to the Idle Hour and called Mason, who arrived with Walters and Coyle. Coyle detained Darla for questioning; Josh was now a suspect, to be named armed and dangerous at a press conference in the morning. Darla told them to arrest her or get out. They left, and the phone never rang again.

CHAPTER 19

Room 118

At City Hall, Coyle said there were no suspects and never named Josh. Buck heckled him. A dark pickup flashed through an intersection, and a figure in black slipped away from behind a maple as Darla cried, "Josh!" Coyle took no questions. Tess phoned the Holiday Inn and reserved Room 118.

CHAPTER 20

Not a One-Glass Night

Home on Pine Street with wine, cheese and the late news, Tess traded thoughts with Teresa by phone, then dozed. After ten, a heavy thud hit her front door. Nobody was there — only a third 1987 knife driven into the wood, with a pencil note: "STOP DIGGING OR YOU'LL GO FOR A SWIM TOO."

CHAPTER 21

Rubber Gloves and White Wine

Walters bagged the knife, and Mason cast a shoe print in Tess's yard. Next day Tess checked into Room 118, with Kally and Teresa next door in 116. After white wine, chips and Kally's own bedsheets, Tess bolted the deck door and slept. At 3:08 a figure stood at the foot of her bed. "It's you!"

CHAPTER 22

Pale as Chalk

Kally and Teresa heard the scream and got Heather's master key, but 118 was empty, the deck door open. Tess was gone. Police, Coyle, Walters and Mason arrived as a motorboat droned downriver. At dawn Mason cast a fresh shoe print below the deck, almost sure it matched the one from Tess's yard.

CHAPTER 23

Count to a Hundred

Hooded and tied, Tess was taken by boat and truck to a hillside log bunker, stocked with mayonnaise packets. Her captor said his hotel source had failed him, that he was hunted, and that the mill shipped more than lumber. At dusk he left her by I-5 near Rice Hill. She said his name: Gordon Pryce.

CHAPTER 24

Focus, Tess

From Rice Hill, Tess called Eye Spy, then told Coyle that Gordon Pryce was alive, probably near his Little River fishing hole. Coyle sent Walters to search at first light and called a press conference to name Pryce armed and dangerous. Instead he announced Pryce had been found stabbed to death.

CHAPTER 25

Under the Lab Lights

Mason told Coyle the two shoe casts didn't match after all and more agents were coming; Coyle left town. Near where Pryce died, she found a print matching the cast from Tess's yard. Karen Marsh at the Holiday Inn said Coyle had let 118 be rented again. Karen, Walters said, is Owen Marsh's cousin.

CHAPTER 26

65 Alder Brook Road

Mason and Walters questioned maintenance man Hollis Tate at 65 Alder Brook Road. He was "sure" he fixed 118's deck door, and he named Harlan Voss and Josh Foster as missing without being asked. Doubling back, lights off, Walters found Tate's pickup parked and Tate at his window on the phone.

CHAPTER 27

Behind the Boulders

FBI agent Dan Myers arrived, and the lab matched the creek print to the one from Tess's yard. Guided by Tess, agents found Pryce's bunker behind mossy boulders, swept bare except for a pile of mayonnaise packets. Walters called Coyle from Glide. The sheriff asked: "Was there anything left inside?"

CHAPTER 28

Something in the Wall

Marisol Reyes told Myers and Mason that Josh Foster, on the renovation crew, found a heavy metal box inside 118's wall. Karen Marsh admitted Tiffany Voss had requested 118 the night before. Coyle returned, and Myers sealed the room. Next stop: Mrs. Voss — and the agents still had to find Tic Tac.

CHAPTER 29

The Silent Partner

Driving up the hill, Mason bet Myers a slice of Abby's that the brass 1987 key from Josh's mint tin opens the safe from Room 118. Tiffany Voss said Harlan told her to retrieve a hidden compartment in 118's closet if he vanished; she found nothing. Harlan, she said, was Gordon's silent partner.

CHAPTER 30

Road Trip to the Running Y

The FBI found nothing in Room 118 and set up secret surveillance from across the river. On Highway 140 at dusk, in the first flurries, a blue car raced past and Tess swore the driver was Harlan Voss. Mason told her Harlan was Gordon's silent partner; Walters found the car was stolen.

OPEN QUESTIONS

- Who killed Gordon Pryce — and who knew where he was hiding?
- What does the brass key stamped 1987 open — and why did Josh have it?
- Three matching knives — river, Room 118, Tess's door. Whose are they?
- Who killed Freddy — and where did Owen go when he checked out Friday?
- Josh says Pryce and Voss were alive. Where — and what was that gunshot?
- Why is Coyle so eager to blame Josh — and whose side is Mason on?
- Who left the notes — and what happened in August 1987?
- What was hidden in the mill's lumber — and who is hunting Pryce?

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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; nobody knows her real name. Flashy in public, plain at home. Says Harlan was Gordon's silent partner.

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

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COLD CASE FILE

Hardwick, Vermont · 1977

Bernard Ewen: Robbed in His Own Apartment

On Saturday, July 16, 1977, Bernard Daniel Ewen, 64, was found dead in his second-floor apartment in the Bemis Block on Main Street in Hardwick, the old granite town in Caledonia County.

The Vermont State Police say the investigation showed Ewen was the victim of a robbery that led to his death, and an autopsy ruled it a homicide. No one has ever been charged.

According to the true-crime podcast Dark Downeast, a neighbor and friend grew worried and climbed in through an open back window to find him; at first it looked like a fall, until bruises on his face and neck told a different story. The podcast says he had cashed a small state rent-rebate check the evening before.

Hardwick in 1977 was a small place where people knew who was short on money and who was flush. Someone may still remember a stranger in the Bemis Block that weekend, or a boast told years later.

The case belongs to the State Police Major Crime Unit and remains open.

Tips: vsp.vermont.gov/tipsubmit, text VTIPS to 274637, or call 802-244-8727 (case 05B104561).

CASE FACTS

NAME
Bernard Daniel Ewen
AGE
64
DATE
July 16, 1977
WHERE
Bemis Block, Main St., Hardwick
CAUSE
Homicide during a robbery
STATUS
Unsolved
CASE NO.
05B104561

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VERMONT POLICE BLOTTER

EDEN — Police 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 other charges. (WCAX/Vermont State Police)

WARREN — A Warren man was cited for enabling underage drinking after troopers broke up a Halloween-night party on Applewood Road. He is due in court Dec. 10. (Vermont State Police)

Tips: vsp.vermont.gov/tipsubmit

COURT WATCH

Supreme Court — With no noted dissents, the justices refused the administration's request to make California set aside about 20,000 mail ballots it flagged as possibly cast by noncitizens. (CalMatters/ABC)

Washington — Judge Tanya Chutkan temporarily barred the Justice and Homeland Security departments from sending states lists of voters they say may not be citizens, calling the data possibly unreliable. (Reuters)

Washington — Magistrate Judge Zia Faruqui dismissed charges against two former FBI officials accused of lying to Congress, calling the case "weaponization." The DOJ is weighing its options. (NPR)

SOLVED AFTER DECADES

Cold cases cracked by DNA

VICTIM / CASE	WHERE	CRIME	SOLVED	HOW DNA CRACKED IT
Rita Curran	Burlington, Vt.	1971	2023	Cigarette-butt DNA and genealogy named her neighbor, William DeRoos, who died in 1986.
Sherri Rasmussen	Los Angeles	1986	2009	DNA from a bite mark led to LAPD detective Stephanie Lazarus.
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.
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.
Christy Mirack	Lancaster, Pa.	1992	2018	Genealogy led to DJ Raymond Rowe.
Grim Sleeper	Los Angeles	1985	2010	Familial DNA from his son led to Lonnie Franklin Jr.
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.

CASE CLOSED · HOW IT WAS CRACKED

BTK

For three decades a killer who called himself "BTK" taunted Wichita, Kan. He murdered 10 people, beginning with four members of the Otero family in January 1974 and ending in 1991. Then he went silent. In 2004 he resurfaced, mailing letters and packages to police and the media. He asked police whether a floppy disk could be traced; they said it couldn't. It could. In early 2005 he sent a disk to a Wichita TV station, and data on it pointed to Christ Lutheran Church — where Dennis Rader was council president. DNA from his daughter's medical sample helped link him to the crimes. Rader was arrested Feb. 25, 2005, pleaded guilty to all 10 murders that June and was sentenced to 10 consecutive life terms.

SCAM ALERT

Imposter Ads in Your Feed

Scammers are buying online ads that pose as well-known companies or government agencies, and they show up in social feeds, search results and shopping sites. "People are losing big money," the FTC warned Monday.

Protect yourself: don't click an ad to reach a company — type its address yourself. Anyone demanding payment by wire, crypto, payment app or gift card is likely a scammer.

Report it: ReportFraud.ftc.gov and the Vermont Attorney General's Consumer Assistance Program, 800-649-2424.

CRIME TRIVIA

Test Your Detective Skills

In 1910 a Chicago burglar left four fingerprints in wet paint on a porch railing. What legal first followed?

People v. Jennings (1911) — the first U.S. conviction upheld on fingerprint evidence.

THE SNOW DESK

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

Day 3 OF 152

Totals through Monday, Nov. 2

NOV · DEC · JAN · FEB · MAR · APR 1

MOST SNOW IN THE U.S. · LAST 24 HOURS

9.0" · Tuolumne Meadows, CA

ESSEX JCT.

LAST 24 HRS	SEASON
0.0"	0.0"

Official: Burlington airport (BTV)
Normal to date: 0.1" · 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"	0.0"

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

SNOWSHOE, WV

LAST 24 HRS	SEASON
0.0"	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	0.1	−0.1	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	0.0	0.4	−0.4	0
Concord, N.H.	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	−0.1	0.0
Albany, N.Y.	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	−0.1	0.0
Syracuse, N.Y.	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	−0.2	0.0
Buffalo, N.Y.	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	−0.2	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	0.3	−0.3	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
Minneapolis	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3	−0.3	0.0
Denver	0.0	0.0	0.0	—	—	0.0
Salt Lake City	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	−0.2	0.0
Anchorage, Alaska	report not available					

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.

Biggest 24-hour totals reported to the NWS

1	Tuolumne Meadows, CA Elev. 8701 ft	9.0"
2	Austin #2, NV Elev. 6762 ft	3.1"
3	Bettles Arpt Elev. 633 ft	2.0"
4	Truckee 5.9 ENE, CA Elev. 5942 ft	1.3"
5	Crater Lake National Park Hq, OR Elev. 6499 ft	1.2"
6	Wiseman, AK Elev. 1181 ft	1.2"
7	Alyeska Weather Top, AK Elev. 2707 ft	1.0"
8	Truckee 8.7 NNE, CA Elev. 5751 ft	1.0"

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"

SNOWSHOE MOUNTAIN REPORT

Opening day in 22 days — Wed., Nov. 25 (target, weather permitting)

Today: 65° and dry, low 45° — a sunny, spring-like Election Day on the mountain.

Wed.–Fri.: Mild: 60°, 61° and 56°; a 20% chance of showers Thursday.

Saturday: The turn: high only 41°, low near 32°.

Sunday: 45°, low 32°, a 10% chance of snow showers.

Snowmaking: Crews need sustained temperatures in the mid-20s or colder. This weekend gets close to freezing, not that cold — the first real window is still ahead.

New this year: The Shavers Center day lodge is set to open with the mountain on Nov. 25.

SNOW NOTES

Day 3. Still no snow at Burlington, and none in sight this week. Monday hit 68°, 16 above normal, and the low was 52° — warmer than a normal November afternoon.

The warm peak. Wednesday near 74° in Essex Junction. Thursday's cold front brings rain (75%) and opens the door to colder air.

Summit watch. Mount Washington drops below freezing Sunday and Monday, with a small chance of snow showers — the best early shot at flakes in our area.

Snowshoe countdown. Three weeks to the Nov. 25 target. A cold weekend helps, but the real snowmaking cold has not arrived yet.

PUZZLES & GAMES

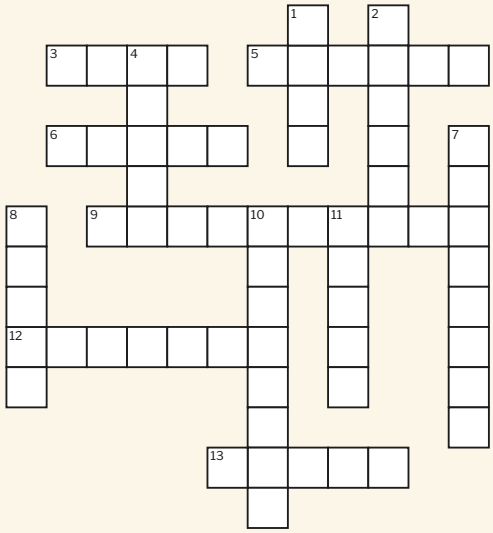
Grab a pencil and your coffee

THE DAILY SUDOKU

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Fill every row, column and 3×3 box with 1–9.

THE DAILY CROSSWORD · ELECTION DAY



ACROSS

3 "To Sir with Love" singer, born today (4)
5 Declared independence Nov. 3, 1903 (6)
6 Bears back with three TDs Monday (5)
9 Zone between warm and cold fronts (10)
12 Kentucky home of Maker's Mark (7)
13 Mint drink of the Derby (5)

DOWN

1 Palantir CEO Alex ___ (4)
2 What you'll mark today (6)
4 Sputnik 2's canine passenger (5)
7 Vermont town of a 1977 cold case (8)
8 Where voters go today (5)
10 How the Bruins beat Vegas (8)
11 Azores isle that dims lights for birds (5)

THE COURIER QUIZ

Five Questions, No Peeking

1. How did the Bruins beat Vegas Monday night?

2. Which Kentucky town is home to Maker's Mark?

3. Who was the first animal to orbit the Earth?

4. In what year did Washington, D.C., first vote for president?

5. How much did Palantir's third-quarter sales grow?

NAME THAT YEAR

Three Clues, One Year

- The Beatles play The Ed Sullivan Show.
- Cassius Clay beats Sonny Liston.
- The Civil Rights Act becomes law.

YESTERDAY'S SUDOKU SOLUTION

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

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD: 1A JESSICA · 3A TICKS · 6A PALANTIR · 9A BARRE · 11A ELNINO · 12A MOOSE · 2D CHILI · 4D PATRIOTS · 5D MAYE · 7D REVOLVER · 8D DANVILLE · 9D BALLOT · 10D LOCARD

THE JUKEBOX

Music history, a record to spin and shows near home

NOVEMBER 3 BIRTHDAYS

This Day in Music

1933 — John Barry, the composer behind the James Bond sound and five Oscars.

1943 — Bert Jansch, Scottish folk guitarist and founder of Pentangle.

1945 — Nick Simper, the original bass player in Deep Purple.

1948 — Lulu, the Scottish singer of "Shout" and "To Sir with Love."

1954 — Adam Ant, born Stuart Goddard in London.

1976 — Jake Shimabukuro, the ukulele virtuoso from Hawaii.

Also on this day: in 1957 Jerry Lee Lewis released "Great Balls of Fire," and in 1972 James Taylor married Carly Simon.



SPIN THIS

Kings of the Wild Frontier
Adam and the Ants · 1980

Adam Ant turns 72 today, so spin the album that made him a star. Two drummers pounding a tribal "Burundi beat" gave it a sound nobody else had.

It hit No. 1 in Britain, was the U.K.'s best-selling album of 1981 and won Best British Album at the 1982 Brit Awards.

Start with "Antmusic" and "Dog Eat Dog," then the title track.

Best with: a Mint Julep and a pot of election-night chili.

LIVE IN VERMONT

Shows Near Home

Tonight · Clutch, Higher Ground

Fri. Nov. 6 · Fruit Bats, Higher Ground

Fri. Nov. 13 · Carbon Leaf, Higher Ground

Wed. Nov. 18 · John Scofield, The Flynn

Listings via Songkick; check venues for tickets.

MUSIC TRIVIA

The 1974 Bond theme "The Man with the Golden Gun" teamed two musicians who share today's birthday. Who were they?

ANSWERS — Quiz: 1. In a shootout, 3–2. 2. Loretto. 3. Laika, aboard Sputnik 2 in 1957. 4. 1964. 5. 96%, to $2.31 billion. Name That Year: 1964. Music trivia: Singer Lulu and composer John Barry.