ESSEX JCT. TODAY
73°
Low 59° · Warm, partly sunny
Thursday: rain likely

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Two pages at Crater Lake

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DOW 51,787 ▼ -0.38% · **S&P 500** 7,569 ▲ +0.36% · **NASDAQ** 25,372 ▲ +0.83% · **NVDA** $206.69 ▲ +2.29% · **10-YR** 4.95% · **WTI** $96.09 ▼ -0.4% · **GOLD** $3,932 ▼ -1.0%

MIDTERM RESULTS · THE NATION

Democrats Win Congress

AP calls the Senate for Democrats late Tuesday and the House early Wednesday; Collins loses in Maine, Talarico wins in Texas

THE RESULTS BY THE NUMBERS

2	Chambers Democrats won (AP)
53+	Democratic Senate seats so far
298	Votes separating Alaska's Senate race
57M+	Americans who voted early

BY THE COURIER NATIONAL DESK · SOURCES: AP, BOSTON GLOBE, AL JAZEERA, PBS NEWSHOUR

Democrats won control of both houses of Congress in Tuesday's midterm elections, the Associated Press projected — the Senate at 11:46 p.m. and the House at about 1:30 a.m. Wednesday.

Democrats needed a net gain of four Senate seats. In Texas, James Talarico, 37, beat Ken Paxton; in Maine, Troy Jackson unseated Sen. Susan Collins. Democrats also took seats in Kansas, North Carolina and Iowa, and Abdul El-Sayed won Michigan's open seat — he will be the first Muslim U.S. senator.

Still uncalled: Alaska, where Democrat Mary Peltola led Sen. Dan Sullivan by 298 votes with about half the precincts in, and ranked-choice counting could run to Nov. 18; also Mississippi, Montana and Nebraska.

Democrats flipped more than two dozen House seats, the Boston Globe reported; final counts are not in. Hakeem Jeffries is in line to become speaker when the new Congress meets Jan. 3.

Vermont: Gov. Phil Scott wins a record sixth term. **Page 3.**

ESSEX JUNCTION FORECAST

73°
Low tonight: 59°

Unusually warm and partly sunny; the last summer-like day for a while.

CHANCE OF RAIN TODAY 10%
Dry today; rain arrives Thursday

THE WEEK AHEAD

THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
67°	65°	50°	52°
70%	15%	15%	10%

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

FORECASTER'S NOTE

Tuesday reached 65° — 13 above normal. A cold front brings rain Thursday, then the 50s and upper 40s. Sunset 4:37 p.m.

NHL · TUESDAY NIGHT

Jets Edge Habs in OT

BY THE COURIER SPORTS DESK · SOURCE: SPORTRADAR

Winnipeg 5, Montreal 4 in overtime; the Jets outshot the Canadiens 47–22. The Bruins (11–4–1) play at Pittsburgh Thursday — the Penguins lost 3–2 to Vegas Tuesday.

Tonight: Bucks at Celtics, 7:30. **Standings, Page 6.**

ON THIS DATE 1922
In Egypt's Valley of the Kings, Howard Carter's workers uncovered the first step down to the tomb of King Tutankhamun.

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WEATHER AROUND THE MAP

Wednesday forecasts · forecast data · "Now" = overnight

	Now	Hi	Lo	Rain	
MIDDLEBURY, VT	56°	72°	56°	10%	
MT. WASHINGTON, NH	51°	60°	51°	10%	summit
SNOWSHOE, WV	51°	62°	50°	15%	
ROSEBURG, OR	43°	57°	42°	50%	
E. DENNIS, MA · CAPE	58°	68°	59°	0%	
CHARLOTTE, NC	53°	73°	54°	20%	
WILMINGTON, NC	63°	80°	64°	15%	
ST. PETERSBURG, FL	75°	83°	74°	40%	
FULTON, MO	53°	55°	43°	10%	
HOT SPOT · McALLEN, TX	71°	85°	68°	0%	



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MARKETS & MONEY

Tuesday's closes · AMD's big quarter · Wednesday, November 4

THE BIG BOARD — TUESDAY, NOV. 3

INDEX / STOCK	CLOSE	CHANGE	PCT	DAY MOVE
Dow Jones Industrials	51,786.72	−197.26	−0.38%	
S&P 500	7,568.92	+27.52	+0.36%	
Nasdaq Composite	25,372.01	+207.65	+0.83%	
Russell 2000	2,812.45	+6.57	+0.23%	
JB'S WATCHLIST				
Nvidia (NVDA)	206.69	+4.63	+2.29%	
Palantir (PLTR)	175.40	−2.94	−1.65%	
Microsoft (MSFT)	520.99	+13.87	+2.74%	
BIG NAMES				
AMD (AMD)	484.47	+17.06	+3.65%	

Closes via AP, CappNotes and MarketBeat. *The Courier is written with help from Claude, made by Anthropic.

RATES · ENERGY · METALS

10-yr Treasury Tuesday	4.95%
2-yr Treasury	4.61%
30-yr Treasury	5.32%
Gold −1.0%	$3,932
Silver −2.0%	$49.71
WTI crude −0.4%	$96.09
Brent crude −1.1%	$103.60
Bitcoin Tuesday	~$77,750
VIX −1.5%	20.83

TODAY & THIS WEEK **WED.** ADP jobs 8:15 (about +70,000 expected) **WED.** Services index 10 a.m.; Qualcomm tonight **FRI.** October jobs report, 8:30

Tuesday: Dow −0.4%, S&P +0.4%, Nasdaq +0.8% · Early Wednesday: futures slightly higher after the election; 10-yr near 4.92%

Closes via AP and CappNotes

AMD · Q3 RESULTS

AMD Beats; Chips Rally

BY THE COURIER MARKETS DESK · SOURCES: AMD, CAPPNOTES, AP, THESTREET

AMD blew past forecasts Tuesday night. Third-quarter sales rose 45% to $13.38 billion, against about $13.1 billion expected, and adjusted profit was $2.09 a share versus about $1.97.

Data-center sales nearly doubled, up 97% to $8.5 billion. AMD forecast about $17 billion for the fourth quarter, well above the roughly $16.3 billion analysts expected, and CEO Lisa Su said she expects revenue to grow more than 80% in 2027.

The stock closed up 3.7% at about $484, then jumped as much as 9% after hours.

STOCKS TO WATCH TODAY

On the Radar

Nvidia (NVDA) — Up 2.3% to $206.69, ending a four-day slide.

Microsoft (MSFT) — Up 2.7% to $520.99 on the AI rebound.

Palantir (PLTR) — Down 1.6% as analysts flagged slower contract growth.

AMD — Beat and raised; up as much as 9% after hours.

Job openings — 7.52 million in September, well above the 7.15 million expected.

Interest rates — Futures now price a 78% chance of a Fed hike in December.

Anthropic — Its updated IPO filing lists $44.9 billion in Microsoft commitments.*

BIG MOVERS

FISV	Fiserv	+12.46%
DD	DuPont	+8.61%
RVTY	Revvity	+7.84%
AAPL	Apple	−1.90%
SHOP	Shopify	−8.74%
SYY	Sysco	−9.33%
IT	Gartner	−13.19%

Best of these: Fiserv +12.5% Worst: Gartner −13.2%

YEAR TO DATE

Russell 2000	+13.3%
S&P 500	+10.6%
Nasdaq	+9.2%
Dow	+7.7%

Through Tuesday, via AP.

THE LUMBER DESK

Factory Orders Jump

FOR THE JB WOODS DESK

Factory orders rose 1.8% in September, the most in five months, and job openings hit a four-month high. Strong data pushed the 10-year yield to 4.95%, keeping mortgage rates high. Oil held near $96.

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 · IRAN

U.S. Strikes Near Qeshm Island

BY THE COURIER NATION DESK · SOURCES: AL JAZEERA, AP

Explosions hit Iran's Qeshm Island late Monday and the port of Bandar Lengeh, Iranian state media reported. U.S. officials told the Wall Street Journal the military carried out "defensive strikes" to limit Iran's ability to attack shipping in the Strait of Hormuz.

Iran's Revolutionary Guard claimed it downed or captured three U.S. drones. Qatar-brokered talks continue, but an Iranian official said the two sides remain far apart.

Oil swung: Brent topped $107 overnight, briefly fell below $101 and settled Tuesday at $103.60.

Asked whether he was considering strikes on Iran after the midterms, President Trump said "no," Al Jazeera reported.

West Bank. Israeli forces released an Al Jazeera journalist they had detained in a raid on his home. (Al Jazeera)

ELSEWHERE

Ebola. The central African outbreak has killed 5,376 people, nearly all in Congo; no vaccine is approved for this strain. (Al Jazeera)

Britain. Most foreign workers will have to wait 10 years for permanent residency instead of five, with exemptions for care workers and high earners. (Al Jazeera)

Venezuela. Secretary of State Marco Rubio pressed Caracas on a three-phase plan toward elections, which the opposition says will come in 2027. (Al Jazeera)

Afghans. 66 lawmakers asked the administration to halt deportation flights of Afghans who worked with U.S. forces. (Al Jazeera)

VERMONT

Around the Green Mountain State

STATEWIDE · ELECTION RESULTS

Scott Wins a Record Sixth Term

BY THE COURIER VERMONT DESK · SOURCES: VTDIGGER, WCAX, VALLEY NEWS, SEVEN DAYS

Republican Gov. Phil Scott won a sixth two-year term Tuesday, the most in Vermont history, passing Howard Dean's five. The Associated Press called the race at 12:35 a.m. Wednesday with 99% counted: Scott 52.4%, Democrat-Progressive Amanda Janoo 45.8% (Valley News).

Because Scott cleared 50%, the race does not go to the Legislature, which picks the governor in January when no candidate wins a majority.

Janoo conceded at about 10:50 p.m. at her Burlington election-night party, before the AP call (VTDigger). The final UNH poll had shown her ahead 51–43; WCAX called it the most competitive governor's race in Vermont in a decade.

Scott, 68, of Berlin, was first elected in 2016. About 307,000 ballots were cast, Valley News reported.

STATEWIDE · THE AMENDMENTS

Props 3 and 4 Pass Easily

Vermonters wrote two new rights into the state Constitution. Prop 3, the right to organize and bargain collectively, passed about 74% to 26%; Prop 4, equal protection, about 79% to 21%, with most votes counted late Tuesday (AP via Manchester Journal; WCAX).

DOWN-BALLOT

Gray Ousts Rodgers; Balint Wins

Democrat Molly Gray reclaimed the lieutenant governor's office, leading Republican John Rodgers about 60–38 when he conceded. Rep. Becca Balint won a third term; Attorney General Charity Clark, Secretary of State Sarah Copeland Hanzas and Treasurer Mike Pieciak also won (Seven Days, VTDigger).

AROUND THE STATE

BENNINGTON — Tax fails, bond passes. A 1% local option tax failed, 3,136–2,292; a $5 million wastewater bond passed. (Bennington Banner)

ESSEX — A vote that may wait. Local option tax results weren't in early today; a late warning means any "yes" needs March ratification. (VTDigger)

WILLISTON — A union vote at the chocolate factory. Lake Champlain Chocolates' 34 factory workers vote Nov. 17 on the Teamsters. (VTDigger)

FOLIAGE REPORT *The last warm day for a while*

Warm: near 73° today, about 21 above normal.

Tuesday: 65°, 13 above normal.

Front: rain likely Thursday (70%).

Sunset: 4:37 p.m.; 10 hours 2 minutes of daylight.

Cooler: about 50° Saturday.

Mountains: first snow chance on high peaks Monday.

THE WEEK IN VERMONT

Today Partly sunny, warm, 73°.

Tonight Mild, 59°.

Thu. Rain likely, 67°.

Fri. Partly sunny, 65°.

Sat. Cooler, 50°.

Forecast data for Essex Junction; check before you go.

VERMONT BY THE NUMBERS

52.4%	Scott's share, 99% counted
6th	Term, a Vermont record
74%	Yes on Prop 3
79%	Yes on Prop 4
307K	Ballots cast

SPORTS

Vegas edges Pittsburgh · Jets beat Habs in OT · Bucks at Celtics tonight

NHL · VEGAS 3, PITTSBURGH 2

TEAM	1	2	3	G	SOG	PP
VGK	1	0	2	3	23	2/4
PIT	0	0	2	2	25	0/6

Hertl 2 PPG (GWG) · Eichel 2 A · Connelly · PIT: Rakell; Korczak 2 A · Bruins visit PIT Thursday

NFL · THURSDAY NIGHT

Jaguars at Ravens

BY THE COURIER SPORTS DESK · SOURCE: SPORTRADAR

Jacksonville (5–2) visits Baltimore (4–4) Thursday at 8:15. SportRadar gives the Jaguars an 82% chance, after they routed Indianapolis 42–7 Sunday while the Ravens lost 36–10 at Buffalo.

Sunday: Packers (5–3) at Patriots (5–3), 4:25 — two teams that won in Week 9.

Every standing: Page 6.

NFL · WEEK 10

Schedule with win chances

JAX at BAL	Thu. 8:15	JAX 82%
CIN at ATL	Sun. 9:30	CIN 60%
DAL at IND	Sun. 1:00	DAL 70%
LA at WAS	Sun. 1:00	LA 68%
NYJ at KC	Sun. 1:00	KC 81%
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 53%
HOU at LAC	Sun. 4:05	HOU 67%
LV at SF	Sun. 4:25	
GB at NE	Sun. 4:25	
ARI at SEA	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

Off Until Thursday

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

CELTICS · TONIGHT 7:30

Bucks Visit Boston

Tonight: Milwaukee (1–6) at Boston (5–2); BOS 83%.

Fri.: At Charlotte, 7:00.

Note: No NBA games were played Election Day.

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

A bonded bourbon from across the river · plus the Seelbach



BOTTLE OF THE WEEK

NEW RIFF DISTILLING · NEWPORT, KY.

New Riff Bottled-in-Bond

PROOF	AGE	RYE	SINCE	PRICE
100	4+ years	30%	2018	~$40–50

New Riff sits in Newport, Ky., just across the Ohio River from Cincinnati, and it did something unusual when it opened in 2014: it refused to sell its own bourbon until the whiskey was old enough to be Bottled-in-Bond. The first bonded bottles went on sale at noon on Aug. 1, 2018, one per customer.

The recipe is a high-rye mash — 65% corn, 30% rye and 5% malted barley — aged at least four years and bottled at 100 proof without chill filtering.

How to drink it: neat with a splash of water. Breaking Bourbon found fresh-baked bread, cinnamon and brown sugar on the nose, caramel and vanilla on the palate, and a finish where "bold rye spice delivers an uppercut."

The founder: Ken Lewis, a former high-school English teacher, built a chain of liquor stores, then sold them to his employees so he could build a distillery. He retired in 2024. Launch price: $39.99.

BOURBON 101

What "Bottled-in-Bond" Means

BY THE COURIER SPIRITS DESK

The Bottled-in-Bond Act of 1897 was America's first consumer-protection law for spirits. Back then much "whiskey" was doctored with additives like iodine and tobacco.

A bonded bourbon must come from one distillation season and one distiller at one distillery, age at least four years in a federally bonded warehouse, and be bottled at exactly 100 proof.

Col. E.H. Taylor Jr. led the distillers who pushed it through; in return they could delay paying the tax until the whiskey finished aging.

Label tip: the label must say where it was distilled.

BOURBON NEWS

Heaven Hill's "Phoenix"

Saturday marks 30 years since the Nov. 7, 1996, fire that destroyed Heaven Hill's original Bardstown distillery and seven rickhouses — nearly 100,000 barrels. No one died, and the company's yeast survived.

To mark it, Heaven Hill released **Phoenix**, a one-time 18-year-old bourbon at 107 proof, blended with 30-year-old whiskey from the lost distillery. Suggested price: $325. (The Whiskey Wash)

Also new: 1792 Full Proof Sweet Wheat (125 proof); a Blade and Bow 30-Year-Old; a Four Roses chestnut-cask experiment.

Shopping tip: look for the words "Bottled-in-Bond" — a quality floor at a fair price.

THIS WEEK'S POUR

Cocktail Corner

The Seelbach. Stir 1 oz bourbon, ½ oz Cointreau, 7 dashes Angostura and 7 dashes Peychaud's bitters with ice. Strain into a flute and top with dry sparkling wine. Garnish with an orange peel. (Punch)

The story: for years it was sold as a lost 1912 recipe from Louisville's Seelbach Hotel. In 2016 bartender Adam Seger admitted he invented it — and the legend — in 1995.

TASTING LAB

A 100-proof bonded bourbon stands up to the bubbles; a softer bourbon disappears.
Celebrate right: it's a good toast for a record-warm November evening.

THIS WEEK'S POUR PLAN

What to sip with what's on

TONIGHT · 73° AND A RECORD?
A Seelbach on the porch — bubbles for the last warm night.

THURSDAY · BRUINS AT PITTSBURGH
New Riff Bonded neat, one splash of water, at puck drop.

SUNDAY · PACKERS AT PATRIOTS
New Riff over one big cube at kickoff, 4:25.

THE BOURBON GLOSSARY

Label terms, decoded

Bottled-in-Bond — one season, one distillery, 4+ years, 100 proof.

Bonded warehouse — aging under federal supervision.

Distillation season — January–June or July–December.

High-rye — a mash with more rye than usual.

Chill filtering — chilling to strip cloudiness.

Non-chill filtered — fuller texture, more oils.

Rickhouse — the warehouse where barrels age.

Sourced — whiskey bought from another distiller.

Peychaud's — the bright-red New Orleans bitters.

Angostura — the classic aromatic bitters.

Flute — the tall glass for sparkling wine.

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

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.

Straight — at least two years old, no additives.

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 7:30 — Bucks at Celtics.
Tonight — Porch Light at Higher Ground.
Thu. 7:00 — Bruins at Pittsburgh.
Thu. 8:15 — Jaguars at Ravens.
Fri. 7:00 — Celtics at Charlotte.
Sun. 1:00 — Panthers at Bruins.
Sun. 4:25 — Packers at Patriots.

AROUND VERMONT

Today — Near 73° — Burlington's Nov. 4 record is 73°.
Today — ADP jobs report, 8:15 a.m.
Thu. — Rain likely; cooler air follows.
Fri. — October jobs report, 8:30 a.m.
Daily — Crossword & word search, Page 14.

WEATHER AT A GLANCE

Wed. — Warm, near 73°.
Thu. — Rain likely, 67°.
Fri. — Partly sunny, 65°.
Sat. — Cooler, 50°.
Sun. — Cloudy, 52°.
Mon. — Chilly, 49°.

GOOD NEWS ROUNDUP

Kindness, critters & comebacks

SCOTLAND

Beavers Return to Loch Ness

Scotland's nature agency has licensed the release of up to 15 beaver families around Loch Ness over three years — the first there since the 1520s. More than 73% of people who answered the public consultation backed the plan. (Good News Network)

AUSTRALIA

A Donor Who Gave Everywhere

Melbourne police officer Trevor Bergman, 59, one of about 150 Australians with a rare antibody that protects unborn babies, has now given blood at all 85 of the country's donor centres — 545 donations in all. (Good News Network)

ENGLAND

Storm Sounds the Alarm

When Gary Donally fell down the stairs after midnight, his deaf wife, Sandra, never heard it — but her hearing dog, Storm, jumped on the bed and stared toward the landing until she checked. He recovered from a broken jaw. (Good News Network)

FLORIDA

A Bench at the Bus Stop

Two teachers saw on their doorbell camera that a middle-schooler had to sit in the dirt waiting for the bus, so they put in a bench. She left a thank-you note — and they added a little free library next to it. (Good News Network)

PUNJAB, INDIA

Neighbors Rebuild Mosques

In three villages, Sikh and Hindu neighbors are rebuilding mosques lost after the 1947 Partition, some on land they donated. "We live as one," one volunteer said. (Good News Network/The Guardian)

CHINA

Wheels Up

Paralyzed in a fall as a student, Xie Junwu went on to set a wheelchair-wheelie record, finish 32 marathons and climb Mount Huangshan four times. Now he runs a wheelchair-skateboarding school in Nanchang. (Good News Network)

THE WEDNESDAY KITCHEN

A SEASONAL RECIPE

Beef Stroganoff

Serves 4 · about 30 minutes

THE BEEF & PAN 1 lb beef sirloin, in thin strips · Salt and pepper · 2 tbsp canola oil · 1 yellow onion, thinly sliced · 2 tbsp butter · 10 oz button mushrooms, quartered · 6 oz egg noodles, cooked

THE SAUCE 1 tbsp tomato paste · 2 tbsp flour · 1 can (14.25 oz) beef broth · ¼ cup sour cream · 1 tsp Dijon mustard · 2 tsp lemon juice · Parsley, optional

METHOD

1. Season the beef. Brown it in two batches in 1 tbsp oil each over high heat, 2–3 minutes; set aside.

2. Cook the onion in the same pan until golden, about 7 minutes; add it to the beef.

3. Melt the butter and brown the mushrooms over high heat, about 5 minutes.

4. Stir in the tomato paste, then the flour, a minute each. Whisk in the broth, boil, then simmer 5 minutes.

5. Off the heat, stir in the sour cream, mustard and lemon juice. Return the beef and onions, toss, and serve over the noodles.

Courier tip: Add the sour cream off the heat so the sauce stays smooth. (Recipe: Whole Foods Market)

SPORTS & STANDINGS

Every team in the NFL, NHL and NBA

NFL through Week 9 · NHL through Tuesday · NBA through Monday (no games Election Day) · 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	15	9	3	3	21
Tampa Bay	14	9	3	2	20
Ottawa	16	9	6	1	19
Florida	15	8	5	2	18
Toronto	17	8	7	2	18
Buffalo	14	7	4	3	17
Detroit	16	7	6	3	17

METROPOLITAN	GP	W	L	OT	PTS
Carolina	17	12	3	2	26
New Jersey	15	10	5	0	20
N.Y. Rangers	16	8	7	1	17
Washington	14	8	6	0	16
N.Y. Islanders	14	7	5	2	16
Columbus	13	6	7	0	12
Pittsburgh	15	5	8	2	12
Philadelphia	17	4	9	4	12

CENTRAL	GP	W	L	OT	PTS
Minnesota	17	11	3	3	25
Utah	16	10	6	0	20
Dallas	15	9	5	1	19
Colorado	16	9	6	1	19
Nashville	15	6	4	5	17
St. Louis	15	7	7	1	15
Winnipeg	16	5	8	3	13
Chicago	15	4	10	1	9

PACIFIC	GP	W	L	OT	PTS
Edmonton	16	11	2	3	25
Vegas	17	10	5	2	22
Seattle	14	8	5	1	17
Anaheim	15	7	7	1	15
San Jose	16	7	8	1	15
Calgary	15	7	8	0	14
Los Angeles	13	4	7	2	10
Vancouver	17	3	13	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 (5–3) visits Sunday at 4:25.

Bruins (11–4–1) Still first in the Atlantic with 23 points; Montreal lost in overtime Tuesday. At Pittsburgh Thursday, 7.

Celtics (5–2) Host Milwaukee (1–6) tonight at 7:30; SportRadar gives Boston an 83% chance. At Charlotte Friday.

Thursday night Jacksonville (5–2) at Baltimore (4–4), 8:15. The Jaguars are 82% favorites.

THE WEATHER DESK

Forecasts, almanac, mountains & Snow Watch 2026–27

THE FORECASTER'S TAKE

Record Watch, Then a Cold Front

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

Tuesday beat our call again: Burlington reached 65°, five degrees above our 60°, and the low was only 51° — 15 above normal.

Today is the peak of the warm spell: near 73° in Essex Junction. Burlington's record for Nov. 4 is 73°, set in 1982, and the National Weather Service forecast 74°. WCAX says records could be tied or broken across the area. Montpelier (72°, 2022) and Plattsburgh (72°, 1990) are in play, too.

A cold front brings rain Thursday (70%), still in the 60s. Friday stays mild at 65°, then the air finally turns: about 50° Saturday and the upper 40s by Monday.

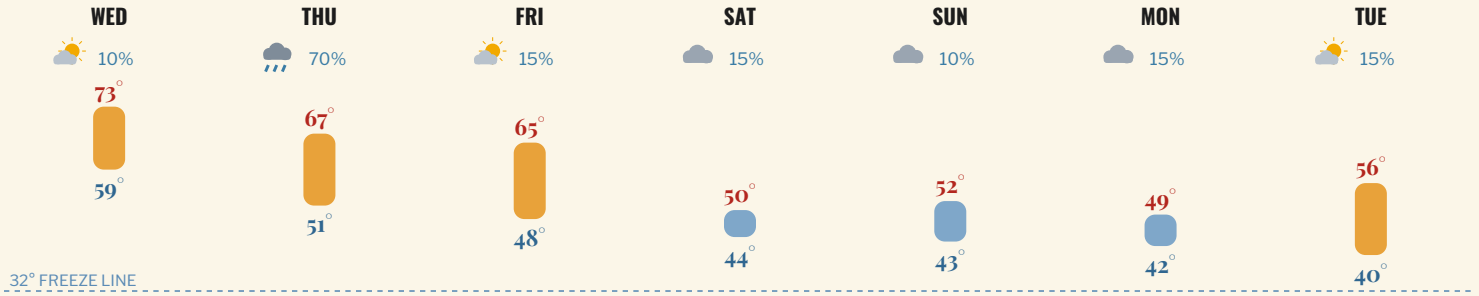
For perspective, Burlington's warmest November reading ever is 76°, on Nov. 6, 2022.

ESSEX JCT. ALMANAC

YESTERDAY	High 65° · Low 51°
SUNRISE	6:34 a.m.
SUNSET	4:37 p.m.
DAYLIGHT	10 hr 2 min
CHANGE	-2.7 min vs. yesterday
SINCE JUNE 21	5 hr 29 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

MT. ASCUTNEY
Windsor County
72° / 51° · 10%
Showers Thursday (60%).

SUGARBUSH
Mad River Valley
67° / 54° · 10%
Snow showers possible Monday.

BURKE MTN.
Northeast Kingdom
69° / 49° · 10%
Only 41° by Monday.

LAKE PLACID
Adirondacks
72° / 54° · 10%
Snow chance Sunday–Monday.

ST. ALBANS
Franklin County
71° / 58° · 10%
Rain likely Thursday (75%).

SNOW WATCH 2026–27

Day 4

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

Warm East, Wet Cape

The warmth stretches down the coast: 80° in Wilmington, N.C., and 73° in Charlotte today. Deep South Texas is hotter still — McAllen near 85°, 87° Thursday.

Cape Cod stays dry today, then turns wet Friday (85%) and Saturday. Out west, showers are likely around Roseburg, Ore., today (50%).

BEAT THE FORECASTER

Nature Wins This One

Tuesday: we said 60°; Burlington hit 65° (5° warmer). More than 2° off counts as a loss.

Season record: 1–2 (33%)

Recent: Sun 57/57 W · Mon 65/68 L · Tue 60/65 L

Today's call: 73° in Essex Junction. Check back tomorrow.

WEATHER WORD

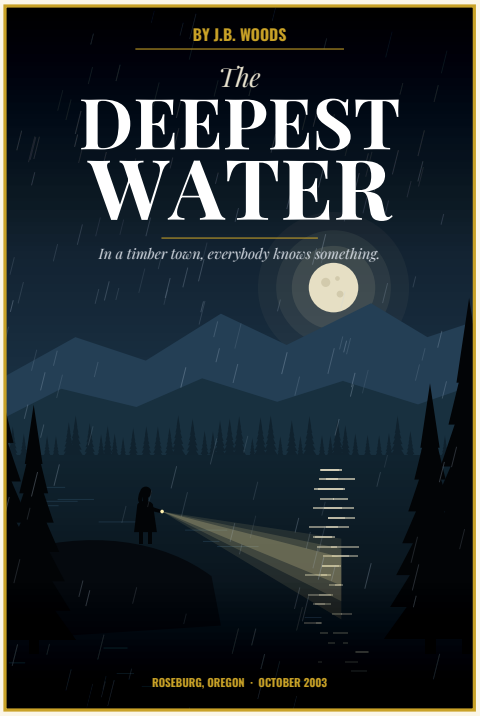
Warm Air Advection

Advection is the wind carrying air, with its heat and moisture, from place to place. Warm air advection: mild air riding in on south winds.

This week: it's how Vermont hits 70s in November. Cold air advection follows Thursday's front.

THIS DAY IN WEATHER

Nov. 4–6, 1985: the remnants of Hurricane Juan, then a stalled Gulf storm, dumped up to 19.77 inches of rain on Virginia and West Virginia around Election Day. The floods killed 62 people — the costliest in both states' history.



CHAPTER 31

Over the Rim

Crater Lake · November 2003

Previously: On Route 140, Tess swore a speeding blue car was driven by Harlan Voss. That night, Walters called: the car was stolen.

> *"There's no trail down there. Nobody's supposed to go over that rim."*

TESS SET THE phone back in its cradle and looked at the bottle on the table. They had picked up two bottles of Cooper & Thief at the Running Y Market & Deli that afternoon, and Kally had nearly danced out of the store.

Tess had tried a lot of wines over the years — cheap Chianti in college, every pinot noir the Willamette Valley could throw at her — before she finally settled on this one. Tonight it tasted like proof.

"Stolen," she said. "The car was stolen. I'm telling you, that was Harlan Voss."

"I wish I'd had my glasses on," Teresa said.

"But you got the plate," Tess said. "And it came back stolen. That's not nothing."

Kally pulled her feet up onto the couch and wrapped both hands around her glass. "Maybe Tess is right. What if it was Mr. Voss? What does that mean? Why would he be up this way?" She lowered her voice, as if the walls were listening. "What is he hiding from?"

Nobody had an answer. They talked it around and around until the bottle was empty and the fire had burned down to embers.

"Breakfast at seven," Tess said, standing. "Then a walk."

"Around the golf course," Kally said. "It's beautiful in the morning."

"You better dress warm," Teresa said. "It's chilly in Klamath Falls early in the morning."

Tess grinned. "I don't care how cold it is. My friend Denis loves this place for breakfast. They have thick-cut bacon!"

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The thick-cut bacon lived up to its reputation. So did Teresa's warning: the thermometer outside the lodge read 29 degrees, and frost silvered every blade of grass on the fairways.

They walked the path that loops around the golf course, breath clouding, the marsh along Upper Klamath Lake pale with frost and the mountains white against a hard blue sky.

"I hear there are mountain lions in this area," Kally said.

Nobody answered. All three of them walked a good deal faster after that — though the cold may have had something to do with it, too.

Back at the lodge, Tess checked her watch. "I'll meet you in the lobby at eleven for checkout."

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They climbed back up Route 140 with the heater roaring. A few miles in, Kally glanced in the mirror and said, "This might sound weird, but the whole time we were at the Running Y, I felt like someone was watching us."

Tess and Teresa looked at each other. Neither said a word.

"Most likely my imagination," Kally said.

They turned north at the Crater Lake sign. Tess pointed out the window. "Did you see that sign for a zipline? We need to try that sometime."

"Sure," Teresa said. "When it warms up about fifty degrees."

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The road climbed into old-growth hemlock and fir, and the snowbanks along the shoulder grew higher with every mile. Just past the entrance station, an Oregon State Police cruiser sat on the shoulder with its lights turning slowly. A tow truck had backed up to a car in the turnout, and the driver was cranking a chain tight.

The car was blue.

"That's the car!" Tess said. "Kally — pull over. That's the car."

Kally pulled in behind the cruiser. Tess was out before the car stopped rolling. A trooper in a wool cap turned to meet her.

"Excuse me," Tess said. "Is the person who owns this car here?"

"No, ma'am. Nobody's here." He looked her over. "Abandoned. One of the park crew found it at first light. Keys in it, tank near empty. Why do you ask?"

"We saw it yesterday on 140," Tess said. "Going very fast."

Behind her, Teresa had dug her glasses out of her purse at last. She studied the plate, then the scrap of paper in her hand, and let out a low whistle. "Well, I'll be. I got it right."

The trooper wrote down their names and Tess's number. Tess gave him Deputy Walters' name, too, and watched him write that down as well.

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At Rim Village, the café and gift shop were open, warm and nearly empty. Behind the counter a tall ranger in a gray-and-green uniform was refilling a rack of postcards. His name tag said MONTGOMERY SMITH.

"First time?" he asked, and smiled when all three nodded. "Then let me tell you what you're about to see."

He told it the way a man tells a story he loves. About 7,700 years ago, a volcano called Mount Mazama stood right here, maybe 12,000 feet tall. It erupted so violently that it emptied itself out, and the top of the mountain collapsed into the hole. What was left was a bowl — a caldera — five or six miles across.

"No river runs into it and none runs out," he said. "Every drop came from rain and snow. We get about forty-four feet of snow a year up here. Over centuries, it filled." He tapped the counter. "It's 1,943 feet deep. The deepest lake in the United States. That's why it's that color — all that depth and nothing to muddy it."

"And the island?" Kally asked, pointing to a poster.

"Wizard Island. A younger volcano, built inside the old one." He leaned in. "The Klamath people were here when Mazama blew. Their stories tell of a battle between Llao, the spirit of the world below, and Skell, the spirit of the sky above. Llao lost, and his mountain fell in on him." He straightened. "Go take a look. Dress warm."

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They stepped out to the rim, and for a moment nobody said anything at all.

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Over the Rim

Crater Lake · November 2003

The lake lay a thousand feet below them, so blue it didn't look real — a deeper blue than the sky, blue like ink, ringed by cliffs dusted white. Wizard Island rose dark from the water. Snowflakes drifted down and vanished into all that blue.

They were very glad to be wearing their mittens.

"Darn, it's cold here!" Teresa said.

Tess hugged them both. "Thank you for this. The Running Y, the bacon, all of it. I needed it."

Then she squinted and pointed. Far below the viewing area, on the steep slope of the crater wall, two small figures were working their way back up through the rocks and snow. "Look at them hikers way down there."

They were much too far away to make out faces.

The door behind them banged open. Montgomery Smith came out with a pair of binoculars, raised them, and swore under his breath.

"There's no trail down there," he said. "Nobody's supposed to go over that rim. That slope is loose rock and ice, and it ends in a cliff." He lowered the glasses. "We've carried people out of that caldera who weren't as lucky as those two are about to be."

He strode off along the rim wall to wait for them.

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It took the hikers twenty minutes to reach the top. The man came over the stone wall first, big and broad-shouldered, then reached back and pulled up a woman in a red knit hat. Ranger Smith was waiting for them, and he was not smiling.

Tess was close enough now. The big man looked up, and their eyes met.

"Owen," Tess said. "That was you way down there!"

Owen Marsh froze for half a second. Then he grinned too wide. The woman beside him pulled off her hat, and Tess knew her, too — Karen Marsh, from the front desk at the Holiday Inn.

"Hi, Karen."

"Tess." Karen's smile came a beat late.

Owen was already talking, fast. "Can you believe it? I've never been to Crater Lake. Not once in my whole life. Always wanted to hike it. Figured, why not today? Just wanted a closer look." He laughed at nothing. "Didn't know there wasn't a trail. Honest."

Ranger Smith wrote something in a small notebook and said nothing.

Kally and Teresa stood a step behind Tess, very still. Kally had stopped working the wipe between her fingers.

"What are you doing up here, Tess?" Owen asked.

"My friends took me to the Running Y for a night," she said. "We stopped on the way back. I've never been here either."

Karen tucked her hands in her pockets. "So are you heading back to Roseburg tonight?"

"No," Tess said. "Going to spend the night in Medford, at the Rogue Regency!"

Karen nodded slowly. "That's nice," she said.

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Back in the car, Kally started the engine, and nobody spoke until they were past the entrance station.

"How weird was that," Tess said, "running into Owen and Karen?"

"YAAAAA," said Kally and Teresa together.

Then they looked at each other, the way two investigators look at each other when they have each noticed the same thing and neither wants to say it first.

Flurries followed them down Highway 62, through the long hills toward Prospect and Shady Cove. "Roads are fine," Kally said, reaching to change the radio station with one hand and pull another Lysol wipe from the dispenser with the other.

"Let's keep both hands on that steering wheel," Teresa said.

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In the lobby of the Rogue Regency, Tess called Walters' cell. She told him about the car at the park entrance, the trooper, and Owen and Karen Marsh coming up over the rim where no one was supposed to be.

Walters was quiet for a long moment. "I'll get it to Agent Mason tonight," he said. "Tess — be careful."

Then one last glass of wine at the bar with Kally and Teresa, and hugs, and a promise to call in the morning. Tess watched their taillights turn out of the lot. Then she picked up her key and her overnight bag and walked down the hall, reading the numbers.

She stopped at her door and stared at it.

118.

> *"Owen, that was you way down there!"*

"Are you kidding me?" she said to the empty hallway. "Am I on Candid Camera? Damn Room 118!"

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In the morning, a folded sheet of paper lay on the carpet just inside her door.

Tess picked it up, thinking it was the receipt for the room.

It wasn't a receipt. It was a note, typed on an old manual typewriter, the kind where the lowercase *e* sits just a little below the line. She had seen that typewriter's work once before, on an unstamped envelope on her desk at the *Ledger*.

Across the top, in big letters:

1987

And beneath it, one line:

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You were standing in the right
place today.
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CRATER LAKE BY THE NUMBERS

7,700 years since Mount Mazama erupted and collapsed, leaving the caldera.

1,943 feet deep: the deepest lake in the United States.

About 6 miles across; no rivers flow in or out. Rain and snow fill it.

About 43 feet of snow falls in an average year.

1902: Crater Lake became a national park, Oregon's only one.

One legal way down: the Cleetwood Cove Trail on the north rim, closed by snow most of the year. Everywhere else, the crater walls are off-limits.

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End of Chapter 31 · Chapter 32 coming soon

THE DEEPEST WATER · READER'S GUIDE

The Story So Far · Chapters 1–17

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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.

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."

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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.

CHAPTER 31

Over the Rim

The stolen blue car turned up abandoned at Crater Lake. At the rim, Ranger Montgomery Smith spotted two hikers below the rim, where no one is allowed: Owen and Karen Marsh. That night Tess's room at the Rogue Regency was 118. By morning, a note on the old typewriter read: 1987.

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. Climbed out of the Crater Lake caldera with Owen (Ch. 31).

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.

Montgomery Smith — Crater Lake park ranger; caught Owen and Karen below the rim (Ch. 31).

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."

The second note — Slipped under Rogue Regency Room 118's door, same typewriter: "1987 — You were standing in the right place today."

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

Barre, Vermont · 1958

Doris Baker: Alone in Her Barre Store

On Feb. 19, 1958, Doris E. Baker, 45, was found dead inside the Floor Covering Store at 8 Merchant Street in Barre — the shop she owned with her husband.

She had been alone in the building. Her death was ruled a homicide, and the Vermont State Police note that the killing "was not the only crime committed" there that day. No one has ever been charged.

A true-crime database, Crime Solvers Central, says a customer who came to pick up a linoleum order found the store empty and then found her in the back, and that about $50 was missing. Police have not confirmed those details, or a cause of death.

Barre in 1958 was a granite city of busy sheds and downtown shops. Someone may still remember a stranger on Merchant Street that Wednesday, or a story told years later.

The case belongs to the Barre City Police and the State Police Major Crime Unit, and it remains open.

Tips: vsp.vermont.gov/tipsubmit, text VTIPS to 274637, or call 802-244-8727 (VSP case 07A301451).

CASE FACTS

NAME
Doris E. Baker
AGE
45
DATE
Feb. 19, 1958
WHERE
8 Merchant St., Barre
RULING
Homicide
STATUS
Unsolved
CASE NO.
VSP 07A301451

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

VERMONT POLICE BLOTTER

SOUTH BURLINGTON — Tyler Goodrich, 34, of South Hero died in a one-vehicle crash on the I-189 westbound ramp to I-89 north about 9:36 p.m. Tuesday. Police say impairment and speed do not appear to be factors. (Vermont State Police)

RUTLAND — Police say a Rutland man, 67, drove through the front glass wall of Godnick's Grand Furniture about 1:30 a.m. Tuesday, then backed into a stone sign. He was charged with DUI and is due in court Nov. 23. (Rutland Herald/WCAX)

Tips: vsp.vermont.gov/tipsubmit

COURT WATCH

Supreme Court — In a challenge to Colorado's universal preschool program, a majority of justices seemed ready to side with Catholic preschools that object to its nondiscrimination rules. A decision is expected in 2027. (SCOTUSblog)

New York — After ballot scanners failed in Westchester County, a judge let officials move the paper ballots to a secure warehouse for counting; the county executive called it a "debacle." (AP)

Alaska — A federal judge dismissed a Justice Department lawsuit seeking to block certification of Alaska's results — with the state's Senate race still uncalled. (AP)

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.
BTK	Wichita, Kan.	1974	2005	Data on a floppy disk he mailed to a TV station led to Dennis Rader.
Grim Sleeper	Los Angeles	1985	2010	Familial DNA from his son 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. first fingerprint murder the — Rojas Francisca ,mother the of print bloody a bore

CASE CLOSED · HOW IT WAS CRACKED

GREEN RIVER

On July 15, 1982, two boys found the body of 16-year-old Wendy Lee Coffield in the Green River south of Seattle. Within a month five more young women were found, and King County formed the Green River Task Force; dozens of deaths would be tied to one killer. Truck painter Gary Ridgway of Kent became a suspect, and police took a saliva sample from him in 1987 — but the science of the day couldn't make a match. In 2001, improved DNA testing linked that old sample to early victims, and Ridgway was arrested on Nov. 30, 2001, as he left work. Twenty-three years ago tomorrow — Nov. 5, 2003 — he pleaded guilty to 48 murders in exchange for life without parole, and agreed to lead investigators to remains.

SCAM ALERT

Fake QR Codes on Parking Meters

Scammers are sticking their own QR codes over the real ones on parking meters. Scan one and you land on a fake payment site built to steal your card number or personal information, the FTC warns.

Protect yourself: check the web address your phone shows before you tap it, and pay with the city's official parking app, coins or a card at the meter. If you already paid, watch your statements and change reused passwords.

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

CRIME TRIVIA

Test Your Detective Skills

In June 1892 a police inspector in Necochea, Argentina, cut a piece out of a bedroom door to solve a double murder. Why?

THE SNOW DESK

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

Day 4 OF 152

Totals through Tuesday, Nov. 3

NOV · DEC · JAN · FEB · MAR · APR 1

MOST SNOW IN THE U.S. · LAST 24 HOURS

5.9" · Alta, UT

ESSEX JCT.

LAST 24 HRS	SEASON
0.0"	0.0"

Official: Burlington airport (BTV)
Normal to date: 0.2" · 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	0.2	−0.2	0.0
Boston	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0
Portland, Maine	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	−0.1	0.0
Caribou, Maine	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.5	−0.5	0.0
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	0.4	−0.4	0.0
Buffalo, N.Y.	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3	−0.3	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	0.5	−0.5	0.0
Detroit	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	−0.1	0.0
Chicago	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Minneapolis	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.4	−0.4	0.0
Denver	0.0	0.0	0.0	—	—	0.0
Salt Lake City	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3	−0.3	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	Alta, UT Elev. 8684 ft	5.9"
2	Lewistown 11 SSE, MT Elev. 4859 ft	5.0"
3	Mills 12.8 SSE, WY Elev. 7940 ft	2.5"
4	Mills 12.8 SSE, WY Elev. 7943 ft	2.5"
5	Silver Lk Brighton, UT Elev. 8770 ft	2.2"
6	Wolf Canyon, NM Elev. 8369 ft	2.0"
7	Buffalo 1.7 E, MT Elev. 4249 ft	2.0"
8	Heber City 10.1 ESE, UT Elev. 8314 ft	2.0"
9	Crested Butte 6.2 N, CO Elev. 9554 ft	1.2"
10	Gothic, CO Elev. 10404 ft	1.2"

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 21 days — Wed., Nov. 25 (target, weather permitting)

Today: Mild again: 62°, low 50°, a 15% chance of a shower.

Thursday: 62°, low 46°; showers possible (25%).

Friday: 57° by day, then the bottom drops out: low near 32°.

Saturday: The coldest day yet: high only 37°, low 31°, a 15% chance of snow showers.

Sun.–Mon.: 48° and 52°, lows 31° and 36°.

Snowmaking: Close, but not yet. Crews want the mid-20s or colder; Saturday night bottoms out near 31°.

Countdown: Three weeks from today to the Nov. 25 target, when the new Shavers Center day lodge also opens.

SNOW NOTES

Day 4. Still no snow at Burlington. Tuesday reached 65°, 13 above normal, and the low was 51° — 15 above the normal low of 36°.

Front Thursday. Rain is likely Thursday (70%), and the cold air finally follows: Essex Junction drops to about 50° Saturday and the upper 40s by Monday.

First flakes? The high peaks get the first chance. Sugarbush and Burke show a 25–30% chance of snow showers Monday, with highs near 41°.

Summit watch. Mount Washington turns to snow showers Sunday and Monday, with temperatures near freezing.

PUZZLES & GAMES

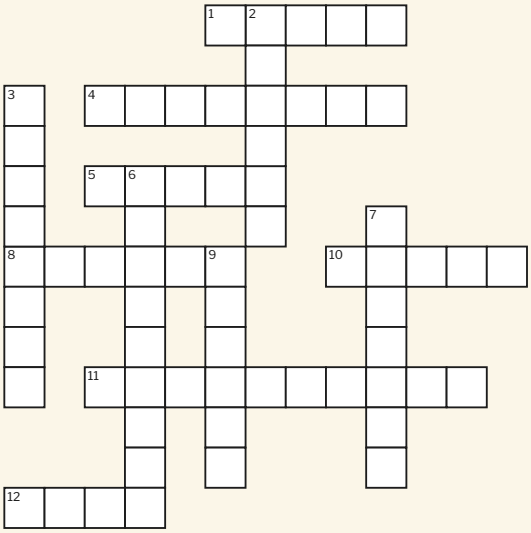
Grab a pencil and your coffee

THE DAILY SUDOKU

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

THE DAILY CROSSWORD · THE DAY AFTER



ACROSS

1 Vermont governor, now six terms (5)
4 Texas Democrat who beat Paxton (8)
5 Granite city of a 1958 cold case (5)
8 Animal returning to Loch Ness (6)
10 Scored twice for Vegas Tuesday (5)
11 Today's beef-and-noodle supper (10)
12 Hurricane behind 1985's floods (4)

DOWN

2 Found Tut's tomb entrance, 1922 (6)
3 Bourbon-and-bubbly cocktail hoax (8)
6 Warm air ___ (weather word) (9)
7 Leads Alaska's Senate count (7)
9 Burlington's 73° on Nov. 4, 1982 (6)

WORD SEARCH · WARM NOVEMBER

V	T	T	R	B	H	T	M	R	A	W	D	G
I	D	R	O	C	E	R	U	L	T	E	R	A
C	C	O	O	A	E	P	D	J	G	U	S	E
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V	B	R	O	H	I	V	E	U	U	O	B	J
S	R	W	F	M	U	E	E	T	T	P	M	N
H	E	B	K	R	S	M	H	C	E	P	B	P
O	E	H	D	G	O	W	I	R	T	C	U	Y
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E	E	M	A	N	M	D	T	C	I	V	O	T
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FIND 12 WORDS

ADVECTION
BREEZE
CLOUDS
DEGREES
FORECAST
FRONT
HUMIDITY
MILD
RECORD
SHOWERS
SOUTHWIND
WARMTH

Across, down, diagonal — some backward.

THE COURIER QUIZ

Five Questions

1. What animal is returning to Loch Ness after some 500 years?

2. By law, what proof must Bottled-in-Bond whiskey be?

3. Which hurricane's remnants set up the 1985 Election Day floods?

4. Whose tomb did Howard Carter's team find on Nov. 4, 1922?

5. What Argentine pioneered fingerprint classification in the 1890s?

NAME THAT YEAR

Three Clues

- Walt Disney World opens in Florida.
- The 26th Amendment lowers the voting age to 18.
- The Nasdaq opens as the first electronic stock market.

YESTERDAY'S SUDOKU

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

Yesterday's sudoku. Crossword answers are upside down at the bottom of the page.

THE JUKEBOX

Music history, a record to spin and shows near home

NOVEMBER 4 BIRTHDAYS

This Day in Music

1922 — Ralph Sutton, the stride-jazz piano great.

1940 — Delbert McClinton, Texas blues-rock singer and harmonica man.

1954 — Chris Difford, singer and lyricist of Squeeze.

1956 — James Honeyman-Scott, founding guitarist of the Pretenders.

1971 — Gregory Porter, the two-time Grammy-winning jazz singer.

Also on this day: in 1963 the Beatles played the Royal Variety Performance.



SPIN THIS

Led Zeppelin IV

Led Zeppelin · 1971

Released Nov. 8, 1971, with no title on the sleeve — just four symbols, one chosen by each band member.

Recorded largely at Headley Grange, an English country house, it gave us "Black Dog," "Rock and Roll," "When the Levee Breaks" and "Stairway to Heaven," which was never released as a single.

More than 37 million copies sold; it is the band's best-seller.

Best with: a pour of New Riff Bonded and a bowl of stroganoff.

LIVE IN VERMONT

Shows Near Home

Tonight · Porch Light, Higher Ground

Thu. Nov. 5 · The Lowest Pair, Radio Bean

Wed. Nov. 11 · Weatherday, Higher Ground

Sat. Nov. 21 · Greg Freeman, Higher Ground

Listings via Songkick; check venues for tickets.

MUSIC TRIVIA

Squeeze's Chris Difford shares today's birthday with a founding Pretenders guitarist. Who?

ANSWERS — Quiz: 1. The beaver. 2. Exactly 100 proof. 3. Hurricane Juan. 4. King Tutankhamun's. 5. Juan Vucetich. Name That Year: 1971. Music trivia: James Honeyman-Scott (1956–1982). **Yesterday's crossword:** 3A LULU · 5A PANAMA · 6A SWIFT · 9A WARMSECTOR · 12A LORETTO · 13A JULEP · 1D KARP · 2D BALLOT · 4D LAIKA · 7D HARDWICK · 8D POLLS · 10D SHOOTOUT · 11D CORVO

ACROSS THE USA

A light look at news from every state

The morning after the midterms: results and local news from all 50 states and D.C. Results are unofficial; sources in parentheses.

ALABAMA Statewide: Sen. Tommy Tuberville was elected governor, the AP said, beating Doug Jones about 52% to 48% in a rematch of their 2020 Senate race. (Montgomery Advertiser)

ALASKA Anchorage: Artist Amanda Rose Warren's "I Voted" stickers, a moose, bear, fox, whale and musk ox under the northern lights, had voters pausing to choose. (Alaska's News Source)

ARIZONA Statewide: Gov. Katie Hobbs won a second term over Republican Andy Biggs, AP projected. Running mate John Giles will be the state's first lieutenant governor. (ABC15)

ARKANSAS Statewide: Gov. Sarah Huckabee Sanders won a second term over Democratic state Sen. Fred Love, the AP reported. She is the state's first female governor. (KATV)

CALIFORNIA Statewide: Democrat Xavier Becerra, a former state attorney general and U.S. health secretary, beat Republican Steve Hilton for governor, AP projected. (NBC Palm Springs)

COLORADO Statewide: The AP called the governor's race for Democrat Phil Weiser one minute after polls closed. He defeated Republican Victor Marx to succeed Jared Polis. (Colorado Public Radio)

CONNECTICUT Hartford: Gov. Ned Lamont won a third term, beating Republican former state Sen. Ryan Fazio, the AP reported. Lamont watched returns at Dunkin' Stadium. (WFSB)

DELAWARE Statewide: Democratic Sen. Chris Coons won another term, defeating Republican Michael Katz. Coons first won the seat in a 2010 special election. (WDEL)

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
Washington: Democratic socialist Janeese Lewis George, a Council member, was elected the District's first new mayor in 12 years, succeeding Muriel Bowser. (WTOP)

FLORIDA Statewide: The AP called the governor's race for Republican Rep. Byron Donalds over Democrat David Jolly. Donalds would be Florida's first Black governor. (WINK News)

GEORGIA Statewide: Former Atlanta Mayor Keisha Lance Bottoms beat Republican Rick Jackson, AP projected, becoming the first Black woman elected Georgia governor. (Fox 5 Atlanta)

HAWAII Hawaii Island: The Hawaii County Council advanced a bill to put up signs marking traditional place names and the island's roughly 500 ahupua'a land divisions. (Honolulu Star-Advertiser)

IDAHO Boise: The Idaho Conservation League named Courtney Washburn, Boise's city chief of staff since 2020 and a former ICL lobbyist, its executive director. (Idaho Capital Sun)

ILLINOIS Statewide: Lt. Gov. Juliana Stratton won the U.S. Senate race over Republican Don Tracy, the AP declared. She succeeds Dick Durbin, retiring after five terms. (KWQC)

INDIANA Statewide: Democrat Beau Bayh won the secretary of state race after Republican Max Engling conceded, the party's first win for the office since 1994. (WFYI)

IOWA Statewide: State Auditor Rob Sand, the only Democrat in statewide office, beat Trump-backed Republican Zach Lahn for governor, AP projected, flipping the seat. (Iowa Capital Dispatch)

KANSAS Statewide: Democrat Adam Hamilton, a Leawood megachurch pastor, unseated Republican Sen. Roger Marshall, the first Kansas Democratic Senate win since 1932. (KWCH)

KENTUCKY Statewide: GOP Rep. Andy Barr beat Democrat Charles Booker 53.8% to 44.1%, the AP called, for the Senate seat Mitch McConnell held for seven terms. (WKRC Local 12)

LOUISIANA New Orleans: Saints owner Gayle Benson gave $250,000 toward a permanent memorial to the victims of the Jan. 1, 2025, Bourbon Street attack. (Fox 8 New Orleans)

MAINE Statewide: Former House Speaker Hannah Pingree, a Democrat, won the race to succeed Janet Mills with 48.9%, the BDN and Decision Desk HQ called. (Bangor Daily News)

MARYLAND Statewide: Gov. Wes Moore, the state's first Black governor, won a second term, beating Republican Dan Cox for the second time, the AP projected. (WMAR)

MASSACHUSETTS Statewide: Recreational cannabis stays legal: the AP called a ban on its sale defeated. Voters also approved Question 1, expanding the public records law. (GBH News)

MICHIGAN Statewide: Democrat Jocelyn Benson was elected governor over Rep. John James, and Abdul El-Sayed won the open U.S. Senate seat, CBS News projected. (CBS Detroit)

MINNESOTA Statewide: Sen. Amy Klobuchar beat Republican House Speaker Lisa Demuth for governor. Either way, the state was electing its first woman governor. (Fox 9)

MISSISSIPPI Pearl River County: More than 19 inches of rain fell in six hours on Halloween near Crossroads, the weather service estimated, a rare 1,000-year rain event. (SuperTalk Mississippi)

MISSOURI Kansas City: Voters rejected Proposition A, the GOP-drawn congressional map splitting Kansas City into three districts, 62% to 38%, the AP called. (KCUR)

MONTANA Statewide: Former U.S. Attorney Kurt Alme kept the open Senate seat in GOP hands, leading 47% to 39%. Independent Seth Bodnar conceded shortly before midnight. (Montana Free Press)

NEBRASKA Statewide: Sen. Pete Ricketts beat independent Dan Osborn to win his first full term. The AP called the race at 3:27 a.m. Eastern on Wednesday. (Lincoln Journal Star)

NEVADA Statewide: Democratic Attorney General Aaron Ford unseated Republican Gov. Joe Lombardo, the AP projected, and is set to become Nevada's first Black governor. (KTNV)

NEW HAMPSHIRE Statewide: Democratic Rep. Chris Pappas beat Republican John E. Sununu for U.S. Senate, the AP said, while Republican Gov. Kelly Ayotte won a second term. (New Hampshire Public Radio)

NEW JERSEY Statewide: Democrat Rebecca Bennett, a former Navy test pilot, unseated Republican Rep. Tom Kean Jr. in the 7th Congressional District, the AP projected. (Fox 5 New York)

NEW MEXICO Statewide: Former Interior Secretary Deb Haaland beat Republican Gregg Hull, AP projected, the first Native American woman elected governor in the U.S. (Albuquerque Journal)

NEW YORK New York City: Sweden's Andreas Almgren won Sunday's New York City Marathon in his debut at the distance; Kenya's Sheila Chepkirui took the women's race again. (PIX11)

NORTH CAROLINA Statewide: Former Gov. Roy Cooper beat Republican Michael Whatley, the AP called, becoming the state's first Democrat elected to the Senate since 2008. (WUNC)

NORTH DAKOTA Mandan: Barb Antoine sells "Friends"-themed cookies from her front porch on weekends, including a Biscoff "Could It Be Any Better" and a sprinkled "Pivot." (KFYR)

OHIO Statewide: Democrat Amy Acton, the state's former health director, beat Vivek Ramaswamy, AP projected, the first Democratic win for governor since 2006. (13abc)

OKLAHOMA Keyes: An EF1 tornado hit late Sunday, moving an empty grain silo about 100 yards and collapsing an old pool hall. A polling site moved to City Hall. (ABC 7 Amarillo)

OREGON Statewide: Gov. Tina Kotek defeated Republican state Sen. Christine Drazan in a rematch of their 2022 race for governor, CBS News projected. (KOIN)

PENNSYLVANIA Statewide: The AP called a second term for Gov. Josh Shapiro one minute after polls closed. He beat Republican Stacy Garrity, an Army Reserve veteran. (Spotlight PA)

RHODE ISLAND Statewide: Former CVS Pharmacy president Helena Foulkes won the governor's race, called by the AP a half-hour after polls closed. Ken Block conceded. (Rhode Island Current)

SOUTH CAROLINA Columbia: The top-ranked Gamecocks opened their women's basketball season in Paris by holding off No. 20 Maryland 101-93. Joyce Edwards scored 23. (Live 5 News)

SOUTH DAKOTA Sioux Falls: On the state's birthday Monday, a time capsule was buried at the Battleship South Dakota Memorial, to be opened for the nation's 300th in 2076. (KOTA)

TENNESSEE Old Hickory Lake: Bass tournament anglers rammed a sinking car with their boats, broke a window and pulled out the woman trapped inside at Shutes Branch. (NewsChannel 5 Nashville)

TEXAS Statewide: State Rep. James Talarico, a former Austin teacher, beat Republican Ken Paxton for the U.S. Senate seat held by John Cornyn, NBC News projected. (KPRC 2 Houston)

UTAH Bluff: Floodwater from Cottonwood Wash reached homes and businesses, prompting evacuations. San Juan County offices and schools closed Monday. (Utah Public Radio)

VERMONT Statewide: Republican Phil Scott won a record sixth term as governor, passing Howard Dean's five, after Democrat Amanda Janoo conceded at about 10:50 p.m. (VTDigger)

VIRGINIA Statewide: Democratic Sen. Mark Warner, in office since 2009, won re-election over Republican Bert Mizusawa, a retired major general, the AP projected. (WTVR CBS 6)

WASHINGTON Seattle: All northbound I-5 lanes on the Ship Canal Bridge reopened Monday ahead of schedule, ending about 16 weeks of lane closures for repairs. (KOMO)

WEST VIRGINIA Statewide: Republican Sen. Shelley Moore Capito, daughter of former Gov. Arch Moore Jr., won re-election over Democrat Rachel Fetty Anderson, the AP said. (WCHS)

WISCONSIN Statewide: Milwaukee County Executive David Crowley, a Democrat, beat GOP Rep. Tom Tiffany for governor; Tiffany conceded, WISN reported. (Badger Herald)

WYOMING Statewide: The AP called the governor's race at poll closing for state Sen. Eric Barlow, a Gillette rancher, Marine veteran and large-animal veterinarian. (WyoFile)