ESSEX JCT. TODAY
49°
Low 40° · A few showers
Monday: cloudy, 49°

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DOW 51,286 ▼ -0.46% · **S&P 500** 7,377 ▲ +0.31% · **NASDAQ** 24,579 ▲ +1.09% · **NVDA** $186.64 ▲ +2.78% · **PLTR** $160.38 ▲ +3.48% · **MSFT** $530.61 ▼ -0.99% · **GAS** $4.04

THE WHITE HOUSE · AFTER THE MIDTERMS

Wiles Out; Miller Takes Over Monday

Trump names his longtime adviser Stephen Miller chief of staff after Susie Wiles resigns, as a humbled Republican Party returns to Washington for a lame-duck session

WHERE CONGRESS STANDS (AP TALLY, SAT.)

54–44	Senate: Democrats lead; 2 races uncalled
254	House seats won by Democrats
19	House races still uncalled
Dec. 11	Government funding runs out

BY THE COURIER NATION DESK · SOURCES: CBS NEWS, AP, YAHOO NEWS

President Trump named Stephen Miller White House chief of staff on Friday, replacing Susie Wiles, who resigned Thursday night. Three sources told CBS News her exit was tied to Tuesday's midterm losses. Miller starts Monday.

"I wanted to make a change," Trump said, calling Miller "one of my most trusted advisors" and a "great manager." Wiles moves to the president's political operation and called the job "the honor of a lifetime."

Democrats pounced. Senate Democratic leader Chuck Schumer said Trump had "learned nothing from his historic defeat," and House Democratic leader Hakeem Jeffries — in line to become speaker in January — called Miller "a dangerous xenophobe and reckless extremist."

Rep. Robert Garcia said Miller "should lawyer up," and Oversight Committee Democrats plan to investigate when they take control in January.

Congress returns Monday for a lame-duck session and must pass spending bills before government funding runs out Dec. 11. House Republicans choose a new leader Tuesday, Steve Scalise or Jim Jordan, after Speaker Mike Johnson said he won't seek a leadership post. Two Senate races remain uncalled. Page 2.

ESSEX JUNCTION FORECAST

49°
Low tonight: 40°

Gray, with a few showers; some afternoon breaks.

RAIN TODAY 35% | **SNOW TODAY** 0%
Snow showers up north early; rain here

THE WEEK AHEAD

MON	TUE	WED	THU
49°	50°	49°	43°
R 20% S 0%	R 50% S 0%	R 10% S 0%	R 30% S 0%

R = rain, S = snow chance. Forecast data, Sunday a.m.

FORECASTER'S NOTE

Burlington reached 52° Saturday; we called 48°, so Beat the Forecaster slips to 3–4. Valley snow chances return Friday. Sunset 4:32 p.m.

ISRAEL · A NEW GOVERNMENT

Herzog Passes Over Netanyahu

BY THE COURIER WORLD DESK · SOURCES: TIMES OF ISRAEL, NPR

President Isaac Herzog chose former army chief Gadi Eisenkot, not Benjamin Netanyahu, to try to form a government; Eisenkot drew 67 Knesset endorsements to Netanyahu's 46.

He gets the mandate today and has 28 days. Netanyahu stays caretaker prime minister.

Eisenkot called for "a national emergency government" and refuses to partner with Netanyahu, who urged a "national unity government" with his allies.

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WEATHER AROUND THE MAP

Sunday forecasts · forecast data · "Now" = overnight

	NOW	HI	LO	RAIN	SNOW
MIDDLEBURY, VT	42°	51°	42°	20%	0%
MT. WASHINGTON, NH	26°	32°	26°	0%	69%
SNOWSHOE, WV	32°	50°	32°	5%	0%
ROSEBURG, OR	55°	60°	48°	20%	0%
E. DENNIS, MA · CAPE	49°	57°	49°	20%	0%
CHARLOTTE, NC	42°	67°	41°	0%	0%
WILMINGTON, NC	47°	67°	46°	0%	0%
ST. PETERSBURG, FL	65°	78°	66°	0%	0%
FULTON, MO	33°	65°	33°	0%	0%
HOT SPOT · McALLEN, TX	73°	74°	67°	60%	0%



THE DEEPEST WATER · A COURIER SERIAL
New today: Chapter 33, "Above the Fold." Two pages: 8 and 8A.

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MARKETS & MONEY

The week in review · chips crack, hiring jumps · Sunday, November 8

THE WEEK — CLOSES FRIDAY, NOV. 6

INDEX / STOCK	CLOSE	CHANGE	PCT
Dow Jones Industrials	51,285.73	−237.33	−0.46%
S&P 500	7,376.86	+23.13	+0.31%
Nasdaq Composite	24,579.42	+264.43	+1.09%
Russell 2000	2,754.11	+24.22	+0.89%
JB'S WATCHLIST			
Nvidia (NVDA)	186.64	+5.04	+2.78%
Palantir (PLTR)	160.38	+5.39	+3.48%
Microsoft (MSFT)	530.61	−5.32	−0.99%
BIG NAMES			
AMD (AMD)	449.05	+44.65	+11.04%

Friday closes via AP, CappNotes. *The Courier is written with help from Claude, made by Anthropic.

RATES · ENERGY · METALS

10-yr Treasury Fri.	4.86%
2-yr Treasury Fri.	4.51%
30-yr Treasury Fri.	5.26%
Gold Fri.	~$4,081
WTI crude Fri.	~$90.37
Brent crude Fri.	~$98
Bitcoin −2.2% wk	~$75,780
Ether Sat.	~$2,237
VIX +32% wk	25.64

THE WEEK AHEAD — **TUE.** October CPI (+0.3% expected) · **WED.** Veterans Day: bonds closed · **THU.** Cisco, Applied Materials · **FRI.** Producer prices

No yearly CPI rate this time: October 2025 prices were never collected in the shutdown · Nvidia reports Nov. 17 — CMC Markets, SIFMA

THE WEEK ON WALL STREET

Chips Crack in Election Week

BY THE COURIER MARKETS DESK · SOURCES: CAPPNOTES, YAHOO FINANCE, THE CLOSING PRINT, CMC MARKETS

Democrats' sweep and fears of limits on new data centers hit AI stocks: Thursday the S&P 500 fell more than 4%, its worst day since April 2025, and chip stocks dropped 12%. Friday's bounce recovered only part of it.

For the week the S&P lost 2.7%, the Nasdaq 3.4% and the Dow 0.9%. Tech fell 8.2%; energy 12%.

The hot jobs report raised the odds of a December rate *hike* to about 78%. CPI comes Tuesday.

STOCKS TO WATCH TODAY

On the Radar

Nvidia (NVDA) — Down about 10.7% for the week to $186.64; earnings Nov. 17.

Palantir (PLTR) — Down about 13% for the week despite raising its outlook.

Microsoft (MSFT) — Up 1.7% for the week; hit a 52-week high of $555.80 Wednesday.

AppLovin — The S&P's top gainer, up 71% for the week.

Lumentum — The biggest loser, down 36%, with Seagate and Marvell close behind.

Energy stocks — The worst sector, down 12% for the week as Brent slid below $100.

Anthropic IPO* — Valuation talk slipped to $1.1–1.3 trillion (Bloomberg).

THE WEEK'S BIG MOVERS · S&P 500

APP	AppLovin	+71.20%
FISV	Fiserv	+25.70%
IDXX	Idexx	+22.60%
MOS	Mosaic	+21.60%
MRVL	Marvell	−28.10%
STX	Seagate	−28.50%
LITE	Lumentum	−35.90%

Best of these: AppLovin +71% Worst: Lumentum −36%

YEAR TO DATE

Russell 2000	+11.0%
S&P 500	+7.8%
Dow	+6.7%
Nasdaq	+5.8%

Through Friday, via AP. Week: S&P −2.7%, its worst since April 2025.

THE LUMBER DESK

Rates Up, Builders Wait

FOR THE JB WOODS DESK

The 10-year Treasury yield ended the week at 4.86% and the 30-year at 5.26%. With markets now betting on a December rate hike, mortgage rates are unlikely to ease heading into the winter building slowdown.

GAS PRICES · REGULAR, PER GALLON

NATIONAL	VERMONT	HIGHEST	LOWEST
$4.04	$4.28	$5.77	$3.29
U.S. average	state average	California	North Carolina

AAA, Nov. 7 · U.S. down 15¢ in a week; diesel $6.21

NATION & WORLD

Washington, the courts & beyond

THE MIDTERMS · DAY FIVE

Three Big Races Still Counting

BY THE COURIER NATION DESK · SOURCES: AP, YAHOO NEWS, KCTV5, FORTUNE, CALMATTERS

Mississippi: Democrat Scott Colom led Sen. Cindy Hyde-Smith by 2,574 votes Saturday, 49.1% to 48.8%, with 97% counted (AP). About 3,100 mail ballots — due by Tuesday — and 12,000 to 20,000 affidavit ballots remain. Not called.

Alaska: Mary Peltola leads Sen. Dan Sullivan by 637 votes with 74% counted; more ballots come Monday and Tuesday, and ranked-choice tabulation would begin Nov. 18. In Kansas, Democrat Cindy Holscher leads by about 7,000 for governor, enough to trigger a hand-count audit; Republican Ty Masterson has not conceded.

AP's tally: Senate Democrats 54, Republicans 44; House Democrats 254, Republicans 162, with 19 uncalled. In Colorado, Rep. Lauren Boebert trails by 3,172 votes. California's Prop 40 billionaire tax is headed for defeat, about 55% to 45%; backers vowed to try again in 2028.

ELSEWHERE

Ukraine. U.S.-led talks with Ukraine and Russia open Tuesday in Abu Dhabi, the first since February; Kyiv's Kyrylo Budanov voiced "restrained optimism." (CBS News)

Iran. Tehran sent a nuclear proposal to Washington through Qatar, reportedly seeking sanctions relief and war-damage payments. (Fox News)

South Africa. In a provisional Johannesburg count, the Democratic Alliance led with 34.6% to the ANC's 20.4%; official results are due today. (esp.info)

Vatican. Pope Leo XIV, on his first South American trip, arrives in Argentina today after Uruguay; he ends in Peru Nov. 17. (AP, NCR)

VERMONT

Around the Green Mountain State

STATEWIDE · THE LEGISLATURE

Recount Watch: Races Decided by a Handful

BY THE COURIER VERMONT DESK · SOURCES: SEVEN DAYS, HARDWICK GAZETTE, DECISION DESK HQ

Five days after the election, a few Vermont legislative races are still too close for comfort. In the Caledonia-2 House district, Republican Rep. Michael Southworth leads Democrat Audrey Grant by eight votes, 997 to 989 — Grant carried Hardwick 699–644 and Stannard 57–41, while Southworth won Walden 312–233. Seven Days says the race is likely headed to a recount.

In Southern Franklin County, Democrat Caroline Bright led Republican Bob Stebbins by just two votes. And in the Caledonia Senate race, Senate Minority Leader Scott Beck, a Republican, held off Democrat David Roth by 172 votes, 50.8% to 49.2%. "We are disappointed that Vermonters did not choose more balance in the legislature," Beck said.

No recount filings had been reported by Saturday. Statewide, Democrats hold 20 of 30 Senate seats and 102 of 150 House seats — with Progressives, enough to override a veto.

FERRISBURGH · LAKE CchamplAIN

Search for a Missing Boater

A 48-year-old Burlington man fell from a small fishing boat near Kingsland Bay about 4 p.m. Saturday and was not wearing a life jacket, Vermont State Police said. The Coast Guard searched overnight; the State Police dive team joins today. Police say nothing suggests foul play. (Vermont State Police)

BARTON

Smoke Alarms Save a Family

A family escaped a fire at their West Glover Road home about 1 a.m. Saturday after working smoke detectors woke them; a cat and a dog died. Orleans firefighters were joined by Glover, Irasburg and Albany. The cause hasn't been released. (WCAX)

AROUND THE STATE

ESSEX JCT. — A 16-year-old planner. A high school student is serving on the city's Planning Commission. (WCAX)

BURLINGTON — Police chief pick. The city could name a new police chief as soon as Tuesday. (WCAX)

STATEWIDE — Winter tire rush. Shops report a run on snow tires as drivers get ready for the first flakes. (WCAX)

FOLIAGE REPORT

Mild valley, snowy peaks

Saturday: Burlington 52°; we called 48°.
Record: Beat the Forecaster is 3–4.
Today: gray, a few showers, 49°.
Up north: snow showers early in Island Pond.
Sunset: 4:32 p.m. — 9 hr 52 min of daylight.
The week: near 49° through Wednesday.
Mt. Washington: 69% chance of snow today.
Drought: moderate drought covers nearly a third of Vermont. (WCAX)

THE WEEK IN VERMONT

Today A few showers, 49°.
Tonight Cloudy, 40°.
Mon. Cloudy, 49°.
Tue. Showers likely, 50°.
Wed. Cloudy, 49°.

Forecast data for Essex Junction; check before you go.

VERMONT BY THE NUMBERS

8	Votes in the Caledonia-2 race
2	Votes in Southern Franklin
172	Votes in Caledonia Senate
20 of 30	Senate seats, Democrats
52°	Burlington, Saturday

SPORTS

Notre Dame topples No. 1 Miami · Catamount women win a shootout · Bruins host Florida at 1

COLLEGE FOOTBALL · NO. 11 NOTRE DAME 31, NO. 1 MIAMI 24

TEAM	1	2	3	4	PTS	YDS	TO
MIA	0	3	14	7	24	377	2
ND	3	14	7	7	31	412	0

ND: C. Carr 29-of-40, 319 yds, 3 TD · M. Gilbert 2 TD catches · N. James 1-yd TD run · MIA: D. Mensah 3 TD, 1 INT

DOWN GOES NO. 1

Irish End Miami's Perfect Season

BY THE COURIER SPORTS DESK · SOURCE: SPORTRADAR

Notre Dame led 24–3 early in the third quarter, survived a 21-point Miami rally and never turned the ball over, handing the top-ranked Hurricanes their first loss. Also Saturday: No. 2 Georgia 42, No. 10 Ole Miss 7; No. 23 Oregon 41, No. 12 Ohio State 28; No. 13 Tennessee 34, No. 6 Kentucky 6.

UVM: the women's hockey team tied No. 4 Northeastern and won the shootout Friday before a record crowd at Gutterson. (SportRadar, NCAA.com, UVM Athletics)

NFL · WEEK 10

Results and win chances

JAX 33, BAL 10	TNF	F
CIN at ATL	Sun. 9:30	CIN 61%
DAL at IND	Sun. 1:00	DAL 67%
LA at WAS	Sun. 1:00	LA 67%
NYJ at KC	Sun. 1:00	KC 82%
DET at MIA	Sun. 1:00	DET 73%
DEN at CAR	Sun. 1:00	DEN 58%
NYG at PHI	Sun. 1:00	NYG 61%
CLE at NO	Sun. 1:00	NO 59%
HOU at LAC	Sun. 4:05	HOU 70%
LV at SF	Sun. 4:25	SF 81%
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

Panthers Today at 1

Rookie James Hagens is on injured reserve and out "a couple of weeks," coach Marco Sturm said; Matthew Poitras didn't practice Saturday. Florida lost 4–3 at Washington Saturday and is without Barkov and Marchand. (NHL.com)

UVM · THIS WEEK

Hoops Open at Home

Men's basketball: Quinnipiac at UVM today, 2.

Field hockey: NCAA show tonight, 10.

TODAY ON TV (ET)

NHL Panthers at Bruins, 1:00
NFL Packers at Patriots, 4:25
NBA Celtics at Bucks, 8:00

THE BOURBON & WINE PAGE

McConaughey's mesquite bourbon · a Rhône red for Sunday short ribs



BOURBON OF THE WEEK

WILD TURKEY · LAWRENCEBURG, KY.

Wild Turkey Longbranch

PROOF	MASH	AGE	PRICE
86	75/13/12	8 yrs*	~$40

Eight-year-old Wild Turkey filtered twice through charcoal — first American white oak, then **Texas mesquite**, a nod to co-creator Matthew McConaughey's home state. (*Age at launch; no age on the label.)

How it tastes: caramel, vanilla and toffee, then creamy honey and orange with baking spice and a faint wisp of mesquite smoke. (Breaking Bourbon)

The name: it launched in 2018, the first Wild Turkey signed by someone other than Jimmy or Eddie Russell — a toast to friends, "the longest branches of our family trees." (BevInfo)



WINE OF THE WEEK

E. GUIGAL · AMPUIS, RHÔNE VALLEY, FRANCE

E. Guigal Côtes du Rhône Rouge

GRAPES	FROM	ABV	PRICE
Syrah blend	Rhône, France	14.5%	~$15–18

Mostly Syrah, with Grenache and a little Mourvèdre; the blend shifts by vintage. Most chains and wine shops carry it.

How it tastes: dark wild berries and plum, warm spice like cinnamon and clove, a hint of chocolate, and soft, rounded tannins. (Falstaff)

Made by the millions: Robert Parker estimated 4.5 million bottles of the 2016 vintage, one of the Rhône's most widely poured reds. (Wine.com)

TODAY'S RECIPE

Made to go with a glass

Red Wine–Braised Short Ribs

Serves 4–6 · about 3½ hours, mostly in the oven

THE RIBS

- 4–5 lb bone-in beef short ribs
- 2 tsp kosher salt + 1 tsp pepper
- 2 tbsp olive oil
- 2 tbsp tomato paste
- 2 tbsp flour
- Mashed potatoes or polenta, to serve

THE BRAISE

- 1 large onion + 2 carrots, chopped
- 4 garlic cloves, smashed
- 2 cups dry red wine
- 2 cups beef broth
- 3 sprigs thyme + 2 bay leaves
- 2 tbsp chopped parsley

METHOD

1. Heat the oven to 325°F. Season the ribs; brown them in the oil in a Dutch oven, in batches, 8–10 minutes each. Set aside.

2. Pour off all but 2 tbsp fat. Cook the onion and carrots 6–8 minutes; stir in the garlic, tomato paste and flour for 2 minutes.

3. Add the wine, scrape up the browned bits and reduce by half, about 8 minutes. Add the broth, thyme and bay.

4. Return the ribs, bone-side up. Cover and braise 2½–3 hours, until fork-tender.

5. Lift out the ribs, skim the fat and boil the sauce until it coats a spoon. Spoon over the ribs; finish with parsley.

Courier tip: Braise a day ahead and chill the pot: the fat sets into a layer that lifts right off, and the flavor deepens.

POUR WITH IT · BOURBON

Longbranch: its caramel and vanilla meet the dark, caramelized crust, and at a gentle 86 proof the mesquite smoke rides alongside the rich sauce.

POUR WITH IT · WINE

Guigal Côtes du Rhône: Syrah's "savory, peppery notes" echo the braise, and its acidity "keeps it from turning heavy." (Wine.com)

THIS WEEK'S POUR

Cocktail Corner

Bourbon Renewal. Shake 2 oz bourbon, 1 oz fresh lemon juice, ½ oz crème de cassis, ½ oz simple syrup and a dash of Angostura with ice. Strain over fresh ice; garnish with a lemon wedge.

The story: Portland, Ore., bartender Jeffrey Morgenthaler posted it in December 2004, naming it after a band his business partner once played in — he liked the name so much he built a drink around it. (Morgenthaler, VinePair)

BOURBON & WINE NEWS

Texas Bonds Again

Garrison Brothers of Hye, Texas, announced its second Bottled-in-Bond bourbon: 6 years old, 100 proof, $89.99, from 102 barrels all filled Oct. 2, 2020. (Breaking Bourbon)

The first 1,000 bottles sell at the distillery Saturday, Nov. 14, at a fundraiser for the National Museum of the Pacific War; about 19,500 reach stores by month's end. (The Whiskey Wash)

THIS WEEK'S POUR PLAN

What to sip with what's on

TODAY · SUNDAY DINNER
Short ribs with a glass of the Guigal.

TODAY · PACKERS AT PATRIOTS, 4:25
Longbranch over one big cube.

TONIGHT · CELTICS AT BUCKS, 8
A Bourbon Renewal for the late game.

THE CELLAR & RICKHOUSE GLOSSARY

Nine wine words, nine bourbon words

Legs — streaks that run down the glass.
Decant — pour into a carafe to aerate or clear.
Sommelier — a trained restaurant wine steward.
Malolactic — a conversion that softens a wine's acid.
Cuvée — a specific blend or batch of wine.
Brut — the dry style of sparkling wine.
Varietal — a wine named for its main grape.
GSM — Grenache, Syrah, Mourvèdre blend.
Côtes du Rhône — the Rhône Valley's broadest appellation.
Sour mash — spent mash used to start the next batch.
Rickhouse — the warehouse where barrels age.
Cask strength — bottled at barrel proof, undiluted.
Single barrel — bottled from one barrel only.
Small batch — a blend of a limited number of barrels.
Straight — aged 2+ years; no added color.
Thief — a tube for pulling whiskey from a cask.
Dram — a small pour of whiskey.
Charcoal filtering — running spirit through charcoal.

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)

Today 1:00 — Panthers at Bruins.
Today 4:25 — Packers at Patriots.
Today 8:00 — Celtics at Milwaukee.
Today 8:20 — Buccaneers at Bears.
Today 10:00 — Field hockey NCAA selection show.
Mon. 8:15 — Bills at Vikings.

AROUND VERMONT

Mon. — Congress returns.

Tue. — October inflation (CPI).

Tue. — House GOP picks a leader.

Wed. — Veterans Day.

Nov. 12 — Essex Jct. council on the cannabis grow.

WEATHER AT A GLANCE

Sun. — Chance of showers, 49°.

Mon. — Cloudy, 49°.

Tue. — Showers likely, 50°.

Wed. — Cloudy, 49°.

Thu. — Colder, 43°.

Fri. — Flakes possible, 39°.

GOOD NEWS ROUNDUP

Kindness, critters & comebacks

ENGLAND

Home After 28 Years

Former paratrooper Karl Bushby walked into his mother's arms in Hull on Nov. 2, ending a walk he began in Chile in 1998 — about 31,000 miles, across the Darién Gap and the frozen Bering Strait. (Al Jazeera, ITV)

WALES

A 400-Year-Old Code

Researchers used CT scans to read the combination — "ANCE" — of a brass padlock from the Ann Francis, which sank off Margam in 1583, without ever opening it. (BBC News)

WORLDWIDE

Nature Bouncing Back

A UN Environment Programme report counts 252 million hectares of land, sea and freshwater under active restoration in 149 countries — about the size of Kazakhstan. (Positive News)

PEMBROKESHIRE

A Beetle Returns

The short-necked oil beetle is back in Wales after 60 years: surveyors found its larvae on the Castlemartin Range. They hitch rides on solitary bees. (Natural Resources Wales, Positive News)

NEW JERSEY

A Field Full of Food

Howell High School students filled a football field with more than 250,000 pounds of donated food, a record for the 100-Yard Food Drive Challenge. (Sunny Skyz)

FLORIDA

Teens to the Rescue

When crews couldn't reach a flooded Palm Bay home, brothers Jonah, 15, and Lucas Marshall, 17, paddled over and brought a mother, her son and three dogs to dry land. (Sunny Skyz)

MEET THE CAST

The Deepest Water



Tess Halloran

Reporter, the Umpqua Ledger · 34

"I've got something. I just can't give it to you yet."
— Chapter 32

A new face every day · catch up on Pages 9–11

SPORTS & STANDINGS

Every team in the NFL, NHL and NBA

NFL through Week 9 + Thursday · NHL through Saturday · NBA through Friday · 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	5	0	.444

AFC SOUTH	W	L	T	PCT
Jacksonville	6	2	0	.750
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	17	12	4	1	25
Montreal	17	11	3	3	25
Tampa Bay	16	11	3	2	24
Ottawa	18	11	6	1	23
Florida	17	9	6	2	20
Buffalo	16	8	5	3	19
Toronto	18	8	8	2	18
Detroit	18	7	8	3	17

METROPOLITAN	GP	W	L	OT	PTS
Carolina	19	14	3	2	30
New Jersey	17	12	5	0	24
N.Y. Rangers	18	10	7	1	21
Washington	15	9	6	0	18
N.Y. Islanders	16	7	6	3	17
Columbus	15	7	8	0	14
Pittsburgh	17	6	9	2	14
Philadelphia	18	4	10	4	12

CENTRAL	GP	W	L	OT	PTS
Minnesota	19	12	3	4	28
Dallas	17	10	5	2	22
Colorado	18	10	6	2	22
Nashville	17	8	4	5	21
Utah	18	10	7	1	21
St. Louis	17	7	8	2	16
Winnipeg	17	6	8	3	15
Chicago	18	4	13	1	9

PACIFIC	GP	W	L	OT	PTS
Edmonton	18	12	3	3	27
Vegas	18	11	5	2	24
Seattle	16	9	6	1	19
Anaheim	17	9	7	1	19
Calgary	17	7	9	1	15
San Jose	19	7	11	1	15
Los Angeles	15	5	8	2	12
Vancouver	19	3	15	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	8	2	.800	—
Boston	7	2	.778	0.5
New York	5	4	.556	2.5
Toronto	5	4	.556	2.5
Brooklyn	2	7	.222	5.5

CENTRAL · EAST	W	L	PCT	GB
Detroit	6	2	.750	—
Cleveland	5	5	.500	2
Indiana	3	7	.300	4
Chicago	1	7	.125	5
Milwaukee	1	8	.111	5.5

SOUTHEAST · EAST	W	L	PCT	GB
Atlanta	7	4	.636	—
Washington	4	6	.400	2.5
Miami	3	6	.333	3
Charlotte	3	7	.300	3.5
Orlando	2	7	.222	4

NORTHWEST · WEST	W	L	PCT	GB
Oklahoma City	8	2	.800	—
Minnesota	7	3	.700	1
Portland	6	3	.667	1.5
Denver	5	3	.625	2
Utah	1	8	.111	6.5

PACIFIC · WEST	W	L	PCT	GB
L.A. Lakers	8	2	.800	—
Golden State	7	3	.700	1
Phoenix	3	5	.375	4
LA Clippers	1	7	.125	6
Sacramento	1	8	.111	6.5

SOUTHWEST · WEST	W	L	PCT	GB
San Antonio	8	2	.800	—
Houston	7	3	.700	1
Memphis	6	3	.667	1.5
Dallas	5	4	.556	2.5
New Orleans	4	5	.444	3.5

NEW ENGLAND WATCH

Where our teams stand

Bruins (12–4–1) Still first in the Atlantic with 25 points, but Montreal (11–3–3) beat Toronto 4–2 Saturday and is one point back. Florida visits at 1.

Patriots (5–3) Green Bay (5–3) visits at 4:25; A.J. Brown and TreVeyon Henderson are out. Buffalo (6–1) plays at Minnesota Monday night.

Celtics (7–2) A half game behind Philadelphia (8–2) in the Atlantic. At Milwaukee (1–8, five straight losses) tonight at 8.

Around the NHL Carolina routed Chicago 9–2 and leads the East at 14–3–2; Washington edged Florida 4–3; Tampa Bay won at Minnesota 4–3.

THE WEATHER DESK

Forecasts, almanac, mountains & Snow Watch 2026–27

THE FORECASTER'S TAKE

Off by Four, and Flakes in the Hills

BY THE COURIER WEATHER DESK · SOURCE: FORECAST DATA · BURLINGTON CLIMATE REPORT (NWS) · WCAX

We called 48° for Saturday; Burlington reached 52°, two above normal. Four degrees off is a loss, so Beat the Forecaster falls to 3–4. (WCAX's forecast of 58° missed too, by six.)

Today stays gray and mild: a high near 49° with a 35% chance of showers. Up north it is a different story — light snow showers were falling early in Island Pond and St. Johnsbury, and Mount Washington has a 69% chance of snow.

The pattern barely budges through Wednesday: highs of 49° to 50°, lows near 40°, with Tuesday the wettest day (50%).

Then the turn: 43° Thursday, 39° Friday and 40° Saturday, with lows of 34° to 35° — and the forecast type flips to snow (20–25%) for the valley Friday and Saturday.

ESSEX JCT. ALMANAC

YESTERDAY	High 52° · Low 41°
SUNRISE	6:39 a.m.
SUNSET	4:32 p.m.
DAYLIGHT	9 hr 52 min
CHANGE	-2.6 min vs. yesterday
SINCE JUNE 21	5 hr 40 min less light
MOON	Waning crescent

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

ESSEX JUNCTION · THE NEXT SEVEN DAYS

TODAY	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
49° / 40°	49° / 40°	50° / 40°	49° / 38°	43° / 34°	39° / 34°	40° / 35°
HIGH / LOW	HIGH / LOW	HIGH / LOW	HIGH / LOW	HIGH / LOW	HIGH / LOW	HIGH / LOW
RAIN 35%	RAIN 20%	RAIN 50%	RAIN 10%	RAIN 30%	RAIN 0%	RAIN 0%
SNOW 0%	SNOW 0%	SNOW 0%	SNOW 0%	SNOW 0%	SNOW 25%	SNOW 20%

High in red, low in blue · FREEZE = low at or below 32° · bars show the chance of rain and of snow. Forecast data.

MOUNTAINS, VALLEYS & THE PLACES WE WATCH

SUGARBUSH — Mad River Valley
42° / 34° · 25%
Rain and snow mixing at dawn.

ISLAND POND — Essex County
38° / 32° · 40%
Light snow showers this morning.

RUTLAND — Rutland County
50° / 40° · 20%
Mildest of the five today.

ST. JOHNSBURY — Caledonia County
44° / 37° · 35%
Snow showers early, then 44°.

WHITEFACE — Adirondacks, N.Y.
40° / 36° · 20%
Below freezing from Thursday.

SNOW WATCH 2026–27

Day 8

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

Frost to Sunshine, Rain in the Valley

Fulton, Mo., starts near 33° but rebounds to 65°, and Charlotte, N.C., runs from 41° to 67° under clear skies. Deep South Texas stays soggy: McAllen has a 60% chance of rain today and 75% Monday.

Florida stays summery — 78° in St. Petersburg — while Roseburg, Ore., expects a 75% chance of rain Monday.

BEAT THE FORECASTER

Nature Wins This One

Saturday: we said 48°; Burlington hit 52° (4° warmer). More than 2° off counts as a loss.

Season record: 3–4 (43%)

Recent: Tue 60/65 L · Wed 73/73 W · Thu 68/68 W · Fri 64/67 L · Sat 48/52 L

Today's call: 49° in Essex Junction. Check back tomorrow.

WEATHER WORD

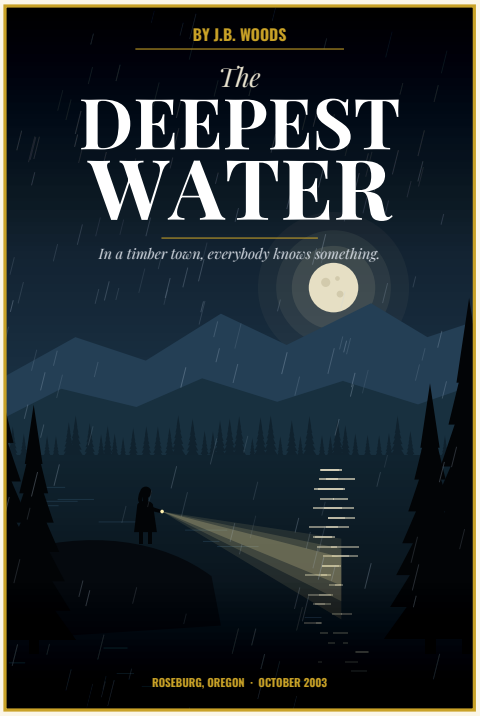
Upslope Flow

Wind pushed up a mountainside cools as it rises, and its moisture condenses into clouds and showers on the windward slopes (NWS).

In Vermont: it's why Jay Peak and Smugglers' Notch so often get snow showers when Burlington gets none.

THIS WEEK IN WEATHER

Nov. 10, 1975: A November gale on Lake Superior — winds near 55 mph, seas over 25 feet — sank the ore carrier Edmund Fitzgerald with all 29 aboard. Tuesday is the 51st anniversary. (AccuWeather)



CHAPTER 33

Above the Fold

Medford To Roseburg · November 2003

Previously: A woman had called the Rogue Regency asking for Room 118 in Tess's name. And in Roseburg, the sheriff's boot soles matched the print the FBI was tracking.

> *"I don't care what they're telling you not to say. Write it tonight."*

KYLE WAS STILL behind the front desk of the Rogue Regency when the two women came through the lobby doors, and his smile came back the moment he saw them.

"Hello, Kyle," Kally said. "My name is Kally, and this is Teresa. Our friend Tess checked out this morning, and she told us about some suspicious activity. We're the owners of Eye Spy. Have you heard of us?"

"Yes, ma'am," Kyle said, smiling wider. "I have. You're pretty famous here in Medford. Actually, you worked a case for my cousin Christopher. You found some of his stolen things, and that led to the arrest of a whole group of thieves around here."

"Christopher!" Teresa said warmly. "I'm so happy we were able to help him."

It was exactly what they needed. Kyle leaned his elbows on the counter like a man among friends.

"Tess said someone called in to request Room 118," Kally said, "but it wasn't her. Someone was pretending to be her. Is there anything else you can tell us that might help us figure out who called?"

Kyle thought about it. "It sounded like she was at a pay phone," he said. "One of those booths with a folding door. I could hear the door opening and closing, and every time it opened I could hear cars going by. Well — at least that's what I thought."

"Anything else?"

"Whenever the door opened, I could hear a man saying something. I couldn't tell what. It was like somebody was standing right there talking to her while she was talking to me." He frowned. "She didn't sound old. And she was set on Room 118. She wouldn't take anything else."

Kally and Teresa traded a look.

"Kyle," Kally said, "do you usually slide guest receipts under the doors at night?"

"No, ma'am. We did that a few months ago, when we were short on people. Management wanted us to stay at the front desk in case customers called, twenty-four hours a day. We stopped in the summer."

So whoever had slipped that note under Tess's door, it was not the night clerk with a receipt.

"Do you have a security guard who walks the parking lot at night?" Teresa asked. "Or the hallways?"

"No," Kyle said. "We're definitely shorthanded. We have a maintenance man who works from early morning until about two. I talked to him this morning. He said he was on his way to fix a door at the back end of the motel. The lock was busted." He shrugged. "How that happened, we don't know. And like I told Tess, our cameras are worthless."

They thanked him for his time, and Kally told him how much they appreciated it. At the door she stopped and turned back.

"Kyle, you wouldn't have any hand sanitizer, would you? I left mine in the car, and I touched your counter before I could stop myself."

He passed her a pump bottle from under the desk without a word, as if he got that question every day.

"Do you mind if I grab a tea over in your breakfast area?" Teresa asked.

"Not at all."

Teresa took her time with the tea bag. From the little table by the window she could see down the back hallway to the exit door at the far end — and the shiny new strike plate where the busted lock had been, still bright as a dime.

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In the lot behind the sheriff's office in Roseburg, Mason and Myers finally opened their car doors and drove off in two directions. Mason made it four blocks before she pulled over and picked up her phone.

She dialed Deputy Walters. She could not come right out and ask him what she wanted to know. Not about his own sheriff. Not yet.

"Walters," she said, as casually as she could, "did you notice Sheriff Coyle with his feet up on the desk today?"

"Yes, ma'am," Walters said. "He always does that."

"Always?"

"Every day I've worked here." A pause. "Is there a reason you're asking, Agent Mason?"

"Just getting to know the office," she said. "Thank you, Deputy."

She hung up and called Myers.

"Well, sir," she said, "do you think the boots are a coincidence?"

"That's for us to find out," Myers said. "Let's keep this to ourselves for now. I want to look at the department's purchasing records — whether every deputy in this county is issued the same standard boot. If they are, half the sheriff's office is walking around on that tread." He paused. "Actually, Mason, take a look at what Walters is wearing. See if it's the same standard issue."

Mason thought of the young deputy who had stood guard over Tess's house until dawn. She didn't like the thought, but she wrote it down.

"What size were the prints?" Myers asked. "I know the ones in front of Tess's house weren't as well defined."

"Estimated around a size twelve."

"Any distinctions in the sole? Nicks, missing pieces?"

"Nothing that stood out."

"Okay," Myers said. "Then let's take it to the next level and put those casts under a microscope. Every cut and every worn spot. Two boots from the same box don't wear the same way."

"And the sheriff?"

Myers took his time. "Officially, Coyle is not a suspect. He doesn't want any outside help, and that bothers me. But that makes him one of two things. Either he's an accomplice, or he's a hardheaded know-it-all who's scared to death of losing an election." He exhaled. "Let's keep an open mind, Mason. I'll talk to you tomorrow."

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Above the Fold

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That evening Myers' phone rang again. It was one of his agents.

"Sir, we've been patrolling Ms. Halloran's neighborhood. Pine Street and the blocks around it. All quiet right now. We'll keep circulating and let you know of anything."

"Thank you," Myers said. "Stay on it."

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At nine o'clock, Tess was on her couch on Pine Street with the lights low and every lock turned. She had just watched the same dark sedan roll slowly past for the third time — Myers' people, she hoped when the phone rang.

"Tess," Walt said. "What the hell is going on?"

"Hello to you too, Walt."

"Are you talking to law enforcement? What do they have to say? I need a story — a murder, an arrest, whatever you've got. You're in the inner circle, Tess. Nobody in this town is closer to this than you are."

"Walt, they asked me—"

"I don't care what they're telling you not to say. Write it tonight, and let it be printed in the morning."

"But Walt—"

"Tess, I don't want to hear it. Not from you. Just do it! Understand?"

The line clicked. Tess sat holding the phone until it began to beep at her.

She thought about Mason in the hallway: *What you see today stays out of print until we say so.* She thought about Myers' agents circling her block. She thought about the note in the clean hotel envelope, and the woman on the phone who knew her name.

Then she thought about what she had seen with her own eyes on Route 140, and opened her laptop.

She wrote it the way she had been taught in Portland: say only what you can stand behind. No boots. No typed notes. No Room 118. Nothing about Gordon Pryce's mill. Just the one thing the whole town was already whispering about in diners and gas stations.

She filed it at 11:58 p.m.

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By six the next morning, the *Umpqua Ledger* was in every rack in Douglas County, and by seven it was the only thing anyone was talking about.

HARLAN VOSS SPOTTED NEAR CRATER LAKE

The story was short. Law enforcement, it said, had received calls from citizens reporting sightings of the missing county commissioner. A stolen car seen on Route 140 and later found abandoned at Crater Lake may be linked to the sightings. Nothing had been confirmed, but officers were following up on every tip.

It ended in bold: *Do not approach Mr. Voss. He may be armed. Call your local law enforcement or the FBI at 1-800-CALL-FBI.*

At the counter at Del's in Glide, men in work jackets read it out loud to each other. At the Idle Hour, somebody taped it to the mirror behind the bar. In the house on the hill, behind the long fence and the high shrubs, the curtains stayed shut.

At the *Ledger*, Gloria Bordiam was waiting at Tess's desk with two coffees and the front page folded to the headline. "Crater Lake," she said. "Who told you? You can tell me."

"Good morning, Gloria."

Walt walked past without stopping, tapped the paper once with two fingers, and said, "That's more like it." It was the closest thing to a compliment Tess had heard from him in a month.

At 7:40 her phone buzzed. AGENT MASON. Tess watched it ring four times, five, six, and let it go. A minute later the little voicemail envelope blinked on the screen. Mason's voice, no greeting: *Call me. Today.*

Tess set the phone face-down on her desk. She had said only what she could stand behind. She had kept every promise she had made about Gordon Pryce. But she knew exactly how it looked from Mason's side of the table.

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At 9:20 Friday morning, the phone on Deputy Walters' desk rang.

"Deputy Walters? This is security at Seven Feathers. We went through the tapes from the afternoon that car was stolen." The man paused. "We found something on our cameras you're going to want to see."

Walters was already on his feet. He told Coyle first, because that was his job. Then he called Mason, and Mason called Myers.

Twenty minutes later they had all agreed: the best thing to do was drive down to Canyonville and sit down with the casino's security team in person.

Walters grabbed his hat and his keys. Whatever was on those tapes, he had a feeling it was going to change everything.

> *"Let's keep an open mind, Mason."*

HOW A STORY MADE THE MORNING PAPER, 2003

Deadline: a small daily like the *Ledger* locked its front page late in the evening. A story filed at midnight usually meant an editor holding the page and the pressroom waiting on it.

Pasted up: by 2003 most papers laid out pages on computers, then burned them onto aluminum plates for the press. One late story could mean redoing a plate by hand.

On the street: presses ran in the small hours; carriers picked up bundles before dawn, and racks outside diners and gas stations were full by 6 a.m.

Sourcing: "police are following up on tips" was a common way to report what hadn't been confirmed. Editors fought over how much an unconfirmed story should say.

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THE DEEPEST WATER · READER'S GUIDE

The Story So Far · Chapters 1–18

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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."

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.

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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.

CHAPTER 32

By Request

Tess drove the note straight to Roseburg. At checkout, the clerk said a woman had called asking for Room 118 in Tess's name. The stolen car's owner lost it at Seven Feathers, helping a woman in a wheelchair. In his office, Sheriff Coyle had his boots up on the desk — and Myers and Mason saw the tread.

CHAPTER 33

Above the Fold

At the Rogue Regency, clerk Kyle told Kally and Teresa the woman who asked for Room 118 called from a pay phone, a man talking beside her — and she didn't sound old. A back-door lock had been busted. Mason and Myers quietly began checking the sheriff's boots. Walt ordered Tess to write; her story, "Harlan Voss Spotted Near Crater Lake," was the talk of the town. Then Seven Feathers called Walters: the cameras had caught something.

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 — Under Rogue Regency Room 118's door, same typewriter: "1987 — You were standing in the right place today." Now with the FBI.

The request call — A woman phoned the Rogue Regency as "Tess" and asked for Room 118 (Ch. 32).

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

Hartford & Hartland, Vermont · 1987

Barbara Agnew: A Rest Area on I-91

On Jan. 10, 1987, Barbara Agnew, a nurse from Norwich, was last seen heading home. Her car turned up at the northbound Interstate 91 rest area in Hartford — but she was not with it, and what troopers found inside made them fear for her safety, the Vermont State Police say.

Some of her belongings were later found in a nearby dumpster. On March 28, 1987, her body was found in the woods off Advent Hill Road in Hartland, about a dozen miles from the rest area. An autopsy ruled her death a homicide.

Her case is counted among the Connecticut River Valley killings — at least seven women killed in Vermont and New Hampshire towns from 1978 to 1988, among them Claremont, Newport and Saxtons River. Her body was found about a mile from where another victim had been found in 1984.

The killings appear to have stopped after a woman survived an attack in 1988. No one has ever been charged. (Wikipedia)

The Vermont State Police lists her age as 39; other accounts say 38.

Tips: vsp.vermont.gov/tipsubmit, text VTIPS to 274637, or call 802-244-8727. Case 98C201758.

CASE FACTS

NAME
Barbara Agnew
AGE
39 (VSP)
LAST SEEN
Jan. 10, 1987
CAR FOUND
I-91 rest area, Hartford
FOUND
March 28, 1987, Hartland
STATUS
Unsolved
AGENCY
VSP Major Crime Unit

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

VERMONT POLICE BLOTTER

SHEFFIELD — A 27-year-old Barton woman was cited for driving 106 mph in a 65-mph zone on Interstate 91 North, troopers from the Derby barracks said Saturday. (Vermont State Police)

ADDISON — A 54-year-old woman was charged with first-degree aggravated domestic assault after a household member was seriously hurt Thursday; she was held on $1,500 bail and is due in court Monday. (Vermont State Police)

NEWPORT — Three people were charged with assault and robbery after an incident outside — of all places — the Newport police station. (WCAX)

Tips: vsp.vermont.gov/tipsubmit

COURT WATCH

Washington, D.C. — Judge Tanya Chutkan halted construction of President Trump's planned 250-foot arch near Arlington for 14 days — less than an hour after a federal planning panel approved it 8–4. Veterans, D.C. and Virginia sued. (AP, NPR)

Denver — The 10th Circuit reversed a ruling that had opened a fifth year of eligibility to some college athletes; hundreds of state cases remain. (AP)

Washington, D.C. — Judge Ana Reyes is expected to name an outside investigator into whether government lawyers misled her about the redevelopment of East Potomac Golf Links. (CNN)

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.
Christy Mirack	Lancaster, Pa.	1992	2018	Genealogy led to DJ Raymond Rowe; he pleaded guilty.
Michella Welch	Tacoma, Wash.	1986	2018	Genealogy and a discarded napkin led to Gary Hartman.
Bear Brook	Allenstown, N.H.	1985	2017	Genealogy tied the bodies found in barrels to Terry Rasmussen.
"Buckskin Girl"	Near Troy, Ohio	1981	2018	Genealogy named her Marcia King; her killer is still unknown.
Carla Walker	Fort Worth, Texas	1974	2020	New DNA tests on her clothing led to Glen McCurley; he pleaded guilty.
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.
"J.N. Chandler"	Eastlake, Ohio	1978	2018	Identity solved: genealogy showed the man was Robert Nichols of Indiana.
Lisa Ziegert	Agawam, Mass.	1992	2018	Retested DNA led to Gary Schara's arrest.

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

THE GREAT TRAIN ROBBERY

Just after 3 a.m. on Aug. 8, 1963, a gang of about 15 rigged a signal to stop the Royal Mail's Glasgow-to-London train at Bridego Bridge in Buckinghamshire and made off with about £2.6 million in used banknotes. Driver Jack Mills was struck on the head and never fully recovered. The gang hid at Leatherslade Farm and played Monopoly with real cash. When police found the farm on Aug. 13, fingerprints on the Monopoly board and a ketchup bottle helped name them. Eleven men were sentenced in 1964, the ringleaders to 30 years. Ronnie Biggs climbed out of Wandsworth Prison in 1965, spent decades in Brazil and came home in 2001. (Britannica, Wikipedia)

SCAM ALERT

The Health-Plan "Switch"

Open enrollment is here, and the FTC just sent warning letters to 25 insurance brokers over deceptive Affordable Care Act marketing. The pitch: a "free" plan or cash card — then your coverage is quietly switched to a plan you didn't choose. (FTC)

Protect yourself: shop only at HealthCare.gov or Vermont Health Connect, never give your ID or Social Security number to a cold caller, and check your plan after enrollment.

Report it: ReportFraud.ftc.gov or Vermont's Consumer Assistance Program, 800-649-2424.

CRIME TRIVIA

Test Your Detective Skills

Before fingerprints, Paris police identified repeat offenders by measuring heads, fingers and feet. Whose system was it?

Answer: Alphonse Bertillon's "Bertillonage," 1879.

THE SNOW DESK

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

Day 8 OF 152

Totals through Saturday, Nov. 7

NOV · DEC · JAN · FEB · MAR · APR 1

MOST SNOW IN THE U.S. · LAST 24 HOURS

3.1" · Dry Creek, AK

ESSEX JCT.

LAST 24 HRS	SEASON
0.0"	0.0"

Official: Burlington airport (BTV)
Normal to date: 0.6" · Depth: 0"

MIDDLEBURY

LAST 24 HRS	SEASON
—	0.0"

Nearest observer reports
No report = no observer reading that day

STOWE

LAST 24 HRS	SEASON
—	0.0"

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

SNOWSHOE, WV

LAST 24 HRS	SEASON
0.0"	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	0.6	−0.6	0.0
Boston	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	−0.1	0
Portland, Maine	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	−0.2	0.0
Caribou, Maine	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.4	−1.4	0.0
Concord, N.H.	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3	−0.3	0.0
Albany, N.Y.	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	−0.2	0.0
Syracuse, N.Y.	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.0	−1.0	0.0
Buffalo, N.Y.	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.9	−0.9	0.0
New York City	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	−0.1	0.0
Erie, Pa.	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.3	−1.3	0.0
Detroit	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	−0.2	0.0
Chicago	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	−0.1	0.0
Minneapolis	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.0	−1.0	0.0
Denver	0.0	0.0	0.0	—	—	0.0
Salt Lake City	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.9	−0.9	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	Dry Creek, AK Elev. 1391 ft	3.1"
2	Haines, AK Elev. 866 ft	2.5"
3	Herman, MI Elev. 1837 ft	2.0"
4	Whitestone Farms, AK Elev. 997 ft	2.0"
5	Michigamme 3 WNW, MI Elev. 1716 ft	1.4"
6	Lake Minchumina, AK Elev. 892 ft	1.3"
7	Ishpeming 7.2 SW, MI Elev. 1457 ft	1.3"
8	Painesdale, MI Elev. 1319 ft	1.1"

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

Today: Sunny and crisp: 50°, after a low near freezing.

Mon.–Wed.: Mild: 47°, 55° and 55°, with lows in the upper 30s.

Thursday: A front: 41°, a 45% chance of snow, low 28°.

Friday: High 29°, low 25° — winter arrives.

Saturday: High 27°, low 25°, a 25% chance of snow.

Snowmaking: Thursday night through next Sunday morning is the first multi-day window in the mid-20s.

Countdown: Seventeen days to the Nov. 25 opening target and the new Shavers Center.

SNOW NOTES

Day 8 — still zero. Burlington reached 52° Saturday and has measured no snow this season. Normal through Saturday is 0.9 inch, so the valley is still waiting on its first flakes.

Flakes up north. Light snow showers were falling early today in Island Pond and St. Johnsbury, and Sugarbush had rain and snow mixing at dawn — an early taste of winter in the hills.

Summit white. Mount Washington has a 69% chance of snow today with a high of 32°, and stays below freezing much of the week; Whiteface drops below freezing from Thursday.

Valley watch. Essex Junction falls to 39° Friday and 40° Saturday, with lows near 34° and snow chances of 25% and 20%. Wet flakes are possible; no accumulation is in the forecast yet.

PUZZLES & GAMES

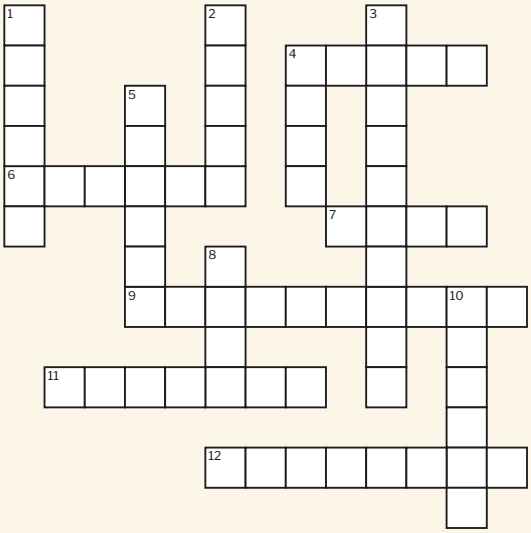
Grab a pencil and your coffee

THE DAILY SUDOKU

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

THE DAILY CROSSWORD · SHORT RIBS & SHIPWRECKS



ACROSS

4 Bonnie, born Nov. 8, 1949 (5)
6 Cook slowly in liquid (6)
7 The Deepest Water's reporter (4)
9 Wild Turkey's mesquite-filtered bourbon (10)
11 Bourbon ___, a cassis sour (7)
12 Led ___ IV, out Nov. 8, 1971 (8)

DOWN

1 Karl, home after a 28-year walk (6)
2 Herb in today's braise (5)
3 Edmund ___, lost Nov. 10, 1975 (10)
4 Short ___, today's supper (4)
5 Rhône maker of today's red (6)
8 Flakes up north early today (4)
10 Black-currant liqueur (6)

WORD SEARCH · SUNDAY SUPPER

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

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BRAISE
BROTH
CARROTS
DUTCHOVEN
GARLIC
MASHED
ONIONS
PARSLEY
POLENTA
SHORTRIBS
THYME

Across, down, diagonal — some backward.

THE COURIER QUIZ

Five Questions

1. Through what Texas wood is Longbranch bourbon filtered?

2. How many years did Karl Bushby spend walking home to Hull?

3. Which Lake Superior wreck did Gordon Lightfoot sing about?

4. Bonnie Raitt, 77 today, is famed for what guitar style?

5. Which S&P; 500 stock jumped about 71% last week?

NAME THAT YEAR

Three Clues

• The Beatles play their last show, on a London rooftop.

• Some 400,000 gather at Max Yasgur's farm for Woodstock.

• The Rolling Stones' Altamont concert ends in violence.

YESTERDAY'S SUDOKU

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

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 8 BIRTHDAYS

This Day in Music

1927 — Patti Page ("Tennessee Waltz").

1947 — Minnie Riperton ("Lovin' You").

1949 — Bonnie Raitt, slide-guitar great — 77.

1954 — Rickie Lee Jones ("Chuck E.'s in Love") — 72.

1989 — SZA ("Kill Bill") — 37.

Also on this day: in 1980, Springsteen's "The River" began four weeks at No. 1.



SPIN THIS

Led Zeppelin IV

Led Zeppelin · 1971

Released 55 years ago today, recorded mostly at Headley Grange, a drafty English country house, with the Rolling Stones' mobile studio.

It gave us "Black Dog," "Rock and Roll," "When the Levee Breaks" and "Stairway to Heaven" — with no band name or title on the cover — and is certified 24-times platinum in the U.S. (Goldmine)

Best with: a Longbranch and a slow Sunday braise.

LIVE IN VERMONT

Shows Near Home

Fri. Nov. 13 · Carbon Leaf, Higher Ground

Sat. Nov. 14 · Phillip Phillips, Higher Ground

Mon. Nov. 16 · In Color, Higher Ground

Wed. Nov. 18 · John Scofield, The Flynn

Listings via Songkick; check venues for tickets.

MUSIC TRIVIA

John Bonham's huge drum sound on "When the Levee Breaks" was recorded in what room?

ANSWERS — Quiz: 1. Mesquite charcoal. 2. Twenty-eight. 3. The Edmund Fitzgerald. 4. Slide guitar. 5. AppLovin. Name That Year: 1969. Music trivia: The stairwell entrance hall of Headley Grange, a country house in Hampshire, England. **Yesterday's crossword:** 2A CHAR · 4A JONI · 6A ESTATE · 8A TATUM · 10A RANKIN · 14A ALLIGATOR · 1D LORIS · 3D HEAVEN · 5D PAPRIKASH · 7D GERTIE · 9D TOASTED · 11D NUTMEG · 12D BRINKS · 13D GORHAM

ACROSS THE USA

A light look at news from every state

Compiled by the Courier from local TV stations, newspapers and public radio over the past few days; sources in parentheses.

ALABAMA Tuskegee: Tuskegee University cut the ribbon on its $14 million Carver Genomics Center, named for George Washington Carver, after more than five years of work. (WSFA 12 News)

ALASKA Anchorage: Two Bactrian camel calves have arrived at the Alaska Zoo to stay. "They're here forever," keepers said of the two-humped newcomers. (Alaska's News Source (KTUU))

ARIZONA Payson: Weekend floods that dumped 2+ inches of rain closed 3 of Arizona's 6 fish hatcheries, including Tonto Creek, though no fish were lost and stocking continues. (KJZZ)

ARKANSAS Statewide: Attorney General's office is steering about $8.4 million in Monsanto settlement money to 21 projects restoring and improving Arkansas waterways. (KAIT 8 (Jonesboro))

CALIFORNIA Thousand Palms: Bronny James started and posted 22 points, 7 assists and 5 rebounds as the Coachella Valley Lakers won their G League home opener, 104-98, over the Salt Lake City Stars. (KESQ News Channel 3)

COLORADO Colorado Springs: Wanda Daniels, a 103-year-old original "Rosie the Riveter," will serve as grand marshal of this weekend's Colorado Springs Veterans Day Parade. (KKTV 11 News)

CONNECTICUT Willimantic: Covenant Soup Kitchen is 300 to 400 turkeys short of what it needs for Thanksgiving and is asking the public to help fill the gap. (WFSB Channel 3)

DELAWARE Wilmington: The nearly $60 million Kingswood Community Center has opened in Riverside as a "one-stop shop" for community services, learning and recreation. (WDEL)

FLORIDA Apalachicola: The Florida Seafood Festival opened its 63rd year at Battery Park with an oyster-eating contest, Redfish Run and live music; admission was $10. (WCTV (Tallahassee))

GEORGIA Savannah: Seven future airmen took their Air Force oath of enlistment on the ice during the Savannah Ghost Pirates' Military Appreciation Weekend hockey game. (WRDW News 12)

HAWAII Hawaii Island: Kilauea's 56th lava-fountaining episode since Dec. 2024 sent fountains about 650 feet high and an ash plume to 18,000 feet, per USGS. (Hawaii News Now)

IDAHO Twin Falls: The 2026 U.S. Capitol Christmas Tree, cut from Idaho's Nez Perce-Clearwater National Forests, stopped in Twin Falls on its cross-country trip to Washington. (KMVT 11)

ILLINOIS Quincy: Wildlife artist Ryan Kirby spent the week painting outdoor scenes on 1,000-pound gun safes at the GameMasters outdoors shop in Quincy. (WGEM)

INDIANA Evansville: North High School's "Green Brigade" marching band won the ISSMA state championship, capping its 10th straight trip to State Finals. (14 News (WFIE))

IOWA Lansing: The new $165 million Iowa 9/WIS 82 Mississippi River bridge at Lansing opened Friday, five months early, replacing the historic 1931 Black Hawk Bridge. (Iowa Public Radio)

KANSAS Topeka: A "future voter" arrived early when a Shawnee County mother went into labor at her polling place on Election Day. (WIBW 13 News)

KENTUCKY Lexington: A nonprofit teamed local dentists with a tailgate-style event at Rupp Arena, giving free dental care to 155 children. (WKYT)

LOUISIANA Baton Rouge: The city proclaimed November "Veterans Month" and planted 250 American flags at Rhorer Plaza to honor local veterans. (WAFB 9News)

MAINE Bangor: Pfc. Willard C. Orr, 21, a cook killed at Hickam Field on Dec. 7, 1941, returned home to Bangor nearly 85 years later; a service is set for Nov. 14. (WABI TV5)

MARYLAND Annapolis: Federal regulators gave final environmental approval to replacing the Chesapeake Bay Bridge with two new four-lane spans; construction could begin as soon as 2032. (WBOC 16)

MASSACHUSETTS Boston: The MBTA's Fairbanks Street stop on the Green Line's C branch closed for good Saturday, merged into an upgraded Brandon Hall stop a three-minute walk away. (WBUR)

MICHIGAN Baraga County: The Copper Country Humane Society took in 28 dogs from what it called an "overwhelming" situation and is asking Upper Peninsula residents for help. (WLUC TV6)

MINNESOTA Winona: The new Winona Public Skatepark opened free to skaters of all ages, built with a $550,000 state grant and nearly $150,000 raised by the community. (KTTC)

MISSISSIPPI Bay St. Louis: About 140 Corvettes rolled into the "Vettes Giving Back" car show, raising money for wreaths to lay on the headstones of fallen soldiers. (WLOX)

MISSOURI Branson: The Aquarium at the Boardwalk earned a Guinness World Records title for the largest Santa hat, verified by an adjudicator and placed atop a giant octopus. (KY3)

MONTANA Butte: Montana Tech mining engineers used real blasting techniques to blow up pumpkins at the World Museum of Mining's pay-what-you-can Pumpkin Smash. (NBC Montana)

NEBRASKA Omaha: Omaha is having its warmest fall on record so far, averaging 66.6 degrees since Sept. 1, according to the station's weather team. (WOWT 6 News)

NEVADA Reno: The city finished a roughly $1.35 million project designed to keep wild horses off heavily traveled roads. (KOLO 8 News Now)

NEW HAMPSHIRE Gorham: The Wild River Fire, which grew to about 1,000 acres, is the largest wildfire in White Mountain National Forest history; 89+ firefighters and three helicopters battled it. (NHPR)

NEW JERSEY Statewide: With gas prices still high, New Jersey officials are weighing another annual gas-tax adjustment, which funds the state's roads and bridges. (NJ Spotlight News)

NEW MEXICO Farmington: Desert River Guides, a local rafting business, rescued more than 45 animals stranded by recent San Juan County flooding. (KOB 4)

NEW YORK Utica: Downtown Utica's Wynn Hospital was named the fifth most beautiful hospital in the nation in Soliant's "Top 20 Most Beautiful Hospitals" contest. (WKTV NewsChannel 2)

NORTH CAROLINA Sunset Beach: Officers safely relocated a female alligator more than 7 feet long that was found blocking a road in a coastal neighborhood. (WECT 6)

NORTH DAKOTA Fargo: The Fargo Theatre held a $40-a-ticket concert to raise money for its century-old Mighty Wurlitzer organ, which turns 100. (Valley News Live)

OHIO Toledo: Best-selling authors Ali Hazelwood and Adriana Herrera headlined a free "Romance-Con" for book lovers at the Toledo Lucas County Public Library's Main Library. (13 Action News (WTVG))

OKLAHOMA Oklahoma City: The OKC Thunder and Cannon & Associates served 250 "Meals of Honor" from Boomerang Diner to active-duty and veteran Oklahoma National Guard members ahead of Veterans Day. (News 9 (KWTV))

OREGON Portland: The Oregon Zoo says young elephant Tula-Tu is "showing encouraging signs" after being diagnosed with a herpesvirus that is often fatal to young elephants. (KPTV FOX 12)

PENNSYLVANIA Erie: The King's Rook Club, a fixture of Erie's nightlife and music scene, has been put up for sale after 50 years in business. (Erie News Now (WICU/WSEE))

RHODE ISLAND Offshore (Statewide): The Revolution Wind offshore wind farm off Rhode Island's coast is now fully running, sending power to homes in RI and Connecticut; officials say it will power 350,000 homes. (Connecticut Public (also WFSB))

SOUTH CAROLINA Beaufort: Beaufort police officers were caught on video chasing down two runaway piglets, nicknamed "Bacon Bits," that escaped onto city streets. (WIS News 10)

SOUTH DAKOTA Rapid City: The Gold Rush Nationals demolition derby returned to Summit Arena for a fourth straight year, drawing drivers and fans from 25 states and five Canadian provinces. (KOTA Territory News)

TENNESSEE Townsend: Appalachian Bear Rescue released six orphaned cubs, fitted with trackers, back into the wild, its first releases since reopening after an 18-month closure. (WVLT 8 (Knoxville))

TEXAS Huntsville: The Sam Houston Memorial Museum is seeking $500,000 to rebuild after a fire; so far 16 donors have given about $2,500. (KBTX News 3)

UTAH Salt Lake City: Six new murals telling community stories now brighten Salt Lake City's North Temple corridor, adding color and culture to the west-side thoroughfare. (KSL)

VERMONT Marshfield: At 98, "Super Senior" Audrey Huntington has spent about four decades knitting warm hats and clothing for neighbors in need. (WCAX)

VIRGINIA Roanoke: A man walking more than 1,000 miles from Buffalo to Jacksonville with his dog reached Roanoke, spreading a message about addiction recovery and mental health. (WDBJ7)

WASHINGTON Tacoma: Astra, Point Defiance Zoo's 4-year-old polar bear, has found a new home at the Saint Louis Zoo under a breeding recommendation to help sustain her species. (KIRO 7)

WEST VIRGINIA Statewide: The DMV sold more than 1,000 new "Cryptids" license plates, featuring Mothman, Bigfoot and other state legends, in about a day and a half after launch. (WVVA)

WISCONSIN Baraboo: A new downtown holiday display, with a 24-foot lighted tree, light-up arches and a giant ornament, debuted on the courthouse lawn after organizers raised $15,000. (WMTV NBC15)

WYOMING Powell: Dr. Takashi Hoshizaki, a former Heart Mountain incarceree who resisted the WWII draft, received Japan's Order of the Rising Sun, Silver Rays. (Wyoming Public Radio)