ESSEX JCT. TODAY
52°
Low 41° · Rain likely late
Wednesday: drier, 46°

The Morning Courier

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

BEAT THE FORECASTER
4–5
We called 49°. It hit 50°.
A win at last · Page 7

VOL. I · NO. 48 · FREE TO JB · TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2026 · ESSEX JUNCTION, VERMONT · SUNRISE 6:42 A.M. · SUNSET 4:29 P.M.

DOW FUT. +0.4% ▲ pre-mkt · S&P FUT. +0.1% ▲ pre-mkt · NASDAQ FUT. −0.1% ▼ pre-mkt · NVDA $178.67 ▼ −4.3% · PLTR ~+5.5% ▲ Mon. · MSFT $545.18 ▲ +2.8% · GAS $3.98

ELECTION 2026 · STILL COUNTING

Senate Counts Reach Deadline Day

Mississippi's last ballots and voter-ID fixes are due by 5 p.m.; Alaska counts a large batch today. Neither race has been called.

THE RACES BY THE NUMBERS

2,574	Colom's lead in Mississippi (AP)
2,517	Peltola's lead in Alaska
48.5%	Peltola's share; 50% wins outright
Nov. 13	Mississippi counties certify

BY THE COURIER NATION DESK · SOURCES: AP VIA YAHOO NEWS, ALASKA BEACON, NEWSCHANNEL 9, KWCH

Two Senate races that could widen the new Democratic majority hit key moments today. In Mississippi, Democrat Scott Colom leads Sen. Cindy Hyde-Smith by 2,574 votes with about 97% counted, the AP reports — a gap of less than three-tenths of a point. He led by 65 on election night.

Absentee ballots that arrive by today still count, and voters who cast affidavit ballots have until 5 p.m. local time to show ID. Counties must certify by Friday. Mississippi has no recount law; Hyde-Smith's lawyers have asked officials to preserve the affidavit ballots, and the state GOP chair vowed to use "every legal option."

In Alaska, Democrat Mary Peltola led Sen. Dan Sullivan by 2,517 votes Monday afternoon, with 48.5% of first choices. Tens of thousands of ballots are counted today; if she tops 50%, there's no ranked-choice round.

By the AP's count, Democrats hold at least 54 Senate seats and 254 House seats. In Kansas, Democrat Cindy Holscher still leads the governor's race by about 7,000 votes; it, too, is uncalled.

Closer to home, Republican Paul LePage leads Democrat Matt Dunlap by more than 5,000 votes in Maine's 2nd District as ranked-choice counting continues; Dunlap conceded Nov. 5. Page 2.

ESSEX JUNCTION FORECAST

52°
Low tonight: 41°

Mild and gray; rain likely this afternoon and evening.

RAIN TODAY 50% | SNOW TODAY 0%
Rain here; snow on Mt. Washington

THE WEEK AHEAD

WED	THU	FRI	SAT
46°	40°	38°	39°
R 15% S 0%	R 0% S 50%	R 0% S 20%	R 0% S 15%

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

FORECASTER'S NOTE

Burlington hit 50° Monday; we called 49°, so Beat the Forecaster wins — 4–5. Thursday snow? The models disagree. Sunset 4:29 p.m.

UKRAINE · PEACE TALKS

Abu Dhabi Talks Open With Europe at the Table

BY THE COURIER WORLD DESK · SOURCES: EURONEWS, NPR

Talks opened today with Ukraine's Rustem Umerov, U.S. envoys Steve Witkoff and Jared Kushner, and officials from Britain, France, Germany, Italy, NATO and the EU. The first three-way talks with Russia since February are to follow.

A U.S. official said both sides have shown "a little bit of flexibility" on territory; Moscow still demands that Ukraine leave all of Donetsk, Luhansk, Zaporizhzhia and Kherson.

Europe joined over Kremlin objections, NPR reported.

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WEATHER AROUND THE MAP

Tuesday forecasts · forecast data · "Now" = overnight

	Now	Hi	Lo	Rain	Snow
MIDDLEBURY, VT	42°	53°	41°	20%	0%
MT. WASHINGTON, NH	28°	35°	27°	0%	28%
SNOWSHOE, WV	39°	55°	40°	0%	0%
ROSEBURG, OR	55°	68°	47°	10%	0%
E. DENNIS, MA · CAPE	46°	55°	47°	5%	0%
CHARLOTTE, NC	43°	74°	43°	10%	0%
WILMINGTON, NC	44°	77°	46°	10%	0%
ST. PETERSBURG, FL	70°	80°	70°	10%	0%
FULTON, MO	45°	71°	44°	0%	0%
HOT SPOT · PHOENIX, AZ	60°	83°	56°	0%	0%



THE DEEPEST WATER · A COURIER SERIAL
New today: Chapter 34, "Who Came for the Wallet." Two pages: 8 and 8A.

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MARKETS & MONEY

A big rebound day · CPI at 8:30 · Tuesday, November 10

CLOSES — MONDAY, NOV. 9

INDEX / STOCK	CLOSE	CHANGE	PCT
Dow Jones Industrials	52,389.75	+1,104.02	+2.15%
S&P 500	7,549.94	+173.08	+2.35%
Nasdaq Composite	25,253.14	+673.71	+2.74%
Russell 2000	2,840.81	+86.70	+3.15%
JB'S WATCHLIST			
Nvidia (NVDA)	178.67	−7.97	−4.27%
Palantir (PLTR)*	169.20	+8.82	+5.50%
Microsoft (MSFT)	545.18	+14.57	+2.75%
BIG NAMES			
AMD (AMD)	508.58	+59.53	+13.26%

Via CappNotes, Gotrade. *PLTR estimated from its 5.5% gain. *Written with help from Claude (Anthropic).

RATES · ENERGY · METALS

10-yr Treasury Mon.	4.87%
2-yr Treasury +5 bp	4.56%
30-yr Treasury Tue. a.m.	~5.28%
Gold +1.9%	$4,150
WTI crude −4.4%	$86.85
Brent crude −5.8%	$92.57
Bitcoin +0.4%	~$74,870
Tue. a.m. oil −2.5%	$84.72
VIX −22%	19.92

THE WEEK AHEAD **TUE.** CPI 8:30; CoreWeave late **WED.** Veterans Day: bonds closed **THU.** Cisco, Applied Materials **FRI.** Producer prices (PPI)

Nvidia reports Nov. 17 · Retail sales Nov. 17 · Anthropic's IPO could price the week of Nov. 16

Yahoo Finance, Saxo, CappNotes

WALL STREET

Best Day Since April — Except for Nvidia

BY THE COURIER MARKETS DESK · SOURCES: CAPPNOTES, GOTRADE, STOCKTITAN, INVESTING.COM

Stocks roared back Monday. The S&P 500 jumped 2.35% to 7,549.94, its best day since April; the Dow gained 1,104 points (2.15%) and the Nasdaq 2.74%.

AMD soared 13% on an upgrade. Caterpillar rose 7% after Anthropic* agreed to buy about $3.4 billion of its gas generators for AI data centers. Nvidia fell 4.3% to $178.67 as its board investigates CEO Jensen Huang (Page 1).

Today: October CPI at 8:30 a.m., expected up 0.3% (0.2% without food and energy). The Trade Desk jumped 23% after hours.

STOCKS TO WATCH TODAY

On the Radar

Nvidia (NVDA) — Fell 4.3% on heavy volume; Trump says the FBI is looking into it.

Palantir (PLTR) — Up about 5.5%; ex-Sen. Jon Tester joins as an adviser.

Microsoft (MSFT) — Up 2.75% to $545.18 with the big-tech rally.

Anthropic IPO* — Investor meetings this week; corrected pricing coming. Ticker: ANT.

Take-Two — GTA VI still due Nov. 19; up 4% late.

China — October exports jumped about 29% (in yuan); imports rose about 35%.

MONDAY'S BIGGEST MOVERS

TLS	Telos	+48.80%
FERV	Fervo Energy	+26.10%
AMD	AMD	+13.30%
CAT	Caterpillar	+7.20%
NVDA	Nvidia	−4.30%
HIMS	Hims & Hers	−11.80%
ACAD	ACADIA	−22.30%

Best of these: Telos +48.8% Worst: ACADIA −22.3%

YEAR TO DATE

Russell 2000	+14.5%
S&P 500	+10.3%
Dow	+9.0%
Nasdaq	+8.7%

Approx., through Monday (AP year-to-date + Monday's gains).

THE LUMBER DESK

Near a Two-Year Low

FOR THE JB WOODS DESK

Lumber futures slipped below $520 per thousand board feet last week, near a two-year low, on hopes of a U.S.–Canada tariff deal and weak homebuilding.

GAS PRICES · REGULAR, PER GALLON

NATIONAL	VERMONT	HIGHEST	LOWEST
$3.98	$4.26	$5.74	$3.26
U.S. average	state average	California	North Carolina

AAA, Nov. 10 · U.S. below $4 again; diesel $6.17

NATION & WORLD

Washington, the courts & beyond

WASHINGTON · LAME DUCK

House GOP Picks Its Leaders Today

BY THE COURIER NATION DESK · SOURCES: CBS NEWS, ABC NEWS, GRAY DC, AFP, NPR

House Republicans, headed into the minority, choose a leader today: Steve Scalise or Jim Jordan, with Speaker Mike Johnson stepping aside. Rep. August Pfluger is challenging Tom Emmer for whip. Democrats vote next week; Hakeem Jeffries is unopposed for speaker.

Rep. Thomas Massie filed eight impeachment articles Monday against Defense Secretary Pete Hegseth, mostly over the Iran war. Hegseth called them a "sham" and holds his first Pentagon briefing in months this morning. President Trump called Massie a "loser."

Mr. Trump also questioned the election on Truth Social without evidence: "Does anybody really believe that this 'Election' was honest." Stephen Miller began work Monday as his chief of staff. Funding runs out Dec. 11.

Senate Republicans also vote today; John Thune is unchallenged for leader. Senate Democrats choose their leaders in early December.

ELSEWHERE

Iran. After meeting Qatar's prime minister, President Trump said the war with Iran is "effectively over" militarily; the U.S. naval blockade stays. (Al Jazeera)

Argentina. About 2.5 million people attended Pope Leo XIV's Mass in Buenos Aires Monday, the largest of his papacy. He's in Córdoba today. (EWTN)

Kansas. The governor's race is still too close to call; the state canvass finalizes Monday, Nov. 16, and recount requests are due Nov. 17. (KWCH)

Turkey. A crane fell into a furnace at a steel plant near Izmir, setting off a blast that killed at least 16 people. (Al-Monitor, Reuters)

VERMONT

Around the Green Mountain State

BURLINGTON · CITY HALL

Geraci Confirmed as Police Chief, 10–2

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

After an hour of heated debate Monday night, the City Council voted 10–2 to confirm Anthony Geraci as Burlington's police chief. He starts today, ending a vacancy that began when Jon Murad resigned at the end of 2024; interim chief Shawn Burke stays on through March.

Geraci spent about 25 years in law enforcement, mostly in upstate New York, and was chief in Newburgh, N.Y., from 2021 to 2024. He resigned there after gender-discrimination claims that an independent investigation found unsubstantiated. Mayor Emma Mulvaney-Stanak credits him with cutting Newburgh's gun violence in half in 2022–23.

Councilors Becca Brown McKnight and Evan Litwin voted no; Council President Ben Traverse, who had been undecided, voted yes. The mayor apologized to Geraci's family, who were in the room, for the tone of the debate. (Seven Days)

FERRISBURGH · LAKE CHAMPLAIN

Boater Search Now a Recovery Effort

State Police divers return to Kingsland Bay at 9 a.m. today, using sonar, for the 48-year-old Burlington man who fell from a fishing boat Saturday while untangling lines. He was wearing waders and, police believe, no life jacket. Vermont's new life-jacket law took effect Nov. 1. (WCAX, Vermont State Police)

ORLEANS COUNTY

Measles Cases Confirmed

The Health Department confirmed a "small number" of connected measles cases in Orleans County and says the risk to most Vermonters is low. It withheld the count for privacy. Testing and vaccines are offered, and North Country Hospital in Newport is screening all visitors. (VTDigger, WCAX)

AROUND THE STATE

UVM — Ranked again. Vermont men's hockey (5–3–1) is back in the USCHO national poll for the first time since 2017 and leads Hockey East with 14 points. (Burlington Free Press)

CALEDONIA COUNTY — Recount watch. Runner-up Roth may seek a recount in the tight Caledonia Senate race, where Sen. Beck holds a slim lead. (Caledonian-Record)

BURLINGTON — Title games Saturday. High school football finals: St. Johnsbury vs. Burr and Burton in Division I, 6 p.m. at Burlington High; Colchester vs. Fair Haven in D-II. (Vermont Public)

FOLIAGE REPORT

One more mild day

Monday: Burlington 50°; we called 49°.
Record: Beat the Forecaster is 4–5.
Today: mild, rain likely late, 52°.
Veterans Day: mostly cloudy, mid-40s. (WCAX)
Thursday: rain, snow showers up high. (WCAX)
Sunset: 4:29 p.m. — 9 hr 47 min of daylight.
Snow so far: zero; normal is about an inch.
Mt. Washington: below freezing from Wednesday.

THE WEEK IN VERMONT

Today Rain likely late, 52°.
Tonight Showers, 41°.
Wed. Drier, 46°.
Thu. Rain or snow?, 40°.
Fri. Raw, 38°.

Forecast data for Essex Junction; check before you go.

VERMONT BY THE NUMBERS

10–2	Council vote for Geraci
23–6	Bills over Vikings
42:32	Bills' time of possession
2017	UVM hockey's last ranking
27	Bruins' points, first in Atlantic

SPORTS

Bills smother the Vikings · Celtics at Philly tonight · Bruins lose Hagens for weeks

MONDAY NIGHT FOOTBALL · BILLS 23, VIKINGS 6 · MINNEAPOLIS

TEAM	1	2	3	4	PTS	YDS	TO
BUF	3	7	3	10	23	339	1
MIN	0	6	0	0	6	178	3

BUF: Allen TD pass to Latu · Cook TD run · Bass 3 FGs · MIN: Reichard 2 FGs · Wentz 14 of 32, 2 INT

TONIGHT IN PHILADELPHIA

Celtics at 76ers, 8 p.m.

BY THE COURIER SPORTS DESK · SOURCE: SPORTRADAR

First place in the Atlantic is on the line: Philadelphia (9–2) has the East's best record, Boston (8–2) is a half game back. It's Jaylen Brown's first game against the Celtics since his trade to the 76ers in July. NBC and Peacock have it. The Celtics play at Toronto Wednesday. (NBC Sports)

Patriots: after Sunday's 45–27 loss to Green Bay, Drake Maye said, "I wasn't good." Stevenson and Campbell hurt their knees. Next: Detroit, in Germany, Sunday at 9:30 a.m. (MassLive)

NFL · WEEK 10

Week 10 is final

JAX 33, BAL 10	Thu.	F
CIN 34, ATL 17	Sun.	F
DAL 27, IND 23	Sun.	F
LA 20, WAS 13	Sun.	F
KC 35, NYJ 12	Sun.	F
DET 19, MIA 9	Sun.	F
DEN 26, CAR 21	Sun.	F
NYG 19, PHI 11	Sun.	F
NO 23, CLE 22	Sun.	F
HOU 44, LAC 22	Sun.	F
SF 38, LV 17	Sun.	F
GB 45, NE 27	Sun.	F
SEA 17, ARI 3	Sun.	F
CHI 27, TB 24	SNF	F
BUF 23, MIN 6	MNF	F

Win probabilities via SportRadar. Times are Eastern Standard Time.

AFC EAST STANDINGS

TEAM	W-L	GB
Buffalo	7-1	—
New England	5-4	2½
NY Jets	2-7	5½
Miami	1-7	6

Via SportRadar. Sun.: Bills at Jets 1; Pats–Lions 9:30 a.m.

NHL · BRUINS CORNER

Hagens Out for Weeks

Rookie James Hagens (6 goals, 12 points) is expected to miss "multiple weeks" with a lower-body injury; Matt Poitras is back from a broken nose. Boston (13–4–1) has won four straight and hosts Montreal Thursday at 7. (The Hockey Writers)

UVM · THIS WEEK

NCAA Day Wednesday

Field hockey: vs. Saint Joseph's, Wed. 3 p.m., Evanston (ESPN+).

Winner: Meets No. 1 Northwestern Friday.

TONIGHT ON TV (ET)

NBA Celtics at 76ers, 8:00
NHL Wild at Canadiens, 7:00
NHL Avalanche at Leafs, 7:00

THE BOURBON & WINE PAGE

A 114-proof Beam classic · a Beaujolais cru · coq au vin for a raw November night



BOURBON OF THE WEEK

JIM BEAM · CLERMONT, KY.

Old Grand-Dad 114

PROOF	MASH	AGE	PRICE
114	63/27/10	No statement	~$25–35

The old man on the label is real: Raymond B. Hayden named the brand for his grandfather, distiller Basil Hayden Sr. It passed to National Distillers and then to Jim Beam. (The Bourbon Culture)

How it tastes: cinnamon, clove and baked apple on the nose; spiced honey, caramel and rye on the palate; a hot, peppery finish of toffee and oak. (The Bourbon Culture, Distiller)

The high-rye recipe: 27% rye — the same Beam mash bill as Basil Hayden — cut with water to 114 proof. Reviewers guess it's four to five years old.



WINE OF THE WEEK

GEORGES DUBOEUF · MORGON, BEAUJOLAIS, FRANCE

Duboeuf Morgon Descombes

GRAPE	FROM	ABV	PRICE
Gamay	Morgon cru	13.5%	~$23

Morgon is one of Beaujolais's ten "cru" villages and makes its firmest, longest-lived wines. Most of the Descombes family's vines are over 50 years old, on crumbly pink granite. (Georges Duboeuf)

How it tastes: blackcurrant, plum and violet on the nose, then fresh cherry and red berries; soft tannins and a long finish. Serve it slightly cool, 57°–61°. (Georges Duboeuf)

The family: Jean-Ernest Descombes died in 1993; his daughter Nicole carries on the estate. Duboeuf bottles it in its Domaines collection. (Wine.com)

TODAY'S RECIPE

Made to go with a glass

Coq au Vin with Bacon & Mushrooms

Serves 6 · about 2 hours, mostly in the oven

THE BRAISE

- 3½–4 lb bone-in chicken thighs and legs
- 6 oz thick-cut bacon, diced
- 3 tbsp flour
- 2 tbsp tomato paste
- 2 cups Beaujolais
- 1 cup chicken stock

AROMATICS

- 10 oz cremini mushrooms, quartered
- 1 cup pearl onions (frozen is fine)
- 2 carrots, in thick coins
- 4 garlic cloves, smashed
- 4 thyme sprigs + 2 bay leaves
- 2 tbsp butter; parsley

METHOD

1. Season the chicken. Crisp the bacon in a Dutch oven and lift it out; brown the chicken skin-side down in the fat, in batches.

2. Add the butter, mushrooms, onions and carrots; brown 8 minutes. Stir in garlic, tomato paste and flour for 1 minute.

3. Pour in the wine and scrape up the browned bits. Add stock, thyme and bay; return the chicken and bacon.

4. Cover and braise at 325°F for 1¼ hours, until the meat pulls from the bone.

5. Remove the herbs, simmer the sauce until it coats a spoon, and finish with parsley. Serve over egg noodles.

Courier tip: Cook with an inexpensive Beaujolais-Villages and pour the Morgon at the table. It's even better the next day.

POUR WITH IT · BOURBON

Old Grand-Dad 114: its rye spice and caramel meet the browned bacon and mushrooms, and at 114 proof it stands up to a rich braise — add a splash of water.

POUR WITH IT · WINE

Morgon: Beaujolais's own site gives Paul Bocuse's coq au vin made with a Beaujolais cru. Gamay's bright acidity cuts the bacon and sauce. (Beaujolais.com)

THIS WEEK'S POUR

Cocktail Corner

Black Manhattan. Stir 2 oz bourbon, 1 oz Averna amaro, a dash of Angostura and a dash of orange bitters with ice. Strain into a chilled coupe; add a brandied cherry.

The story: Todd Smith created it in 2005 at Bourbon & Branch in San Francisco, swapping the sweet vermouth for Averna, a Sicilian amaro. Darker and more herbal, it's now a modern classic. (VinePair)

BOURBON & WINE NEWS

Heaven Hill's "Phoenix"

Thirty years after the Nov. 7, 1996, fire that destroyed its Bardstown distillery and about 100,000 barrels, Heaven Hill released Phoenix: an 18-year-old, 107-proof bourbon blended with 30-year-old whiskey from the old distillery. About $325. (The Whiskey Wash)

Close to home: Vermont's WhistlePig is releasing a 12 Year Rye finished in barrels that held its own maple syrup, about $125. (Shanken News Daily, Nov. 9)

THIS WEEK'S POUR PLAN

What to sip with what's on

TONIGHT · CELTICS AT 76ERS, 8:00

Old Grand-Dad 114 with a splash of water.

THURSDAY, NOV. 12 · WOODSTOCK

Billings Farm charcuterie and wine workshop, 5:30.

THURSDAY, NOV. 19

Beaujolais Nouveau Day — open the Morgon beside a new bottle.

THE CELLAR & RICKHOUSE GLOSSARY

Nine wine words, nine bourbon words

Cru — a top-ranked village or vineyard.
Gamay — Beaujolais's light, fruity red grape.
Tannin — drying, grippy compounds from skins.
Terroir — site, soil and climate in the glass.
Carbonic maceration — whole grapes ferment under CO2.
Vintage — the year the grapes were picked.

Decant — pour into a carafe to aerate.
Legs — streaks on the glass; a hint of alcohol.
Sommelier — a trained wine steward.
Mash bill — the grain recipe of a whiskey.
High-rye — extra rye in the mash; spicier.
Rickhouse — warehouse where barrels age.

Proof — twice the alcohol percentage.
Straight — aged 2+ years; no added color.
Barrel proof — bottled at full strength, no water.
Rye — spicy grain; 51%+ makes rye whiskey.
NAS — "no age statement" on the label.
Amaro — bitter Italian herbal liqueur.

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. 9 – Sunday, Nov. 15

ON THE TUBE (ET)

Tonight 7:00 — Wild at Canadiens.
Tonight 8:00 — Celtics at 76ers.
Wed. 7:00 — Celtics at Raptors.
Thu. 7:00 — Canadiens at Bruins.
Thu. 8:15 — Commanders at Giants.
Sun. 9:30 a.m. — Patriots at Lions.

AROUND VERMONT

Today — October inflation (CPI).
Today — House GOP picks a leader.
Wed. — Veterans Day.
Wed. 3:00 — UVM field hockey, NCAA.
Thu. — Essex Jct. council on the cannabis grow.

WEATHER AT A GLANCE

Tue. — Rain likely, 52°.
Wed. — Drier, 46°.
Thu. — Snow chance, 40°.
Fri. — Flakes possible, 38°.
Sat. — Raw, 39°.
Sun. — Cloudy, 42°.

GOOD NEWS ROUNDUP

Kindness, critters & comebacks

NEW JERSEY

A Teen's App for Autistic Kids

Shashank Madala taught himself machine learning at 15 and built Kora, a free app that suggests how an autistic child may be feeling and how to respond. It has 700-plus users in 12 countries. (Good News Network)

SCOTLAND

Pink Seaweed Brings Back the Fish

A 10-year ban on scallop dredging off the Summer Isles protected maerl, a magenta seaweed whose oldest beds are 9,000 years old — and fish stocks are recovering. (Good News Network)

ENGLAND

An AirTag Catches a Stone Thief

Someone kept stealing stones from a Rufford wall built around 1730. A councillor hid an Apple AirTag in a loose stone; it led police to the stones in a suspect's backyard. (Good News Network)

ENGLAND

The Dog Who Heard a Heartbeat

A Somerset family's Doberman, Saraya, kept clinging to baby Alexander and crying. At the hospital his heart was racing at about 280 beats a minute; he's now treated with medication. (Good News Network)

ENGLAND

Glowworms Light Up Again

Larvae raised in a garden shed are bringing glowworms back: up to 12 lit North Yorkshire's Nosterfield reserve this summer, the first in a century. (Good News Network)

MICHIGAN

Flint's Newborn Deaths Cut in Half

Deaths in the first month fell 50% after Rx Kids began giving families $1,500 in pregnancy and $500 a month after birth, a JAMA Pediatrics study found. (News-Medical)

MEET THE CAST

The Deepest Water



Sheriff Ray Coyle

Douglas County Sheriff

"Tess, I don't see any breaking news in here."
— 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 Monday night · NHL and NBA through Monday · via SportRadar

Highlighted: the Patriots, Bruins and Celtics

NFL · DIVISION STANDINGS

AFC EAST	W	L	T	PCT
Buffalo	7	1	0	.875
New England	5	4	0	.556
N.Y. Jets	2	7	0	.222
Miami	1	7	0	.125

AFC NORTH	W	L	T	PCT
Pittsburgh	6	2	0	.750
Cincinnati	6	2	0	.750
Cleveland	5	4	0	.556
Baltimore	4	5	0	.444

AFC SOUTH	W	L	T	PCT
Jacksonville	6	2	0	.750
Houston	3	5	0	.375
Indianapolis	2	7	0	.222
Tennessee	1	7	0	.125

AFC WEST	W	L	T	PCT
Denver	7	2	0	.778
Kansas City	6	2	0	.750
Las Vegas	4	5	0	.444
L.A. Chargers	0	8	0	.000

NFC EAST	W	L	T	PCT
N.Y. Giants	5	2	0	.714
Dallas	4	5	0	.444
Washington	2	5	0	.286
Philadelphia	2	7	0	.222

NFC NORTH	W	L	T	PCT
Chicago	7	2	0	.778
Minnesota	6	2	0	.750
Detroit	6	2	0	.750
Green Bay	6	3	0	.667

NFC SOUTH	W	L	T	PCT
Carolina	3	5	0	.375
Tampa Bay	3	6	0	.333
Atlanta	3	6	0	.333
New Orleans	3	5	0	.375

NFC WEST	W	L	T	PCT
San Francisco	7	1	0	.875
Seattle	5	4	0	.556
L.A. Rams	5	4	0	.556
Arizona	3	6	0	.333

NHL · DIVISION STANDINGS

ATLANTIC	GP	W	L	OT	PTS
Boston	18	13	4	1	27
Montreal	17	11	3	3	25
Tampa Bay	17	11	4	2	24
Ottawa	18	11	6	1	23
Florida	18	9	7	2	20
Buffalo	17	8	6	3	19
Toronto	19	8	9	2	18
Detroit	18	7	8	3	17

METROPOLITAN	GP	W	L	OT	PTS
Carolina	19	14	3	2	30
New Jersey	18	13	5	0	26
N.Y. Rangers	19	10	8	1	21
Washington	15	9	6	0	18
N.Y. Islanders	17	7	6	4	18
Philadelphia	20	5	10	5	15
Columbus	15	7	8	0	14
Pittsburgh	18	6	10	2	14

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
Winnipeg	18	7	8	3	17
St. Louis	17	7	8	2	16
Chicago	18	4	13	1	9

PACIFIC	GP	W	L	OT	PTS
Edmonton	19	13	3	3	29
Vegas	19	12	5	2	26
Anaheim	18	10	7	1	21
Seattle	16	9	6	1	19
Calgary	18	8	9	1	17
San Jose	20	8	11	1	17
Los Angeles	15	5	8	2	12
Vancouver	20	3	16	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	9	2	.818	—
Boston	8	2	.800	0.5
New York	5	4	.556	3
Toronto	5	5	.500	3.5
Brooklyn	2	8	.200	6.5

CENTRAL · EAST	W	L	PCT	GB
Detroit	7	3	.700	—
Cleveland	5	6	.455	2.5
Indiana	3	8	.273	4.5
Chicago	1	8	.111	5.5
Milwaukee	1	9	.100	6

SOUTHEAST · EAST	W	L	PCT	GB
Atlanta	7	5	.583	—
Miami	4	6	.400	2
Charlotte	4	7	.364	2.5
Washington	4	7	.364	2.5
Orlando	2	7	.222	3.5

NORTHWEST · WEST	W	L	PCT	GB
Oklahoma City	8	2	.800	—
Minnesota	8	3	.727	0.5
Portland	6	3	.667	1.5
Denver	5	4	.556	2.5
Utah	1	9	.100	7

PACIFIC · WEST	W	L	PCT	GB
L.A. Lakers	10	2	.833	—
Golden State	8	3	.727	1.5
Phoenix	3	6	.333	5.5
LA Clippers	2	7	.222	6.5
Sacramento	1	9	.100	8

SOUTHWEST · WEST	W	L	PCT	GB
San Antonio	9	2	.818	—
Houston	8	3	.727	1
Memphis	7	3	.700	1.5
Dallas	7	4	.636	2
New Orleans	4	7	.364	5

NEW ENGLAND WATCH

Where our teams stand

Bills (7–1) Beat Minnesota 23–6 Monday night, holding the ball for more than 42 minutes. Two games up on New England (5–4) in the AFC East.

Celtics (8–2) At Philadelphia (9–2) tonight at 8 — first place in the Atlantic on the line. At Toronto Wednesday.

Bruins (13–4–1) First in the Atlantic with 27 points, two points ahead of Montreal (11–3–3). Next: Montreal visits Thursday at 7.

Around the NHL Edmonton beat the Rangers 3–1 and leads the West at 13–3–3; Philadelphia won at Vancouver, which has won just 3 of 20.

THE WEATHER DESK

Forecasts, almanac, mountains & Snow Watch 2026–27

THE FORECASTER'S TAKE

Finally, a Win

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

We called 49° for Monday; Burlington reached 50°. One degree off counts as a win, so Beat the Forecaster climbs to 4–5. Today's call: 52°.

One more mild, gray day: a high near 52° with a 50% chance of rain, mostly this afternoon and evening. Wednesday is drier and cooler at 46°.

Then the question of the week. Our forecast data turns Thursday to snow — a 50% chance in Essex Junction, high 40°, low 34°. The National Weather Service keeps Thursday dry at 46° and waits for Friday night and Saturday, with a 30% chance of rain and snow.

Either way the valley stays in the 30s and low 40s through the weekend, and the first frosty lows near 30° arrive Monday.

ESSEX JCT. ALMANAC

YESTERDAY	High 50° · Low 43°
SUNRISE	6:42 a.m.
SUNSET	4:29 p.m.
DAYLIGHT	9 hr 47 min
CHANGE	-2.5 min vs. yesterday
SINCE JUNE 21	5 hr 45 min less light
MOON	Waxing crescent

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

ESSEX JUNCTION · THE NEXT SEVEN DAYS

TODAY	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN	MON
52° / 41°	46° / 35°	40° / 34°	38° / 34°	39° / 34°	42° / 36°	44° / 30°
HIGH / LOW	HIGH / LOW	HIGH / LOW	HIGH / LOW	HIGH / LOW	HIGH / LOW	HIGH / LOW
						FREEZE
RAIN 50%	RAIN 15%	RAIN 0%	RAIN 0%	RAIN 0%	RAIN 15%	RAIN 15%
SNOW 0%	SNOW 0%	SNOW 50%	SNOW 20%	SNOW 15%	SNOW 0%	SNOW 0%

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

JAY PEAK
Orleans County
42° / 32° · 75%
Rain today; highs near 32° from Wednesday.

KILLINGTON
Rutland County
45° / 34° · 20%
55% snow chance Thursday, high 33°.

ST. ALBANS
Franklin County
50° / 39° · 47%
Snow chances Wednesday and Thursday.

WOODSTOCK
Windsor County
51° / 39° · 10%
Down to 37° Thursday with snow, 45%.

BOLTON VALLEY
Chittenden County
43° / 33° · 45%
At or below freezing from Thursday.

SNOW WATCH 2026–27

Day 10

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 South, Wet Oregon

Wilmington, N.C., reaches 77° and Charlotte 74° today, and Phoenix stays in the low to mid 80s through Thursday. Fulton, Mo., hits 71° today, then falls to the 40s by Friday.

Roseburg, Ore., is dry and near 68° today, but an 85% chance of rain arrives Friday. Snowshoe, W.Va., hits 57° Wednesday before a front drops it to 31° Friday.

BEAT THE FORECASTER

We Called It

Monday: we said 49°; Burlington hit 50° (1° warmer). Within 2° counts as a win.

Season record: 4–5 (44%)

Recent: Thu 68/68 W · Fri 64/67 L · Sat 48/52 L · Sun 49/52 L · Mon 49/50 W

Today's call: 52° in Essex Junction. Check back tomorrow.

WEATHER WORD

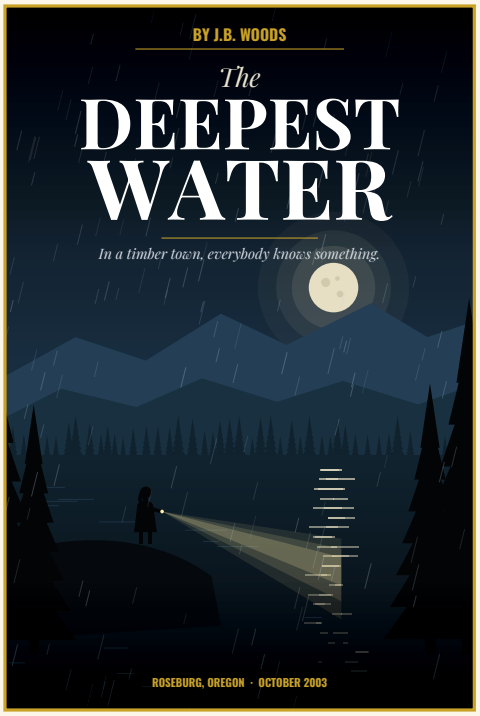
Ensemble Forecast

The same model, run dozens of times from slightly different starts. Runs agree: confidence. Runs scatter: a shaky forecast (NWS).

This week: Thursday's snow: one forecast says 50%, another says dry.

THIS WEEK IN WEATHER

Nov. 11, 1940: the Armistice Day Blizzard. Temperatures in the 50s crashed to single digits; Collegeville, Minn., got 26.6 inches of snow. 154 died, among them duck hunters caught lightly dressed on Mississippi River islands. (NWS)



CHAPTER 34

Who Came for the Wallet

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Previously: Pushed by Walt, Tess ran "Harlan Voss Spotted Near Crater Lake." The next morning, Seven Feathers called Deputy Walters: the cameras had caught something.

> *"The car had no way around her."*

AGENT DAN MYERS made the call from his car before he had even turned the key.

"Anything going on there?"

"No, sir," said the agent on the other end. The team had been watching Room 118 at the Holiday Inn by the river around the clock. "Housekeeping, a couple of guests down the row. Nobody near that door."

"All right. Pull the team out," Myers said. "Looks like everyone has gotten the message about 118. The word is out that whatever was there is no longer there."

"Yes, sir."

"Before you go anywhere else, two things. I want you to find out now whether the boots the sheriffs and deputies wear in Douglas County and the surrounding counties are standard uniform. If they are, I want the brand. And check with the lab. Have they found anything in those casts — particles, wear marks, anything different — that we haven't heard about yet?"

"Yes, sir."

"Give Agent Mason a call when you have it. She'll relay it to me. I've got another meeting on the phone, and I don't want to miss your call."

When that meeting ended, he radioed Mason. "Meet me at Seven Feathers."

"Already on my way," she said. "I reached Coyle and Walters. They're headed there too."

They pulled into the casino lot at Canyonville within ten minutes of each other.

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The security team met them at the door and led them through a side hallway, past the clatter and chime of the slot floor, to a door marked EMPLOYEES ONLY.

Inside, it was another world. Screens covered every wall, dozens of them, and a small army of employees sat watching every slot machine and every poker table on the premises, angle by angle. Every move. Every drink. Every bet.

A tall man in a gray suit with close-cropped silver hair stepped forward. "Kevin Chase. I head up security here." He shook each hand in turn — Myers, Mason, Coyle, Walters. "We have more than two hundred cameras on this property, and eleven of them cover that parking lot. Not much happens out there we don't see."

He nodded to a technician, and a wide shot of the lot filled the biggest screen: a bright afternoon, rows of cars, a curb and a planting of low shrubs.

"Here is where our cameras pick up the incident with the gentleman and the elderly lady in the wheelchair," Kevin said. He pointed. "Watch where she stops. It looks obvious to me that she put that wheelchair in that exact spot, so the nearest car driving through would have no option but to stop and help. The car had no way around her."

"Yes," Myers said. "For sure that was the plan."

Sheriff Coyle shifted his weight and folded his arms. "Well, not necessarily. I think the car could have made it around her."

Mason turned her head and looked at Coyle. She didn't say a word. Nobody else did either. Walters, standing beside her, noticed the look — and noticed that she held it a second longer than she needed to.

Kevin let the tape roll. A silver sedan eased up the lane and stopped short of the wheelchair. The driver, a slim older man in a windbreaker, got out and started toward her with both hands out.

"Now watch how fast this happens," Kevin said.

A man came out from behind the shrubs at the edge of the frame, low and quick. He slid into the driver's seat of the open car, and it was moving before the door had closed. Kevin tapped the time stamp. Thirty seconds, start to finish.

On the screen, the retiree spun around, saw his car leaving the lot and broke into a stiff, frightened run toward the casino doors to find security.

"And here's the part," Kevin said quietly. "Watch her."

The moment the old man disappeared inside, the woman in the wheelchair stood up.

She didn't struggle or reach for the armrests. She simply stood, like a woman in perfect health, smoothed her coat, turned to the right — away from the casino doors — and walked off at a fast clip. In a few strides she rounded the corner of the building and was gone.

Nobody in the room said anything for a moment.

"Run it back," Mason said. "Freeze it there." She stepped close to the screen and studied the woman's face, then the way she moved. "If you take a good look at her, you can tell she's wearing some sort of mask, or very heavy makeup, to make herself look older. Look at the jaw. Look at the way she walks." She straightened. "Whoever she is, she certainly isn't old."

On the screen, the retiree came hurrying back out of the casino with two security officers. He stopped. He looked left and right. No woman. No car. Only the empty wheelchair, sitting at the curb where she had left it. He put both hands on his head, and even on a silent tape you could see the panic. The officers took him gently by the arms and led him back inside to call the police.

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Mason's phone buzzed. She checked the number, glanced at Myers and stepped to the back of the room. He followed and stood right beside her as she listened.

"Go ahead," she said.

"The boots are Danners," the agent said. "Standard issue. Same model for deputies and sheriffs in Douglas County, and the surrounding counties have them too — Medford, Portland, just about everybody in between. The lab says there's nothing very noticeable under the soles. No extra nicks, no missing pieces, no markings. It's about the most common police boot in Oregon."

Mason thanked him and hung up. "Danners," she told Myers. "Standard issue, all the way from Medford to Portland. And nothing distinctive in

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the casts."

Myers exhaled through his nose. "So the print fits half the badges in the state."

"Including the sheriff's," Mason said quietly. She glanced down at her own feet before she could stop herself, then, for half a second, at Walters' boots across the room. She didn't like that she had done it.

Myers turned back to Kevin Chase. "We'll need a copy of that tape. All eleven cameras, from an hour before to an hour after."

"You'll have it before you leave," Kevin said.

"Our people at the lab have disguise specialists," Myers told the room. "They can take the layers off that face, so to speak — work out how old she really is, and maybe who she is."

"And the wheelchair?" Mason asked.

Kevin almost smiled. "She didn't take it with her. It's been sitting in our lost-and-found room since that afternoon."

"Then it's coming with us," Myers said. "We'll dust every inch of it for prints and see what else it can tell us."

Coyle said nothing at all.

When the tape was copied and the wheelchair was bagged and loaded, Mason checked her watch. "It's time for me to get back in the car," she said. "I want to take a ride to my next location."

Myers raised an eyebrow. She didn't explain, and he didn't ask.

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Rice Hill was fifty minutes up I-5. Mason pulled into the truck stop, past the diesel pumps and the trash can where all of this had started, and went inside.

The woman at the counter was in her fifties, with a ponytail and a name tag that said DEB. She was the one, it turned out, who had been working the day the wallet turned up.

"Yes, ma'am," Deb said. "I found it myself, in the can out by the diesel pumps. I called the sheriff's office, and the sheriff came and picked it up himself, that same afternoon. Sheriff Coyle, from Roseburg. I gave it right to him."

"The sheriff himself," Mason said.

"I remember because we get lost wallets all the time, and usually a deputy comes by in a day or two, if anybody comes at all. I'd never had a sheriff walk in for one." Deb shrugged. "He didn't have many questions. Only one, really."

"What was that?"

"He wanted to know if there was anything else left behind."

Mason thanked her and bought a coffee she didn't want, so it would look like that was why she had come.

Back in the car, she wrote it in her notebook word for word: *Anything else left behind?*

She sat with the engine running and thought about what else had been left behind at Rice Hill that week: a dented mint tin in a puddle behind the Ranch Motel, with a small brass key inside, stamped 1987. Tess Halloran had found it that same Wednesday night and handed it to Mason across a booth in Winston, not to the sheriff. As far as Mason knew, Ray Coyle had never heard about it.

Her phone showed two missed calls from Tess. Mason let them sit. Tess would have to wait one more day.

She put the car in gear and drove a quarter mile down the frontage road.

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The Ranch Motel sat back off the frontage road, just as Tess had described it: a long, low row of doors, a gravel lot and a big dark field behind it. In daylight it looked smaller.

The day clerk was a young man with a pencil behind his ear. Mason showed her badge and asked for the registration card for one night, one guest, the Sunday that Harlan Voss disappeared. Cash.

He dug through a gray metal file box, walked his fingers through the cards, and pulled one out. "The night lady said somebody might come asking about this one," he said, and handed it over.

The card was filled out in careful, even block letters, every one the same height, as if the writer had taken his time.

Name: **H. VOSS**.

Paid: **CASH**.

Mason looked at it for a long moment. Whoever had slept in that room hadn't only spent Harlan's money. He had used Harlan's name.

"I'll need to take this," she said.

She slid the card into an evidence envelope, sealed it and wrote the date across the flap. Tomorrow morning, she would drive it to the house on the hill and put it in front of the one person in Douglas County who knew Harlan Voss's handwriting better than anyone.

> *"Was there anything else left behind?"*



Mason and Myers study the Seven Feathers tape. Scene from Chapter 34 · image by J.B. Woods

HOW THE FBI SEES THROUGH A DISGUISE, 2003

Frame by frame: analysts pulled the clearest stills from security tape and enhanced them; casino and bank cameras were among the best in any town.

Bones don't lie: makeup and masks change skin, not skeletons. Forensic artists studied the jawline, ear shape, height and the way a person walks.

Gait: a quick, even stride is hard to fake old. A truly frail walker shortens the step and widens the stance.

The things left behind: a wheelchair's grips, brake levers and armrests are smooth, hard surfaces — ideal for fingerprints.

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THE DEEPEST WATER · READER'S GUIDE

The Story So Far · Chapters 1–19

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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.

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.

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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.

CHAPTER 34

Who Came for the Wallet

Myers pulled the team off Room 118. At Seven Feathers, security chief Kevin Chase showed the tape: the wheelchair was placed so the retiree had to stop, a man from the bushes took his car in 30 seconds, and the "elderly" woman stood up and walked off — clearly in disguise. The boot prints turned out to match standard-issue Danners worn by deputies from Medford to Portland. At the Rice Hill truck stop, Mason learned Sheriff Coyle had picked up Harlan's wallet himself and asked if anything else had been left behind. At the Ranch Motel, the registration card was signed "H. VOSS" in careful block letters.

OPEN QUESTIONS

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

THE DEEPEST WATER · READER'S GUIDE

Who's Who in Roseburg

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THE LEDGER

Tess Halloran — Our lead, 34. Reporter at the Umpqua Ledger. Grew up in Winston, laid off from a Portland daily, came home. Daughter of the late Frank Halloran, a faller at Pryce Lumber.

Walt Brenner — Ledger editor. Gruff and protective; keeps stories tight in the conference room until they're ready.

Gloria Bordiam — New staff reporter and newsroom busybody. Tells Tess what to eat — and orders it for her.

THE MISSING

Gordon Pryce — Owner of the closed Pryce Lumber mill. Faked his disappearance and hid in the woods; found stabbed to death.

Josh "Tic Tac" Foster — Idle Hour regular (40s, Mariners cap, rattles a mint box). Saw the dark pickup tailing the Lincoln; vanished. Called Darla (Ch. 17); a gunshot. Worked the hotel renovation.

Harlan Voss — Douglas County commissioner. Left home Sunday about 6 p.m. after a call from Josh Foster; his wallet turned up at the Rice Hill truck stop on I-5.

THE PRYCE HOUSEHOLD

Trent Pryce — Gordon's son, 35, running for county commission. Says he was home all night watching the game with his mother.

Evelyn Pryce — Gordon's wife. Watches silently in a gray cardigan.

Martin Kessler — The family's Eugene lawyer. Shuts down interviews.

THE VOSS HOUSEHOLD

Tiffany Voss — Harlan's wife of 18 years; 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

Newport & Derby, Vermont · 1993

Angela Blouin: The Last Stop at the Mini Mart

Angela Ann Blouin, 21, was last seen between 1 and 1:30 a.m. on Sunday, May 30, 1993, at the One Stop Mini Mart at Main and Third streets in Newport City.

About ten hours later, at 11:40 a.m., a passerby found her body east of Town Highway 41 — Crawford Road — about a mile and a quarter south of U.S. Route 5 in Derby.

Evidence at the scene showed there had been a struggle before she died. Her death was ruled a homicide, and the Vermont State Police Major Crime Unit took the case.

Thirty-three years later, no one has been charged. Investigators say anyone who was in Newport that night — at the mini mart, on Main Street or along Crawford Road — may still hold a piece of the answer.

Tips: vsp.vermont.gov/tipsubmit (anonymous) or text VTIPS to 274637. Case 93B201051. (Vermont State Police)

CASE FACTS

NAME
Angela Ann Blouin
AGE
21
LAST SEEN
May 30, 1993, 1–1:30 a.m.
WHERE
One Stop Mini Mart, Newport
FOUND
Crawford Road, Derby
STATUS
Unsolved
CASE
93B201051

vsp.vermont.gov/tipsubmit (anonymous)
Text VTIPS to 274637

VERMONT POLICE BLOTTER

RANDOLPH — A 25-year-old Concord, N.H., driver was clocked at 106 mph in a 65 zone on I-89 north Sunday night and cited for excessive speed and negligent operation. (Vermont State Police)

SPRINGFIELD — A 54-year-old Williamstown man already held at Southern State Correctional Facility is charged with running up more than $8,000 on someone else's bank card. (Vermont State Police)

GEORGIA — A 32-year-old Georgia woman is charged with retail theft after allegedly leaving Georgia Market without paying for a number of items. (Vermont State Police)

Tips: vsp.vermont.gov/tipsubmit

COURT WATCH

Bennington — Elliott Russell, 49, of New York, got life without parole for the 2022 murder of Ulysses Ivey, who was lured to a power substation and shot; Ivey named him to 911 before he died. (WCAX)

Plymouth, Mass. — A judge cleared the way for Lindsay Clancy's retrial in the 2023 deaths of her three children, ruling it isn't double jeopardy after September's 11–1 deadlocked jury. (New Bedford Guide, Newsweek)

London — Russell Brand was sentenced to 10½ years for rape and sexual assault at Southwark Crown Court. (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.
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.
Christine Jessop	Queensville, Ont.	1984	2020	Genealogy named Calvin Hoover, who had died in 2015.
Phoenix Canal	Phoenix, Ariz.	1992	2015	Genealogy led to Bryan Patrick Miller; convicted in 2022.
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

LEOPOLD & LOEB, 1924

On May 21, 1924, two wealthy University of Chicago students, Nathan Leopold, 19, and Richard Loeb, 18, killed 14-year-old Bobby Franks to prove they could commit a "perfect crime," hiding his body in a marshland culvert. Beside it lay a pair of horn-rimmed glasses. Their patented hinge was sold in Chicago only by Almer Coe & Co. — just three pairs — and one buyer was Leopold. He said they fell from his pocket while bird-watching, but in a re-enactment they never did. Both confessed; Clarence Darrow's plea spared them the death penalty. (Famous Trials, PBS)

SCAM ALERT

The "Free Gas Card" Postcard

Postcards are arriving that say you qualify for free gas or grocery cards, with official-looking barcodes and "final notice" stamps. Call or go online, pay a small fee — say $5 — and you're promised hundreds of dollars in cards. They never come; unauthorized charges do. (BBB via WGAL)

Protect yourself: "Legitimate contests don't require you to pay for something labeled as 'free,'" the Better Business Bureau says. Toss it; never give a card number.

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

CRIME TRIVIA

Test Your Detective Skills

After the 1929 St. Valentine's Day Massacre, whose bullet-matching work led to America's first independent crime lab?

Answer: Calvin Goddard, at Northwestern University.

THE SNOW DESK

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

Day 10 OF 152

Totals through Monday, Nov. 9

NOV · DEC · JAN · FEB · MAR · APR 1

MOST SNOW IN THE U.S. · LAST 24 HOURS

3.0" · Alyeska Weather Top, AK

ESSEX JCT.

LAST 24 HRS	SEASON
0.0"	0.0"

Official: Burlington airport (BTV)
Normal to date: 0.8" · 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	0.8	−0.8	0.0
Boston	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	−0.1	0
Portland, Maine	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3	−0.3	0.0
Caribou, Maine	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.8	−1.8	0.0
Concord, N.H.	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.4	−0.4	0.0
Albany, N.Y.	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3	−0.3	0.0
Syracuse, N.Y.	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.4	−1.4	0.0
Buffalo, N.Y.	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.2	−1.2	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	1.7	−1.7	0.0
Detroit	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	−0.2	0.0
Chicago	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	−0.2	0.0
Minneapolis	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.3	−1.3	0.0
Denver	0.0	0.0	0.0	—	—	0.0
Salt Lake City	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.2	−1.2	0.0
Anchorage, Alaska	0.0	0.0	0.0	3.1	−3.1	0.0

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

MOST SNOW IN THE U.S.

Biggest 24-hour totals reported to the NWS

1	Alyeska Weather Top, AK Elev. 2707 ft	3.0"
2	Averill, VT Elev. 1703 ft	1.5"
3	Bettles Arpt Elev. 633 ft	1.4"
4	Wiseman, AK Elev. 1181 ft	1.2"
5	Ester 5 NE, AK Elev. 584 ft	0.7"
6	East Farmers Loop, AK Elev. 696 ft	0.6"
7	Hoback River Canyon Snow Study, WY Elev. 6168 ft	0.5"
8	Eagle, AK Elev. 892 ft	0.4"
9	College Observatory, AK Elev. 617 ft	0.3"
10	Kuparuk, AK Elev. 72 ft	0.3"

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

Today: Clear and mild: 55°, low 40°.

Wednesday: Warmest of the week at 57°.

Thursday: The front: 42°, a 40% chance of rain or snow, low 29°.

Friday: High 31°, low 25°, a 15% chance of snow.

Weekend: Saturday 28°, Sunday 31°, lows 25° to 26°.

Snowmaking: Thursday night through Tuesday morning stays in the mid-20s — five straight cold nights.

Countdown: Fifteen days to the Nov. 25 opening target.

SNOW NOTES

Day 10 — still zero. Burlington reached 50° Monday and has measured no snow this season. Normal for the season so far is about an inch, so the valley still runs behind.

The models disagree. Our forecast data gives Essex Junction a 50% chance of snow Thursday with a high of 40°. The National Weather Service keeps Thursday dry at 46° and waits for Friday night and Saturday: a 30% chance of rain and snow.

Mountains first. Killington tops out at 33° Thursday with a 55% chance of snow, and Bolton Valley stays near or below freezing from Wednesday on. Jay Peak's highs hover around 32° through Saturday.

Summit winter. Mount Washington stays below freezing from Wednesday through Monday, with highs of 27° to 30° and daily snow chances.

PUZZLES & GAMES

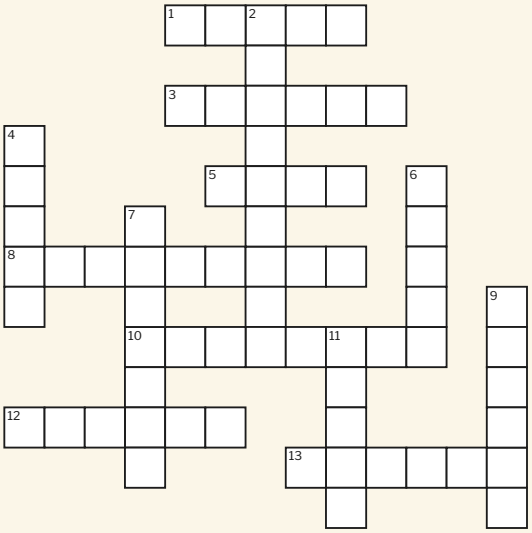
Grab a pencil and your coffee

THE DAILY SUDOKU

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6				5				

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

THE DAILY CROSSWORD · COQ AU VIN & HORSES



ACROSS

1 Beaujolais's red grape (5)
3 Patti Smith debut, Nov. 10, 1975 (6)
5 Tim, lyricist born Nov. 10, 1944 (4)
8 He sang of the Edmund Fitzgerald (9)
10 Many model runs, one forecast (8)
12 Cook low and slow in liquid (6)
13 Beaujolais cru in today's glass (6)

DOWN

2 Ennio, film composer born Nov. 10 (9)
4 Beat the Vikings 23–6 Monday (5)
6 Sheriff in today's Meet the Cast (5)
7 Heaven Hill's fire-anniversary bourbon (7)
9 Amaro in a Black Manhattan (6)
11 Coq au vin starts with it (5)

WORD SEARCH · COQ AU VIN NIGHT

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

FIND 12 WORDS

BACON
BAYLEAF
BRAISE
BUTTER
CARROTS
CHICKEN
GARLIC
MORGON
MUSHROOM
NOODLES
ONIONS
THYME

Across, down, diagonal — some backward.

THE COURIER QUIZ

Five Questions

1. Who is the man pictured on the Old Grand-Dad label?

2. What grape makes red Beaujolais, including Morgon?

3. What replaces sweet vermouth in a Black Manhattan?

4. Which 1975 album by Patti Smith turns 51 today?

5. What clue tied Nathan Leopold to the 1924 Franks murder?

NAME THAT YEAR

Three Clues

• Sony's Walkman goes on sale in Japan.

• Pink Floyd releases "The Wall."

• "Rapper's Delight" reaches the Hot 100.

YESTERDAY'S SUDOKU

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

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 10 BIRTHDAYS

This Day in Music

1928 — Ennio Morricone, film composer.

1944 — Tim Rice, lyricist — 82.

1947 — Greg Lake, Emerson, Lake & Palmer.

1970 — Warren G — 56.

1983 — Miranda Lambert — 43.

Also on this day: in 1973, "Goodbye Yellow Brick Road" began eight weeks at No. 1.



SPIN THIS

Horses

Patti Smith · 1975

Released 51 years ago today, Smith's debut was produced by John Cale, with Robert Mapplethorpe's famous cover photo.

It joined rock and roll to Beat poetry, opening with her rewrite of "Gloria," and became a blueprint for the punk scene growing at CBGB.

Best with: a Black Manhattan and the volume up.

LIVE IN VERMONT

Shows Near Home

Sun. Nov. 15 · The Suitcase Junket, Light Club Lamp Shop

Sat. Nov. 21 · Greg Freeman, Higher Ground

Sun. Nov. 22 · The Bones of J.R. Jones, Higher Ground

Sun. Nov. 29 · Nate Smith, Higher Ground

Listings via Songkick; check venues for tickets.

MUSIC TRIVIA

Fifty-one years ago today a freighter sank in Lake Superior with all 29 aboard. Who made it a hit song?

ANSWERS — Quiz: 1. Basil Hayden Sr. 2. Gamay. 3. Averna, an Italian amaro. 4. "Horses." 5. His eyeglasses, with a rare hinge. Name That Year: 1979. Music trivia: Gordon Lightfoot — "The Wreck of the Edmund Fitzgerald" reached No. 2 in 1976. **Yesterday's crossword:** 2A WALT · 4A BUCK · 5A PIANOMAN · 7A TEDESCHI · 9A PEPPERCORN · 11A LUMINOL · 12A LAKE · 1D CRIANZA · 3D ARMISTICE · 4D BAKERS · 6D BLIZZARD · 8D SEAR · 10D RIOJA