ESSEX JCT. TODAY
46°
Low 35° · Gray, a few sprinkles
Thursday: cloudy, 41°

The Morning Courier

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

VETERANS DAY
11 A.M.
Burlington, Battery Park
34,076 Vermont veterans · Page 3

VOL. I · NO. 49 · FREE TO JB · WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2026 · VETERANS DAY · ESSEX JCT., VT · SUNRISE 6:43 A.M. · SUNSET 4:28 P.M.

S&P FUT. +0.5% ▲ pre-mkt · **NASDAQ FUT.** +1.0% ▲ pre-mkt · **NVDA** $168.80 ▼ −5.5% · **PLTR** $168.82 ▼ −0.2% · **MSFT** $533.16 ▼ −2.2% · **GAS** $3.98

WASHINGTON · A NEW MINORITY

Jordan Topples Scalise; House Buries Hegseth Impeachment

TUESDAY ON THE HILL

106–73	Jordan over Scalise (ABC)
103–76	Emmer over Pfluger for whip
211–204	Vote to shelve impeachment
2,536	Colom's lead in Mississippi

BY THE COURIER NATION DESK · SOURCES: ABC NEWS, CBS NEWS, KSTP, POLITICO, AP

House Republicans on Tuesday chose Rep. Jim Jordan of Ohio to lead them in the next Congress, defeating Majority Leader Steve Scalise 106–73 in a secret ballot, ABC News reported. Rep. Tom Emmer of Minnesota held off Rep. August Pfluger of Texas for whip, 103–76. Speaker Mike Johnson had stepped aside.

In the Senate, John Thune was re-elected Republican leader by acclamation after a push by Sen. Ron Johnson to delay the vote fell short. "Tuesday night was a tough election night," Thune said.

The House then voted 211–204 to send Rep. Thomas Massie's eight impeachment articles against Defense Secretary Pete Hegseth to the Judiciary Committee, effectively killing them; Massie was the only Republican voting no. At a Pentagon briefing, Hegseth called the effort "a political spectacle, a personal manifesto driven by ego and resentment."

On the other side, Vermont's Bernie Sanders said he will not back Chuck Schumer for Democratic leader: "The time is now for change." Schumer says he's confident he'll be re-elected.

Still uncounted: Alaska and Mississippi, where Democrats lead Senate races that no one has called. Page 2.

ESSEX JUNCTION FORECAST

46°
Low tonight: 35°

Gray and cool for Veterans Day, a light west breeze; 20% sprinkles.

RAIN TODAY 20% | **SNOW TODAY** 0%
Snow showers in the mountains this morning

THE WEEK AHEAD

THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
41°	39°	40°	43°
R 0% S 20%	R 0% S 15%	R 0% S 15%	R 15% S 0%

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

FORECASTER'S NOTE
We called 52°; it hit 51°. Beat the Forecaster is even at 5–5. Thursday's snow chance fell to 20%.

VETERANS DAY · VERMONT

"Today, I Feel Welcome"

BY THE COURIER VERMONT DESK · SOURCES: WCAX, U.S. ARMY, CENSUS BUREAU, VTDIGGER

At 11 a.m. 108 years ago, the guns of World War I fell silent. Today Vermont honors about 34,076 veterans (Census estimate), with ceremonies at Burlington's Battery Park, Montpelier, St. Albans and Barre at 11, and an F-35 flyover at Norwich University near 4:30.

At a Vets Town Hall in South Burlington Sunday, Vietnam veteran Bob Walsh said, "It took me 35 years to feel that, to feel safe to wear this hat ... today, I feel welcome."

Armistice Day became Veterans Day in 1954, to honor everyone who served.

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WEATHER AROUND THE MAP

Wednesday forecasts · forecast data · "Now" = overnight

	NOW	HI	LO	RAIN	SNOW
MIDDLEBURY, VT	43°	48°	36°	10%	0%
MT. WASHINGTON, NH	22°	30°	23°	0%	20%
SNOWSHOE, WV	42°	59°	41°	10%	0%
ROSEBURG, OR	50°	67°	47°	10%	0%
E. DENNIS, MA · CAPE	51°	55°	45°	10%	0%
CHARLOTTE, NC	44°	74°	44°	0%	0%
WILMINGTON, NC	50°	76°	50°	10%	0%
ST. PETERSBURG, FL	72°	78°	71°	20%	0%
FULTON, MO	47°	66°	42°	0%	0%
HOT SPOT · MIAMI, FL	80°	82°	73°	25%	0%



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MARKETS & MONEY

Hot inflation, a hike in sight · Veterans Day: bonds closed, stocks open · Wednesday, November 11

CLOSES — TUESDAY, NOV. 10

INDEX / STOCK	CLOSE	CHANGE	PCT
Dow Jones Industrials	52,231.89	−157.86	−0.30%
S&P 500	7,520.93	−29.01	−0.38%
Nasdaq Composite	25,065.88	−187.26	−0.74%
Russell 2000	2,821.38	−19.44	−0.68%
JB'S WATCHLIST			
Nvidia (NVDA)	168.80	−9.87	−5.52%
Palantir (PLTR)	168.82	−0.38	−0.22%
Microsoft (MSFT)	533.16	−12.02	−2.20%
BIG NAMES			
AMD (AMD)	515.21	+6.63	+1.30%

Via AP, CappNotes, Fox Business, Yahoo. *Written with help from Claude, made by Anthropic.

RATES · ENERGY · METALS

10-yr Treasury Tue.	4.98%
2-yr Treasury +17 bp	4.73%
Bonds today Vets Day	Closed
Gold −2.1%	$4,030
WTI crude −0.9%	$86.04
Brent crude −1.2%	$91.49
Bitcoin −1.4%	~$73,800
Fed hike odds Dec. 9	~88%
VIX −2.3%	19.46

THE WEEK AHEAD — **WED.** Veterans Day: bonds closed · **THU.** Cisco, Applied Materials · **FRI.** Producer prices (PPI) · **NEXT WK.** Nvidia earnings Nov. 17

Anthropic IPO: $70–$78 a share; pricing expected Nov. 18, trading Nov. 19 (CNBC) · Fed meets Dec. 8–9 — CNBC, SIFMA, CME FedWatch

WALL STREET

Hot Inflation Puts a Rate Hike in Sight

BY THE COURIER MARKETS DESK · SOURCES: AP, CAPPNOTES, CME FEDWATCH, MOTLEY FOOL

Consumer prices rose 0.4% in October, more than the 0.3% expected; without food and energy, 0.3% for a third straight month. Fed Governor Christopher Waller said a half-point hike should be considered; traders put December hike odds near 88%.

The 2-year yield jumped 17 basis points. The S&P 500 slipped 0.38%; Nvidia fell another 5.5%. Microsoft fell 2.2% after Anthropic* launched spreadsheet and document tools aimed at Office.

STOCKS TO WATCH TODAY

On the Radar

Nvidia (NVDA) — Down 5.5% to $168.80; earnings Nov. 17.

Palantir (PLTR) — Monday's close confirmed: $169.20, +5.5%. Flat Tuesday.

Microsoft (MSFT) — Down 2.2% after Anthropic's new office tools.

AMD — Up 1.3%; it's investing $2.5 billion in Anthropic.

Anthropic IPO* — Range $70–$78; 825 million shares; ticker ANT.

CoreWeave — Beat forecasts; up about 13% overnight.

TUESDAY'S BIGGEST MOVERS

PEPG	PepGen	+92.90%
ZIP	ZipRecruiter	+53.60%
AAON	AAON	+19.30%
TTWO	Take-Two	+8.30%
NVDA	Nvidia	−5.50%
GRPN	Groupon	−23.10%
APPS	Digital Turbine	−35.80%

Best of these: PepGen +92.9% Worst: Digital Turbine −35.8%

YEAR TO DATE

Russell 2000	+13.7%
S&P 500	+9.9%
Dow	+8.7%
Nasdaq	+7.9%

Approx., through Tuesday.

THE LUMBER DESK

Under $500

FOR THE JB WOODS DESK

Lumber futures settled near $497.50 per thousand board feet Monday, about a two-year low and down 7.4% in four weeks, on hopes of a U.S.–Canada deal and weak housing. (Trading Economics)

GAS PRICES · REGULAR, PER GALLON

NATIONAL	VERMONT	HIGHEST	LOWEST
$3.98	$4.24	$5.71	$3.24
U.S. average	state average	California	North Carolina

AAA, Nov. 10 · under $4 for the first time since July; diesel $6.16

NATION & WORLD

Washington, the courts & beyond

ELECTION 2026 · STILL COUNTING

Two Senate Seats Still Hanging

BY THE COURIER NATION DESK · SOURCES: ALASKA PUBLIC MEDIA, WLBT, YAHOO NEWS, KWCH

Alaska counted 24,000 more votes Tuesday, and Democrat Mary Peltola now has 49% of first choices to Sen. Dan Sullivan's 47.2% — short of the 50% that would avoid a ranked-choice round. The AP estimates 84% is counted; the next update is Friday, and counting ends Nov. 18.

In Mississippi, Democrat Scott Colom led Sen. Cindy Hyde-Smith by 2,536 votes, 49.1% to 48.8%, as Tuesday's ballot deadline arrived. About 76% of 15,547 affidavit ballots were accepted. Counties certify Friday; Mississippi has no recount law, and no lawsuit had been filed. Neither race has been called.

Kansas's governor's race is uncalled, too: Democrat Cindy Holscher leads by about 7,600 votes and has begun her transition. In Maine, Democrat Matt Dunlap has conceded the 2nd District to Paul LePage.

Nationally, Democrats are on pace for at least 256 House seats and 54 in the Senate, CBS News reports.

ELSEWHERE

Abu Dhabi. Russia and Ukraine held nearly four hours of U.S.-mediated talks Tuesday; Zelenskyy called them "constructive and quite substantive." A large prisoner swap was discussed. Day two is today. (AP)

Arlington. The President and First Lady lay a wreath at 11 a.m. at the 73rd National Veterans Day Observance; remarks follow at 11:30. (Arlington National Cemetery)

Argentina. About 650,000 people attended Pope Leo XIV's Mass in Córdoba Tuesday. Today he prays at Luján, then flies to Lima, Peru. (America Magazine)

VERMONT

Around the Green Mountain State

MONTPELIER · ELECTION 2026

A Record Midterm Turnout, Now Certified

BY THE COURIER VERMONT DESK · SOURCES: WCAX, HARDWICK GAZETTE

Vermont's election results were made official Tuesday, and they confirm a record: 311,510 Vermonters voted, the most ever in a midterm, up from about 290,000 in 2022. Sixty-two percent voted by mail. Party representatives canvassed and certified the statewide and federal results in Montpelier.

"I believe it should be our goal that every eligible voter can cast a ballot in every election," Secretary of State Sarah Copeland Hanzas said.

One race isn't finished. In the Caledonia County Senate district, Democrat David Roth has asked for a recount after finishing 172 votes behind Sen. Scott Beck, a margin of 1.61% — inside Vermont's 2.5% recount threshold. No date has been set. Nearby, Rep. Michael Southworth won by just eight votes; his challenger chose not to seek a recount. (Hardwick Gazette)

FERRISBURGH · LAKE CHAMPLAIN

Missing Boater's Body Recovered

State Police divers, with help from New York crews, recovered the body of Douglas Brooks, 48, of Burlington, Tuesday afternoon. He fell from a fishing boat Saturday while fishing with a friend, wearing waders and, police believe, no life jacket, days after Vermont's new life-jacket law took effect. (WCAX, WPTZ)

STATEWIDE

Fewer Homeless — Except Here

January's count found 3,286 homeless Vermonters, about 4% fewer than last year. Chittenden County went the other way, up about 1% to 834, and the number of homeless children rose about 5%. The one-night count was taken Jan. 28. (Seven Days, VTDigger)

AROUND THE STATE

NORTHFIELD — Jets over Norwich. Norwich University's Veterans Day ceremony begins at 4:15 p.m. with an F-35 flyover just before 4:30. (Vermont Public)

BURLINGTON — Chief on the job. Anthony Geraci began work Tuesday as police chief; his contract pays about $185,000 and runs to next October. (VTDigger)

NEWPORT — Measles count. The Health Department says Orleans County has fewer than five cases; 94% of the county's students are vaccinated. (WPTZ, WCAX)

FOLIAGE REPORT

A gray Veterans Day

Tuesday: Burlington 51°; we called 52°.
Record: Beat the Forecaster is 5–5.
Today: gray and cool, 46°.
Thursday: snow chance down to 20%.
Mountains: snow showers this morning.
WCAX: elevation snow, valley mix Thu.–Fri.
Sunset: 4:28 p.m.
Snow so far: zero; normal is 1.2 inches.

THE WEEK IN VERMONT

Today Gray, 46°.
Tonight Cloudy, 35°.
Thu. Cloudy, 41°.
Fri. Flurries, 39°.
Sat. Flurries, 40°.
Forecast data for Essex Junction; check before you go.

VERMONT BY THE NUMBERS

311,510	Vermonters who voted
172	Votes in the Caledonia recount
123–101	Celtics at Philadelphia
36	Points for Paul George
5–5	Beat the Forecaster

SPORTS

Celtics rout Philadelphia · Wild beat the Habs in OT · UVM in the NCAAs today

CELTICS 123, 76ERS 101 · PHILADELPHIA, TUESDAY

TEAM	1	2	3	4	PTS	3PM	FG%
BOS	30	32	29	32	123	22	50.5
PHI	23	28	31	19	101	11	41.8

BOS: George 36, Tatum 21, Pritchard 18, Gonzalez 10 · PHI: Maxey 24, Simons 17, Embiid 16, Brown 13

PAUL GEORGE'S RETURN

Brown's Homecoming Goes to Boston

BY THE COURIER SPORTS DESK · SOURCE: SPORTRADAR

In Jaylen Brown's first regular-season game against the Celtics, former 76er Paul George scored 36 on 14-of-22 shooting. Boston hit 22 threes, broke a 76–76 tie with a 15–6 run and led by 29. Brown had 13 on 4 of 9. The Celtics (9–2) lead the Atlantic and visit Toronto tonight at 7. (NBC Sports Boston, Yahoo Sports)

Patriots: Lions in Munich Sunday at 9:30 a.m. on FOX; A.J. Brown is unlikely and Stevenson is out. (NBC Boston, NESN)

NFL · WEEK 11

Week 11: Thursday kicks off

WAS at NYG	Thu. 8:15
NE vs. DET	Sun. 9:30a
BUF at NYJ	Sun. 1:00
KC at ATL	Sun. 1:00
MIN at GB	Sun. 1:00
JAX at TEN	Sun. 1:00
SF at DAL	Sun. 4:25
PIT at CIN	SNF
LAC at BAL	MNF

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

Habs Stumble Before Thursday

Montreal lost 2–1 in overtime to Minnesota Tuesday on a Kirill Kaprizov power-play goal, but has points in 11 straight. The Bruins (13–4–1, 27 points) host the Canadiens (26) Thursday at 7 (NHL.com)

UVM · TODAY

Field Hockey's Big Day

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

Next: Winner meets No. 1 Northwestern Fri.

TONIGHT ON TV (ET)

NBA Celtics at Raptors, 7:00
NHL Lightning at Sabres, 7:00

THE BOURBON & WINE PAGE

A Veterans Day pour · old-vine Zinfandel · bourbon-maple meatloaf



BOURBON OF THE WEEK

A. SMITH BOWMAN · FREDERICKSBURG, VA.

Bowman Brothers Small Batch

PROOF	STATE	AGE	PRICE
90	Virginia	~6–7 yrs	~$30

For Veterans Day: it honors John, Abraham, Joseph and Isaac Bowman, Virginia militia officers in the Revolutionary War who led about 30 pioneer families into Kentucky in 1779. (A. Smith Bowman)

How it tastes: brown sugar and cinnamon on the nose; vanilla, toffee and roasted nuts on an oily palate; a long, spicy finish of toasted oak and black pepper. (Breaking Bourbon)

Virginia bourbon: descendant Abram Smith Bowman opened a distillery in 1935; it moved to Fredericksburg in 1988. Sazerac has owned it since 2003.



WINE OF THE WEEK

BOGLE VINEYARDS · CLARKSBURG, CALIFORNIA

Bogle Old Vine Zinfandel

GRAPE	FROM	ABV	PRICE
Zinfandel	Lodi & Amador	14.5%	~$10–15

Zinfandel is called America's heritage grape. Bogle's comes from head-trained, dry-farmed vines 60 to 80 years old in Lodi and Amador County. (Bogle)

How it tastes: spiced raspberry, clove and vanilla on the nose; blackberry, black cherry and boysenberry with nutmeg and pipe tobacco; a dry, toasty finish. Wine Enthusiast gave the 2023 92 points.

Bourbon's cousin: it's aged in American oak, the same wood that ages bourbon — a natural match for tonight's glaze.

TODAY'S RECIPE

Made to go with a glass

Bourbon-Maple Glazed Meatloaf

Serves 6 · about 1 hour 20 minutes

THE MEATLOAF

- 2 lb ground beef (or 1½ lb beef + ½ lb pork)
- 1 cup panko soaked in ½ cup milk
- 2 large eggs
- 1 medium onion, grated
- 2 garlic cloves, minced
- 1 tbsp Worcestershire; salt and pepper

BOURBON-MAPLE GLAZE

- ½ cup ketchup
- 3 tbsp bourbon
- 3 tbsp Vermont maple syrup
- 1 tbsp cider vinegar
- 1 tsp Dijon mustard
- ½ tsp smoked paprika

METHOD

1. Heat the oven to 375°F and line a rimmed sheet pan with foil. Soak the panko in the milk for 5 minutes.

2. Add the rest of the meatloaf ingredients and mix gently by hand, just until combined.

3. Shape a 9-by-5-inch loaf on the pan. Simmer the glaze 3–4 minutes until slightly thick.

4. Brush on half the glaze and bake 45 minutes.

5. Brush on the rest; bake 15–20 minutes more, to 160°F inside. Rest 10 minutes. Serve with smashed potatoes.

Courier tip: Baking it free-form on a sheet pan instead of in a loaf pan gives more glazed, caramelized crust.

POUR WITH IT · BOURBON

Bowman Brothers: the same bourbon is in the glaze, so its brown sugar, vanilla and toffee echo the caramelized crust, and the peppery finish cuts the rich beef. (Breaking Bourbon)

POUR WITH IT · WINE

Zinfandel: ripe berry fruit and pepper stand up to a tangy-sweet glaze; Sonoma's St. Francis Winery pairs its own meatloaf with Zinfandel. (St. Francis Winery)

THIS WEEK'S POUR

Cocktail Corner

Horse's Neck. Hook a long spiral of lemon peel over the rim of a highball glass and fill with ice. Add 2 oz bourbon and 2 dashes Angostura; top with 4–5 oz ginger ale and stir gently.

The story: It began in the 1890s as plain ginger ale with a long lemon peel that curled like a horse's neck; bars later added brandy or bourbon. It replaced Pink Gin as the Royal Navy officers' drink — a fitting Veterans Day toast. (Master of Malt)

BOURBON & WINE NEWS

A Bourbon for Veterans

Jeptha Creed Distillery of Shelbyville, Ky., run by mother and daughter Joyce and Autumn Nethery, released the fifth batch of its Red, White & Blue bourbon ($74.99), made from Bloody Butcher corn it grows itself. Part of the proceeds go to K9s For Warriors, which pairs trained service dogs with veterans at no cost. (Breaking Bourbon)

Also: Garrison Brothers of Texas releases its second Bottled-in-Bond, a 6-year-old at 100 proof, Saturday at a fundraiser for the National Museum of the Pacific War.

THIS WEEK'S POUR PLAN

What to sip with what's on

TONIGHT · CELTICS AT RAPTORS, 7:00

A Horse's Neck, with a toast to veterans.

THURSDAY, NOV. 19

Beaujolais Nouveau Day — the 2026 bottles arrive.

THANKSGIVING, NOV. 26

Zinfandel with the turkey and cranberry.

THE CELLAR & RICKHOUSE GLOSSARY

Nine wine words, nine bourbon words

Old vine — decades-old vines; deeper fruit.
Head-trained — vine grown as a freestanding bush.
Dry-farmed — no irrigation, only rainfall.
Lees — spent yeast left after fermenting.
Malolactic — tart malic acid turned softer.
Cuvée — a specific blend or batch.

Punt — the dimple in a bottle's base.
Corked — musty taint from the compound TCA.
AVA — an official U.S. wine region.
Bottled-in-Bond — 1 distillery, 1 season, 4+ yrs, 100 proof.
Angel's share — whiskey lost to evaporation.
Sour mash — spent mash starts the next batch.

Wheater — wheat, not rye, as flavor grain.
Single barrel — bottled from one cask.
Small batch — a blend of a few barrels.
Char level — how deeply the barrel is burned.
Doubler — a second still that refines spirit.
Entry proof — strength going into the barrel.

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 — Celtics at Raptors.
Thu. 7:00 — Canadiens at Bruins.
Thu. 8:15 — Commanders at Giants.
Sat. 7:00 — Wild at Bruins.
Sun. 9:30 a.m. — Patriots vs. Lions.
Sun. 1:00 — Bills at Jets.

AROUND VERMONT

Today 11:00 — Veterans Day, Battery Park.
Today 3:00 — UVM field hockey, NCAA.
Thu. — Cisco, Applied Materials earn.
Fri. — Producer prices (PPI).
Sat. — HS football title games.

WEATHER AT A GLANCE

Wed. — Gray and cool, 46°.
Thu. — Cloudy, 41°.
Fri. — Raw, flurries, 39°.
Sat. — Flurries, 40°.
Sun. — Cloudy, 43°.
Mon. — Cold start, 43°.

GOOD NEWS ROUNDUP

Kindness, critters & comebacks

MASSACHUSETTS

A Soldier Comes Home After 82 Years

Pvt. Joseph Gala was killed in Burma in 1944 at 21 and listed as missing ever since. DNA finally identified him, and he was buried with full honors in Lynn's Pine Grove Cemetery. (Gray News)

KENTUCKY

"Nothing Short of a Miracle"

Roman Heilman, 6, who has autism, went missing in the Lawrence County hills. Three days later a trail rider found him a mile and a half from home, scratched but alive, with a small dog at his side. (Good News Network)

CHILE

The Driest Desert Blooms

Heavy rains set off the Atacama Desert's biggest bloom in about 30 years, with more than 200 species flowering; one park drew 15,000 visitors in weeks. (NPR)

COLORADO

A Wrong Pizza, a Right Response

A driver who cares full-time for her 82-year-old mother brought the wrong order to a Castle Rock family, who prayed with her instead. A GoFundMe has raised more than $76,000. (Good News Network)

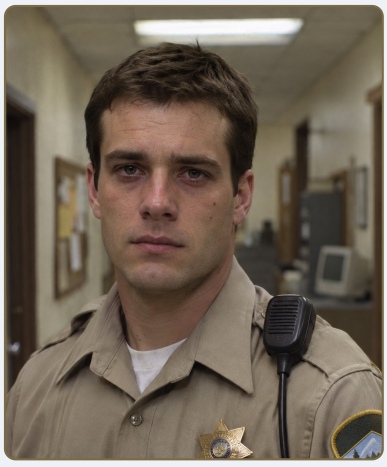
VERMONT

Veterans Tell Their Stories

Vets Town Hall, a Vermont nonprofit, is holding 10 free storytelling nights through Sunday, from Barre to Brattleboro. "It took me 35 years ... today, I feel welcome," Vietnam veteran Bob Walsh said in South Burlington. (VTDigger, WCAX)

MEET THE CAST

The Deepest Water



Deputy Cal Walters

Douglas County Sheriff's Office · 28

"If anything feels wrong — anything — you call me, not the front desk."
— 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 10 · NHL and NBA through Tuesday · 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	18	11	3	4	26
Tampa Bay	17	11	4	2	24
Ottawa	19	11	6	2	24
Florida	19	10	7	2	22
Buffalo	17	8	6	3	19
Toronto	20	8	10	2	18
Detroit	19	7	9	3	17

METROPOLITAN	GP	W	L	OT	PTS
Carolina	19	14	3	2	30
New Jersey	19	13	6	0	26
N.Y. Rangers	19	10	8	1	21
Washington	16	10	6	0	20
N.Y. Islanders	17	7	6	4	18
Philadelphia	20	5	10	5	15
Columbus	16	7	9	0	14
Pittsburgh	18	6	10	2	14

CENTRAL	GP	W	L	OT	PTS
Minnesota	20	13	3	4	30
Colorado	19	11	6	2	24
Nashville	18	9	4	5	23
Dallas	17	10	5	2	22
Utah	18	10	7	1	21
Winnipeg	19	8	8	3	19
St. Louis	18	8	8	2	18
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	16	5	9	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
Boston	9	2	.818	—
Philadelphia	9	3	.750	0.5
New York	6	4	.600	2.5
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	10	.091	6.5

SOUTHEAST · EAST	W	L	PCT	GB
Atlanta	7	5	.583	—
Miami	5	6	.455	1.5
Charlotte	4	7	.364	2.5
Washington	4	7	.364	2.5
Orlando	3	7	.300	3

NORTHWEST · WEST	W	L	PCT	GB
Minnesota	8	3	.727	—
Oklahoma City	8	3	.727	—
Portland	7	3	.700	0.5
Denver	5	4	.556	2
Utah	1	10	.091	7

PACIFIC · WEST	W	L	PCT	GB
L.A. Lakers	10	2	.833	—
Golden State	8	3	.727	1.5
Phoenix	4	6	.400	5
LA Clippers	2	8	.200	7
Sacramento	1	10	.091	8.5

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

Celtics (9–2) Won at Philadelphia 123–101 to take first in the Atlantic. Tatum 21, Pritchard 18; Boston hit 22 threes. At Toronto tonight at 7.

Bruins (13–4–1) Still first in the Atlantic with 27 points. Montreal (26) lost 2–1 to Minnesota Tuesday and visits TD Garden Thursday at 7.

Bills (7–1) First in the AFC. At the Jets Sunday at 1.

Around the NHL Minnesota (13–3–4) now leads the West with 30 points; Washington won in Ottawa, and Colorado beat Toronto.

THE WEATHER DESK

Forecasts, almanac, mountains & Snow Watch 2026–27

THE FORECASTER'S TAKE

Two in a Row — We're Even

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

We called 52° for Tuesday; Burlington reached 51°. That's a second straight win, and Beat the Forecaster is back to even at 5–5. Today's call: 46°.

A gray, cool Veterans Day with a high near 46°, a light west breeze and only a 20% chance of a sprinkle. Bundle up for the 11 a.m. ceremonies.

Remember Thursday's snow? Yesterday our forecast data said 50%; this morning it says 20%, high 41°. The National Weather Service had kept Thursday dry, and it looks right.

The rest of the week stays raw — highs in the upper 30s, lows near 33° — with small snow chances. The coldest nights, around 30°, come Monday and Tuesday.

ESSEX JCT. ALMANAC

YESTERDAY	High 51° · Low 41°
SUNRISE	6:43 a.m.
SUNSET	4:28 p.m.
DAYLIGHT	9 hr 44 min
CHANGE	-2.5 min vs. yesterday
SINCE JUNE 21	5 hr 47 min less light
MOON	Waxing crescent

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

ESSEX JUNCTION · THE NEXT SEVEN DAYS

TODAY	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN	MON	TUE
46° / 35°	41° / 33°	39° / 33°	40° / 35°	43° / 36°	43° / 30°	48° / 30°
HIGH / LOW	HIGH / LOW	HIGH / LOW	HIGH / LOW	HIGH / LOW	HIGH / LOW	HIGH / LOW
					FREEZE	FREEZE
RAIN 20%	RAIN 0%	RAIN 0%	RAIN 0%	RAIN 15%	RAIN 15%	RAIN 0%
SNOW 0%	SNOW 20%	SNOW 15%	SNOW 15%	SNOW 0%	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

MONTPELIER
Washington County
44° / 33° · 20%
Snow chances every day through Monday.

RUTLAND
Rutland County
48° / 36° · 15%
45% snow chance Thursday, high 38°.

ST. JOHNSBURY
Caledonia County
42° / 31° · 20%
Light snow showers early; 42° today.

BENNINGTON
Bennington County
51° / 40° · 10%
65% rain or snow Thursday.

STOWE
Lamoille County
42° / 32° · 20%
Snow showers; highs in the 30s all week.

SNOW WATCH 2026–27

Day 11

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

A Front Sweeps East

A cold front crosses the country this week. Fulton, Mo., reaches 66° today but falls to 43° Friday with a low of 25°. Charlotte, N.C., is 74° today and drops to a low near 30° by Saturday.

Cape Cod has a 75% chance of rain Thursday, and Snowshoe, W.Va., goes from 59° today to 28° Saturday. Miami stays in the low 80s.

BEAT THE FORECASTER

We Called It

Tuesday: we said 52°; Burlington hit 51° (1° cooler). Within 2° counts as a win.

Season record: 5–5 (50%)

Recent: Fri 64/67 L · Sat 48/52 L · Sun 49/52 L · Mon 49/50 W · Tue 52/51 W

Today's call: 46° in Essex Junction. Check back tomorrow.

WEATHER WORD

Forecast Bust

A forecast that misses badly — snow that never falls or a sunny day that turns stormy. Even good forecasts bust when a storm tracks a few dozen miles off course.

This week: Thursday's 50% snow chance shrank to 20% in a day.

THIS WEEK IN WEATHER

Nov. 15, 1989: an F4 tornado tore an 18.5-mile path across south Huntsville, Ala., at rush hour, killing 21 and injuring 463; 12 died in their cars. At Jones Valley Elementary, staff moved 37 children into a stairwell and all survived. (NWS)

THE DEEPEST WATER

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Scenes from The Deepest Water · Chapter 21, "Rubber Gloves and White Wine" · image and video by J.B. Woods

CHAPTER 35

Chapter Still Being Written

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

WHERE WE LEFT OFF · CHAPTER 34: WHO CAME FOR THE WALLET

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CATCH UP ON THE WHOLE STORY — THE READER'S GUIDE IS ON PAGES 9 TO 11

A work of fiction: characters and events are invented; places are real. · The Deepest Water returns soon.

THE DEEPEST WATER · READER'S GUIDE

The Story So Far · Chapters 1–19

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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?

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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

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COLD CASE FILE

Manchester, Vermont · 1983

John Benson: Visitors He Knew

Forty-three years ago this Saturday — Nov. 14, 1983, the date on the state's case file — John Benson, 58, was found dead inside his home in Manchester, in Bennington County.

He had been shot several times. Investigators learned that Benson had visitors that night, and that they were people he knew.

No one has ever been charged. The Manchester Police Department and the Vermont State Police Major Crime Unit still carry the case as an unsolved homicide.

Detectives say anyone who visited the house that night, or heard talk about it since, may hold the piece that closes it.

Tips: vsp.vermont.gov/tipsubmit (anonymous), text VTIPS to 274637, or call 802-244-8727. Case 00D300991. (Vermont State Police)

CASE FACTS

NAME
John Benson
AGE
58
DATE
Nov. 14, 1983
WHERE
His home, Manchester
CAUSE
Gunshot wounds
STATUS
Unsolved
CASE
00D300991

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VERMONT POLICE BLOTTER

WARREN — Troopers found a car fully engulfed in flames on Roxbury Mountain Road Tuesday afternoon. Sharon Shaw, 74, of Rochester was charged with DUI, third offense, and driving with a suspended license. (Vermont State Police)

BARNET — A 33-year-old driver was thrown from a car and seriously hurt in a one-vehicle crash on I-91 north near Exit 18 Tuesday afternoon, and was flown to Dartmouth Hitchcock. (Vermont State Police)

SHELDON — Troopers released photos and are asking for help identifying a retail-theft suspect at the Stewart's Shop on Mill Street. (Vermont State Police)

Tips: vsp.vermont.gov/tipsubmit

COURT WATCH

Boston — A federal jury convicted former Stoughton officer Matthew Farwell of killing Sandra Birchmore, 23, and her unborn child to keep her from reporting him; it means life without parole. "Today her story is told," U.S. Attorney Leah Foley said. (CBS Boston)

Craftsbury — Robert Witham Jr., 46, faces burglary, fleeing and firearm charges after barricading himself for several hours; bail is $5,000. (Vermont State Police, Fox44)

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.
April Tinsley	Fort Wayne, Ind.	1988	2018	Genealogy led to John D. Miller; he pleaded guilty.
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.
Michella Welch	Tacoma, Wash.	1986	2018	Genealogy and a discarded napkin led to Gary Hartman.
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

CLUTTER FAMILY, 1959

Before dawn on Nov. 15, 1959 — 67 years ago Sunday — intruders killed farmer Herbert Clutter, his wife Bonnie and their teenagers Nancy and Kenyon near Holcomb, Kan. Richard Hickock and Perry Smith, freshly paroled, had come for a safe full of cash that a cellmate, former Clutter farmhand Floyd Wells, had described. There was no safe. Wells told authorities, and the pair were arrested in Las Vegas on Dec. 30, 1959. Both were hanged in 1965. Truman Capote's "In Cold Blood" made it the template for true crime. (Smithsonian)

SCAM ALERT

"Your Money Is Bad"

Callers pose as police, federal agents or bank fraud investigators and say your cash is counterfeit or tied to a crime. They tell you to withdraw it or gather it at home, then send a "courier" to collect it for "safekeeping." They spoof real phone numbers. (Fall River Police, via Fall River Reporter)

Protect yourself: police will never ask you to withdraw money or come to your home to collect savings. Hang up, call your bank yourself, and warn older relatives and neighbors.

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

CRIME TRIVIA

Test Your Detective Skills

Which Berkeley police officer built the first modern polygraph in 1921?

Answer: John Larson, who had a Ph.D.

THE SNOW DESK

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

Day 11 OF 152

Totals through Tuesday, Nov. 10

NOV · DEC · JAN · FEB · MAR · APR 1

MOST SNOW IN THE U.S. · LAST 24 HOURS

2.0" · Pittsburg Reservoir, NH

ESSEX JCT.

LAST 24 HRS	SEASON
0.0"	0.0"

Official: Burlington airport (BTV)
Normal to date: 0.9" · 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	0.9	−0.9	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	T	0.0	0.0	2.1	−2.1	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	0.4	−0.4	0.0
Syracuse, N.Y.	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.7	−1.7	0.0
Buffalo, N.Y.	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.4	−1.4	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	2.0	−2.0	0.0
Detroit	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3	−0.3	0.0
Chicago	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	−0.2	0.0
Minneapolis	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.5	−1.5	0.0
Denver	0.0	0.0	0.0	—	—	0.0
Salt Lake City	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.4	−1.4	0.0
Anchorage, Alaska	0.0	0.0	0.0	3.4	−3.4	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	Pittsburg Reservoir, NH Elev. 1329 ft	2.0"
2	Sleetmute 1.4 SSE, AK Elev. 203 ft	1.5"
3	Chicken, AK Elev. 1781 ft	1.0"
4	Mount Washington Elev. 5627 ft	0.9"
5	Kuparuk, AK Elev. 72 ft	0.7"
6	Eagle, AK Elev. 892 ft	0.5"
7	Dutch Harbor Elev. 46 ft	0.4"
8	Haines, AK Elev. 866 ft	0.3"
9	Brownington 4.7 ESE, VT Elev. 1467 ft	0.3"
10	Amber Lake North, AK Elev. 449 ft	0.1"

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

Today: Veterans Day warmth: 59°, low 41°.

Thursday: The front: 43°, a 35% chance of rain or snow, low 29°.

Friday: High 31°, low 25°.

Weekend: Saturday 28°, Sunday 31°, lows near 25°.

Monday: 36°, low 27°, still cold enough at night.

Snowmaking: Thursday night through Tuesday morning stays in the mid-20s — five good nights for the guns.

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

SNOW NOTES

Day 11 — still zero. Burlington hit 51° Tuesday, two above normal, and has yet to measure snow. Normal for the season so far is 1.2 inches (NWS).

Thursday fades. Yesterday our forecast data gave Essex Junction a 50% chance of snow Thursday; this morning it's down to 20%, high 41°. The dry forecast is winning.

Flakes up high. Light snow showers were falling early today in Stowe, St. Johnsbury and on Mount Washington, where it was 22°. Bennington has a 65% chance of rain or snow Thursday.

A cold weekend. Highs stay in the upper 30s to around 40° from Thursday through Saturday, with small snow chances each day. A thaw to 48° arrives Tuesday.

PUZZLES & GAMES

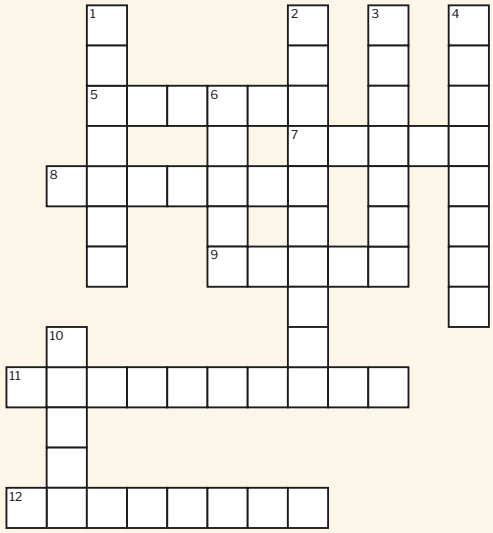
Grab a pencil and your coffee

THE DAILY SUDOKU

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

THE DAILY CROSSWORD · VETERANS DAY & MEATLOAF



ACROSS

5 John, polygraph pioneer (6)
7 Hank Ballard's 1958 dance record (5)
8 Won 123–101 in Philadelphia (7)
9 A ___ Called Quest (5)
11 Ginger ale highball with a long peel (10)
12 Today's honorees (8)

DOWN

1 Deputy in today's Meet the Cast (7)
2 Alabama city hit by a 1989 tornado (10)
3 Jon, born Nov. 11, 1986 (7)
4 Today's recipe, with a bourbon glaze (8)
6 "Fearless" singer, Nov. 11, 2008 (5)
10 Old Vine Zinfandel maker (5)

WORD SEARCH · MEATLOAF NIGHT

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

FIND 12 WORDS

BEEF
BOURBON
EGGS
GARLIC
KETCHUP
MAPLE
MUSTARD
ONION
PANKO
PAPRIKA
POTATOES
VINEGAR

Across, down, diagonal — some backward.

THE COURIER QUIZ

Five Questions

1. Bowman Brothers bourbon honors brothers who served in which war?

2. What was Veterans Day called before 1954?

3. Why is a Horse's Neck called that?

4. Where did John Larson build the first modern polygraph in 1921?

5. Which guitarist served in the 101st Airborne before fame?

NAME THAT YEAR

Three Clues

- The Berlin Wall comes down.
- A tornado tears through Huntsville, Ala.
- "Seinfeld" makes its TV debut.

YESTERDAY'S SUDOKU

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

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 11 BIRTHDAYS

This Day in Music

1927 — Mose Allison, jazz-blues pianist.
1929 — LaVern Baker, "Jim Dandy."
1950 — Jim Peterik, "Eye of the Tiger" — 76.
1953 — Andy Partridge of XTC — 73.
1986 — Jon Batiste — 40 today.

Also on this day: in 1978, Donna Summer's "MacArthur Park" hit No. 1.



SPIN THIS

We Got It from Here...

A Tribe Called Quest · 2016

Released 10 years ago today, with a title that fits Veterans Day — "...Thank You 4 Your Service."

The group's sixth and final album was finished after Phife Dawg died in March 2016, and it became their first No. 1 album in 20 years. (Rolling Stone)

Best with: a Horse's Neck.

LIVE IN VERMONT

Shows Near Home

Thu. Nov. 12 · Tropidelic, Higher Ground
Sat. Nov. 14 · Marty O'Reilly, SEABA Center
Sun. Nov. 15 · Sam Shackleton, Higher Ground
Thu. Nov. 19 · Tom Hamilton, Higher Ground

Listings via Songkick; check venues for tickets.

MUSIC TRIVIA

Which rock guitarist earned his "Screaming Eagles" patch as an Army paratrooper in 1962?

ANSWERS — Quiz: 1. The Revolutionary War. 2. Armistice Day. 3. The long, curling lemon peel. 4. Berkeley, Calif., police department. 5. Jimi Hendrix. Name That Year: 1989. Music trivia: Jimi Hendrix — 101st Airborne Division, Fort Campbell, Ky. **Yesterday's crossword:** 1A GAMAY · 3A HORSES · 5A RICE · 8A LIGHTFOOT · 10A ENSEMBLE · 12A BRAISE · 13A MORGON · 2D MORRICONE · 4D BILLS · 6D COYLE · 7D PHOENIX · 9D AVERNA · 11D BACON

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 Birmingham: Birmingham's 79th National Veterans Day Parade, saluting "the First 250 Years of Veterans," steps off downtown today; the tradition began in 1947. (ABC 33/40 (WBMA))

ALASKA Anchorage: Freezing rain and icy roads put all Anchorage schools on a two-hour delay Tuesday; Mat-Su closed its Region 1 schools outright. (Alaska's News Source (KTUU))

ARIZONA Phoenix: The Phoenix Zoo welcomed 24 naked mole rats, two colonies each with its own queen. CEO Bert Castro called it "an entire nudist colony!" (AZFamily (KTVK/KPHO))

ARKANSAS Piggott: Piggott's football team beat Manila 19-15 for its first win since 2021. "Piggott football is back," said coach Trey Gossett. (KAIT 8)

CALIFORNIA San Luis Obispo: Edna Valley vintner Jean-Pierre Wolff was formally knighted Tuesday for decades promoting Belgian-U.S. trade. "I did not expect that," he said. (KSBY)

COLORADO Colorado Springs: Air Force beat Army 24-21 at West Point to clinch the Commander-in-Chief's Trophy, its first since 2022 and 22nd overall. (KKTV 11 News)

CONNECTICUT Groton: Groton's new speed cameras have produced 24,000 tickets in a few weeks; one sign caught a driver doing 72 mph in a 25 zone. (WFSB Channel 3)

DELAWARE Selbyville: Captain Mac's Fish House found an injured osprey on Route 54 and got it to Tri-State Bird Rescue; staff floated "Crabcake" as its name. (WDEL)

FLORIDA Tallahassee: Tallahassee's 76th Veterans Day Parade honors grand marshal Harold E. Walters, 91, a Coast Guard veteran, and for the first time Gold Star families. (WCTV)

GEORGIA Plains: About 2,458 acres of Jimmy Carter's family farm will join the Lanahassee Creek Wildlife Management Area, which could open to the public in 2027. (WALB)

HAWAII Honolulu: "I Am an American: The Nisei Soldier Experience," on Japanese American WWII soldiers, opened free at Capitol Modern before an 11-city tour. (Hawaii News Now)

IDAHO Chubbuck: Giving Machines, where buyers purchase food, clothing or livestock for people in need, launch Friday with a tree lighting at ICCU headquarters. (East Idaho News)

ILLINOIS Decatur: Veteran Greg Sullivan laser-engraves challenge coins honoring fallen service members; the Macon County Honor Guard now hands them to families. (WAND)

INDIANA Boonville: Hundreds turned out for a mud bog benefit at the Warrick County 4-H Center, raising $12,739 for Marine veteran Dennis Knotts and his family. (14 News (WFIE))

IOWA Sioux City: Veteran-owned Sioux City Distilling Co. is making the city's first gin, with juniper from the owner's farm; it could be on shelves by Thanksgiving. (KTIV)

KANSAS Wichita: Spencer B. of SB Mowing, known for viral videos of free lawn and yard work for neighbors, made GoFundMe's first "Kind 50" list. (KWCH 12)

KENTUCKY Salvisa: First-time homebuyers Jessica and Johnathan Perry have found at least 25 nonvenomous snakes in their house, plus dozens of eggs under the porch. (WKYT)

LOUISIANA Jennings: Fiddlers young and old filled the Strand Theatre for Battle of the Bows; Cameron Fontenot took the professional and twin fiddle titles. (KPLC 7 News)

MAINE Statewide: Lauren and Melvin Waycott each bagged a turkey, bear, moose and deer for Maine's hunting Grand Slam, logging 991 miles on dirt roads. (Bangor Daily News)

MARYLAND Baltimore: After a pleasant Veterans Day in the mid-60s, a strong cold front brings showers Thursday; Western Maryland could see wet snow Friday. (WBAL-TV 11)

MASSACHUSETTS Northampton: The Smith College Botanic Garden's titan arum, or corpse flower, which blooms every two to three years for about three days, is due to open soon. (Western Mass News)

MICHIGAN Lansing: People in monkey masks rebuilt the face on Big Penny, Lansing's truck-snagging bridge, giving it larger reflective eyes and new teeth. (WILX News 10)

MINNESOTA Jordan: Facing a charge over liquor-filled candies, the owner of Minnesota's Largest Candy Store renamed it "Minnesota's Most Wanted Candy Store." (Fox 9)

MISSISSIPPI Bay St. Louis: Etta Mae Williams, 97, who left school to support her family, got an honorary diploma from Bay-Waveland schools. "I patiently waited," she said. (WLOX)

MISSOURI Kansas City: The Steamboat Arabia Museum, home to cargo from an 1856 Missouri River wreck dug up in 1988, will stay open through Thanksgiving before leaving River Market. (KCTV5)

MONTANA Missoula: Montana's Eli Gillman broke Cooper Kupp's Big Sky career touchdown record with his 78th, an 84-yard run in a 57-24 rout of Portland State. (NBC Montana)

NEBRASKA Fremont: Jeff Rise's drive-in coffee shop, in a former liquor store, has raised $100,000 for the library since 2018 selling used books for 50 cents to $1. (WOWT 6 News)

NEVADA Reno: "Buddy the Elf" cooked his spaghetti with syrup on KOLO's Morning Break ahead of "Elf: The Musical" at the Pioneer Center Nov. 17–22. (KOLO 8)

NEW HAMPSHIRE Lyme: Bailey Farm is gearing up for its Thanksgiving rush. Dan Bailey has raised free-range turkeys since 1962, when he began as a 4-H project. (WCAX)

NEW JERSEY Newark: Essex County gave Community Star Awards to three veterans at its Veterans Day ceremony and recognized Frederick Dammont, 104, who served in WWII. (Patch)

NEW MEXICO Albuquerque: The Owl Cafe on Eubank Boulevard, known for green chile cheeseburgers and all-day breakfast, won "America's Best Diner" in an online voting tournament. (KOB 4)

NEW YORK Oswego: A federal fisheries crew doing an invasive species survey in Oswego Harbor netted a rare bright-yellow burbot; the fish is normally green and brown. (CNY Central (WSTM))

NORTH CAROLINA Wrightsville Beach: Wrightsville Beach and the Harbor Island Garden Club honored area veterans at a park ceremony; Vietnam veteran Ronald Copley gave the keynote. (WECT 6)

NORTH DAKOTA West Fargo: Army Guard veteran Nicholas Guitian, who served in Minot and Bismarck, got a new car ahead of Veterans Day from Progressive's Keys to Progress giveaway. (KFYR / Valley News Live)

OHIO Columbus: Honor Flight Columbus flew 75 central Ohio veterans to Washington, with stops at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier and the new Desert Storm memorial. (10TV (WBNS))

OKLAHOMA Moore: A CH-47 Chinook helicopter landed at Plaza Towers Elementary on Tuesday for a Veterans Day visit to teach students about the military. (News 9 (KWTV))

OREGON Portland: Oregon Humane is cutting adoption fees by $75 for a Veterans Day special through Nov. 15, with more than 100 animals awaiting homes in Portland and Salem. (KGW)

PENNSYLVANIA Erie: The touring "Mutts Gone Nuts" show brought its cast of rescue dogs, doing tricks, stunts and dance routines, to downtown Erie's Warner Theatre Sunday. (Erie News Now)

RHODE ISLAND Middletown: Anthony Chatowsky, 89, a Coast Guard and Navy veteran, sang "You're a Grand Old Flag" at a senior living pinning ceremony; the video drew 17,000+ views. (NBC 10 WJAR)

SOUTH CAROLINA Statewide: SCDNR and SC Hunters for the Hungry are urging hunters to donate deer at 50-plus processors statewide; the ground venison goes free to food pantries. (Fox Carolina)

SOUTH DAKOTA Webster: Army veteran Harry Knapp donated more than 500 color slides from his 1967–68 Vietnam service to the state archives, plus his uniforms and camera. (Dakota News Now (KSFY/KDLT))

TENNESSEE Knoxville: Lady Vols coach Pat Summitt, who won 1,098 games and eight national titles in 38 years at Tennessee, will be on a U.S. postage stamp in 2027. (WVLT 8)

TEXAS Bryan: The first Mistletoe Market brought 10-plus small vendors selling clothing, jewelry and books to downtown Bryan to kick off holiday shopping. (KBTX)

UTAH Salt Lake City: The Utah Mammoth welcomed Bryce, an 11-week-old Lab named for Bryce Canyon, as the team's second puppy to be raised as a service dog for a veteran. (KUTV 2)

VERMONT Essex Junction: The first Vermont Crafters Expo offered workshops in woodworking, pottery, 3-D printing and sewing; organizers billed it as a show for makers, not shoppers. (WCAX)

VIRGINIA Prince George County: Ledger, 9, was named TIME's Kid of the Year for sensory-friendly backpacks that help first responders comfort kids with autism; 432 have been handed out. (WHSV 3)

WASHINGTON Tacoma: Veterans and active-duty troops get in free Nov. 11–15 at Northwest Trek and Point Defiance Zoo, home to giant troll sculptures by artist Thomas Dambo. (KIRO 7)

WEST VIRGINIA Nitro: Nitro lowered the flag at sunset at its Veterans Memorial Tuesday as the high school band played taps; retired Maj. Gen. Allen Tackett gave the keynote. (WSAZ)

WISCONSIN Wisconsin Rapids: Nonprofit Giving Back is turning an old bus into a retreat with bunks, kitchen and shower for free weekend getaways for veterans and first responders. (WSAW 7)

WYOMING Sheridan: The Sheridan Community Land Trust's free "Biscuits & Butter" day on Nov. 21 offers butter churning, goat milking, a butter ball race and a "Butter Bar." (Sheridan Media)