ESSEX JCT. TODAY
42°
Low 32° · Raw; a wet flake or two
Friday: cloudy, 39°

The Morning Courier

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

BEAT THE FORECASTER
6–5
Three straight wins — we lead
Called 46°, it hit 48° · Page 7

VOL. I · NO. 50 · FREE TO JB · THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2026 · ESSEX JCT., VT · SUNRISE 6:45 A.M. · SUNSET 4:27 P.M.

NASDAQ FUT. −0.9% ▼ overnight · **S&P FUT.** −0.3% ▼ overnight · **NVDA** $173.73 ▲ +2.9% · **PLTR** $172.40 ▲ +2.1% · **MSFT** $521.13 ▼ −2.3% · **GAS** $3.94

NVIDIA · AFTER THE BELL

Nvidia Board Weighs Ousting Huang

Reports that directors may remove the co-founder send the chipmaker down about 8% after hours.

THE NVIDIA NUMBERS

$173.73	Wednesday close, +2.9%
−8.6%	After hours (Forbes)
$450B+	Value lost since Nov. 8 (CBS)
Nov. 17	Earnings day

BY THE COURIER MARKETS DESK · SOURCES: CBS NEWS, ABC7, FORBES, ABC NEWS (AUSTRALIA), AL JAZEERA

Nvidia's board is preparing to remove Jensen Huang, the company's co-founder and only CEO, The Wall Street Journal reported after Wednesday's close, CBS News said. Reuters, citing a source, said the board was meeting to decide his future. As of early this morning, no decision had been announced, and Nvidia had not commented.

The board opened an investigation of Huang's conduct Nov. 8 after he admitted an extramarital relationship; Wednesday, The New York Times reported a second, with an executive who reports to him.

The stock rose 2.9% in regular trading, then fell about 8.6% after hours, to near $158.78 (Forbes). Analyst Dan Ives values the shares at $300 with Huang and $225 without him: "the writing is on the wall."

Huang, 63, co-founded Nvidia in 1993 and built it into the world's leading maker of AI chips. Earlier Wednesday, Baird downgraded the stock, citing leadership uncertainty among other things, and Morgan Stanley dropped it from its top picks. A House committee chairman, John Moolenaar, has also pressed Huang to agree to a closed-door briefing.

Nvidia reports earnings Tuesday. Markets, Page 2.

ESSEX JUNCTION FORECAST

36°
Low tonight: 32°

Raw and gray, high near 42°, a few wet flakes may mix in late.

RAIN TODAY 0% | SNOW TODAY 25%
Mountains: 2–5 inches above 1,200 ft (WCAX)

THE WEEK AHEAD

FRI	SAT	SUN	MON
39°	40°	41°	45°
R 0% S 15%	R 0% S 30%	R 20% S 0%	R 15% S 0%

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

FORECASTER'S NOTE

We called 46° for Veterans Day; it hit 48°. A third straight win puts Beat the Forecaster ahead, 6–5.

MISSISSIPPI · A SENATE FIRST

Colom Wins; Hyde-Smith Concedes

BY THE COURIER NATION DESK · SOURCES: AP VIA WLBT, WAPT, MISSISSIPPI FREE PRESS

The AP called Mississippi's Senate race for Democrat Scott Colom Wednesday afternoon; he led Sen. Cindy Hyde-Smith 49.2% to 48.7%, by 4,669 votes. He will be the first Democrat elected to the Senate from Mississippi since John Stennis, and its first Black senator since Reconstruction.

"I respect the decision of Mississippi voters," Hyde-Smith said. The AP now counts 55 Democrats and 44 Republicans for January, with Alaska still out. Page 2.

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WEATHER AROUND THE MAP

Thursday forecasts · forecast data · "Now" = overnight

	NOW	HI	LO	RAIN	SNOW
MIDDLEBURY, VT	37°	40°	33°	0%	62%
MT. WASHINGTON, NH	22°	31°	23°	0%	35%
SNOWSHOE, WV	42°	44°	29°	70%	0%
ROSEBURG, OR	50°	61°	47°	10%	0%
E. DENNIS, MA · CAPE	47°	55°	45°	35%	0%
CHARLOTTE, NC	51°	69°	41°	0%	0%
WILMINGTON, NC	58°	75°	46°	0%	0%
ST. PETERSBURG, FL	71°	77°	67°	10%	0%
FULTON, MO	45°	47°	35°	10%	0%
HOT SPOT · MIAMI, FL	76°	82°	72°	75%	0%



THE DEEPEST WATER · A COURIER SERIAL
New today: Chapter 35, "Not His Hand." Two pages: 8 and 8A.

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MARKETS & MONEY

A chip rally, then an Nvidia shock after hours · Thursday, November 12

CLOSES — WEDNESDAY, NOV. 11

INDEX / STOCK	CLOSE	CHANGE	PCT
Dow Jones Industrials	52,486.49	+254.60	+0.49%
S&P 500	7,619.38	+98.45	+1.31%
Nasdaq Composite	25,466.19	+400.31	+1.60%
Russell 2000	2,846.26	+24.88	+0.88%
JB'S WATCHLIST			
Nvidia (NVDA)	173.73	+4.93	+2.92%
Palantir (PLTR)	172.40	+3.58	+2.12%
Microsoft (MSFT)	521.13	−12.03	−2.26%
BIG NAMES			
AMD (AMD)	552.90	+37.69	+7.32%

Via CappNotes, TheStreet, Fox Business, MarketScreener, Forbes. *Written with help from Claude, made by Anthropic.

RATES · ENERGY · METALS

10-yr Treasury Tue.	4.98%
2-yr Treasury Tue.	4.73%
Bonds Wed. Vets Day	Closed
Gold −0.7%	$4,000.50
WTI crude +0.6%	$86.53
Brent crude +1.4%	$92.76
Bitcoin +1.1%	~$74,440
Fed hike odds Dec. 9	~89%
VIX −10.1%	17.49

THE DAYS AHEAD **THU.** Jobless claims; Cisco, Applied Materials **FRI.** Producer prices (PPI) **NOV. 17** Nvidia earnings **NOV. 18** Anthropic* IPO pricing (reported)

Jobless claims seen near 194,000 (prior 189,000) · Cisco expected ~$1.32 a share · Fed meets Dec. 8–9

CappNotes, TradingKey, financecalendar, CNBC

WALL STREET

A Chip Rally, Then a Shock After Hours

BY THE COURIER MARKETS DESK · SOURCES: CAPPNOTES, THESTREET, FORBES, MARKETSCREENER

Chip stocks roared Wednesday after CoreWeave beat forecasts and raised its outlook; it jumped 24.7%. Micron rose 11.9%, AMD 7.3%, and the S&P 500 gained 1.31%. Nvidia rose 2.9% despite a Baird downgrade.

Then, after the bell, reports that Nvidia's board may remove CEO Jensen Huang sent the stock down about 8.6% to near $158.78 (Forbes). Nasdaq futures pointed lower overnight. Page 1.

STOCKS TO WATCH TODAY

On the Radar

Nvidia (NVDA) — Up 2.9% to $173.73, then −8.6% after hours on the Huang report.

Palantir (PLTR) — Up 2.1% to $172.40.

Microsoft (MSFT) — Down 2.3% to $521.13, a second straight drop.

AMD — Up 7.3% to $552.90, and higher after hours.

CoreWeave — +24.7% on a beat, but −7% after hours.

Anthropic IPO* — Still $70–$78 a share; ticker ANT.

WEDNESDAY'S BIGGEST MOVERS

CRWV	CoreWeave	+24.70%
AZTA	Azenta	+20.80%
REZI	Resideo	+18.30%
NBIS	Nebius	+15.40%
MU	Micron	+11.90%
KBR	KBR	−6.70%
MIR	Mirion	−8.10%

Best of these: CoreWeave +24.7%. Worst: Mirion −8.1%

YEAR TO DATE

Russell 2000	+14.7%
S&P 500	+11.3%
Nasdaq	+9.6%
Dow	+9.2%

Approx., through Wednesday.

THE LUMBER DESK

Still Under $500

FOR THE JB WOODS DESK

January lumber futures settled at $499.50 per thousand board feet Wednesday, down $11.50, as hopes for a U.S.–Canada tariff deal and mortgage rates above 7% kept a lid on prices. (Yahoo Finance, Trading Economics)

GAS PRICES · REGULAR, PER GALLON

NATIONAL	VERMONT	HIGHEST	LOWEST
$3.94	$4.22	$5.67	$3.21
U.S. average	state average	California	North Carolina

AAA, Nov. 11 · down 12¢ in a week; diesel $6.13

NATION & WORLD

Washington, the courts & beyond

ELECTION 2026 · THE SENATE

Democrats Reach 55; Alaska and Kansas Wait

BY THE COURIER NATION DESK · SOURCES: AP VIA WLBT, ALASKA PUBLIC MEDIA, ADN, KWCH, PUNCHBOWL NEWS

With Mississippi called for Scott Colom (Page 1), the AP counts 55 Democrats and 44 Republicans in the next Senate, with Alaska still out, and Democrats at 255 House seats.

Alaska hasn't counted since Tuesday: Democrat Mary Peltola has 49% to Sen. Dan Sullivan's 47.2%, with about 84% in. The next count is Friday and the ranked-choice tally is Nov. 18. A judge denied Peltola's request for a list of rejected ballots, saying the state "simply lacks the capacity" mid-count.

In Kansas, Democrat Cindy Holscher still leads for governor by about 7,500 votes with some 26,000 provisional ballots left; counties finish their canvass by Monday.

Senate Democrats choose their leader Dec. 1 by secret ballot. Bernie Sanders and Elissa Slotkin oppose Chuck Schumer; his aides say he has the votes.

ELSEWHERE

Abu Dhabi. Russia and Ukraine agreed on a "large-scale" prisoner exchange after two days of U.S.-mediated talks, but no wider breakthrough. Details are still being worked out. (AP, Al Jazeera)

Arlington. In a Veterans Day speech, President Trump said he wants "total victory" over Iran and predicted the war will end soon. Iran denied any talks. (Spectrum News, Al Jazeera)

Baltics. NATO jets scrambled when drones strayed into Baltic airspace during Ukrainian strikes on Russia. (Just Security)

Peru. About 3 million people greeted Pope Leo XIV in Lima, the Vatican said — the biggest crowd of his papacy. "I am returning to my homeland," he said. (Al Jazeera)

VERMONT

Around the Green Mountain State

STATEWIDE · FIRST WINTRY SYSTEM

Snow for the Mountains, Rain for the Valley

BY THE COURIER VERMONT DESK · SOURCES: WCAX, NWS

The season's first widespread wintry storm arrives this morning and lingers into Friday morning, WCAX meteorologists say. Above about 1,200 feet in central and southern Vermont, expect 2 to 5 inches of heavy, wet snow; the southern Greens and the Adirondack High Peaks could see 4 to 6, and up to 8 on the summits.

Lower elevations in central and southern Vermont may get a slushy coating to 2 inches. The Northeast Kingdom gets a coating to 2 inches, mainly up high, and the Canadian border just a dusting.

The Champlain Valley "will struggle to see much accumulation," WCAX says — mostly a chilly rain, with some snow mixing in this evening and overnight. Burlington still hasn't measured snow this season. Drive carefully on the higher roads Friday morning.

Essex Junction: 42° today, near 40° through the weekend, then 53° Tuesday.

ESSEX JUNCTION · TONIGHT

Council Takes Up a Grower's License

The City Council tonight reviews Jason Struthers' application for a local license to grow cannabis on Taft Street, after a years-long dispute with neighbors over the smell — and his ducks. City staff recommend renewal, and a judge has ruled the grow can continue. (VTDigger)

BURLINGTON

Downtown Offices Sit Empty

Downtown office vacancy was 11.3% in June, up from 6.9% at the end of 2019, as work habits change; Chittenden County is at 11.9%. A big section of Main Street Landing, once home to Seventh Generation's 100 workers, is still vacant. (WCAX)

AROUND THE STATE

EDEN — Gas under $3.90. The Eden General Store sells gas at $3.89, below the state's $4.21 average. (WCAX)

MONTPELIER — Hotels under watch. A legislative panel meets next Thursday on homeless shelters. "Sheltering people in hotels by themselves is not the answer," Rep. Theresa Wood said. (WCAX)

BURLINGTON — Catamounts on top. UVM's men's hockey team is first in Hockey East and hosts Maine Friday and Saturday at Gutterson. (Burlington Free Press)

FOLIAGE REPORT

The first wintry storm

Wednesday: Burlington 48°; we called 46°.
Record: Beat the Forecaster leads, 6–5.
Today: raw, 42°, a wet flake or two.
Mountains: 2–5 inches above 1,200 ft (WCAX).
Woodstock: 74% snow chance today.
Saturday: 30% snow chance, 40°.
Next week: 53° Tuesday, 58° Wednesday.
Sunset: 4:27 p.m.

THE WEEK IN VERMONT

Today Raw, 42°.
Tonight Rain/snow mix, 32°.
Fri. Cloudy, 39°.
Sat. Snow chance, 40°.
Sun. Cloudy, 41°.
Forecast data for Essex Junction; check before you go.

VERMONT BY THE NUMBERS

2–5 in. Snow above 1,200 feet
98–93 Celtics at Toronto
22 Points Boston came back from
24 Points for Tatum
6–5 Beat the Forecaster

SPORTS

Celtics rally from 22 down · Bruins host Montreal · UVM field hockey's record season ends

CELTICS 98, RAPTORS 93 · TORONTO, WEDNESDAY

TEAM	1	2	3	4	PTS	3PM	FG%
BOS	29	25	21	23	98	14	41.1
TOR	38	23	19	13	93	16	37.6

BOS: Tatum 24, White 19, Pritchard 14, Queta 11 (13 reb.) · TOR: Walter 17, Graves 13, Barrett 12, Battle 12, Martin 12

FIFTH STRAIGHT

Celtics Erase a 22-Point Hole

BY THE COURIER SPORTS DESK · SOURCE: SPORTRADAR

Toronto led 59–37 in the second quarter before Boston ran off 16 straight, the first 10 by Jayson Tatum. Tatum shot 6 of 21 but made 10 of 12 free throws, including the tying and go-ahead shots with 25.2 seconds left. Derrick White had 19 and four blocks. The Celtics (10–2) host Dallas Sunday. (SportRadar, CBS Sports)

NHL: Kucherov's hat trick led Tampa Bay past Buffalo, 8–3. (BTPM)

Patriots: A.J. Brown returned to practice and will travel to Munich for Sunday's 9:30 a.m. game with Detroit, but may not play. (Boston.com, Pats Pulpit)

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. (Munich).

NHL · BRUINS CORNER

Habs at the Garden Tonight

The Bruins (13–4–1) have won four straight; David Pastrnak leads them with 24 points. Montreal (11–3–4) is without Ivan Demidov and Samuel Montembeault. Puck drop is 7. (ESPN)

UVM · FIELD HOCKEY

A Record Season Ends in a Shootout

NCAA: Saint Joseph's 1, Vermont 1; SJU won the shootout.

Season: 14–6, a program record for wins (WCAX).

TONIGHT ON TV (ET)

NHL Canadiens at Bruins, 7:00
NFL Commanders at Giants, 8:15

THE BOURBON & WINE PAGE

A bourbon from Washington State · Mendoza Malbec · baked beef empanadas



BOURBON OF THE WEEK

WOODINVILLE WHISKEY CO. · WOODINVILLE, WASH.

Woodinville Straight Bourbon

PROOF	STATE	AGE	PRICE
90	Washington	5 yrs (co.)	~$45–55

Not every great bourbon is from Kentucky. Two friends started Woodinville in 2010; every grain comes from one farm in Quincy, Wash., and the barrels age there too. (Breaking Bourbon, LVMH)

How it tastes: crisp apple, cedar and vanilla on the nose; caramel, brown sugar and rye spice on the palate; a finish of oak, leather and white pepper. Mash bill: 72% corn, 22% rye, 6% malted barley. (Breaking Bourbon)

Big-league notice: the American Distilling Institute named it Whiskey of the Year for 2016, and Moët Hennessy bought the distillery in 2017. (LVMH)



WINE OF THE WEEK

BODEGA CATENA ZAPATA · MENDOZA, ARGENTINA

Catena Malbec

GRAPE	FROM	ABV	PRICE
Malbec	Mendoza	~13.5%	~$20–23

The Catena family has made wine in Mendoza since 1902 and helped pioneer high-altitude Malbec. This one blends four estate vineyards from about 2,800 to 4,900 feet up in the Andes foothills. (Winebow)

How it tastes: violets and dark fruit on the nose; black cherry, blackberry and mocha with a little black pepper; bright acidity and silky tannins. It spends about 14 months in French oak. (Winebow)

Why tonight: Malbec is Argentina's signature grape and empanadas its signature snack.

TODAY'S RECIPE

Made to go with a glass

Baked Beef Empanadas

Makes about 10 · serves 4–5 · about 1 hour

THE FILLING

- 1 lb ground beef
- 1 onion and 1 red bell pepper, diced
- 2 tsp smoked paprika, 1 tsp cumin
- 2 hard-boiled eggs, chopped
- ⅓ cup green olives, chopped
- Salt and pepper

TO ASSEMBLE

- 10 empanada discs (or 2 pie crusts cut in 5-inch rounds)
- 1 egg, beaten
- 1 tbsp olive oil
- Chimichurri or salsa to serve
- Parchment paper
- A fork for crimping

METHOD

1. Heat the oven to 400°F. Warm the oil in a skillet and cook the onion and pepper 5 minutes, until soft.

2. Add the beef, paprika, cumin, salt and pepper; brown 6–8 minutes. Drain and cool 10 minutes.

3. Stir in the chopped egg and olives.

4. Spoon about 3 tablespoons onto each disc, fold, crimp with a fork, set on parchment and brush with egg.

5. Bake 20–25 minutes until deep golden. Rest 5 minutes and serve with chimichurri.

Courier tip: Chill the filled empanadas 15 minutes so they hold their crimp. They freeze unbaked — add 5–8 minutes from frozen.

POUR WITH IT · BOURBON

Woodinville: its caramel and baking spice echo the browned crust and cumin, and the rye spice cuts the rich beef. (Courier pick)

POUR WITH IT · WINE

Malbec: dark fruit and soft tannins meet smoky paprika and beef — a match made in Argentina. (Courier pick)

THIS WEEK'S POUR

Cocktail Corner

The Fanciulli. Stir 1½ oz bourbon, ¾ oz sweet vermouth and ¾ oz Fernet-Branca with ice. Strain into a chilled coupe. An orange twist is optional.

The story: A Manhattan with a bitter twist, recorded in the 1931 book "Old Waldorf Bar Days." It likely honors Francesco Fanciulli, who followed John Philip Sousa as leader of the U.S. Marine Band. (Difford's Guide)

BOURBON & WINE NEWS

Barrell Rings in 2027

Louisville's Barrell Craft Spirits announced its 11th New Year release: a 116.6-proof blend of straight bourbons from seven states, ages 5 to 16 years, for $84.99. Tasting notes promise root beer, earthy tea and seasoned oak. (Wine Industry Advisor)

Coming up: Beaujolais Nouveau arrives next Thursday, Nov. 19.

THIS WEEK'S POUR PLAN

What to sip with what's on

TONIGHT · CANADIENS AT BRUINS, 7:00
Empanadas and a Malbec.

THURSDAY, NOV. 19
Beaujolais Nouveau Day.

THANKSGIVING, NOV. 26
Malbec handles turkey and stuffing, too.

THE CELLAR & RICKHOUSE GLOSSARY

Nine wine words, nine bourbon words

Malbec — Bordeaux grape that found fame in Argentina.
High altitude — cool nights, thicker skins, more color.
Tannin — the drying grip from skins and oak.
Acidity — the bright, mouthwatering part.
French oak — subtler spice than American oak.
Barrique — a 225-liter oak barrel.

Estate — grapes grown on the winery's own land.
Vintage — the year the grapes were picked.
Decant — pour off sediment, let it breathe.
Mash bill — the recipe of grains.
Straight bourbon — 2+ years, no additives.
Grain-to-glass — one farm or source for the grain.

Heavy toast — barrel heated before charring.
Rickhouse — warehouse where barrels age.
Proof — twice the alcohol percentage.
Non-age-stated — no age printed on the label.
Blend — whiskeys combined for flavor.
Craft — small, independent distiller.

THE FUNNY PAGES

JB's Morning Strip — original art by JB, fresh lines daily



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THE WEEK-AHEAD PLANNER

Monday, Nov. 9 – Sunday, Nov. 15

ON THE TUBE (ET)

Tonight 7:00 — Canadiens at Bruins.
Tonight 8:15 — Commanders at Giants.
Sat. 7:00 — Wild at Bruins.
Sun. 9:30 a.m. — Patriots at Lions.
Sun. 6:00 — Mavericks at Celtics.
Mon. 7:00 — Magic at Celtics.

AROUND VERMONT

Today 8:30 — Weekly jobless claims.
Today p.m. — Cisco, Applied Materials earn.
Fri. 8:30 — Producer prices (PPI).
Fri.–Sat. — UVM hockey hosts Maine.
Sat. — HS football title games.

WEATHER AT A GLANCE

Thu. — Raw, a wet flake, 42°.
Fri. — Cloudy, 39°.
Sat. — Snow chance 30%, 40°.
Sun. — Cloudy, 41°.
Mon. — Brighter, 45°.
Tue. — Milder, 53°.

GOOD NEWS ROUNDUP

Kindness, critters & comebacks

CALIFORNIA

Nine Hours Overboard, Then Rescued

A cruise-ship pianist who went overboard before dawn was spotted nearly 20 miles off the coast by two fishermen heading home to Newport Beach. The Coast Guard said he was expected to survive. (KCAL via CNN)

SPAIN

280 Ice Age Drawings Hiding in Plain Sight

Researchers documented 280 Paleolithic engravings, including 55 animals, in a Catalan cave that tourists have visited since 1957. (Archaeology Magazine)

SPACE

Voyager 1, One Light-Day Out

On Nov. 18 the 1977 probe becomes the first human-made object a full light-day — about 16.1 billion miles — from Earth, and it's still sending data. (EarthSky)

ARIZONA

A Video Saves a Family Grill

Fred Najour, 72, was struggling at Greek's Grill in Chandler until a creator's video topped a million views. Now the line is out the door. (Sunny Skyz)

FLORIDA

A Mom Dives In

Annmarie Sanchez, a mother of three, jumped into a flooded lake in West Palm Beach to help pull an elderly driver from his sinking car. He came by to thank her. (WPBF)

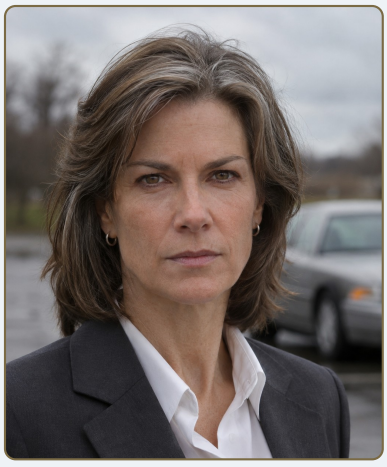
PENNSYLVANIA

A Promise Kept at the Piano

Bonnie Fay, 84, recovered from paralysis and came back to play the baby grand for the rehab staff who helped her: "Now I can give something back." (Upworthy)

MEET THE CAST

The Deepest Water



Agent Christine Mason

FBI profiler

"But what you see today stays out of print until we say so."
— Chapter 27

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 Wednesday · 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	1	.688
Dallas	4	5	0	.444
Washington	2	5	1	.312
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
Tampa Bay	18	12	4	2	26
Montreal	18	11	3	4	26
Ottawa	19	11	6	2	24
Florida	19	10	7	2	22
Buffalo	18	8	7	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	20	11	8	1	23
Washington	16	10	6	0	20
N.Y. Islanders	17	7	6	4	18
Pittsburgh	19	7	10	2	16
Philadelphia	21	5	10	6	16
Columbus	16	7	9	0	14

CENTRAL	GP	W	L	OT	PTS
Minnesota	20	13	3	4	30
Nashville	19	10	4	5	25
Colorado	19	11	6	2	24
Dallas	17	10	5	2	22
Utah	19	10	8	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	20	14	3	3	31
Vegas	20	13	5	2	28
Anaheim	19	10	8	1	21
Seattle	16	9	6	1	19
San Jose	21	8	11	2	18
Calgary	19	8	10	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	10	2	.833	—
Philadelphia	9	3	.750	1
New York	6	5	.545	3.5
Toronto	5	6	.455	4.5
Brooklyn	3	8	.273	6.5

CENTRAL · EAST	W	L	PCT	GB
Detroit	7	3	.700	—
Cleveland	6	6	.500	2
Indiana	4	8	.333	4
Chicago	1	9	.100	6
Milwaukee	1	11	.083	7

SOUTHEAST · EAST	W	L	PCT	GB
Atlanta	7	5	.583	—
Miami	5	6	.455	1.5
Charlotte	4	7	.364	2.5
Orlando	4	7	.364	2.5
Washington	4	8	.333	3

NORTHWEST · WEST	W	L	PCT	GB
Portland	8	3	.727	—
Minnesota	8	3	.727	—
Oklahoma City	8	4	.667	0.5
Denver	6	4	.600	1.5
Utah	1	11	.083	7.5

PACIFIC · WEST	W	L	PCT	GB
L.A. Lakers	11	2	.846	—
Golden State	8	4	.667	2.5
Phoenix	4	6	.400	5.5
LA Clippers	2	8	.200	7.5
Sacramento	1	10	.091	9

SOUTHWEST · WEST	W	L	PCT	GB
San Antonio	10	2	.833	—
Houston	9	3	.750	1
Dallas	7	4	.636	2.5
Memphis	7	4	.636	2.5
New Orleans	4	8	.333	6

NEW ENGLAND WATCH

Where our teams stand

Celtics (10–2) Came back from 22 down to win 98–93 at Toronto, their fifth straight. Tatum 24, White 19. Host Dallas Sunday at 6.

Bruins (13–4–1) First in the Atlantic with 27 points, but Tampa Bay (26) won 8–3 at Buffalo behind a Kucherov hat trick. Montreal visits tonight at 7.

Patriots (5–4) Second in the AFC East, 2½ games behind Buffalo. Lions in Munich Sunday at 9:30 a.m.

Around the NBA The Lakers (11–2) lead the West; San Antonio (10–2) is right behind. Milwaukee (1–11) is last in the East.

THE WEATHER DESK

Forecasts, almanac, mountains & Snow Watch 2026–27

THE FORECASTER'S TAKE

Three Straight — We Lead, 6–5

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

We called 46° for Veterans Day; Burlington reached 48°. That's inside our two-degree window, a third straight win, and Beat the Forecaster leads for the first time, 6–5. Today's call: 42°.

Today is raw and gray: a high near 42°, a low at freezing, and a 25% chance of a few wet snowflakes mixing in. WCAX expects the season's first wintry system through Friday morning: 2–5 inches of heavy, wet snow above 1,200 feet in central and southern Vermont, but little in the Champlain Valley.

Friday and Saturday stay near 40°, with a 30% snow chance Saturday. Then the pattern flips: 53° Tuesday and 58° next Wednesday.

Burlington still hasn't measured snow this season. The valleys may wait a little longer.

ESSEX JCT. ALMANAC

YESTERDAY	High 48° · Low 40°
SUNRISE	6:45 a.m.
SUNSET	4:27 p.m.
DAYLIGHT	9 hr 42 min
CHANGE	−2.4 min vs. yesterday
SINCE JUNE 21	5 hr 50 min less light
MOON	Waxing crescent

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

ESSEX JUNCTION · THE NEXT SEVEN DAYS

TODAY	FRI	SAT	SUN	MON	TUE	WED
42° / 32°	39° / 32°	40° / 35°	41° / 36°	45° / 32°	53° / 33°	58° / 37°
HIGH LOW	HIGH LOW	HIGH LOW	HIGH LOW	HIGH LOW	HIGH LOW	HIGH LOW
FREEZE	FREEZE			FREEZE		
RAIN 0%	RAIN 0%	RAIN 0%	RAIN 20%	RAIN 15%	RAIN 0%	RAIN 10%
SNOW 25%	SNOW 15%	SNOW 30%	SNOW 0%	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

SUGARBUSH — Washington County
35° / 28° · 57%
Best snow chance on the map today.

ISLAND POND — Essex County
37° / 27° · 20%
Coldest low on our list: 27°.

WOODSTOCK — Windsor County
37° / 31° · 74%
74% snow chance today, high 37°.

WHITEFACE — Adirondacks, N.Y.
32° / 25° · 40%
Below freezing through Sunday.

ST. ALBANS — Franklin County
40° / 31° · 20%
Small snow chances through Sunday.

SNOW WATCH 2026–27

Day 12

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

Cold Behind the Front

The front that crossed the Midwest is pushing south and east. Fulton, Mo., tops out at 47° today with lows in the upper 20s by the weekend. Charlotte, N.C., goes from 69° today to a low near 31° Saturday.

Snowshoe, W.Va., has a 70% chance of rain changing to snow today, then stays near or below freezing through Sunday. Miami is 82° with a 75% storm chance, and Roseburg, Ore., gets steady rain Friday.

BEAT THE FORECASTER

We Called It

Wednesday: we said 46°; Burlington hit 48° (2° warmer). Within 2° counts as a win.

Season record: 6–5 (55%)

Recent: Sat 48/52 L · Sun 49/52 L · Mon 49/50 W · Tue 52/51 W · Wed 46/48 W

Today's call: 42° in Essex Junction. Check back tomorrow.

WEATHER WORD

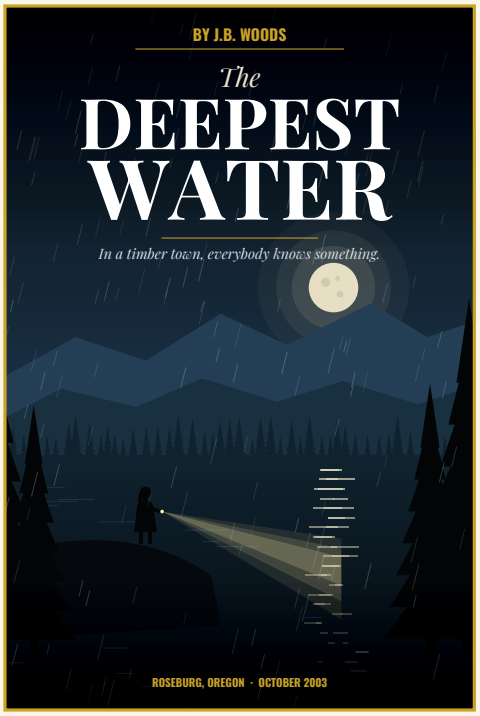
Snow Level

The height where falling rain turns to snow — usually about 1,000 feet below the freezing level, since flakes take time to melt.

This week: it hovers near the ski areas — flakes up high, drizzle in Essex.

THIS WEEK IN WEATHER

Nov. 12, 1970: the Bhola cyclone struck the coast of East Pakistan, now Bangladesh, its storm surge sweeping low islands at night. At least 300,000 died — the deadliest tropical cyclone on record. (WMO)



CHAPTER 35

Not His Hand

Roseburg / Medford · November 2003

Previously: Sheriff Coyle had picked up Harlan Voss's wallet himself. At the Ranch Motel, the card read "H. VOSS" — in careful block letters, paid in cash.

> *"Maybe he's the hunter, Tess, and not the hunted."*

SATURDAY MORNING CAME in gray and wet, and Agent Christine Mason drove up the hill alone.

The Voss place looked the way it always did from the road: tall shrubs, long fences, the silver Mercedes glowing under its spotlights. On the passenger seat beside her, in a clear evidence sleeve, lay a single motel registration card.

She had barely knocked when the door swung open. It wasn't Tiffany Voss.

The man in the doorway was in his mid-thirties, tan, in a pressed shirt with the sleeves rolled exactly twice. He had a hard jaw and the look of someone who had already decided how this conversation would go.

"Are you here to give us some good news," he said, "or are you here to be nosy and bother Mrs. Voss?"

"I don't believe we've met," Mason said. "Agent Mason, FBI."

"Trent Pryce. I'm Gordon Pryce's son." He did not offer a hand. "My father is dead, and my friend is missing."

"You were friends with Harlan?"

"Our families were friends. We were very close."

"I'm sorry about your father, Mr. Pryce. Is Mrs. Voss available?"

"No. She's taking a well-deserved nap." Trent leaned on the doorframe. "As a matter of fact, she's all done talking to the law. You people at the FBI and that loser Ray Coyle are worthless. There's no need to talk to any of you anymore. If you have any more questions for Mrs. Voss, or for my family, you can contact our attorney in Eugene. Martin Kessler." He started to close the door. "Have a nice day, Agent Mason."

"Hold on."

The voice came from above them. A window had opened on the second floor, and Tiffany Voss leaned out of it in a cream robe, her hair pinned up in a hurry. She did not look like a woman who had been napping.

"What do you need, Agent?"

"Mrs. Voss, I only need one second of your time."

Trent jumped in. "Mrs. Voss, I told her to call our attorney —"

"Wait a second, Trent." Tiffany's voice was sharp enough to stop him. A minute later she was at the door, beside him, one hand on the knob. "Show me what you have, Agent."

Mason held up the sleeve. Ranch Motel, Rice Hill. One night, one guest, the Sunday Harlan disappeared. Name: **H. VOSS**, in careful block letters, every one standing up straight. Paid: **CASH**.

Tiffany looked at it for less than a second.

"That's not his writing."

"Are you sure?"

"I'm positive. Harlan signs everything in great big loops. He couldn't print that neat if you held a gun to his head."

"Mrs. Voss, the truck-stop cashier found Harlan's wallet in the trash by the diesel pumps at Rice Hill. License, forty-one dollars. Did Harlan ever leave his wallet anywhere? In the truck? In a jacket?"

"Never."

For a moment Mason thought she would say more. Then Tiffany glanced at Trent, and something in her face closed like a door.

"Have a nice day, Agent," she said.

"Goodbye, Agent," Trent repeated. "Stay away from here and leave her alone."

The door shut. Mason stood on the step a moment longer, listening to the rain on the long fence, then walked back to her car.

Never. A man who never once left his wallet behind, and a wallet in a trash can at a truck stop half an hour north. You don't find a man's wallet, she thought. You take it off him.

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At the bottom of the hill she pulled over and called Myers.

He was where he had been most of the week: in a back room the Roseburg Police Department had lent them, a mile from Ray Coyle's office and a world away. The FBI had no office in Roseburg, and Myers had decided early that he would rather borrow a desk from the city than share one with the sheriff.

"The card isn't Harlan's," Mason said. "She knew in a second. And the wallet never left his back pocket."

"So somebody else checked in under his name."

"And paid cash to do it." She told him about Trent Pryce in the doorway. "He's shut her down. Everything goes through Kessler now."

Myers grunted. "The Pryces and the Vosses, closing ranks. I'd like to know who they're closing them against."

Mason had barely hung up when the phone rang again. She looked at the screen and answered anyway.

"Mason."

"It's Tess."

"I know who it is." Mason watched the wipers go back and forth. "I'm upset with what you printed in the Ledger, Tess. You have no confirmation that Harlan Voss was anywhere near Crater Lake, except that you think you saw him. That's all we have to go on. You *think* you saw him."

"I know what I saw."

"Let's put it this way," Mason said. "Let's assume you saw him, and he's alive. You've just put him in greater danger by telling everyone who reads your paper where they might find him."

"If he was afraid of someone," Tess said, "wouldn't he come to you? For protection? He could help you find the people who are trying to kill him."

Mason was quiet for a moment.

"At this point," she said, "I believe he's hiding because he thinks he's the one who could go to jail. Harlan was Gordon Pryce's silent partner, Tess. Whatever that mill was doing, his name was on it too." She chose the next words carefully.

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"And he may be the one getting even with the people who crossed him. Maybe he's the hunter, Tess, and not the hunted."

Tess didn't answer right away. Mason could hear her breathing.

"We have a team searching for him," Mason went on, "around Crater Lake and over toward Klamath. If he's up there, we'll find him. I'd rather we find him first."

"I had to get a story in the paper," Tess said. "Walt was about ready to fire me."

"Walt Brenner isn't going to fire you," Mason said. "I've met Walt Brenner." Then, more gently: "Remember, Tess, you need to be careful. You've been warned more than once to mind your own business. There's someone out there — maybe more than one — who knows you. They know where you live. They even know when you stay at hotels. I'm concerned about your safety. If you see anyone around you who shouldn't be, you call me. Not the paper. Me."

"I will."

Mason's phone buzzed against her ear. "I need to make another call, Tess. Myers left me a message."

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Tess had barely set her phone down when it lit up again: EYE SPY.

"Are you sitting down?" Kally asked. Tess could hear the snap of a Lysol wipe coming out of its canister.

"I'm at my kitchen table. Does that count?"

"It'll do. Teresa's here. Tess, we've been digging ever since Crater Lake — Owen talking a mile a minute about a trail that doesn't exist, and Karen staring at you like that." Kally took a breath. "Everybody in Douglas County knows Owen did time. But Karen Marsh did too."

"Karen?"

"A few years back she was living back east. Rutland, Vermont. The locals call it Rut Vegas — don't ask me, I'm only telling you what Teresa found. She was in and out of jail there for a couple of years. Petty larceny. Shoplifting. And one time they found drugs on her."

"I don't believe that," Tess said. "I never heard that."

"It's public record," Teresa said, coming on the line. "Arrest reports, court dates. We're not guessing."

Tess sat back. She had known Owen since he was eight. She had known Karen to say hello to for years — Oregon, nearly all her life. And yet a memory turned over, dim and half-forgotten: Karen gone for a while, years ago. Somebody saying she'd moved back east. Then Karen behind the front desk at the Holiday Inn again, as if she had never left.

"She was gone for a little while," Tess said slowly. "Back east. I remember that now."

"And remember this, too," Kally said. "Owen and Karen knew you were at the Rogue Regency. You told them yourself, standing right there at the rim."

"Thank you," she said. "Both of you. I'll be filling in Myers and Mason the next time I talk to them."

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Mason called Myers back from the side of the road. He picked up before it rang.

"The lab came through on the wheelchair," he said. "Grips, brake levers, armrests. They lifted a clean thumb and two fingers and ran them through the FBI's system this morning." He paused. "We have a hit. An old arrest card, out of state. Rutland, Vermont."

Mason stopped the wipers.

"Karen Marsh," Myers said. "Karen Marsh was the old woman in that wheelchair. Most likely the one wearing the mask."

"The front desk at the Holiday Inn," Mason said. "Owen Marsh's cousin. The one who told me Coyle had okayed renting 118 again. And she came up over the rim at Crater Lake the morning that car turned up."

"The decoy," Myers said. "So who was in the bushes?" A beep cut across the line. "Hold on. Deputy Walters is buzzing in on the other line. Let me see what he needs. I'll call you right back."

Myers switched over.

"Agent Myers," Walters said. He sounded out of breath. "Kevin Chase, the security chief at Seven Feathers, just called me. They went back through every camera on the property. One on the back side of the building caught the stolen car going by that afternoon — speeding, right after it left the lot. Clear look through the windshield at the driver. He just emailed me a still."

"Have you told the sheriff?"

"No, sir." A pause. "Just you."

"And?"

Walters took a breath.

"The driver is Harlan Voss."

> *"Owen and Karen knew you were at the Rogue Regency."*



Mason shows Tiffany the Ranch Motel card as Trent Pryce looks on. Scene from Chapter 35 · image by J.B. Woods

HOW A FINGERPRINT MATCH WORKED, 2003

One card per arrest: when anyone is booked, police roll all ten fingers onto a card. The prints go to the state and on to the FBI.

IAFIS: since 1999 the FBI's automated system has held tens of millions of those cards. A crime-scene print can be searched against all of them in hours, not months.

A computer narrows, a person decides: the system returns a short list of likely candidates. A trained examiner compares ridge by ridge and makes the call.

Old arrests count: a shoplifting charge from years ago, in another state, is enough to put a name to a print.

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End of Chapter 35 · Chapter 36 coming soon

THE DEEPEST WATER · READER'S GUIDE

The Story So Far · Chapters 1–20

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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.

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."

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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.

CHAPTER 35

Not His Hand

At the Voss house, Trent Pryce tried to send Mason to the family lawyer, but Tiffany came down and said the H. VOSS card was not Harlan's writing — and Harlan never left his wallet anywhere. Mason scolded Tess for her Crater Lake story and warned her to be careful. Kally and Teresa told Tess that Karen Marsh had arrests in Rutland, Vermont. Myers' lab matched the wheelchair prints to Karen. Then Deputy Walters called Myers alone: a back-side Seven Feathers camera showed the driver of the stolen car. It was Harlan Voss.

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

Burlington, Vermont · 1989

Keith Destromp: The Old Grain Building

On May 30, 1989, Keith Destromp, 35, was found dead inside the abandoned Pease Grain building on Burlington's waterfront, long before the waterfront became the bike path and parks people know today.

He had suffered severe blunt trauma. The state's chief medical examiner ruled his death a homicide.

Destromp was known to spend time in the area, which was then a gathering place for people without homes. Anyone who sheltered or passed through there in late May 1989 may remember something.

No one has been charged. Burlington Police and the Vermont State Police Major Crime Unit still carry the case as unsolved.

Tips: vsp.vermont.gov/tipsubmit (anonymous), text VTIPS to 274637, or call 802-244-8727. Case 1989-15440 / 07A101467. (Vermont State Police)

CASE FACTS

NAME
Keith Destromp
AGE
35
DATE
May 30, 1989
WHERE
Pease Grain building
CAUSE
Blunt trauma
STATUS
Unsolved
CASE
07A101467

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Text VTIPS to 274637 · 802-244-8727

VERMONT POLICE BLOTTER

GEORGIA — A Worcester, Mass., driver, 33, was clocked at 103 mph in a 65 zone on I-89 south Tuesday morning. He was cited for criminal excessive speed and a $572 ticket. (Vermont State Police)

RUTLAND — A 28-year-old Rutland man was arrested for DUI after a 2 a.m. traffic stop on Washington Street Monday. (Vermont State Police)

CHESTER — A 43-year-old Chester man was cited for violating his conditions of release several times; he's due in court Dec. 1. (Vermont State Police)

Tips: vsp.vermont.gov/tipsubmit

COURT WATCH

Bennington — Arthur Coons, 67, of Shaftsbury pleaded not guilty to manslaughter in the May death of his friend Philip Mecik, 39, who was struck by Coons' car in a Dorset driveway. (VTDigger, WCAX)

Miami — A federal judge let President Trump's $10 billion defamation suit against the BBC over an edited Jan. 6 speech go forward, but tossed one claim. (PBS NewsHour)

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.
Bear Brook	Allenstown, N.H.	1985	2017	Genealogy tied the bodies found in barrels to Terry Rasmussen.
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.
"Buckskin Girl"	Near Troy, Ohio	1981	2018	Genealogy named her Marcia King; her killer is still unknown.
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

CHOWCHILLA, 1976

On July 15, 1976, three masked men stopped a school bus outside Chowchilla, Calif., carrying 26 children home from a summer swim outing. They drove the children and driver Ed Ray, 55, to a Livermore rock quarry and sealed them in a buried truck trailer. After about 16 hours, Ray and the older children stacked mattresses, pried open the hatch and dug their way out. All survived. Brothers James and Richard Schoenfeld and Frederick Newhall Woods IV, who had planned a $5 million ransom, were caught within weeks. (Wikipedia, ABC7)

SCAM ALERT

Fake Grants for Veterans

Scammers mine social-media profiles for military service, then message veterans claiming to be from the VA about a "grant." The link leads to a fake site that asks for a Social Security number or VA.gov login. Others run slick video ads promising to beat the stock market. (FTC)

Protect yourself: the VA doesn't contact people through social media. Tighten privacy settings, check benefits at VA.gov, and never let someone you met online make investment decisions.

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

CRIME TRIVIA

Test Your Detective Skills

In a 1235 Chinese murder case, what pointed to the killer's sickle?

er: Files, drawn to invisible traces of blood — recorded in Song Ci's 1247 handbook.

THE SNOW DESK

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

Day 12 OF 152

Totals through Wednesday, Nov. 11

NOV · DEC · JAN · FEB · MAR · APR 1

MOST SNOW IN THE U.S. · LAST 24 HOURS

10.0" · Alyeska Weather Top, AK

ESSEX JCT.

LAST 24 HRS	SEASON
0.0"	0.0"

Official: Burlington airport (BTV)
Normal to date: 1.1" · Depth: 0"

MIDDLEBURY

LAST 24 HRS	SEASON
—	0.0"

Nearest observer reports
No report = no observer reading that day

STOWE

LAST 24 HRS	SEASON
—	0.0"

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	1.1	−1.1	0.0
Boston	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	−0.1	0
Portland, Maine	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.4	−0.4	0.0
Caribou, Maine	T	0.0	0.0	2.4	−2.4	0.0
Concord, N.H.	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.5	−0.5	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	1.9	−1.9	0.0
Buffalo, N.Y.	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.6	−1.6	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	2.2	−2.2	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	1.7	−1.7	0.0
Denver	0.0	0.0	0.0	—	—	0.0
Salt Lake City	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.5	−1.5	0.0
Anchorage, Alaska					report not available	

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

MOST SNOW IN THE U.S.

Biggest 24-hour totals reported to the NWS

1	Alyeska Weather Top, AK Elev. 2707 ft	10.0"
2	Haines, AK Elev. 866 ft	7.1"
3	Alyeska Weather Mid, AK Elev. 1644 ft	7.0"
4	Mount Washington Elev. 5627 ft	1.5"
5	Robertson River, AK Elev. 1519 ft	1.5"
6	Alyeska Base, AK Elev. 371 ft	1.0"
7	Gray Knob, NH Elev. 4360 ft	1.0"
8	Circle Hot Springs, AK Elev. 853 ft	0.8"
9	Alpine Airstrip, AK Elev. 36 ft	0.5"
10	Eagle River 7.8 SE, AK Elev. 2146 ft	0.4"

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

Today: The front arrives: 44°, a 70% chance of rain turning to snow, low 29°.

Friday: High 32°, low 26° — the cold settles in.

Saturday: 29°, low 26°, the coldest day of the stretch.

Sunday: 32°, low 28°.

Snowmaking: Tonight through Monday morning stays in the mid- to upper 20s — four good nights for the guns.

Next week: A warm-up: 51° Tuesday and 58° Wednesday.

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

SNOW NOTES

Day 12 — still zero. Burlington reached 48° on Veterans Day and still hasn't measured snow this season. Normal by now is about 1.4 inches (NWS).

Mountains first. Today's best snow chances are in the hills: Woodstock 74%, Sugarbush 57%, Whiteface 40%. WCAX expects 2–5 inches of wet snow above 1,200 feet in central and southern Vermont; Essex Junction gets just a 25% chance of a mix.

A raw weekend. Highs stay near 40° Friday and Saturday, with a 30% snow chance Saturday. Mount Washington and Whiteface stay below freezing through Sunday.

Then a thaw. Next week turns mild: 53° Tuesday and 58° Wednesday in Essex Junction. Any early snow on the slopes will have to hold on.

PUZZLES & GAMES

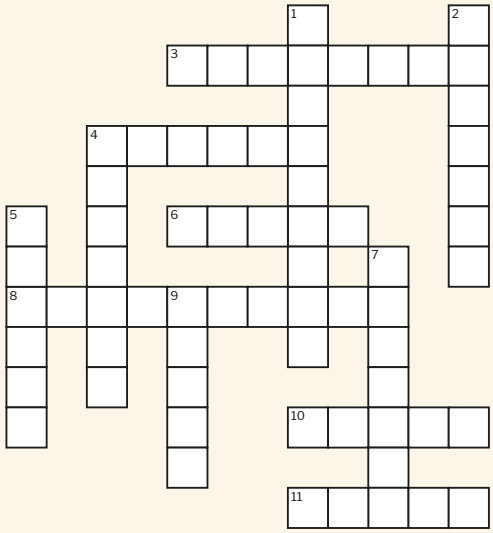
Grab a pencil and your coffee

THE DAILY SUDOKU

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5			4			1		

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

THE DAILY CROSSWORD · MALBEC & NEIL YOUNG



ACROSS

3 Today's baked turnover (8)
4 Argentina's signature red grape (6)
6 Celtic with 24 in Toronto (5)
8 Calif. town of a 1976 bus kidnapping (10)
10 1970 cyclone, deadliest on record (5)
11 FBI agent in today's Meet the Cast (5)

DOWN

1 Waldorf bourbon drink with Fernet (9)
2 Neil Young's 1972 No. 1 album (7)
4 Argentine wine province (7)
5 Tool the flies found in 1235 (6)
7 Celtics beat them 98–93 (7)
9 Warm spice in the filling (5)

WORD SEARCH · EMPANADA NIGHT

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

FIND 12 WORDS

BEEF
CRIMP
CUMIN
DOUGH
EGGS
MALBEC
OLIVES
ONION
OVEN
PAPRIKA
PEPPER
SALSA

Across, down, diagonal — some backward.

THE COURIER QUIZ

Five Questions

1. Where does Woodinville bourbon get all its grain?

2. Who did Francesco Fanciulli succeed as Marine Band leader?

3. What was Neil Young's only No. 1 single?

4. In the 1976 Chowchilla case, who led the children out?

5. When will Voyager 1 be one light-day from Earth?

NAME THAT YEAR

Three Clues

- Voyager 1 flies past Saturn.
- Mount St. Helens erupts.
- The "Miracle on Ice" at Lake Placid.

YESTERDAY'S SUDOKU

9	4	3	1	5	2	8	7	6
5	1	2	7	6	8	3	4	9
6	7	8	4	9	3	2	1	5
7	3	6	2	4	9	5	8	1
4	2	9	8	1	5	6	3	7
1	8	5	3	7	6	9	2	4
3	9	7	5	2	4	1	6	8
8	6	1	9	3	7	4	5	2
2	5	4	6	8	1	7	9	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 12 BIRTHDAYS

This Day in Music

1943 — Errol Brown of Hot Chocolate.

1943 — Brian Hyland, "Itsy Bitsy" — 83.

1944 — Booker T. Jones — 82.

1945 — Neil Young — 81 today.

1947 — Buck Dharma of Blue Öyster Cult.

Also on this day: in 1955, Billboard printed its first Top 100 chart.



SPIN THIS

Harvest

Neil Young · 1972

For his 81st birthday: the best-selling album of 1972 in the U.S., recorded in Nashville, in a barn at Young's California ranch and in London with the London Symphony Orchestra.

Linda Ronstadt and James Taylor sing backup on "Heart of Gold" and "Old Man." (Wikipedia)

Best with: a glass of Malbec.

LIVE IN VERMONT

Shows Near Home

Fri. Nov. 20 · Gimme Gimme Disco, Higher Ground

Fri. Dec. 4 · lespecial, Higher Ground

Sun. Dec. 6 · Tall Heights, Higher Ground

Mon. Dec. 7 · Bit Brigade, Higher Ground

Listings via Songkick; check venues for tickets.

MUSIC TRIVIA

Which 1902 recording by Enrico Caruso is said to be the first to sell a million copies?

ANSWERS — Quiz: 1. One farm in Quincy, Wash. 2. John Philip Sousa. 3. "Heart of Gold." 4. Bus driver Ed Ray. 5. Nov. 18, 2026 (NASA). Name That Year: 1980. Music trivia: "Vesti la giubba," from the opera "Pagliacci." **Yesterday's crossword:** 5A LARSON · 7A TWIST · 8A CELTICS · 9A TRIBE · 11A HORSENECK · 12A VETERANS · 1D WALTERS · 2D HUNTSVILLE · 3D BATISTE · 4D MEATLOAF · 6D SWIFT · 10D BOGLE