ESSEX JCT. TODAY
39°
Low 35° · Snow showers likely
Sunday: cloudy, 42°

The Morning Courier

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

BEAT THE FORECASTER
8–5
Five straight wins
Called 38°, it hit 39° · Page 7

VOL. I · NO. 52 · FREE TO JB · SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2026 · ESSEX JCT., VT · SUNRISE 6:47 A.M. · SUNSET 4:25 P.M.

DOW 52,348 ▲+0.1% · S&P 500 7,562 ▼−0.4% · NVDA $162.85 ▼−2.0% · PLTR $167.99 ▼−2.1% · MSFT $523.88 ▲+0.2% · GAS $3.84

NATIONWIDE · AIR TRAVEL

FAA Halts Every U.S. Departure

A communications failure at air traffic centers grounds flights for four hours; thousands of cancellations ripple into the weekend.

THE GROUND STOP

4 hr 21 min	3:54–8:15 p.m. ET
4,700+	Flights canceled Fri.
10,000	Delayed (FlightRadar24)
~700	Canceled for Saturday

BY THE COURIER NATION DESK · SOURCES: FAA, AL JAZEERA, CBS NEWS, NBC NEWS, FOX WEATHER

The Federal Aviation Administration stopped every departing flight in the country Friday afternoon after communication problems hit multiple air route traffic control centers. The ground stop began about 3:54 p.m. ET and lifted at 8:15, Transportation Secretary Sean Duffy said — the longest in about 25 years, Al Jazeera reported.

Duffy said switches and routers became overloaded and went down, causing intermittent communications and radar gaps at 22 regional centers. Homeland Security Secretary Markwayne Mullin said there was no sign of a cyberattack: "This isn't another 9/11." About 3,000 flights in the air landed safely.

FlightRadar24 counted more than 4,700 cancellations and 10,000 delays Friday, with about 700 flights already canceled for today. Duffy warned recovery would be "slow" but expects normal service before Thanksgiving.

The last nationwide ground stop, in January 2023, lasted about 90 minutes. Stuck at Burlington: Vermont, Page 3.

ESSEX JUNCTION FORECAST

36°
Low tonight: 35°

Snow showers likely, high near 39°; little or no accumulation in the valley.

RAIN TODAY 0% | SNOW TODAY 40%
Summits: Jay 4–8", Stowe 4–6" by Monday (WPTZ)

THE WEEK AHEAD

SUN	MON	TUE	WED
42°	44°	53°	58°
R 25% S 0%	R 15% S 0%	R 5% S 0%	R 10% S 0%

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

FORECASTER'S NOTE
We called 38° Friday; Burlington hit 39°. Five straight wins — Beat the Forecaster leads, 8–5.

ALASKA · STILL COUNTING

Peltola's Lead Grows in Alaska

BY THE COURIER NATION DESK · SOURCE: THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

As of midnight ET, AP's count had Democrat Mary Peltola with 138,240 votes (49.8%) to 127,828 (46.1%) for Sen. Dan Sullivan, with an estimated 96% counted. AP has not called the race.

If no one tops 50%, ranked-choice tallying decides it Nov. 18. Page 2.

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WEATHER AROUND THE MAP

Saturday forecasts · forecast data · "Now" = overnight

	NOW	HI	LO	RAIN	SNOW
MIDDLEBURY, VT	34°	40°	34°	0%	40%
MT. WASHINGTON, NH	16°	28°	19°	0%	30%
SNOWSHOE, WV	26°	29°	26°	0%	20%
ROSEBURG, OR	49°	59°	49°	10%	0%
E. DENNIS, MA · CAPE	42°	45°	41°	10%	0%
CHARLOTTE, NC	34°	53°	31°	5%	0%
WILMINGTON, NC	42°	58°	33°	0%	0%
ST. PETERSBURG, FL	55°	63°	54°	10%	0%
FULTON, MO	26°	47°	24°	0%	0%
HOT SPOT · MCALLEN, TX	65°	80°	64°	10%	0%



THE DEEPEST WATER · A COURIER SERIAL
Chapter 37 is being written. Today on Page 8: a scene from Chapter 3.

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MARKETS & MONEY

Chips slide again, but stocks log a winning week · Saturday, November 14

CLOSES — FRIDAY, NOV. 13

INDEX / STOCK	CLOSE	CHANGE	PCT
Dow Jones Industrials	52,347.55	+50.46	+0.10%
S&P 500	7,561.67	−30.73	−0.40%
Nasdaq Composite	25,136.27	−229.82	−0.91%
Russell 2000	2,790.49	−8.57	−0.31%
JB'S WATCHLIST			
Nvidia (NVDA)	162.85	−3.34	−2.01%
Palantir (PLTR)	167.99	−3.59	−2.09%
Microsoft (MSFT)	523.88	+0.88	+0.17%
BIG NAMES			
AMD (AMD)	534.06	−51.21	−8.75%

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

RATES · ENERGY · METALS

10-yr Treasury +0.05	5.15%
2-yr Treasury +0.01	4.87%
PPI (Oct.) est. +0.4%	+0.3%
Gold flat	~$3,888
WTI crude +0.2%	~$88.92
Brent crude flat	$95.84
Bitcoin −3.8%	~$68,350
Fed hike odds Dec. 9	~100%
VIX +0.60	19.30

THE WEEK AHEAD **TUE.** Retail sales; Nvidia earnings **WED.** Fed minutes; Anthropic* prices **THU.** Walmart; ANT debuts

Nvidia guided to about $108 billion in quarterly revenue · Anthropic* range $70–$78

investingLive, Newsquawk, StockAnalysis

WALL STREET

Chips Sink, but the Week Ends Higher

BY THE COURIER MARKETS DESK · SOURCES: AP, YAHOO FINANCE, TRADINGKEY, IBTIMES

Every one of the 30 big chip stocks fell Friday — AMD dropped 8.8% and Nvidia 2% more — as the Nasdaq slid 0.9%. Still, more than 60% of S&P 500 stocks rose, and the index finished the week up about 2.5%. Producer prices rose 0.3% in October, a touch cooler than forecast, though up 6.5% from a year ago.

Nvidia lost about 13% for the week, its sixth weekly loss in a row. HSBC cut it to "hold." The FT reports the board approached Arm CEO Rene Haas about the top job; Colette Kress remains interim chief.

STOCKS TO WATCH TODAY

On the Radar

Nvidia (NVDA) — —2% to $162.85; —13% on the week. Earnings Tuesday.

Palantir (PLTR) — —2.1% to $167.99.

Microsoft (MSFT) — +0.2% to $523.88, despite a global outage.

AMD — —8.8% to $534.06.

Huang to Congress? — Rep. Brian Mast says Huang agreed to testify; not confirmed.

Anthropic IPO* — Prices Wednesday; up to 20% for retail buyers.

FRIDAY'S MOVERS

NMAX	Newsmax	+31.40%
MOD	Modine	+28.00%
LLY	Eli Lilly	+1.30%
V	Visa	+1.30%
NVDA	Nvidia	−2.00%
AVGO	Broadcom	−4.80%
SPCE	Virgin Galactic	−31.30%

Best of these: Newsmax +31.4% Worst: Virgin Galactic −31.3%

YEAR TO DATE

Russell 2000	+12.5%
S&P 500	+10.5%
Nasdaq	+8.1%
Dow	+8.9%

Approx., through Friday.

THE LUMBER DESK

Lumber Slips Again

FOR THE JB WOODS DESK

The Madison's Lumber Prices Index fell 1% for the week to $444 per thousand board feet, down 10% in a month. Futures dipped below $490 this week, the lowest since July 2024. (Madison's, Trading Economics)

GAS PRICES · REGULAR, PER GALLON

NATIONAL	VERMONT	HIGHEST	LOWEST
$3.84	$4.13	$5.62	$3.15
U.S. average	state average	Hawaii	North Carolina

AAA, Nov. 13–14 · down about 20¢ in a week

NATION & WORLD

Washington, the courts & beyond

EUROPE · UKRAINE

Five Nations Will Speak for Europe

BY THE COURIER NATION DESK · SOURCES: RTE, EUOBSERVER, IRISH TIMES, CBS/AP

EU leaders closed their Dublin summit Friday by naming Britain, France, Germany, Italy and Poland, plus EU officials, to represent Europe in the next round of Ukraine peace talks, rather than a single envoy. Envoy Jared Kushner and President Zelensky said a European delegation would join the next round in Abu Dhabi.

"We don't get any sense yet that Russia is serious about peace," Irish leader Micheál Martin said. Germany's Friedrich Merz had a message for Washington: "Please, no surprises." The prisoner exchange agreed Wednesday has not yet taken place.

ELSEWHERE

Brooklyn. The Brooklyn district attorney is examining possible criminal conduct in Wednesday's building collapse that killed eight. The building had 98 open violations. (CBS New York)

Persian Gulf. Iran's Revolutionary Guards said they targeted a U.S. radar in Bahrain in retaliation for a strike on an Iranian telecom tower; a tanker hit a mine in the Strait of Hormuz. (AP via Times of Israel)

Peru. Pope Leo XIV said Mass near Chiclayo, his former diocese: "What a joy it is to return to Chiclayo!" (Vatican News)

VERMONT

Around the Green Mountain State

BURLINGTON · AIR TRAVEL

Grounded at BTV

BY THE COURIER VERMONT DESK · SOURCES: VTDIGGER, FAA

About 400 passengers were waiting in the terminal at Burlington International Airport Friday evening when the FAA's nationwide ground stop froze departures (Page 1). Five planes sat on the ground, aviation director Nic Longo said; the airport's own systems were fine.

"We're still holding onto a little bit of hope that things will get moving," Longo said as the last scheduled flight, at 7:30 p.m., hung in doubt. The ground stop lifted at 8:15, but airlines warned of more cancellations today. Check your flight before heading to the airport.

STATEWIDE · SHELTERS

More Shelter Beds Than Motel Rooms

Vermont shelters now hold 721 households, up from 583 a year ago — the first time in memory there are more shelter beds than state-paid motel rooms. The cold-weather trigger for emergency motel rooms rises from 0 to 10 degrees, and a new site, GetWarmNowVT.org, lists warm places. (VTDigger, Vermont Public)

SKI COUNTRY

Summits Get a Weekend Refill

WPTZ's summit forecast through Monday morning: Jay Peak 4–8 inches, Stowe 4–6, Smugglers' 3–6, Bolton and Mad River Glen 3–5, Sugarbush 3–4. Ski Vermont lists Stowe, Sugarbush, Okemo and Mount Snow targeting Nov. 21. (WPTZ, Ski Vermont)

AROUND THE STATE

BURLINGTON — Last pints today. Vermont Pub & Brewery pours its last beers today after nearly 38 years. (WCAX, Seven Days)

BURLINGTON — Title day. High school football finals today at Burlington High, starting at 11 a.m.; streaming on NFHS Network. (Burlington Free Press)

NORTHEAST KINGDOM — Watch for spikes. Troopers are investigating tire-puncturing caltrops left on roads in Jay, Westfield and Lowell. (Vermont State Police)

FOLIAGE REPORT

Snow on the summits

Friday: Burlington 39°; we called 38°.
Record: five straight — we lead, 8–5.
Today: snow showers likely, 39°.
Jay Peak: 4–8" by Monday (WPTZ).
Stowe: 4–6"; opening target Nov. 21.
Burlington: still no measurable snow.
Next week: 53° Tuesday, 58° Wednesday.
Sunset: 4:25 p.m.

THE WEEK IN VERMONT

Today Snow showers, 39°.
Tonight Cloudy, 35°.
Sun. Cloudy, 42°.
Mon. Brighter, 44°.
Tue. Milder, 53°.
Forecast data for Essex Junction; check before you go.

VERMONT BY THE NUMBERS

2–1 UVM's shootout edge
0–0 After overtime
23 Saves for Jacob Oster
14–3–4 Wild, in Boston tonight
8–5 Beat the Forecaster

SPORTS

UVM edges Maine in a shootout · Wild visit the Bruins · Patriots in Munich

UVM 0, MAINE 0 · UVM WINS SHOOTOUT 2–1 · GUTTERSON, FRIDAY

TEAM	1	2	3	G
MAI	0	0	0	0
UVM	0	0	0	0

Shootout: UVM — Colin Kessler, Ethan Burroughs; Maine — Max Scott · Saves: Oster (UVM) 23, Boija (ME) 20

COLLEGE HOCKEY

Catamounts Grab the Extra Point

BY THE COURIER SPORTS DESK · SOURCE: SPORTRADAR

Neither goalie budged through 65 minutes — UVM had a first-period goal waved off for offside — before Kessler and Burroughs scored in the shootout. Officially a tie, but No. 20 UVM (5–3–2) takes the extra Hockey East point in its first ranked game since 2017. The rematch is tonight at 5. (Bangor Daily News, WPTZ)

Patriots: A.J. Brown and Rhamondre Stevenson are questionable for Sunday in Munich; TreVeyon Henderson is out (illness). (Patriots injury report)

NFL · WEEK 11

Week 11: Washington wins Thursday

WAS 24, NYG 21	Final
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

Wild at the Garden Tonight

The Bruins (13–5–1) host Minnesota (14–3–4), which has won seven straight on the road. Boston is 6–3–1 in its last 10. Puck drop is 7. (SportRadar, KFAN)

HIGH SCHOOL · FOOTBALL FINALS

Title Day at Burlington High

11 a.m.: Colchester vs. Fair Haven.

2:30 / 6: Otter Valley–Bellows Falls; St. Johnsbury–Burr and Burton.

THIS WEEKEND ON TV (ET)

NHL Wild at Bruins (Sat.), 7:00
NFL Patriots vs. Lions (Sun.), 9:30a

THE BOURBON & WINE PAGE

A wheated bargain · a Rioja Reserva · lamb shanks for a cold Saturday



BOURBON OF THE WEEK

LUX ROW DISTILLERS · BARDSTOWN, KY.

Rebel 100

PROOF	STATE	AGE	PRICE
100	Kentucky	NAS	~$20–25

A wheated bourbon — corn, wheat and malted barley, no rye — at a bottom-shelf price. It dates to 1936 at Louisville's Stitzel-Weller and dropped "Yell" from its name in 2020. (Rebel, Wikipedia)

How it tastes: hay, corn and caramel on the nose; oily on the tongue with vanilla, oak, light leather and white pepper; a medium finish of oak and vanilla. (Breaking Bourbon)

Rock and roll: Billy Idol said his 1983 hit "Rebel Yell" was named for a bottle he shared with Keith Richards, Mick Jagger and Ron Wood. (Wikipedia)



WINE OF THE WEEK

MARQUÉS DE RISCAL · ELCIEGO, RIOJA, SPAIN

Marqués de Riscal Rioja Reserva

GRAPE	FROM	OAK	PRICE
Tempranillo	Rioja	~2 yrs	~$20

Founded in 1858, Riscal says it bottled the first Rioja ever, in 1862, after hiring a Bordeaux cellar master. Its famous gold wire net was added to foil counterfeiters. (Marqués de Riscal)

How it tastes: "textbook Rioja aromas of spiced plum, vanilla, tobacco and oak grain" (Wine Enthusiast); licorice, cinnamon and black pepper with polished tannins (the winery).

Mostly Tempranillo with a little Graciano, aged about two years in American oak. The estate's hotel was designed by Frank Gehry.

TODAY'S RECIPE

Made to go with a glass

Bourbon & Rioja Braised Lamb Shanks

Serves 4 · about 3½ hours (mostly in the oven)

THE SHANKS

- 4 lamb shanks (about 1 lb each)
- 1 tbsp smoked paprika
- 2 tsp kosher salt
- 2 tbsp olive oil
- 1 large onion, chopped
- 4 garlic cloves, smashed

THE BRAISE

- ⅓ cup bourbon
- 1 cup Rioja or dry red
- 1 can (14.5 oz) crushed tomatoes
- 1 cup beef broth
- 2 tbsp brown sugar
- 2 sprigs rosemary

METHOD

1. Heat the oven to 325°F. Rub the shanks with paprika and salt; brown in oil in a Dutch oven, 10–12 minutes. Set aside.

2. Lower the heat; cook the onion 5 minutes, then the garlic 1 minute.

3. Off the heat, add the bourbon; return to the heat and scrape up the browned bits. Add the wine and simmer 3 minutes.

4. Stir in tomatoes, broth, sugar and rosemary. Nestle in the shanks, cover and braise 2½–3 hours, turning once.

5. Move the shanks to a platter; skim the fat and simmer the sauce 10 minutes. Serve over mashed potatoes or polenta.

Courier tip: Even better made a day ahead — chill overnight, lift off the fat and reheat gently.

POUR WITH IT · BOURBON

Rebel 100: soft wheated caramel matches the brown-sugar-and-bourbon sauce. (Courier pick)

POUR WITH IT · WINE

Rioja Reserva: lamb and Tempranillo is a Spanish classic; the oak's vanilla and spice echo the smoked paprika. (Courier pick)

THIS WEEK'S POUR

Cocktail Corner

Benton's Old Fashioned. Stir 2 oz bacon fat-washed bourbon, ¼ oz dark maple syrup and 2 dashes Angostura with ice. Strain over a large cube; garnish with orange peel.

The story: Created by bartender Don Lee in the late 2000s at PDT, a New York speakeasy, with surplus Benton's Tennessee bacon fat — bacon and maple, like breakfast. It made "fat-washing" famous. (PUNCH, Difford's Guide)

BOURBON & WINE NEWS

A $20 Refund for Sports Fans

Owensboro's Green River Distilling will send $20 by Venmo to fans who upload a receipt showing at least $20 spent on tickets, parking or concessions (no alcohol), through Nov. 20 while funds last. It points to sports ticket prices up 123% since 2000. (The Whiskey Wash)

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

THIS WEEK'S POUR PLAN

What to sip with what's on

TONIGHT · WILD AT BRUINS, 7:00
Lamb shanks in the oven by 3:30.

THURSDAY, NOV. 19
Beaujolais Nouveau Day.

THANKSGIVING, NOV. 26
Rioja Reserva loves roast turkey.

THE CELLAR & RICKHOUSE GLOSSARY

Nine wine words, nine bourbon words

Rioja — Spain's most famous red-wine region.
Reserva — aged at least 3 years, 1 in oak.
Tempranillo — Spain's signature red grape.
Graciano — a deep-colored Rioja blending grape.
American oak — gives Rioja its vanilla and coconut notes.
Crianza — younger than Reserva.
Gran Reserva — aged longest of all.
Tannin — the drying grip from skins and oak.
Vintage — the year the grapes were picked.
Wheater — bourbon with wheat instead of rye.
Mash bill — the recipe of grains.
Stitzel-Weller — historic Louisville wheated-bourbon distillery.
NAS — no age statement on the label.
Fat-washing — infusing spirit with fat, then chilling it off.
Proof — twice the alcohol percentage.
Bardstown — the "Bourbon Capital of the World."
Rickhouse — warehouse where barrels age.
Bottom shelf — where the bargains hide.

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)

Today 5:00 — Maine at UVM hockey.
Tonight 7:00 — Wild at Bruins.
Sun. 9:30 a.m. — Patriots at Lions (Munich).
Sun. 1:00 — Bills at Jets.
Sun. 6:00 — Mavericks at Celtics.
Mon. 7:00 — Magic at Celtics.

AROUND VERMONT

Today 11:00 — HS football finals, Burlington.
Today — Vermont Pub & Brewery's last day.
Tue. — Retail sales; Nvidia earnings.
Wed. — Anthropic* IPO prices.
Thu. — Beaujolais Nouveau Day.

WEATHER AT A GLANCE

Sat. — Snow showers, 39°.
Sun. — Cloudy, 42°.
Mon. — Brighter, 44°.
Tue. — Milder, 53°.
Wed. — Mild, 58°.
Thu. — Mild, 58°.

GOOD NEWS ROUNDUP

Kindness, critters & comebacks

FLORIDA

A Famous Liner Becomes a Reef

The SS United States, which set the trans-Atlantic speed record in 1952, was sunk about 25 miles off Destin, Fla., to become the world's largest artificial reef. Its smokestacks are being saved for a museum. (AP)

HUNGARY

The Rubik's Cube Comes Home

Ernő Rubik started a new production line in Jászberény, the first Rubik's Cubes made in Hungary since the early 1980s. The first cube off the line will be auctioned for the town's hospital. (MTI)

NEVADA

The Rarest Fish Rebounds

Divers counted 137 Devils Hole pupfish in their single desert cavern pool — nearly double the spring count and up from just 38 in 2025. (Newsweek)

ENGLAND

Go to the Park

Children taken to a park or playground at least weekly scored 16.5% better on mental-health measures, a University of Exeter study of 4,200 kids found. (University of Exeter)

FLORIDA

Twins on an Honor Flight

Twin veterans Dottie Elton (Air Force) and Dean Long (Army) flew together to Washington's memorials with Southwest Florida Honor Flight. (WWSB)

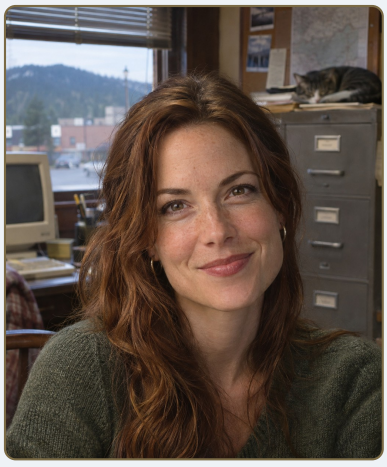
ANTARCTICA

Blue Whales, Slowly Back

Antarctic blue whales now number about 4,018, up from roughly 418 when whaling ended, and are growing about 4.5% a year. (University of Washington)

MEET THE CAST

The Deepest Water



Teresa Juniper

Eye Spy Investigations

"Desk clerks, housekeepers, the night man. Somebody saw something."
— 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 Thursday · NHL and NBA through Friday · 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	3	1	.611
Dallas	4	5	0	.444
Washington	3	5	1	.389
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
Tampa Bay	19	13	4	2	28
Montreal	19	12	3	4	28
Boston	19	13	5	1	27
Ottawa	20	12	6	2	26
Florida	20	11	7	2	24
Buffalo	19	8	7	4	20
Toronto	21	8	11	2	18
Detroit	20	7	10	3	17

METROPOLITAN	GP	W	L	OT	PTS
Carolina	20	15	3	2	32
New Jersey	20	14	6	0	28
N.Y. Rangers	21	12	8	1	25
Washington	17	10	7	0	20
N.Y. Islanders	18	8	6	4	20
Pittsburgh	19	7	10	2	16
Philadelphia	21	5	10	6	16
Columbus	17	7	10	0	14

CENTRAL	GP	W	L	OT	PTS
Minnesota	21	14	3	4	32
Nashville	20	11	4	5	27
Colorado	20	11	6	3	25
Dallas	18	10	6	2	22
Utah	20	10	8	2	22
Winnipeg	20	9	8	3	21
St. Louis	19	9	8	2	20
Chicago	19	5	13	1	11

PACIFIC	GP	W	L	OT	PTS
Edmonton	20	14	3	3	31
Vegas	21	13	5	3	29
Anaheim	19	10	8	1	21
Seattle	17	9	7	1	19
San Jose	21	8	11	2	18
Calgary	19	8	10	1	17
Los Angeles	17	5	10	2	12
Vancouver	21	3	17	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	10	3	.769	0.5
New York	6	6	.500	4
Toronto	5	7	.417	5
Brooklyn	3	8	.273	6.5

CENTRAL · EAST	W	L	PCT	GB
Detroit	8	3	.727	—
Cleveland	6	7	.462	3
Indiana	5	8	.385	4
Chicago	2	9	.182	6
Milwaukee	1	12	.077	8

SOUTHEAST · EAST	W	L	PCT	GB
Atlanta	7	6	.538	—
Miami	6	6	.500	0.5
Orlando	5	7	.417	1.5
Charlotte	4	8	.333	2.5
Washington	4	9	.308	3

NORTHWEST · WEST	W	L	PCT	GB
Portland	9	3	.750	—
Minnesota	9	3	.750	—
Oklahoma City	8	5	.615	1.5
Denver	6	4	.600	2
Utah	1	12	.077	8.5

PACIFIC · WEST	W	L	PCT	GB
L.A. Lakers	11	2	.846	—
Golden State	8	5	.615	3
Phoenix	5	6	.455	5
LA Clippers	3	8	.273	7
Sacramento	1	11	.083	9.5

SOUTHWEST · WEST	W	L	PCT	GB
San Antonio	11	2	.846	—
Houston	10	3	.769	1
Memphis	8	4	.667	2.5
Dallas	7	5	.583	3.5
New Orleans	4	9	.308	7

NEW ENGLAND WATCH

Where our teams stand

Bruins (13–5–1) Third in the Atlantic, a point behind Tampa Bay and Montreal. Minnesota (14–3–4), winners of seven straight on the road, visits tonight at 7.

Celtics (10–2) Still first in the East. Dallas (7–5) visits Sunday at 6.

Patriots (5–4) Second in the AFC East. Lions in Munich Sunday at 9:30 a.m.; A.J. Brown is questionable.

Around the NBA San Antonio (11–2) and the Lakers (11–2) share the West's best record; Milwaukee (1–12) is last in the East.

THE WEATHER DESK

Forecasts, almanac, mountains & Snow Watch 2026–27

THE FORECASTER'S TAKE

Five Straight — 8–5

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

We called 38° Friday; Burlington reached 39°. That's five wins in a row, and Beat the Forecaster leads 8–5. Today's call: 39°.

Snow showers are likely today (40% in Essex Junction), but valley temperatures in the upper 30s mean little will stick. Burlington is still waiting for its first measurable snow.

The mountains are another story: WPTZ expects 4–8 inches on Jay Peak and 4–6 on Stowe's summit by Monday morning.

Then a mild stretch: 53° Tuesday and 58° Wednesday through Friday.

ESSEX JCT. ALMANAC

YESTERDAY	High 39° · Low 31°
SUNRISE	6:47 a.m.
SUNSET	4:25 p.m.
DAYLIGHT	9 hr 37 min
CHANGE	-2.4 min vs. yesterday
SINCE JUNE 21	5 hr 54 min less light
MOON	Waxing crescent

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

ESSEX JUNCTION · THE NEXT SEVEN DAYS

TODAY	SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
39° / 35°	42° / 36°	44° / 30°	53° / 31°	58° / 37°	58° / 38°	58° / 42°
HIGH / LOW	HIGH / LOW	HIGH / LOW	HIGH / LOW	HIGH / LOW	HIGH / LOW	HIGH / LOW
		FREEZE	FREEZE			
RAIN 0%	RAIN 25%	RAIN 15%	RAIN 5%	RAIN 10%	RAIN 10%	RAIN 15%
SNOW 40%	SNOW 0%	SNOW 0%	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

STOWE — Lamoille County
35° / 31° · 35%
Snow showers now; 4–6" up top.

BURKE — Caledonia County
35° / 29° · 25%
Below freezing tonight.

RUTLAND — Rutland County
38° / 32° · 25%
A few flakes possible.

MONTPELIER — Washington County
38° / 32° · 25%
Raw and gray.

PLATTSBURGH — Clinton County, N.Y.
40° / 36° · 30%
Mixed showers off the lake.

SNOW WATCH 2026–27

Day 14

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 Frosty Southern Morning

Cold air settled deep into the South: Charlotte, N.C., is near freezing this morning and Fulton, Mo., in the mid-20s, before both warm into the 50s and 60s by midweek.

Snowshoe, W.Va., stays below freezing all day with light snow showers. McAllen, Texas, is the hot spot at 80°.

BEAT THE FORECASTER

We Called It

Friday: we said 38°; Burlington hit 39° (1° warmer). Within 2° counts as a win.

Season record: 8–5 (62%)

Recent: Mon 49/50 W · Tue 52/51 W · Wed 46/48 W · Thu 42/43 W · Fri 38/39 W

Today's call: 39° in Essex Junction. Check back tomorrow.

WEATHER WORD

Freezing Rain

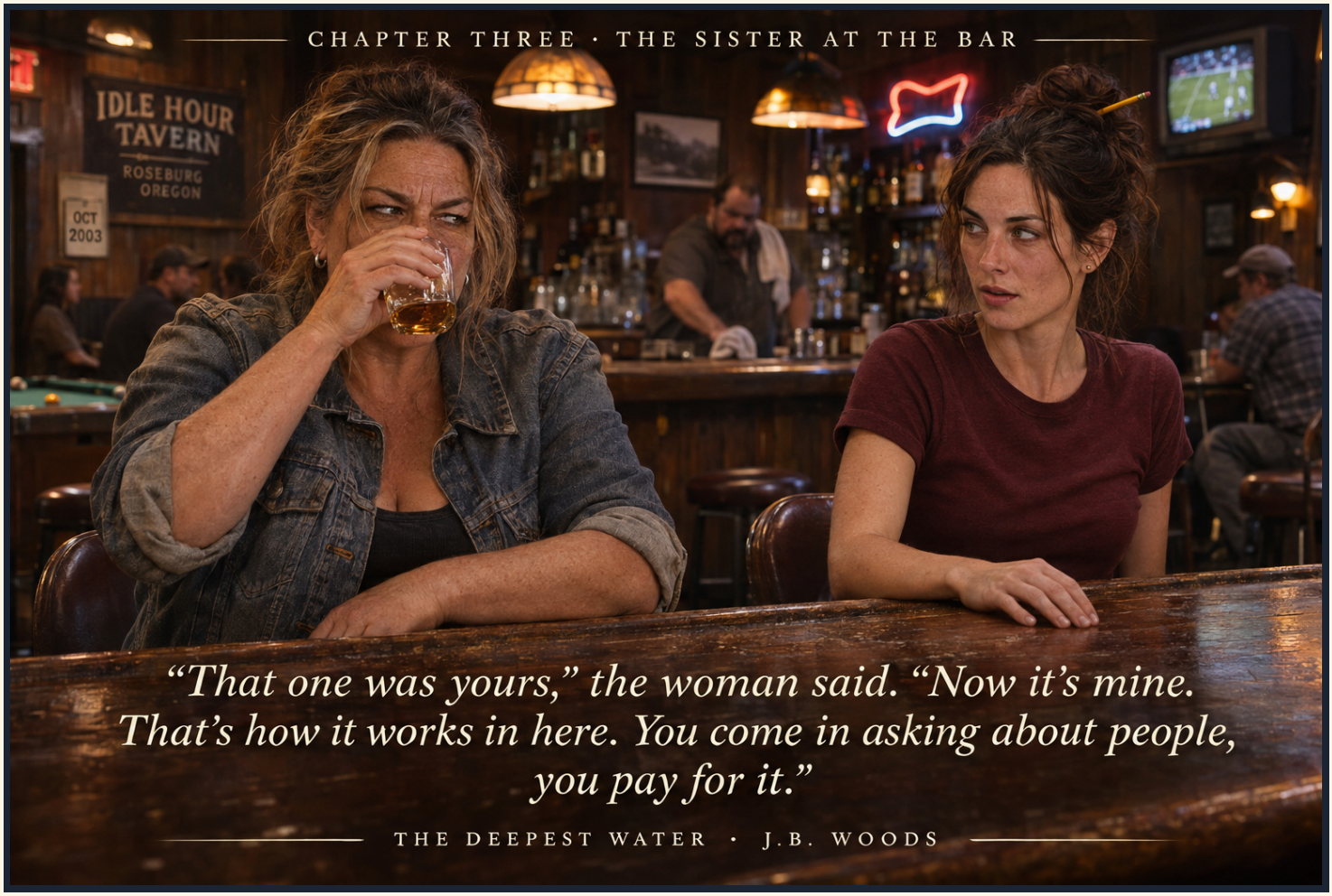
Rain that falls through a warm layer aloft, then freezes on contact with cold ground, trees and wires — building a glaze of ice.

Not today: our showers stay snow or plain rain.

THIS WEEK IN WEATHER

Nov. 19, 1996: freezing rain glazed Spokane, Wash., with up to 1.5 inches of ice. Trees toppled onto lines, leaving about 100,000 homes and businesses dark — some for two weeks — in the worst ice storm on Spokane's record. (Spokesman-Review)

THE DEEPEST WATER *New reader? Tap here to read from Chapter 1 ›*



Scenes from The Deepest Water · Chapter 3, "The Sister at the Bar" · image by J.B. Woods

CHAPTER 37

Chapter Still Being Written

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

WHERE WE LEFT OFF · CHAPTER 36: EVERY HAND IN THAT CAR

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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 1–21

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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."

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!"

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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.

CHAPTER 36

Every Hand in That Car

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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

Milton, Vermont · 1995

Michael Gembarowski: Not Natural Causes

On Sept. 9, 1995, Michael Gembarowski, 36, was found dead in his home at 58 McMullen Road in Milton.

At first his death was thought to be from natural causes. An autopsy found otherwise: he had been shot, and the medical examiner ruled it a homicide.

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

Anyone who knew Gembarowski, visited McMullen Road that late-summer week, or heard talk about his death may hold the missing piece.

Tips: vsp.vermont.gov/tipsubmit (anonymous), text VTIPS to 274637, or call 802-244-8727. Case 14MT02249. (Vermont State Police)

CASE FACTS

NAME
Michael Gembarowski
AGE
36
DATE
Sept. 9, 1995
WHERE
Milton, Vt.
CAUSE
Gunshot
STATUS
Unsolved
CASE
14MT02249

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VERMONT POLICE BLOTTER

STARKSBORO — A Starksboro man, 25, was charged with reckless endangerment after troopers said he fired a gun and threw things at a home on Stokes Road Thursday. (Vermont State Police)

NORTON — A Las Vegas man, 40, wanted there for theft of $100,000 or more, was taken into custody at the Norton port of entry Wednesday. (Vermont State Police)

JAY — Troopers are investigating caltrops — sharp metal tire spikes — left on roads in Jay, Westfield and Lowell; six drivers reported flats. Tips: 802-334-8881. (Vermont State Police)

Tips: vsp.vermont.gov/tipsubmit

COURT WATCH

Montpelier — The Vermont Supreme Court ordered a trial court to reconsider its dismissal of a murder charge against a Bennington man accused in the 2019 death of his girlfriend. (WCAX)

Washington — The U.S. Supreme Court agreed to hear the administration's appeal on its order suspending asylum for migrants who cross the southern border between ports of entry; a ruling is expected by next summer. (CBS News)

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

THE YORKSHIRE RIPPER, 1981

From 1975 to 1980 a killer stalked northern England; 13 women died. Detectives interviewed lorry driver Peter Sutcliffe at least nine times, and a hoax tape from "Wearside Jack" sent the hunt down a false trail for about 18 months. The break came by chance on Jan. 2, 1981: two officers on patrol in Sheffield stopped Sutcliffe's car and found false number plates. A sergeant later went back to the spot and found a hammer and knife he had hidden. Sutcliffe confessed and was convicted of 13 murders and seven attempted murders. (Crime+Investigation UK)

SCAM ALERT

Look-Alike Hotel Websites

The American Hotel & Lodging Association warns that fake sites imitating real hotels are trapping holiday travelers with misleading prices, hidden fees and reservations that don't exist. The top search result may be a paid ad, not the hotel. (AHLA)

Protect yourself: book through the hotel's own website, app or phone line; check the web address for misspellings; and call the hotel to confirm your reservation.

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

CRIME TRIVIA

Test Your Detective Skills

Who first proposed, in an 1880 letter to Nature, using fingerprints to identify criminals?

Answer: Dr. Henry Faulds, a Scottish missionary doctor in Tokyo.

THE SNOW DESK

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

Day 14 OF 152

Totals through Friday, Nov. 13

NOV · DEC · JAN · FEB · MAR · APR 1

MOST SNOW IN THE U.S. · LAST 24 HOURS

4.0" · Cooperstown, NY

ESSEX JCT.

LAST 24 HRS	SEASON
0.0"	0.0"

Official: Burlington airport (BTV)
Normal to date: 1.4" · Depth: 0"

MIDDLEBURY

LAST 24 HRS	SEASON
—	0.0"

Nearest observer reports
No report = no observer reading that day

STOWE

LAST 24 HRS	SEASON
0.0"	0.0"

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

SNOWSHOE, WV

LAST 24 HRS	SEASON
—	0.0"

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	1.4	−1.4	0.0
Boston	T	0.0	0.0	0.1	−0.1	0
Portland, Maine	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.5	−0.5	0.0
Caribou, Maine	T	0.0	0.0	2.9	−2.9	0.0
Concord, N.H.	T	0.0	0.0	0.6	−0.6	0.0
Albany, N.Y.	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.5	−0.2	0.0
Syracuse, N.Y.	T	0.3	0.3	2.4	−2.1	0.0
Buffalo, N.Y.	T	0.0	0.0	2.0	−2.0	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	2.8	−2.8	0.0
Detroit	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.4	−0.4	0.0
Chicago	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3	−0.3	0.0
Minneapolis	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.1	−2.1	0.0
Denver	0.0	0.0	0.0	—	—	0.0
Salt Lake City	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.0	−2.0	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	Cooperstown, NY Elev. 1263 ft	4.0"
2	Herman, MI Elev. 1837 ft	2.7"
3	Clarksburg, MI Elev. 1552 ft	2.0"
4	Skandia 3.0 SSE, MI Elev. 1109 ft	2.0"
5	Calumet-tamarack, MI Elev. 1237 ft	1.8"
6	Michigamme 3 WNW, MI Elev. 1716 ft	1.3"
7	Hurley 4.1 SSE, WI Elev. 1555 ft	1.1"
8	Alpine Airstrip, AK Elev. 36 ft	1.0"
9	Kearsarge, MI Elev. 1119 ft	1.0"

SEASON LEADERS · CITIES

Albany, N.Y.	0.3"
Syracuse, N.Y.	0.3"
Burlington, Vt.	0.0"
Boston	0.0"
Portland, Maine	0.0"
Caribou, Maine	0.0"
Concord, N.H.	0.0"
Buffalo, N.Y.	0.0"

SNOWSHOE MOUNTAIN REPORT

Opening day in 11 days — Wed., Nov. 25 (target, weather permitting)

Now: Light snow showers at 26° this morning.

Today: High 29°, low 26° — a full day below freezing.

Sunday: 32°, low 28°.

Monday: 42°, low 29°.

Snowmaking: Tonight and Sunday night stay well below freezing.

Next week: A warm-up: 52° Tuesday and 56° Wednesday.

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

SNOW NOTES

Day 14 — still zero. Burlington reached 39° Friday and still hasn't measured snow this season. Normal by now is about 1.7 inches (NWS).

Summit refill. WPTZ's forecast through Monday morning: Jay Peak 4–8 inches, Stowe 4–6, Smugglers' 3–6, Sugarbush 3–4, southern Vermont 0–2.

Today's chance. Snow showers are likely in Essex Junction (40%), high near 39° — but it may not stick in the valley.

Openings. Ski Vermont lists Stowe, Sugarbush, Okemo and Mount Snow targeting Nov. 21 and Jay Peak Nov. 26; Killington hasn't set a date.

PUZZLES & GAMES

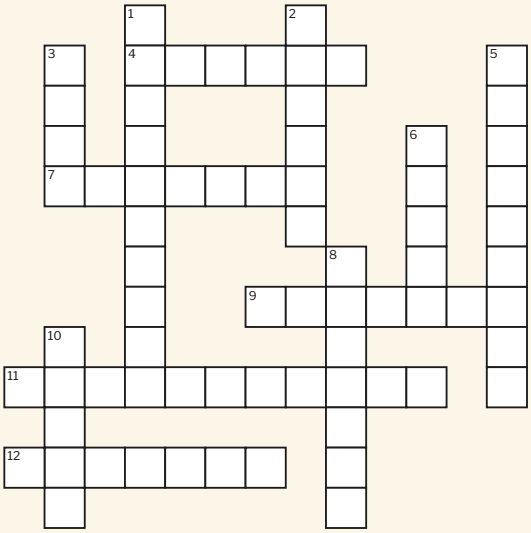
Grab a pencil and your coffee

THE DAILY SUDOKU

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

THE DAILY CROSSWORD · RIOJA & REBEL



ACROSS

4 Yorkshire ___, caught 1981 (6)
7 Bacon-washed Old Fashioned (7)
9 City of a 1996 ice storm (7)
11 Rioja's main grape (11)
12 Alaska Senate candidate (7)

DOWN

1 What the FAA ordered Friday (2 words) (10)
2 Eye Spy investigator in Meet the Cast (6)
3 Shanks in today's recipe (4)
5 He stepped in at Carnegie Hall, 1943 (9)
6 Spanish wine region (5)
8 "Appalachian Spring" composer (7)
10 Wheated bourbon, 100 proof (5)

WORD SEARCH · SNOW SHOWERS

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

FIND 12 WORDS

COCOA
FLAKE
FLURRY
GRAUPEL
JAYPEAK
MITTENS
POWDER
SHOVEL
SLUSH
SQUALL
STOWE
SUMMIT

Across, down, diagonal — some backward.

THE COURIER QUIZ

Five Questions

1. Which distillery first made Rebel bourbon in 1936?

2. What year does Marqués de Riscal say it bottled the first Rioja?

3. Who created the Benton's Old Fashioned?

4. How long did Friday's FAA ground stop last?

5. Who did Leonard Bernstein replace on Nov. 14, 1943?

NAME THAT YEAR

Three Clues

• Ruby Bridges integrates a New Orleans school, Nov. 14.

• Kennedy and Nixon hold the first televised debate.

• Bill Mazeroski's homer wins the World Series.

YESTERDAY'S SUDOKU

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

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 14 BIRTHDAYS

This Day in Music

1900 — Aaron Copland (d. 1990).

1951 — Stephen Bishop — 75.

1954 — Yanni — 72.

1964 — Rev Run of Run-DMC — 62.

1975 — Travis Barker — 51.

Also today: in 1943, Leonard Bernstein, 25, made his surprise Carnegie Hall debut.



SPIN THIS

The Black Album

Jay-Z · Nov. 14, 2003

Released 23 years ago today and billed as his retirement album, it debuted at No. 1 with 463,000 copies the first week. He was back in 2005.

Producers included Rick Rubin ("99 Problems"), Kanye West ("Encore") and Timbaland ("Dirt Off Your Shoulder"). (Wikipedia)

Best with: a pour of Rebel 100.

LIVE IN VERMONT

Shows Near Home

Sat. Nov. 21 · Eliza Edens, Foam Brewers

Tue. Dec. 8 · Magic Tuber Stringband, Radio Bean

Fri. Dec. 11 · Dear Maryanne, Higher Ground

Thu. Dec. 17 · Theo Kandel, Higher Ground

Listings via Songkick; check venues for tickets.

MUSIC TRIVIA

Aaron Copland, born today in 1900, won the 1945 Pulitzer Prize for which ballet score?

ANSWERS — Quiz: 1. Stitzel-Weller in Louisville. 2. 1862. 3. Don Lee, at PDT in New York. 4. About 4 hours 21 minutes. 5. Bruno Walter, who had the flu. Name That Year: 1960. Music trivia: "Appalachian Spring," written for Martha Graham. **Yesterday's crossword:** 3A CABERNET · 7A SNOWSWEEPER · 8A CASILLERO · 10A COLONEL · 11A STRATTON · 1D KRESS · 2D FANTASIA · 4D LOUVRE · 5D DIABLO · 6D DEVILSCUT · 8D CHILE · 9D SMASH