**ESSEX JCT. TODAY**
42°
Low 36° · A raw, gray Sunday
Next: near 60° by Wednesday

# The Morning Courier

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

**VERMONT FOOTBALL**
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New state champions
BBA, Colchester, Bellows Falls · Page 3

VOL. I · NO. 53 · FREE TO JB · SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2026 · ESSEX JCT., VT · SUNRISE 6:49 A.M. · SUNSET 4:24 P.M.

DOW 52,348 ▲+2.1% wk · S&P 500 7,562 ▲+2.5% wk · NVDA $162.85 ▼−12.8% wk · PLTR $167.99 ▲+4.7% wk · MSFT $523.88 ▼−1.3% wk · GAS $3.84

NATIONWIDE · AIR TRAVEL

# One Router Grounded the Nation

*A contractor's routine line work set off a chain reaction at the FAA; more than 6,400 flights were canceled Saturday.*

## THE AFTERMATH

| | |
|---|---|
| 6,400+ | Canceled Sat. (FlightAware) |
| ~12,000 | Flights not completed Fri. |
| ~60 | Routers fixed |
| ~800 | Sunday cancellations |

BY THE COURIER NATION DESK · SOURCES: YAHOO NEWS, ABC NEWS, REUTERS, FLIGHTAWARE

Friday's nationwide ground stop began with routine work: switching copper lines to fiber at a remote FAA site run by contractor L3Harris, Transportation Secretary Sean Duffy said Saturday. One router "started flooding other routers" — more than 1,000 connection attempts every four to five seconds — until communications failed across the country. The FAA has disabled that function on about 60 routers of the same type.

"We don't believe this was cyber at all," Duffy said, but he is checking "whether we had incompetence. ... We're going to hold people accountable." L3Harris said it is helping the investigation.

FlightAware counted more than 6,400 U.S. cancellations Saturday as of 9 p.m., and about 800 Sunday flights were already scrubbed. Airlines expect full schedules again by the close of business today, FAA chief Bryan Bedford said.

House and Senate transportation committees plan reviews. New York Gov. Kathy Hochul called on Duffy to resign; the White House called that "a desperate attempt to score political points."

## ESSEX JUNCTION FORECAST

36°
Low tonight: 36°

Raw and gray; early rain and wet flakes fade, high near 42°. Blustery.

RAIN TODAY 20% | SNOW TODAY 0%
Mansfield: a record-late first inch (WCAX)

### THE WEEK AHEAD

| MON | TUE | WED | THU |
|---|---|---|---|
| 44° | 53° | 59° | 58° |
| R 15% S 0% | R 5% S 0% | R 10% S 0% | R 5% S 0% |

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

### FORECASTER'S NOTE

We called 39° Saturday; Burlington hit 39° exactly. Six straight wins — Beat the Forecaster leads, 9–5.

SPACE · A FIRST

# SpaceX Catches a Starship From Orbit

BY THE COURIER NATION DESK · SOURCES: SPACE.COM, INTERESTING ENGINEERING

After 22 hours and 14 orbits, Starship's upper stage flew home to Texas Saturday and was caught by the launch tower's giant arms — the first time SpaceX has recovered a ship from orbit. "We caught a Starship, and now everything changes," SpaceX's Dan Huot said. The booster splashed down in the Gulf.

The ship flew about 161 miles up, released 26 Starlink satellites and slowed from nearly 17,000 mph on the way home.

## INSIDE TODAY · IN BRIEF


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## WEATHER AROUND THE MAP

Sunday forecasts · forecast data · "Now" = overnight

| | NOW | HI | LO | RAIN | SNOW |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| MIDDLEBURY, VT | 36° | 43° | 36° | 0% | 20% |
| MT. WASHINGTON, NH | 17° | 27° | 21° | 0% | 35% |
| SNOWSHOE, WV | 28° | 32° | 28° | 0% | 20% |
| ROSEBURG, OR | 52° | 54° | 42° | 45% | 0% |
| E. DENNIS, MA · CAPE | 41° | 49° | 41° | 15% | 0% |
| CHARLOTTE, NC | 30° | 56° | 30° | 5% | 0% |
| WILMINGTON, NC | 36° | 57° | 35° | 0% | 0% |
| ST. PETERSBURG, FL | 54° | 70° | 54° | 0% | 0% |
| FULTON, MO | 26° | 52° | 26° | 0% | 0% |
| HOT SPOT · MCALLEN, TX | 69° | 86° | 58° | 20% | 0% |




**THE DEEPEST WATER · A COURIER SERIAL**
New today: Chapter 37, "Where the Rock Should Be." Two pages: 8 and 8A.

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# MARKETS & MONEY

*The week in review · stocks snap a losing streak as Nvidia sinks · Sunday, November 15*

## THE WEEK — FRIDAY CLOSES · % CHANGE FOR THE WEEK

| INDEX / STOCK | CLOSE | CHANGE | PCT |
|---|---|---|---|
| Dow Jones Industrials | 52,347.55 | +1,061.62 | +2.07% |
| S&P 500 | 7,561.67 | +185.15 | +2.51% |
| Nasdaq Composite | 25,136.27 | +557.93 | +2.27% |
| Russell 2000 | 2,790.49 | +36.35 | +1.32% |
| **JB'S WATCHLIST** | | | |
| Nvidia (NVDA) | 162.85 | −23.80 | −12.75% |
| Palantir (PLTR) | 167.99 | +7.60 | +4.74% |
| Microsoft (MSFT) | 523.88 | −6.74 | −1.27% |
| **BIG NAMES** | | | |
| AMD (AMD) | 534.06 | +85.01 | +18.93% |

Closes via AP, Yahoo Finance; weekly changes via The Glass Desk. *Written with help from Claude, made by Anthropic.

## RATES · ENERGY · METALS

| | |
|---|---|
| 10-yr Treasury (Fri.) | 5.15% |
| 2-yr Treasury (Fri.) | 4.87% |
| Fed minutes (2 p.m.) | Wed. |
| Gold (Fri.) | ~$3,886 |
| WTI crude (Fri.) | ~$88.56 |
| Brent crude (Fri.) | $95.84 |
| Bitcoin (Fri.) | ~$68,240 |
| Nvidia report (~4:20 p.m.) | Tue. |
| VIX (Fri.) | 19.30 |

**THE WEEK AHEAD** — **TUE.** Retail sales; Home Depot; Nvidia · **WED.** Fed minutes; Target, Lowe's; ANT prices · **THU.** Walmart; claims; ANT debuts

Nvidia's Colette Kress holds a company-wide meeting Wednesday · Anthropic* range $70–$78

MarketPulse, The Glass Desk, StockAnalysis, RTTNews

THE WEEK ON WALL STREET

## A Winning Week, Even as Nvidia Sank

BY THE COURIER MARKETS DESK · SOURCES: AP, THE GLASS DESK, BUSINESS STANDARD, THE NATIONAL, MARKETPULSE

The S&P 500 rose about 2.5% for the week — its first winning week since October and its biggest weekly gain since August, AP reported. The Dow gained 2.1% and the Nasdaq 2.3%.

The money moved around inside the chip world. Nvidia fell almost 13% as Jensen Huang resigned as CEO and left the board. Rivals AMD and Broadcom each jumped about 18%. Nvidia reports earnings Tuesday after the close, with analysts expecting about $109 billion in revenue.

STOCKS TO WATCH TODAY

## On the Radar

**Nvidia (NVDA)** — −12.8% on the week to $162.85. Earnings Tuesday.

**Palantir (PLTR)** — +4.7% on the week to $167.99.

**Microsoft (MSFT)** — −1.3% on the week to $523.88.

**AMD** — +18.9% on the week to $534.06.

**Nvidia's board** — Harvey Jones is its first-ever chairman; CEO search on.

**Anthropic IPO*** — Ticker ANT on Nasdaq; prices Wed., trades Thu.

## THE WEEK'S BIG MOVERS

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| AMD | AMD | +18.90% |
| AVGO | Broadcom | +18.20% |
| MPWR | Monolithic Power | +16.80% |
| PLTR | Palantir | +4.70% |
| MSFT | Microsoft | −1.30% |
| MRNA | Moderna | −12.10% |
| NVDA | Nvidia | −12.80% |

Best of these: AMD +18.9% Worst: Nvidia −12.8%

## YEAR TO DATE

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

Approx., through Friday.

THE LUMBER DESK

## A Rough Month for Lumber

FOR THE JB WOODS DESK

January lumber futures ended Friday near $520 per thousand board feet, up $2, Yahoo Finance showed. The Madison's cash index sits at $444, down about 10% in a month. (Yahoo Finance, Madison's)

## GAS PRICES · REGULAR, PER GALLON

| NATIONAL | VERMONT | HIGHEST | LOWEST |
|---|---|---|---|
| $3.84 | $4.13 | $5.61 | $3.12 |
| U.S. average | state average | Hawaii | North Carolina |

AAA, Nov. 14 · down 20¢ in a week; up 76¢ from a year ago

# NATION & WORLD

*Washington, the courts & beyond*

WORLD · DIPLOMACY

## Trump, Xi and Putin to Meet Thursday

BY THE COURIER NATION DESK · SOURCES: ANADOLU AGENCY, UKRAINSKA PRAVDA (VIA YAHOO NEWS)

The Kremlin confirmed Saturday that Vladimir Putin, Xi Jinping and President Trump will hold a three-way meeting Thursday in Shenzhen, China, on the sidelines of the APEC summit. "This meeting will take place in Shenzhen," spokesman Dmitry Peskov said. It is billed as the first such meeting of the three countries' leaders.

Trump has said he plans to discuss nuclear arms and the war with Iran; Putin reportedly wants to talk about ending the war in Ukraine. Ukraine's Volodymyr Zelensky said Ukraine must be included if its future is discussed.

### ELSEWHERE

**Alaska.** As of 8:47 p.m. ET Saturday, AP's count showed Democrat Mary Peltola with 140,637 votes (49.9%) to 129,424 (46.0%) for Sen. Dan Sullivan, with an estimated 97% counted. AP has not called the race; ranked-choice tallying is Wednesday. Numbers may have changed since.

**Bahrain.** Bahrain issued its first nationwide threat alert in months Sunday after Iran's Revolutionary Guards claimed a drone attack on a U.S. radar there. Washington has not confirmed it. (The National)

**Peru.** Pope Leo XIV said Mass for about 20,000 in Cajamarca Saturday; Peru declared itself the "Land of Pope Leo XIV." (EWTN News)

# VERMONT

*Around the Green Mountain State*

BURLINGTON · HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

## Three Champions Crowned

BY THE COURIER VERMONT DESK · SOURCE: WCAX

**Division I:** Burr and Burton finished an undefeated season by beating St. Johnsbury 35–14 at Burlington High, breaking it open with a 21–0 third quarter. "Undefeated season. State championship win. It's awesome," said Sam Dowd. **Division II:** Colchester repeated in a rematch of last year's final, 20–13 over Fair Haven, on Jackson Odell's fourth-quarter touchdown.

**Division III:** Bellows Falls won its 14th state title, 46–14 over Otter Valley. Brody Davignon opened the game with a 60-yard interception return for a touchdown. "It's my last game, and I wanted to go out with something to remember," he said.

BURLINGTON · LAST CALL

## Vermont Pub & Brewery Pours Its Last

After 38 years, Vermont Pub & Brewery served its final beers Saturday night. Founder Greg Noonan helped change state law so brewers could make and sell beer in the same place. "We used to come here in college," said Katie Moran of Burlington. "We're sad it's going, and no more Forbidden Fruit." (WCAX)

HOMECOMING

## Guard Soldiers Back From Germany

About 70 Vermont National Guard soldiers came home Saturday night after training Ukrainian forces in Germany; the rest were delayed by Friday's ground stop and were expected today. Families waited in a cold rain. (WCAX)

### AROUND THE STATE

**STATEWIDE — Deer season is on.** Rifle season runs through Nov. 29 — and for the first time in 39 years, antlerless deer are allowed by permit. About 60,000 hunters are expected. (WCAX, VTDigger)

**BTV — Flying today?** Airlines expect full schedules again by the end of today after Friday's ground stop, the FAA says — check your flight before heading to the airport. (ABC News)

**SKI COUNTRY — Six days to go.** Stowe, Sugarbush, Okemo and Mount Snow target Nov. 21 openings; Stratton Nov. 25 and Jay Peak Nov. 26. (Ski Vermont)

### FOLIAGE REPORT

*A record-late first inch*

**Saturday:** Burlington 39°; we called 39°.
**Record:** six straight — we lead, 9–5.
**Mt. Mansfield:** about 4" Saturday (WCAX).
**Burlington:** still no measurable snow.
**Today:** raw and blustery, 42°.
**Tuesday:** sunny, 53°.
**Wed.–Sat.:** upper 50s to 60°.
**Sunset:** 4:24 p.m.

### THE WEEK IN VERMONT

**Today** Blustery, 42°.
**Tonight** Clearing, 30°.
**Mon.** Cloudy, 44°.
**Tue.** Sunny, 53°.
**Wed.** Mild, 59°.

Forecast data for Essex Junction; check before you go.

### VERMONT BY THE NUMBERS

**35–14** Burr and Burton, D-I
**20–13** Colchester, D-II
**46–14** Bellows Falls, D-III
**6–2** Wild over Bruins
**9–5** Beat the Forecaster

# SPORTS

*Maine splits the weekend with UVM · Wild roll in Boston · Patriots in Munich today*

### MAINE 3, UVM 1 · GUTTERSON, SATURDAY

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

Goals: Maine — Siciliano, Lipinski, Fowler (EN); UVM — Burroughs (PP) · Saves: Boija (ME) 22

COLLEGE HOCKEY

## Maine Takes the Rematch

BY THE COURIER SPORTS DESK · SOURCE: SPORTRADAR

Jaden Lipinski's backhand wraparound early in the third period broke a 1–1 tie, and Maine won 3–1 Saturday after Friday's scoreless tie. UVM is 5–4–2. (Portland Press Herald)

**College football:** No. 2 Utah 40, Arizona 39 on a 70-yard TD with 2:25 left; Notre Dame 41, Boston College 7. (ESPN)

**Celtics:** Boston (10–2), winners of five straight, hosts Dallas tonight at 6. Jayson Tatum had 24 points in Wednesday's 98–93 comeback win at Toronto. (Portland Press Herald)

### 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 Roll at the Garden

Minnesota 6, Boston 2. Ryan Hartman and Danila Yurov scored twice; Pastrnak and Fraser Minten answered. The Bruins have lost two straight at home. (NHL.com)

NFL · IN MUNICH TODAY

## Patriots vs. Lions

**9:30 a.m., Fox:** Lions (6–2) favored by 2.5.

**Questionable:** A.J. Brown, Stevenson; Henderson out.

### TODAY ON TV (ET)

**NFL** Patriots vs. Lions (Munich), 9:30a
**NBA** Mavericks at Celtics, 6:00

# THE BOURBON & WINE PAGE

*Single-barrel Beam · a Beaujolais cru before Nouveau Day · cider-roasted chicken for Sunday supper*




BOURBON OF THE WEEK

JAMES B. BEAM DISTILLING CO. · CLERMONT, KY.

## Baker's 7 Year Single Barrel

| PROOF | AGE | RYE | PRICE |
|---|---|---|---|
| 107 | 7 yrs min. | ~13% | ~$60 |

Named for Baker Beam, Jim Beam's grand-nephew. Booker Noe created it in 1992 for Beam's Small Batch Collection, with Booker's, Knob Creek and Basil Hayden. (BevNET)

**How it tastes:** nuts, caramel and vanilla; burnt caramel, green peppercorn and rye spice; a warm, oaky finish. (Breaking Bourbon)

**One barrel at a time:** since 2019 every bottle comes from a single barrel, and the label lists that barrel's age, warehouse and fill date — no two quite alike. (Beam, via BevNET)




WINE OF THE WEEK

GEORGES DUBOEUF · MORGON, BEAUJOLAIS, FRANCE

## Georges Duboeuf Morgon "Flower Label"

| GRAPE | ABV | CRU | PRICE |
|---|---|---|---|
| Gamay | 13.5% | since 1936 | ~$20 |

Morgon is one of Beaujolais's 10 crus — the sturdiest and longest-lived. Its Côte du Py hill sits on crumbly volcanic schist locals call "rotten rock." (Wine With Seth, Duboeuf)

**How it tastes:** dark cherry and dark chocolate on the nose, red-berry jam and smoky herbs, with firm tannins (Decanter, 90 points). Serve slightly cool.

**Before Thursday:** Beaujolais Nouveau arrives Nov. 19. Georges Duboeuf, the "Pope of Beaujolais," made Nouveau famous worldwide; he drew the flower labels himself. (Decanter)

## TODAY'S RECIPE

*Made to go with a glass*

### Cider-Roasted Chicken & Bourbon Pan Sauce

*Serves 4 · about 1 hour*

**THE CHICKEN**

- 8 bone-in, skin-on chicken thighs
- 2 tsp kosher salt, 1 tsp pepper
- 1 tbsp fresh thyme, chopped
- 2 firm apples, in wedges
- 6 shallots, halved
- 1 tbsp olive oil

**THE SAUCE**

- 3 tbsp bourbon
- ¾ cup apple cider
- ½ cup chicken broth
- 1 tbsp Dijon mustard
- 1 tbsp maple syrup
- 2 tbsp cold butter

**METHOD**

**1.** Heat the oven to 425°F. Pat the chicken dry; season with salt, pepper and thyme.

**2.** In an oven-safe skillet, brown the thighs skin-side down in oil until crisp, 8–10 minutes. Pour off all but 1 tbsp fat.

**3.** Cook the apples and shallots 3 minutes. Off the heat, add the bourbon; scrape up the browned bits. Stir in cider, broth, mustard and maple.

**4.** Nestle the chicken on top, skin up and above the liquid. Roast 30–35 minutes, to 175°F.

**5.** Move everything to a platter; simmer the juices 3–4 minutes, swirl in the butter and spoon over.

**Courier tip:** Make it Vermont: local cider, Vermont maple syrup and a wedge of sharp cheddar on the side.

**POUR WITH IT · BOURBON**

Baker's: caramel, vanilla and rye spice echo the browned apples, maple and the bourbon in the sauce. (Courier pick)

**POUR WITH IT · WINE**

Morgon: bright acidity and soft tannins are a classic match for roast chicken — and Morgon has the depth for a rich pan sauce. (Total Wine; Courier pick)

THIS WEEK'S POUR

## Cocktail Corner

**Horse's Neck (with a Kick).** Build 1½ oz bourbon and 2 dashes Angostura over ice in a tall glass; top with 4 oz ginger ale. Hang one long spiral of lemon peel over the rim.

**The story:** Named for its garnish: the curling peel looks like a horse's neck. It began in the 1890s as a plain ginger ale; asking for liquor in it was ordering one "with a kick." It later became a favorite of Royal Navy officers. (Difford's Guide, PUNCH)

BOURBON & WINE NEWS

## Heaven Hill's Phoenix, 30 Years After the Fire

On Nov. 7, 1996, fire destroyed Heaven Hill's Bardstown distillery and seven rickhouses, with about 90,000 barrels. For the 30th anniversary, Heaven Hill released Phoenix: an 18-year-old, 107-proof bourbon blended with 30-year-old whiskey made before the fire. $325. (The Whiskey Wash)

**Coming up:** Beaujolais Nouveau Day, Thursday.

## THIS WEEK'S POUR PLAN

*What to sip with what's on*

**TODAY · PATRIOTS 9:30 A.M., CELTICS 6:00**

Chicken in the oven by 5.

**THURSDAY, NOV. 19**

Beaujolais Nouveau Day — open the Morgon too.

**THANKSGIVING, NOV. 26**

Cru Beaujolais is a classic turkey wine.

## THE CELLAR & RICKHOUSE GLOSSARY

*Nine wine words, nine bourbon words*

**Gamay** — Beaujolais's red grape.
**Cru** — one of 10 top Beaujolais villages.
**Morgon** — the sturdiest Beaujolais cru.
**Nouveau** — brand-new wine, out each November.
**Côte du Py** — Morgon's famous volcanic hill.
**Schist** — flaky rock that drains vines well.
**Carbonic maceration** — whole-berry fermentation for fruity reds.
**AOC** — France's protected-origin label.
**Acidity** — the bright, mouthwatering edge.
**Single barrel** — every bottle from one cask.
**Small batch** — a blend of a few barrels.
**Barrel proof** — bottled at cask strength.
**Warehouse** — where barrels age; location changes flavor.
**Fill date** — the day the barrel was filled.
**Mash bill** — the recipe of grains.
**Clermont** — home of the Jim Beam distillery.
**Highball** — spirit plus a tall mixer over ice.
**Angostura** — classic aromatic cocktail bitters.

## 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 9:30 a.m.** — Patriots vs. Lions (Munich), Fox.
**Today 6:00** — Mavericks at Celtics.
**Mon. 7:00** — Magic at Celtics.
**Tue. ~4:20** — Nvidia earnings.
**Wed.** — Anthropic* IPO prices.
**Thu.** — Trump–Xi–Putin, Shenzhen.

### AROUND VERMONT

**Today** — Rifle deer season, day 2.
**Mon.** — King's "Dream" draft on view, Atlanta.
**Tue.** — Retail sales; Home Depot.
**Wed.** — Fed minutes; Target, Lowe's.
**Thu.** — Beaujolais Nouveau Day.

### WEATHER AT A GLANCE

**Sun.** — Raw and gray, 42°.
**Mon.** — Cloudy, 44°.
**Tue.** — Sunny, 53°.
**Wed.** — Mild, 59°.
**Thu.** — Mild, 58°.
**Fri.** — Near 60°.

## GOOD NEWS ROUNDUP

*Kindness, critters & comebacks*

### GEORGIA

#### King's "Dream" Draft Found

The only known handwritten final draft of the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr.'s "I Have a Dream" speech — seven pages, found in a former aide's desk drawer — goes on view Monday at Atlanta's National Center for Civil and Human Rights. (New York Times, Good News Network)

### CAPE COD

#### First Encounter Land Returned

About 120 acres overlooking First Encounter Beach, where Pilgrims first met the Nauset people in 1620, passed from The Nature Conservancy to the Indigenous-led Native Land Conservancy. (Washington Post)

### MARSHALL ISLANDS

#### Two Nearly Untouched Atolls

Scientists surveying remote Bikar and Bokak found reefs full of sharks, at least 266 kinds of fish and 132 green sea turtle nests — including 14 fish never recorded there before. (EurekAlert!)

### CANADA

#### A WWII Baby, Found at Last

A DNA match connected Rodney Anderson, 81, of Surrey, England, with the New Brunswick family of the Canadian soldier who fathered him in wartime. He plans to visit next summer. (Good News Network, CBC)

### AUSTRALIA

#### Found After Six Days

A 17-year-old missing for six days in the Victoria bush was found beside a creek after a search crew spotted his tackle box — "in good spirits," police said. (KFVS12)

### CHINA

#### Sunshine Stored as Liquid Air

What's billed as the world's largest grid-connected liquid-air energy storage plant switched on in Qinghai: 60 megawatts for about 10 hours, paired with a solar farm. (Good News Network)

## MEET THE CAST

*The Deepest Water*



### Kallysta "Kally" Hawthorn

*Eye Spy Investigations*

*"Not before coffee."*
— Chapter 16

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 Saturday · 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 | 20 | 13 | 5 | 2 | 28 |
| Montreal | 20 | 12 | 4 | 4 | 28 |
| Ottawa | 21 | 13 | 6 | 2 | 28 |
| Boston | 20 | 13 | 6 | 1 | 27 |
| Florida | 21 | 12 | 7 | 2 | 26 |
| Buffalo | 20 | 8 | 8 | 4 | 20 |
| Detroit | 21 | 8 | 10 | 3 | 19 |
| Toronto | 22 | 8 | 12 | 2 | 18 |

| METROPOLITAN | GP | W | L | OT | PTS |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Carolina | 21 | 16 | 3 | 2 | 34 |
| New Jersey | 21 | 15 | 6 | 0 | 30 |
| N.Y. Rangers | 21 | 12 | 8 | 1 | 25 |
| N.Y. Islanders | 19 | 9 | 6 | 4 | 22 |
| Washington | 18 | 10 | 8 | 0 | 20 |
| Philadelphia | 22 | 6 | 10 | 6 | 18 |
| Pittsburgh | 20 | 7 | 11 | 2 | 16 |
| Columbus | 18 | 7 | 11 | 0 | 14 |

| CENTRAL | GP | W | L | OT | PTS |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Minnesota | 22 | 15 | 3 | 4 | 34 |
| Nashville | 20 | 11 | 4 | 5 | 27 |
| Colorado | 21 | 12 | 6 | 3 | 27 |
| Dallas | 19 | 11 | 6 | 2 | 24 |
| Utah | 21 | 10 | 8 | 3 | 23 |
| Winnipeg | 21 | 10 | 8 | 3 | 23 |
| St. Louis | 20 | 9 | 9 | 2 | 20 |
| Chicago | 20 | 5 | 13 | 2 | 12 |

| PACIFIC | GP | W | L | OT | PTS |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Edmonton | 21 | 15 | 3 | 3 | 33 |
| Vegas | 21 | 13 | 5 | 3 | 29 |
| Anaheim | 20 | 10 | 9 | 1 | 21 |
| San Jose | 22 | 9 | 11 | 2 | 20 |
| Seattle | 18 | 9 | 8 | 1 | 19 |
| Calgary | 20 | 9 | 10 | 1 | 19 |
| Los Angeles | 18 | 5 | 11 | 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 | 9 | .250 | 7 |

| CENTRAL · EAST | W | L | PCT | GB |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Detroit | 8 | 4 | .667 | — |
| Cleveland | 7 | 7 | .500 | 2 |
| Indiana | 5 | 8 | .385 | 3.5 |
| Chicago | 3 | 9 | .250 | 5 |
| Milwaukee | 1 | 12 | .077 | 7.5 |

| SOUTHEAST · EAST | W | L | PCT | GB |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Miami | 7 | 6 | .538 | — |
| Atlanta | 7 | 6 | .538 | — |
| 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 | 4 | .692 | 0.5 |
| Denver | 7 | 4 | .636 | 1.5 |
| Oklahoma City | 8 | 5 | .615 | 1.5 |
| 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 | 9 | 4 | .692 | 2 |
| Dallas | 7 | 6 | .538 | 4 |
| New Orleans | 4 | 10 | .286 | 7.5 |

## NEW ENGLAND WATCH

*Where our teams stand*

**Bruins (13–6–1)** Fourth in a tight Atlantic after Saturday's 6–2 loss to Minnesota — Tampa Bay, Montreal and Ottawa each have one more point.

**Celtics (10–2)** Best record in the East. Dallas (7–6) visits tonight at 6.

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

**Around the NHL** Carolina (16–3–2) and Minnesota (15–3–4) share the NHL lead with 34 points; Vancouver (3–17–1) has the fewest.

# THE WEATHER DESK

*Forecasts, almanac, mountains & Snow Watch 2026–27*

THE FORECASTER'S TAKE

## Six Straight — 9–5

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

We called 39° Saturday, and Burlington hit 39° on the nose. That's six wins in a row, and Beat the Forecaster leads 9–5. Today's call: 42°.

A raw start, with rain and snow mixing in Essex Junction at 36° early. Any showers fade today, and the high stays near 42°.

Then the big story: a dry, mild week. Highs climb to 53° Tuesday and close to 60° Wednesday through Saturday — well above the mid-40s that are normal for this time of November.

The next real rain chance is a week from today (70%).

### ESSEX JCT. ALMANAC

| | |
|---|---|
| YESTERDAY | High 39° · Low 36° |
| SUNRISE | 6:49 a.m. |
| SUNSET | 4:24 p.m. |
| DAYLIGHT | 9 hr 35 min |
| CHANGE | -2.3 min vs. yesterday |
| SINCE JUNE 21 | 5 hr 57 min less light |
| MOON | Waxing crescent |

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

## ESSEX JUNCTION · THE NEXT SEVEN DAYS

| TODAY | MON | TUE | WED | THU | FRI | SAT |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 42° / 36° | 44° / 30° | 53° / 31° | 59° / 38° | 58° / 40° | 60° / 38° | 60° / 39° |
| HIGH / LOW | HIGH / LOW | HIGH / LOW | HIGH / LOW | HIGH / LOW | HIGH / LOW | HIGH / LOW |
| | FREEZE | FREEZE | | | | |
| RAIN 20% | RAIN 15% | RAIN 5% | RAIN 10% | RAIN 5% | RAIN 10% | RAIN 5% |
| SNOW 0% | 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

### SMUGGLERS' NOTCH
Lamoille County

31° / 28° · 25%

Light snow; below freezing all day.

### MAD RIVER GLEN
Washington County

33° / 30° · 25%

Snow showers this morning.

### BOLTON VALLEY
Chittenden County

33° / 30° · 25%

Flakes now; 45° by Tuesday.

### BRATTLEBORO
Windham County

45° / 32° · 10%

Brightest spot in the state.

### ST. JOHNSBURY
Caledonia County

39° / 32° · 20%

A few flakes, then clearing.

## SNOW WATCH 2026–27

# Day 15

*Season totals, Nov. 1 – Apr. 1 · The Snow Desk, Page 13*

| ESSEX JCT. | MIDDLEBURY | STOWE | SNOWSHOE, WV |
|---|---|---|---|
| 0.0" | 0.0" | 0.0" | 0.5" |
| Burlington (BTV) | Addison County | Mt. Mansfield | Highland House · Rimfire |

SEVERE & NATIONAL

## Warmth Spreads East

After a frosty weekend in the South, a big warm-up is on the way: Charlotte, N.C., goes from 31° this morning to the upper 60s by Friday, and Wilmington, N.C., reaches 72° Thursday.

McAllen, Texas, is the hot spot today at 86° before a front drops it to 62° Monday. Roseburg, Ore., stays gray and damp in the low 50s.

BEAT THE FORECASTER

## We Called It

**Saturday:** we said 39°; Burlington hit 39° (right on). Within 2° counts as a win.

**Season record:** 9–5 (64%)

**Recent:** Tue 52/51 W · Wed 46/48 W · Thu 42/43 W · Fri 38/39 W · Sat 39/39 W

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

WEATHER WORD

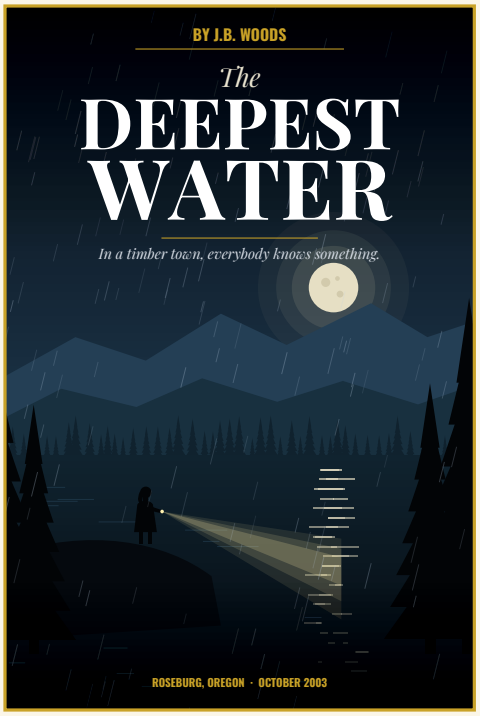
## Alberta Clipper

A fast storm that forms east of the Canadian Rockies and races across the northern U.S.: light, fluffy snow, gusty wind, then cold.

**Not this week:** mild air wins out.

### THIS WEEK IN WEATHER

Nov. 15, 1989: an F4 tornado tore through south Huntsville, Ala., during the afternoon and evening, killing 21 people and injuring 463. The Waterford Square apartment complex was destroyed; damage reached about $250 million. (National Weather Service, Huntsville)




CHAPTER 37

# Where the Rock Should Be

*Roseburg · Cannon Beach · November 2003*

*Previously: A 1987 knife landed in Tiffany Voss's door, and Agent Myers sent Christine Mason to Cannon Beach, where Freddy the cook was murdered.*

> *"Christine! I mean — Agent Mason."*

GLORIA BORDIAM HAD found the handbag under a booth at Abby's Pizza at lunchtime on Monday, and by three o'clock she had decided the right thing to do was carry it to the Douglas County Sheriff's Office herself.

"In case some poor woman calls looking for it," she told the clerk at the front counter, setting it down like evidence. "And as long as I'm here, I'll take this week's arrest log for the *Ledger*."

The clerk went to make a copy. Gloria stayed where she was, which was exactly where she could see through the open door into Sheriff Ray Coyle's office.

Deputy Cal Walters stood in front of the desk holding a single sheet of paper.

"A vacation slip," Coyle said, reading it. "Starting tomorrow. Through the weekend." He looked up. "Deputy, you didn't give me much notice."

"I know, sir. I'm sorry."

Coyle studied him a moment longer, then signed it. "No problem. I'll get coverage for you."

Walters came out folding his copy into his shirt pocket and nearly walked into Gloria.

"Deputy Walters! A vacation! Where are you going?"

"My favorite place to go," he said. "Even on weekends."

"And where is that?"

"Cannon Beach." He smiled. "I love Haystack Rock. And this little place called the Screw and Brew." He touched the brim of his hat. "Have a good night, Gloria."

He went out the door into the gray afternoon, a free man for a week.

Gloria made it back to the *Ledger* in nine minutes. She didn't take off her coat.

"Guess who's going to the beach," she said, perching on the corner of Tess's desk. "Cal Walters. For the whole week. His favorite place. Some sandwich shop with a hardware store in it."

Tess stopped typing.

"The Screw and Brew?"

"That's the one." Gloria narrowed her eyes. "Why? What do you know about it?"

"Nothing," said Tess, and went back to typing, though she didn't get another word down for a long time.

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Christine Mason left Roseburg early Tuesday morning and drove north for four and a half hours — I-5 to Portland's edge, then west over the Coast Range on Highway 26, through the dripping spruce, until the road dropped down to the sea.

She walked into the Screw and Brew a little after two.

Tess had described the place to her over the phone, but Tess hadn't mentioned the bell over the door, or the bins of nails and hinges on one side of the room and the beer taps on the other. A chalkboard over the bar said PASTRAMI in letters bigger than everything else on it. Only a few stools were taken in the middle of a wet November afternoon. One of them was taken by a man she knew.

"Deputy Walters," she said.

He turned, and his face went red from his collar to his ears.

"Christine! I mean — Agent Mason." He stood up fast. "What are you doing out here?"

"The boss man sent me out to look into a few things." She tilted her head. "And you?"

Before he could answer, the phone in her coat pocket began to ring. She looked at the screen.

"Excuse me, Cal. That's Agent Myers calling me now."

She answered. One bar. Myers' voice came and went in pieces.

"Dan? Dan, can you hear me?"

She was already heading for the door.

Walters stayed by the window. A light drizzle had started, and he watched it bead on her windshield. Her headlights came on, then the wipers. Inside of two minutes she had backed out of the little lot and turned down the road.

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Somewhere south of town the call died completely.

Mason pulled the phone from her ear and stared at it. She hadn't caught much of what Myers was trying to tell her — the line had crackled and skipped and gone to hiss. But two words kept repeating in her head, and she couldn't be sure she'd really heard them.

*Tic Tac.*

Then the rain came hard. The fog rolled in off the water so fast and so thick she couldn't remember the last time she'd seen anything like it. Her headlights lit a gray wall a car length ahead. She slowed to a crawl, leaning toward the windshield, watching for a pay phone, a gas station, anything.

To her left was the spot where Haystack Rock should have been — two hundred and thirty-five feet of black stone you could see from anywhere in town.

There was nothing there. Only gray. As if the whole rock had been taken away.

She found a little market at last, the kind that sold everything from wine to Cheez Whiz, with a pay phone on its covered porch. She fed it coins and dialed Myers. It rang and rang.

"Dan, it's Christine. I lost you. I'm heading to the Waves in Cannon Beach to check in. I'll call you from there and leave you the number, in case my cell won't connect."

At the Waves she got a room facing the water she couldn't see, and called again from the phone by the bed. Straight to voicemail. She left the hotel's number and the room number, and sat for a minute listening to the rain.

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It was full dark when she drove back to the Screw and Brew, just to say hello to Cal properly.

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CHAPTER 37 · CONTINUED

# Where the Rock Should Be

*Roseburg · Cannon Beach · November 2003*

She was stepping out of her car when a sedan rolled out of the lot past her. Walters was in the passenger seat. The man at the wheel was turned away, a shape under a cap. She never got a clear look at him. The taillights went up the road and disappeared into the fog.

"I'll give Cal a call in the morning," she said to herself, and went inside.

The manager, she learned, was out until ten the next morning. The bartender on duty was the manager at night. She was in her mid-thirties, with sandy curls clipped back and a bar towel tucked in her apron.

"Tammy Stevens," she said. "What can I get you?"

"Agent Christine Mason, FBI. Do you have a minute to talk?"

Tammy looked down the bar. It was a quiet night. She topped off the glass of an elderly gentleman who had been slowly sipping the same chardonnay for an hour, then waved Mason over to the doorway that led back into the kitchen.

"How can I help you?"

"Did you know Freddy?"

"Freddy Dunn? Not personally. I started about a month ago, right after." She lowered her voice. "But I've heard the stories. Freddy was always watching his back. Paranoid, people say. Like somebody was out to get him." She shook her head. "He certainly made the best pastrami in Oregon. I've had the pleasure of eating it."

"Has anybody learned anything about who killed him?"

"That's what gets me. Nobody's been caught. Nobody knows anything. It's a small town, you know? Summers we're slammed with tourists. The rest of the year it's just the locals." She glanced toward the kitchen. "And every day they come for the pastrami."

"Still? Without Freddy?"

"He left instructions. Step by step, every detail, written out. And he'd started teaching the manager's son the whole process." Tammy was quiet a moment. "Almost like he knew his time was coming. He never cut a corner. It had to be done exactly the same way, every single day. Perfection and consistency. He lived up to that right up until the night somebody killed him."

That was all she knew. Mason thanked her.

Down the bar, the elderly gentleman lifted his empty glass. "Tammy, dear. One more."

Mason looked at her watch. 9:17 p.m.

Still nothing from Myers. Maybe he'd tried and the call had died somewhere in the fog.

Tomorrow she would call him from her room. Then the Cannon Beach police. Then back here to talk to the manager about Freddy Dunn — the man at work, and the man away from it.

She drove back to the Waves slowly, with the wipers going. Out past the end of the beach, somewhere in the dark, the rock was still there. She just couldn't see it.

> *"Every day they come for the pastrami."*



*"Cannon Beach." Walters tips his hat to Gloria on his way out for a week of vacation. Scene from Chapter 37 · image by J.B. Woods*

### HAYSTACK ROCK, CANNON BEACH

**How big:** about 235 feet tall, one of the tallest sea stacks on the Oregon coast. On a clear day you can see it from nearly anywhere in town.

**How old:** it's basalt, left from lava flows that poured down the Columbia River region about 15 million years ago.

**Who lives there:** tufted puffins nest on its grassy slopes from spring through summer, and the tide pools around its base are a protected marine garden.

**Look, don't climb:** at low tide you can walk right up to it, but climbing the rock is not allowed.

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*End of Chapter 37 · Chapter 38 coming soon*

# THE DEEPEST WATER · READER'S GUIDE

*The Story So Far · Chapters 1–22*

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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!"

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.

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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

The FBI went over the stolen Toyota in a Roseburg police garage and found a plain Crater Lake tourist map — and the fingerprints of both Owen and Karen Marsh. Karen skipped work and vanished; Myers put out an alert for her, and Owen couldn't be found either. Walters quietly told Tess that Harlan Voss had been driving, and Walt ordered the story onto Monday's front page. That night a stranger called Tiffany Voss: get them what they're looking for, or Harlan dies, and she's next. Then a 1987 county knife hit her door. Tess and Kally reminded the FBI about Freddy's murder, and Myers sent Mason to Cannon Beach to look for Owen.

CHAPTER 37

## Where the Rock Should Be

Deputy Walters turned in a last-minute vacation slip, and Gloria Bordiam, at the sheriff's office to drop off a found handbag, heard where he was going: Cannon Beach, Haystack Rock and the Screw and Brew. She told Tess right away. The next afternoon Agent Mason walked into the Screw and Brew and found Walters on a stool. Myers called with one bar of service; all she caught was something like "Tic Tac" before the call died in a heavy fog that hid Haystack Rock completely. She checked into the Waves and left Myers messages. That night she watched Walters leave the Screw and Brew in a car driven by a man she couldn't see. Night bartender Tammy Stevens told her Freddy Dunn had always watched his back, as if someone was out to get him — and had written down his pastrami recipe step by step, almost as if he knew his time was coming.

### 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

*Westminster, Vermont · 1986*

# Lynda Moore: 40 Years Without an Answer

On April 15, 1986, Lynda Moore, 36, was found dead inside her home in Westminster, in Windham County.

Police determined her death was a homicide. Forty years later, no one has been charged, and the Vermont State Police Major Crime Unit still carries the case as unsolved.

WCAX marked the 40th anniversary this spring. Someone who knew Moore, or who was in Westminster that April, may still hold a detail that matters.

Small towns remember. A name, a car in a driveway, something said years ago — any of it could help.

Tips: Major Crime Unit, 802-244-8781; vsp.vermont.gov/tipsubmit (anonymous); or text VTIPS to 274637. (WCAX, Vermont State Police)

### CASE FACTS

NAME
Lynda Moore
AGE
36
FOUND
April 15, 1986
WHERE
Westminster, Vt.
RULED
Homicide
STATUS
Unsolved
TIPS
802-244-8781

vsp.vermont.gov/tipsubmit (anonymous)
Text VTIPS to 274637 · 802-244-8781

## VERMONT POLICE BLOTTER

**CRAFTSBURY** — A Craftsbury man, 46, was arrested after barricading himself in his Wild Branch Road home for several hours; troopers say they found a loaded gun and a 30-round magazine in his car. He faces burglary and other charges. (WCAX, Vermont State Police)

**BERKSHIRE** — A car left Route 118, caught fire and set a house ablaze Friday afternoon; a man was found dead outside, and two people inside were unhurt. State Police are investigating. (WCAX)

**STATEWIDE** — Rifle deer season opened Saturday and runs through Nov. 29. Bucks must be reported in person within 48 hours. (Vermont Fish & Wildlife, WCAX)

Tips: vsp.vermont.gov/tipsubmit

## COURT WATCH

**East Corinth** — The town plans to sue the owner of the crumbling former East Corinth General Store — the "Beetlejuice" hardware store in the 1988 film — over more than $67,000 in unpaid fines. (VTDigger)

**Washington** — Former Nvidia CEO Jensen Huang agreed to testify behind closed doors before House committees by Thanksgiving, after subpoena threats, TechCrunch reported. (TechCrunch)

## 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

## LEOPOLD AND LOEB, 1924

In May 1924, 14-year-old Bobby Franks was killed in Chicago, and a ransom letter reached his family. Near the culvert where his body was found, police picked up a pair of horn-rimmed glasses. The frames had a patented hinge sold in Chicago by only one store, Almer Coe & Co. — which had sold just three pairs. One belonged to Nathan Leopold, a wealthy young law student. Leopold and his friend Richard Loeb confessed to trying to commit a "perfect crime." Clarence Darrow saved them from execution; both got life. (Famous Trials, PBS)

## SCAM ALERT

### Fake FTC Websites and Callers

Impostors are using the Federal Trade Commission's name — fake websites, emails and phone calls that promise refunds or warn of trouble with your accounts. The FTC says it received more than 1 million impostor-scam reports last year. (FTC, Nov. 12)

**Protect yourself:** the real FTC site ends in .gov; the FTC will never ask you to pay, move money, or give a Social Security or bank number to get a refund.

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

## CRIME TRIVIA

### Test Your Detective Skills

Which firearms expert proved that two Tommy guns were used in Chicago's 1929 St. Valentine's Day Massacre?

Answer: Calvin Goddard, co-inventor of the comparison microscope.

# THE SNOW DESK

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

## Day 15 OF 152

*Totals through Saturday, Nov. 14*

NOV DEC JAN FEB MAR APR 1

MOST SNOW IN THE U.S. · LAST 24 HOURS

## 12.0" · Sharon Springs 0.5 S, NY

### ESSEX JCT.

| LAST 24 HRS | SEASON |
|---|---|
| 0.0" | 0.0" |

Official: Burlington airport (BTV)
Normal to date: 1.6" · Depth: 0"

### MIDDLEBURY

| LAST 24 HRS | SEASON |
|---|---|
| 0.0" | 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 |
|---|---|
| 0.5" | 0.5" |

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. | T | 0.0 | 0.0 | 1.6 | −1.6 | 0.0 |
| Boston | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.1 | −0.1 | 0 |
| Portland, Maine | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.6 | −0.6 | 0.0 |
| Caribou, Maine | | | | | report not available | |
| Concord, N.H. | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.7 | −0.7 | 0.0 |
| Albany, N.Y. | 0.0 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.6 | −0.3 | 0.0 |
| Syracuse, N.Y. | T | 0.3 | 0.3 | 2.7 | −2.4 | 0.0 |
| Buffalo, N.Y. | T | 0.0 | 0.0 | 2.2 | −2.2 | 0.0 |
| New York City | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.1 | −0.1 | 0.0 |
| Erie, Pa. | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 3.1 | −3.1 | 0.0 |
| Detroit | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.5 | −0.5 | 0.0 |
| Chicago | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.4 | −0.4 | 0.0 |
| Minneapolis | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 2.3 | −2.3 | 0.0 |
| Denver | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | — | — | 0.0 |
| Salt Lake City | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 2.2 | −2.2 | 0.0 |
| Anchorage, Alaska | T | 0.0 | 0.0 | 5.0 | −5.0 | 0.0 |

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

## MOST SNOW IN THE U.S.

*Biggest 24-hour totals reported to the NWS*

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 1 | Sharon Springs 0.5 S, NY<br>Elev. 1378 ft | 12.0" |
| 2 | Hartwick, NY<br>Elev. 1335 ft | 10.6" |
| 3 | Summit 4.6 SE, NY<br>Elev. 2018 ft | 10.0" |
| 4 | Schenevus 5.9 SSW, NY<br>Elev. 1427 ft | 8.5" |
| 5 | Sherburne, NY<br>Elev. 1050 ft | 8.0" |
| 6 | Hobart 4.8 ESE, NY<br>Elev. 2205 ft | 7.0" |
| 7 | Delhi 6.6 WNW, NY<br>Elev. 2014 ft | 7.0" |
| 8 | Norwich, NY<br>Elev. 991 ft | 6.0" |
| 9 | Altamont 2.7 SSW, NY<br>Elev. 1450 ft | 6.0" |
| 10 | Rensselaerville 2.1 NNW, NY<br>Elev. 1624 ft | 5.9" |

## SEASON LEADERS · CITIES

| | |
|---|---|
| Albany, N.Y. | 0.3" |
| Syracuse, N.Y. | 0.3" |
| Burlington, Vt. | 0.0" |
| Boston | 0.0" |
| Portland, Maine | 0.0" |
| Concord, N.H. | 0.0" |
| Buffalo, N.Y. | 0.0" |
| New York City | 0.0" |

## SNOWSHOE MOUNTAIN REPORT

**Opening day in 10 days — Wed., Nov. 25 (target, weather permitting)**

**Now:** Cloudy and 28° this morning.

**Today:** High 32°, low 28° — light snow possible (20%).

**Monday:** 43°, low 29°.

**Snowmaking:** Tonight dips to about 29°; then nights stay near or above freezing.

**Midweek:** A warm spell: 52° Tuesday, 56° Wednesday, near 60° Thursday.

**Weekend:** Mid-50s Saturday, still dry.

**Countdown:** Ten days to the Nov. 25 opening target.

## SNOW NOTES

**Day 15 — still zero.** Burlington reached 39° Saturday and still hasn't measured snow this season. The typical first measurable snow comes around Nov. 7 (NOAA, via Weather On This Day).

**A record-late first inch.** Mt. Mansfield picked up about 4 inches Saturday — its latest first inch-plus snow on record, beating Nov. 9, 1985 (WCAX).

**Then a melt.** WCAX says Tuesday through Thursday turn sunny with highs in the 50s — "any snow will melt." Our call has Essex Junction near 60° by Friday.

**Next chance.** Rain is likely a week from today (70%), with temperatures too mild for snow in the valley.

# PUZZLES & GAMES

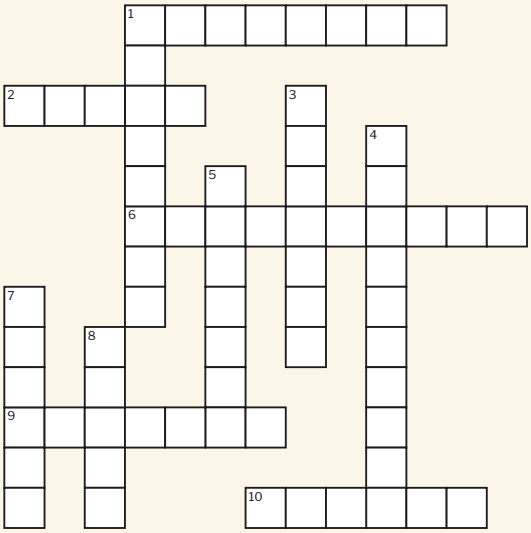
*Grab a pencil and your coffee*

## THE DAILY SUDOKU

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

## THE DAILY CROSSWORD · CIDER & STARSHIPS



**ACROSS**

**1** City of Thursday's three-way summit (8)
**2** Beaujolais grape (5)
**6** Cocktail named for its garnish (10)
**9** Ballistics pioneer Calvin ___ (7)
**10** Beam single barrel, 107 proof (6)

**DOWN**

**1** SpaceX caught one Saturday (8)
**3** Heaven Hill's 30th-anniversary bourbon (7)
**4** Alabama city hit by a 1989 F4 (10)
**5** Nickelback's Chad, born today (7)
**7** Sturdy Beaujolais cru (6)
**8** It roasts today's chicken (5)

## WORD SEARCH · BEAUJOLAIS

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**FIND 12 WORDS**

BROUILLY
CHENAS
CHIROUBLES
CORKSCREW
DUBOEUF
FLEURIE
GAMAY
JULIENAS
MORGON
NOUVEAU
REGNIE
SAINTAMOUR

*Across, down, diagonal — some backward.*

## THE COURIER QUIZ

### Five Questions

**1.** How many orbits did Starship fly before its tower catch?

**2.** What is the Horse's Neck cocktail named for?

**3.** What did Mt. Mansfield set a record for Saturday?

**4.** Which school finished an undefeated D-I season?

**5.** Where will Trump, Xi and Putin meet Thursday?

## NAME THAT YEAR

### Three Clues

- Elvis's first film, "Love Me Tender," premieres Nov. 15.
- Don Larsen throws a World Series perfect game.
- Eisenhower wins a second term.

## YESTERDAY'S SUDOKU

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

*Yesterday's sudoku. Crossword answers are upside down at the bottom of the page.*

# THE JUKEBOX

*Music history, a record to spin and shows near home*

## NOVEMBER 15 BIRTHDAYS

### This Day in Music

**1932** — Petula Clark — 94.
**1945** — Frida Lyngstad of ABBA — 81.
**1957** — Kevin Eubanks — 69.
**1967** — E-40 — 59.
**1974** — Chad Kroeger of Nickelback — 52.

*Also today: in 1990, Milli Vanilli's producer admitted the duo hadn't sung on its hit album.*



## SPIN THIS

### Licensed to Ill

*Beastie Boys · Nov. 15, 1986*

Forty years old today. Produced by Rick Rubin for Def Jam, it mixed hip-hop beats with heavy-metal guitar — Slayer's Kerry King plays on "No Sleep Till Brooklyn."

In March 1987 it became the first rap album to top the Billboard 200, holding No. 1 for seven weeks; it went diamond in 2015. (uDiscover Music)

**Best with:** a Horse's Neck.

## LIVE IN VERMONT

### Shows Near Home

**Fri. Nov. 20** · Joe Something, Foam Brewers

**Sat. Dec. 5** · Madaila, Foam Brewers

**Sun. Dec. 6** · VSO Holiday Pops, The Flynn

**Wed. Dec. 9** · The Bouncing Souls, Higher Ground

*Listings via Songkick; check venues for tickets.*

## MUSIC TRIVIA

Clyde McPhatter, born on this date in 1932, founded which R&B; vocal group in 1953?

ANSWERS — Quiz: 1. Fourteen. 2. Its long, curling lemon-peel garnish. 3. Latest first inch of snow. 4. Burr and Burton, 35–14. 5. Shenzhen, China. Name That Year: 1956. Music trivia: The Drifters. **Yesterday's crossword:** 4A RIPPER · 7A BENTONS · 9A SPOKANE · 11A TEMPRANILLO · 12A PELTOLA · 1D GROUNDSTOP · 2D TERESA · 3D LAMB · 5D BERNSTEIN · 6D RIOJA · 8D COPLAND · 10D REBEL

# ACROSS THE USA

*A light look at news from every state*

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

**ALABAMA Mobile:** The Senior Bowl will hand out 1,000 turkeys at its seventh annual Turkey Bowl at Hancock Whitney Stadium. (FOX10 News)

**ALASKA Nenana:** Researchers say a 13,800-year-old site on a ridge above the Tanana River holds the oldest known dwelling in the Western Hemisphere. (Alaska Public Media)

**ARIZONA Statewide:** Hopi runner Louis Tewanima, who won a silver medal at the 1912 Stockholm Olympics, was posthumously inducted into the Arizona Runner's Hall of Fame. (KJZZ)

**ARKANSAS Little Rock:** The Mosaic Templars Cultural Center opened "A Soldier's Story," an exhibit on Black Arkansas service members and their fight for freedom and equality. (Little Rock Public Radio)

**CALIFORNIA Pismo Beach:** Huge waves crashed along the Central California coast, causing some damage, and the Pismo Beach Pier closed temporarily because of severe weather. (KMPH)

**COLORADO Denver:** Hundreds gathered at City Park for Denver's Veterans Day parade, while Air Force football beat San Jose State 23-3 in the fog for its eighth win. (Denver Gazette)

**CONNECTICUT Statewide:** First responders can get up to $25,000 toward a home down payment under a new state program. Applications open through CHFA on Nov. 16. (Connecticut Public)

**DELAWARE Newark:** The National Weather Service confirmed an EF-1 tornado touched down Thursday afternoon in a Newark-area neighborhood in New Castle County. (Delaware Public Media)

**FLORIDA Destin:** The SS United States sank off Okaloosa County to become the world's largest artificial reef. "Our big-bottomed beauty landed upright!" the city said. (FOX10 News)

**GEORGIA Savannah:** The Savannah Southern Half Marathon celebrated runners while raising support for cancer research. (WJCL)

**HAWAII Honolulu:** Grab it while it's hot: Molokai Hot Bread is now sold at a kiosk in Kahala Mall, in addition to its other Oʻahu locations. (Hawai'i Public Radio)

**IDAHO Boise:** Trees Idaho, formerly the Treasure Valley Canopy Network, is leading the City of Trees Challenge to plant 100,000 new trees in Boise and beyond. (Boise State Public Radio)

**ILLINOIS Evanston:** Evanston musician Jason Narducy is back with part two of "Mostly the Van," a memoir volume of lighter rock 'n' roll anecdotes. (WBEZ)

**INDIANA Fort Wayne:** Fort Wayne's newest Neighborhood Mural is set to be dedicated Monday, Nov. 16, part of an effort to empower neighborhoods through public art. (WBOI)

**IOWA Charles City:** Residents are raising about $250,000 to repair the tile work at the 1935 Charles Theatre, and about half of it has been secured. (Iowa Public Radio)

**KANSAS Statewide:** Kansas' whooping crane migration started later than usual this year, but there's still time to see the birds pass through. (KCUR)

**KENTUCKY Louisville:** The Kentucky Historical Society approved a marker for an Old Louisville Civil War barracks site for Black soldiers, on enslaved people's path to liberty. (Louisville Public Media)

**MAINE Orono:** The University of Maine is seeing record enrollment of students using GI Bill benefits, with more veterans and military personnel on campus. (Maine Public)

**MASSACHUSETTS Springfield:** The City Council will consider a full ban on cryptocurrency kiosks after residents lost nearly $1 million to scams. (WBUR)

**MICHIGAN Statewide:** Firearm deer season opens today. Michigan's deer hunter numbers have dropped about a third since the 1990s, while the herd has grown. (Michigan Public)

**MINNESOTA Pine Island:** A tie for a City Council seat was settled by a coin toss, which incumbent Delana Weis won over challenger Dominick Pahl. (MPR News)

**MISSOURI Kansas City:** A Kansas City theater is screening classic movies among the graves at historic Elmwood Cemetery in a fall film series, weather permitting. (KCUR)

**MONTANA Missoula:** A Missoula artificial-intelligence company has sued the city over its data center regulations. (Montana Public Radio)

**NEBRASKA Omaha:** Youth Emergency Services marked Homelessness Awareness Month on WOWT's "Simply Omaha" and received a 3 Degree Guarantee check. (WOWT 6 News)

**NEVADA Lake Tahoe:** What is "Tahoe Standard Time"? A new campaign asks Lake Tahoe visitors to slow down and take things at a more relaxed pace. (KUNR)

**NEW HAMPSHIRE Meredith:** A pending sale of Camp Menotomy, a former Girl Scout camp on Lake Winnipesaukee eyed for multimillion-dollar homes, has stirred former campers' memories. (NHPR)

**NEW MEXICO Albuquerque:** Fans of the Mother Road are celebrating Route 66's 100th birthday; a Route 66 exhibit at UNM's Zimmerman Library is open through Nov. 30. (KUNM)

**NEW YORK Syracuse:** A $25,000 county grant aims to keep the Twin Trees restaurant on Avery Avenue open. (CNY Central)

**NORTH CAROLINA Graham:** A Graham nonprofit has finished North Carolina's first tiny home community for incarcerated women, to help women leaving jail or prison reintegrate. (WUNC)

**NORTH DAKOTA Bismarck:** A Casselton Republican is in line to become the fourth woman to serve as Speaker of the North Dakota House. (Prairie Public)

**OHIO Eastern Ohio:** Descendants of an Irish immigrant who started a farm in eastern Ohio are turning the 180-year-old family farm into a museum of its history. (WOSU / The Ohio Newsroom)

**OKLAHOMA Tulsa:** OU-Tulsa leaders say they are "excited to work with TCC," Tulsa Community College. (Public Radio Tulsa)

**OREGON Corvallis:** Oregon State beat San Diego State 2-1 to claim its first-ever Pac-12 soccer championship. (KPTV FOX 12)

**PENNSYLVANIA Statewide:** The squonk, a cryptid said to live in northern Pennsylvania's hemlock forests, will appear on an upcoming USPS "mythical creatures" stamp set. (WPSU)

**SOUTH CAROLINA Statewide:** Two teachers from the Philippines describe their adventures teaching in South Carolina through an exchange program. (SC Public Radio)

**SOUTH DAKOTA Philip:** A new housing development in Philip is easing a shortage that had limited the local workforce, and it is helping the town grow. (SDPB)

**TENNESSEE Chattanooga:** An Atlanta developer broke ground on the $100 million first phase of the Foundries District in Chattanooga. (Chattanooga Times Free Press)

**TEXAS Austin:** A Dripping Springs resident won $2.5 million on a scratch-off lottery ticket bought in Austin. (CBS Austin)

**UTAH Huntsville:** A magnitude 3.4 earthquake struck about 7 miles southeast of Huntsville, as rain spread across Utah and snow levels dropped in the mountains. (KUTV 2)

**VERMONT Statewide:** Scientists are saving black ash seeds to help the trees fend off the emerald ash borer, an invasive beetle. (Vermont Public)

**VIRGINIA Mecklenburg County:** Mecklenburg County used data center tax revenue to build a new middle and high school that offers more than a dozen career training programs. (Radio IQ (WVTF))

**WASHINGTON Orcas Island:** Cracks in a ferry dock ramp halted truck traffic to Orcas Island. The county declared an emergency and asked residents to hold their garbage. (KUOW)

**WEST VIRGINIA Statewide:** A state appeals court ruling gives the West Virginia Board of Education rulemaking authority over school rules. (WVPB)

**WISCONSIN Wausau:** The Wausau nonprofit Pastriot K9s for Wisconsin has trained 130 service dogs and paired them with veterans since 2017. (WPR)

**WYOMING Yellowstone:** More than 80 grizzlies in the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem died this year, a record, mostly due to humans, but a biologist says numbers remain stable. (Wyoming Public Media)