ESSEX JCT. TODAY
59°
Low 35° · Sunny and mild
Clouds and 56° Sunday

The Morning Courier

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

THANKSGIVING STORM
85%
Chance of rain or snow Thursday
Mountains could see 6"+

VOL. I · NO. 59 · FREE TO JB | SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2026 · ESSEX JCT., VT | SUNRISE 6:56 A.M. · SUNSET 4:19 P.M.

DOW 48,147 ▼ −1.93% · **S&P 500** 6,910 ▼ −3.70% · **NVDA** $125.53 ▼ −14.0% · **PLTR** $143.49 ▼ −6.63% · **MSFT** $484.52 ▼ −2.77% · **GAS** $3.69

WORLD · UKRAINE

After the Summit, a Barrage

Hours after Putin met Trump and Xi, Russia hits Ukraine with one of the war's biggest air attacks — and missiles stray into Poland.

BY THE NUMBERS

110+	Missiles fired, 27 ballistic
~400	Drones in the attack
3	Kyiv bridges hit
3	Incursions into Polish airspace

BY THE COURIER WORLD DESK · SOURCES: CNN, FOX NEWS/REUTERS, CBS NEWS

Russia fired more than 110 missiles and about 400 drones at Ukraine overnight into Friday, Ukraine's President Zelensky said — "one of the largest attacks" of the war. At least eight people were killed, six in Kyiv and two in Lviv, according to Reuters; CNN, citing Ukrainian officials, put the toll at nine. Three bridges over the Dnipro in Kyiv were hit.

Poland scrambled jets and reported three airspace incursions, one identified as a Russian Kh-101 cruise missile. "There has been a violation of Polish airspace and an incursion by objects from the Russian Federation," said Defense Minister Władysław Kosiniak-Kamysz.

At his Friday news conference, President Trump said Putin is "having a hard time right now." On Iran he said, "We want to make a real deal, not a fake deal," and told Axios he is "not rushing into any decision" on new strikes until after the new year.

Retired Gen. Philip Breedlove, a former NATO commander, warned: "Mr. Putin will push further and further when there is no cost to him, when NATO doesn't respond." Poland says it will ask NATO for more help on its eastern flank. (Fox News)

ESSEX JUNCTION FORECAST

34°
Low tonight: 35°

Sunny and mild — one more nice day. Light wind. High 59°.

RAIN TODAY 0% | SNOW TODAY 0%
Rain Sunday night; colder Tuesday

THE WEEK AHEAD

SUN	MON	TUE	THU
56°	57°	34°	37°
R 10% S 0%	R 15% S 0%	R 10% S 0%	R 85% S 85%

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

FORECASTER'S NOTE

We called 61° Friday; Burlington hit 63°. Beat the Forecaster: 14–6.

MARKETS · WALL STREET

Worst Week Since 2020

BY THE COURIER MARKETS DESK · SOURCES: REUTERS, AP, INVESTING.COM

Nvidia plunged 14% Friday after Reuters reported SEC staff are reviewing possible accounting issues, and the S&P; 500 fell 3.7%. For the week the Dow lost 8%, its worst week since March 2020; the S&P; and Dow are now in a correction. Nvidia lost 23% for the week. One bright spot: consumer sentiment ticked up to 51.5. Page 2.

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WEATHER AROUND THE MAP

Saturday forecasts · forecast data · "Now" = overnight

	NOW	HI	LO	RAIN	SNOW
MIDDLEBURY, VT	32°	57°	32°	0%	
MT. WASHINGTON, NH	38°	49°	38°	0%	0%
SNOWSHOE, WV	43°	53°	40°	10%	
ROSEBURG, OR	35°	45°	36°	45%	
E. DENNIS, MA · CAPE	45°	59°	46°	10%	
CHARLOTTE, NC	50°	60°	51°	45%	
WILMINGTON, NC	62°	66°	61°	49%	
ST. PETERSBURG, FL	70°	75°	70°	35%	
FULTON, MO	51°	73°	50°	5%	
LAS VEGAS, NV	48°	59°	41°	0%	



THE DEEPEST WATER · A COURIER SERIAL
New today: Chapter 41, "Nowhere but My Desk." Page 8.

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MARKETS & MONEY

Week in review · Wall Street's worst week in years · Nvidia −14% Friday · Saturday, November 21

FRIDAY'S CLOSES · WEEKLY CHANGE BELOW

INDEX / STOCK	CLOSE	CHANGE	PCT	DAY MOVE
Dow Jones Industrials	48,147.33	−947.53	−1.93%	
S&P 500	6,910.39	−265.51	−3.70%	
Nasdaq Composite	22,617.73	−1,260.79	−5.28%	
Russell 2000	2,581.79	−73.28	−2.76%	
JB'S WATCHLIST				
Nvidia (NVDA)	125.53	−20.45	−14.01%	
Palantir (PLTR)	143.49	−10.19	−6.63%	
Microsoft (MSFT)	484.52	−13.80	−2.77%	
BIG NAMES				
Anthropic (ANT)*	88.91	−8.26	−8.50%	

Closes via Reuters, AP, CNBC. *Written with help from Claude, made by Anthropic.

RATES · ENERGY · METALS

Dow, week worst since 2020	−8.0%
S&P, week in correction	−8.6%
Nasdaq, week	−10.0%
VIX +26%	35.89
10-yr Treasury −0.12	4.92%
WTI crude +0.9%	$83.98
Bitcoin below $60K	~$59,000
Mich. sentiment Nov. final	51.5
Gold −3% to −4%	~$3,525

THANKSGIVING WEEK **MON.** Zoom earnings **TUE.** Best Buy, Dell, HP, Medtronic **WED.** PCE inflation, GDP, Beige Book **THU.–FRI.** Closed Thanksgiving; 1 p.m. close Fri.

Fed Governor Lisa Cook: "Waiting longer to implement rate increases risks getting behind the curve." (Reuters) — Reuters, AP, CNBC, University of Michigan

WEEK IN REVIEW

A Brutal Week on Wall Street

BY THE COURIER MARKETS DESK · SOURCES: REUTERS, AP, CNBC, INVESTING.COM

Nvidia plunged 14% Friday after Reuters reported that SEC staff are reviewing possible accounting issues at the company, and the chip index fell 10.7%. The S&P; 500 dropped 3.7% and the Nasdaq 5.3%. For the week, the Dow lost 8% — its worst week since March 2020 — the S&P; 8.6% and the Nasdaq 10%. The S&P; and Dow are now in correction.

Anthropic* gave back half its first-day gain, closing at $88.91 — still 7% above its $83 IPO price. The VIX fear gauge hit its highest close since March.

STOCKS TO WATCH TODAY

On the Radar

Nvidia (NVDA) — $125.53, −14% Friday; −23% for the week.

Palantir (PLTR) — $143.49, −6.6%; −15% for the week.

Microsoft (MSFT) — $484.52, −2.8%; −7.5% for the week.

AMD — $424.39, −13%; −21% for the week.

Anthropic (ANT)* — $88.91, −8.5%; still above its $83 IPO.

Gap — +11% on a strong quarter.

FRIDAY'S BIG MOVERS

GAP	Gap	+11.44%
GPN	Global Payments	+9.95%
NVDA	Nvidia	−14.01%
INTU	Intuit	−12.77%
SNDK	SanDisk	−16.05%

Best of these: Gap +11% Worst: SanDisk −16%

YEAR TO DATE

Russell 2000	+4.2%
S&P 500	+1.1%
Dow	+0.1%
Nasdaq	.8%

Approx., through Friday.

GAS PRICES

Regular, per gallon

AAA · Nov. 20 · Vermont back under $4 · diesel $5.90

NATIONAL	VERMONT	HIGHEST	LOWEST
$3.69	$3.99	$5.59	$3.03
U.S. average	state average	Hawaii	North Carolina

NATION & WORLD

Washington, the courts & beyond

NATION · WHITE HOUSE

Trump: "A Real Deal, Not a Fake Deal"

BY THE COURIER NATION DESK · SOURCES: AP, CBS NEWS, AXIOS

In his first news conference since Asia, President Trump said he "secured two new trade deals and about 10 others coming very soon," without naming them. On Iran: "We want to make a real deal, not a fake deal," and Iran "will never have a nuclear weapon, ever."

He threatened "a tremendous tax" on U.S. companies that build data centers overseas and called recent nationwide tech outages "all separate events."

ELSEWHERE

Congress. The Senate passed a bipartisan permitting overhaul, 62–33, to speed energy and power-line projects; its House future is uncertain. (CBS)

Iran. Trump told Axios he is "not rushing into any decision" on new strikes; Israeli TV reports Netanyahu is pressing for action. (Axios)

White House. National Cyber Director Sean Cairncross is leaving the post. (CBS)

VERMONT

Around the Green Mountain State

STATEWIDE · WEATHER

A Thanksgiving Storm Takes Aim

BY THE COURIER VERMONT DESK · SOURCES: WCAX

After a record-warm stretch, forecasters are watching a possible significant coastal storm for Thanksgiving and Black Friday. "There's the possibility of a rain/snow mix both days," WCAX meteorologist Dave Busch wrote, and "6 or more inches of snow could occur in the mountains." But "computer models differ on the exact track, and it's still days away."

Wednesday travel looks fine: "Thankfully, the weather will cooperate for those who have travel plans on Wednesday." First, rain moves in Sunday night into Monday, then highs fall to the 30s Tuesday and Wednesday. WCAX's Gunnar Consol said the European model "continues to show a more impactful storm."

BARRE · VALCOUR OUTAGE

Car-Theft Suspect Caught

State police arrested Shawn Burnett, 34, wanted in a string of vehicle thefts, after a crash on Route 302 in Barre Friday morning; he was hospitalized with injuries that are not life-threatening. With the Valcour records system still down, Barre Police Chief Braedon Vail said, "it just makes it more cumbersome." (WCAX)

SHELBURNE · POLICE

Sergeant Loses Certification

The Vermont Criminal Justice Council revoked the police certification of fired Shelburne Sgt. Kyle Kapitanski, whose cruiser struck and killed cyclist Sean Hayes in 2024. (VTDigger)

AROUND THE STATE

ESSEX JCT. — Water work Monday. Possible water interruption Monday on South Summit Street and nearby avenues for valve and hydrant work. City offices close Nov. 26–27. (Fox44)

BURLINGTON — Tibet Festival. The 22nd annual festival is today, 10 a.m.–5 p.m., at the O.N.E. Community Center; free. (WCAX)

MONTPELIER — Lantern Parade. Tonight at 5:15 from the Taylor Street Bridge. Brownell's Toy Swap is today, 9–4. (WCAX)

FOLIAGE REPORT

Another mild day, then winter knocks

Friday: Burlington 63°; we called 61°.
Record: four straight — 14–6.
Snow: still 0.0" in Burlington.
Today: sunny, 59°.
Sunday: clouds, 56°; rain at night.
Monday: rain early, 57°.
Tue.–Wed.: 30s, dry.
Thursday: 85% storm chance.

THE WEEK IN VERMONT

Today Sunny, 59°.
Tonight Clear, 35°.
Sun. Clouds, 56°.
Sun. night Rain.
Mon. Rain early, 57°.
Forecast data for Essex Junction; check before you go.

VERMONT BY THE NUMBERS

14–7–1 Bruins entering tonight
1–14 Kings, Celtics' foe tonight
20–10 Clemson at Duke
14–6 Beat the Forecaster
5 Days to Thanksgiving

SPORTS

Maye's fibula fractured · Bruins host Washington · Celtics at Sacramento · UVM hosts Brown

LAKERS 106, KINGS 104 · FRIDAY · BOSTON'S NEXT FOE

TEAM	1	2	3	4	F
SAC	28	34	22	20	104
LAL	28	26	28	24	106

Hunter 30 (12-16), Sabonis 19 pts/16 reb, LaVine 19 for Sacramento · Doncic 25, 8 ast

PATRIOTS

Maye's Fibula Is Fractured

BY THE COURIER SPORTS DESK · SOURCE: SPORTRADAR

Drake Maye fractured his right fibula on Aidan Hutchinson's sack in Munich, ESPN reports — no surgery expected, but it is "expected to sideline him deep into the regular season, if he is able to return this year at all." Receiver A.J. Brown (hamstring) is expected to miss "multiple weeks." Mike Vrabel has said he is confident in Tommy DeVito. (ESPN via Boston.com)

New England (5–5) is on its bye and plays at the Chargers Nov. 29.

NFL · WEEK 12

Patriots on bye · all times ET

IND 3, HOU 26	Final
MIA at BUF	Sun. 1:00
BAL at CAR	Sun. 1:00
PIT at PHI	Sun. 1:00
TB at DET	Sun. 1:00
NYJ at LAC	Sun. 4:05
LV at DEN	Sun. 4:25
MIN at SF	SNF
CIN at WAS	MNF

Win probabilities via SportRadar. Times are Eastern Standard Time.

AFC EAST STANDINGS

TEAM	W-L	GB
Buffalo	8-1	—
New England	5-5	3½
NY Jets	2-8	6½
Miami	1-8	7

Via SportRadar. Patriots off this week; next: at Chargers, Sun. Nov. 29.

NHL · BRUINS CORNER

Bruins Host the Capitals

Boston (14–7–1) hosts Washington (10–10) tonight at 7. The Bruins allow 2.52 goals a game; the Capitals 3.78. The Celtics (11–4) are at Sacramento tonight at 10 — the Kings are on the second night of a back-to-back — then at Golden State Sunday. (CBS Sports, SportRadar)

AROUND THE COURTS & FIELDS

Clemson Upsets Duke

Friday: Clemson 20, Duke 10.

Tonight: UVM men host Brown, 7.

TONIGHT ON TV (ET)

NHL Capitals at Bruins, 7:00
NBA Celtics at Kings, 10:00
NHL Flyers at Canadiens, 7:00

THE BOURBON & WINE PAGE

Old Forester 100 Proof · Borsao Tres Picos Garnacha · slow-cooked beef ragu for a Saturday



BOURBON OF THE WEEK

OLD FORESTER · LOUISVILLE, KY.

Old Forester 100 Proof

PROOF	AGE	MASH	PRICE
100	NAS	72% corn	~$25–30

The first bottled bourbon: in 1870 George Garvin Brown started selling Old Forester only in sealed glass bottles to guarantee quality, at a time when whiskey usually went out by the barrel. He signed each bottle — hence the nickname "Signature." (Old Forester)

How it tastes: "intense vanilla, creamy butterscotch, black cherry," then "charred oak and warm baking spices." (Old Forester)

Through Prohibition: it kept selling as medicinal whiskey; in 2018 it reopened a distillery on Louisville's Whiskey Row. (Old Forester)



WINE OF THE WEEK

BODEGAS BORSAO · CAMPO DE BORJA, SPAIN

Borsao Tres Picos Garnacha

GRAPE	REGION	ABV	PRICE
Garnacha	Aragón	14.8%	~$22

Spain's Garnacha pioneer: first made in 2000 from hillside vines up to 2,400 feet, aged 5–6 months in new French oak. (Winebow)

How it tastes: "blackberry, plum and tones of leather and vanilla." (Bodegas Borsao via Wine.com)

Critics: 91 points from James Suckling — "ripe plums and spiced cherries." (Wine.com, Winebow)

TODAY'S RECIPE

Made to go with a glass

Slow-Cooked Shredded Beef Ragu

Serves 5–6 · about 3½ hours, mostly hands-off

THE RAGU

- 2½ lb beef chuck, in 4 pieces
- 2 tsp salt, ½ tsp pepper
- 3 tbsp olive oil
- 3 garlic cloves; 1 onion
- 1 cup each carrot, celery
- 28 oz crushed tomatoes

ALSO

- 3 tbsp tomato paste
- 2 beef bouillon cubes
- 1 cup red wine; 1½ cups water
- Thyme, 3 bay leaves
- 1 lb pappardelle
- Parmesan to serve

METHOD

1. Season the beef; brown well on all sides in 1 tbsp oil. Set aside.

2. Soften the garlic and onion in the rest of the oil, then the carrot and celery, 5 minutes.

3. Return the beef, add everything else for the ragu and simmer, covered, 2–2½ hours until it shreds.

4. Shred the beef and simmer uncovered about 30 minutes, until thick.

5. Toss with pasta cooked a minute short and a splash of pasta water. Serve with Parmesan.

Courier tip: Adapted from RecipeTin Eats. Pour the Garnacha into the pot and the glass alike.

POUR WITH IT · BOURBON

Old Forester 100: cherry and baking spice stand up to a rich tomato-beef sauce. (Courier pick)

POUR WITH IT · WINE

Tres Picos: ripe cherry and plum suit a long-simmered ragu. (Courier pick)

THIS WEEK'S POUR

Cocktail Corner

The Seelbach. Build 1 oz bourbon (Old Forester, naturally), ½ oz Cointreau and 2 dashes each Peychaud's and Angostura bitters in a chilled flute; top with brut sparkling wine. Orange twist.

The story: For years it was billed as a pre-Prohibition house drink of Louisville's Seelbach Hotel. In 2016 the bar manager who "rediscovered" it in 1995 admitted to The New York Times that he had invented both the drink and its story. (Difford's Guide, NYT)

BOURBON & WINE NEWS

Vermont Cheese Meets Kentucky Bourbon

Barrell Craft Spirits and Jasper Hill Farm of Greensboro, Vt., released a 110-proof bourbon and a special Harbison cheese washed in it. "Eating the cheese while drinking the bourbon brings out the best in both products," the release says. Both are sold at select Whole Foods stores in 12 states — not Vermont. (Breaking Bourbon, Nov. 16)

Also: Michter's 25 Year Bourbon returns for the first time since 2023. (The Whiskey Wash)

THIS WEEK'S POUR PLAN

What to sip with what's on

TODAY · SLOW SATURDAY

Ragu on the stove by 3.

TONIGHT 7 P.M.

A Seelbach for Bruins–Caps.

THANKSGIVING

Old Forester for the table.

THE CELLAR & RICKHOUSE GLOSSARY

Nine wine words, nine bourbon words

Garnacha — Spain's name for Grenache.
Campo de Borja — Aragón's Garnacha country.
Old vines — deeper roots, deeper flavor.
New oak — barrels used for the first time.
Barrique — a 225-liter barrel.
ABV — alcohol by volume.

Ragu — a long-simmered meat sauce.
Decant — pour off to breathe.
Brut — dry sparkling wine.
100 proof — 50% alcohol.
NAS — no age statement.
Bottled in bond — 100 proof, 4+ years, one season.

Mash bill — the grain recipe.
Whiskey Row — Louisville's old distillery street.
Peychaud's — a red anise bitters.
Washed rind — cheese bathed as it ages.
Barrel proof — bottled undiluted.
Flute — a tall sparkling glass.

THE FUNNY PAGES

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



Characters and artwork © JB. Today's dialogue: The Courier.

THE WEEK-AHEAD PLANNER

Monday, Nov. 9 – Sunday, Nov. 15

ON THE TUBE (ET)

Tonight 7 — Bruins vs. Capitals.
Tonight 10 — Celtics at Kings.
Sun. 1 — Dolphins at Bills.
Sun. 1 — Steelers at Eagles.
Sun. 8:20 — Vikings at 49ers.
Sun. 8:30 — Celtics at Warriors.

AROUND VERMONT

Today 9–4 — Toy Swap, Brownell.
Today 10–5 — Tibet Festival, Burlington.
Tonight 5:15 — Lantern Parade, Montpelier.
Sat.–Sun. — Celebrate Craft fair, S. Burlington.
Sun. 9–noon — Lauzon celebration, Barre.

WEATHER AT A GLANCE

Sat. — Sunny, 59°.
Sun. — Clouds, 56°.
Mon. — Mild, 57°.
Tue. — Colder, 34°.
Wed. — Chilly, 39°.
Thu. — Storm likely, 37°.

GOOD NEWS ROUNDUP

Kindness, critters & comebacks

MONTPELIER

Tires Into Heat

Vermonters raised a record $126,000 this fall through Wheels for Warmth, which resells used tires to help 166 households heat their homes. "It does fill some gaps," said Gov. Phil Scott, who helped start the program. (WCAX)

BARRE

Stuff the Truck at 25

The Salvation Army's 25th annual drive to fill a tractor-trailer with food began Thursday by Price Chopper on Ames Road. "We don't go home until we fill it," said TJ Michaels. (WCAX)

KILLINGTON

World Cup Is a Go

Ski officials cleared Killington's women's World Cup races for Thanksgiving weekend on the Superstar trail, after $7 million in snowmaking upgrades since 2024. (WCAX)

ELOY, ARIZ.

Found Under a Bush

After seven hours of searching, volunteer Jay Stewart found a missing 2-year-old safe in the desert and kept her warm in his jacket. "It's what we do," he said. (Sunny Skyz)

BRANDON, FLA.

Seven Minutes

Hillsborough County deputies pulled a 2-year-old from a pond seven minutes after arriving — unhurt and reunited with her family. (Sunny Skyz)

WORLDWIDE

Records for Everyone

On Guinness World Records Day, a stunt driver parallel-parked on two wheels and an artist painted the Statue of Liberty in 43.5 seconds. (Guinness World Records)

MEET THE CAST

The Deepest Water



Tiffany Voss

Harlan Voss's wife

"Harlan, please come home."
— Chapter 10

A new face every day · catch up on Pages 9–11

SPORTS & STANDINGS

Every team in the NFL, NHL and NBA

NFL through Thursday night · NHL and NBA through Friday · via SportRadar

Highlighted: the Patriots, Bruins and Celtics

NFL · DIVISION STANDINGS

AFC EAST	W	L	T	PCT
Buffalo	8	1	0	.889
New England	5	5	0	.500
N.Y. Jets	2	8	0	.200
Miami	1	8	0	.111

AFC NORTH	W	L	T	PCT
Cincinnati	7	2	0	.778
Pittsburgh	6	3	0	.667
Cleveland	6	4	0	.600
Baltimore	4	6	0	.400

AFC SOUTH	W	L	T	PCT
Jacksonville	7	2	0	.778
Houston	3	6	0	.333
Indianapolis	3	7	0	.300
Tennessee	1	8	0	.111

AFC WEST	W	L	T	PCT
Kansas City	7	2	0	.778
Denver	7	2	0	.778
Las Vegas	4	6	0	.400
L.A. Chargers	1	8	0	.111

NFC EAST	W	L	T	PCT
N.Y. Giants	5	3	1	.611
Dallas	4	6	0	.400
Washington	3	5	1	.389
Philadelphia	2	7	0	.222

NFC NORTH	W	L	T	PCT
Detroit	7	2	0	.778
Minnesota	7	2	0	.778
Chicago	7	2	0	.778
Green Bay	6	4	0	.600

NFC SOUTH	W	L	T	PCT
Carolina	4	5	0	.444
Tampa Bay	3	6	0	.333
New Orleans	3	6	0	.333
Atlanta	3	7	0	.300

NFC WEST	W	L	T	PCT
San Francisco	8	1	0	.889
L.A. Rams	6	4	0	.600
Seattle	6	4	0	.600
Arizona	3	7	0	.300

NHL · DIVISION STANDINGS

ATLANTIC	GP	W	L	OT	PTS
Tampa Bay	22	15	5	2	32
Montreal	23	14	5	4	32
Ottawa	23	14	6	3	31
Boston	22	14	7	1	29
Florida	23	12	8	3	27
Buffalo	22	9	9	4	22
Detroit	22	8	11	3	19
Toronto	24	8	13	3	19

METROPOLITAN	GP	W	L	OT	PTS
Carolina	22	16	3	3	35
New Jersey	22	15	7	0	30
N.Y. Rangers	22	13	8	1	27
N.Y. Islanders	21	10	6	5	25
Philadelphia	25	8	11	6	22
Washington	20	10	10	0	20
Columbus	20	8	12	0	16
Pittsburgh	21	7	12	2	16

CENTRAL	GP	W	L	OT	PTS
Minnesota	24	17	3	4	38
Dallas	22	14	6	2	30
Colorado	23	13	7	3	29
Nashville	22	11	6	5	27
Utah	23	11	9	3	25
Winnipeg	23	11	9	3	25
St. Louis	22	11	9	2	24
Chicago	22	6	14	2	14

PACIFIC	GP	W	L	OT	PTS
Edmonton	24	17	4	3	37
Vegas	24	13	6	5	31
Anaheim	23	11	11	1	23
San Jose	24	10	12	2	22
Seattle	19	10	8	1	21
Calgary	23	10	12	1	21
Los Angeles	20	7	11	2	16
Vancouver	24	5	18	1	11

Atlantic and Metropolitan: Eastern Conference · Central and Pacific: Western · PTS = 2 per win, 1 per overtime or shootout loss

NBA · DIVISION STANDINGS

ATLANTIC · EAST	W	L	PCT	GB
Philadelphia	13	3	.812	—
Boston	11	4	.733	1.5
New York	9	6	.600	3.5
Toronto	6	10	.375	7
Brooklyn	3	12	.200	9.5

CENTRAL · EAST	W	L	PCT	GB
Detroit	10	5	.667	—
Cleveland	9	8	.529	2
Indiana	5	11	.312	5.5
Chicago	4	11	.267	6
Milwaukee	1	15	.062	9.5

SOUTHEAST · EAST	W	L	PCT	GB
Atlanta	10	6	.625	—
Miami	9	6	.600	0.5
Orlando	7	8	.467	2.5
Washington	6	11	.353	4.5
Charlotte	4	11	.267	5.5

NORTHWEST · WEST	W	L	PCT	GB
Minnesota	11	5	.688	—
Portland	10	5	.667	0.5
Denver	9	5	.643	1
Oklahoma City	10	6	.625	1
Utah	3	14	.176	8.5

PACIFIC · WEST	W	L	PCT	GB
L.A. Lakers	14	3	.824	—
Phoenix	8	7	.533	5
Golden State	8	8	.500	5.5
LA Clippers	4	10	.286	8.5
Sacramento	1	14	.067	12

SOUTHWEST · WEST	W	L	PCT	GB
San Antonio	13	3	.812	—
Memphis	12	4	.750	1
Houston	12	5	.706	1.5
Dallas	8	7	.533	4.5
New Orleans	5	12	.294	8.5

NEW ENGLAND WATCH

Where our teams stand

Bruins (14–7–1) Host Washington (10–10) tonight at 7. Boston holds the East's first wild card.

Celtics (11–4) At Sacramento (1–14) tonight at 10, then at Golden State Sunday at 8:30.

Patriots (5–5) Bye this week; at the Chargers Sun., Nov. 29. Buffalo (8–1) hosts Miami Sunday.

Friday night Lakers 106, Kings 104; Nuggets 133, Rockets 124; Raptors 105, Pistons 102.

THE WEATHER DESK

Forecasts, almanac, mountains & Snow Watch 2026–27

THE FORECASTER'S TAKE

Four Straight — and a Thanksgiving Storm

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

We called 61° Friday; Burlington hit 63°, 18 degrees above normal and inside our two-degree window. That's four wins in a row: Beat the Forecaster is 14–6. Today's call: 59°.

One more mild day today and Sunday in the mid-50s, then a sharp turn: highs near 34° Tuesday with lows near 21°.

The big one: our forecast now puts the chance of precipitation on Thanksgiving Day at 85%, with a high near 37° — snow, sleet or rain depending on the storm's track. Travelers, keep an eye on it.

ESSEX JCT. ALMANAC

YESTERDAY	High 63° · Low 39°
SUNRISE	6:56 a.m.
SUNSET	4:19 p.m.
DAYLIGHT	9 hr 22 min
CHANGE	-2.1 min vs. yesterday
SINCE JUNE 21	6 hr 10 min less light
MOON	Waxing gibbous

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

ESSEX JUNCTION · THE NEXT SEVEN DAYS

TODAY	SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
59° / 35°	56° / 46°	57° / 31°	34° / 21°	39° / 21°	37° / 31°	38° / 32°
HIGH / LOW	HIGH / LOW	HIGH / LOW	HIGH / LOW	HIGH / LOW	HIGH / LOW	HIGH / LOW
		FREEZE	FREEZE	FREEZE	FREEZE	FREEZE
RAIN 0%	RAIN 10%	RAIN 15%	RAIN 10%	RAIN 10%	RAIN 85%	RAIN 15%
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

MIDDLEBURY — Addison County
57° / 32° · 0%
85% storm chance Thursday.

JAY PEAK — Orleans County
52° / 30° · 0%
Snowmaking cold Tuesday.

WOODSTOCK — Windsor County
57° / 31° · 0%
Highs in the 30s midweek.

ST. ALBANS — Franklin County
56° / 33° · 0%
Clouds and 50s Sunday.

LITTLETON, N.H. — Grafton County
54° / 30° · 0%
Mt. Washington: 85% snow Thursday.

SNOW WATCH 2026–27

Day 21

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ESSEX JCT.	MIDDLEBURY	STOWE	SNOWSHOE, WV
0.0"	0.0"	4.0"	1.7"
Burlington (BTV)	Addison County	Mt. Mansfield	Highland House · Rimfire

SEVERE & NATIONAL

Wet Carolinas, a Missouri Plunge

Wilmington, N.C., has a 75% rain chance Sunday; Charlotte 45%. Fulton, Mo., goes from 73° today to the mid-40s Monday behind a Sunday front.

Roseburg, Ore., stays soggy all week — rain chances up to 85% by Wednesday. Snowshoe, W.Va., could see snow Wednesday (70%).

BEAT THE FORECASTER

We Called It

Friday: we said 61°; Burlington hit 63° (2° warmer). Within 2° counts as a win.

Season record: 14–6 (70%)

Recent: Mon 44/46 W · Tue 53/53 W · Wed 59/59 W · Thu 58/59 W · Fri 61/63 W

Today's call: 59° in Essex Junction. Check back tomorrow.

WEATHER WORD

Bombogenesis

When a storm "rapidly intensifies, or strengthens, over a 24 hour period," says NOAA — at New York's latitude, a pressure drop of about 17.8 millibars in a day. "It is popularly referred to as a bomb cyclone." (NOAA)

THIS WEEK IN WEATHER

Nov. 26, 2014: A pre-Thanksgiving storm raced up the coast; Orwell got 16 inches of heavy, wet snow, and more than 200,000 lost power in New Hampshire. (NWS Burlington)

THE DEEPEST WATER

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Myers and Coyle, face to face · image by J.B. Woods

CHAPTER 41

Nowhere but My Desk

Roseburg · November 2003

Previously: The FBI told Tess and Walt a ring smuggled goods out of the old Pryce mill, with Sheriff Coyle vouching for it. Tess vowed to run Pryce's story Monday. "NO, TESS!" Walt said nothing.

> *"It goes nowhere except my desk. Are you clear?"*

BY SIX O'CLOCK the newsroom had emptied out. Gloria was the last to leave, glancing at Walt's office and then at Tess on her way out the door.

Tess hadn't moved since the FBI left. She sat at her desk and typed, deleted, and started over.

Now the only sounds in the building were her keyboard and the hum of the lights.

"What are you doing, Halloran?"

Walt was standing in his doorway. She hadn't heard the door open.

"Working on the story, Walt."

"Get your butt in my office. Now."

She went. He didn't sit down, so she didn't either.

"You are not releasing that story until I give you approval," Walt said.

Tess stared at him. For a moment she couldn't find a single word. In all her years in this business she had never had an editor stop a story this big — and never Walt Brenner. Walt was the man who ran the Harlan Voss story when nobody else would touch it.

"Walt—"

"Get it prepared," he said. "Write it the best you've ever written anything. Every word of it. But it goes nowhere except my desk." He leaned on the desk with both hands. "Are you clear, Tess?"

He had never called her Tess in that voice before. It wasn't angry. It was something she had never heard from him at all.

"I'm clear," she said.

She walked back to her desk in a daze. If she told anyone in Roseburg that Walt Brenner had sat on the biggest story in Oregon, nobody would believe it.

She sat down and kept writing.

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Deputy Cal Walters cut his vacation short. He was home by Saturday noon, his duffel bag still on the floor by the door, when he called Sheriff Coyle at home.

"I'm back," he said. "I'll report in first thing in the morning."

"Fine," said Coyle, and hung up.

An hour later the phone rang again. It was Agent Mason.

"Cal, I owe you an apology," she said. "I barely had five minutes with you in Cannon Beach. I was playing telephone tag with Myers all afternoon. I did come back to the Screw and Brew to see if you were still there, but I was too late. I saw you drive away."

"No harm done," said Walters.

"Was that a friend you were with?" Mason asked lightly. "Does he live at the beach?"

There was the smallest pause.

"No, he's not from that area. We were just meeting up there. Hadn't seen each other in years." Then, before she could ask anything else: "Say, how about that weather? Sixty degrees in November. I've never seen anything like it."

Mason let him talk about the weather. When she hung up, she wrote one line in her notebook and underlined it.

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At four o'clock Agents Myers and Mason sat across the desk from Sheriff Ray Coyle in his office. Coyle didn't offer coffee.

"Sheriff, twice in the nineties the bureau called this office about Pryce Lumber," Myers said. "Trucks rolling out of a mill that had closed. Both times, you told us there was nothing to see."

"Because there wasn't," said Coyle. "Everything out there was legit. Gordon had inventory piled to the rafters, and orders were slow — the whole economy was slow. It could take years to sell it all off. At least he kept a few men working after everybody else lost their jobs. I stopped by now and then. That money was good for Roseburg."

"Well, we're putting a plan together," Myers said. "We're assembling a team to go through Pryce Lumber, top to bottom. It could be a few days. We want the right equipment to look through everything."

Coyle leaned back in his chair.

"You're wasting your time. There's nothing going on in there anymore. All the inventory is gone — they finally got it moved out and turned into cash." He shrugged. "Probably one or two loaded trucks left out there at most, and they'll most likely be shipping out. They'll be trying to sell the building, I imagine."

"Who's been managing that place," Mason asked, "now that Gordon and Harlan are dead?"

"Trent Pryce. He's really been the one in charge the last three years, even when Gordon and Harlan were alive."

"Then where the hell is Trent?" Myers said.

"How the hell do I know? I'm not his babysitter." Coyle's eyes narrowed. "Why? Is he under arrest for something?"

Myers stood up, came around the desk and stopped a foot from the sheriff's face.

"Sheriff," he said quietly, "how are you involved in all this disaster that you have no true answers for?"

Coyle's face went dark red. "Get the hell out of my office!"

"Have a good night, Sheriff," said Mason.

"Have a good night, Sheriff," said Myers.

Outside, Myers didn't wait to get in the car. He flipped open his phone and dialed.

"It's Myers. Set up on Pryce Lumber. Tonight — now," he said. "Cameras, long lenses, the works. Nobody goes in. If anyone shows up, you just watch. Don't interrupt. I want to know who comes and who goes."

He closed the phone and looked at Mason across the roof of the car.

"If he's got nothing to hide," Mason said, "nobody shows up."

"And if somebody does?"

Mason opened her door. "Then we'll know who he called."

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Chapter 42 coming soon

THE DEEPEST WATER · READER'S GUIDE

The Story So Far · Chapters 1–27

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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.

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?"

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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.

CHAPTER 38

Over His Shoulder

Myers called Mason at the Waves: an anonymous, slurring caller claimed Josh "Tic Tac" Foster had been seen drinking alone at a speakeasy club in Medford; Medford police would check. Mason mentioned that Walters was in Cannon Beach on vacation. The Cannon Beach police had no breakthrough on Freddy Dunn's murder, but the night before, someone had torn apart Freddy's empty house — walls opened, closets gutted, nothing stolen. His sister, Samantha Dunn, found it. Mason walked the alley where Freddy died and learned he cut through it every night. At the Screw and Brew, manager Sally Lindgren said Freddy was always looking over his shoulder, loved his sister, and had two friends: Owen, and one he called Tic Tac, who came in once shortly after Freddy died and hasn't been seen since. Walters didn't answer Mason's call, and she drove back to Roseburg to tell Myers.

CHAPTER 39

Eighty-Seven

On Thursday morning a hiker on a closed trail spotted a body on a rock ledge at the Crater Lake shoreline. Ranger Montgomery Smith brought the FBI in and called it a homicide. Myers told Mason the victim had been stabbed eighty-seven times; dental records confirmed it was Harlan Voss, and the bureau put Myers and Mason in charge. Deputies told Tiffany, who was alone — Trent Pryce had been gone since the night before the knife hit her door. Driving to the lake with Kally and Teresa, Tess got a call from an old Portland acquaintance at the Klamath Falls medical examiner's office: it was Harlan, stabbed eighty-seven times. Tess connected the number to the 1987 knives and key. At Rim Village, Smith showed Myers where the body lay; Myers told Tess, "Seven o'clock. Like everybody else." At the news conference Tess asked whether Owen and Karen Marsh were suspects. Myers said, "Next question," and that there were no suspects. Back in Roseburg, Walt shouted, "That's my girl!" Sheriff Coyle and Deputy Walters, in Cannon Beach, watched without expression.

CHAPTER 40

More Than Lumber

Back in Roseburg on Friday, Tess found Agents Myers and Mason waiting at the Ledger, and Myers had Walt sit in. Myers scolded Tess for naming Owen and Karen Marsh on TV, then laid out the FBI's theory: a ring of local people had been shipping goods out of the old Pryce mill, and now they were killing each other off. When Tess blurted, "How did you know that?" Myers asked why she hadn't told them what she knew. He came clean: after the mill closed in 1991, an anonymous caller from a pay phone at the Holiday Inn told the FBI the trucks were still rolling. Sheriff Coyle vouched for a floor-to-ceiling inventory nobody ever inspected — until the trucks suddenly stopped. The FBI will watch the mill before going in. Mason said someone is fixated on 1987. Then Tess told them what Gordon Pryce said in the bunker: a hotel source who told him when Room 118 was empty, money owed, "more than lumber… things hidden in the loads." When she said the story would run Monday, Myers and Mason shouted together: "NO, TESS!" Walt said nothing.

CHAPTER 41

Nowhere but My Desk

That night, with the newsroom empty, Walt called Tess into his office and ordered her to hold the Pryce story: write it, but it goes nowhere except his desk. Deputy Walters cut his vacation short. Mason called him to ask about the friend she saw him with in Cannon Beach; he said it was an old friend and changed the subject to the weather. Myers and Mason told Sheriff Coyle the FBI was putting together a team to go through Pryce Lumber in a few days. Coyle said the inventory was long gone and that Trent Pryce had really run the place for three years. When Myers asked how he was involved, Coyle threw them out. Outside, Myers ordered his team to start watching the mill that night.

THE CASE BOARD

Where things stand through Chapter 41

THE DEAD

Gordon Pryce — lumber baron. Found stabbed off Little River Road with a 1987 county knife (Ch. 24).

Freddy Dunn — Owen's prison friend and alibi. Stabbed in a Cannon Beach alley (Ch. 16, 38).

Harlan Voss — found on the Crater Lake shore, stabbed 87 times (Ch. 39).

MISSING · ON THE RUN

Josh "Tic Tac" Foster — gone since October; a tipster puts him at a Medford speakeasy.

Owen Marsh — can't be found.

Karen Marsh — skipped work; FBI alert out.

Trent Pryce — missing; Coyle says he has run Pryce Lumber for three years.

PERSONS OF INTEREST

Owen & Karen Marsh — prints in the stolen car. Tess asked the FBI if they're suspects: "Next question."

Sheriff Coyle — picked up Harlan's wallet himself; vouched for the mill in the '90s; threw the FBI out of his office.

THE CLUES

Four knives engraved DOUGLAS COUNTY ROADS · 1987.

A key stamped 1987; a box gone from Room 118's wall.

"Ask them about August 1987."

Harlan: 87 stab wounds.

Pryce: "more than lumber… things hidden in the loads."

OPEN QUESTIONS

Who killed Gordon, Freddy and Harlan — the same hand?

Who tore apart Freddy's empty house?

What was hidden in the loads — and what are "they" looking for?

Where are Tic Tac and Trent?

What happened in August 1987?

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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 · This day in history · Scams · Trivia

COLD CASE FILE

Adamant (Calais), Vermont · 1969

The Hipps: A Vacation That Never Ended

In September 1969, James Hipp, 67, and his wife Iola, 62, retirees from Lutz, Fla., were towing a new camper through New England and Canada.

They were last seen Sept. 12 at a rest stop on Route 2 near East Montpelier. Days later their camper was found at a wooded pull-off in Adamant, in the town of Calais. Both had been killed inside it.

Road workers described a young man, early 20s, about 5-foot-11 with light brown hair, driving the Hipps' Oldsmobile. No one has ever been charged.

State police reopened the case years later. They still want to hear from anyone who remembers that September on Route 2.

Tips: Major Crime Unit, 802-244-8727 (case 07A301450); vsp.vermont.gov/tipsubmit (anonymous); or text VTIPS to 274637. (Vermont State Police, Crime Solvers Central)

CASE FACTS

NAMES
James & Iola Hipp
AGES
67 and 62
FOUND
Sept. 1969
WHERE
Adamant
CASE
07A301450
STATUS
Unsolved
TIPS
802-244-8727

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VERMONT POLICE BLOTTER

BARRE — Shawn Burnett, 34, wanted in a string of vehicle thefts, was arrested after a crash on Route 302 Friday; he was hospitalized with injuries that are not life-threatening. (VSP, WCAX)

IRASBURG — Justin Sanville, 37, of Irasburg is charged with DUI after troopers clocked him at 77 mph in a 50 zone on Route 58 Friday. (VSP)

SPRINGFIELD — Alyssa Galban, 26, of Meriden, Conn., is charged with bringing cocaine into Southern State Correctional Facility during a visit. (VSP)

Tips: vsp.vermont.gov/tipsubmit

COURT WATCH

Rutland — The Vermont Criminal Justice Council voted to permanently revoke former Rutland County sheriff's deputy Ryder Paskevich's police certification after he shared racist images in a group chat; he had already been fired. (WCAX)

On the docket — James Brinkman Jr., 68, of Vergennes, DUI, Washington criminal court Dec. 10; Lori Love, 48, of Ludlow, DUI refusal, Rutland criminal court Dec. 12. (VSP)

CASE CLOSED · HOW IT WAS CRACKED

THE UNABOMBER

Starting in 1978, someone mailed or hand-delivered bombs for 17 years, killing three people and injuring 24. In 1995 the bomber sent a 35,000-word essay, and the FBI and the attorney general approved its publication in The Washington Post and The New York Times. David Kaczynski recognized his brother Ted's ideas and turned over letters; analysis showed the same writer. Agents arrested Ted Kaczynski at his Montana cabin on April 3, 1996. He pleaded guilty and was sent to a supermax prison in Colorado. (FBI)

ON THIS DAY IN CRIME HISTORY

November 21

1973 — The 18½-Minute Gap

Watergate investigators learned of an 18½-minute gap on a White House tape of President Nixon talking with his chief of staff three days after the break-in. His secretary, Rose Mary Woods, denied erasing it on purpose.

1985 — A Spy at the Embassy Gate

Navy intelligence analyst Jonathan Pollard was arrested outside the Israeli Embassy in Washington after being turned away. He was sentenced to life for spying for Israel and paroled 30 years to the day after his arrest.

2001 — The Last Anthrax Victim

Ottilie Lundgren, 94, of Oxford, Conn., died of inhalation anthrax, the fifth and apparently last death in the anthrax-letter attacks. How she was exposed was never determined.

1927 — The Columbine Mine Shooting

State police opened fire on striking coal miners at the Columbine Mine in Serene, Colo., killing six.

Sources: Watergate.info, ClearanceJobs, CIDRAP, AP Today in History.

SCAM ALERT

Fake Ads at the Top of Your Search

Scammers buy search ads to catch holiday shoppers hunting for hard-to-find gifts. Click one and you may pay a scammer or hand over a bank account number. (FTC, Nov. 19)

Tips: skip the ads at the top; search a store's name with "complaint" or "scam"; type in web addresses you know.

The FTC: "The safest way to shop online is usually to go straight to a company's website." Report scams at ReportFraud.ftc.gov.

CRIME TRIVIA

Test Your Detective Skills

After a deadly 1923 train robbery at Oregon's Tunnel 13, a Berkeley chemist studied abandoned overalls and found a mail receipt that led to the DeAutremont brothers. Who was he?

Answer: Edward Oscar Heinrich. (Jefferson Public Radio)

THE SNOW DESK

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

Day 21 OF 152

Totals through Friday, Nov. 20

NOV · DEC · JAN · FEB · MAR · APR 1

MOST SNOW IN THE U.S. · LAST 24 HOURS

22.0" · Reno 10.7 S, NV

ESSEX JCT.

LAST 24 HRS	SEASON
0.0"	0.0"

Official: Burlington airport (BTV)
Normal to date: 2.7" · 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"	4.0"

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

SNOWSHOE, WV

LAST 24 HRS	SEASON
0.0"	1.7"

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	2.7	−2.7	0.0
Boston	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	−0.2	0
Portland, Maine	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.0	−1.0	0.0
Caribou, Maine	0.0	0.0	0.0	5.5	−5.5	0.0
Concord, N.H.	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.0	−1.0	0.0
Albany, N.Y.	0.0	0.3	0.3	1.1	−0.8	0.0
Syracuse, N.Y.	0.0	0.3	0.3	4.6	−4.3	0.0
Buffalo, N.Y.	0.0	0.0	0.0	3.8	−3.8	0.0
New York City	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	−0.2	0.0
Erie, Pa.	0.0	0.0	0.0	5.0	−5.0	0.0
Detroit	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.8	−0.8	0.0
Chicago	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.7	−0.7	0.0
Minneapolis	0.0	0.0	0.0	3.7	−3.7	0.0
Denver	0.0	0.0	0.0	—	—	0.0
Salt Lake City	T	0.7	0.7	3.8	−3.1	0.0
Anchorage, Alaska	report not available					

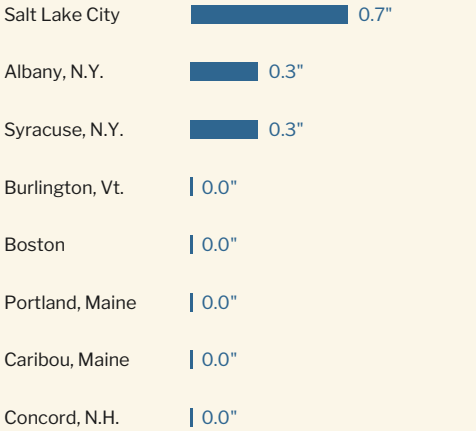
NWS Daily Climate Reports. Season and normal count from Nov. 1. T = trace. Depth = snow on the ground, inches.

MOST SNOW IN THE U.S.

Biggest 24-hour totals reported to the NWS

1	Reno 10.7 S, NV Elev. 5935 ft	22.0"
2	Tahoma .5 S, CA Elev. 6385 ft	15.0"
3	Tahoma, CA Elev. 6385 ft	15.0"
4	Tahoe City, CA Elev. 6230 ft	14.0"
5	Chester 0.9 NNE, CA Elev. 4524 ft	13.0"
6	Reno 16.0 SE, NV Elev. 6834 ft	13.0"
7	Virginia City, NV Elev. 6152 ft	13.0"
8	Meadow Valley 5.6 WSW, CA Elev. 4449 ft	12.5"
9	Ketchum Rs, ID Elev. 5879 ft	12.0"

SEASON LEADERS · CITIES



SNOWSHOE MOUNTAIN REPORT

Opening day in 4 days — Wed., Nov. 25 (target, weather permitting)

Now: Cloudy and 43° this morning.

Today: 53°, mostly dry.

Sunday: Rain likely (55%).

Mon.–Tue.: Colder: lows near 25°.

Opening day: Wednesday, Nov. 25: high 35°, 70% chance of snow.

Thanksgiving: 37°, 75% chance of precipitation.

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

SNOW NOTES

Day 21 — still zero. Burlington hit 63° Friday. Normal snowfall by now: about 3.0" for the season; we have 0.0" (NWS).

Thanksgiving storm watch. Our forecast now shows an 85% chance of precipitation in Essex Junction on Thanksgiving Day, high near 37° — snow, sleet or rain depending on the track.

Mountains: Mt. Washington's Thanksgiving snow chance is 85%, with highs in the upper 20s.

The cold arrives Tuesday. Lows near 21° Tuesday and Wednesday nights — snowmaking weather at last.

PUZZLES & GAMES

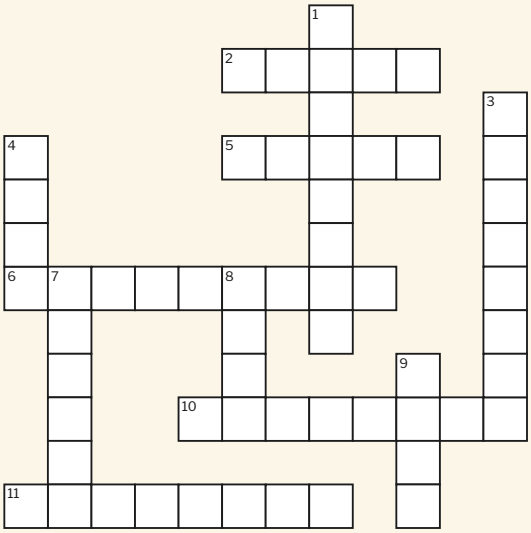
Grab a pencil and your coffee

THE DAILY SUDOKU

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

THE DAILY CROSSWORD · OLD FORESTER & A NIGHT AT THE OPERA



ACROSS

2 Icelandic singer, 61 today (5)
5 "A Night at the Opera" band (5)
6 Kaczynski's FBI case name (9)
10 Tunnel 13 chemist (8)
11 Spain's Grenache (8)

DOWN

1 Old ___, first bottled bourbon (8)
3 Louisville cocktail with a fake history (8)
4 Slow-simmered meat sauce (4)
7 Chipmaker down 14% Friday (6)
8 Patriots QB with a fractured fibula (4)
9 1969 Adamant cold case couple (4)

WORD SEARCH · HOCKEY NIGHT

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

FIND 12 WORDS

ASSIST
BRUINS
FACEOFF
GOALIE
HATTRICK
ICING
POWERPLAY
PUCK
SKATE
SLAPSHOT
STICK
ZAMBONI

Across, down, diagonal — some backward.

THE COURIER QUIZ

Five Questions

1. How much did the Dow lose this week?

2. Which Patriot has a fractured fibula?

3. Where did Russian missiles stray this week?

4. What's the Thanksgiving storm chance in Essex?

5. Who visits the Bruins tonight?

NAME THAT YEAR

Three Clues

- The Beatles play Ed Sullivan.
- Cassius Clay beats Sonny Liston.
- Ford unveils the Mustang.

YESTERDAY'S SUDOKU

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

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 21 BIRTHDAYS

This Day in Music

1948 — Lonnie Jordan of War — 78.
1950 — Livingston Taylor — 76.
1965 — Björk — 61.
1968 — Alex James of Blur — 58.
1985 — Carly Rae Jepsen — 41.

Also today: in 1960, 17-year-old George Harrison was deported from Hamburg for being under 18 — the Beatles soon followed.



SPIN THIS

A Night at the Opera

Queen · November 21, 1975

Fifty-one years ago today, Queen released its fourth album, recorded at six studios that summer.

It was the band's first No. 1 album in Britain and reached No. 4 in the U.S. "Bohemian Rhapsody" spent nine weeks at No. 1 in the U.K. after DJ Kenny Everett played an advance tape 14 times in two days. (uDiscover Music)

Best with: a Seelbach.

LIVE IN VERMONT

Shows Near Home

Sun. Nov. 22 · Ali T, Foam Brewers

Sun. Nov. 29 · Wonderkid, Foam Brewers

Thu. Dec. 3 · The Underachievers, Higher Ground

Sat. Dec. 12 · Walrus, Higher Ground

Listings via Songkick; check venues for tickets.

MUSIC TRIVIA

On Nov. 21, 1987, Billy Idol scored his only No. 1 with a live cover of a Tommy James song — knocking out another Tommy James cover. Name both songs.

ANSWERS — Quiz: 1. About 8% — its worst week since 2020. 2. Drake Maye. 3. Into Polish airspace. 4. About 85% in our forecast. 5. The Washington Capitals. Name That Year: 1964. Music trivia: Idol's "Mony Mony" replaced Tiffany's "I Think We're Alone Now." **Yesterday's crossword:** 2A LOCARD · 5A CHIMICHURRI · 6A MENDOZA · 9A MALBEC · 10A SOUR · 11A WEBSTER · 1D STROUD · 3D WILDTURKEY · 4D LINDBERGH · 6D MEASLES · 7D SATURN · 8D WALSH

THE STARS

Your daily horoscope · written by the Courier, just for fun

Born today? You're a Scorpio — and today's readings are for entertainment only.

★ ARIES — Mar. 21 – Apr. 19

A Saturday made for doing, not planning. Tackle the outdoor chore while the weather holds, then reward yourself with something hearty. Your energy lifts everyone around you.

LUCKY NUMBER 23 · **COLOR TOMATO RED**

★ TAURUS — Apr. 20 – May 20

Comfort is calling: a slow breakfast, a good book, a nap you've earned. Say no to one obligation that can wait until Monday.

LUCKY NUMBER 16 · **COLOR FERN GREEN**

★ GEMINI — May 21 – June 20

A chance conversation at the store or the game turns into the best part of your day. Keep your phone handy — good news travels fast.

LUCKY NUMBER 30 · **COLOR SAFFRON**

★ CANCER — June 21 – July 22

Holiday plans come into focus. Make the call to the relative you've been meaning to invite. A family recipe deserves another try.

LUCKY NUMBER 12 · **COLOR MOONSTONE**

★ LEO — July 23 – Aug. 22

Big crowds suit you today. Whether it's a game, a party or a busy kitchen, you're the one people gather around. Share the spotlight generously.

LUCKY NUMBER 5 · **COLOR AMBER**

★ VIRGO — Aug. 23 – Sept. 22

Get ahead on next week's to-do list while it's quiet. A small fix around the house brings big satisfaction. Treat yourself to dessert.

LUCKY NUMBER 35 · **COLOR DOVE GRAY**

★ LIBRA — Sept. 23 – Oct. 22

Balance work and play: an hour of tidying, an afternoon of fun. Someone admires your sense of style more than you know.

LUCKY NUMBER 18 · **COLOR PEACH**

★ SCORPIO — Oct. 23 – Nov. 21

Happy last day of Scorpio season. Celebrate quietly but deeply — a meaningful talk, a favorite meal, a promise to yourself for the year ahead.

LUCKY NUMBER 13 · **COLOR OXBLOOD**

★ SAGITTARIUS — Nov. 22 – Dec. 21

Your season begins tomorrow, and you can feel the lift. Plan something adventurous for your birthday month. A laugh with an old friend is the perfect start.

LUCKY NUMBER 9 · **COLOR VIOLET**

★ CAPRICORN — Dec. 22 – Jan. 19

Steady progress on a long project pays off. Take stock of how far you've come, then let yourself enjoy the evening off.

LUCKY NUMBER 40 · **COLOR PINE**

★ AQUARIUS — Jan. 20 – Feb. 18

Shake up your routine — try a new trail, a new recipe or a new radio station. Someone you meet today has a fresh idea worth hearing.

LUCKY NUMBER 27 · **COLOR COBALT**

★ PISCES — Feb. 19 – Mar. 20

A creative mood lingers all day. Put on music and make something with your hands. A kind note to a friend means more than you think.

LUCKY NUMBER 3 · **COLOR LILAC**

TONIGHT'S SKY

Sun, moon and what to look for over Essex Junction

SUNRISE	**6:56 a.m.**
SUNSET	**4:19 p.m.**
DAYLIGHT	**9 hr 22 min**
CHANGE	**-2.1 min vs. yesterday**
MOON	**Waxing gibbous**

Times for Essex Junction, Vt.

WHAT TO LOOK FOR

A bright moon tonight, about 90% lit, high in the east-southeast after dark, with Saturn off to its right. (When the Curves Line Up)

Sunday before dawn: four planets. Jupiter and red Mars sit high in the south beside the star Regulus — all three fit in one binocular view. Venus is in the southeast and Mercury low in the east. (When the Curves Line Up)

Meteors: the alpha Monocerotids peak this weekend, but the bright moon will hide all but the brightest. (Star Walk)

Tuesday: the full Beaver supermoon, at 9:53 a.m. — watch it rise Monday and Tuesday evenings. (Space.com)