ESSEX JCT. TODAY
57°
Low 46° · Cloudy and mild
Cold front Monday; 35° Tuesday

The Morning Courier

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

THANKSGIVING TRAVEL
81.5M
Americans on the move, AAA says
Just shy of last year's record

VOL. I · NO. 60 · FREE TO JB | SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 2026 · ESSEX JCT., VT | SUNRISE 6:58 A.M. · SUNSET 4:18 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** $3.66

WORLD · IRAN

Tankers Hit as the Gulf Flares Again

Two ships are struck in the Strait of Hormuz and Bahrain accuses Iran of hitting an industrial site, as Qatar tries to keep talks alive.

BY THE NUMBERS

2	Tankers hit in the strait
0	Casualties reported
2 hrs	Qatar's talks in Tehran
3	Houthi missiles at Riyadh

BY THE COURIER WORLD DESK · SOURCES: AFP, CBS NEWS, UKMTO

Two tankers were hit in the Strait of Hormuz on Saturday — one struck on the stern "by an unknown projectile," the other in its engine room — the British maritime agency UKMTO said. No one was hurt. Iran's army said one ship hit a mine after entering a "restricted zone" with its tracking systems off.

Bahrain's interior ministry accused Iran of a "heinous Iranian aggression" that set fire to a civilian industrial site; residents reported smoke over Sitra Island, home to a refinery. Iran's Revolutionary Guards claimed strikes on U.S. positions in Bahrain and said they downed a U.S. drone. The U.S. has not confirmed either claim. (AFP)

A Qatari delegation held two hours of talks in Tehran, and Iran's foreign minister, Abbas Araghchi, said talks "must be given a chance." Early Saturday the Saudi-led coalition said it shot down three Houthi missiles fired at Riyadh. (CBS News)

President Trump said last week he is "not rushing to make any decisions on Iran," adding, "We'll see what happens after the new year starts." (CBS News)

ESSEX JUNCTION FORECAST

46°
Low tonight: 46°

Cloudy but pleasantly mild.
Breezy from the south. High 57°.

RAIN TODAY 10% | SNOW TODAY 0%
Showers tonight; colder Tuesday

THE WEEK AHEAD

MON	TUE	WED	THU
56°	35°	39°	38°
R 15% S 0%	R 0% S 15%	R 0% S 10%	R 85% S 0%

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

FORECASTER'S NOTE
We called 59° Saturday; Burlington hit 61°. Beat the Forecaster: 15–6.

NATION · SHOPPING

A Record Black Friday Crowd

BY THE COURIER MARKETS DESK · SOURCES: NRF, AAA

The National Retail Federation expects a record 182.7 million shoppers over Thanksgiving weekend, about 126 million on Black Friday alone, and holiday sales topping $1 trillion for the first time. AAA expects 81.5 million travelers — slightly fewer than last year's record, "partly because of higher travel costs." Page 2.

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WEATHER AROUND THE MAP

Sunday forecasts · forecast data · "Now" = overnight

	Now	Hi	Lo	Rain	Snow
MIDDLEBURY, VT	42°	54°	43°	10%	
MT. WASHINGTON, NH	41°	46°	42°	10%	0%
SNOWSHOE, WV	46°	54°	46°	40%	
ROSEBURG, OR	39°	50°	37°	10%	
E. DENNIS, MA · CAPE	48°	60°	50°	10%	
CHARLOTTE, NC	56°	60°	55°	45%	
WILMINGTON, NC	65°	70°	63°	75%	
ST. PETERSBURG, FL	70°	73°	67°	45%	
FULTON, MO	60°	54°	29°	45%	
MCALLEN, TX	69°	80°	60°	50%	



THE DEEPEST WATER · A COURIER SERIAL
New today: Chapter 42, "Knock on Wood." Page 8.

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MARKETS & MONEY

The week ahead · Thanksgiving week on Wall Street · PCE inflation Wednesday · Sunday, November 22

FRIDAY'S CLOSES · MARKETS CLOSED THURSDAY

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, Schwab. *Written with help from Claude, made by Anthropic.

RATES · ENERGY · METALS

Dow, last week worst since 2020	−8.0%
S&P, last week in correction	−8.6%
Nasdaq, last week	−10.0%
Bitcoin, Sun. a.m. −12.5% wk	~$60,400
Bitcoin low Sat. lowest since 2024	~$55,200
Next Fed meeting hike expected	Dec. 9
Core PCE (est.) Wed. 8:30	3.2%
10-yr Treasury Fri.	4.92%
WTI crude Fri.	$83.98

THANKSGIVING WEEK **MON.** Zoom, HPE **TUE.** Confidence; Best Buy, Dell **WED.** PCE, GDP, claims; Deere **THU.–FRI.** Closed; 1 p.m. close Fri.

Schwab's Kevin Gordon sees a "rock-and-a-hard-place backdrop for stocks" — a Fed battling sticky inflation. (Schwab)

Schwab, CMC Markets, Investing.com, StockTitan, NRF, Adobe

THE WEEK AHEAD

Turkey, Then the Inflation Test

BY THE COURIER MARKETS DESK · SOURCES: SCHWAB, CMC MARKETS, INVESTING.COM, NRF

After Wall Street's worst week since 2020, a short holiday week brings one big number: October's PCE inflation report Wednesday at 8:30 a.m., with core prices expected up 3.2% from a year ago. It is the Fed's "final inflation reading" before its Dec. 9 meeting, said Mott Capital's Michael Kramer. Markets close Thursday; stocks shut at 1 p.m. Friday.

Over the weekend Summit Insights cut Nvidia to Hold; Yardeni Research called the selloff "a buying opportunity." Bitcoin dipped near $55,000 Saturday, then bounced to about $60,400.

STOCKS TO WATCH TODAY

On the Radar

Nvidia (NVDA) — $125.53; cut to Hold by Summit Insights. Quarterly filing due by about Dec. 4.

Palantir (PLTR) — $143.49; —15% last week.

Microsoft (MSFT) — $484.52; —7.5% last week.

AMD — $424.39; —21% last week.

Anthropic (ANT)* — $88.91; William Blair reportedly sees $130–150.

Black Friday — NRF: a record 182.7 million shoppers expected over the holiday weekend.

LAST WEEK'S DAMAGE

NVDA	Nvidia	−23.00%
AMD	AMD	−21.00%
PLTR	Palantir	−15.00%
MSFT	Microsoft	−7.50%
IWM	Russell 2000	−7.50%

Best of these: Russell −7.5% Worst: Nvidia −23%

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. 21 · down 18¢ in a week · diesel $5.86

NATIONAL	VERMONT	HIGHEST	LOWEST
$3.66	$3.96	$5.59	$3.01
U.S. average	state average	Hawaii	North Carolina

NATION & WORLD

Washington, the courts & beyond

WORLD · UKRAINE

Zelensky Asks for Evacuation Truces

BY THE COURIER WORLD DESK · SOURCES: INSTITUTE FOR THE STUDY OF WAR, CNN

A Russian strike on Kryvyi Rih, President Zelensky's hometown, killed two people and injured 58, he said, after Russia launched three ballistic missiles and 148 drones overnight into Saturday. Zelensky proposed temporary local ceasefires to evacuate civilians from 15 occupied towns near the Dnipro River; the Kremlin had not answered.

Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov called central and southeastern Ukraine, including Kyiv, "without a doubt traditionally Russian lands." CNN reported the Kryvyi Rih attack killed an emergency worker and a 7-year-old. In the Baltic, Ukrainian drones hit the sanctioned Russian military cargo ship Sparta II in the Gulf of Finland, the institute reported; Finland is leading the rescue.

ELSEWHERE

Saudi Arabia. The Saudi-led coalition said it intercepted three Houthi ballistic missiles fired toward Riyadh early Saturday. (CBS)

Holiday travel. AAA expects 81.5 million Americans to travel for Thanksgiving, down 0.1% and ending three straight record years. (FOX Weather)

Shopping. Adobe forecasts $275 billion in online holiday sales, with Cyber Monday alone near $15 billion. (Adobe via retail reports)

VERMONT

Around the Green Mountain State

STATEWIDE · WEATHER

Monday's Rain Slides East; the Cold Doesn't

BY THE COURIER VERMONT DESK · SOURCES: WCAX, NWS

The coastal storm forecasters were watching for tonight and Monday "has trended farther to the east," WCAX meteorologist Dave Busch wrote early Sunday. Eastern Vermont may see "only a tenth of an inch or so of rain," and "the Champlain Valley and New York will have just a few light showers or even stay totally dry."

Then the cold: "Early highs in the 50s will fall into the 40s during the afternoon as a cold front sweeps through," with lows in the 20s Monday night. Thanksgiving is still uncertain — the National Weather Service's Saturday forecast leaned toward rain in the valley, while our forecast data show an 85% chance of precipitation Thursday with a high near 38°.

The weather service expects a mostly sunny, breezy Tuesday near 40 with northwest winds up to 22 mph, and a sunny Wednesday — good news for anyone driving to Thanksgiving dinner. On Friday, WCAX flagged the chance of heavy, wet snow on Black Friday, but the computer models still disagree.

SKI COUNTRY · OPENINGS

Sugarbush Postpones; Stratton Next

Sugarbush now lists its opening as "postponed. Stay tuned for updates," Ski Vermont reports. Stratton plans to open Wednesday; Jay Peak, Bolton Valley, Smugglers' Notch and Bromley target Friday. Stowe, Okemo and Mount Snow have no date yet. Killington is open. (Ski Vermont, Nov. 20)

BARRE · TODAY

Remembering Mayor Lauzon

A public celebration of life for Barre Mayor Thom Lauzon, who died Monday at 65, is today from 9 a.m. to noon at the Barre Auditorium. His family asks people to "serve the city of Barre however you can." (WCAX)

AROUND THE STATE

ESSEX JCT. — Holiday hours. City offices close Thursday and Friday, Nov. 26–27. "Coffee, Crafts and Conversation" is Saturday, Nov. 28, at 10 a.m. (City of Essex Junction)

BURLINGTON — The tree is here. The city's annual Christmas tree has arrived downtown, ahead of the holiday season. (WCAX)

WATERBURY — Found safe. Kenneth Roberts, 68, missing since Wednesday and thought to be headed to Burlington or Essex, was found safe in Burlington, state police said Sunday. (VSP)

FOLIAGE REPORT

Cold on the way

Saturday: Burlington 61°; we called 59°.
Record: five straight — 15–6.
Snow: still 0.0" in Burlington.
Today: cloudy, mild, 57°.
Tonight: a few showers east.
Monday: 50s falling into the 40s.
Tuesday: 35°, low 21°.
Thursday: 85% storm chance.

THE WEEK IN VERMONT

Today Cloudy, 57°.
Tonight Showers east, 46°.
Mon. Front, 56° falling.
Tue. Cold, 35°.
Wed. Dry, 39°.

Forecast data for Essex Junction; check before you go.

VERMONT BY THE NUMBERS

4 Goals for Elias Lindholm
15–7–1 Bruins after Saturday
13 of 58 Celtics from three
15–6 Beat the Forecaster
4 Days to Thanksgiving

SPORTS

Lindholm's four goals sink Washington · Celtics fall by one in Sacramento · Michigan stuns UCLA

KINGS 97, CELTICS 96 · SATURDAY · SACRAMENTO

TEAM	1	2	3	4	F
BOS	27	27	13	29	96
SAC	25	16	35	21	97

Boston led by 11 at the half, then lost the third 35–13 · Conley 19 (4-4 3PT), Queta 15 · Hunter 20, Sabonis 15 pts/17 reb

BRUINS

Lindholm Scores Four in a 7–5 Win

BY THE COURIER SPORTS DESK · SOURCE: SPORTRADAR

Elias Lindholm scored four goals — one on the power play, plus the winner — and added an assist as the Bruins beat Washington 7–5 at TD Garden Saturday. David Pastrnak had a goal and two assists; Charlie McAvoy and Morgan Geekie had three assists each. Boston scored four in the second period. (SportRadar)

Next: Winnipeg Wednesday at 7.

NFL · WEEK 12

Patriots on bye · all times ET

MIA at BUF	1:00
PIT at PHI	1:00
TB at DET	1:00
BAL at CAR	1:00
ARI at KC	1:00
NYJ at LAC	4:05
LV at DEN	4:25
MIN at SF	8:20
CIN at WAS	Mon. 8:15

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

Celtics Drop a Third Straight

Boston (11–5) blew an 11-point halftime lead and lost 97–96 at Sacramento, shooting 13 of 58 from three. At Golden State tonight at 8:30. (SportRadar)

AROUND THE COURTS & FIELDS

Michigan Ends UCLA's Perfect Season

Saturday: Michigan 18, UCLA 16; Nebraska 31, Ohio St. 28; Washington 27, Indiana 24.

UVM: Men beat Brown 84–71; Will Davies 19.

TODAY ON TV (ET)

NFL Dolphins at Bills, 1:00
NFL Vikings at 49ers, 8:20
NBA Celtics at Warriors, 8:30

THE BOURBON & WINE PAGE

Ezra Brooks 99 · Cecchi Chianti Classico · a Tuscan pork roast for a Sunday crowd



BOURBON OF THE WEEK

LUX ROW DISTILLERS · BARDSTOWN, KY.

Ezra Brooks 99

PROOF	AGE	MASH	PRICE
99	NAS	78% corn	~$25

There was no Ezra: "There never was a person named 'Ezra Brooks.'" The brand launched in 1957 with no distillery of its own. (The Whiskey Wash)

The Jack Daniel's look-alike: it came out in a square bottle with a black label while Jack Daniel's was in short supply. Brown-Forman sued — and lost, around 1960. (The Whiskey Wash)

How it tastes: "hints of caramel, vanilla, chocolate, and spice" (Lux Row). The 99-proof version arrived in 2021 and won gold at the American Whiskey Masters. (Breaking Bourbon)



WINE OF THE WEEK

FAMIGLIA CECCHI · CASTELLINA IN CHIANTI, ITALY

Cecchi Chianti Classico

GRAPE	REGION	SINCE	PRICE
Sangiovese	Tuscany	1893	~$15–20

A Tuscan family name: Luigi Cecchi founded the firm in 1893; the family moved to Castellina in Chianti, in the heart of Chianti Classico, in the 1970s. (Avvinare)

The rules: Chianti Classico must be at least 80% Sangiovese; this one is about 90%, with a splash of Cabernet. (Drinkhacker, Avvinare)

How it tastes: "overripe plums tempered by a layer of baking spice," with vanilla and milk chocolate — rated A-. (Drinkhacker)

TODAY'S RECIPE

Made to go with a glass

Tuscan Roast Pork With Fennel

Serves 6–8 · overnight rest, then about 2 hours

THE ROAST

- 1 bone-in pork loin rib roast, ~6 lb
- 6 garlic cloves, minced
- ¼ cup chopped rosemary, plus sprigs
- 1 tbsp fine sea salt
- ¼ tsp red pepper flakes
- 1 lemon, halved

THE FENNEL

- 2 medium fennel bulbs
- Stalks and fronds removed
- Cut in wedges
- Roasted under the pork
- Serve with the sliced chops
- Pan juices spooned over

METHOD

1. Mix the garlic, chopped rosemary, salt and pepper flakes.

2. Cut ¾-inch slits between the rib bones and stuff with some of the mix. Rub with lemon, coat with the rest and refrigerate overnight.

3. Let the pork stand 30 minutes. Heat the oven to 375°F. Spread fennel wedges and rosemary sprigs in a roasting pan.

4. Set the pork on top, fat side up, and roast to 145°F in the center, about 1¾ hours. Rest 15 minutes under foil.

5. Turn the fennel and roast 15 minutes more, until caramelized. Slice into chops and serve.

Courier tip: Adapted from Food Network Kitchen. A holiday-size roast that isn't turkey.

POUR WITH IT · BOURBON

Ezra Brooks 99: caramel and white pepper meet the browned crust and sweet roasted fennel. (Courier pick)

POUR WITH IT · WINE

Chianti Classico: Sangiovese's cherry and bright acidity cut a rich garlic-and-rosemary roast — a Tuscan classic. (Courier pick)

THIS WEEK'S POUR

Cocktail Corner

Bourbon Eggnog. One glass: shake 2½ oz bourbon, ½ oz rich syrup, 1 whole egg, ½ oz cream and 2 oz whole milk hard with ice; strain over ice and grate fresh nutmeg on top. (Raw egg: your call.)

The story: At Christmas 1826, West Point cadets smuggled whiskey in for an eggnog party despite a ban; it turned into a riot. Nineteen cadets were court-martialed and 11 dismissed; cadet Jefferson Davis was arrested but spared. (U.S. Army, History.com)

BOURBON & WINE NEWS

A Black Friday Bourbon

Bardstown Bourbon Company releases Oak Encore on Black Friday: a blend of eight barrels, mostly 12-year-old Kentucky bourbon with older stocks up to 19 years, six of them finished in fresh American oak. A 375-ml bottle is $99.99, sold only at the Bardstown distillery and its Louisville tasting room. (Breaking Bourbon, Nov. 19)

Master blender Dan Callaway: bourbon gets "at least 50% of its final taste profile from the time spent aging in the oak barrel."

THIS WEEK'S POUR PLAN

What to sip with what's on

TODAY · SUNDAY ROAST
Pork in the oven by 3.

TONIGHT 8:30
Chianti for Celtics–Warriors.

THANKSGIVING
Eggnog for the crowd.

THE CELLAR & RICKHOUSE GLOSSARY

Nine wine words, nine bourbon words

Sangiovese — Tuscany's main red grape.
Chianti Classico — the historic Chianti heartland.
DOCG — Italy's top wine label tier.
Gallo Nero — the Classico black rooster.
Riserva — longer aging before release.
Tannin — the drying grip in red wine.

Acidity — the bright, mouthwatering edge.
Arista — Tuscan garlic-rosemary roast pork.
Vintage — the year the grapes grew.
Charcoal filtered — smoothed before bottling.
Sourced — bought from another distillery.
Straight bourbon — 2+ years in new charred oak.

Double barreled — moved to a second new barrel.
Blend — barrels of different ages mixed.
Proof — twice the alcohol percent.
Rich syrup — two parts sugar, one water.
Nutmeg — eggnog's classic garnish.
NAS — no age statement.

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 1 — Dolphins at Bills.
Today 1 — Steelers at Eagles.
Today 4:25 — Raiders at Broncos.
Tonight 8:20 — Vikings at 49ers.
Tonight 8:30 — Celtics at Warriors.
Wed. 7 — Bruins vs. Jets.

AROUND VERMONT

Today 9–noon — Lauzon celebration, Barre.
Wed. — Stratton opens.
Thu.–Fri. — Essex Jct. offices closed.
Fri. — Jay, Bolton, Smuggs open.
Sat. 10 a.m. — Coffee & Crafts, Essex Jct.

WEATHER AT A GLANCE

Sun. — Cloudy, 57°.
Mon. — Front, 56°.
Tue. — Cold, 35°.
Wed. — Dry, 39°.
Thu. — Storm likely, 38°.
Fri. — Showers, 43°.

GOOD NEWS ROUNDUP

Kindness, critters & comebacks

MONTPELIER

A City Lit Up

Hundreds of handmade lanterns lit the capital Saturday for the third Lantern Parade, now crossing 10 bridges. "It's a little bit of a recognition of Montpelier's resilience in the face of the 2023 floods," said Neil Rohan of Montpelier Alive — newly a national Main Street award semifinalist. (WCAX)

RUTLAND

Out of the Dumpster

Hearing cries from a dumpster, Rutland police dug through the garbage and found a puppy in a tied trash bag. They wrapped it in an old flannel shirt to keep it warm until animal control arrived. (Boston.com)

GLOUCESTER, MASS.

33 Letters, 59 Years Later

In 1967, 33 St. Ann School children wrote to a badly wounded Navy corpsman in Vietnam; the letters helped him recover. Now his son is tracking down every writer to say thanks — 18 found so far. (Good News Network)

SOMERVILLE, MASS.

Weird Wins

Otis, a scraggly 4-year-old rescue, won the World's Weirdest Dog contest with nearly 2,500 votes — and a billboard in Times Square. "To us, weird is a compliment," said owner Abby West. (Boston.com)

TORONTO

100 Meals Every Tuesday

Former fine-dining chef Maddy Goldberg turns whatever her food bank received into 100 hot meals each week. "It was just to feed people, which is why I wanted to cook in the first place." (DailyGood)

BOSTON

Meow, Over

A Delta flight to Tampa paused on Logan's taxiway when a cat got out of its kennel. Once it was back, the controller signed off: "That is a new one. … Have a good day. Meow." It landed on time. (WCAX/CNN)

MEET THE CAST

The Deepest Water



Evelyn Pryce

Gordon Pryce's wife

Evelyn Pryce, watching the way people watch the weather on television.
— Chapter 5

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 Saturday · 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
Ottawa	24	15	6	3	33
Tampa Bay	22	15	5	2	32
Montreal	24	14	6	4	32
Boston	23	15	7	1	31
Florida	24	13	8	3	29
Buffalo	23	9	10	4	22
Detroit	23	8	12	3	19
Toronto	25	8	14	3	19

METROPOLITAN	GP	W	L	OT	PTS
Carolina	23	17	3	3	37
New Jersey	23	15	8	0	30
N.Y. Rangers	22	13	8	1	27
N.Y. Islanders	22	11	6	5	27
Philadelphia	26	9	11	6	24
Washington	21	10	11	0	20
Columbus	21	9	12	0	18
Pittsburgh	22	7	13	2	16

CENTRAL	GP	W	L	OT	PTS
Minnesota	25	17	3	5	39
Dallas	22	14	6	2	30
Colorado	23	13	7	3	29
Nashville	23	12	6	5	29
Utah	24	12	9	3	27
St. Louis	23	12	9	2	26
Winnipeg	24	11	9	4	26
Chicago	23	7	14	2	16

PACIFIC	GP	W	L	OT	PTS
Edmonton	25	17	5	3	37
Vegas	25	14	6	5	33
San Jose	25	11	12	2	24
Anaheim	24	11	12	1	23
Calgary	24	10	12	2	22
Seattle	20	10	9	1	21
Los Angeles	21	7	12	2	16
Vancouver	25	6	18	1	13

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	14	3	.824	—
Boston	11	5	.688	2.5
New York	10	6	.625	3.5
Toronto	6	10	.375	7.5
Brooklyn	3	12	.200	10

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	16	.059	10

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	12	5	.706	—
Denver	9	5	.643	1.5
Portland	10	6	.625	1.5
Oklahoma City	10	6	.625	1.5
Utah	3	14	.176	9

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	11	.267	9
Sacramento	2	14	.125	11.5

SOUTHWEST · WEST	W	L	PCT	GB
San Antonio	14	3	.824	—
Houston	12	5	.706	2
Memphis	12	5	.706	2
Dallas	9	7	.562	4.5
New Orleans	5	13	.278	9.5

NEW ENGLAND WATCH

Where our teams stand

Bruins (15–7–1) Beat Washington 7–5 Saturday as Elias Lindholm scored four goals. Next: Winnipeg Wednesday at 7, Toronto Friday at 1.

Celtics (11–5) Lost 97–96 at Sacramento Saturday. At Golden State tonight at 8:30, then at Washington Tuesday.

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

Thanksgiving Bears at Lions 1 p.m. and Eagles at Cowboys 4:30 Thursday; Packers at Rams Wednesday night.

THE WEATHER DESK

Forecasts, almanac, mountains & Snow Watch 2026–27

THE FORECASTER'S TAKE

Five Straight — Then the Bottom Drops Out

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

We called 59° Saturday; Burlington hit 61°, 17 degrees above normal and inside our two-degree window. That's five wins in a row: Beat the Forecaster is 15–6. Today's call: 57°.

Clouds today, then rain tonight into early Monday. Monday stays mild near 56° — and then the floor gives way: highs near 35° Tuesday with lows near 21°, the coldest air of the season.

Thanksgiving: our forecast still puts the chance of precipitation at 85%, high near 38°. Rain, snow or a mix depends on the storm's track. Wednesday travel looks dry.

ESSEX JCT. ALMANAC

YESTERDAY	High 61° · Low 34°
SUNRISE	6:58 a.m.
SUNSET	4:18 p.m.
DAYLIGHT	9 hr 20 min
CHANGE	-2.0 min vs. yesterday
SINCE JUNE 21	6 hr 12 min less light
MOON	Waxing gibbous

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

ESSEX JUNCTION · THE NEXT SEVEN DAYS

TODAY	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
57° / 46°	56° / 32°	35° / 21°	39° / 21°	38° / 27°	43° / 38°	43° / 37°
HIGH / LOW	HIGH / LOW	HIGH / LOW	HIGH / LOW	HIGH / LOW	HIGH / LOW	HIGH / LOW
	FREEZE	FREEZE	FREEZE	FREEZE		
RAIN 10%	RAIN 15%	RAIN 0%	RAIN 0%	RAIN 85%	RAIN 35%	RAIN 0%
SNOW 0%	SNOW 0%	SNOW 15%	SNOW 10%	SNOW 0%	SNOW 0%	SNOW 15%

High in red, low in blue · FREEZE = low at or below 32° · bars show the chance of rain and of snow. Forecast data.

MOUNTAINS, VALLEYS & THE PLACES WE WATCH

SUGARBUSH
Washington County
52° / 42° · 10%
Tuesday high just 29°.

ISLAND POND
Essex County
49° / 37° · 10%
Down to 15° Tuesday night.

ST. JOHNSBURY
Caledonia County
50° / 33° · 10%
85% storm chance Thursday.

BENNINGTON
Bennington County
58° / 42° · 10%
Mildest spot today.

LAKE PLACID, N.Y.
Essex County, N.Y.
54° / 34° · 10%
Tuesday: 29°, low 16°.

SNOW WATCH 2026–27

Day 22

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

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

Soggy Carolinas, a Texas Drop

Wilmington, N.C., has a 75% rain chance today; McAllen, Texas, hits 80° before falling to the low 60s Monday. Fulton, Mo., goes from 54° today to a 43° Monday with a chance of flakes.

Roseburg, Ore., had rain and snow mixing overnight; rain chances climb to 70% Tuesday. Snowshoe, W.Va., could see snow Wednesday (40%).

BEAT THE FORECASTER

We Called It

Saturday: we said 59°; Burlington hit 61° (2° warmer). Within 2° counts as a win.

Season record: 15–6 (71%)

Recent: Tue 53/53 W · Wed 59/59 W · Thu 58/59 W · Fri 61/63 W · Sat 59/61 W

Today's call: 57° in Essex Junction. Check back tomorrow.

WEATHER WORD

Thundersnow

Lightning inside a snowstorm "is called thundersnow," says NOAA. It needs instability and moisture aloft, as above a warm front. (NOAA)

THIS WEEK IN WEATHER

Nov. 24–25, 1971: A Thanksgiving snowstorm buried the upper Hudson Valley just west of Vermont; Albany got 22.5 inches, its greatest November snowfall on record, and travelers were stranded on the busiest travel day of the year. (NWS Albany)

THE DEEPEST WATER

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Hollis Tate at the old Pryce mill, 2:03 a.m. · image by J.B. Woods

CHAPTER 42

Knock on Wood

Roseburg · November 2003

Previously: Walt ordered Tess to hold the Pryce story. Myers told Sheriff Coyle the FBI would hit Pryce Lumber "in a few days" — then ordered his team to start watching the mill that very night.

> *"If I was you, I would come clean before you take the rap on everything."*

THE PHONE RANG at two minutes to midnight.

Hollis Tate was asleep in his recliner with the television on. He fumbled for the receiver on the end table before the second ring.

"Yeah?"

"Hey, Hollis." A man's voice, low and unhurried. "If I was you, I would come clean before you take the rap on everything. Do you get my drift?"

Hollis sat up. "Who's this?"

The line went dead.

He sat there holding the receiver until it started to howl at him. Then he hung it up and turned off the television, and the little house on Alder Brook Road was very quiet.

Take the rap on everything.

For an hour he sat in the dark and thought about it. The FBI was in town; everybody knew that. They had been out to the hotel. They had been out to his own driveway. Gordon Pryce was dead, Harlan Voss was dead, and the men who had kept quiet for twelve years were getting fewer by the week. Somebody had decided who was going to be left holding the bag, and it sounded a lot like Hollis Tate.

Better to go to Ray Coyle, he decided. Before the FBI came for him. Coyle had known him thirty years. Coyle might listen.

At ten past one he dialed the sheriff's home number. It rang six times.

"What are you calling me for, Hollis?" Coyle's voice was thick with sleep. "Do you know what time it is?"

"It's about Pryce Lumber, Ray. It's urgent." Hollis gripped the phone. "I want to come clean. I want to tell you what I know before the FBI picks me up."

There was a long silence on the line.

"Stay where you are," Coyle said, and hung up.

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The cruiser pulled into the gravel driveway at 1:30 with its headlights off. Hollis climbed in on the passenger side. The heater was running, and Coyle didn't turn on the dome light.

"Talk," Coyle said.

So Hollis talked. He told him about the trucks that kept rolling up and down I-5 for years after the mill shut down. He told him the logs on those trucks weren't logs at all — they were hollowed out, and things rode inside them, and from the highway nobody could ever tell.

"I can show you," he said. "There's still trucks sitting out there. Ray, I want you to work with me. Keep me out of jail. There were a lot of people in on this — a lot more than you'd think — and I think they're making me the fall guy."

Coyle stared out the windshield for a long time.

"Let's go," he said finally. "I can't guarantee you anything." He put the cruiser in reverse. "And you can bet the FBI is out there watching. They're watching the whole damn town."

Hollis couldn't tell if he meant it.

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At 2:03 a.m., the cruiser rolled through the open gate of the old Pryce mill with its lights off and stopped beside three loaded log trucks.

Across the road, behind a stand of alders, a camera shutter began to click.

"Stay in the car," Coyle said.

"Knock along the side, halfway down," Hollis told him. "The ends are real wood, a few inches thick, so they look solid from the road. But knock in the middle and you'll hear it. It sounds like a drum."

Coyle got out with his flashlight. Hollis watched him walk the length of the trucks, then grab the rail of the middle one and pull himself up onto the load. The flashlight beam slid across the bark. Coyle crouched and rapped his knuckles on the end of one log, then another, then a third — the way a man knocks on a door.

Not the ends, Hollis thought. *I told you, not the ends.*

Then Coyle moved down the load and knocked along the sides, one log after another. From the car Hollis could hear it faintly through the glass — a dull, flat sound, the same every time.

Solid.

Coyle swung the flashlight beam across the load one last time, and in that light Hollis saw what he hadn't seen from the road. The ends of those logs were bright and clean, as if they had been cut last week. No moss. No weather. The chains were tight and new.

The truck under them had flat tires and blackberry vines grown up around the wheels. It hadn't moved in a year.

Somebody had swapped the load.

Coyle climbed down, brushed off his hands and got back in the car. He didn't say a word about the logs. He didn't look surprised.

"I knew that was too far-fetched," he said. "Hollis, there's nothing there. I'm taking you back home. You wasted enough of my time." He swung the cruiser around toward the gate, and its headlights washed across the side of the mill. "I don't believe most of the things you've ever said anyways. I've known you for a long time."

Hollis looked out the side window and said nothing.

Across the road, the camera kept clicking.

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Coyle dropped him at the end of the gravel driveway at 2:40 and drove away without a word.

Hollis stood in the cold and watched the taillights all the way to the bend. They didn't come on until the cruiser reached the county road.

He went inside, sat down in the recliner in the dark and looked at the phone.

He had told the sheriff everything. And the sheriff had stood on top of that load and found exactly what somebody wanted him to find.

He had come clean. He just wasn't sure anymore that he had picked the right man to come clean to.

A work of fiction: characters and events are invented; places are real. · *Catch up: Reader's Guide, Pages 9–11.*

Chapter 43 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, Tess found Agents Myers and Mason waiting at the Ledger, with Walt sitting in. Myers scolded her for naming Owen and Karen Marsh on TV, then laid out the FBI's theory: a ring of locals had shipped goods out of the closed Pryce mill, and now they were killing each other off. An anonymous caller had told the FBI the trucks kept rolling after 1991; Sheriff Coyle vouched for an endless inventory nobody inspected. Mason said someone is fixated on 1987. Tess finally told them Pryce's words: a hotel source for Room 118, money owed, "more than lumber... things hidden in the loads." When she said the story would run Monday, both agents shouted: "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.

CHAPTER 42

Knock on Wood

Near midnight Saturday, an anonymous caller told hotel maintenance man Hollis Tate to come clean "before you take the rap on everything." Hollis called Sheriff Coyle, who picked him up at 1:30 a.m. Hollis said the mill's logs were hollowed out to hide things, and he feared he was the fall guy. At 2:03, with an FBI camera watching unseen, Coyle climbed a loaded truck and knocked — all solid. The logs were fresh-cut on a truck that hadn't moved in a year: someone had swapped the load. Coyle said nothing and drove Hollis home.

THE CASE BOARD

Where things stand through Chapter 42

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. FBI: "Next question."

Sheriff Coyle — vouched for the mill; threw out the FBI; heard Hollis confess, told no one.

Hollis Tate — told Coyle the logs were hollow; fears he's the fall guy.

THE CLUES

Four 1987 county knives.

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

"Ask them about August 1987." Harlan: 87 wounds.

Pryce: "more than lumber."

A swapped load: fresh logs on a dead truck.

OPEN QUESTIONS

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

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

Where are Tic Tac and Trent?

Who called Hollis at midnight — and who swapped the load?

What happened in August 1987?

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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

South Burlington & Charlotte, Vermont · 1977

Marsha Lamonda: Ten Years Missing

Marsha Hall Lamonda, 25, was last seen on June 30, 1977. Six days later she was reported missing to South Burlington police.

For a decade there was no trace of her. Then, on Aug. 25, 1987, her remains were found off Bean Road in Charlotte.

State police say she had some medical issues but that her death was not related to them. It was ruled a homicide. No one has ever been charged.

In 2025, on the 38th anniversary of the discovery, investigators asked again for help. Hers is one of more than 50 unsolved homicides in Vermont.

Tips: Major Crime Unit, 802-244-8727 (case 07A101465); vsp.vermont.gov/tipsubmit (anonymous); or text VTIPS to 274637. (Vermont State Police, Boston 25 News)

CASE FACTS

NAME
Marsha Hall Lamonda
AGE
25
LAST SEEN
June 30, 1977
FOUND
Aug. 25, 1987
CASE
07A101465
STATUS
Unsolved
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VERMONT POLICE BLOTTER

WINOOSKI — Rocks thrown onto I-89 near Exit 15 damaged about a dozen vehicles over three evenings. Troopers found two Winooski youths, 19 and 14, under the overpass Saturday night; the case involves disorderly conduct and unlawful mischief. Damaged cars: Trooper Tyler Silva, 802-878-7111. (VSP)

NORTHFIELD — Checking a suspicious vehicle on Cox Brook Road at 2 a.m. Sunday, troopers found stolen property. Dana Hill, 37, of Northfield is charged with possession of stolen property. (VSP)

DERBY — A driver braked for a deer on I-91 and was rear-ended Saturday; no one was hurt. (VSP)

Tips: vsp.vermont.gov/tipsubmit

COURT WATCH

Windsor County — Michelle Mullins, 47, was sentenced to six months to serve, plus 12 years of probation, for her role in the 2025 White River Junction shooting that killed David Labrecque; she must testify against the accused shooter. "I want you to know I am so sorry," she said. (Valley News via VTDigger)

Tampa, Fla. — A federal judge let President Trump's defamation suit against The New York Times and Penguin Random House go forward, dismissing two claims. The defendants deny defaming him. (Al Jazeera)

CASE CLOSED · HOW IT WAS CRACKED

AL CAPONE'S BOOKS

Chicago's most notorious gangster seemed untouchable for murder and bootlegging, so the government went after his money. IRS agents spent three years on the case; Special Agent Frank J. Wilson's team combed some 2 million documents and found ledgers tracing payments to Capone, who never filed a tax return. Indicted in June 1931, Capone was convicted of income-tax evasion on Oct. 17, 1931, and sentenced to 11 years plus $80,000 in fines and costs. (History.com, IRS)

ON THIS DAY IN CRIME HISTORY

November 22

1718 — Blackbeard's Last Fight

The pirate Edward Teach, known as Blackbeard, was killed off Ocracoke Island on North Carolina's Outer Banks in a bloody battle with a British naval force under Lt. Robert Maynard. Legend says he took five musket balls and 20 sword cuts before he fell.

1963 — Dallas

President John F. Kennedy was shot in Dallas and died shortly afterward; Lyndon Johnson was sworn in aboard Air Force One. The Warren Commission later concluded Lee Harvey Oswald fired the fatal shot.

1998 — On Camera

"60 Minutes" aired video of Dr. Jack Kevorkian giving lethal drugs to a terminally ill man. He was later convicted of second-degree murder.

1999 — The Real Killer Convicted

Larry Fisher was found guilty of the 1969 killing of Gail Miller in Saskatoon. David Milgaard had been wrongly convicted and spent 23 years in prison.

Sources: History.com, The Canadian Press Today in History.

SCAM ALERT

Black Friday to Giving Tuesday

The Better Business Bureau warns this week brings inflated "original" prices that make discounts look bigger, look-alike store websites, fake ads, copycat charities and urgent "missed delivery" texts. (BBB, Nov. 20)

Tips: compare prices; check web addresses for misspellings; pay by credit card — never wire transfer, gift card or payment app; give to charities through their own sites (check Give.org).

Report scams at BBB.org/ScamTracker.

CRIME TRIVIA

Test Your Detective Skills

Before the 1954 Breathalyzer, Indiana police had drivers blow into a balloon attached to a 1930s gadget invented by an Indiana University biochemist. What was it called?

(answer: the Drunkometer, patented by Rolla Harger in 1936. (Indiana Historical Bureau)

THE SNOW DESK

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

Day 22 OF 152

Totals through Saturday, Nov. 21

NOV · DEC · JAN · FEB · MAR · APR 1

MOST SNOW IN THE U.S. · LAST 24 HOURS

18.0" · Alyeska Weather Top, AK

ESSEX JCT.

LAST 24 HRS	SEASON
0.0"	0.0"

Official: Burlington airport (BTV)
Normal to date: 2.9" · Depth: 0"

MIDDLEBURY

LAST 24 HRS	SEASON
—	0.0"

Nearest observer reports
No report = no observer reading that day

STOWE

LAST 24 HRS	SEASON
0.0"	4.0"

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

SNOWSHOE, WV

LAST 24 HRS	SEASON
—	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	2.9	−2.9	0.0
Boston	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	−0.2	0
Portland, Maine	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.1	−1.1	0.0
Caribou, Maine	0.0	0.0	0.0	5.9	−5.9	0.0
Concord, N.H.	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.1	−1.1	0.0
Albany, N.Y.	0.0	0.3	0.3	1.2	−0.9	0.0
Syracuse, N.Y.	0.0	0.3	0.3	5.0	−4.7	0.0
Buffalo, N.Y.	0.0	0.0	0.0	4.2	−4.2	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	5.4	−5.4	0.0
Detroit	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.9	−0.9	0.0
Chicago	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.8	−0.8	0.0
Minneapolis	0.0	0.0	0.0	4.0	−4.0	0.0
Denver	T	0.0	0.0	—	—	0.0
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Anchorage, Alaska					report not available	

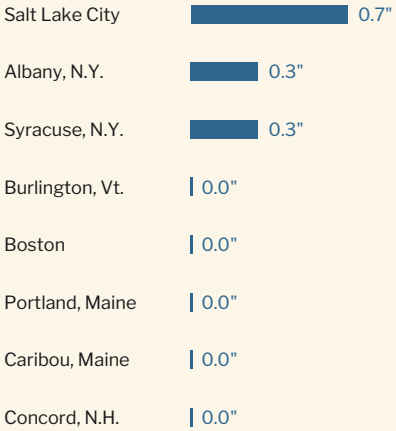
NWS Daily Climate Reports. Season and normal count from Nov. 1. T = trace. Depth = snow on the ground, inches.

MOST SNOW IN THE U.S.

Biggest 24-hour totals reported to the NWS

1	Alyeska Weather Top, AK Elev. 2707 ft	18.0"
2	Alyeska Weather Mid, AK Elev. 1644 ft	16.0"
3	Aspendell, CA Elev. 8458 ft	14.8"
4	Tahoma .5 S, CA Elev. 6385 ft	14.0"
5	Tahoma, CA Elev. 6385 ft	14.0"
6	Meadow Valley 5.6 WSW, CA Elev. 4449 ft	12.0"
7	Anchorage Upper Dearmoun, AK Elev. 1289 ft	11.0"
8	Carson City 5.7 NW, NV Elev. 5262 ft	10.0"
9	Tahoe City, CA Elev. 6230 ft	10.0"
10	Wamsutter, WY Elev. 6739 ft	10.0"

SEASON LEADERS · CITIES



SNOWSHOE MOUNTAIN REPORT

Opening day in 3 days — Wed., Nov. 25 (target, weather permitting)

Now: Cloudy and 46° this morning.

Today: 54°, 40% chance of rain.

Mon.–Tue.: Colder: lows near 24°.

Opening day: Wednesday, Nov. 25: high 36°, 40% chance of snow.

Thanksgiving: 39°, 85% chance of precipitation.

Friday: High just 31° — snowmaking cold.

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

SNOW NOTES

Day 22 — still zero. Burlington hit 61° Saturday. Normal snowfall by now: about 3.2" for the season; we have 0.0" (NWS).

The cold arrives Tuesday. Highs near 35° Tuesday and lows near 21° Tuesday and Wednesday nights in Essex — the first real snowmaking weather of the season.

Thanksgiving storm watch. Our forecast holds an 85% chance of precipitation Thursday, high near 38° — snow, sleet or rain depending on the track.

Mountains: Mt. Washington's summit drops to a high near 21° Tuesday; its Thanksgiving precipitation chance is 85%.

PUZZLES & GAMES

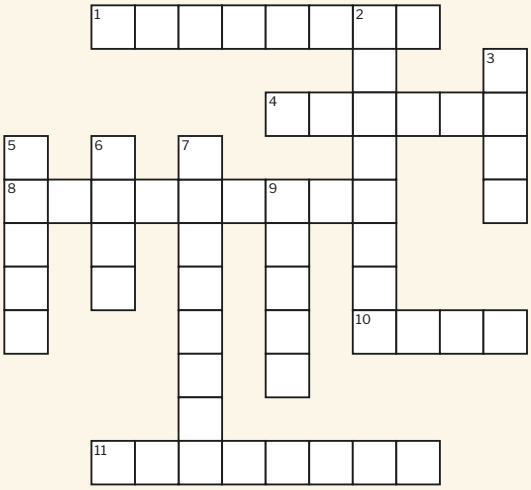
Grab a pencil and your coffee

THE DAILY SUDOKU

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

THE DAILY CROSSWORD · EZRA BROOKS & THE WHITE ALBUM



ACROSS

1 Spain's Grenache (8)
4 Chipmaker down 14% Friday (6)
8 Kaczynski's FBI case name (9)
10 1969 Adamant cold case couple (4)
11 Beatle deported from Hamburg in 1960 (8)

DOWN

2 Tunnel 13 chemist (8)
3 Patriots QB with a fractured fibula (4)
5 "A Night at the Opera" band (5)
6 Slow-simmered meat sauce (4)
7 Old ___, first bottled bourbon (8)
9 Icelandic singer, 61 today (5)

WORD SEARCH · THANKSGIVING WEEK

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M	H	I	M	H	T	U	R	K	E	Y	N	M

FIND 12 WORDS

CRANBERRY
FOOTBALL
GRATITUDE
GRAVY
HARVEST
LEFTOVERS
PARADE
PIE
PILGRIM
PUMPKIN
STUFFING
TURKEY

Across, down, diagonal — some backward.

THE COURIER QUIZ

Five Questions

1. Who scored four goals for the Bruins Saturday?

2. Which unbeaten team did Michigan stop?

3. How many Thanksgiving travelers does AAA expect?

4. What sign's season begins today?

5. By how much did the Celtics lose Saturday?

NAME THAT YEAR

Three Clues

- Wham-O makes the first Frisbees.
- Elvis puts money down on Graceland.
- The Soviets launch Sputnik.

YESTERDAY'S SUDOKU

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

This Day in Music

1950 — Steven Van Zandt, born in Winthrop, Mass. — 76.

1950 — Tina Weymouth of Talking Heads — 76.

1956 — Lawrence Gowan of Styx — 70.

1958 — Jason Ringenberg of the Scorchers — 68.

1970 — Chris Fryar of the Zac Brown Band — 56.

Also today: in 1967, Otis Redding and Steve Cropper recorded "(Sittin' On) the Dock of the Bay" in Memphis — Redding's last session before his death that December.



SPIN THIS

The Beatles ("The White Album")
The Beatles · November 22, 1968

Fifty-eight years ago today, the Beatles released a double LP in a plain white sleeve by artist Richard Hamilton, with early copies individually numbered.

They recorded 34 songs and kept 30; it sold two million copies its first week in Britain. "We ended up being more of a band again," Ringo Starr said. (TheBeatles.com, The Beatles Bible)

Best with: a glass of Chianti.

LIVE IN VERMONT

Shows Near Home

Sun. Dec. 13 · J. Wail, Higher Ground

Thu. Dec. 17 · Katelyn Tarver, Higher Ground

Fri. Dec. 18 · Saturnalia, Higher Ground

Sat. Dec. 19 · Troy Millette & the Fire Below, Higher Ground

Listings via Songkick; check venues for tickets.

MUSIC TRIVIA

On Nov. 22, 1986, the Human League scored their second U.S. No. 1 with "Human." Which Minneapolis duo, famous for Janet Jackson's hits, wrote and produced it?

ANSWERS — Quiz: 1. Elias Lindholm. 2. UCLA, 18–16. 3. 81.5 million. 4. Sagittarius. 5. One point, 97–96. Name That Year: 1957. Music trivia: Jimmy Jam and Terry Lewis. **Yesterday's crossword:** 2A BJORK · 5A QUEEN · 6A UNABOMBER · 10A HEINRICH · 11A GARNACHA · 1D FORRESTER · 3D SEELBACH · 4D RAGU · 7D NVIDIA · 8D MAYE · 9D HIPP

THE STARS

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

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

★ ARIES — Mar. 21 – Apr. 19

Sunday wants you outside before the weather turns. A walk, a raked yard or a pickup game clears your head for a busy holiday week.

LUCKY NUMBER 8 **COLOR** BRICK RED

★ TAURUS — Apr. 20 – May 20

Plan the menu, then the shopping list, then stop — the rest can wait. A favorite dish from childhood is worth making again.

LUCKY NUMBER 22 **COLOR** SAGE

★ GEMINI — May 21 – June 20

Your phone is busy with holiday plans. Be the one who settles the details; everyone will thank you by Thursday.

LUCKY NUMBER 14 **COLOR** SUNFLOWER

★ CANCER — June 21 – July 22

Home feels especially good today. Pull out the good dishes or the old photo albums — someone will love the trip down memory lane.

LUCKY NUMBER 2 **COLOR** PEARL

★ LEO — July 23 – Aug. 22

A little friendly competition — football, cards or the crossword — brings out your best. Win graciously; lose with a grin.

LUCKY NUMBER 19 **COLOR** MARIGOLD

★ VIRGO — Aug. 23 – Sept. 22

Clear one drawer, one shelf or one inbox. Small order now makes a crowded week feel easy.

LUCKY NUMBER 31 **COLOR** WHEAT

★ LIBRA — Sept. 23 – Oct. 22

Someone wants your opinion on a big decision. Listen first; your fairness is exactly what they need.

LUCKY NUMBER 6 **COLOR** ROSE QUARTZ

★ SCORPIO — Oct. 23 – Nov. 21

With your birthday season behind you, take stock of the year's small wins. You've done more than you give yourself credit for.

LUCKY NUMBER 11 **COLOR** BURGUNDY

★ SAGITTARIUS — Nov. 22 – Dec. 21

Happy birthday season! The sun enters your sign today. Say yes to an invitation, plan a trip, or simply start something new.

LUCKY NUMBER 9 **COLOR** ROYAL PURPLE

★ CAPRICORN — Dec. 22 – Jan. 19

A quiet Sunday recharges you for the week ahead. Lay out what has to get done before the holiday, then let it rest.

LUCKY NUMBER 28 **COLOR** CHARCOAL

★ AQUARIUS — Jan. 20 – Feb. 18

A new idea pops up during an ordinary chore. Write it down — it may turn into the best plan of the season.

LUCKY NUMBER 17 **COLOR** TEAL

★ PISCES — Feb. 19 – Mar. 20

Music, a warm drink and a cozy chair make for the perfect afternoon. Reach out to a friend who could use a kind word.

LUCKY NUMBER 4 **COLOR** SEAFOAM

TONIGHT'S SKY

Sun, moon and what to look for over Essex Junction

SUNRISE	**6:58 a.m.**
SUNSET	**4:18 p.m.**
DAYLIGHT	**9 hr 20 min**
CHANGE	**-2.0 min vs. yesterday**
MOON	**Waxing gibbous**

Times for Essex Junction, Vt.

WHAT TO LOOK FOR

Tonight: a waxing gibbous moon about 94% lit, up since mid-afternoon; Saturn shines in the southeast after dark. (Old Farmer's Almanac, When the Curves Line Up)

Monday before dawn: Jupiter, red Mars and the star Regulus sit together high in the south — one binocular view. (When the Curves Line Up)

Tuesday: the full Beaver supermoon, at about 9:54 a.m. — first of four supermoons in a row. Watch it rise Monday and Tuesday evenings. (EarthSky)

Wednesday–Thanksgiving: Uranus reaches opposition Wednesday; Thanksgiving morning, Mars passes just 1.7° above Regulus. (Universe Today, When the Curves Line Up)

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. Today: 46 states.

ALABAMA Hope Hull: Hope Hull residents gathered at Hooper Academy to celebrate becoming Montgomery County's third municipality after voters approved incorporation 154-9. (WSFA 12 News)

ALASKA Anchorage: The Alaska Aviation Museum wrapped a Vietnam-era Huey helicopter in about 10,000 LED bulbs, its first holiday aircraft decoration, lit through the season. (Alaska's News Source)

ARIZONA Tucson: Cyclists from across the region gathered for the Expo and Fiesta ahead of Saturday's 43rd annual El Tour de Tucson ride. (KOLD)

CALIFORNIA Lake Tahoe: Heavy November storms are letting Sierra ski resorts such as Palisades Tahoe open early, with forecasters calling it possibly the snowiest November since 2010. (KQED)

COLORADO Wolf Creek Pass: Wolf Creek Pass reopened after long flood repairs, restoring access to Wolf Creek Ski Area, which leads Colorado with 58 inches of natural snow. (Denver Gazette)

CONNECTICUT Hartford: Glow Hartford lit up the Connecticut Convention Center with interactive light gardens, a holiday market and family activities. (WFSB 3)

FLORIDA Volusia County: As floodwaters receded, Volusia County logged about 300 damage reports, roughly 100 Edgewater homes affected and about 30 water rescues, but no deaths or injuries. (News 6 WKMG)

GEORGIA Gilmer County: A 10.7-acre wildfire destroyed 17 campers and four abandoned buildings at the Coosawattee River Resort; the Georgia Forestry Commission is investigating. (Atlanta News First)

HAWAII Statewide: The Molokaʻi 2 Oʻahu paddleboard race, which has drawn athletes across the Kaʻiwi Channel for about 15 years, was canceled amid a copyright lawsuit. (Hawaii News Now)

IDAHO Meridian: Maddie, a 16-year-old who has battled childhood cancers since age 3, switched on the Christmas in Color drive-through light show, running through Jan. 2. (KBOI 2)

INDIANA Warsaw: Tiger pride was on display from downtown Warsaw to Fisher Field as the community rallied behind Warsaw Community High School's football team before its semi-state game. (WNDU 16)

IOWA Middletown: A federal appeals court paused the Army's planned detonation of five tons of unstable lead azide at the Iowa Army Ammunition Plant. (KCRG-TV9)

KANSAS Topeka: More than 400 households are still waiting to be adopted through the Shawnee County Christmas Bureau, which provides food and gifts to families in need. (WIBW)

KENTUCKY Lexington: WKYT chief meteorologist Chris Bailey handed out free ice scrapers to help drivers get ready for winter, ahead of a dramatic cool-down. (WKYT)

LOUISIANA Baton Rouge: Thirteen East Baton Rouge Parish families made their adoptions official Friday, a day before National Adoption Day. (WAFB 9)

MAINE Arundel: Donald Oakes is opening his home to strangers and neighbors for Thanksgiving for a third year to honor his late son, Jameson; more than 100 came last year. (WGME 13)

MARYLAND Oxford: Richard Rawlings, 85, recalled guarding President Kennedy's casket in the Capitol Rotunda as a 6-foot-7 Navy corpsman 63 years ago. (WBOC)

MASSACHUSETTS Agawam: Wreaths With a Reason, started by Mary Ann Dietschler in 2014, has raised at least $160,000 selling handmade wreaths to help rescue trafficked children. (Western Mass News)

MICHIGAN Lansing: Michigan State coach Tom Izzo and Spartan players led a mental health pep rally at Everett High, telling students, "It is OK not to be OK." (WILX News 10)

MINNESOTA Duluth: Thousands lined downtown streets Friday evening for the 68th annual Christmas City of the North Parade, with visitors from Superior and Minneapolis. (Northern News Now)

MISSISSIPPI Statewide: Mississippi's average ACT score for high school juniors rose to 17.9 from 17.5, across more than 29,000 students; the national average is 18.8. (WLBT 3)

MISSOURI Cape Girardeau: Scouting for Food volunteers collected more than 125,000 food items for pantries across southeast Missouri and southern Illinois. (KFVS12)

MONTANA Missoula: No. 2 Montana State beat Montana 42-16 in the Brawl of the Wild, its fourth straight win in the rivalry, clinching the outright Big Sky title. (NBC Montana)

NEBRASKA Lincoln: Nebraska beat Ohio State 31-28 at Memorial Stadium, its first win over a ranked opponent since 2016, snapping a 31-game skid. (WOWT 6)

NEVADA Las Vegas: News 3 honored weather anchor Dana Wagner, who co-hosted "Wake Up with the Wagners" with his wife, Kim, as his 46-year broadcasting career closes. (News 3 KSNV)

NEW HAMPSHIRE Manchester: Special Olympics New Hampshire, serving about 3,000 athletes in 13 sports, honored athletes at its Champions Together breakfast with Gov. Kelly Ayotte and Bruins great Rick Middleton. (WMUR 9)

NEW MEXICO Statewide: Emmy-winning "Pluribus" has returned to film its second season in New Mexico, bringing about 1,400 jobs, including hundreds of background roles. (KOB 4)

NEW YORK Watertown: The Marcy Building, home to downtown Watertown nonprofits, will host a "Merry Marcy Open House" Dec. 16 with food, a cocoa bar, holiday movies and free hygiene items. (7 News WWNY)

NORTH CAROLINA Jacksonville: Artemis II astronaut Christina Koch, who marched in the parade as a young cheerleader, led Jacksonville's Christmas parade as grand marshal on "Christina Koch Day." (WITN)

NORTH DAKOTA Fargo: NDSU beat Northern Illinois 31-25 on senior day at the Fargodome to finish its first FBS conference schedule 6-2. (Valley News Live)

OHIO St. Clairsville: Santa lit the community Christmas tree at a packed Light Up Night on Main Street, with ice skating, trackless train rides and local food vendors. (WTOV 9)

OKLAHOMA Oklahoma City: DJ Roy Henderson's eighth annual Hip Hop 4 Homeless fed about 300 people and handed out tents, sleeping bags, warm clothes and free haircuts. (News 9)

OREGON Statewide: Oregon joined the FTC and 28 other states in suing Dollar General, which has 89 Oregon stores, over charging more at the register than shelf prices. (KTVZ)

PENNSYLVANIA Statewide: Nonprofits and fire companies may offer raffle prizes worth up to $60,000 a week, up from $35,000, under bipartisan bills Gov. Josh Shapiro signed in October. (WGAL 8)

RHODE ISLAND Providence: The I-195 District Commission approved concepts for two projects on former highway land totaling 438 housing units, plus retail and office space. (NBC 10 WJAR)

SOUTH CAROLINA Greenville: Greenville's Creative Animation Group will debut its animated holiday film "The Elves Who Saved Christmas" on YouTube on Dec. 6. (WIS News 10)

SOUTH DAKOTA Rapid City: The Black Hills Quilting Guild has made 146 handmade bunk quilts so far for sailors aboard the submarine USS South Dakota, aiming to give one to every crew member. (KOTA Territory News)

TENNESSEE Nashville: The Boring Company signed a 40-year deal for a Music City Loop station 22 feet from the Nashville airport terminal, promising sub-10-minute rides downtown. (WSMV 4)

TEXAS Killeen: Ellison High School soprano Alaina Corder won a spot in an international honor choir that will perform at Carnegie Hall on Feb. 7. (KWTX)

UTAH Kaysville: Seven strangers showed up at a Kaysville man's home in two days, each with a delivery confirmation pinned to his address for packages that never came. (KUTV 2)

VERMONT Rutland: More than 100 bowlers rolled into Rutland Bowlerama for a weekend tournament. (WCAX)

VIRGINIA Henrico: More than 100 volunteers with the Henrico Police Athletic League delivered over 700 turkeys and food boxes door to door in its 20th Thanksgiving giveaway. (CBS 6 WTVR)

WASHINGTON Seattle: Beacon Hill businesses rallied around Restaurant Homer owner Sara Knowles after a second break-in in six weeks; the mayor's office met with her Friday. (KOMO News)

WEST VIRGINIA Wheeling: The North Wheeling Community Youth Center's holiday food giveaway served more than 400 people from 142 families as Bishop Cummings marked 36 years of helping. (WTOV 9)

WISCONSIN Statewide: About 500,000 hunters took to the woods as the nine-day gun deer season opened Saturday, with the DNR estimating a record 1.89 million deer. (WBAY)

WYOMING Carpenter: After a windstorm, tumbleweed piles up to 10 feet high buried homes east of Cheyenne; one man faces about 350 feet of them against his house and RV. (Cowboy State Daily)