ESSEX JCT. TODAY
21°
High 40° · Mostly sunny, quiet
Dry Thanksgiving; windy Friday

The Morning Courier

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

TSA THIS WEEK
17.6M
Fliers expected Tuesday to Monday
Sunday the busiest: 3 million+

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DOW 50,019 ▲+0.85% · S&P 500 7,201 ▼−0.50% · NVDA −5.9% · PLTR +1.1% · ANT* $81.90 ▼−6.54% · GAS $3.61

WORLD · IRAN

Iran's Tanker War Squeezes Hormuz

More than 25 tankers hit in a week, traffic down by over 40% — and Tehran talks of breaking the U.S. blockade by force.

BY THE NUMBERS

25+	Tankers hit in a week
40%	Drop in Hormuz traffic
2	More tankers on fire Tue.
88.7%	Iran's October inflation

BY THE COURIER WORLD DESK · SOURCES: AL JAZEERA, CBS NEWS, THE NATIONAL

Two more oil tankers struck mines and caught fire near the Strait of Hormuz on Tuesday, Iran's navy said, after entering a restricted zone with their transponders off. More than 25 tankers have been hit in the past week, and ship traffic through the strait fell by more than 40% between the first and third weeks of November, Marine Traffic data show. (Al Jazeera)

"There are military ways to break the blockade, and we will pursue them in the near future," said parliament speaker Mohammad Bagher Ghalibaf, amid talk of a convoy of Iranian tankers. Israel's defense minister, Israel Katz, said Iran is developing chemical weapons and raised the idea of a preemptive strike. (The National, CBS)

President Trump said no Iranian ship has slipped through the U.S. blockade, and the U.S. Central Command said Gulf partners moved more than 108 million barrels through the strait last week. Iran's inflation hit 88.7% in October. No new U.S. strike was reported overnight. (CBS, The National) Page 2.

ESSEX JUNCTION FORECAST

21°
Low tonight: 24°

Mostly sunny and quiet.
Light wind. High 40°.

RAIN TODAY 5% | SNOW TODAY 0%
Fair and cold tonight

THE WEEK AHEAD

THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
37°	42°	42°	49°
R 10% S 0%	R 20% S 0%	R 20% S 0%	R 10% S 0%

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

FORECASTER'S NOTE

We called 36° Tuesday; Burlington hit 40°. Beat the Forecaster: 15–9.

VERMONT · WEATHER

A Dry Thanksgiving, a Windy Black Friday

BY THE COURIER WEATHER DESK · SOURCES: WCAX, WCVB

Thanksgiving Day stays dry. Rain arrives Thursday night, and WCAX has made Friday a First Alert Weather Day: gusts of 40 to 60 mph on the western slopes, strongest early Friday, with scattered power outages possible. Little if any mountain snow — it's too mild.

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WEATHER AROUND THE MAP

Wednesday forecasts · forecast data · "Now" = overnight

	NOW	HI	LO	RAIN	SNOW
MIDDLEBURY, VT	19°	40°	19°	5%	
MT. WASHINGTON, NH	16°	30°	17°	5%	5%
SNOWSHOE, WV	24°	37°	24°	10%	
ROSEBURG, OR	50°	58°	45°	35%	
E. DENNIS, MA · CAPE	40°	43°	40°	10%	
CHARLOTTE, NC	42°	49°	40°	91%	
WILMINGTON, NC	48°	68°	48°	97%	
ST. PETERSBURG, FL	68°	68°	64°	64%	
FULTON, MO	29°	39°	28°	10%	
MIAMI, FL	72°	74°	69°	97%	



THE DEEPEST WATER · A COURIER SERIAL
Chapter 44 is being written. Today on Page 8: a scene from Chapter 14.

INSIDE TODAY

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MARKETS & MONEY

Chip rally fades · Dow tops 50,000 · Inflation data at 8:30 · Markets closed Thanksgiving · Wednesday, November 25

TUESDAY'S CLOSES

INDEX / STOCK	CLOSE	CHANGE	PCT	DAY MOVE
Dow Jones Industrials	50,018.70	+421.58	+0.85%	
S&P 500	7,201.09	−36.19	−0.50%	
Nasdaq Composite	23,733.54	−356.53	−1.48%	
Russell 2000	2,684.94	+15.22	+0.57%	
JB'S WATCHLIST				
Nvidia (NVDA)	155.38	−9.67	−5.86%	
Palantir (PLTR)	161.18	+1.82	+1.14%	
Microsoft (MSFT)	496.13	+3.60	+0.73%	
BIG NAMES				
Anthropic (ANT)*	81.90	−5.73	−6.54%	

Closes via Cappnotes, Yahoo Finance, MarketScreener; some prices computed from reported % moves. *Written with help from Cl

RATES · ENERGY · METALS

VIX −1.0%	26.36
10-yr Treasury −1 bp	4.90%
WTI crude +2.4%	$82.05
Gold Tue.	lower
Bitcoin −2.2%	<$60,000
Dec. rate hike odds futures	~95–98%
Futures, 4 a.m. NVDA −4% pre	lower
Kospi Wed.	~−4.5%
Nikkei Wed.	~−1.4%

THANKSGIVING WEEK **WED.** PCE, GDP, claims 8:30 **WED.** New home sales 10 a.m. **THU.** Markets closed **FRI.** Stocks close at 1 p.m.

"It's pretty wild out there at the moment," Deutsche Bank told clients. (Investing.com)

Reuters, Yahoo Finance, Cappnotes, MarketScreener, Investing.com, Forbes, AAA

MARKETS · TUESDAY

The Chip Rally Fades; the Dow Tops 50,000

BY THE COURIER MARKETS DESK · SOURCES: REUTERS, YAHOO FINANCE, CAPPNOTES, INVESTING.COM

Nvidia gave back 5.9% and chip stocks slid: Analog Devices fell 17% and AMD about 9%. The Nasdaq lost 1.5%. But shoppers lifted the rest of the market — Dollar Tree, Abercrombie and Kohl's soared — and the Dow closed above 50,000. Consumer confidence jumped to 103.3, the highest in nearly two years.

"After the biggest rally in months, you would expect some profit-taking," said Cetera's Gene Goldman. After the bell, Dell posted record sales.

STOCKS TO WATCH TODAY

On the Radar

Nvidia (NVDA) — —5.9% Tuesday; down about 4% before Wednesday's open. Huang faces Congress Dec. 1 and 3.

Palantir (PLTR) — +1.1% to $161.18 (Monday close: $159.36).

Microsoft (MSFT) — About +0.7% to $496.13.

AMD — —8.9% as chip stocks fell.

Anthropic (ANT)* — $81.90, —6.5% — now below its $83 IPO price.

Dell / HP — Dell: $9.45 a share vs. $6.56 est., record sales. HP: +9% after hours.

TUESDAY'S BIG MOVERS

ANF	Abercrombie	+19.70%
KSS	Kohl's	+19.50%
DLTR	Dollar Tree	+11.18%
HPE	Hewlett Packard Ent.	−16.31%
ADI	Analog Devices	−17.37%

Best of these: Abercrombie +19.7%. Worst: Analog Devices −17.4%

YEAR TO DATE

Russell 2000	+8.3%
S&P 500	+5.4%
Dow	+4.0%
Nasdaq	+2.0%

Approx., through Tuesday.

GAS PRICES

Regular, per gallon

AAA · Nov. 24 · down 68¢ in a month · diesel $5.80

NATIONAL	VERMONT	HIGHEST	LOWEST
$3.61	$3.90	$5.59	$2.97
U.S. average	state average	Hawaii	North Carolina

NATION & WORLD

Washington, the courts & beyond

WORLD · UKRAINE

Kyiv: The Libya Strikes Were 'Self-Defence'

BY THE COURIER WORLD DESK · SOURCES: AL JAZEERA, KYIV POST, ISW

Ukraine called its sea-drone strikes on the Russian corvette Merkury and a cargo ship off Libya "a legitimate act of self-defence." Ukraine's SBU security service said a Sea Baby drone hit the warship near Benghazi on Nov. 23. A Russian air strike on Zaporizhzhia killed at least two people and wounded more than 40, including an infant, local officials said. (Al Jazeera)

The Institute for the Study of War said President Putin acknowledged that Ukraine's strikes on Russian oil facilities are a heavy financial burden. Russian authorities also arrested Murmansk Gov. Andrei Chibis — the first sitting governor arrested since the 2022 invasion. (ISW via Kyiv Post)

ELSEWHERE

Israel. Defense Minister Israel Katz said Iran is developing chemical weapons and floated a preemptive strike. (CBS)

Saudi Arabia. A Houthi strike on a building in Riyadh's financial district injured 11; Saudi-led forces hit Yemen's Hodeidah port Tuesday night. (CBS)

Huawei. A U.S. jury convicted the Chinese tech giant on 10 of 12 counts, including doing business with Iran. Sentencing is next September. (CBS)

VERMONT

Around the Green Mountain State

WEATHER · BLACK FRIDAY

First Alert Friday: Wind and Rain

BY THE COURIER VERMONT DESK · SOURCES: WCAX

Today is a smooth travel day — mostly sunny, highs in the upper 30s to low 40s — and Thanksgiving stays dry through the evening, WCAX says. Rain showers move in from the south Thursday night, with snow showers only on the highest terrain, and Friday morning brings heavier rain. WCAX has called Black Friday a First Alert Weather Day for gusts of 40 to 60 mph on the western slopes and ridgelines, with scattered outages possible.

The worst wind is expected west of the southern Greens, in Rutland and Bennington counties. Expect "little if any" mountain snow; it's too mild. Saturday is drier with highs in the low to mid 40s; Sunday near 50. More rain is likely Monday.

SKI COUNTRY

Bolton Waits Until Dec. 5

Bolton Valley pushed its opening to Saturday, Dec. 5 — it "just won't be ready in time" for Friday — and Stratton still has no date. Bromley and Smugglers' Notch plan to open Friday "as long as Mother Nature cooperates"; Jay Peak opens to the public Saturday. Mikaela Shiffrin returns to Killington for this weekend's World Cup. (WCAX)

GROCERY STRIKE

Talks Move Up to Dec. 8

Talks in the Associated Grocers of New England warehouse strike will resume Dec. 8, a week earlier than planned, the company said. At least 255 Teamsters are out. (Union Leader)

AROUND THE STATE

ESSEX JCT. — Holiday hours. City offices are closed Thursday and Friday and reopen Monday at 8 a.m. (City of Essex Junction)

ST. ALBANS — Lunch, then dessert. Crowded Table sandwiches are joining Mad Ice Cream in St. Albans. (Seven Days)

BURLINGTON — Next stop: Bermuda. Burlington's airport will begin offering nonstop flights to Bermuda. (Seven Days)

FOLIAGE REPORT

Quiet, then windy

Tuesday: Burlington 40°; we called 36°.
Record: 15–9.
Snow: still 0.0" in Burlington.
Today: mostly sunny, 40°.
Tonight: fair, 24°.
Thanksgiving: dry, clouds, 37°.
Thu. night: rain arrives.
Friday: rain, strong gusts.

THE WEEK IN VERMONT

Today Mostly sunny, 40°.
Tonight Fair, 24°.
Thu. Dry, clouds, 37°.
Fri. Rain, wind, 42°.
Sat. Drier, 42°.

Forecast data for Essex Junction; check before you go.

VERMONT BY THE NUMBERS

41 Points for Jayson Tatum
46–21 Celtics' second quarter
40–60 MPH gusts possible Friday
15–9 Beat the Forecaster
1 Day to Thanksgiving

SPORTS

Tatum's 41 ends the skid · Packers at Rams tonight · Thanksgiving football

CELTICS 131, WIZARDS 116 · TUESDAY NIGHT · WASHINGTON

TEAM	1	2	3	4	F
BOS	34	46	24	27	131
WAS	28	21	40	27	116

Tatum 41 pts, 8 ast · Queta 21 on 9-of-11 · Boston 22 of 51 from three, led by 34

TUESDAY NIGHT

Tatum's 41 Ends the Skid

BY THE COURIER SPORTS DESK · SOURCE: SPORTRADAR

Jayson Tatum scored 41 points with eight assists, and a 46–21 second quarter put Boston up 80–49 at the half as the Celtics beat Washington 131–116, ending a four-game losing streak. Neemias Queta added 21 on 9-of-11 shooting. (SportRadar)

Kyshawn George led Washington with 24.

NFL · THANKSGIVING WEEK

Patriots at Chargers Sunday

GB at LA	Wed. 8
CHI at DET	Thu. 1
PHI at DAL	Thu. 4:30
KC at BUF	Thu. 8:20
DEN at PIT	Fri. 3
NE at LAC	Sun. 4:05
NYJ at MIA	Sun. 1
WAS at ARI	Sun. 4:25
LV at CLE	Sun. 8:20

Win probabilities via SportRadar. Times are Eastern Standard Time.

AFC EAST STANDINGS

TEAM	W-L	GB
Buffalo	9-1	—
New England	5-5	4
NY Jets	3-8	6½
Miami	1-9	8

Via SportRadar. Patriots at Chargers Sun., Nov. 29, 4:05.

NHL · BRUINS CORNER

Bruins Host Winnipeg Tonight

The Bruins (15–7–1) host the Jets at 7, then Toronto on Black Friday at 1. UVM lost at Siena, 98–88. (SportRadar)

THANKSGIVING FOOTBALL

Bills–Chiefs Under the Lights

Thursday: Bears at Lions 1:00; Eagles at Cowboys 4:30; Chiefs at Bills 8:20.

Friday: Broncos at Steelers, 3:00.

TONIGHT ON TV (ET)

NHL Jets at Bruins, 7:00
NFL Packers at Rams, 8:00
NBA Cavaliers at Knicks, 7:30

THE BOURBON & WINE PAGE

Liberty Pole High Rye · Wagner Finger Lakes Merlot · bourbon walnut pecan pie



BOURBON OF THE WEEK

LIBERTY POLE SPIRITS · WASHINGTON, PA.

Liberty Pole High Rye

PROOF	AGE	MASH	PRICE
100	4½+ yrs	51/40/9	~$55

A Pennsylvania joke, flipped: most ryes are just 51% rye, so Liberty Pole made a 51%-corn bourbon with 40% rye. "We take a little offense at all those 51% ryes," said co-founder Jim Hough. (Breaking Bourbon)

The name: liberty poles were where 1790s Whiskey Rebellion distillers posted protests — "a sort of Revolutionary War-era form of Twitter," Ellen Hough says. (Pittsburgh Magazine)

How it tastes: lemon and pear; honey, nutmeg and graham cracker; rye spice and brown sugar on the finish. (Breaking Bourbon)



WINE OF THE WEEK

WAGNER VINEYARDS · FINGER LAKES, N.Y.

Wagner Merlot 2022

GRAPE	REGION	VINTAGE	PRICE
Merlot	Finger Lakes	2022	~$22

A Northeast red for the table: VinePair rated it 95 among its 30 best Thanksgiving wines this year. (VinePair, Nov. 18)

How it tastes: "vibrant notes of blueberries, plum skin, soil, and dried nori." (VinePair)

Why it works: a cool-climate Merlot with lighter frame and bright fruit — enough for turkey and stuffing without burying the pie. (Courier pick)

TODAY'S RECIPE

Made to go with a glass

Bourbon Walnut Pecan Pie

Serves 8 · about 2 hours, 35 minutes hands-on

THE CRUST

- 1½ cups flour, ½ tsp salt
- 9 Tbsp cold butter, cubed
- 3 Tbsp ice water + 2 Tbsp vodka

THE FILLING

- 3 eggs; ½ cup melted butter
- ½ cup each dark and light corn syrup
- ¼ cup sugar, 3 Tbsp bourbon, ½ tsp salt
- 1 cup pecans, ½ cup walnuts, chopped

METHOD

1. Work the butter into the flour and salt; stir in the ice water and vodka. Form a disk and chill at least 30 minutes.

2. Heat the oven to 400°F. Roll the dough to 12 inches, fit into a 9-inch pie plate and crimp.

3. Line with parchment and pie weights and bake until set; remove the weights and lower the oven to 325°F.

4. Whisk the eggs, butter, corn syrups, sugar, bourbon and salt. Scatter the nuts in the crust and pour the filling over.

5. Bake at 325°F until set, 30–40 minutes. Cool before slicing.

Courier tip: Adapted from Yankee Magazine. "Two classic nuts are better than one."

POUR WITH IT · BOURBON

Liberty Pole High Rye: honey and brown sugar meet the caramel filling, and the rye spice cuts the sweetness. (Courier pick)

POUR WITH IT · WINE

Wagner Merlot: blueberry and plum for the turkey that comes before the pie. (Courier pick)

THIS WEEK'S POUR

Cocktail Corner

The Bourbon Crusta. Line a small glass with a long lemon peel and a sugared rim. Shake 2 oz bourbon, ¼ oz triple sec, a scant ¼ oz maraschino, ½ oz lemon juice, ¼ oz rich syrup and 2 dashes orange bitters with ice; fine-strain. (Difford's Guide)

The story: Joseph Santini is credited with the Crusta in 1850s New Orleans — before the Sazerac — and its sugar crust was a first. It's often called the Sidecar's ancestor. (Punch)

BOURBON & WINE NEWS

Jim Beam's Big Still Stays Quiet

Jim Beam won't restart distilling at its flagship Clermont, Ky., plant in 2027 as planned and has given no new date; production continues at its Booker Noe distillery in Boston, Ky. Clermont stays open for tours, aging and bottling. (Supply Chain Dive, Nov. 18)

The company: it will "reassess production needs as our forecasts evolve."

THIS WEEK'S POUR PLAN

What to sip with what's on

TONIGHT · BAKE

The bourbon walnut pecan pie.

TONIGHT 7

Liberty Pole for Jets–Bruins.

THANKSGIVING

Wagner Merlot on the table.

THE CELLAR & RICKHOUSE GLOSSARY

Nine wine words, nine bourbon words

Merlot — soft, plummy red grape.
Finger Lakes — New York's glacial wine region.
Cool climate — brighter acid, lighter body.
Tannin — the grip in red wine.
Earthy — notes of soil or forest.
Decant — pour off to breathe.
Serve — reds slightly cool, about 60°F.
Pairing — matching wine to food.
Vintage — the year the grapes grew.
High rye — lots of rye in the mash.
Heirloom corn — an old, open-pollinated variety.
Mash bill — the grain recipe.
Whiskey Rebellion — 1790s tax revolt.
Monongahela rye — Pennsylvania's old style.
NAS — no age statement.
Crusta — drink with a sugared rim and peel.
Maraschino — cherry liqueur.
Rich syrup — 2 parts sugar to 1 water.

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 — Jets at Bruins.
Tonight 8 — Packers at Rams.
Thu. 9 a.m. — Macy's parade.
Thu. 1 — Bears at Lions.
Thu. 4:30 — Eagles at Cowboys.
Thu. 8:20 — Chiefs at Bills.

AROUND VERMONT

Thu.–Fri. — Essex Jct. offices closed.
Fri. — Bromley, Smuggs open.
Fri. — Church St. tree lighting.
Sat. 10 a.m. — Coffee & Crafts, Brownell.
Sat.–Sun. — World Cup, Killington.

WEATHER AT A GLANCE

Wed. — Mostly sunny, 40°.
Thu. — Dry, clouds, 37°.
Thu. night — Rain arrives.
Fri. — Rain, strong gusts.
Sat. — Drier, 42°.
Sun. — Mild, 49°.

GOOD NEWS ROUNDUP

Kindness, critters & comebacks

ELMORE

Up the Towers Again

Hikers can climb the Elmore Mountain and Spruce Mountain fire towers again after two months of repairs — new floors, steel guardrails and a new base. The views on a clear day are "really quite gorgeous," one hiker said. (WCAX)

CHITTENDEN COUNTY

A Table for Recovery

The Turning Point Center hosts a free Thanksgiving meal at 1 p.m. for people in recovery and their families, with the food donated for the fourth year. (WCAX)

TEXAS

A Boy's Promise

Rob Adams, whose family once lived out of a pickup, promised at 11 to pay back a neighbor's kindness. His Thanksgiving Heroes has now fed more than 29,000 families, including in New Haven, Conn. (Good News Network)

BRAZIL

Mosquitoes vs. Dengue

Releasing mosquitoes carrying Wolbachia bacteria cut dengue infections 68.5% among schoolchildren in Belo Horizonte — during Brazil's worst outbreak on record. (Good News Network)

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND

The Peck and Play Orchestra

A retired math teacher turned donated broken guitars and a violin into bird feeders — his "Frets and Feathers Cafe." Woodpeckers and chickadees approve. (Good News Network)

YAP, MICRONESIA

Tuition in Coconuts

A school on Yap lets families pay tuition in coconuts, pressed into oil the same day. "Cash is hard to come by," the founder said. (Good News Network)

MEET THE CAST

The Deepest Water



Sally Lindgren

Manager · the Screw and Brew, Cannon Beach

"Freddy. Our smoker chef."
— Chapter 38

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

SPORTS & STANDINGS

Every team in the NFL, NHL and NBA

NFL through Week 12 · NHL and NBA through Tuesday · 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	25	16	6	3	35
Tampa Bay	23	15	6	2	32
Montreal	25	14	7	4	32
Boston	23	15	7	1	31
Florida	24	13	8	3	29
Buffalo	24	10	10	4	24
Toronto	26	9	14	3	21
Detroit	23	8	12	3	19

METROPOLITAN	GP	W	L	OT	PTS
Carolina	24	18	3	3	39
New Jersey	24	16	8	0	32
N.Y. Rangers	23	13	9	1	27
N.Y. Islanders	23	11	7	5	27
Philadelphia	26	9	11	6	24
Washington	21	10	11	0	20
Columbus	22	9	13	0	18
Pittsburgh	23	7	14	2	16

CENTRAL	GP	W	L	OT	PTS
Minnesota	26	18	3	5	41
Dallas	23	15	6	2	32
Colorado	23	13	7	3	29
Nashville	23	12	6	5	29
St. Louis	24	13	9	2	28
Winnipeg	25	12	9	4	28
Utah	25	12	10	3	27
Chicago	24	8	14	2	18

PACIFIC	GP	W	L	OT	PTS
Edmonton	27	17	6	4	38
Vegas	26	15	6	5	35
San Jose	26	11	13	2	24
Seattle	21	11	9	1	23
Anaheim	25	11	13	1	23
Calgary	25	10	13	2	22
Los Angeles	22	8	12	2	18
Vancouver	26	6	19	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	4	.778	—
Boston	12	6	.667	2
New York	11	6	.647	2.5
Toronto	6	11	.353	7.5
Brooklyn	3	13	.188	10

CENTRAL · EAST	W	L	PCT	GB
Detroit	11	6	.647	—
Cleveland	9	9	.500	2.5
Indiana	6	12	.333	5.5
Chicago	5	12	.294	6
Milwaukee	2	16	.111	9.5

SOUTHEAST · EAST	W	L	PCT	GB
Atlanta	11	6	.647	—
Miami	10	6	.625	0.5
Orlando	7	10	.412	4
Washington	7	12	.368	5
Charlotte	4	12	.250	6.5

NORTHWEST · WEST	W	L	PCT	GB
Minnesota	13	5	.722	—
Portland	11	6	.647	1.5
Denver	10	6	.625	2
Oklahoma City	10	8	.556	3
Utah	3	16	.158	10.5

PACIFIC · WEST	W	L	PCT	GB
L.A. Lakers	15	3	.833	—
Phoenix	9	7	.562	5
Golden State	9	8	.529	5.5
LA Clippers	4	12	.250	10
Sacramento	2	15	.118	12.5

SOUTHWEST · WEST	W	L	PCT	GB
San Antonio	15	3	.833	—
Houston	13	5	.722	2
Memphis	13	5	.722	2
Dallas	11	7	.611	4
New Orleans	5	14	.263	10.5

NEW ENGLAND WATCH

Where our teams stand

Patriots (5–5) Off for Thanksgiving, then at the Chargers (1–9) Sunday at 4:05. Tommy DeVito is in line to start while Drake Maye recovers from an ankle injury.

Bills (9–1) Host Kansas City (8–2) on Thanksgiving night at 8:20 — the AFC's top two teams.

Celtics (12–6) Snapped a four-game skid with a 131–116 win at Washington. Home to Atlanta Friday at 8.

Bruins (15–7–1) Host Winnipeg tonight at 7, then Toronto on Black Friday at 1.

THE WEATHER DESK

Forecasts, almanac, mountains & Snow Watch 2026–27

THE FORECASTER'S TAKE

Three Misses Running — This Time, Too Cold

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

We called 36° Tuesday; Burlington reached 40°. Four degrees off again — but for once we guessed too cold. Beat the Forecaster is 15–9. Today's call: 40°.

A quiet, chilly Thanksgiving eve: partly cloudy, near 40° this afternoon, then down to about 24° tonight.

Thanksgiving looks drier than it did yesterday — cloudy, about 37°, with only a 10% chance in Essex. Friday is damp and milder near 42°; a mild Sunday near 49°.

ESSEX JCT. ALMANAC

YESTERDAY	High 40° · Low 24°
SUNRISE	7:01 a.m.
SUNSET	4:16 p.m.
DAYLIGHT	9 hr 14 min
CHANGE	-1.9 min vs. yesterday
SINCE JUNE 21	6 hr 17 min less light
MOON	Full moon

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

ESSEX JUNCTION · THE NEXT SEVEN DAYS

TODAY	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN	MON	TUE
40° / 21°	37° / 24°	42° / 35°	42° / 38°	49° / 38°	44° / 31°	39° / 29°
HIGH LOW	HIGH LOW	HIGH LOW	HIGH LOW	HIGH LOW	HIGH LOW	HIGH LOW
FREEZE	FREEZE				FREEZE	FREEZE
RAIN 5%	RAIN 10%	RAIN 20%	RAIN 20%	RAIN 10%	RAIN 20%	RAIN 10%
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

STOWE — Lamoille County
37° / 19° · 5%
Thanksgiving: 37°, dry.

JAY PEAK — Orleans County
32° / 19° · 5%
Opens Friday; 40° then.

KILLINGTON — Rutland County
34° / 21° · 10%
75% wet Thanksgiving.

ST. ALBANS — Franklin County
37° / 22° · 10%
Dry through Thursday.

WHITE RIVER JCT. — Windsor County
38° / 20° · 10%
65% Thanksgiving chance.

SNOW WATCH 2026–27

Day 25

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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

A Soggy Thanksgiving on the Coast

The Thanksgiving storm stays mostly south and east of us: New York has an 85% chance of rain Thursday and Boston 75%, with highs near 50°. Southern Vermont gets clipped — Killington 75%.

Roseburg, Ore., stays mild and wet — 58° today, with 75% rain chances Thanksgiving and Black Friday.

BEAT THE FORECASTER

Nature Wins This One

Tuesday: we said 36°; Burlington hit 40° (4° warmer). More than 2° off counts as a loss.

Season record: 15–9 (62%)

Recent: Fri 61/63 W · Sat 59/61 W · Sun 57/61 L · Mon 55/59 L · Tue 36/40 L

Today's call: 40° in Essex Junction. Check back tomorrow.

WEATHER WORD

Downslope Wind

Air pushed over a mountain range sinks down the far side, compresses and speeds up — so the slopes and foothills can get gusts far stronger than the open valleys. That's the setup WCAX expects early Black Friday: 40 to 60 mph on the western slopes of the Greens. (WCAX)

THIS WEEK IN WEATHER

Nov. 26–27, 1983: The Thanksgiving weekend blizzard buried Denver under 21.5 inches of snow in 37 hours, and snow and wind closed the interstates around the city — stranding holiday travelers. (Old Farmer's Almanac)

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



Scenes from The Deepest Water · Chapter 14, "The Twin Knife" · image by J.B. Woods

CHAPTER 44

Chapter Still Being Written

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

WHERE WE LEFT OFF · CHAPTER 43: NOT WORTH THE CONVERSATION

Hollis Tate sat up all night: he had named no names, and someone had swapped the logs. Sunday morning Myers saw the FBI photos of Coyle knocking on the logs and guessed they were hollow; Mason recognized Hollis in the cruiser. Myers ordered silence toward Coyle and a team on Hollis starting Monday morning. Sunday night the same low voice told someone that Hollis was talking — and pointed to an envelope with a photo of him climbing into the sheriff's car. Monday, Hollis never came to work. Coyle sent Walters on a welfare check without saying why. The blue pickup sat in the yard, the porch light burned in daylight, and no one answered the door.

CATCH UP ON THE WHOLE STORY — THE READER'S GUIDE IS ON PAGES 9 TO 11

A work of fiction: characters and events are invented; places are real. · The Deepest Water returns soon.

THE DEEPEST WATER · READER'S GUIDE

The Story So Far · Chapters 1–27

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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 took a sudden vacation to Cannon Beach, and Gloria told Tess. Agent Mason found him at the Screw and Brew; a call from Myers died in thick fog with only "Tic Tac" coming through. That night she watched Walters leave in a car driven by a man she couldn't see. Bartender Tammy Stevens said Freddy Dunn had always watched his back — and had written down his pastrami recipe, as if he knew his time was coming.

CHAPTER 38

Over His Shoulder

An anonymous caller claimed Tic Tac had been seen at a Medford speakeasy. In Cannon Beach, someone had torn apart Freddy Dunn's empty house; his sister, Samantha, found it. Freddy cut through the alley where he died every night. Manager Sally Lindgren said his two friends were Owen and Tic Tac, who came in once after Freddy died. Walters didn't answer Mason's call, and she drove back to Roseburg.

CHAPTER 39

Eighty-Seven

A hiker on a closed trail found a body on a ledge at Crater Lake. It was Harlan Voss, stabbed eighty-seven times, and the FBI put Myers and Mason in charge; Trent Pryce was missing. Tess heard first from a source at the medical examiner's office. At the news conference she asked whether Owen and Karen Marsh were suspects — "Next question," Myers said. Walt shouted, "That's my girl!" Coyle and Walters 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.

CHAPTER 43

Not Worth the Conversation

Hollis sat up all night: he had named no names, and someone had swapped the logs. Sunday morning at the Roseburg police department, Myers saw Coyle on the log truck and guessed the logs were hollow; Mason recognized Hollis in the cruiser. Myers ordered silence toward Coyle and a team on Hollis from Monday morning. Sunday night the same voice told someone Hollis was talking, pointing to an envelope with a photo of him getting into the sheriff's car. Monday, Hollis never came to work; Walters found his pickup in the yard, the porch light on — and no answer.

THE CASE BOARD

Where things stand through Chapter 43

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. Now missing; truck still home.

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 — and who got the envelope?
- 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

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COLD CASE FILE

Burlington, Vermont · 1972

Lloyd “Pat” Fitzgerald: The Cornfield

Lloyd “Pat” Fitzgerald, 27, worked for the City of Burlington’s Electric and Light Department. He was last seen in Burlington on Oct. 2, 1972.

Five months later, on March 4, 1973, his body was found in a remote corner of a cornfield near the Ethan Allen Homestead.

He appeared to have been shot, and the chief medical examiner ruled his death a homicide.

“The case still remains open and unsolved,” state police say. Burlington Police and the VSP Major Crime Unit share it.

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

CASE FACTS

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VERMONT POLICE BLOTTER

KILLINGTON — Ski patrol broke up a weekend fight in the crowded North Ridge lift line, and the resort restricted the snowboarders involved: “There is no place for this type of behavior at any ski resort.” (WCAX)

PLAINFIELD — A 46-year-old Plainfield man was arrested on Brook Road Monday on a warrant for missing court on a retail-theft charge. (VSP Berlin)

NEWBURY — A 36-year-old Topsham man was charged Monday with drugged driving and driving with a suspended license. (VSP St. Johnsbury)

Tips: vsp.vermont.gov/tipsubmit

COURT WATCH

Vermont (federal) — A St. Albans Town man pleaded not guilty to a federal robbery charge in the Oct. 9 holdup of a Highgate convenience store. (WCAX)

Vermont (federal) — Elderwood at Burlington settled the federal lawsuit over racial harassment of Black nurses and caregivers, ahead of a December trial. (Seven Days)

CASE CLOSED · HOW IT WAS CRACKED

WILLIE SUTTON

Bank robber Willie Sutton — who reportedly robbed banks “because that’s where the money is” — was named to the FBI’s new Ten Most Wanted list in 1950. On Feb. 18, 1952, a young clothing salesman named Arnold Schuster recognized him on a Brooklyn subway, followed him off the train and flagged down two police officers, who arrested Sutton near his room on Dean Street. The capture made national news. (FBI, Brooklyn Eagle)

ON THIS DAY IN CRIME HISTORY

November 25

1947 — The Blacklist Begins
At New York’s Waldorf-Astoria, studio executives issued the “Waldorf Statement,” suspending the Hollywood Ten and vowing, “We will not knowingly employ a Communist.”

1963 — Kennedy Laid to Rest
Three days after the assassination, a horse-drawn caisson carried President Kennedy to Arlington National Cemetery, where his widow lit an eternal flame.

1986 — Iran-Contra Revealed
Attorney General Edwin Meese announced that profits from secret arms sales to Iran had gone to the Nicaraguan Contras. John Poindexter resigned; Oliver North was fired.

2020 — Flynn Pardoned
On Thanksgiving eve, President Trump pardoned former national security adviser Michael Flynn, who had pleaded guilty to lying to the FBI.

SCAM ALERT

‘Your Benefits Are on Hold’

Vermont’s attorney general warns of calls aimed at 3SquaresVT recipients, especially older Vermonters. The caller claims to be from DCF, reads back the last four digits of your Social Security number and says, “Your benefits are on hold until January.” “Having accurate information does not prove that a caller represents a government agency.” (Vermont AG, Nov. 24)

Tips: don’t give personal information by phone; don’t call back; check your benefits yourself with DCF; warn older relatives. Holiday help: dial 2-1-1.

CRIME TRIVIA

Test Your Detective Skills

Which 1929 gangland killing led to America’s first independent crime laboratory?

Sources: Deadline, History.com, NPR.

(Northwestern) ard’s ballistics tests matched the guns, and the Scientific Crime Detection Laboratory opened at Northwestern University.

THE SNOW DESK

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

Day 25 OF 152

Totals through Tuesday, Nov. 24

NOV · DEC · JAN · FEB · MAR · APR 1

MOST SNOW IN THE U.S. · LAST 24 HOURS

7.0" · Painesdale, MI

ESSEX JCT.

LAST 24 HRS	SEASON
0.0"	0.0"

Official: Burlington airport (BTV)
Normal to date: 3.7" · 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	3.7	−3.7	0.0
Boston	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3	−0.3	0
Portland, Maine	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.4	−1.4	0.0
Caribou, Maine	0.0	0.0	0.0	7.3	−7.3	0.0
Concord, N.H.	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.5	−1.5	0.0
Albany, N.Y.	0.0	0.3	0.3	1.6	−1.3	0.0
Syracuse, N.Y.	0.2	0.5	0.5	6.5	−6.0	0.0
Buffalo, N.Y.	0.0	0.0	0.0	5.2	−5.2	0.0
New York City	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3	−0.3	0.0
Erie, Pa.	0.0	0.0	0.0	6.8	−6.8	0.0
Detroit	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.2	−1.2	0.0
Chicago	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.1	−1.1	0.0
Minneapolis	0.0	0.0	0.0	4.8	−4.8	0.0
Denver	0.0	0.0	0.0	—	—	0.0
Salt Lake City	0.0	0.7	0.7	5.0	−4.3	0.0
Anchorage, Alaska	report not available					

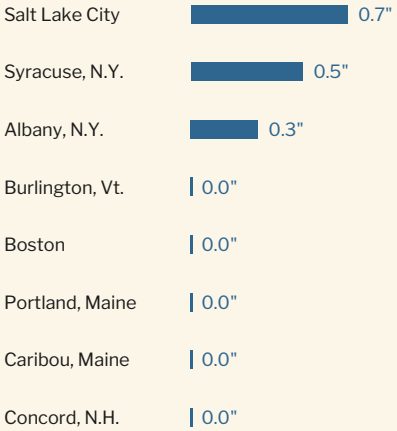
NWS Daily Climate Reports. Season and normal count from Nov. 1. T = trace. Depth = snow on the ground, inches.

MOST SNOW IN THE U.S.

Biggest 24-hour totals reported to the NWS

1	Painesdale, MI Elev. 1319 ft	7.0"
2	Herman, MI Elev. 1837 ft	6.7"
3	Michigamme 3 WNW, MI Elev. 1716 ft	4.3"
4	Ouray 0.1 SE, CO Elev. 7805 ft	4.2"
5	Bayfield 7.0 N, CO Elev. 8041 ft	4.0"
6	Atlantic Mine 3.9 NW, MI Elev. 971 ft	4.0"
7	Skandia 3.0 SSE, MI Elev. 1109 ft	4.0"

SEASON LEADERS · CITIES



SNOWSHOE MOUNTAIN REPORT

Open for the season

Now: Partly cloudy and 24° before dawn.

Opening day: TODAY — high near 37°, low 24° tonight.

Thanksgiving: 40° with heavy rain likely (85%).

Friday: Colder, high 30°, a chance of snow.

Weekend: 39° Saturday; 45° and rain Sunday.

Monday: Back to 32° with snow chances.

SNOW NOTES

Day 25 — still zero. Burlington reached 40° Tuesday with a low of 24°. Normal snow by now: about 4.0" for the season; we have 0.0" (NWS).

Cold nights for the guns. Lows near 19° at Stowe and Jay Peak tonight — good snowmaking weather before the milder weekend.

Thanksgiving to Friday. Drier than it looked: about 37° Thursday with a small chance in Essex; damp and near 42° Friday. Killington has a 75% chance Thursday.

Openings: Jay Peak, Bolton Valley, Smugglers' Notch and Bromley Friday (Ski Vermont). Stratton has not set a new date.

PUZZLES & GAMES

Grab a pencil and your coffee

THE DAILY SUDOKU

		5		2		1	9	
		3				6		
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		7					4	
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		6			4		1	5
		1			2	4	8	
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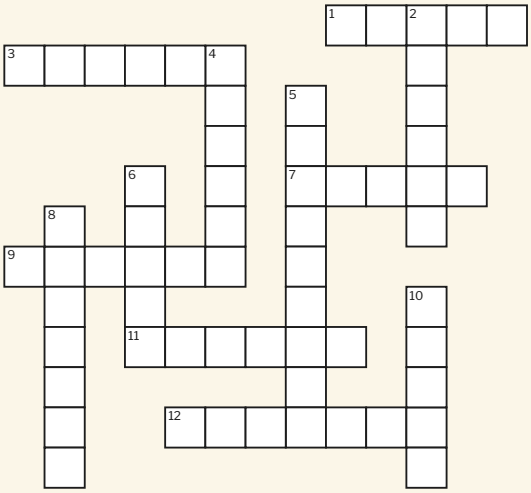
Fill every row, column and 3×3 box with 1–9.

THE DAILY CROSSWORD · LIBERTY POLE & THE LAST WALTZ



ACROSS

1 Pie nut, with walnut (5)
3 Planet at opposition tonight (6)
7 The Band's "Last ___" (5)
9 Resort waiting until Dec. 5 (6)
11 Today's Finger Lakes red (6)
12 ___ Pole, Pennsylvania distiller (7)

DOWN

2 Sugar-rimmed bourbon classic (6)
4 Willie, the bank robber (6)
5 Kind of wind due Friday (9)
6 Celtic who scored 41 (5)
8 Crime-lab ballistics pioneer (7)
10 Pink ___, "The Wall" (5)

WORD SEARCH · THE LAST WALTZ

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

FIND 12 WORDS

BAND
CIDER
CLAPTON
DYLAN
GRAVY
JONI
MUDDY
RINGO
TURKEY
WALTZ
WINTERLAND
YOUNG

Across, down, diagonal — some backward.

THE COURIER QUIZ

Five Questions

1. How many points did Jayson Tatum score Tuesday?

2. When does Bolton Valley now plan to open?

3. Where did the Dow close Tuesday?

4. What did The Band call its farewell concert?

5. How many fliers does the TSA expect this week?

NAME THAT YEAR

Three Clues

- Apollo 14 launches for the moon.
- Ali and Frazier fight the "Fight of the Century."
- The first Starbucks opens in Seattle.

YESTERDAY'S SUDOKU

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

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

THE JUKEBOX

Music history, a record to spin and shows near home

NOVEMBER 25 BIRTHDAYS

This Day in Music

1942 — Bob Lind, "Elusive Butterfly" — 84.
1960 — Amy Grant, singer — 66.
1965 — Tim Armstrong of Rancid — 61.
1966 — Stacy Lattisaw, singer — 60.
1968 — Erick Sermon of EPMD — 58.

Also today: 50 years ago, on Thanksgiving night 1976, The Band said goodbye at San Francisco's Winterland — and fed 5,400 fans turkey dinner first. Martin Scorsese filmed it as "The Last Waltz." (American Songwriter)



SPIN THIS

The Wall

Pink Floyd · released late November 1979

Roger Waters imagined a wall between the band and its stadium crowds — and built a double album around it.

"The Wall" held No. 1 for 15 weeks, and "Another Brick in the Wall (Part II)" became Pink Floyd's only No. 1 single. (Ultimate Classic Rock)

Best with: Liberty Pole High Rye, neat.

LIVE IN VERMONT

Shows Near Home

Fri. Nov. 27 · House of Sparkle (disco DJs), Higher Ground

Fri. Nov. 27 · Tree lighting & caroling, Church Street

Wed. Dec. 2 · Dan Weintraub: Jerry Garcia, Shelburne Vineyard

Fri. Mar. 19 · DJ Shadow, Higher Ground

Listings via Songkick; check venues for tickets.

MUSIC TRIVIA

Who sang "We don't need no education" on "Another Brick in the Wall (Part II)"?

ANSWERS — Quiz: 1. 41. 2. Saturday, Dec. 5. 3. 50,018.70. 4. The Last Waltz. 5. About 17.6 million. Name That Year: 1971. Music trivia: About 20 pupils from London's Islington Green School — paid in concert tickets and a £1,000 check to the school. (Islington Tribune) **Yesterday's crossword:** 1A HORNSBY · 3A PINOT · 4A TATUM · 6A LONGBRANCH · 8A SUPERMOON · 10A MESQUITE · 11A NORCIA · 2D SCOFFLAW · 4D TILLERMAN · 5D SHIFFRIN · 7D BULGER · 9D SLEET

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

The night before a big day calls for an early bedtime. Lay out tomorrow's clothes and rest easy.

LUCKY NUMBER 8 **COLOR** RUST

★ TAURUS — Apr. 20 – May 20

The store will be packed, but your patience wins the day. Bring a list and a sense of humor.

LUCKY NUMBER 17 **COLOR** MOSS GREEN

★ GEMINI — May 21 – June 20

An old friend is home for the holiday. Tonight is the night to catch up over a drink.

LUCKY NUMBER 3 **COLOR** LEMON

★ CANCER — June 21 – July 22

Your kitchen is the heart of the house today. Let someone else peel the potatoes.

LUCKY NUMBER 26 **COLOR** CREAM

★ LEO — July 23 – Aug. 22

Your table-talk shines tomorrow. Save your best story for after dessert.

LUCKY NUMBER 12 **COLOR** GOLD

★ VIRGO — Aug. 23 – Sept. 22

A timeline for the bird keeps everyone calm. Post it on the fridge and relax.

LUCKY NUMBER 31 **COLOR** WHEAT

★ LIBRA — Sept. 23 – Oct. 22

Two invitations, one afternoon. A short visit to each keeps the peace.

LUCKY NUMBER 7 **COLOR** ROSE

★ SCORPIO — Oct. 23 – Nov. 21

Quiet confidence carries you through a crowded room. Listen for the one conversation that matters.

LUCKY NUMBER 22 **COLOR** PLUM

★ SAGITTARIUS — Nov. 22 – Dec. 21

Travel goes smoother than you fear. Leave early and pack a snack.

LUCKY NUMBER 14 **COLOR** TEAL

★ CAPRICORN — Dec. 22 – Jan. 19

Wrap up loose ends at work by noon. The long weekend is yours.

LUCKY NUMBER 5 **COLOR** SLATE

★ AQUARIUS — Jan. 20 – Feb. 18

Start a new tradition this year — a gratitude round at the table is a good place to begin.

LUCKY NUMBER 29 **COLOR** ICE BLUE

★ PISCES — Feb. 19 – Mar. 20

A thank-you note you've been meaning to write will land at the perfect moment.

LUCKY NUMBER 18 **COLOR** LAVENDER

TONIGHT'S SKY

Sun, moon and what to look for over Essex Junction

SUNRISE	**7:01 a.m.**
SUNSET	**4:16 p.m.**
DAYLIGHT	**9 hr 14 min**
CHANGE	**-1.9 min vs. yesterday**
MOON	**Full moon**

Times for Essex Junction, Vt.

WHAT TO LOOK FOR

Tonight: Uranus reaches opposition in Taurus, between the Hyades and the Pleiades — up all night, though the nearly full moon nearby makes it a binoculars-and-patience target. (Universe Today)

The moon: a day past Tuesday's Beaver supermoon, it's still nearly full and big and bright, rising in the east in the early evening. (EarthSky)

Thanksgiving dawn: Mars sits about 1.7° above the star Regulus high in the south, with Jupiter close by — the first of three Mars–Regulus meetings through May. (When the Curves Line Up)

Clouds: tonight looks fair and cold for viewing; clouds build Thanksgiving, and Friday's rain and wind hide the sky. (WCAX)

ACROSS THE USA

A light look at news from every state

Compiled by the Courier from local TV stations and newspapers over the past few days; sources in parentheses. Today: all 50 states.

ALABAMA Huntsville: Hundreds gathered at Big Spring Park for food and fellowship at Village of Promise's One Table Thanksgiving, with volunteers making it possible. (WAFF 48)

ALASKA Anchorage: The Skinny Raven Turkey Trot will send extra registration donations to the Food Bank of Alaska, and Kriner's Diner plans a free drive-thru dinner. (Alaska's News Source)

ARIZONA Flagstaff: The Flagstaff Family Food Center gave turkeys and sides to 1,100 families, some of whom drove more than three hours across rural Arizona. (azfamily)

ARKANSAS Bono: The Bono Senior Citizen Center is serving its sixth free Thanksgiving meal and expects more than 100 diners, up from about 75 last year. (KAIT 8)

CALIFORNIA Sacramento: Swamped Freeport Bakery stopped taking orders and packed hundreds of pies, while Yolanda's Tamales cooked tens of thousands of tamales. (KCRA 3)

COLORADO Durango: The Durango & Silverton Narrow Gauge Railroad's Polar Express steam train runs through Jan. 2, with hot chocolate and a reading from the book. (Denver Gazette)

CONNECTICUT Middletown: Volunteers with the Middletown Community Thanksgiving Project loaded holiday meals into cars for more than 1,000 families at a drive-through. (WFSB 3)

DELAWARE Rehoboth Beach: As beach towns cleared storm drains ahead of a Thanksgiving nor'easter, Rehoboth Beach kept its Friday tree lighting on the calendar. (WDEL)

FLORIDA Rockledge: Neighbors with a truck ferried widower Dan Pejakovich through lingering floodwater so he could reach friends for Thanksgiving; he called them "angels." (News 6 WKMG)

GEORGIA Albany: Hope City United church gave away 450 Thanksgiving boxes, each with a ham and side dishes, at its 10th annual "Feed the City" event. (WALB 10)

HAWAII Pukalani: Pukalani Church of the Nazarene members worked nonstop on their 36th annual Thanksgiving imu, roasting some 600 turkeys underground. (Hawaii News Now)

IDAHO Pocatello: Himalayan Flavor will hand out free to-go Thanksgiving lunches to anyone in need, expanding this year to Idaho Falls and Logan. (Local News 8)

ILLINOIS Rock Island: Second Baptist Church held its yearly Thanksgiving box giveaway, handing one box per household, each meant to feed roughly 10 people. (KWQC 6)

INDIANA Evansville: Feed Evansville is holding a Thanksgiving food share at the CK Newsome Center on Wednesday, giving each household a box of groceries. (14 News WFIE)

IOWA Davenport: PUNCH is preparing its 15th annual free Thanksgiving dinner at First Baptist Church, expecting to fill 200 tables and offering rides. (KWQC 6)

KANSAS Topeka: The 47th annual Interfaith Thanksgiving Service, a tradition since 1979, featured five faith traditions, a joint choir and an intertribal drum group. (WIBW 13)

KENTUCKY Bowling Green: State Police Post 3 invited residents to "Cram the Cruiser" with food Dec. 3; the statewide drive collected 300,000 pounds last year. (WBKO 13)

LOUISIANA Lake Charles: The city previewed its holiday lineup, led by the free Light Up the Lake on Nov. 28 and a nightly Christmas Glow Show on Historic City Hall. (KPLC 7)

MAINE Kennebunkport: Nonantum Resort chef Steve Sicinski, helped by his 16-year-old son, will cook up to 800 Thanksgiving meals through the nonprofit Community Harvest. (Portland Press Herald)

MARYLAND Bel Air: Harford County's SOCKtober drive set a record with 6,288 socks, mittens, scarves and hats, 2,400 more than last year. (WBAL-TV 11)

MASSACHUSETTS Chicopee: About 30 Knights of Columbus volunteers prepared roughly 4,000 free meals, including 1,000 pounds of squash, for their 33rd annual Thanksgiving dinner. (Western Mass News)

MICHIGAN Laurium: The Aspirus Keweenaw Hospital Auxiliary is preparing its 29th annual Tree of Love, selling name-inscribed ornaments to buy hospital equipment. (TV6 WLUC)

MINNESOTA Mankato: True North Home Buyers gave away 1,000 free pumpkin pies in Mankato and Faribault, paying for them itself as "our way to say thank you." (KEYC 12)

MISSISSIPPI Gulfport: Families filled the Handsboro Community Center for a Thanksgiving Arts and Crafts Night, with coloring pages and crafts for all ages. (WLOX 13)

MISSOURI Cape Girardeau: Saint Francis Healthcare employees collected food and hygiene supplies that filled 156 Thanksgiving boxes for families in need. (KFVS12)

MONTANA Butte: The Butte Rescue Mission expects up to 400 guests at its first Thanksgiving in its new dining room, with meals at noon, 3 and 6 p.m. (NBC Montana)

NEBRASKA Lincoln: Volunteers delivered more than 300 ready-to-eat Thanksgiving meals to homeless veterans and others, the effort's fifth year. (10/11 Now)

NEVADA Las Vegas: Raiders star Maxx Crosby ran a drive-thru pantry handing out turkeys and sides, while teammate Ashton Jeanty served holiday meals to more than 150 people. (FOX5 Las Vegas)

NEW HAMPSHIRE Manchester: Slightly Crooked Pies owner Lauren Cline shared her graham cracker and traditional pie crust recipes, ahead of Thanksgiving. (WMUR 9)

NEW JERSEY East Brunswick: A turkey blocked an exit and chased people at a Milltown Road storage facility; police arrived, took a few photos, and the bird left on its own. (News 12 New Jersey)

NEW MEXICO Albuquerque: The TSA expects more than 55,000 passengers at the Albuquerque Sunport over Thanksgiving, with the Sunday after typically the busiest. (KOAT 7)

NEW YORK Harlem: Catholic Charities handed out 600 Thanksgiving meals, one of 11 food distributions it planned over the 10 days before the holiday. (News 12)

NORTH CAROLINA Asheville: Babies in Mission Hospital's NICU marked their first Thanksgiving in holiday outfits donated by Preemies of the Carolinas. (WLOS 13)

NORTH DAKOTA Minot: The Minot Area Council of the Arts will host a Small Business Saturday artist market at the historic Carnegie Center, with carols and free cookies. (Minot Daily News)

OHIO Troy: About 25 cooks at Mid-County Church of Christ served a free community Thanksgiving dinner to an estimated 250 to 300 guests. (WHIO-TV 7)

OKLAHOMA Oklahoma City: Sheriff's deputies served roast turkey and sides to more than 60 residents of Paseo Avenues, many of them veterans; one called it "a great deal." (KOCO 5)

OREGON Eugene: The Eugene Mission prepared nearly 30 turkeys for its Thanksgiving dinner, a dozen smoked on site by program participant Carlos Johnson. (KEZI 9)

PENNSYLVANIA Philadelphia: The 107th Thanksgiving Day Parade on the Parkway will feature a Debbie Gibson mini-concert and, for the first time, two marching bands from Alaska. (6abc)

RHODE ISLAND Providence: The Providence Holiday Festival returns Dec. 3–7 with a downtown market, free ice-skating shows and a City Hall tree lighting. (NBC 10 WJAR)

SOUTH CAROLINA Columbia: Police handed out 200 donated turkeys and bags of sides at the Busby Street Community Center and ran out of food within the first hour. (WIS News 10)

SOUTH DAKOTA Beresford: Baker Pearl Leiferman's family, who began after losing their son, will serve a free Thanksgiving meal to people experiencing homelessness. (Dakota News Now)

TENNESSEE Copperhill: Recovering from early-November floods, volunteers in Copperhill and neighboring McCaysville planned Thanksgiving meals for 150 to 175 neighbors. (NewsChannel 9)

TEXAS Fort Hood: Dining halls served Thanksgiving meals to soldiers unable to travel home, and Navy veteran Andrew Lewis again ate on post with his brother. (KWTX 10)

UTAH Kaysville: Ian Pizarro, given under a 5% chance of surviving a 2014 aortic rupture, co-founded The Call to Give, which provided 135 Thanksgiving meals last year. (KUTV 2)

VERMONT Burlington: Volunteers at a Burlington sewing workshop have made more than 1,000 shower bags for cancer patients at UVM Medical Center. (WCAX 3)

VIRGINIA Chesterfield: The Sikh Association of Central Virginia donated several thousand pounds of food to Feed More in a drive timed to Guru Nanak's birthday. (CBS 6 WTVR)

WASHINGTON SeaTac: Sea-Tac Airport expected about 156,000 travelers Tuesday and roughly 875,000 from Wednesday through Monday. (KOMO News)

WEST VIRGINIA Weston: Local Girl Scouts cooked and served the Thanksgiving dinner at St. Mathew Church's monthly community meal. (WDTV 5)

WISCONSIN Oshkosh: Nutcracker in the Castle opened its 20th year at the Paine Art Center, staged through the historic mansion, with a new 40-foot tree on the lawn. (WBAY 2)

WYOMING Cheyenne: Cheyenne set a record for its latest first accumulating snowfall, passing the old mark of Nov. 20, 1900. (Cowboy State Daily)