ESSEX JCT. TODAY
41°
High 42° · Drizzle, summit snow
Sunday 49°, then Monday rain

The Morning Courier

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

KILLINGTON WORLD CUP
5
Shiffrin's bib in today's GS
Runs at 9:30 and 12:30

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DOW 50,775 ▲+1.2% · **S&P 500** 7,297 ▲+1.6% · **NVDA** $150.49 ▲+0.8% · **ANT*** $91.88 ▲+11% · **ADOBE** $7.1B Thanksgiving · **GAS** $3.55

NATION · THANKSGIVING, TAKE TWO

The 100th Parade, Two Days Late

After the first weather postponement in its history, the Macy's parade marches this morning — with every giant balloon.

BY THE NUMBERS

100th	Macy's parade
8:30	Step-off, NBC
95%	Of the parade survived
34	MPH gust limit for balloons

BY THE COURIER NATIONAL DESK · SOURCES: YAHOO ENTERTAINMENT, FOX 5 NY, CBS NEW YORK, NJ.COM

The 100th Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade steps off at 8:30 this morning, two days late, after Thursday's nor'easter forced the first weather postponement in its history. Organizers say about 95% of the planned parade survived the move: every giant character balloon will fly, including Snoopy and Mickey Mouse, and LL Cool J and Gloria Gaynor were added at the last minute. Two bands — Macy's Great American Marching Band and Alabama's Million Dollar Band — and a couple of small heritage balloons dropped out. (Yahoo Entertainment)

"Even though it's a few days late, it's going to be as spectacular, probably more spectacular, now than Thanksgiving Day," executive producer Will Coss said. Balloons are grounded if sustained winds top 23 mph or gusts top 34; FOX 5 NY forecast a cloudy morning in the mid-40s with west winds of 12 to 15 mph, and crews cleared storm-damaged limbs along the 2.5-mile route. (FOX 5 NY, CBS New York)

The storm's cleanup goes on: about 77,000 New Jersey customers were still without power Friday afternoon, down from a peak near 188,000. (NJ.com)

ESSEX JUNCTION FORECAST

41°
Low tonight: 37°

Drizzle and light showers on and off. Wet snow on the summits. High 42°.

RAIN TODAY 40% | SNOW TODAY 0%
Damp; summit snow

THE WEEK AHEAD

SUN	MON	TUE	WED
49°	49°	37°	41°
R 0% S 10%	R 70% S 0%	R 0% S 10%	R 0% S 10%

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

FORECASTER'S NOTE

Thanksgiving 40° (loss), Black Friday 45° (win). Record: 17–10.

WALL STREET · THE WEEK

Stocks' Best Week Since 2022

BY THE COURIER MARKETS DESK · SOURCES: YAHOO FINANCE, REUTERS, BIGGO

The Dow rose 592 points to 50,774.94 in Friday's half-day session and gained 5.5% for the week, its best since October 2022. The Nasdaq jumped 6.7% and the S&P; 500 5.6% as chip stocks roared back after Jensen Huang's return to Nvidia. "The market is so oversold that a bounce was inevitable," said Jamie Cox of Harris Financial Group. November is still on track as the worst for the S&P; and Nasdaq since 2008. (Page 2)

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WEATHER AROUND THE MAP

Saturday forecasts · forecast data · "Now" = overnight

	NOW	HI	LO	RAIN	SNOW
MIDDLEBURY, VT	40°	43°	37°	25%	
MT. WASHINGTON, NH	25°	31°	26°	0%	35%
SNOWSHOE, WV	30°	41°	29°	0%	20%
ROSEBURG, OR	54°	55°	50°	10%	
E. DENNIS, MA · CAPE	45°	51°	45°	10%	
CHARLOTTE, NC	39°	62°	38°	5%	
WILMINGTON, NC	47°	65°	43°	10%	
ST. PETERSBURG, FL	61°	68°	61°	10%	
FULTON, MO	37°	57°	35°	20%	
McALLEN, TX	53°	76°	52°	10%	



THE DEEPEST WATER · A COURIER SERIAL
Chapter 45 is being written. Today on Page 8: a scene from Chapter 6.

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MARKETS & MONEY

Best week since 2022 · Record Thanksgiving online · Cyber Monday next · Saturday, November 28

CLOSES — FRIDAY, NOV. 27 (HALF DAY)

INDEX / STOCK	CLOSE	CHANGE	PCT
Dow Jones Industrials	50,774.94	+592.16	+1.18%
S&P 500	7,297.49	+114.92	+1.60%
Nasdaq Composite	24,129.50	+544.81	+2.31%
Russell 2000	2,750.30	+46.24	+1.71%
JB'S WATCHLIST			
Nvidia (NVDA)	150.49	+1.19	+0.80%
Palantir (PLTR)	172.17	+8.57	+5.24%
Microsoft (MSFT)* Wed.	489.93	−6.20	−1.25%
BIG NAMES			
Anthropic (ANT)*	91.88	+9.09	+10.98%

Closes via Yahoo Finance, BigGo; PLTR single-source. *MSFT shows Wednesday; Friday's close not found ("gained less than 1%"). C…s we printed

RATES · ENERGY · METALS

10-yr Treasury +9 bp	4.94%
2-yr Treasury +8 bp	4.69%
VIX −11%	23.81
WTI crude −0.7%	$83.08
Brent −1.2%	$95.44
Gold +2.9%	~$3,670
Bitcoin −3%	~$59,760
Nikkei +2.1%	58,711
Dec. 9 hike odds CME	~99%

THE WEEK AHEAD **MON.** Cyber Monday ($15.1B est.) **DEC. 1** Marvell, CrowdStrike; Huang at House **DEC. 2** Salesforce earnings **DEC. 4** November jobs report

"The market is so oversold that a bounce was inevitable." — Jamie Cox, Harris Financial Group (Reuters)

Sources: Yahoo Finance, Reuters, BigGo, Adobe, Salesforce, CME FedWatch, AAA, company investor pages

MARKETS · BLACK FRIDAY

A Record Thanksgiving Online

BY THE COURIER MARKETS DESK · SOURCES: ADOBE, SALESFORCE, REUTERS, BIGGO

Shoppers spent a record $7.1 billion online on Thanksgiving Day, Adobe said, beating its $6.9 billion forecast. By 6:30 p.m. Friday, Black Friday sales had reached $9.7 billion, up 12.8%, and Adobe now expects $13 billion to $13.4 billion for the day. Salesforce projects $18.7 billion in U.S. Black Friday sales online.

On Wall Street, memory and storage chips led the half-day rally: Sandisk +16%, Micron +7.6%. Anthropic jumped 11% to $91.88, back above its $83 IPO price. Vertex fell 5.2% after the FDA extended a drug review.

STOCKS TO WATCH TODAY

On the Radar

Nvidia (NVDA) — $150.49, up about 20% for the week. Huang: House Dec. 1, Senate Dec. 3.

Palantir (PLTR) — $172.17, +5.2% Friday (one source).

Microsoft (MSFT) — Up less than 1% Friday; close not found. Wednesday: $489.93.

Anthropic (ANT)* — $91.88, +11% — back above its $83 IPO price.

Black Friday — Adobe: $9.7B online by 6:30 p.m. Fri.; full day $13B–$13.4B est.

Cyber Monday — Adobe expects $15.1B — the first $15B online day.

THE WEEK

NASDAQ	Composite	+6.68%
RUT	Russell 2000	+6.50%
SPX	S&P 500	+5.60%
DJIA	Dow	+5.46%
STOXX	Europe 600	+3.00%

Best of these: Nasdaq +6.7% Worst: —

YEAR TO DATE

Russell 2000	+11.0%
S&P 500	+6.8%
Dow	+5.5%
Nasdaq	+3.6%

Approx., through Friday.

GAS PRICES

Regular, per gallon

AAA · Nov. 27 · down 14¢ in a week

NATIONAL	VERMONT	HIGHEST	LOWEST
$3.55	$3.85	$5.58	$2.87
U.S. average	state average	Hawaii	Indiana

NATION & WORLD

Washington, the courts & beyond

WORLD · IRAN

U.S. Jets Disable a Blockade Runner

BY THE COURIER WORLD DESK · SOURCES: AL JAZEERA, ABC NEWS (AUSTRALIA)

U.S. aircraft fired "precision munitions" into the stern of the Palau-flagged tanker Pacific Archer in the Gulf of Oman on Thursday, disabling it after it left Iran's Bandar Abbas, U.S. Central Command said. The crew was unhurt. It is at least the 15th ship disabled since April; the U.S. says it has turned back 158 ships since July. (Al Jazeera)

In Kuwait, two Italian technicians working for Rheinmetall Italia were killed at an air-defense site; Thursday's first report said four were injured. Iran denies involvement. (ABC News Australia)

ELSEWHERE

Ukraine. Russia sent 155 drones overnight Thursday, killing at least six and cutting power in six regions. (Kyiv Independent)

Europe. Four EU members are slowing a €45 billion loan for Ukraine. (Kyiv Independent)

Spain. Voters go to the polls Sunday in a snap election called by Prime Minister Pedro Sánchez. (Reuters)

VERMONT

Around the Green Mountain State

AFTER THE WIND

Bennington County Cleans Up

BY THE COURIER VERMONT DESK · SOURCES: BENNINGTON BANNER, WCAX

Thursday night's wind knocked out power to about 9,500 Green Mountain Power customers in Bennington County and about 12,000 statewide. By late Friday afternoon fewer than 1,200 were still dark. A tree fell on a house, trees and wires came down across Pownal, downed lines caused a crash on Route 9 in Woodford, and U.S. 7 into Bennington was briefly closed. "Crews are making incredible progress and have been working around the clock," GMP's Kristin Carlson said. (Bennington Banner)

The Dorset Tractor Parade, Manchester's tree lighting and the Arlington Lions' lighted-vehicle parade were postponed. Today turns cooler and damp, with snow on the summits and possibly a few inches on the northern peaks; Monday brings widespread rain that could end as snow. (Bennington Banner, WCAX)

WORLD CUP

Shiffrin Returns to Killington

The women's giant slalom runs today — first run 9:30 a.m., second 12:30 p.m. (Peacock; NBC for Run 2). Mikaela Shiffrin wears bib 5 in her first race here since her 2024 crash, and Waitsfield's Paula Moltzan, the Sölden winner, wears bib 6. Rain canceled Friday's free skiing; organizers may use the lower reserve start. Slalom Sunday. (Skiracing.com, WCAX)

SKI COUNTRY

Three More Mountains Open

Jay Peak opens to the public today, along with Okemo and Stowe; Bolton Valley and Burke are set for Dec. 5. Smugglers' Notch, Bromley, Sugarbush and Stratton have no date yet. (Ski Vermont)

AROUND THE STATE

BURLINGTON — The tree is lit. Black Friday crowds filled Church Street, and the holiday window contest and snowflake hunt start this weekend. (WCAX)

PLAINFIELD — Firefighter hurt. A two-story home on Harvey Hill burned early Friday; one firefighter was taken to the hospital. No one was home. (WCAX)

STATEWIDE — Shop small. It's Small Business Saturday — downtowns from Rutland to St. Albans are inviting shoppers to buy local. (Downtown Rutland)

FOLIAGE REPORT

Damp today, colder Tuesday

Thanksgiving: 40° (call 37 — loss).
Black Friday: 45° (call 43 — win).
Record: 17–10.
Snow: still 0.0" in Burlington.
Today: drizzle, 42°.
Sunday: mostly dry, 49°.
Monday: rain, 70%.
Tuesday: colder, 37°.

THE WEEK IN VERMONT

Today Drizzle, 42°.
Tonight Summit snow.
Sun. Mostly dry, 49°.
Mon. Rain, 70%.
Tue. Colder, 37°.

Forecast data for Essex Junction; check before you go.

VERMONT BY THE NUMBERS

27–5 Steelers over Broncos
2 Rielly goals vs. Bruins
17 Celtics' lost lead
22 Queta rebounds
5 Shiffrin's bib today

SPORTS

Leafs top Bruins · Hawks edge Celtics · Patriots at Chargers Sunday

HAWKS 87, CELTICS 86 · FRIDAY · TD GARDEN

TEAM	1	2	3	4	F
ATL	14	25	31	17	87
BOS	29	22	18	17	86

BOS led by 17 · Tatum 20 (8-22), 9 reb, 4 stl · Queta 11 pts, 22 reb · White 13 · Jalen Johnson 24 & 12 · BOS 23 turnovers

FRIDAY

Two Boston Losses

BY THE COURIER SPORTS DESK · SOURCE: SPORTRADAR

Maple Leafs 3, Bruins 1: Morgan Rielly scored twice, including the winner, and Toronto won despite being outshot 29–18. Boston went 1-for-5 on the power play. **Hawks 87, Celtics 86:** Boston led by 17 in the first half, then was outscored 31–18 in the third. (SportRadar)

Steelers 27, Broncos 5: T.J. Watt recovered a fumble in the end zone and Jalen Ramsey returned an interception 36 yards for a score. **Heat 108, Knicks 105.**

NFL · WEEK 13

Patriots at Chargers Sunday

CHI at DET	39–35	F
PHI at DAL	39–38	F
KC at BUF	10–13	F
DEN at PIT	5–27	F
NE at LAC	Sun. 4:05	
NYJ at MIA	Sun. 1	
NYG at IND	Sun. 1	
SEA at SF	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	10-1	—
New England	5-5	4½
NY Jets	3-8	7
Miami	1-9	8½

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

NHL · BRUINS CORNER

Canucks at Bruins, Sunday 5

The Bruins (15–9–1) host Vancouver Sunday at 5; the Celtics (12–7) are at San Antonio Sunday at 4. Michigan at Ohio State is today at noon on FOX. (SportRadar)

PATRIOTS WATCH

DeVito Gets the Call

Sunday: Patriots at Chargers, 4:05. Tommy DeVito starts; Drake Maye is out with an ankle injury. (AP)

Chargers: Justin Herbert is in concussion protocol; DJ Uiagalelei may start.

TODAY ON TV (ET)

PARADE Macy's 100th, NBC, 8:30
SKI World Cup GS, Run 2, 12:30
CFB Michigan at Ohio State, FOX, Noon

THE BOURBON & WINE PAGE

Penelope Private Select 10 · A $17 Barbera · mushroom risotto with white wine



BOURBON OF THE WEEK

PENELOPE BOURBON · ESTATE COLLECTION

Private Select 10 Year

PROOF	AGE	MASH	PRICE
102.2	10 yrs	74/20/5/1	~$80

Ten years old: a 2026 release in Penelope's Estate Collection, made from Kentucky-sourced bourbon (Sempreon, formerly MGP). Batch 26-201. (Breaking Bourbon)

Four grains: 74% corn, 20% rye, 5% malted barley and a touch of wheat. (Breaking Bourbon)

How it tastes: toasted marshmallow, Werther's and peach bread; then oak, rye spice and cherry-pie filling; a cinnamon and dried-peach finish — "a bourbon that will please those who try it." (Breaking Bourbon)



WINE OF THE WEEK

DAMILANO · ASTI, PIEDMONT, ITALY

Barbera d'Asti 2022

GRAPE	REGION	VINTAGE	PRICE
Barbera	Piedmont	2022	~$17

Piedmont's everyday red: Barbera is the bright, food-friendly grape Italians pour on weeknights. (VinePair)

How it tastes: red and dark fruit, earthy and mineral notes and a hint of leather; the 15.5% alcohol barely shows. (VinePair)

Why it works: lively acidity cuts through a rich, creamy risotto. (Courier pick)

TODAY'S RECIPE

Made to go with a glass

Mushroom Risotto

Serves 4 to 6 · about 45 minutes

THE BASE

- 4 Tbsp olive oil, divided
- 1½ lb mixed mushrooms, chopped
- 1 onion; 2 garlic cloves; 1 Tbsp thyme
- 1½ cups Arborio rice

THE FINISH

- ⅔ cup dry white wine
- 5 cups warm vegetable broth
- ½ cup grated pecorino or Parmesan
- Chopped parsley; salt and pepper

METHOD

1. Brown the mushrooms in 2 Tbsp oil with a little salt, about 8 minutes; set aside.

2. Add the rest of the oil and the onion; cook 5 to 8 minutes until soft.

3. Stir in the garlic, thyme and rice for a minute. Add the wine and cook until mostly absorbed.

4. Add the warm broth ¾ cup at a time, stirring until each addition is absorbed.

5. Stir in most of the mushrooms and the cheese; top with the rest, parsley and more cheese.

Courier tip: From Jeanine Donofrio, Love & Lemons. Vegetarian.

POUR WITH IT · BOURBON

Private Select: cherry and peach notes for the earthy mushrooms, after dinner. (Courier pick)

POUR WITH IT · WINE

Barbera: bright acidity for a creamy risotto. (Courier pick)

THIS WEEK'S POUR

Cocktail Corner

The Blinker. Shake 2 oz rye or bourbon, 1 oz fresh grapefruit juice and 1 tsp raspberry syrup with ice; strain into a chilled coupe. (Punch)

The story: It first appeared in Patrick Gavin Duffy's 1934 "Official Mixer's Manual," made with grenadine. In 1948 David Embury called it "not particularly good but not too bad." Cocktail historian Ted Haigh revived it in 2004 with raspberry syrup. (Punch)

BOURBON & WINE NEWS

Terry Bradshaw's Bourbon Gift Box

Bradshaw Kentucky Straight Bourbon, from the Hall of Fame quarterback, has a holiday set: a bottle, "The Bradshaw Family Cookbook," barbecue sauce, an apron and two rocks glasses — $149, or $119 from Black Friday through Cyber Monday. (The Whiskey Wash, Nov. 24)

The sauce: made by his son-in-law, chef Noah Hester of Hamm's Meat + Market in McKinney, Texas.

THIS WEEK'S POUR PLAN

What to sip with what's on

TONIGHT

Mushroom risotto and the Barbera.

AFTER DINNER

A pour of Private Select.

GIFT IDEA

Bradshaw's cookbook box.

THE CELLAR & RICKHOUSE GLOSSARY

Nine wine words, nine bourbon words

Barbera — Piedmont's bright red grape.
Asti — a Piedmont wine town.
Piedmont — northwest Italy's wine region.
Acidity — the zing that refreshes.
Earthy — soil and mushroom notes.
Arborio — short-grain risotto rice.

Risotto — rice stirred with broth.
Pecorino — sheep's-milk cheese.
Vintage — the year the grapes grew.
Estate Collection — Penelope's older line.
Sourced — distilled by someone else.
Mash bill — the grain recipe.

Four-grain — corn, rye, barley, wheat.
Batch — barrels blended together.
Coupe — a stemmed, shallow glass.
Raspberry syrup — sugar syrup with berries.
Rye — spicier whiskey grain.
Sour — spirit, citrus, sweet.

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)

8:30 a.m. — Macy's parade, NBC.
9:30 a.m. — World Cup GS, Run 1.
Noon — Michigan at Ohio State.
12:30 — World Cup GS, Run 2.
Sun. 4:05 — Patriots at Chargers.
Sun. 5:00 — Canucks at Bruins.

AROUND VERMONT

Sat. — Small Business Saturday.
Sat. — Jay, Okemo, Stowe open.
Sat. 4:30 — Winter Lights, Shelburne.
Sun. 1:30 — World Cup slalom.
Dec. 5 — Bolton, Burke open.

WEATHER AT A GLANCE

Sat. — Drizzly, 42°.
Sat. night — Summit snow.
Sun. — Mostly dry, 49°.
Mon. — Rain, 70%.
Tue. — Colder, 37°.
Wed. — Sunny, 41°.

GOOD NEWS ROUNDUP

Kindness, critters & comebacks

WHITE RIVER JCT.

710 Holiday Meals

The Upper Valley Haven gave out 710 free Thanksgiving kits — a frozen turkey and all the sides — to Vermont and New Hampshire families, with about 60 volunteers. "It's heartbreaking, and heartwarming," said the Haven's Laura Gillespie. (Valley News via VTDigger)

SHELBURNE

Winter Lights Are On

Shelburne Museum's Winter Lights opened Friday, lighting the steamboat Ticonderoga, the Round Barn and a model-train village, with new woodland creatures by artist Calvin Laituri. Through Jan. 3. (Shelburne Museum)

EASTHAM, MASS.

Land Comes Home

The Nature Conservancy gave more than 120 acres above Cape Cod's First Encounter Beach to the Native Land Conservancy. Renamed "at the turtle's nest," the land shelters nesting terrapins. (My Modern Met)

GRUVER, TEXAS

Farming for College

Farmers donate their labor and equipment to work land a Danish immigrant left to the school, turning the harvests into scholarships — nearly $3 million since 2016. "There's nothing holding these kids back," said Chad Logsdon. (RFD-TV)

PORT HENRY, N.Y.

The Holiday Train

The lighted CPKC Holiday Train stopped across the lake to collect food and cash for local shelters and pantries, with a free trackside concert. (WCAX)

BRATTLEBORO

Small Wonders

The Festival of Miniatures is back downtown for a second year, drawing crowds to tiny works of art. (WCAX)

MEET THE CAST

The Deepest Water



Big Dave

Shift boss, the veneer plant

"You stay where I can see you. And if I say we're leaving, we're leaving."
— Chapter 7

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

SPORTS & STANDINGS

Every team in the NFL, NHL and NBA

NFL, NHL and NBA through Friday · via SportRadar

Highlighted: the Patriots, Bruins and Celtics

NFL · DIVISION STANDINGS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

NHL · DIVISION STANDINGS

ATLANTIC	GP	W	L	OT	PTS
Ottawa	27	17	7	3	37
Florida	26	15	8	3	33
Tampa Bay	25	15	8	2	32
Montreal	26	14	8	4	32
Boston	25	15	9	1	31
Buffalo	26	11	11	4	26
Detroit	25	10	12	3	23
Toronto	27	10	14	3	23

METROPOLITAN	GP	W	L	OT	PTS
Carolina	25	19	3	3	41
New Jersey	26	18	8	0	36
N.Y. Islanders	25	12	8	5	29
N.Y. Rangers	25	13	11	1	27
Philadelphia	28	10	12	6	26
Washington	23	11	12	0	22
Columbus	24	9	14	1	19
Pittsburgh	25	8	15	2	18

CENTRAL	GP	W	L	OT	PTS
Minnesota	28	18	4	6	42
Colorado	25	15	7	3	33
Nashville	25	13	6	6	32
Dallas	25	15	8	2	32
Winnipeg	27	14	9	4	32
St. Louis	26	14	9	3	31
Utah	27	14	10	3	31
Chicago	26	10	14	2	22

PACIFIC	GP	W	L	OT	PTS
Edmonton	28	17	7	4	38
Vegas	27	15	7	5	35
San Jose	28	12	14	2	26
Seattle	23	12	10	1	25
Anaheim	27	12	14	1	25
Calgary	27	11	14	2	24
Los Angeles	23	9	12	2	20
Vancouver	28	6	21	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	16	4	.800	—
Boston	12	7	.632	3.5
New York	12	7	.632	3.5
Toronto	7	11	.389	8
Brooklyn	4	14	.222	11

CENTRAL · EAST	W	L	PCT	GB
Detroit	12	6	.667	—
Cleveland	9	10	.474	3.5
Chicago	6	12	.333	6
Indiana	6	13	.316	6.5
Milwaukee	2	18	.100	11

SOUTHEAST · EAST	W	L	PCT	GB
Atlanta	12	6	.667	—
Miami	11	7	.611	1
Orlando	7	10	.412	4.5
Washington	7	12	.368	5.5
Charlotte	4	13	.235	7.5

NORTHWEST · WEST	W	L	PCT	GB
Minnesota	14	6	.700	—
Portland	13	6	.684	0.5
Denver	11	6	.647	1.5
Oklahoma City	10	9	.526	3.5
Utah	3	17	.150	11

PACIFIC · WEST	W	L	PCT	GB
L.A. Lakers	15	4	.789	—
Golden State	10	9	.526	5
Phoenix	9	9	.500	5.5
LA Clippers	4	14	.222	10.5
Sacramento	2	16	.111	12.5

SOUTHWEST · WEST	W	L	PCT	GB
San Antonio	16	4	.800	—
Memphis	15	5	.750	1
Houston	14	5	.737	1.5
Dallas	12	7	.632	3.5
New Orleans	6	14	.300	10

NEW ENGLAND WATCH

Where our teams stand

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

Steelers (7–4) Routed Denver 27–5 Friday with two defensive touchdowns. The Broncos (8–3) are now tied with Kansas City in the AFC West.

Bruins (15–9–1) Lost 3–1 to Toronto Friday; still a wild-card team with 31 points. Vancouver visits Sunday at 5.

Celtics (12–7) Lost 87–86 to Atlanta Friday. At San Antonio (16–4) Sunday at 4.

THE WEATHER DESK

Forecasts, almanac, mountains & Snow Watch 2026–27

THE FORECASTER'S TAKE

A Split: One Miss, One Hit

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

The scores are in. Thanksgiving: we called 37°, and Burlington reached 40° — three degrees off, a loss. Black Friday: we called 43° and it hit 45° — inside our two-degree window, a win. Beat the Forecaster now stands at 17–10. Today's call: 42°.

A gray, drizzly Saturday near 42°, with a 40% chance of light rain. The high peaks may see wet snow.

Sunday is the nicer day, near 49° and mostly dry. A soaking rain arrives Monday (70%), then it turns much colder: 37° Tuesday with a low near 25°.

ESSEX JCT. ALMANAC

YESTERDAY	High 45° · Low 33°
SUNRISE	7:05 a.m.
SUNSET	4:14 p.m.
DAYLIGHT	9 hr 9 min
CHANGE	-1.7 min vs. yesterday
SINCE JUNE 21	6 hr 23 min less light
MOON	Waning gibbous

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

ESSEX JUNCTION · THE NEXT SEVEN DAYS

TODAY	SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
42° / 37°	49° / 37°	49° / 32°	37° / 25°	41° / 25°	49° / 36°	46° / 37°
HIGH / LOW	HIGH / LOW	HIGH / LOW	HIGH / LOW	HIGH / LOW	HIGH / LOW	HIGH / LOW
		FREEZE	FREEZE	FREEZE		
RAIN 40%	RAIN 0%	RAIN 70%	RAIN 0%	RAIN 0%	RAIN 10%	RAIN 10%
SNOW 0%	SNOW 10%	SNOW 0%	SNOW 10%	SNOW 10%	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

SUGARBUSH
Washington County
37° / 33° · 40%
Monday: 75%, rain to snow.

ISLAND POND
Essex County
37° / 33° · 25%
Tuesday low: 19°.

RUTLAND
Rutland County
42° / 38° · 40%
Drizzle today; 48° Sunday.

ST. JOHNSBURY
Caledonia County
41° / 35° · 20%
Tuesday: 33°, flurries.

WOODSTOCK
Windsor County
42° / 37° · 20%
Sunday: 49°, dry.

SNOW WATCH 2026–27

Day 28

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

Mild South, Wet Northwest

Charlotte and Wilmington, N.C., climb into the 60s under sunshine today; St. Petersburg, Fla., is near 68°. Snowshoe, W.Va., is near 41° with a few snow showers, then rain Sunday (45%).

Roseburg, Ore., gets a dry Saturday (55°) before rain returns Sunday and Monday (70%). Fulton, Mo., could see a rain-snow mix Sunday (70%).

BEAT THE FORECASTER

We Called It

Friday: we said 43°; Burlington hit 45° (2° warmer). Within 2° counts as a win.

Season record: 17–10 (63%)

Recent: Mon 55/59 L · Tue 36/40 L · Wed 40/41 W · Thu 37/40 L · Fri 43/45 W

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

WEATHER WORD

Rime

"A rough, milky, opaque ice formed by the instantaneous freezing of small supercooled droplets," NOAA says. The droplets trap air as they freeze, so rime is white and brittle — the feathery frost on summit trees in fog. (NOAA)

THIS DAY IN WEATHER

Nov. 28, 1989: Arctic air poured into New England, and winds gusted to 60 mph at Montpelier and 66 mph at St. Albans. Out West the same day, Santa Ana winds gusted to 70 mph at Rialto, Calif., overturning tractor-trailers. (Univ. of Wisconsin)

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



Scenes from The Deepest Water · Chapter 6, "Patient as the Rain" · image by J.B. Woods

CHAPTER 45

Chapter Still Being Written

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

WHERE WE LEFT OFF · CHAPTER 44: HE TALKS TOO MUCH

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

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

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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 the tape showed a man from the bushes take the retiree's car in 30 seconds, and the "elderly" woman in the wheelchair stood up and walked off — in disguise. The boot prints matched standard deputies' Danners. At Rice Hill, Mason learned Sheriff Coyle had picked up Harlan's wallet himself and asked if anything else was left. At the Ranch Motel, the 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 found a Crater Lake map in the stolen Toyota — and the prints of Owen and Karen Marsh. Karen vanished; Myers put out an alert, and Owen couldn't be found. Walters told Tess that Harlan Voss had been driving, and Walt put it on Monday's front page. That night a stranger called Tiffany Voss: get them what they're looking for, or Harlan dies. Then a 1987 county knife hit her door. 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

With the newsroom empty, Walt ordered Tess to hold the Pryce story: write it, but it goes only to his desk. Walters cut his vacation short and dodged Mason's question about the friend she saw him with. Myers and Mason told Sheriff Coyle the FBI would go through Pryce Lumber in a few days; Coyle said the inventory was long gone and Trent had run the place for three years. When Myers asked how he was involved, Coyle threw them out. 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.

CHAPTER 44

He Talks Too Much

Walters found Hollis's kitchen wrecked and spattered with blood. He and Coyle kicked in the door and cleared the house: blood in several rooms, no Hollis. The FBI team arrived to find two cruisers in the driveway; Myers took over and Coyle left with a sarcastic jab. Back at the office, Walters noted Hollis's keys and wallet were left behind — he didn't leave on his own. Walters tipped Tess, who found crime tape and no answers. At sundown agents found a bloody 1987 county knife in a tree with a note: "HE TALKS TOO MUCH." Myers put the team at Pryce Lumber on high alert.

THE CASE BOARD

Where things stand through Chapter 44

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.

Owen Marsh — can't be found.

Karen Marsh — skipped work; FBI alert out.

Trent Pryce — missing; ran Pryce Lumber.

Hollis Tate — gone from a bloody house; keys, wallet left.

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.

THE CLUES

Five 1987 knives — one in a tree at Hollis's.

A note: "HE TALKS TOO MUCH."

A 1987 key; 118's wall box.

"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 took Hollis — and who got the envelope?

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

Marlborough, N.H. · Brattleboro ties · 1973

Nancy Gale Erickson: A Name After 51 Years

On April 16, 1974, a woman's body was found in the woods off Route 124 in Marlborough, N.H., about 20 miles from Vermont. She had died the previous fall. No ID was found, and the cause of death is still undetermined.

In July 2025, DNA matched her to the family of Nancy Gale Erickson, 21. In fall 1973 she lived at the Community House in Brattleboro and worked at the Brattleboro Retreat. She left both on Oct. 30, 1973, and was never heard from again.

Investigators want to hear from 1973 Retreat employees and Community House residents. (N.H. Attorney General, via NBC Boston)

CASE FACTS

NAME
Nancy Gale Erickson
AGE
21
LAST SEEN
Oct. 30, 1973
FOUND
April 16, 1974
WHERE
Marlborough, N.H.
STATUS
Open
AGENCY
N.H. Cold Case Unit

N.H. Cold Case tip line: 800-525-5555
coldcaseunit@dos.nh.gov

VERMONT POLICE BLOTTER

ROCKINGHAM — Troopers stopped a 55-year-old New York man on I-91 near mile 34 late Wednesday night and charged him with DUI. He's due in court Dec. 15. (VSP Westminster)

ST. JOHNSBURY — A Marshfield man stopped on Route 2 after "multiple motor vehicle violations" was charged with DUI. (VSP St. Johnsbury)

BERLIN — About 15 drivers slid off I-89 on black ice; no one was hurt. (WCAX)

Tips: vsp.vermont.gov/tipsubmit

COURT WATCH

Caledonia County — The Route 2 driver is due in court Jan. 11. (VSP)

On TV tonight — CBS's "48 Hours" looks at how a Vermont cold-case murder was solved — 10 p.m. on WCAX. (WCAX)

CASE CLOSED · HOW IT WAS CRACKED

BERNIE MADOFF

For decades Bernard Madoff paid clients steady, too-good-to-be-true returns. In December 2008, as redemption requests piled up, he told his brother and two sons that the advisory business was a fraud. His sons went to federal authorities, and FBI agents arrested him at his Manhattan apartment on Dec. 11. Losses were later estimated at about $65 billion. He pleaded guilty to 11 felonies and was sentenced to 150 years; he died in prison in 2021. (History.com)

ON THIS DAY IN CRIME HISTORY

November 28

1925 — The Opry Begins
What became the Grand Ole Opry first went out over Nashville's WSM as the "WSM Barn Dance." It is still on the air 101 years later.

1942 — Cocoanut Grove
Fire swept Boston's crowded Cocoanut Grove nightclub in minutes, killing 492. Jammed revolving doors and blocked exits trapped patrons, and the disaster led to modern fire codes: panic bars, lighted exit signs, sprinklers.

1994 — Dahmer Killed
Serial killer Jeffrey Dahmer, serving 15 life terms, was beaten to death by a fellow inmate on a work detail at a Wisconsin prison. Another inmate was also killed.

2001 — Enron Falls
Dynegy backed out of a rescue deal, Enron's debt was cut to junk and its stock fell below $1. It filed for bankruptcy four days later, one of the largest in U.S. history.

Sources: History.com, National Archives, CNN Money.

SCAM ALERT

Fake Craft-Fair Posts

Vermont's attorney general is warning artisans about fake craft-fair event posts this season (WCAX). In versions reported elsewhere, scammers copy a real fair's name and photos into a new Facebook event, then text vendors to "reserve a booth" — paid right away by Zelle or another app. (Michigan AG)

Tips: confirm the event on the organizer's official site; be wary of brand-new pages; pay by credit card. Report scams to the Vermont AG's Consumer Assistance Program, ago.vermont.gov/cap.

CRIME TRIVIA

Test Your Detective Skills

In 1903 a new Leavenworth inmate, Will West, matched the body measurements of William West, already in the same prison. What told them apart?

(KCUR) The famous case helped speed the shift from body measurements to fingerprints.

THE SNOW DESK

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

Day 28 OF 152

Totals through Friday, Nov. 27

NOV | DEC | JAN | FEB | MAR | APR 1

MOST SNOW IN THE U.S. · LAST 24 HOURS

11.3" · De Soto, MO

ESSEX JCT.

LAST 24 HRS	SEASON
0.0"	0.0"

Official: Burlington airport (BTV)
Normal to date: 4.6" · 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	4.6	−4.6	0.0
Boston	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.5	−0.5	0
Portland, Maine	T	0.0	0.0	1.8	−1.8	0.0
Caribou, Maine	T	0.0	0.0	8.8	−8.8	0.0
Concord, N.H.	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.0	−2.0	0.0
Albany, N.Y.	0.0	0.3	0.3	2.0	−1.7	0.0
Syracuse, N.Y.	0.0	0.5	0.5	8.1	−7.6	0.0
Buffalo, N.Y.	0.0	0.0	0.0	6.4	−6.4	0.0
New York City	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.4	−0.4	0.0
Erie, Pa.	0.0	0.0	0.0	8.1	−8.1	0.0
Detroit	T	0.0	0.0	1.5	−1.5	0.0
Chicago	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.4	−1.4	0.0
Minneapolis	0.0	0.0	0.0	5.8	−5.8	0.0
Denver	0.0	0.0	0.0	—	—	0.0
Salt Lake City	0.0	0.7	0.7	6.0	−5.3	0.0
Anchorage, Alaska	report not available					

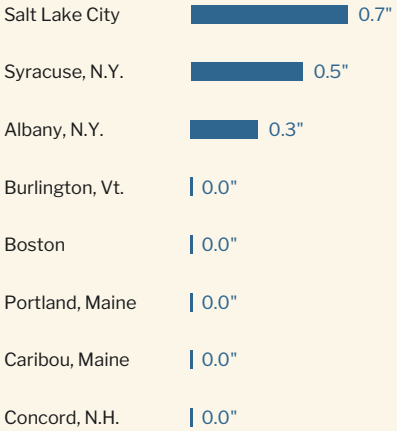
NWS Daily Climate Reports. Season and normal count from Nov. 1. T = trace. Depth = snow on the ground, inches.

MOST SNOW IN THE U.S.

Biggest 24-hour totals reported to the NWS

1	De Soto, MO Elev. 741 ft	11.3"
2	Fults 3.7 ENE, IL Elev. 663 ft	10.3"
3	St. Clair 0.6 ENE, MO Elev. 728 ft	10.3"
4	Cedar Hill Lakes 7.9 SSW, MO Elev. 735 ft	10.2"
5	Catawissa 3.0 SSE, MO Elev. 617 ft	10.1"
6	St. Clair 3.7 W, MO Elev. 814 ft	10.0"
7	St Clair 3 W, MO Elev. 817 ft	10.0"
8	Fenton 4.1 S, MO Elev. 597 ft	9.3"
9	Columbia 4.7 S, IL Elev. 574 ft	9.0"
10	Sullivan 7.5 E, MO Elev. 807 ft	9.0"

SEASON LEADERS · CITIES



SNOWSHOE MOUNTAIN REPORT

Open for the season

Now: Light snow showers and 30° before dawn.

Saturday: Cloudy, 41°; a few flakes possible (20%).

Sunday: 47° with rain likely (45%).

Monday: Back to 39° with snow showers (30%); low 26°.

Snowmaking: Mid-20s Monday and Tuesday nights — a short window.

Later: A warm-up to the mid-50s Thursday and Friday.

SNOW NOTES

Day 28 — still zero. Burlington has had no measurable snow this season; the normal by now is about 4.9" (NWS). Thanksgiving and Black Friday were both dry, with highs of 40° and 45°.

Summit flakes: Light snow showers on Mount Washington this morning (25°), and wet snow possible at Sugarbush (37°) today.

Monday's storm: A 75% chance of rain and snow; Sugarbush and Island Pond lean toward snow before Tuesday's cold (highs 28–29°).

Openings: Jay Peak, Okemo and Stowe planned to open today; Smugglers' Notch, Bromley and Bolton Valley aim for next weekend (resorts).

PUZZLES & GAMES

Grab a pencil and your coffee

THE DAILY SUDOKU

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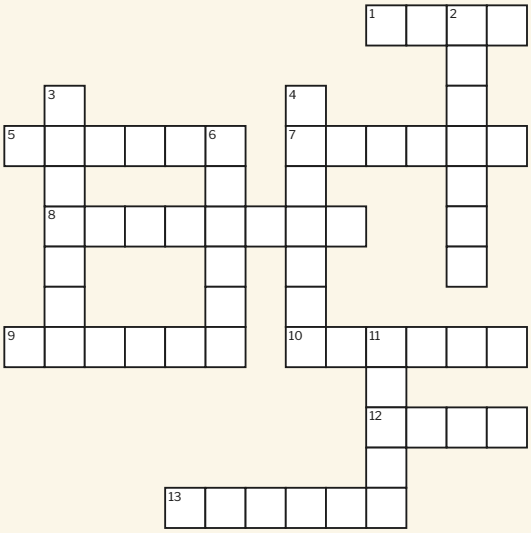
		9				5		
	3		6		7		8	
		5				2	1	3

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

THE DAILY CROSSWORD · PARADE DAY & SHOP SMALL



ACROSS

1 Grand Ole ___, born 1925 (4)
5 "Hotel California" band (6)
7 Played with Elton, Nov. 28, 1974 (6)
8 They fly at today's parade (8)
9 Steelers pick-six man (6)
10 Leafs defenseman, two goals (6)
12 Today's weather word (4)
13 Tonight's evening planet (6)

DOWN

2 Today's mushroom dish (7)
3 Today's Piedmont red (7)
4 1934 grapefruit cocktail (7)
6 Beagle balloon in the parade (6)
11 Collapsed Nov. 28, 2001 (5)

WORD SEARCH · SHOP SMALL

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

FIND 12 WORDS

BAKERY
BOOKSHOP
BOUTIQUE
COUNTER
CRAFTS
DINER
FLORIST
GIFTSHOP
HARDWARE
MAINSTREET
NEIGHBOR
RECEIPT

Across, down, diagonal — some backward.

THE COURIER QUIZ

Five Questions

1. How many years has the Macy's parade been going?

2. What did Adobe say shoppers spent online Thanksgiving?

3. Who scored twice for Toronto against the Bruins?

4. What bib does Mikaela Shiffrin wear in today's GS?

5. Final score: Steelers vs. Broncos?

NAME THAT YEAR

Three Clues

- Bruce Springsteen releases "Born in the U.S.A."
- Band Aid records "Do They Know It's Christmas?"
- Apple introduces the Macintosh.

YESTERDAY'S SUDOKU

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

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 28 BIRTHDAYS

This Day in Music

1943 — Randy Newman — 83.

1949 — Paul Shaffer, Letterman's bandleader — 77.

1962 — Matt Cameron of Pearl Jam — 64.

1968 — Dawn Robinson of En Vogue — 58.

1984 — Trey Songz — 42.

Also today: on Thanksgiving night, Nov. 28, 1974, John Lennon joined Elton John at Madison Square Garden to pay off a bet. It was Lennon's last concert appearance. (Ultimate Classic Rock)



SPIN THIS

Hotel California

Eagles · released Dec. 8, 1976

Turning 50 next month, it was the band's first album with Joe Walsh, and it pushed the Eagles from country-rock to a harder sound.

"New Kid in Town" and the title track both went to No. 1; the album has sold more than 14 million copies. (Ultimate Classic Rock)

Best with: a Blinker.

LIVE IN VERMONT

Shows Near Home

Fri. Dec. 4 · The Drama Of It All, Higher Ground

Sat. Dec. 5 · BIOMYTH, Higher Ground

Fri. Dec. 11 · TRSH, Higher Ground

Sat. Dec. 12 · Emo Night Brooklyn, Higher Ground

Listings via Songkick; check venues for tickets.

MUSIC TRIVIA

At his last concert appearance, on Nov. 28, 1974, John Lennon sang lead on a Beatles song Paul McCartney had sung on the record. Which one?

ANSWERS — Quiz: 1. 100. 2. A record $7.1 billion. 3. Morgan Rielly. 4. No. 5. Steelers 27, Broncos 5. Name That Year: 1984. Music trivia: "I Saw Her Standing There," at Elton John's suggestion. (Ultimate Classic Rock) **Yesterday's crossword:** 1A GUMBO · 5A BASS · 7A HENDRIX · 9A CLINE · 10A LION · 12A WATCHTOWER · 2D UPSLOPE · 3D ODUNZE · 4D POLLUX · 6D THRILLER · 8D MILTON · 11D BTK

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

Spend local today. The shop owner you chat with may become a friend.

LUCKY NUMBER 14 COLOR BRICK RED

★ TAURUS — Apr. 20 – May 20

A slow Saturday suits you. Coffee, a long breakfast and nowhere to be.

LUCKY NUMBER 6 COLOR MOSS GREEN

★ GEMINI — May 21 – June 20

Two invitations land at once. Pick the one that makes you laugh.

LUCKY NUMBER 23 COLOR YELLOW

★ CANCER — June 21 – July 22

Pull out the holiday boxes. An old ornament brings back a good memory.

LUCKY NUMBER 11 COLOR PEARL

★ LEO — July 23 – Aug. 22

You're the one people call for ideas this weekend. Enjoy the spotlight.

LUCKY NUMBER 31 COLOR GOLD

★ VIRGO — Aug. 23 – Sept. 22

Untangle the lights before you hang them. Patience now saves a ladder trip later.

LUCKY NUMBER 9 COLOR FOREST GREEN

★ LIBRA — Sept. 23 – Oct. 22

A thank-you note you've been meaning to write will mean more than you think.

LUCKY NUMBER 18 COLOR ROSE

★ SCORPIO — Oct. 23 – Nov. 21

Trust your gut on a deal that looks too good. Read the fine print.

LUCKY NUMBER 3 COLOR BURGUNDY

★ SAGITTARIUS — Nov. 22 – Dec. 21

Get outside, even in the drizzle. A short walk turns your whole day around.

LUCKY NUMBER 26 COLOR SKY BLUE

★ CAPRICORN — Dec. 22 – Jan. 19

A small project at home finally gets finished. Celebrate the win.

LUCKY NUMBER 15 COLOR CHARCOAL

★ AQUARIUS — Jan. 20 – Feb. 18

Someone new on your street could use a hello. Be the one to say it.

LUCKY NUMBER 20 COLOR TURQUOISE

★ PISCES — Feb. 19 – Mar. 20

Put on a favorite record and tidy up. The music makes the chores go faster.

LUCKY NUMBER 7 COLOR LAVENDER

TONIGHT'S SKY

Sun, moon and what to look for over Essex Junction

SUNRISE	7:05 a.m.
SUNSET	4:14 p.m.
DAYLIGHT	9 hr 9 min
CHANGE	-1.7 min vs. yesterday
MOON	Waning gibbous

Times for Essex Junction, Vt.

WHAT TO LOOK FOR

The moon: a waning gibbous about 79% lit, rising in mid-evening. Last quarter is Tuesday, Dec. 1, at 1:09 a.m. (lunaf, When the Curves Line Up)

Saturn and Uranus: Saturn is the bright "star" in the southeast an hour after sunset. Two hours after sunset, Uranus sits in the east in the same binocular field as the Pleiades — look before the moon rises. (When the Curves Line Up)

Monday before dawn: the moon joins Jupiter, Mars and Regulus in one binocular field — not again until 2062. (When the Curves Line Up)

Coming: December's Full Cold Moon is a supermoon, Dec. 23 at 8:28 p.m. Tonight's clouds may hide the sky; Sunday looks better. (Old Farmer's Almanac)