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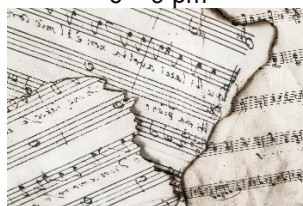
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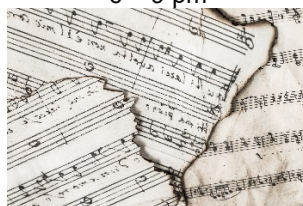
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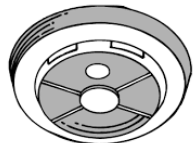


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11, at 10 a.m. at the Mancos Public
Library. The program will be the
showing of "One Woman, One Vote"
documenting the struggle that
culminated in the passing of the 19th
Amendment to the U.S.
Constitution in the Senate by one
vote. The film is part of the
PBS American Experience Series and
portrays the 70-year struggle
for women's suffrage - the right to
vote. The program will be about two-
hours long with a popcorn break
midway. League meetings are open to
the public and all are welcome.

For additional information please
contact Connie Fox at
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Coffee Break Horoscope

SAGITTARIUS (Nov 23 – Dec 21) Either start writing 2020 on your checks or stop writing checks! Use your electronics to pay bills. Lucky numbers: 01-08-13-26-28-34	GEMINI (May 22 – Jun 21) Ask an important question. What is the meaning of life? Where were you on Tuesday morning? Lucky numbers: 05-15-16-24-28-38
CAPRICORN (Dec 22 – Jan 20) Resolve to be a better person. It will be easier than to try to be a better wolverine or rhubarb. Lucky numbers: 11-15-18-21-36-40	CANCER (Jun 22 – Jul 23) Love someone or something. Love is a strong emotion, but it can't lift a couch. Try anyway. Lucky numbers: 12-13-17-22-31-33
AQUARIUS (Jan 21 – Feb 19) Drive your mother to the store. Drive your children crazy. Either way, fasten your seatbelt! Lucky numbers: 02-16-20-22-23-32	LEO (Jul 24 – Aug 23) Feed the birds. It is cold and their normal source is likely covered in snow. They sing for you. Lucky numbers: 01-12-20-22-41-42
PISCES (Feb 20 – Mar 20) Practice a skill you want to develop. It will take 10,000 hours to be good at it. Start the count! Lucky numbers: 10-15-18-30-32-40	VIRGO (Aug 24 – Sep 23) Solve a puzzle. It may be the only exercise you get all week. Celebrate the new year! Lucky numbers: 05-19-28-30-34-39
ARIES (Mar 21 – Apr 20) Revolutionize your way of thinking. Consider that those in power might be right. Yeah, right. Lucky numbers: 01-09-11-20-27-37	LIBRA (Sep 24 – Oct 23) It is good to regret nothing, as long you don't do anything to regret. Be nicer this year. Lucky numbers: 04-10-17-25-37-42
TAURUS (Apr 21 – May 21) Forget a painful memory. Carrying it with you weighs you down. Feel twenty pounds lighter. Lucky numbers: 01-07-17-19-30-38	SCORPIO (Oct 24 – Nov 22) Outside of a dog, a book is man's best friend. Inside of a dog it is too dark to read. Lucky numbers: 15-20-21-25-30-35
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LOCAL OBITUARIES

Dougherty, Ruthanna Marie, Cortez. No services announced. Deepest condolences to John and the Dougherty Family.

McCabe, Herman Ray, Cahone. Services Tue Dec 31, 2019.

Campbell, Wendy Lin, Cortez. Services Fri, Jan 3, 2020.

Graves, Paula Sue, Cortez. Services Sat, Jan 4, 2020.

Neeley, Stella Rose, Globe, AZ. Services Mon, Dec 30, 2019.

Hall, Phyllis Maurine, Cahone. No services announced.

Gore, Owen Michael, Dove Creek. Services Thu Jan 2, 2020.

Details at <http://ertelfuneralhome.com>

January is National Bath Safety Month and National Blood Donor Month. Jan 1 is New Year's Day and National Hangover Day. Jan 2 is Run Up the Flagpole and See if Anyone Salutes Day. Jan 3 is Festival of Sleep Day, Fruitcake Toss Day, and Humiliation Day. Jan 4 is National Spaghetti Day and Trivia Day. Jan 5 is Feast of the Epiphany Day – Three Kings, and National Bird Day. Jan 6 is Bean Day and Cuddle Up Day. Jan 7 is Old Rock Day.

Sudoku

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News From High Valley

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It Didn't Last

'Well, that didn't last!' was the only thought in the mind of Marshal Marshall Marshall late last Saturday night. Just the previous weekend he had to scramble to come up with a temporary Town Jail when his wife's beauty shop sprung a leak. His jail was located in the rear of her building for the past few years, ever since they moved to High Valley and he took over the duties of the Town Marshal. Sometime overnight, the antiquated plumbing system developed a leak and flooded the part of the building that housed his one jail cell. Nothing terribly criminal ever happened in High Valley, but they did have the one cell, in compliance with the rules and regulations of having a Marshal's office. When his part of the shop got flooded, he had to come up with a new solution until repairs could be made. He bought a used Winnebago and had steel bars welded over the windows and a steel door installed in the back half of the motor home.

And that all worked fine until a week later when the town was working up a sweat celebrating the turn of one year into the next. Before the Ball fell in New York City, Marshal Marshall Marshall had rounded up the three goofiest brothers in the entire region for being general pains in the patoot. Billy Ray Bobby Joe, being the oldest, was the ringleader of the three. He was followed by Joe Bobby Billy Ray and Ray Billy Joe Bobby. They were all the progeny of Betty Lou Sally Ann and Marcus Belson. They all looked alike, the boys. They might have been triplets but they and their matching sets of buck teeth had been born at various times over a four year period close to 25 years ago. At the community New Year's Eve Party, moved to the weekend because the year had chosen to officially change in the middle of a perfectly good work week, the Belson boys chose to accompany the band with a jaw harp, a moonshine jug and a pair of spoons from the buffet line. They kept good time for the first song, but their performance deteriorated quickly, and the Marshal was asked to move them along.

He got them separated from their dubious musical instruments and loaded into the Winnebago, where he took them with him on the rest of his rounds that night. His mistake was when he stopped by the High Valley Stallion Gas Station and Convenience Store a little before they closed. When he came back to the parking lot, the Temporary Jail and Patrol Winnebago was not where he left it. And neither were Billy Ray Bobby Joe, Joe Bobby Billy Ray and Ray Billy Joe Bobby. Oh, he knew where they had gone – one of two possible destinations for those three. He hiked a couple of blocks to the Legion Hall to check his first hunch, and found they weren't back at the big dance there.

The alternative was that they went home. In half an hour, he walked two miles to the Belson family home and retrieved the Town Jail. He told Marcus that he would let the boys stay home if they promised not to leave the county and that he could bring them to court on Monday. Sadly, someone who was interning for another news outlet reported the theft of the town jail to a news wire service and the word was out all over the country that his jail had been hijacked. There will be a lot of paperwork over this!

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**Not the whole page. Just this little box. Members of the club just shake their collective heads when they hear about things that happen in High Valley. They know towns like that, and they are glad they don't live there. They know people who do, however, and understand when those friends ask if they can come stay with them for a week or so.*