



Instructions

Episode One (aka Week One) - Challenge 1 (of 2)

To play the Spectres of Benton County Clue Hunt and Mystery Game 'unconnected' so to speak, this is the place for you.

Each Challenge includes a series of PDF pages you print, that form the basis of the challenge's game. While the puzzles & quizzes will be slightly different from the connected versions of this game, the story, clues and mystery are the same.

In this Challenge are several images from the site of the first location, the Van Buren Bridge. Unfortunately, they are scrambled and need to be re-assembled before the quiz can be attempted. Answering the questions reveals a code giving you access to a recorded message. That is all for this package.

If you need a hint, you can visit the private [Facebook Group](https://www.facebook.com/conundrumhouse/fb-spectres) (<https://www.conundrumhouse.com/fb-spectres>) to exchange notes with other players. You can also join the [Slack Channel](https://www.conundrumhouse.com/slack-spectres) (<https://www.conundrumhouse.com/slack-spectres>) for the same kind of sharing and support.

On Wednesday, this episode's Second Challenge will be released. If you are signed up to receive the game eMails, look for one on that day with the link to the Game Page giving you access to the new PDF Challenge.

The Jigsaw Scrambles

On the Ground

Historical Marker

If you are local to Corvallis, put the first jigsaw scramble together and see if you can find the actual Information Board, and answer the quiz from the board directly. (The Quiz is on the next page.)

If that doesn't work, assemble the other scrambles to answer the quiz in the comfort of wherever you are.

Play @ Home

If you are playing the game at home only, you will want to complete these three jigsaw puzzles as well.

Flood Detail

Bridge Operational Detail

Politics and Women's Clout

The Quiz

There are 7 questions in the quiz which can be answered from the board or the details of the board. Please read the questions carefully, and find the answers in the text of the Historical Marker.



IF **PLAYING ON THE GROUND**, THEN THIS

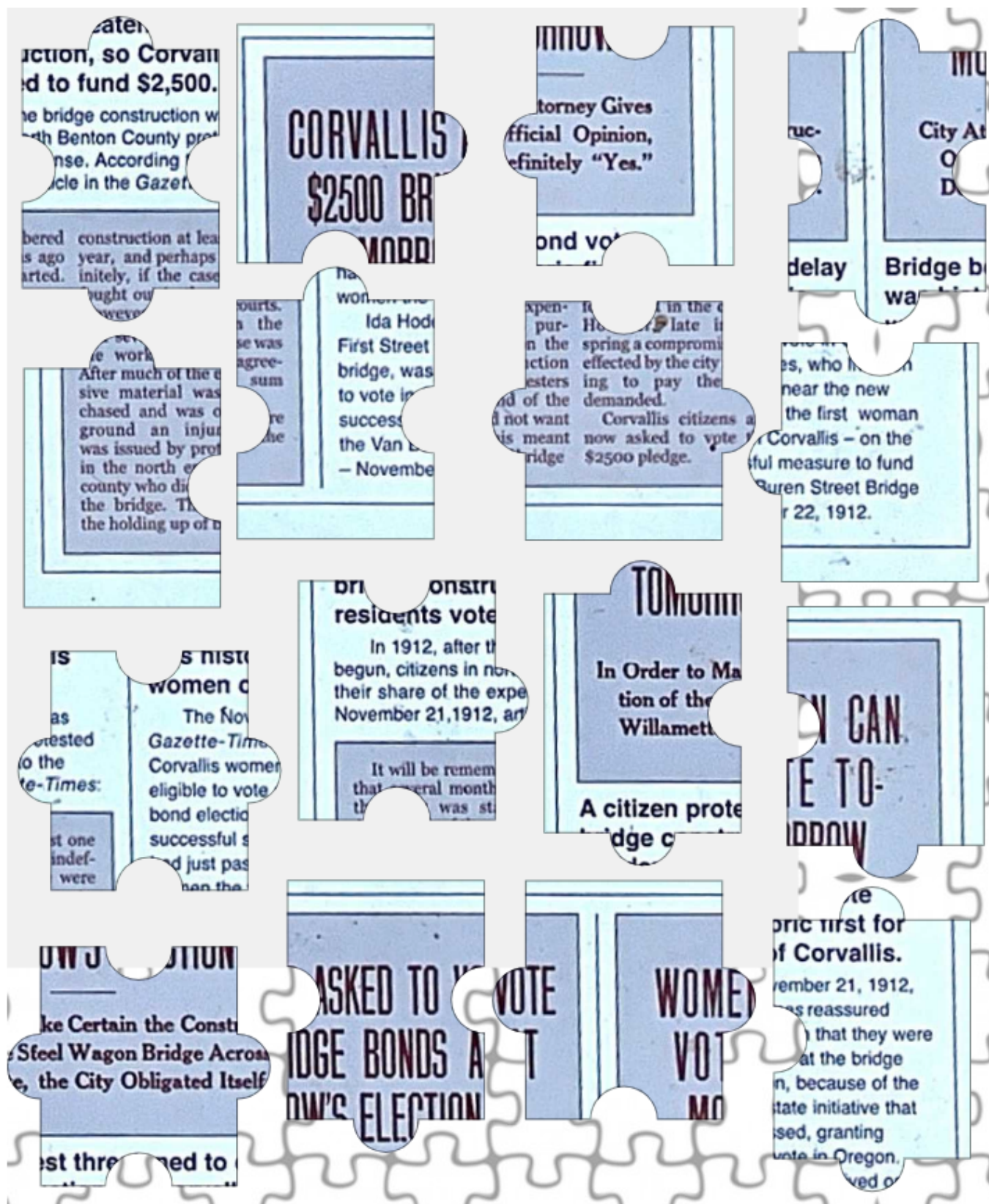
Quiz: Contact George

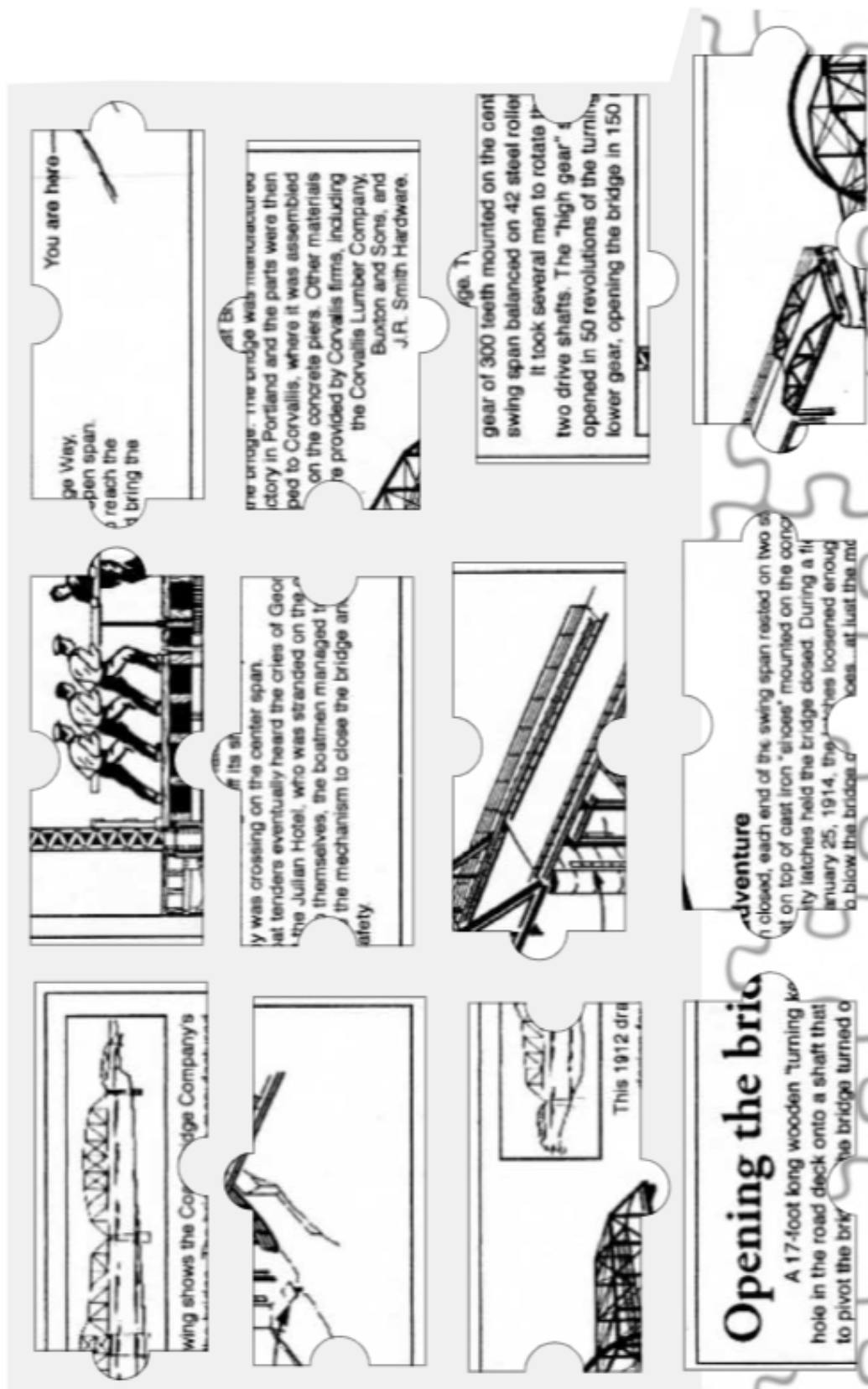
The answers to these questions will give you access to George's last message! The answers to the questions can be found in the Van Buren Bridge Info Plaque, and the parts of the plaque you put together in the Jigsaw exercises.

If you get stuck, hints come out Wednesday, OR you can ping us in the facebook Group or Spectre Hunters Slack channel!

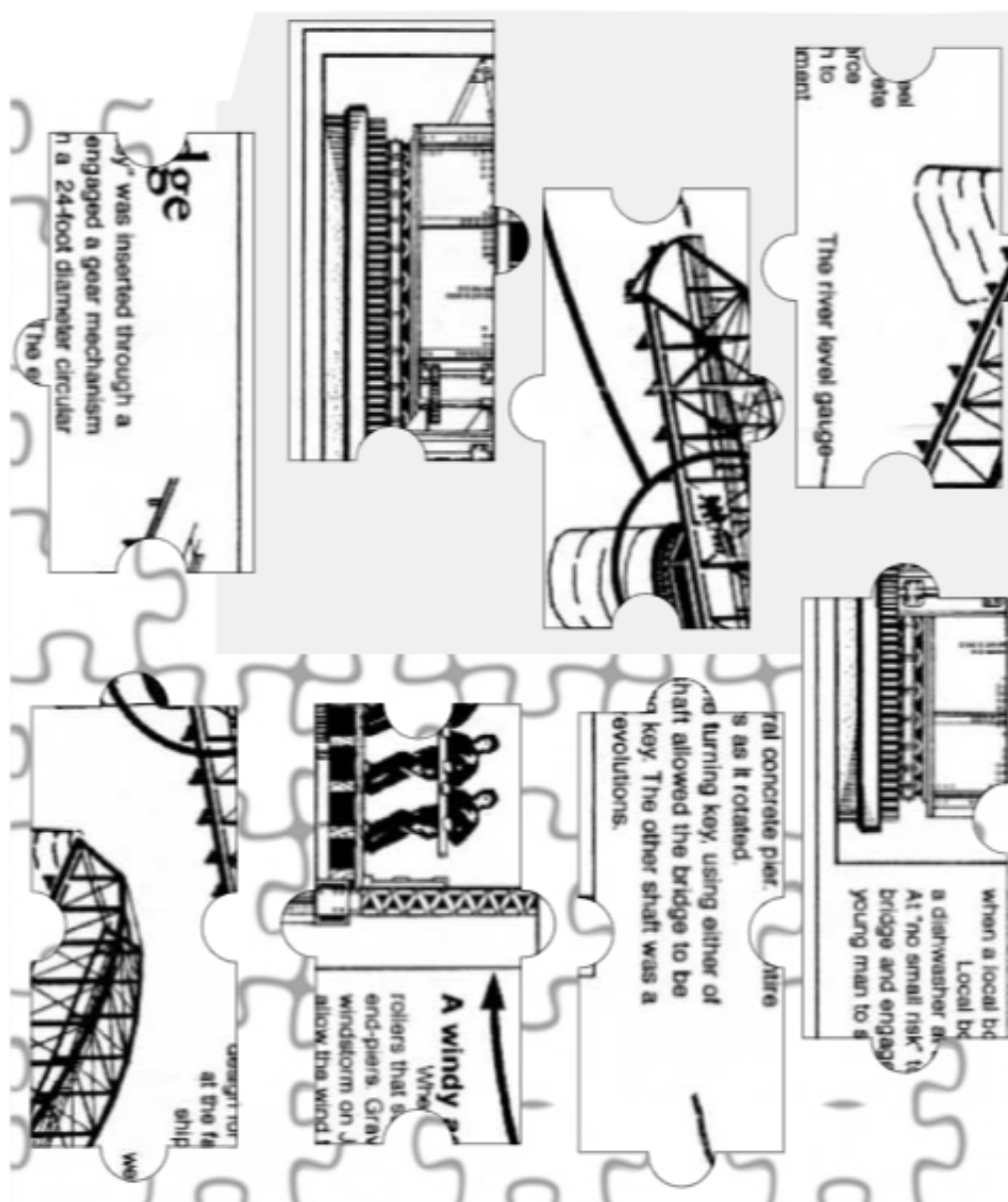
1. The last digit of the year the second highest flood happened.
2. The number of rollers, minus 1
3. 3 digits are a tenth of the amount the citizens of Corvallis were asked to pledge in the historic vote on November 22, 1912.
4. I kid you not - you got this first!
5. The day of the last flood.
6. The number of men required to open the bridge.
7. The number of sections of the Van Buren Bridge

THEN ALL 3 OF THESE -
Jigsaw: Women Can Vote





Jigsaw: Opening the Bridge (pieces 2)





THE REST OF THE STORY

When closed, each end of the swing span rested on two steel rollers that sat on top of cast iron “shoes” mounted on the concrete end-piers. Gravity latches held the bridge closed. During a fierce wind storm on January 25, 1914, the latches loosened enough to allow the wind to blow the bridge off its shoes...at just the moment when a local boy was crossing on the center span.

Local boat tenders eventually heard the cries of George Way, a dishwasher at the Julian Hotel, who was stranded on the open span. At “no small risk to themselves,” the boatmen managed to reach the bridge and engage the mechanism to close the bridge and bring the young man to safety.

Why would George be venturing out on such a fierce and stormy night? Surely he would have been aware of the bridge slowly being swung open by the wind? What was he preoccupied with as he lingered on the bridge? Clearly something was afoot – at the Courthouse, he feared...

Check your email for this Episode’s Challenge 2 release!

If you’d like to receive Episode One, Challenge 2, and you’ve not yet registered in the game, please visit <https://spectres.conundrumhouse.com> so you don’t miss a single challenge, set of hints or more of the unfolding story!