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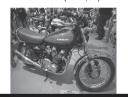
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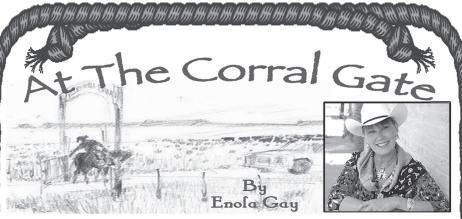
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People born during the last ten days of January are Aquarians. Remember the "age of Aquarius" when cool people were to expect a change..."harmony and understanding, sympathy and trust abounding"? Aquarians possess originality and charisma, talent, style and individuality. They are adaptable, outgoing and good in social settings. Friends and family of Aquarians often state that they are the most original and positive people they know. Viva, Aquarius!

I hope we are not too deep into the New Year for me to ask you what you got for Christmas. Did you get everything, or at least something, you'd asked Santa for? My "big" present was one that I bought for my ranch-o. I've found the privilege of buying yourself what you want is one of the joys of mature adulthood.

# Here's a Show and Tell from Christmas 2014.



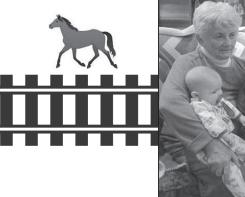
Red of course...Cindy Roller's new Dodge Challenger R/T with Hemi V8 engine in TorRed with racing stripes. How'd they get this under the tree?



"Honey" my granddaughter's guinea pig was dressed in bows for Christmas morning.



Talk about horsepower, Sue Smith didn't get her horse for Christmas but she organized "horseback caroling" in her country neighborhood.



Julie Miller did double duty at Christmas time by baby sitting these two grandsons, born just a couple of months apart.





Since they chewed apart the wood corral. I bought the mules a new corral for Christmas and got free son-in-law labor to put it up.

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West was a free woman of color, of mixed race, or a "high yellow". She was born in New Haven, Connecticut. In 1835 she was contracted to James Morgan in New York to work as an indentured servant for one year in Morgan's Point, Texas, at the New Washington Association's hotel as a house-keeper. Several months into her year of indentureship, on April 16, 1836, West and other residents were kidnapped by Mexican cavalry. West was forced to travel with the forces of General Antonio López de Santa Anna as they prepared to face the army led by Sam Houston, and was in the Mexican camp on April 21 when Houston's force attacked. The Texans won the Battle of San Jacinto in 18 minutes.

According to legend, Santa Anna had been caught unprepared because he was with Miss West. No contemporary accounts indicate that Santa Anna was with a woman at the time, but the story was recorded in the journal of Englishman William Bollaert in 1842, who heard it from a veteran during a steamer trip. After Bollaert's diary was published in 1956, amateur historians began to expand the tale, with Henderson Shuffler suggesting that West fit the description of the girl in the then-popular folk song "The Yellow Rose of Texas." The story continued to grow, with many references to West's beauty, as the legend took hold by the 1986 Texas Sesquicentennial.

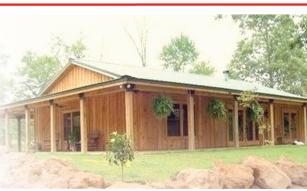
After the Battle of San Jacinto, the real Emily West wanted to leave Texas, but the papers that declared her "free" had been lost. Major Isaac Moreland, commandant of the garrison at Galveston, vouched for Emily in her application for a passport. Emily possibly returned to New York in March 1837.

It is unknown if she did carry James Morgan's surname, as was supposed; this was the custom for indentured servants and slaves at the time. Also, arriving coincidentally in Morgan's Point on board Morgan's schooner from New York was Emily West de Zavala, the wife of the interim Vice President of the Republic of Texas, Lorenzo de Zavala, and grandmother of Adina Emilia De Zavala. The widowed Mrs Lorenzo de Zavala had returned to New York in 1837 at about the same time as Emily D. West, although West de Zavala returned to Texas in early 1839. Denise McVea suggests that the Emily West of the Yellow Rose of Texas legend was Emily West de Zavala. There is no contemporary or primary evidence that Emily D. West and Emily de Zavala were the same person.

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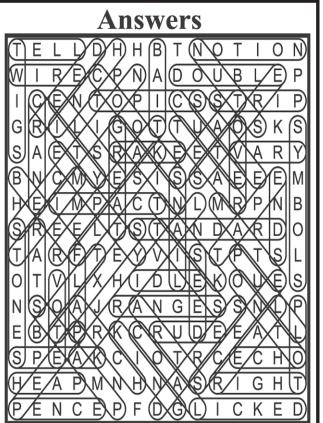


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In the movie Mary Poppins, Julie Andrews sings a song that states: "A spoonful of sugar makes the medicine go down in a most delightful way."

These days it takes a lot of medicine to take the news. I have a good friend, a lawyer, who says he watches the 5:30 news every day and ends up in tears because it has the entire spectrum of emotions. He cries at the horrible things happening around the world, and then does the same thing

when the "feel good" stuff comes on at the end of the newscast.

He might need some medicine to make him feel better. And that may apply to a bunch of other people, too. I think the 30-minute evening network newscast is a big medicine show.

In early December I carefully watched the 5:30 news for three days straight and counted commercials for medicines. I watched CBS on Wednesday, December 10, then watched NBC on Thursday December 11, then watched ABC on Friday, December 12. I suspected the number of medicine commercials was greater than commercials for other things, but I was amazed to learn how many there were for various drugs designed to make people feel better.

CBS had fifteen commercials during the 30-minute cast. There were two for Trivago, one for GMC and the rest were for Xarelto, Prevnar 13, Gaviscom, Nexium, Tamiflu and similar items.

NBC also had fifteen commercials during its 30-minute news report. Very similar to CBS: three for investment services, two for insurance. The others were for Brisdelle, Jublia, Linzess, Cialis and other things for various ailments. The news report did have a lengthy report on a breast cancer sympo-

During ABC's evening news, there was just one of the thirteen spots that was not medicinal. It was for Ameritrade. Again, we're talking about commercials for Brisdelle, Jublia, Tamiflu, Bayer Aspirin, Cialis, CVS Health, Chrones disease, Ensure, Chantix, Alka-Seltzer, Symbicort and Coricidin. So when network news goes after sponsors, the obvious targets are firms dealing in medicines. That is quite different from local newscasts, which depend mainly on car dealers and furniture stores.

Advertising is the engine that runs the American economy. It, more than anything else (except maybe for our right to report the news), represents what America is all about and is a perfect example of how our free enterprise system works.

My wife and I have owned an advertising agency since 1981 and love the business. It's encouraging to see how effective advertising can be. Apparently network television news and medicine were meant for each other.

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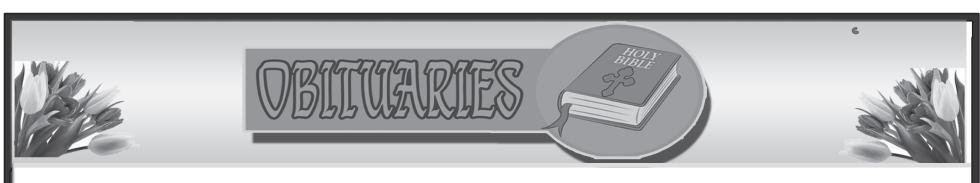
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### Robert Alvin Stauss, Jr.

Memorial Mass for Robert Alvin Stauss, Jr., 54 of New Orleans, LA will be held at 2:00 PM, Friday, January 23rd, 2015 at Lakelawn Metairie Funeral Home, 5100 Pontchartrain Blvd. in New Orleans, LA. Robert is survived by his wife Angela Roberts Stauss; son Robert "Bobby" Stauss III, of N.O.; daughter Ashley Stauss of N.O.; step-son Justin Garner of Houston, TX; grandson, Robert "Robby" Stauss, IV of N.O.; Parents of Angela Stauss, Samantha Ames Whiting (Gaylord) of Sulphur Springs, TX and James L. Roberts, Jr. (Donna) of Commerce, TX. Robert was the son of the late Robert Stauss, Sr. and Jean Stauss of New Orleans, LA.

Robert leaves behind a brother, Brian Stauss and sisters, Eileen Stauss of California and Amy Stauss of New Orleans.

Robert will be missed by many relatives from Florida and Sulphur Springs.

Robert was an electrician (foreman) for Frischhertz Electric in New Orleans for 17 years. He was a member of the IBEW Union for 25 years. He loved his dog, "Cajun", fishing in the bayou, cooking and spending time with family and friends. He had a huge heart, was extremely compassionate toward others and had a wonderful sense of humor. He will be missed dearly.



### Ronald John Vondall

Military graveside honors by the Marine Honor Guard for Ronald John Vondall, 76, of Sulphur Springs, were held at 2:00 p.m., Saturday, January 17, 2015 at Elm Cemetery with Bro. Paul Bailey officiating.

There was no formal visitation.

Mr. Vondall passed away on January 13, 2015 at the VA Hospital in Temple, TX.

He was born on August 17, 1938 in Belcourt, ND, the son of Michael and Florence Martin Vondall. He married Kay Froneberger on January 4, 1973 in Marietta, OK. She survives. Mr. Vondall served in the U.S. Marine Corps and worked as a mechanical designer.

In addition to his wife, he is also survived by children, Nicole Vondall of Belton, TX, Amy Blanchard and husband Tim of Sulphur Springs, Jeff, Monique, Darin, Leo, and Tracy of ND, brothers, Michael Vondall of Pocatello, ID, Larry Vondall of Dickinson, ND, John Vondall of Minneapolis, MN, sisters, Mary Jane Vondall and Cecelia Vondall both of Grand Portage, MN, Valda Vondall of Brainard, MN, grandchildren, Rye, Mia, Mekya, Alani, and Emerson.

He was preceded in death by daughter, Paige Vondall Kelly and granddaughter, Molly Paige Blanchard.



### **Troy Whetsel**

Troy Whetsel, age 55, of Point, died at his residence, Thursday, Jan. 15, 2015.

Troy was born in Big Spring, on July 26, 1959, to Riley Douglas and Janetta Faye Byers Whetsel. He worked in construction as a contractor.

Mr. Whetsel is survived by: Son: T.J. Whetsel and wife Sarah of Midland. Sister: Duchess Whetsel Klein and husband Elbert of Midland. Grandchildren: Lesli, Lauren, Mason, and Hagen Whetsel Numerous other loving family and friends.

He was preceded in death by parents; and birth mother, Ella Estep Howell

A private memorial will be held at a later date.



### Dorothy "Dot" Saul

Funeral Services for Dorothy "Dot" Saul, age 89 of Sulphur Springs, were held at 11:00 a.m., Tuesday, January 20, 2015 at Gafford Chapel United Methodist Church with Rev. Fred Lewis officiating. Interment followed in the Gafford Chapel Cemetery with Bryan White, Daniel Roper III, Ace Hamner, Stewart Ham, Buzzy Ivey, Dr. Mark Miller and Dr. Dan Roper, Jr. serving as pallbearers. Honorary pallbearers are Biankah Miles, LaWanda Rape and the care givers at Carriage House Manor.

Visitation was held one hour prior to the service.

Dorothy "Dot" passed away on Sunday, January 18, 2015 at Carriage House Manor. She retired from Western Union where she met her husband, Jack.

She was born on March 5, 1925, the daughter of C. W. and Zora Mildred Kirby Warren in Austin, TX. She married Jack Saul on August 6, 1945 in Austin, TX. He preceded her in death in 2006.

Survivors include: daughter, Debbie Price and husband, Gregg of Sulphur Springs; brother, Robert Warren of Germantown, TN; grandchildren, Natalie Paige White and husband, Bryan and Abbey Ellen Roper and husband, Daniel; great-grandchildren, Mason Greggory White, Charlie James White, Hannah Rose Roper and Jack Hodges Roper.

Along with her husband, she was preceded in death by her parents; sisters, Frances Smith and Janie Beard and brothers, Hulen Warren and James Warren.





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