

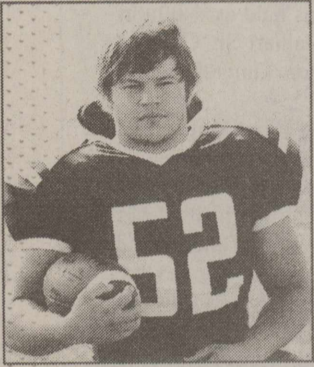
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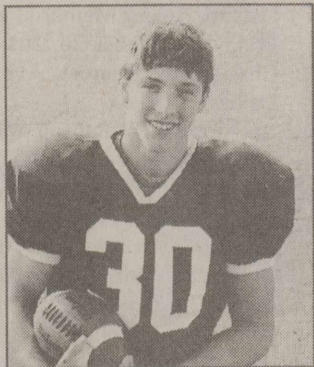
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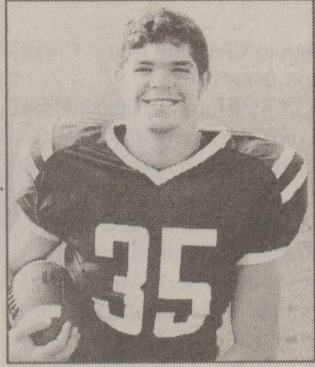
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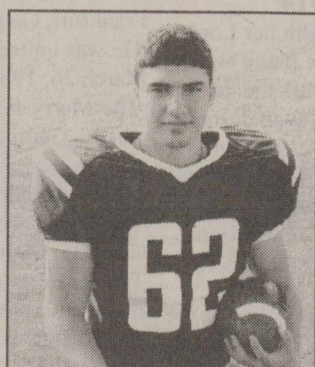
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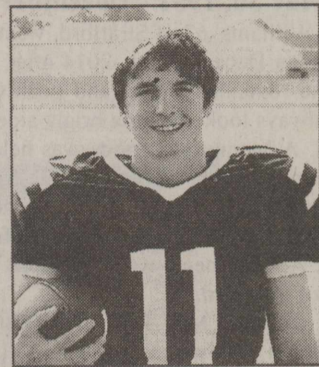
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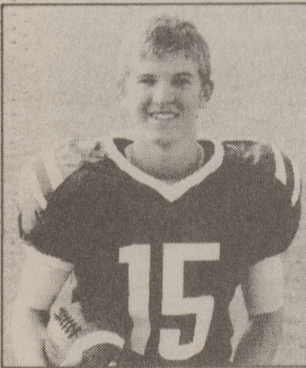
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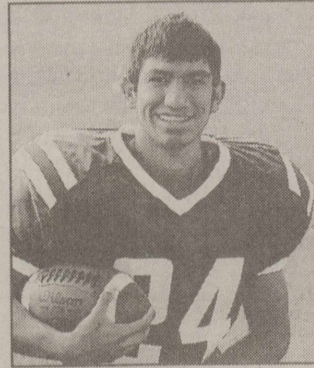
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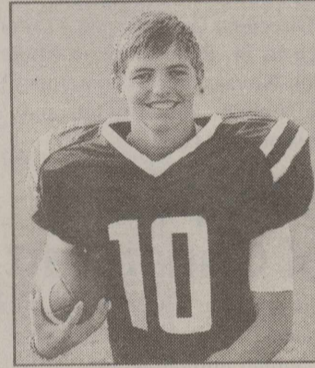
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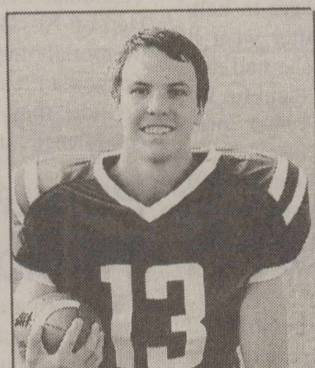
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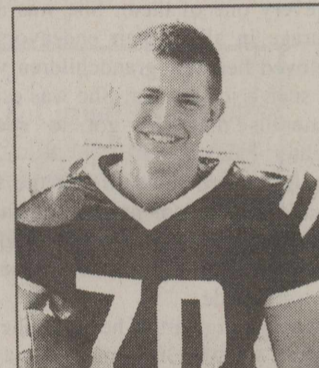
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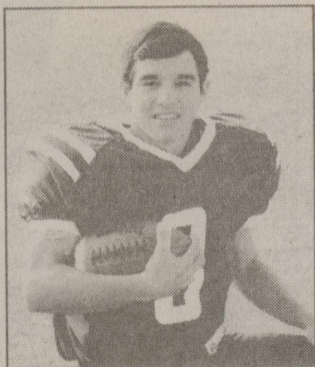
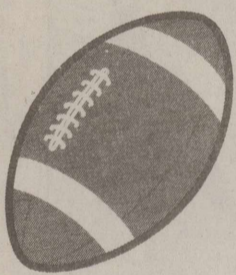
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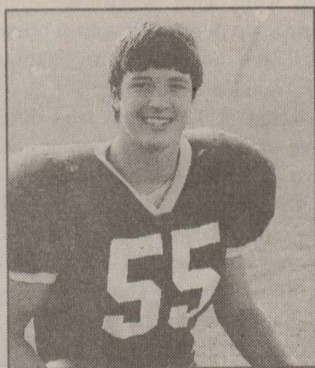
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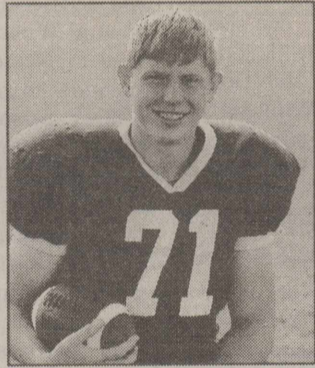
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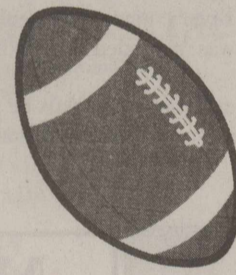
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2nd Team Secondary



Russell Spurlock
Honorable Mention
Center



Parker Hanna
Honorable Mention
Offensive Lineman



Will Young winner of YETI Cooler
Congratulations to Will Young, winner of the YETI cooler giveaway sponsored by Sherman County Farm Bureau agents Leonda Fedric and Kaci McBryde. We wish you all a blessed 2015!



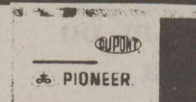
A Pauline Griffin fund has been set up for help with funeral expenses at The First State Bank of Stratford.

A medical fund has been set up for Gerardo Romero at Happy State Bank to help pay for his shoulder surgery. Your help will be appreciated!

Un fondo medico se ha creado para Gerardo Romero en Happy State Bank para ayudar a pagar por su cirugia de hombre. Su ayuda sera apreciada!

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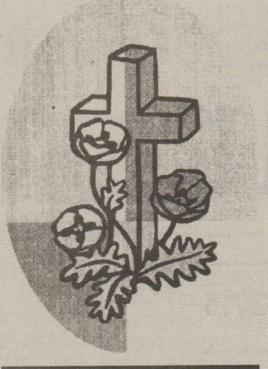
Agenda:
Registration 9:30 a.m.
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A HAPPY NEW YEAR

Obituaries



Mary Pat Williams
May 30, 1951 - December 21, 2014

Mary Pat Williams, 63 of Stratford, went to be with her Lord and Savior on December 21, 2014 after a 3 year battle with cancer. She remained strong and positive up until the very end. She always looked on the bright side of life, even during her illness. A Memorial Service was held at 2 o'clock in the afternoon on Tuesday, December 23, 2014 at First Christian Church with Rev Gary Smith, pastor of the church, officiating. A private family interment followed in Stratford Cemetery. Arrangements were entrusted to Morrison Funeral Directors of Stratford.

Mary Pat was born May 30, 1951 in Dumas, TX to Bill and Pauline Martin. She was a member of First Christian Church of Stratford where she had been a Sunday school teacher and had served her church in many different ways over the years. She loved her church and her church family and relied on her strong faith to get her thru whatever life dealt her. Her faith was her foundation and the solid rock that sustained her always.

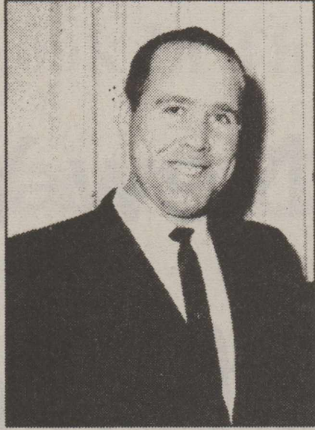
Mary Pat loved her family deeply and was very proud of each and every one of them. She was always there to help and encourage in all of their endeavors, no matter what it was. She loved her new grandchildren with all she had and they were such a joy for her. She was especially thankful for the 19 months that she got to spend with her new granddaughter, Paizley.

Mary Pat loved and lived life to the fullest. She enjoyed travelling and the excitement of doing and seeing new things. She really loved to play golf, and her and Randy got to play golf in several different places across the U. S., where lots of memories were made.

Education was a big part of her life. She was in the Stratford school system for over 30 years. She was a 4th grade teacher for many years, then was principal of Mary Allen Elementary upon her retirement. She truly loved each and every one of her students and fellow teachers with all of her heart and with all of her patience. She strived daily to lead by example.

She is survived by her husband and best friend: Randy of the home; one son: Brad and his wife Lori and their children: Paizley, Raelynn and Cole all of Amarillo, TX; one sister: Kathleen Searle and husband Bobby of Olathe, KS; two brothers: Ted Martin of Woodland Park, Co and Denny Martin of Lubbock; brother in law: Steve Williams of Midlothian, VA; several nieces and nephews and lots and lots of friends. She was preceded in death by her mother and father.

The family suggests that memorials be sent to First Christian Church of Stratford, or to Circle of Friends in Stratford.



George Merry
September 1, 1938-December 21, 2014

Texhoma, OK - George Merry, 76, passed away Sunday, December 21, 2014 at the Coldwater Manor, Stratford, Texas.

The son of Dacre (Russell) and Albert Franklin Merry, George Frank Merry was born September 1, 1938 at Kerrick, Texas. George graduated from Texhoma High School with the Class of 1956. George served in the United States Army as Military Police and was stationed in Frankfurt, Germany.

He was united in marriage to Charlotte Marie Christian on March 26, 1964 in Clayton, New Mexico.

The Merry family lived in Stratford, Texas and Texhoma, where George worked for Texhoma Wheat Growers. George was a member of the Masonic Lodge and St. Paul Lutheran Church.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife, Charlotte Merry, in 2003; and six brothers and sisters.

He is survived by two sons, Wiley Merry, and wife, Jessica; and Willy Merry; and three grandchildren, Olivia, Wyatt and Baxter Merry, all of Texhoma. He is also survived by 5 brothers and sisters.

The family will receive friends for viewing on Friday evening, 5-7:00 PM at St. Paul Lutheran Church, Texhoma.

Funeral services were held Saturday morning, December 27th, 10:00 AM at St. Paul Lutheran with Pastor John Wackier, officiating. Military burial rites followed in Texhoma Cemetery. Services were under the care of Henson-Novak Funeral Directors, Guymon and Texhoma. Memorials may be given to St. Paul Lutheran Church or Texhoma FFA, do Henson-Novak Funeral Directors, P.O. Friends may sign the online guest book and send condolences at www.hensonnovak.com.

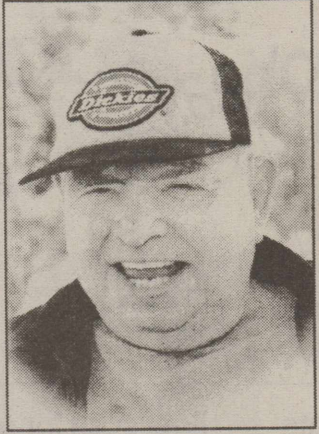
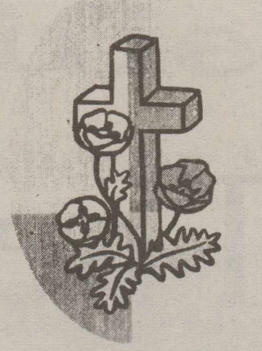
Pursuit of Happiness: The love of Christ Part 2

I was born a dirty, rotten, stinking, sinner. We are all born sinners. How are we sinners? Let me count the ways. We are all born human with human limitations for resisting sin. Thus we are born sinful. When God created the first humans they were connected to him by his spirit. This bond was broken with their choice to seek self-satisfaction. This rejection of God breached the perfect relationship between God and man. Our human nature is self-serving and self-seeking. We all want what we want, when we want it! Without instruction we begin life with a relentless urge to please ourselves. We know how to manipulate situations to get what we want. We are deceptive at will to achieve personal satisfaction. Like Adam and Eve we follow thoughts that drive us to satisfy our human desires. Like the first humans, we make poor choices that separate us from God's spirit. We lie, steal, and cheat to get those things we hope will give us satisfaction. This drive for personal satisfaction is sometimes cloaked as our "right" to be happy. Isaiah 56:6 compares us to sheep gone astray. The constant pursuit of happiness keeps us pre-occupied with ourselves. This preoccupation with ourselves and life here on Earth places us in violation of God's first commandment to love him first. Ignoring God and putting ourselves in his place opens the door to a myriad of "unintentional" sins against God. Ephesians 2:3 says "All of us also lived among them at one time, gratifying the cravings of our flesh and following its desires and thoughts."

God, our loving benefactor, does not abandon us to our well-deserved eternal separation from him. He provides us with guaranteed salvation from this damnation by sacrificing his son in propitiation of our sins. Accepting Jesus as our savior scrubs us clean from the stench of our filthy sins and presents us "faultless" to God. Through Christ we can stand in God's presence without any blemishes or defilement surrounded by the sweet-smelling aroma of his spirit. Seeking happiness on Earth blinds us to the endless joy we can experience through our communion with God's spirit. God sent Jesus to reconnect us to God through the Holy Spirit. Communion with God's spirit cleanses and purifies us. Our thoughts are redirected from the sin of selfishness to the salvation offered through the love of Christ.

Ephesians 2:3 says we are all deserving of God's wrath. Instead he sent his son representing his Forgiveness for our sins. I am grateful for finding the true path to happiness through Christ. My stinking sins that span a lifetime are blotted out and replaced with eternal life in God's presence. Worshipping God for eternity, I will know the pure joy of true happiness. Meditation: Have I been cleansed by the Holy Spirit
Psalms 51:5 John 15:13 Job 14:14 Ecclesiasticus 7:20 Romans 5:14 Isaiah 56:6
Ephesians 2: 1 John 4:7 Jude 1:24 Colossians 1:22
Feedback welcomejoniahhyssop@gmail.com

Obituaries



Joe Harold Thompson

Joe Harold Thompson, 87, died Monday, December 22, 2014 in Amarillo, Texas

Graveside Services were held at 11:00 am Friday, December 26, 2014 at Memorial Park Cemetery - Dalhart, Texas. Memorial Service was held at 1:00 pm Friday, December 26, 2014 at the Dalhart Sr. Citizens Chapel, 610 Denrock Ave. —Horizon Funeral Home, Dalhart, Texas.

Joe Harold Thompson was born to Floyd and Hilda Thompson in La Prayor, Texas in 1927. Joe served in World War 11 and married Ann Hartshorn in 1950 in Dallas, Texas. He was engaged in farming all of his adult life. He was an active member of Texline United Methodist Church, served as a member of the Texline school board, and was active in the Coldwater community.

He was preceded in death by Ann in 2001 after fifty years of marriage. In the years after Ann's death, he enjoyed traveling and the companionship of Goldie Cummings. He was also preceded in death by one sister Lorene Berkman.

Survivors include three daughters and one son, Becky Hill and husband Bill, Terri Teig and husband John, Rusty Thompson, and Juliann Fulton and husband Larry. He is also survived by grandchildren Matt Hill and wife Jessica, Karli Jo Hill, Todd Teig, and Trisha Teig in addition to two great grandchildren Ethan and Mila Hill. Other survivors included many beloved nieces and nephews.

Special thanks to the CLC staff for taking such loving care of Joe. Memorial can be made to CLC at the VA in Amarillo, the Coldwater Community Center or Texline United Methodist Church.



Santa Wreaths Made

By Paula Nusz

Photos by Paula Nusz

Legacy Assisted Living held a craft day on Monday, December 8, 2014. Six residents gathered to make Santa face wreaths using tulle fabric. The pompom noses just make the faces merrier. Residents making wreaths include: Louise Stilwell, Jo Ann Bell, Margie Clevenger, Fleta Parker, Helen Summerour, and Grace Lyles. This is just one of the holiday activities for Legacy.

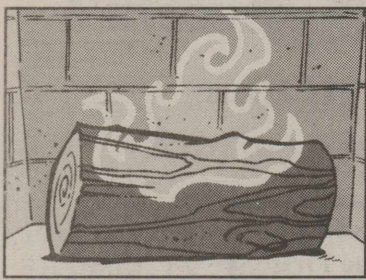
Start off 2015 with new Friends

By Paula Nusz

UnTied Singles Fellowship invites all singles from the area to join the fun on Tuesday, January 6, 2015. Meet at the 1st United Methodist Church Fellowship hall (520 N. Main) in Stratford at 6:30 p.m. Please bring a can of vegetables to add to the communal pot of soup for supper and a dessert to share. The meat for the soup and cornbread will be supplied.

Itinerary for 2015 will be discussed. There are no dues to belong to this group of folks which encompasses all adult age groups. The 1st Tuesday, of each month, is the regular meeting date at the church at 6:30 p.m. During this time, games are played, movies are watched, and special interest programs are entertained. Also each month, some type of outing will occur. The cost for these trips will be minimal and paid by the participant. A carpool system for the outings is used. A large range of interests are accommodated for the outings.

Everyone is encouraged to join this group of friendly and happy people. "We just want to have fun" is the motto for this group. This is a non-denominational fellowship. No nursery is provided for children. The church is handicap accessible. For more information, please contact Paula Nusz (806-753-6489)



During the ancient 12-day Christmas celebration, the log burned was called the "Yule log." Sometimes a piece of the Yule log would be kept to kindle the fire the following winter, to ensure that the good luck carried on from year to year.

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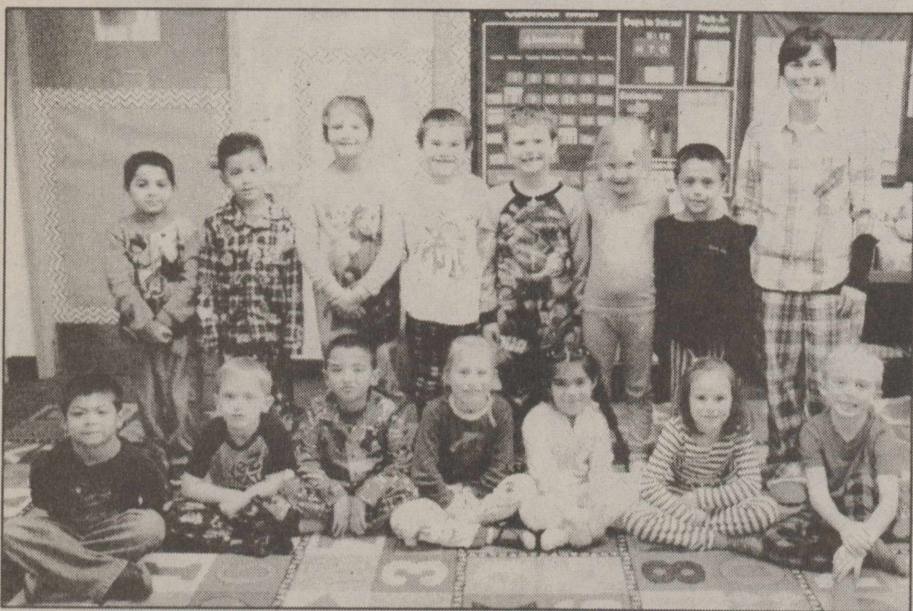
Happy New Year

Polar Express Day-Dec. 18th

The Kindergarten classes of Mrs. Lavake, Mrs. Rutherford, and Ms. Koehn enjoyed Polar Express day on Thursday, December 18, 2014 at Mary Allen Elementary. Students enjoyed wearing their pajamas, drinking hot chocolate, eating candy canes and watching Polar Express. Shown below is Mrs. Ashly Lavake and her class.

Shown with her Kindergarten class on Polar Express day is Mrs. Ronda Rutherford.

Ms. Christine Koehn is shown surrounded by her class on Polar Express day.



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4-H Meetings

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December 8
January 12
February 9
March 16
April 13
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Clover Kid Meetings

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January 26
February 23
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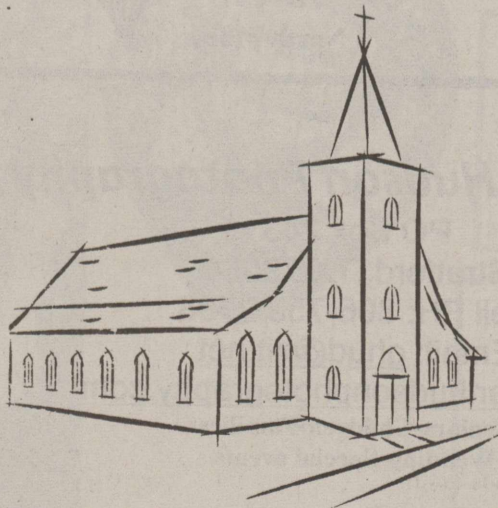
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Morning Worship 10:45 a.m.
Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study 6:30 p.m.

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Pastor Gary Smith
5th & Main
Sunday School 9:45 a.m. (nursery)
Morning Worship 10:45 a.m. (nursery)
No Sunday evening Worship Service

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Rev. Steve Ulrey 396-2178
520 N. Main
Sunday School 9:20 a.m.
Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.
Junior & Senior High UMY 6:00 p.m.

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Rectory 366-5687
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Jr. & Sr. High. Wed. 6:30-8:30 p.m.

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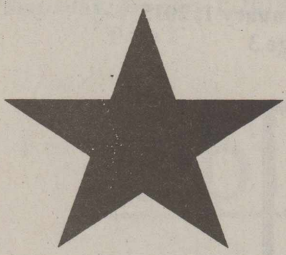
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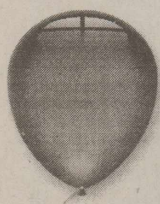
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HAPPY NEW YEAR

Auld Lang Syne



The song "Auld Lang Syne," with lyrics by Robert Burns set to an old Scottish melody, is traditionally sung at the stroke of midnight on New Year's Eve. In the Scots dialect, which Burns spoke, "auld lang syne" means "old long ago," or simply, "the good old days."

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