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The Christmas Photo Album



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A Letter from the Editor

Dear Reader,

i'm so excited for the holiday season. Even though I prefer summer because I'm used to the warmer climate, I do appreciate friends



and families coming together during this the season. Of course, I enjoy receiving presents on Christmas. Always have, always will. I can remember my Christmas list being a mile long asking for expensive gifts. Since I have a decent paying job, I have been able to afford things that I would normally ask for during Christmas. I still love seeing the tree after it is trimmed with ornaments. Maybe you van tell from the front cover, but our family forgoes the traditional ball style ornaments for those either offered by Hallmark, ones made by me growing up, or ones received as gifts over the years. The Christmas season never starts for ME until I watch Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer on CBS. And I will keep shouting from the rooftops until I am old and gray that RUDOLPH NEEDS TO AIR **BEFORE** FROSTY THE SNOWMAN! Christmas just isn't Christmas without Silver and Gold sung by the great Burl Ives, and I will not start shopping for Christmas until I find out if Santa really did return to the Island of Misfit Toys, and if Yukon Cornelius ever struck it rich with silver.

> Hermie: I tH0uGhT U wAnt3D G O L D! Yukon Cornelius: I cHanGeD mY m1Nd!

I also have fond memories of other people and their take on Christmas, such as my old boss Ru-Bone Hernandez absolutely HATING the song "Wonderful Christmastime" by Wings (Paul and Linda McCartney's band). I posted the video to his Facebook page as I was writing this article, so if he ever sees this: Hope you're still having a Wonderful Christmastime. Anyhoo, this issue will be an all photograph issue containing pictures taken during the Austin Radio Network Christmas party, my Grandmother's 86th birthday party, and my girlfriend Jahna's visit to my house. There will also be Christmas pictures taken throughout the years. I hope you enjoy looking through this year's photo album.

-Matthew "Matty Matt" Martinez

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AUSTIN RADIO NETWORK CHRISTMAS PARTY DECEMBER 15, 2022



Vaquero's Café and Cantina with their beer bottle Christmas tree



Someone painted the tank of the toilet in the men's room.



Sombreros adorn the Christmas trees inside of Vaquero's



Rice and Beans



Chicken Fajitas

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I had the beef fajitas and rice. I didn't get the beans because I didn't want to toot all the way back home.



(L to R) ARN Office Staff, Ty Henderson, Kory Guidry (Not Pictured) Jack "Scooter" Pharel, Jacob Standard



(L to R) Matty Matt (That's me son! :D) "Bar-B-Que Bob Cole



So I won a door prize. Only thing is, it's an older model TV, but beggars can't be choosers.

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Aunt Nora (Left) and Grands Grands (Who is celebrating her 86th birthday)



(Left to Right) Me, My Dad, Jahna, My mom, Grands Grands, and Aunt Norma





Happy Birthday is sung to Grands Grands in English and Spanish



Downtown San Antonio looks so beautiful at night with the Christmas lights on!

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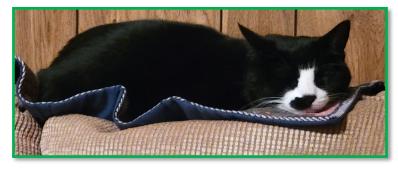






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Christmas LOAF



My Christmas Haul



We almost didn't get a visit from Santa this year. This is why...



Jahna made delicious brownies. NO NOT THOSE KIND!



My mom made meat loaf. (INSERT FAVORITE MEATLOAF LYRIC HERE)



Kept the veggies simple. Corn niblets, steamed broccoli, squash, cauliflower, and carrots

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So Jahna's mom surprised me last year with a copy of The Eagle's performance at the Los Angeles Forum in 1976



So I surprised Jahna with a copy of Demon Slayer: The Hinokami Chronicles for the PS4.



Princess Kinzie LOAFing in the wrapping paper



Kitties apparently like wrapping paper. Here is Dat Aspen Kitty rolling in it C. 2014

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Cooper's first Christmas 2015



Jahna and I Christmas 2018



Baby Princess Kinzie LOAFing around, waiting for me to unwrap presents C. 2019



Le Coop having none of this Christmas stuff. C. 2019

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KITTY CORNER



Salem 2010–2022

This issue's Kitty corner is unfortunately a somber edition. In-between the first and second issues, Salem (Right) passed away at the age of 11. She was born in the back bedroom on my parent's bed the evening I graduated from Floresville High School in 2010. Poor baby's tail was bent when she was born, but it never bothered her. She never complained about it, and it didn't hamper any of her other abilities. Salem was also known as a bit of a "Sassypants" meaning she had a loud meow that would resonate throughout the house from the inside and outside. Jahna always looked forward to visiting with Salem when she came over, and Salem in return would look forward to Jahna's visits. Kitty would always demand to be fed whenever SHE wanted to be fed, and she wanted attention, EVEN IF THERE WAS HOMEWORK TO BE DONE! Even though her sassitude (Sass and Cat Attitude) would drive me crazy, it was a motivator for me to keep going in the hardest of times. During the Covid-19 Lock Down of 2020, I feel that we bonded in a way we hadn't before. I was always home to feed her, and pet her, and give her hugs and kisses, and I think she appreciated all the love I was able to give her. Although Salem is no longer with us, she will always be in my heart, and her sass will always be with me. We will meet again, somewhere out there, out where dreams come true.

This publication is dedicated to the memory of Salem, AKA Little Miss Sassypants.