



vaccination, schmaccination,
wear yer mask anyway so they can't see you talkin' to yerself, ya ol' fool

April 2021 AHS63 Newsletter

Up to No Good Edition

Northern outpost, southwestern parapet. We can see Texas from here. Looks like the bluebonnets are gonna be just fine, in spite of that little dusting last month...however, be advised, the lupine (*genus*, aka giant bluebonnets) in the Great Northeast grow three and four feet tall, even after umpty-ump feet of snow and ice ... just sayin'. Texas might could do with more snow, considering the fun factor. *we jest* However, y'all'd need some other state to annex yer power grid—that thing Texas got for a 'lectric deal is plumb not woke. And if you don't know "[woke](#)," you aren't. Or you might be but don't know it. Depends. Speaking of words let loose on the world without you knowing it, you should read the dictionary with all that (still) free time on your hands. And weep. Even *stupid* words are gettin' codified ... in real *dictionaries*. Didja know "retired boomers" (look in the mirror) are now officially "[zoomers](#)" ...? having zip-all to do with getting on Zoom—which is a real streaky thing with some of us. We're not sure how it happened. And "ding" is now officially related to "dong," but not in polite company, and we won't be spellin that out for ya. In less frightening news, "zip-a-dee-doo-dah" officially made it into the Oxford Dictionary March 2021 edition—the crusty brits always take awhile to let things soak into their toast. *However ... outrageously ...* they have come up with a contraction for "fixing to" in dictionaryland—there was no NEED to fix

"fixing to" ... what a perfectly serviceable phrase ... but they "contracted" it anyway, to ... "[finna](#)"? ...*srsly*? As in "I'm finna to go home" ??? ... isn't finna some kinda gas station? maybe we're being gaslighted here (harrumph!) ... come to find out "finna" is used in **hip-hop**, of all things, the enlightened music of the wretched. We are in a snit over "finna." No good southern editor with a grip (and two music degrees) would allow a word like that to survive beyond the two seconds it took to pinch it dead and throw it in the bug bucket. Gawdamighty. It's the kind of unworthy word to make even a short lupine in the lexicographer's garden cringe. There's *somethin' sacred to poets and even normal Texas people about words like "fixin to"* ... so we oughta be more reverent when writing all these odd new words out loud ... especially in front of all those innocent, unblemished fields of blue-eyed bonnets in the Texas Spring ... not to mention it's almost Easter. Bunny is fixin' to hop by so we have to be good ... "he sees you when you're zoomin', he knows when you are woke" ... heh. A little irreverence is *always* in order. *Hope we still get a basket.*



Love, Queenie



You won't believe it ... they want you to tell AHS stories to the [American Statesman](#)

Thanks to Jimmy Raup and Barbara Huber Ward for putting us on to this one—a super article on the "old" AHS campus, written by Michael Barnes. They've renovated THE BEST high school building on the planet and made it look like its wonderful old self—and, of all things, Michael Barnes wants ADVENTURE STORIES from when people went to school there. Amazing. And can we EVER tell some rare fine stories. Read the article by clicking on the title above and you'll see what some earlier students have said. Then get with it—write to Michael Barnes at mbarnes@statesman.com and tell him some REAL adventures from the 60s. We should even send him PICTURES. Some days it's a thrill a minute in this business. Some of you Austin 63ers need to get over to the campus and walk through the building and see what they've done to bring it back to life—and then REPORT BACK. You hear?



Happy 76 to allll you Maroon Birthday people!

04 Jimmy Wilson (45)

04 Warren Webb (45)

05 Ronny Jones (45)

12 Mike Butler (45)

16 Linda Holliday Boyd (45)

16 Becky Maufrais Leggett (45)

18 Camey Spaulding Stewart (45)

18 John Yeager (45)

18 Mary Ann Mellenbruch Meigs (45)

21 Kelly (Marguerite) Jarrell Luedeke (45)

23 Charlie Morton (45)

25 Shirley Zenkner Scott (45)

28 Chuck Newell (45)

30 Larry Burk (45)

And as always, if you don't see your birthday, it's because we are really bad at guessing those things, so you have to hit reply and tell us!

Just do it!



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