



...the northern outpost

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Not the Nervous Nellie Edition

Northern Outpost, 01 June, countdown mode. The saga continues. In parallel universes, swords of steel and words of different views resound with the same silver clashing. Indeed, the dastardly villain in the hut over the hill is still launching salvos to send the children upriver to other schools to save tax dollars. We are still incensed. The very idea. Even the Queen is taxed to the hilt by the Peers of Augusta and the I.R.S. But selling the children upriver? Amazing, but some are for it. The town crier is hoarse with news that the battle is neck and neck. The Queen's council is nervous. But we are no wily Nellie, and we are not without powerful allies to the West. In fact, couriers from the Most August Queen of Augusta bring news: [State chests of taxpayer gold will be dispensed throughout the land for schools!](#) The children will be saved! But what's this? We hear snorts and scoffs ... "Rubbish!" sneers the villain. "A publicity stunt!" And he stirs up his rabble with more signs and ... bumper stickers. ***Bumper stickers?*** Surely not. Those kinds of thing don't happen in campaigns in *either* universe at the *local* level up here. Alarms.

Confusion. The council lawyers rush out to pore over parchments on polling places, as lawyers are wont ... what they are "wont" is to know if the villain's peasants can park at the polls with campaign signs on their carts' and horses' behinds *within 100 feet*. Oh for heaven's sake. Enough already! It's a democracy. Bring it on, buckos. Do your dastardly best. We're knocking on hovel doors and ringing up our own rabble this week. Come June 8th, the peasants will vote. We're fearless either way. Besides that, there's a new taco stand in town. And they serve *flights* of margaritas in double shot glasses ... it boggles the royal mind. We're pretty sure there's a chipotle-infused-tequila margarita with our HRH on it. In fact, we think we'll saddle up our white steed with its perfectly nekkid and buffed behind and hi-ho away. *YeeHAW! [We'll let y'all know how it all turns out.]*



Queenie

In case you missed it ...

We failed to pass along one of the stories contributed to Michael Barnes' article on tales of yore from Austin High alums, and it was a doozie.

Sidney Brient Lock: Just a quick story about our beloved classmate, Brian Newberry, who owned and ran Tarrytown Pharmacy for many decades, as did his father and now his son, Mark Newberry. Brian and I were close friends since childhood. When we were seniors ('63) at Austin High, we decided to skip school. Brian said he would go into the Dean of Men's (office) and tell him he wasn't feeling well.

The Dean of Men would then have Brian call his mother (me at a pay phone outside the school) and ask her if Brian could come home. The Dean of Men then asked to speak to his mother (me). After we hung up, the Dean said: "Brian, I am going to let you go, but you have the youngest sounding mother I have ever heard."

Thanks for that one, Sidney—Brian is well missed, and he would have been the first one to tell a good story on his friends (and on himself!). And it gives us an idea.

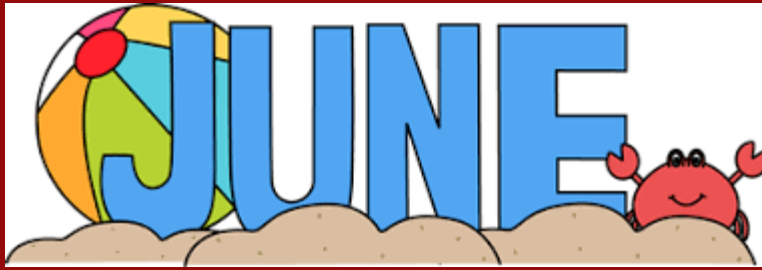
... speaking of telling stories ...

We may not be Michael Barnes but we can darn well report yarns that are sent in. And we could just keep doing this memory lane thing right here without having to buy an Austin 360, ya know? If y'all have stories that are fun to remember—and can be shared on the family channel (you hear what we're sayi'n'???)—then send 'em in. We're farrrr to bizzy right now to keep thinkin' up things to entertain y'all with when there are MOUNTAINS of stories out there just waiting to be told by the very people reading these words!

So come on. OUT with it. Send stories on your friends, or teachers, or on yourselves. OKAY? [sound of toe tapping and royal harrumphing] Just HIT REPLY. How hard can it be?

DISH IT. [guileless Betty White picture-perfect smile ...] Q.





- 01 Tina Lawson Houston (45)**
03 Georgia Gaarde Fariss (45)
04 John Brakebill (45)
05 Jon Fruchter (45)
09 Linda Slease Sadler (45)
09 Marsha Slease McLaurin (45)
09 Nancy Williams (45)
09 Polly Coffin Swain (45)
10 Will Houston (45)
11 Glen Lewis (46) YOUNGSTER
12 Ron Warden (44)
13 Bill Moses (45)
13 Jim Sanders (45)
13 Gary Don Whitlock (45)
14 Pamela Sue Anderson Burnett (45)
16 Connie Knippa Simmonds (45)
20 David Nelson (45)
22 John Luedecke (45)
23 Babs Becker (45)
23 George Covington (45)
24 Sam Boyd (45)
24 Richard Flournoy (45)
26 Nancy Taylor (45)
29 Sherman DeBusk (45)
29 Alan Bergstrom (45)

We humbly note that, as omnipotent as we are,
we do not divine birthday dates.
Please tell us if you have a birthday
(well, everyone HAS one)
but have never seen it on the lists rolled out on this page.
We cannot know unless you speak up,
and we WANT to know these things.
So hup hup! Hit reply!



Since you asked ... those cheerleaders were Mary Williams, Lulu Peal, Meiling Lung, Bob Bodoin, Kenny Roberts, Hank Hundley, and Malone Hill.

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