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when bunnies go bad edition

Northern outpost, 01 March, snowy fun proceeding apace. This week we're going all-Thumper ... snowshoes ... the next hot thing for burning off the extra fun that has been had in the pandemic kitchen. And it is appropriate that we should suffer mashing around the two-foot drifts on the baseball field next door after all the slurs about the tiny two-flakers that pass for snow down there. We watched with incredulity as The Great Texas Ice & Snow Storm of the Century cratered the Mother State. Snafu went straight to Fubar and back again. Never seen anything like it. Not surprisingly, one week later, it was back to 80 degrees in Austin—and y'all still have to boil water? If that doesn't harelip every bluebonnet in Texas nothing will. But for sure there must be some kind of whiplash going on among most hill country folk. Not to mention the confusion on the ground. The bunnies and field mice were just nailing up art on the walls of their tiny new igloos when—bang—the heat came back on. And after a week of nose-

Bennie Bunny and Molly Field Mouse suspect all this weather-mongering is the poor planning of the Jackrabbit Poohbahs of The Lone Star Tribe of the Four-Footed-and-Furry. And they are not wrong. There is much thumping and tamping of tiny feet in thousands of warreny town halls. They want 'splanation. What's next, locusts and frogs? The jackapoobahs wring their pathetic paws ... and pass the carrot on their way outta town. Just like they do.

"Nothing to see here!" But. They haven't reckoned on the fury of the Snowshoed Lone Star Two-Legged Thumper of the North—who buys printer cartridges by the bucket—and who is the wily and ancient fairy godmother of the Tribe. We're onto 'em *and since it's OUR little story we get to write the ending annnnny way we want ... which is to say, those jacks are 'goin' down.* Yep. Poof! We snatched those dastardlies by their fat fluffy tails, stuffed 'em in a giant slingshot, and slung 'em out into deep space ... clean through the Big Badbunny Black Hole in the Sky ... alllll the way to Mars, Alice. Minus-80 degrees Fahrenheit. Talk about frozen noses. Let them try taking on the really big bucks ... as in Percy the Badass Red Rover—aka Perseverance—who is hell on six wheels and fer shitshure can run down a few jackrabbits. Much more ridem'-cowboy than pickin up stupid rocks. Yeehaw. The End.

We think that turned out rather well.



Q. How the 2021 version of Maroons "do school" and stay entertained during the time of ...

The class schedule looks bizarre—a mix of remote and in-school classes ... which has yielded the new term "blend" for this kind of schooling. A-days and B-days and lotsa blend. Even a schedule for "distance" learning—aka zooming from home. And lots of rules. [Take a look here at that schedule](#). Students are currently signing up for courses next year with signed "Course Contracts." [Take a look](#) at one of those. They sign contracts to take courses? We're glad we're old and don't need lawyers to go to school. [And take a look at the course offerings](#) ... not sure about the tracks but it looks like they are "Global," "Classical," and "Design & Technology." You can't make this stuff up. Or, apparently you can. We are beginning to sound curmudgeonly. And "World Languages" includes American Sign Language, *Arabic* (1-4), Computer Science (1-2), French and Latin (5 levels each). It's a whole new world.

As for what passes for "entertainment" during off hours—since there's not a lot of chumming around with friends—[here's an article from the December 2020 Maroon](#) that sounds just exactly like what kids in isolation do ... TV, movies, books, and ... babysitting (!). Just thought we'd pop in on them and see what they were up to. It looks like the new normal isn't so different from the old normal, except a lot less fun. We can hope that next fall will return to the "old normal" ... but nothing



BIRTHDAYS

01 Bonnie Montgomery Carol (46) — Happiest 75th Birthday
SuperWoman—who makes handmade dulcimers and plays them
camping on Colorado mountain rivers!

02 Sidney Brient Lock (46) — Sidney! Fabulous Hostess of
AHS63 Christmases —Happiest 75th Birthday, O Eternal Young
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03 Mike Bown (45)

03 Carlton Edwards (45)

06 Sandy Riojas Castillo (44)

06 Menota Fields Edwards (45)

07 Cathy Foust Seddon (45)

07 Harper Clark (45)

08 Allan Stark (45)

09 Malcolm Flournoy (45)

10 Judy Cleveland Huppert (45)

11 Kay Woods Musick (45)

12 Scarlett O'Dell Reimer (45)

13 Phyllis Gerloff Guthrie (45)

29 Brenda Rogers Warner (45)

31 Sue Dodgen Vasser (45)



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