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Texas Newsletter

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State of the Region Address

The Great Region of Texas officially issues Congratulations to each and every nation that was elected, that ran, that voted, that viewed these proceedings! These were some great elections as usual! One race was very close, so close it resulted in a tie. This is getting to be a regularly scheduled thing. Last Election it was VP, this Election it is Secretary of World Assembly Affairs. Both Queen Anya & President Hiram will be serving in that role for the upcoming Trimester. The Department of State was uncontested and No Confidence came up a big loser with no votes. As a matter of fact, it is heartening to see No Confidence received no votes in this Election at all. The race for the newly-renamed position of Lieutenant Governor (formerly Vice President) was resolved this quarter with Jmac of Greenspoint coming out as the new LtGov. The Department of Counterbalance is officially closed again. It may reopen in an Election in the future.

The Texas Representative Council race was pretty tame. With the Department of World Assembly Affairs containing two nations, the slate was a little shorter than usual, but we had a tie for the last position, so there will be 13 Representatives this trimester. That is fine. We have one brand-spanking new member in the form of Makem, and two oldtimers are returning to service - El Pat & Germany-Logania. Yay! As usual, the Governor defeated No Confidence, resoundingly, we might add.

Please join us in commending all of Texas for their participation in this quarter's Election! Once again, this Election saw more participation in the many of the quarters in recent years. Perhaps absence makes the heart go fonder and by spacing them out more, there is more interest. The turnout was awesome and a welcome change. It had speeches in most races with the exception of LtGov, who may be onto something considering there was still a winner. There was some serious drama this quarter over the Secretary of World Assembly Affairs position, but the candidates took the high road while the peanut gallery brought tomatoes. But that is Ok too. Texans are still very much alive, yet older, and are a dynamic bunch even after all these years! Kudos!

For the first time in a long time, we had an Election with a questionable moment. There were concerns of ballot box stuffing, but the Texas Election Commission confirmed the results. It was a nice Election and lots of voters became wealthy (*blushes*).

In this Election, we had two Texas Constitutional actions up for a vote. One Article changes the title of "President" to "Governor" and the other regards Minor Constitutional changes. Both passed handily. Alas, there was no Article on a National Anthem.

Big cheers to all the returning Texas Representative Council members and returning Cabinet members! Farewell to the departing ones, your service is appreciated and we look forward to seeing you once again in the future! Special thanks to all who ran and if you didn't win, we hope you run again in the future.

Overall, this has been great fun and a highlight for all Texans. We look forward to seeing how the new freely-elected Government of Texas will make Texas bigger, better and greater than ever! Cheers to The Great Region of Texas!

— Big Tex
Governor of Texas

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Texas Cabinet

Governor of Texas – The Incorporated NationStates of NewTexas
Lieutenant Governor of Texas – The Militant Mercantile Alliance of Greenspoint
Secretary of State of Texas – The People's State of Independent Planets
Secretary of Defense of Texas – The Holy Empire of Richard I
Secretary of World Assembly Affairs of Texas – The Gigantic Frozen Igloo of Studly Penguins & The Queendom of Cielos Negros

Texas Representative Council

The Itinerant Ranger Dude of A Mysterious Vagabond
The Federation of Amandil
The Democratic Republic of Coach House Circly
The Supreme Imperial Kingdoms of Crosby-Huffman-Barret
The Galactic Muppets of Darth Kermit
The Thunder Road of El Pat
The Field Marshall's Protection of Germany-Logania
The Empire of Llama City One
The Republic of Makem
The No Man's Land of No TV and No Beer
The Confederate States of Ole Dixieland
The Bold and Buxom Cat-house of Thessadorian Catgirls
The In Limbo of Trecdom2

Texas Constitutional Update

Texas Constitution: Article XII, XIII, XV, XVII, XIX, XXI Amendment – Passed
Texas Constitution: Article XXII Amendment – Passed

General Assembly Resolutions

February 2012
Repeal "Medical Blockade Restriction" – **Against**
Renewable Research Commitment – **Against**
Defense of Self and Others – **Against**
Repeal "Habeas Corpus" – **Against**
Biological Arms Limitation Law – **Against**

March 2012
Repeal "WA Copyright Charter" – **For**
Medical Provisions in Blockade – **Against**
Double Jeopardy Prohibition – **Against**
Repeal "A Model World Assembly" – **For**
Habeas Corpus Act – **Against**
Repeal "Convention on Execution" – **For**
Banning Cannibalism – **Against**

April 2012
Repeal "For the Detained and Convicted" – **For**
Habeas Corpus Act – **Against**
Repeal "Freedom of the Press" – **For**
Repeal "Animal Cruelty Prevention" – **For**
Repeal "Right to Privacy" – **For**
Repeal "Double Jeopardy Prohibition" – **For**
Treatment of Inmates – **For**
Repeal "Habeas Corpus Act" – **For**

Security Council Resolutions

February 2012
Condemn Lazarus – **Against**
Repeal "Condemn Great Nepal" – **Against**
Condemn Anthony Delasanta – **Against**

March 2012
Repeal "Liberate Catholic" – **For**
Condemn Automagfreek – **Against**

April 2012
Repeal "Liberate Islam" – **For**
Liberate Nationalist Union – **Against**
Commend The NationStates Community – **Against**

Statistics

Current Population: **165** nations
WA Nations: **45**

Delegate: **NewTexas** – **2774** days
Endorsements: **35**

Regional Happenings

Deaths [February 2012]:	**11**
Deaths [March 2012]:	**11**
Deaths [April 2012]:	**23**
Arrivals [February 2012]:	**34**
Arrivals [March 2012]:	**30**
Arrivals [April 2012]:	**27**
Bootings [February 2012]:	7
Bootings [March 2012]:	3
Bootings [April 2012]:	**1**

"Why did the blonde scale the chain link fence?

To see what was on the other side."

"Why can't blondes replace light bulbs?

They keep breaking them with hammers."

"Why did the blonde get fired from the M&M's factory?

She kept throwing out all the W's."

Big Tex and the Arachnid

A poem by Texans, one line at a time!

It was a dark and stormy night,
Though the moon was full and bright.

When what to my wondrous eyes appeared,
But a sight so totally strange and weird.

Big Tex with his huge steel spatula,
Running scared from a humongous Tarantula.

He swung as hard as he could,
Missed the insect but hit the wood.

The spider laughed in cold-hearted glee,
At what was a sorry sight to see.

With a smile on his face and a twinkle in his eye,
As he watched a DVD of American Pie,

Laughter is heard through the night,
As the spider sat there drinking his Miller Lite.

"Less filling?" he thought. "Nah, tastes great!"
All he needs is a mate!

Big Tex, wrapped in web and hung with care on the wall,
Begins to shout that he deserves his one phone call.

The spider stood up and grabbed his nunchucks,
"You can use my cell, but the fee's two bucks!"

Big Tex went into his wallet and pulled out lint,
"Nothin, but you'll save money if you have Sprint."

Spidey whipped the nun-chucks, sent BT's wallet to the floor.
All of a sudden someone knocked on the door.

Big Tex heard and yelled "I'm stuck in this web!!"
But the Spider replied, "don't worry it's just my bro Jeb"

Big Tex squirmed, and uttered a curse,
Thinking this couldn't get any worse.
Then PAX added a line to the verse.

Big Tex gasped, and called for a nurse,
Then stuck his finger in her hairy purse.

All of a sudden in a blink of an eye, here comes super man!
To open up the you-know-what in a can.

After Tex woke up from an unwanted dream,
He went and ate a gallon of ice cream!

He ate it so fast he got a brain freeze,
And all at once he had to sneeze!

He went in search of a tissue,
For those with which he had an issue...

He looked under each chair and table,
And read every sticker and label.

However, he could not find what he sought after.
He paused at a sound and thought: "Laughter?"

He then looked at his feet,
To discover that they he must greet,

A smallish critter,
So with a froggish titter,

And heart all a twitter...
Big Tex offered him a fritter.

The happy little arachnid was actually quite clever, it
Built a web over a pit.

"Qa'pla!" it cried at the finish...

THE END ?

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Alternate Definitions

1. Coffee (n.), the person upon whom one coughs.
2. Flabbergasted (adj.), appalled over how much weight you have gained.
3. Abdicate (v.), to give up all hope of ever having a flat stomach.
4. Esplanade (v.), to attempt an explanation while drunk.
5. Negligent (adj.) describes a condition in which you absentmindedly answer the door in your nightgown.
6. Lymph (v.), to walk with a lisp.
7. Gargoyle (n.), olive-flavored mouthwash.
8. Flatulence (n.) emergency vehicle that picks you up after you are run over by a steamroller.
9. Balderdash (n.), a rapidly receding hairline.
10. Pokemon (n), a Rastafarian proctologist.
11. Frisbeetarianism (n.), the belief that, when you die, your Soul flies up onto the roof and gets stuck there.

Sudoku

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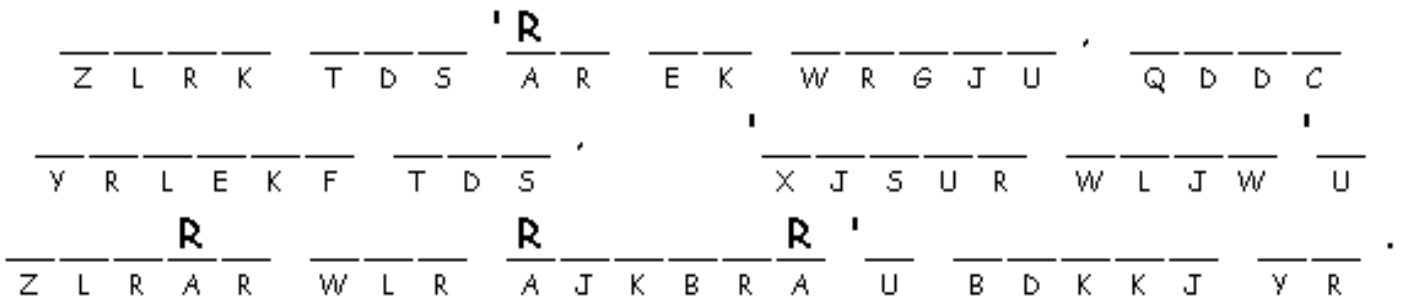
Cryptogram



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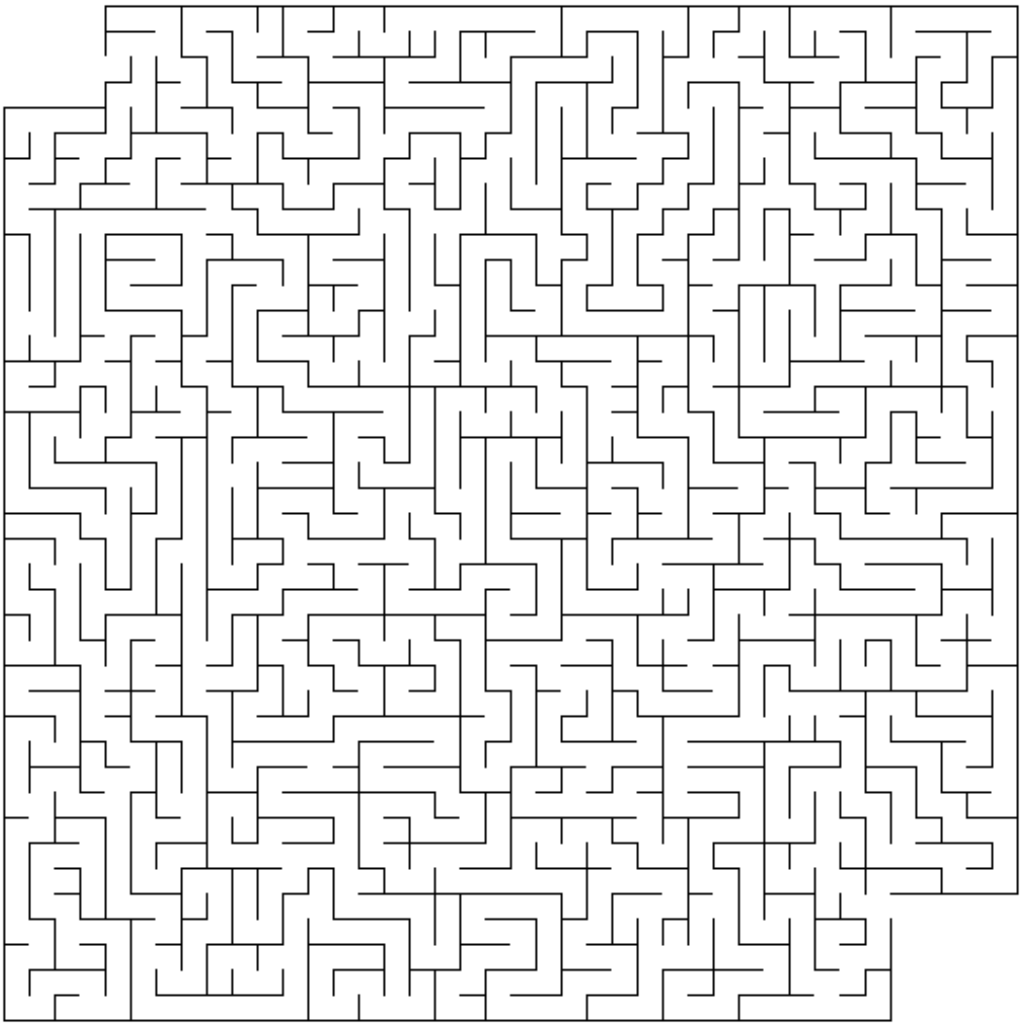
"A rose by any other name would still smell as sweet unless that name was Chuck Norris. Then it would roundhouse kick you in the face."

"Chuck Norris can find two snowflakes that are exactly alike. Chuck Norris can find anything... and anyone!"

"On his days off, Chuck Norris actually gets along quite well with other people. Chuck Norris never takes a day off."

Maze



Word Scramble

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RILSONI

IRB EEY

ROHPOTRUSEE

DEETNLORNI

What do you call a cow with no legs?