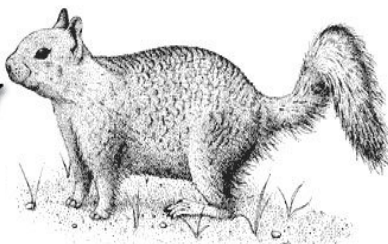


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APPOINTMENT OF A REGENT

The King of Talossa appointed his son, Prince Patrick, to act as Regent from Sunday the 7th of June through Saturday the 13th of June.

This had transpired due to a royal vacation in which The King, The Queen, Prince Peter and Princess Nellie enjoyed a cruise on Lake Powell with some other family members and friends.

The King asked the citizens of the Kingdom to try not to destroy the country while he was gone, and we were all to be nice to the Prince in his absence.

ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM EDITOR

Due to the fact that the Kingdom is halfway through a general election cycle, SDVM have decided not to publish a 'Party Focus' column this month. This decision has been made in the respects of fairness for all political parties. The column will return next month and will feature the winning party. SDVM are also not publishing our 'Parlamint Naziunal' column due to the fact that the Cosa is currently dissolved.

All other regular features, articles and columns are included as per usual. We hope this does not affect your enjoyment of the magazine this month, and apologize for any inconvenience that may be caused.

BREAKING NEWS ON ORGANIC LAW

Three of the nation's leading language experts have been working on a project for the past 7 months to translate the entire Organic Law from English into Talossan. Iusti Canun leading the proect and working alongside Lord Hooligan and Sir Cresti have been translating the supreme law document since November 25th of last year. The project is expected to be completed and released to coincide with Organic Law Day on July 6th 2009.

Iusti Canun said, *"Well, I'm pretty sure this is the longest written document in Talossan, if nothing else. As to its importance, it's just always seemed to me that the language is a very important part of our national identity, and I actually think more things should be done in Talossan"*. He added, *"I'd like to give a hefy acknowledgement to Lord Hooligan and Sir Cresti, for their immensely helpful consultations"*.

The trio have always been at the forefront of the development of the national language, with Sir Cresti holding a post of within the Ministry of Culture which tasks him with the promotion of *El GlheP*.

Lord Hooligan has written a Talossan Grammer Guide along with massive input from Cresti, which is expected to be published and released on Amazon.com any time now.

Iusti Canun is a Talossan Language enthusiast and is dedicated to translating original works into the Talossan language. He has completed many projects to date including translations of the popular Queen song Bohemian Rhapsody and more recently a complete translation of the Rosary Prayers.

The translated Organic Law is expected to be released on Wittenberg later in the week.

Felicia Nadaliça

Citizen Birthdays in July

4 July: Sir Samuhel Tecladeir

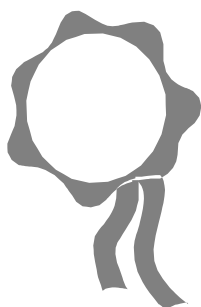
6 July: Mark McDonald

8 July: Joe Clark

22 July: Paul Walter Healey
Nigel Cornes

23 July: Çesli da Chilseu

31 July: Peter Kabachnik



Immigration News

Who has joined the Kingdom?

CURRENT CITIZEN COUNT = 1 2 8

JUNE 26th WAS IMMIGRATION DAY

David Drew has decided to join the Kingdom after previously dabbling in several micronations. He arrived as a prospective on May 19th and became a full citizen on June 7th after being naturalized to the province of Atatürk .

Marco Mazzini arrived on our shores on May 21st. A petition was put forward for him and he appears to be active yet the Chancery has yet to announce that he has been gained full citizenship (at the time of print).

Brian O'Callaghan became a prospective citizen on May 28th. During his time as a prospective, he inadvertently restarted debate on whether prospectives should be allowed to post outside of the Immigration Board of Wittenberg. He became a full citizen of Vuode on June 15 .

Other prospectives arriving in the month of June were Peter Van Peurseem (June 7th), Pawel Stolarski (June 9th) and Bryan Velucci (June 21st).

Partholon MacPharlain joined as a prospective on June 24 only for it to be discovered that he was subject to a blocking petition three years ago and that it would take an act of the Ziu to grant citizenship. Parlothon later withdrew his citizenship request as he was not aware of Talossa's non recognition of dual micro-citizenship.

TALOSSA NEWS PROJECT

A new style of journalism has been introduced to Talossa in the fashion of a 'radio broadcast' pod-cast. Viteu Toctviac'hteir has started to air the Talossa News Project which features interviews of the various characters of the realm. The project has been welcomed and given a warm response by the nation. The interviews are being conducted via SKYPE and recorded into an mp3 format before being released to the public. At the time of writing this article, 3 podcasts have been released.

The pod-casts are available to listen to at the sponser's site at <http://www.wstelco.net/podcast/TNPS1/>

Provincial Roundup

Maricopa:

The Senäts seat for Maricopa is currently being contested in the general election. Xhorxh Asmour (ZPT) and Iusti Carlüs Canun (RUMP) are standing for election.

Maritiimi-Maxhestic:

The Senäts seat for Maritiimi-Maxhestic is also currently being contested in the general election. Alexander Davis is standing uncontested for election and has endorsements from all of the major political parties of the Kingdom.

Alexander Davis, the Senator for M-M has announced that the province is now in a temporary **State of Emergency**. This is in accordance with the provincial Constitution because no actions have been taken by the Assembly for the duration of a term. Al Simmerman, Cunstaval for M-M, has been announced as the Emergency Dictator.

PROCLAMATIONS OF MOURNING

The Seneschal, Ieremiac'h Ventrutx, has made proclamations of mourning for an American TV star and an Iranian protester who both passed away in the month of June.

Neda Agha-Soltani died, aged 26, on June 20th and Ed McMahon died, aged 86, on June 23rd.

Other stars that died in the month of June, but did not receive proclamations were David Carradine, Farrah Fawcett, Michael Jackson and Billy Mays.

Stil da Vida Monthly calls for all Talossans to remember all of these fallen stars in their prayers this month.

SDVM also calls for the Seneschal to make proclamations for those who have not yet received the nations sympathy.

GENERAL ELECTION UNDER WAY

Mid – Election Report (Written 30 JUNE)

The General Election cycle is almost at it's half way point with 56 out of 114 eligible votes returned (49.12%). The polls opened on June the 15th and will close on July 14th. The next Cosa and Government forms on August 1st.

The election began with some very strange events within the FGP Camp. Little over 24 hours prior to the polls opening, the Fair Governance Party (FGP) pulled out of the race and removed themselves from the ballot, which was then followed by the party sponsor and leader, Flip Molinar, and the party vice head, Éovart Grischun, both departing the party to become independents. Sten Larsen and Tycho Van Die then left the party, Larsen apparently going into semi-retirement from politics and Van Die jumping over to join the PP. Almost all of the FGP supporters have since voted for the PP in the election, as previously called for by Molinar and Grischun. Despite this, the FGP have still received just over 3% of the vote by write in, which should give Molinar around 5 Cosa seats to distribute after the election. It is unclear what Molinar plans to do with the seats, however, it is expected that he shall keep 1 or 2 to return himself to the Cosa in the coming term.

The ZPT, so far, have polled 6 votes, which will definately become at least 7. This will almost certainly return Ieremiác'h Ventrutx, Xhorxh Asmour and Viteu Toctviac'h teir to the Cosa. Meanwhile, the DPD/PDP have received 2 votes. This will allow troubled candidate Tony Weckstrom into the Cosa once again. His Cort Case is still currently pending.

The Progressive Party (PP) got off to a flying start and have received 41.5% of the national vote. This is a 22.93% swing (so far) for the Progs from the previous election. However, The RUMP have managed to pull back in the race and at present have slightly overtaken and are now in the lead with 43.49% of the vote. This is a 12.22% drop (so far) for the RUMP from the previous election.

The final results are still too close to call, and it is becoming evident that it will be tight for both the PP and the RUMP to take a substantial majority. For a government to form on August 1, we might indeed see both parties co-aligning, which will probably require some manifesto concessions from both sides. At present it is very unclear who shall be the next Seneschal, however inside sources indicate that the RUMP's on-odds favorite was Alexander Davis, however he has hinted that he may not accept the position due to time constraints. This may lead to Lord Hooligan becoming Prime Minister for the third time. If the PP put forward a candidate, it is most probable to be Owen Edwards. Inside sources, again, indicate that if the RUMP make demands (for a deal to be made), Owen may step aside and nominate Captain Tim for the position. It has also been heard on the grapevine that both parties are not willing to come to any arrangements with the ZPT in any final negotiations.

In the Maricopa Senate Race, Iusti Canun and Xhorxh Amour are currently tied. It has been found though, that the Organic Law mandates that in the event of a tie, the executive head of state shall declare the winner at his discretion. However, the executive head of state is actually Asmour. Needless to say, this will become a conflict of interests for Asmour, with the winner most likely being declared by the Cunstaval, Hooligan, or perhaps even by the Courts. However, Canun is expected to receive one more vote before the election ends which will allow him to win by 3 votes to 2. Incumbent Senator, Alexander Davis, is winning the Maritiimi-Maxhestic seat uncontested.

Additionally, the referendums on both amendments to the Organic Law look set to pass and ratify.

(Article written by Éovart Grischun. Any opinions and or predictions expressed are Grischun's own and do not reflect the views of any political party or other person. SDVM would also like to point out that this article replaces Grischun's usual monthly column, which will return as normal next month.)

Journalism in Talossa

Hello Talossa, it's that time of the month again where I desperately tap away at my keyboard, neglecting my schoolwork, my family, and the outside world in general, trying to think of something interesting to say so that I can keep my nice column in Stil da Vida and see my name in print, justifying my existence and feeding my gigantic hungry ego. I've just listened to Viteu's new podcast, and the subject of journalism comes upon my mind, so that's as good a topic as any to talk about.

Here in Talossa, we sure have a fair bit to write about. Juicy electoral campaigns, grown men calling each other names, calls for defence of Talossa, progress and sweet sweet rump. And let's not forget the spectacle that is the DPD/PDP. Yet for the time I've been a citizen journalistic activity has not been that common. This edition of Stil da Vida marks the longest lasting Talossan paper in my memory. So why is this? The first reason, in my opinion, is that most people already know everything. Apart from Google Talk conversations which, sadly, I am not privy to, not having Google Talk, all is clear to read on Witt. You can see who called whom a raging ass or who's unfairly criticising whom in their signature. There's no need for investigative journalism, the only real service that newspapers can provide is summarising everything and having people like me authoritatively tell people like you what you already know and my opinions that you don't care about.

The second reason is apathy. The fact is, no-one is paying anyone to make newspapers (as far as I'm aware, if they are, I want pay for my column). Editor's note: Over my dead body, a**hole. They don't get any reward and it's really easy to just not do it. (ACTUAL Editor's note: What happened to Job Satisfaction?)

The third reason is that it's really hard to organise. It's hard enough just to write this: imagine trying to collect a couple of these, maybe a cartoon, and write up news reports for everything that's happened in the last month. You have to be some sort of superhuman, nay, some sort of god to organise all of that, regularly, without quitting. We should worship these gods who manage these superhuman tasks, for they are the true heroes of this country. Editor's note: You're still not getting paid, stop waffling and get on with your job or you're fired.

So that's why regular journalistic output in Talossa is a thing of ancient myth. Which is sad, because it's nice to read in-depth coverage of this sort. Ah well. If you'll excuse me, I need to obtain a horse's head for our dear editor's bed.

PONÖRS DAL FESCHTA
DA SANT AHARON 2009
(St Aaron's Day 2009 Honours)

The King of Talossa granted royal honours to three citizens on St Aaron's day on the 22 June. St Aaron's day commemorates Saint Aaron, Abbot of Cézembre, who welcomed Saint Brendan of Ireland, also known as Brendan the Navigator, and Saint Malo of Wales, Bishop of Brittany, upon their arrival in Cézembre, and who was the first Talossan to be canonized.

The King declared that; "...with the Royal powers cited [above], upon ample consideration, good counsel, and proper knowledge, We have recognized the favours described herein and have conferred upon these three citizens that they and their legitimate heirs should hereafter be bearers of these coats of arms, and that they should therefore have these arms as right, as is Our privilege and custom, without leave or hindrance by anyone..."



Éovart Grischun, Citizen of Vuode Province, was granted *Per bend Azure a Key bendwise sinister Or and Or a Thistle Proper.*



Istefan Lorentzescu, Citizen of Maritiimi-Maxhestic Province, was granted *Per bend wavy azure five mullets of seven points in cross or and or a waratah bloom gules slipped and leaved vert.*



Aladna la Mha-Coca, Citizen of Vuode Province, was granted *Vert issuant fesswise from sinister chief and from dexter base respectively a dexter and a sinister hand argent, on a chief nebuly argent a pen gules.*

Letter & Emails to The Editor

True, it's only been three months, but so far you've shown you can keep to a schedule. Not an easy thing to do, but I'm glad to see the monthly timing is working well for you. The June issue looks wonderful, and for once I've no complaints save for the forced justification so many publications use when they really don't need to. If a paragraph's last sentence does not end at the end of a column, my eyes will not burn in their sockets. :-)

GV

(Via E-Mail)

EDITOR: Thanks for the kind words GV. However, I think we are going to keep publishing in forced justification, I think it looks rather nice :-)

(In regards to last month's article entitled "Mick Preston Disbands LRT")

Actually - it wasn't administrative... the person who voted LRT didn't realize the party no longer existed. He didn't have a strong command of the English language - So I reformed the Party, gave him seats, so he could participate in the Cosa.

MICK PRESTON (Secretary of State)

(Via Wittenberg Private Message)

EDITOR: SDVM apologizes for any confusion caused by our reporting of this issue last month and hope that this clarifies the situation.

I'm impressed. I'm seriously impressed. This is arguably the best, most interesting newspaper to come out of the Kingdom since the 90s. Not since TNN and Støtanneu folded have I enjoyed reading a newspaper from the Kingdom this much. Kudos.

IÁN ANGLATZARÁ

(Via Republic Wittenberg XII)

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