

The *Republic of Texas Stamp Album*, is a full color artist book, 60-page, illustrated, digitally printed, brass inset title, flat back bound, 100 copy, abecedarium. There are two sizes, the Mini – 4.5" w x 5.75" h, single stamp per page – \$170 + tax, and the Deluxe – 12" w x 15" h, full sheet of stamps per page – \$800 + tax. It is a visual and verbal satire on social and cultural figures of the once and future Republic of Texas. It is designed to help readers from all parts of the United States to understand the thinking and machinations of average Texans. Fear, repulsion and amazement are operative principles within these pages. A reader can become an expert in Texas cultural history by simply perusing these pages. Thrill to read about "Hog Heaven" and learn how to correctly say "Pecans." Learn how Austinites get "high" and how it's done in "The Valley." The last printed page contains the book's edition number and a signature.

Describing the book is the newly appointed Director of the once and future Republic of Texas Post Office, Myron Thudston. He unwittingly explains to the reader the romance of Texas philately and his astute understanding of each newly printed commemorative.

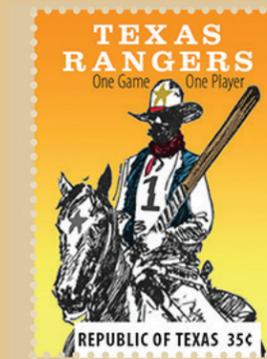
Well howdy, citizens of our new nation state. As any school child in Texas can tell you, there is a provisional clause in the 1890 Statehood Agreement with the United States of America. As citizens, we can secede from the Union of North American States any time we damn well choose and that time is now upon us.

Our beloved former president has led the free world, making it safe for industry, banking, strip mining, oil and gas, forestry and pharmaceuticals, as well as for all the little blind and crippled children. For that to continue unhampered well into the next millennium we need to fulfill the destiny we were destined for: a separate but equal, independent nation (that has more oil than Mexico and Venezuela combined). We will have more hunting, fishing, music, medicine, business, oil, history, blonds, bar-b-que, and dominoes than anyone in the free world. We'll be the 8th wealthiest nation in the world, with more acres per person than almost anywhere. Nothing will be free, but most services you'll ever need will cost little in your lifetime because of favorable labor practices demanded by our modern Constitution. So stand tall buckaroos and buckarettas even if you have to stand on your neighbors' toes. Secede now!

It gives me great pleasure to introduce to you these First Day Issue stamps for the Republic of Texas. My task as Director of the Republic's Post Office is to be prepared with General Issue and Commemorative Stamps to facilitate the regular mail as well as tax the junk mail into paying for domino parlors, beer gardens, shooting ranges, gentlemen's clubs, little league baseball stadiums, and parks for our children. I know you will support us in these efforts and delight in the design of these stamps. Share them with your friends and above all write letters and use your new stamps.

Just don't forget to secede.

Myron Thudston, D.D.S
Director, Republic of Texas Postal System



Texas Ranger Baseball

This Republic stamp honors the Republic's Texas Rangers baseball team whose un-yielding manner of play is "One Game, One Player." For the past three seasons, Willy Wharton has been pitcher, first baseman, outfielder and switch hitter. In the national playoffs for the last two years his strategy has been "Pitch only strikes and, once at bat, never strike out. Eventually the other team just gives up and goes home."

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XIT Rodeo

XIT Rodeo is one of the most famous and action-packed Rodeos in the Republic and North America. Rumors that it is owned and operated by a group of broadcasters out of Chicago are simply horse shit.

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Pecans

Yankees can not say Pecans right. In an interest of educating the people outside our friendly borders, the Department of Agriculture wanted a stamp that said "Pee-cans are found below the bed, Peh-kahns are found on the table." It was too much copy, so our excellent designers have come up with this stamp that does the same job.

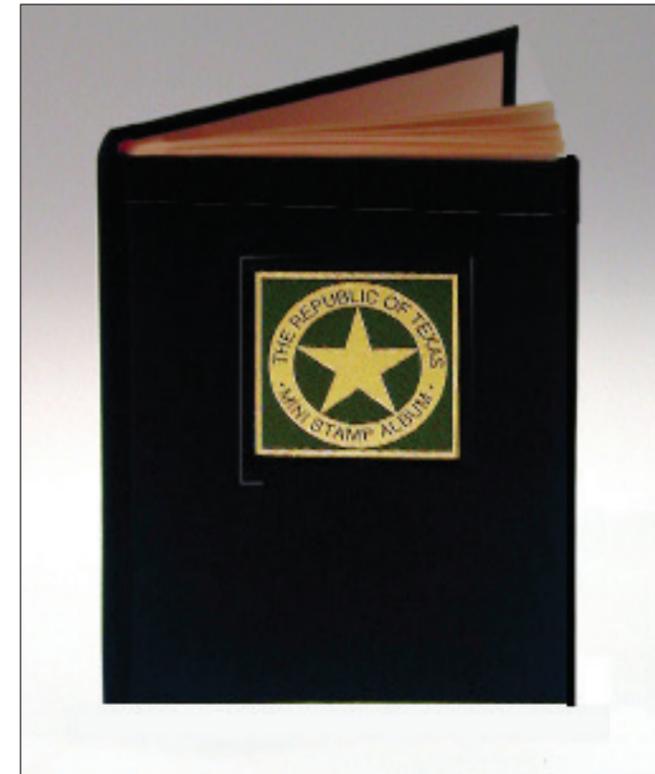
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South Madre Island

South Madre Island is one of those Texas anomalies we have all grown to love and expect from our great Republic. The Island is geologically part of the Padre Islands, but it is actually north of South Padre. Discovered by the great Swedish explorer, Julio Johnson, in 1647, he named it after his mother.

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