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# Reclaim the North!

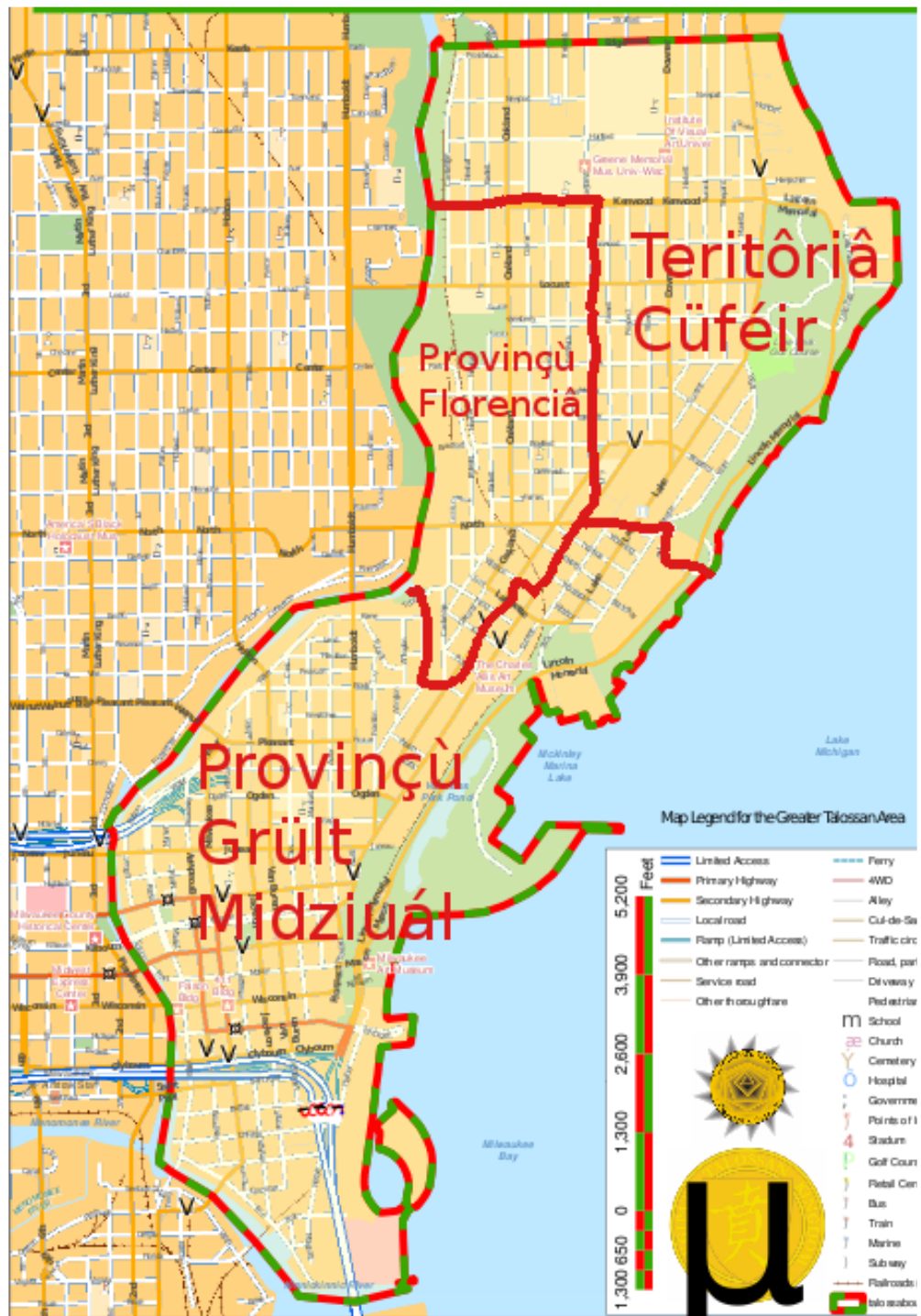
With the adoption of the Twelfth Amendment to the Constitution, it is now up to the Chamber of Deputies to decide precisely what the boundaries for the Republic should be. And that's just what ZRT deputy Daviu Rôibeardét has done with his Northern Provinces Reclamation Bill.

Dp. Rôibeardét has taken the bold step of demanding that the Republic reclaim the three Northern provinces of Talossa (Atatürk, Mussolini and Vuode) which were left behind in the Revolution of 2004. And *Qator Itrîns* stands behind him 100% on this issue.

The Reclamation of the North will bring about an outpouring of national pride, as the Revolution of 1 June 2004 is finally completed. It will - most importantly - stake a proud, noble and intransigent claim that the Talossan Republic is the heir of the pre-2004 Kingdom of Talossa in all its particulars and symbology, which will do us nothing but good in promoting us to the world.

Of course this will irritate, vex and offend the adherents of the Royalist regime in equal measure. *QI* says: **GOOD!** Now *they* will know how we feel that they continue to refuse us the simple dignity of even admitting we exist, either by making up bogus legal arguments about how we are a "micronation" while they're not, or by just being rude, creepy, or stalkers. We predict that those Royalists who are friendly to the Republic will continue to be friendly, recognizing that turnabout is fair play and this bill is simply the mirror image of the Abbavilla regime's current attitude.

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How the provincial boundaries would look under the Verbotten Proposal

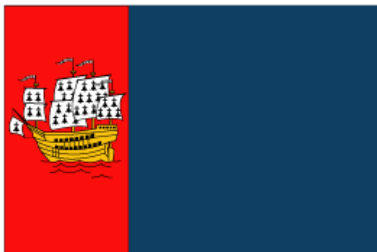
# Provinces - confirmed for brawl

The move to Wittenberg XII has not just shocked Talossa into rampaging life at the federal level, but kickstarted the three Republican provinces as well.

Developments in the Great Southern Provinces have been most exciting. High Court Justice Kane Gruber was an outspoken opponent of the Triple-M provincial merger which created the GSP (and abolished his beloved Pórt Maxhestic province). But he has shown a sporting regard for the democratic process by becoming a rambunctious and formidable debater in the direct-democracy Great Southern Assembly.

Tragically, he has chosen to display this in a quite unwarranted attack on Miestrâ Schivâ's harmless and noble bill to protect the rights of bears. "Bears have long played the role of antagonist and criminal" said the grumpy old Justice, not only provoking a sharp response from ex-President Vercáriâ (the Republic's most famous bear) but provoking cxhn. Iensâ Ovêir, also of ursine persuasion, to re-enter the political arena to do battle with anti-ursite sentiments.

The best thing about provincial politics is that the laws against multiple offices do not apply - so, there is



Flags of Florenciâ and Cézembre provinces (GSP flag TBA)

nothing to stop the Secretary of State, High Court Justices, and any federal level politician getting involved. The other High Court Justice, Art Verbotten, has led the charge in reviving Florenciâ province (which of course he founded back in 1996). Florenciâ is the smallest province in population, as well as in area, but all three Flo-cits are active and inspired citizens (two Deputies and a Justice), so they punch above their weight.

Cézembre, for long the only active Republican province, seems to have been caught on the hop a little bit by the provincial renaissance. However, two of the Republic's three newspapers (not counting the good one, unfortunately) come from Cézembre (see other story on this page), which bodes well for the future of Euro-Talossa.

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We suggest that the plan of High Court Justice Art Verbotten be followed in this, and that if the reclamation of the North goes ahead, then we should redraw our provincial boundaries thusly:

- that the former Mussolini province be annexed to Florenciâ
- that the remainder of the territory (the former Vuode and Atatürk provinces) should be renamed "the Cüféir Territory", after Bill Cüféir, the Republican legislator who tragically died in office in

late 2005. This territory could be turned into one or more provinces later if we so desire.

If the bill passes, it will need to be endorsed in referendum. That's a big "if" on both cases, considering that rumour has it that the majority party in the Chamber is itself not unanimous on this issue. We shall all see.

## Paper Wars II - Cézembre Strikes Back

Is every retired Talossan politician going to be getting out a paper? Once (and future?) President of the Republic and Chief Bear, Dieter Vercáriâ, has become the Third Force in the ongoing paper wars with the release of his *St Brendan Sentinel* (<http://www.eispetz.com/mrp/stbse nt.pdf>).

While its low-tech look and breezy style are a breath of fresh air among the Talossan press, newspaper critics debate whether its format of reprinting "stuff we've already seen on Wittenberg" will catch on or will bore people silly.

Meanwhile, the other (and therefore lesser) rival to QI, *Liberançéu*, has taken a regrettable turn for political baiting, with editor and ZRT renegade Inxheneu Crovâ

suggesting that the party he co-founded and then deserted has "no future" because the ZRT did not offer one of its own members for the office of Seneschál.

This analysis - or should we say "wish-fulfilment", or even "sour grapes" - misses the point that the new Seneschál, Eiric Börnatfiglheu, in spite of some regrettable anti-ursite statements in the provincial arena, endorsed the ZRT programme in its entirety during the Chamber election campaign. So it is just like having one of our own members in office, without us having to do the work. We consider this a political masterstroke, so *Liberançéu* can go bait itself for a while.

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**"I am a MEDICINE SHOW CON-MAN."** - Eiric Börnatfiglheu admits to his crimes in a debate in the Great Southern Province assembly

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