

# Meet the Composer



Peter Ilyich Tchaikovsky (cheye-KAWF-ski) composed the music for "The Nutcracker."

He was born in Russia in 1840. He loved music all his life and studied piano as a child.

Tchaikovsky became a lawyer but music was his main interest. At 23 he began to study music seriously.

He wrote music for three of the most popular ballets ever written: "The Nutcracker," "The Sleeping Beauty" and "Swan Lake." He also wrote symphonies and operas.

Tchaikovsky was very unhappy most of his life. He had many nervous breakdowns.

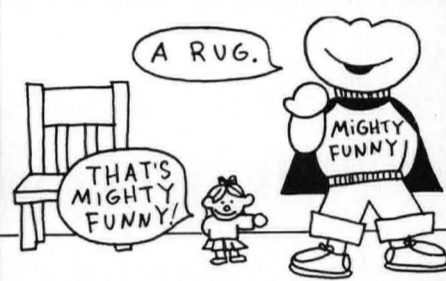
He died at the age of 53.

# MIGHTY FUNNY'S MINI JOKES



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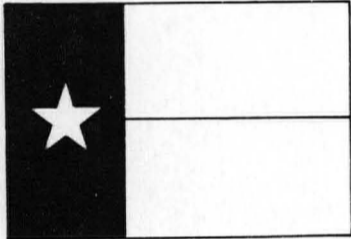
# MATCH THESE PUNCH LINES



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# Let's Visit the State of Texas



The state flag is red, white and blue.

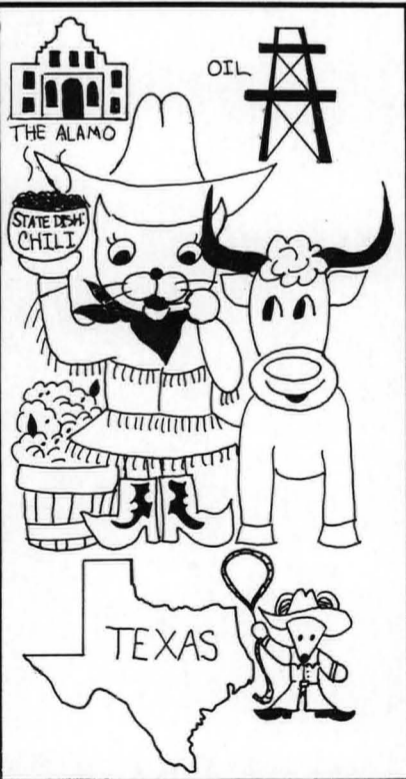


State bird: mockingbird.

State flower: bluebonnet.

State capital: Austin, named for the first governor of Texas, Stephen F. Austin.  
 State name: from "tejas," an Indian word meaning "friendly."  
 Nickname: Lone Star State.  
 Size when compared with other states: in area, second; in number of people, third.

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- The largest state capitol building in the country is in Austin.
- Texas ranks first among the states in the production of oil, natural gas and chemicals made from petroleum (oil).
- Texas usually ranks first among the states in growing cabbage, spinach, watermelons, sorghum (a type of grain) and pecans.
- Texas grows more cotton than any other state. Cotton is the leading cash crop.
- Only Alaska has more inland water than Texas.
- The Alamo, where Texans fought for their independence from Mexico, is a tourist attraction.

- Texas has a coastline on the Gulf of Mexico. It also has high mountains in west Texas.
- An old Texas jingle is "The sun is riz, the sun is set, and we ain't out of Texas yet!" Texas is big!
- Famous Texans include former President Lyndon Johnson, Farrah Fawcett, Jaclyn Smith and Dan Rather.

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