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A Few Words from the President

It's February already - the year is flying by! Fair weather in Molossia has meant progress on many projects; we are most proud of our new National Anthem (see below). We have a few other projects that are going on, as well. As I've mentioned before, the Red Square remodel on Page 2 is the most intensive. In the meantime, there are other plans afoot, some small, some big. Right around the corner, though, is tourist season, which opens on 15 April. Molossia has visitors come from all over the world; last year we had over 100 tourists come to see our nation, including a media crew from Yahoo! The interest is such that we'd like to create a Guesthouse. In the meantime, though, if you're passing by or looking for a destination, come see us. Welcome to Molossia!



New National Anthem

28 January 2014

The Republic of Molossia is pleased to announce the advent of our new National Anthem, "Fair Molossia Is Our Home". For the past 15 years our anthem has been "Molossia, Nation In The Desert", with music composed by Ciprian Porumbescu and lyrics written by His Excellency, President Kevin Baugh. While a stirring piece of music, it is better known as the national anthem of Albania, and over the years there have been significant complaints from Albanian citizens over our borrowing of their anthem. Thus in December 2013 XXXVI a search was launched for a new anthem, and eventually the music chosen was a magnificent piece composed by Simon-Pierre Boka Di Mipasi Londi. Formerly the anthem of Zaïre, it is no longer in use and fits our needs nicely. Subsequently, lyrics were written by His Excellency, The President, drawing inspiration from the land and culture of Molossia, as well as from the song "The Impossible Dream (The Quest)", "Ozymandias" by Percy Bysshe Shelley and "Home Means Nevada", Nevada's State Song. The result is a stirring national hymn, and anthem of which we can all be proud. Fair Molossia is indeed our home, strong, free and sovereign. Let us all extol its praises in song!



Lyrics:

There's a place beneath the western sun,
 A country proud, a nation next to none,
 An oasis amid the desert sand,
 Standing tall in this uncommon land.
 From the mountains high down to the valleys wide,
 Our flag of blue and white and green it ever flies,
 Where hawks and mustangs roam,
 Fair Molossia is our home.
 Treasured land of wind and sage and mighty dreams,
 Our country strong and free and proud, it reigns supreme,
 Fair Molossia is our home,

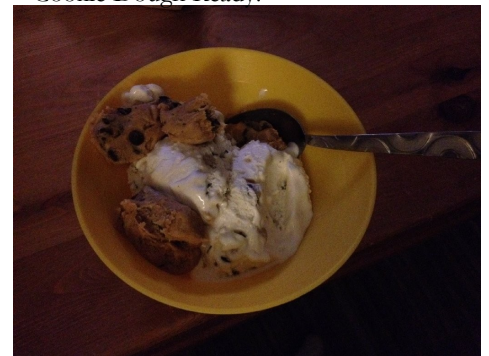
Cookie Dough Fest

14 January 2014 XXXVII

The Cookie Dough Fest is a staple of Molossian culture. In fact cookie dough itself is so important to our nation that it forms the basis for our currency, the Valora. Dating from our brief affiliation with the United Provinces of Utopia in 1999 XXII, the Cookie Dough Fest involves simply watching monster movies of questionable quality while eating raw cookie dough. In the past a perennial favourite was the "Tremors" series of movies, although just about any B movie will do. Lately, the eating of raw cookie dough has been curtailed a bit due to salmonella concerns and has been somewhat replaced by cookie dough ice cream, but the tradition remains largely the same. On 11 January 2014 XXXVII Molossians held their first Cookie Dough Fest of the New Year, a belated celebration of Emperor Norton Day, which falls on 8 January. The movie of the evening was "Big Ass Spider" about, appropriately, a giant spider rampaging through Los Angeles. Intentionally tongue in cheek and hilarious, it was the perfect choice for the evening, and for the occasion cookie dough was mixed with cookie dough ice cream. A fine time was had by all and we look forward to many more Cookie Dough Fests in the future!



Cookie Dough Ready!



A bowl of deliciousness!

Red Square Remodel

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The holidays are over and the time has come to begin our latest building project, expanding and remodeling Red Square. Red Square lies to the north of Government House and is home to the Molossia Post Office, Bank of Molossia, Office of the President, Molossia's Tiki Hut Bar and Grill, and more. The expansion will make room for the long-planned Molossia Constabulary and for a picnic area and badminton grounds. The first stage of the project involved removing dozens of rabbit brush bushes and sagebrush. Next will come installing more privacy fencing along our northern frontier with the US, followed by expanding the Red Square retaining wall east, toward the Back Forty. After that is done, the area will be backfilled with dirt and more red gravel, streetlights and picnic benches will be installed and the expansion will be done. Sometime in late spring, the Constabulary will be built, as well as an outdoor kitchen for the Tiki Hut. By then it will be tourist season and time to show our new square off to the world!



Red Square ready for a remodel.



Tons of weeds ready for export to the US.



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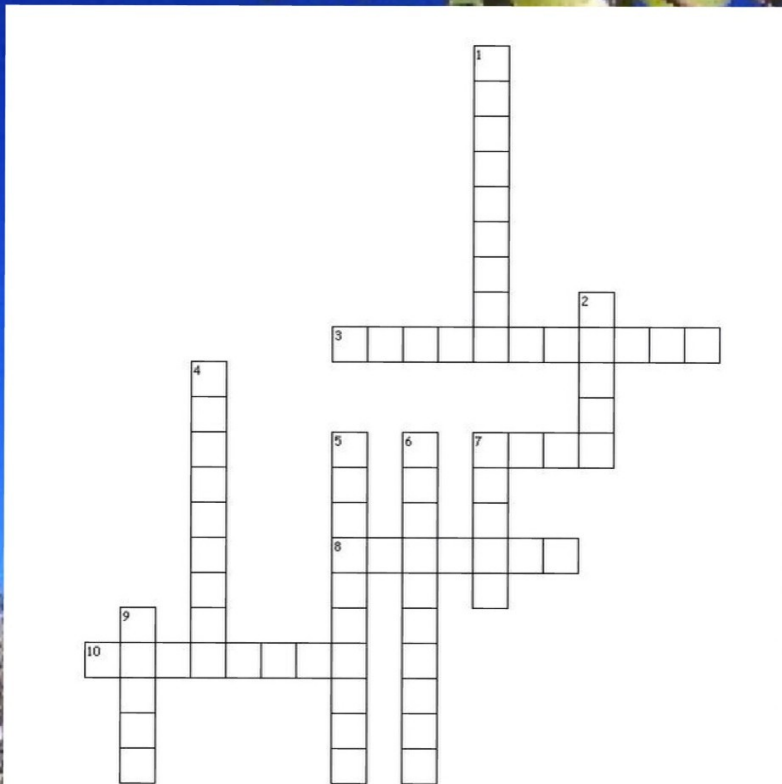
Types of Molossaphones.

The Molossaphone

The National Musical Instrument of Molossia is the Molossaphone. The Molossaphone is a type of mirliton - a device which modifies the sound of a person's voice by way of a vibrating membrane. It is closely related to the kazoo - very closely related indeed. To play the Molossaphone, one "sings" into it (although the process is usually called humming); this adds a "buzzing" timbral quality to a player's voice, thus creating the unique sound. The ancestor of the Molossaphone, the kazoo, has been around for centuries, dating back to Africa, and was brought to North America in the 19th century. In various forms kazoos have played a part in Dixieland bands and they are quite popular with children as they are very easy to play.

The move to adopt the Molossaphone as our National Musical Instrument began in late 2007 XXX, when His Excellency, The President noted that our old National Musical Instrument, wind chimes, could not actually be played and had at any rate blown away in the direction of Utah. A replacement was in order, and the "kazoo", renamed the "Molossaphone", was selected. Now that we have a playable National Musical Instrument, one can expect to see the Molossaphone humming forth at every national event, and any other opportunity!

Molossia Laws



Across

- 3. It is illegal to cause a ____.
- 7. It is illegal to wear cowboy boots unless you already own at least two ____.
- 8. Detonating a ____ device within the nation will result in a VL 500.- fine.
- 10. ____ is guaranteed to the masses.

Down

- 1. ____ may not be set off in the country.
- 2. It is illegal to hunt ____ under a street light.
- 4. ____ are prohibited from strolling through Red Square unless they are on a leash.
- 5. All persons wishing to keep a ____ as a pet must obtain a VL 100.- license first.
- 6. It is illegal to play ____ instruments in any bathroom.
- 7. It is illegal to walk a ____ along Alphonse Simms Circle between the hours of 4:00 and 6:00 PM MST.
- 9. ____ have the right of way to cross any street, including driveways.



A dashing member of the Molossian Naval Infantry plays the Molossaphone.

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February Calendar

- **Jack Day - February 4th In memory of the former First Dog, born on this day in 1991, died in 2001.**



2014 - The Year of the Horse - Symbol of Molossia and our National Animal!

THIS MONTH'S WEATHER

Molossia's weather is always gorgeous, with plenty of sunshine and temperatures year-round of 22° Celsius (72° Fahrenheit). However, our little country is surrounded by the US and they are so close, their awful weather invades frequently! So the weather report reflects both our weather and theirs.

	Molossia	US
Maximum Temperature	22° C / 72° F	15° C / 59° F
Minimum Temperature	22° C / 72° F	-7° C / 19° F
Average High Temperature	22° C / 72° F	7° C / 45° F
Average Low Temperature	22° C / 72° F	-6° C / 22° F
Monthly Precipitation	0 mm	0 mm
Sunshine hours	Pretty much every day!	

The Last Word With The First Lady



Hello everyone! February is here and this is the month of love. What do you love? Maybe it's a person, a favorite place to go, or maybe it's a hobby. Being in love with what you do is wonderful! Starting your own country or any new project that you put your heart and soul into will bring you joy. Being able to create and share those creations with others is a very good feeling. Let's share what we love! Show me your pictures! On twitter use hashtag #love and tag us @molossia. Email me at firstlady@molossia.org or our Facebook page.

Thank you and until next time...
Do what brings you joy! <3

~Adrienne