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A Few Words from the President

A recent CNN article about our nation called into question the seriousness the Republic of Molossia and I feel compelled to briefly address this topic. Bottom line, we consider Molossia to be a sovereign nation. We acknowledge a certain amount of dependency on the US due to our small size and lack of resources, but within those constraints we consider ourselves to be independent. We also acknowledge that the United States is a powerful and often paranoid nation and we often use humor and satire in our activities to soften the impact of having a small nation within such a large one and to avoid any enmity from them. But that humor does not alter our belief in the sovereignty of our nation. We daily continue to strive toward greater independence and we remain confident that one day the Republic of Molossia will stand equal with the other recognized nations of the world.



Nevada Day Parade

31 October 2015 XXXVIII

On 31 October 2015 XXXVIII, His Excellency, The President, The First Lady and the First Family participated in the annual Nevada Day Parade event. Located in Carson City, Nevada, this was the 77th occasion of the parade, which takes place on or around Nevada Day, the annual celebration of the admission of Nevada as a state. Nevada was admitted to the Union on 31 October 1864. At that time, the state was a significant producer of silver and gold, and therefore played a major role in financing the Union war effort during the United States Civil War. Nevada's admission as a state helped not only to pay for the War, but ensured a northern majority in Congress afterward.

The annual Nevada Day Parade includes marching bands, floats, local business representation, Nevada dignitaries, and of course Our President and the First Family. Included were the First Lady, First Son Mark and his lady Danielle, and First Granddaughters Jade and Lyla. On this ninth appearance in the parade, His Excellency and the First Family rode in Mark's silver pickup truck. The parade route stretches for about 1.2 Imperial Nortons (1.2 km) through the middle of Carson City, the state capital of Nevada. Along the route several reviewing stands are set up, with announcers introducing each parade entry. As years go by the announcers get better and at pronouncing the name of our nation correctly. As the President passed the spectators, many called out, wanting to know where Molossia is located. His Excellency and the First Lady responded and the good humored crowd generally took it in stride that there was a sovereign nation right down the road from them, inside their own state. A fine time was had by all and we all look forward to next year's Nevada Day Parade.



The Constable's Corner

by Alexis Baugh

This month has been very busy. Basketball has ended and so has football cheer. Which means I have to do something!! So I have decided to do basketball cheer! I have learned a lot of new fantastic cheers and have made new friends. Honestly, I like basketball cheer better then football cheer. When you are in a sport you have to act as a team, but you have to act as a team for a lot of other things too, like your family, and even a country!

Not only has sports come and gone, but its the first year of middle school and I have got to say, its busy!! I have many new teachers and new schoolmates this year. My favorite class is history of cinema! In this class we watch movies, we have watched a lot of silent films so far, we have watched The Birds by Alfred Hitchcock. We have also watched a lot of the world's earliest films.

Their hasn't been any Molossian intruders this month! But we will have to wait and see when tourist season rolls in again. This is what has been happening this month! Cheers!!! Chief Constable of Molossia



2015 Misfit Regatta

25 October 2015 XXXVIII

.On 25 October 2015 XXXVII, the Republic of Molossia hosted the 2015 Misfit Regatta. Inspired by the famous Henley-on-Todd Regatta held in Alice Springs, Australia, the Misfit Regatta is a dry land cardboard boat race. It takes place on Misfit Flats, some 16 Imperial Nortons (16 km / 10 mi) east of Molossia. Famed for being a filming location for the Clark Gable/Marilyn Monroe movie "The Misfits", the Flats are an open, dry lakebed, perfect for racing. At 10:39 AM Molossian Standard Time (MST) the racers arrived at the Flats and helped set up the start and finish lines. Then at about 11:00 AM MST the first race took place, with cameras rolling and spectators cheering. There were several races held, including kids only, adults only, group, guys only, ladies only, and backward for kids and for adults. A total of eleven racers competed, the most ever. As usual, Molossian citizen Bryce Cardoza was to be the racer to beat, winning almost every race in which he competed. Close seconds were Molossian citizens Nathan Harrison and Mark Baugh. The racers competed with all their might and had much to be proud of. After seven races, the event was ended and declared a resounding success. Today's Regatta was just the third of many, with one planned every other year at this time. Future races may include an obstacle course and a competition for best "boat", which will include non-racers and fans of Molossia from around the world. Well done racers, and see you in two years!



The Lineup



The First Lady's Casino Box



The President's Hula Box



The Chief Constable's Cook Box

In Other News...

EARTHQUAKE PREPAREDNESS

The Great Basin, in which Molossia lies, is a seismically active area. As such, it is important to be prepared in case of an earthquake. In the neighboring State of Nevada. Here are some tips, courtesy of the Molossian Disaster Preparedness Agency:

- Become aware of fire evacuation and earthquake safety plans for all of the buildings you occupy regularly.
- Pick safe places in each room of your home, workplace and/or school. A safe place could be under a piece of furniture or against an interior wall away from windows, bookcases or tall furniture that could fall on you.
- Practice “drop, cover and hold on” in each safe place. If you do not have sturdy furniture to hold on to, sit on the floor next to an interior wall and cover your head and neck with your arms.
- Keep a flashlight and sturdy shoes by each person’s bed in case the earthquake strikes in the middle of the night.
- Make sure your home is securely anchored to its foundation.
- Bolt and brace water heaters and gas appliances to wall studs.
- Bolt bookcases, china cabinets and other tall furniture to wall studs.
- Hang heavy items, such as pictures and mirrors, away from beds, couches and anywhere people sleep or sit.
- Brace overhead light fixtures.
- Install strong latches or bolts on cabinets. Large or heavy items should be closest to the floor.
- Learn how to shut off the gas valves in your home and keep a wrench handy for that purpose.
- Learn about your area’s seismic building standards and land use codes before you begin new construction.
- Keep and maintain an emergency supplies kit in an easy-to-access location.



Congratulations Lady Comstockers! Our local Virginia City middle school girl’s basketball (including our own Chief Constable) team beat Hawthorne 32-29 to win the championship!

It’s that time of year, spooky pumpkins decorated for Halloween!



Around The Nation...And Beyond!



On a recent expedition to Hawthorne, Nevada, an autumn rainstorm over Walker Lake gave us this rainbow - another example of the beauty of our desert!



On 24 October the United Nations turned 70 years old and buildings around the world were lit up blue to celebrate - including our own Office of the President!



On 15 October the Republic of Molossia celebrated the Day of Merriment, The First Lady's Birthday!, with cake and presents!



On 11 October the First Family attended the musical Annie, always a favorite in our nation!

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November Calendar

Laika Day - November 3rd - The original "Dog Day" of Molossia, celebrating our canine friends. Dog biscuit, anyone?

Guy Fawkes Day - November 5th - A day to have a bonfire, burn the Guy and probably have smores!

Utopia Memorial Day - November 17th - Utopia Memorial Day recalls the now-defunct nation of the United Provinces of Utopia, of which Molossia was once briefly a province. The original "Cookie Dough Fest" Day.

November 28th - The Chief Constable's Birthday

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	32° C / 90° F
Minimum Temperature	22° C / 72° F	15° C / 59° F
Average Temperature	22° C / 72° F	23.9° C / 75° F
Monthly Precipitation	0 mm	8.38 mm
Sunshine hours	Pretty much every day!	

The Last Word With The First Lady

November is here and that means that the holiday season is in full swing! We love holidays here in Molossia and find any excuse to have a celebration! Thanksgiving and Christmas are our favorites. Festive times like these always brings families and countries closer together. Despite people's differences family togetherness is often high on people's lists during the holidays. It's important to stand up for what you believe in but to also pick your battles when it comes to your family. Ask yourself is this really worth not being together over? Spending the holidays alone can be very depressing. If you know someone that is in need of a friend for the holiday invite them over and let the love spill over! If it's you that is lost this holiday season, don't be afraid to reach out to a friend or a family member. The holidays mean so much more when spent together.

Thank you all and until next time...

Happy holidays my friends!

~Adrienne

