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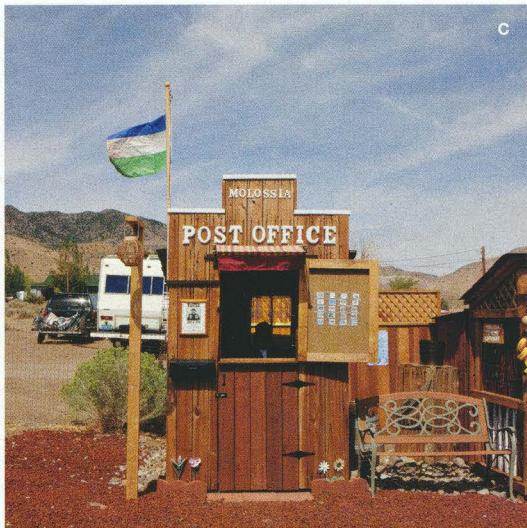


Declaring Their Own Kingdoms

A king without a kingdom is not without options. For centuries, wannabe rulers intent on independence, political subversion, religious freedom, or just a laugh have laid dubious claim to territories. Some call these domains “micronations.”

Where have self-appointed rulers planted flags? On islands: Off Denmark’s coast is the Kingdom of Elleore, which bans *Robinson Crusoe* as slander against island life. In deserts: Nevada’s Republic of Molossia sells bonds to fund its war—with East Germany. And in the ocean: The ruler of the Principality of Sealand, a WWII-era British Navy sea fort, says he once foiled a hostage-taking coup.

By international law, those aspiring to nationhood must have a government, a permanent population, defined territory, and a capacity for foreign relations; some tiny nations also have flags, constitutions, and currencies. What most don’t have is recognition. They exist, as their founders do, on the fringes. —Nina Strochlic

A**C****A. ELLEORE**

For one festive week a year, 271 Elleorians flock to their island kingdom. It was founded in 1944 by a group of school-teachers now known as the “Immortals.”

B. SAUGEAIS

According to lore, this republic struck out from France in 1947 when a restaurateur jokingly asked a local official to show his entry permit before dining.

C. MOLOSSIA

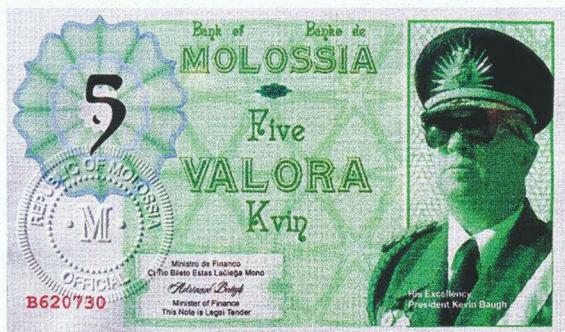
President Kevin Baugh's War Department scrapped plans for an army and air force but does have a five-raft navy that “stands ready”—in the Nevada desert.

D. SEBORGA

Residents of this medieval principality believe independence was granted in A.D. 954. Italy isn't convinced, but Seborga operates consulates in 19 countries.

E. ATLANTIUM

None of its 3,000 citizens actually reside in the 200-acre Australian realm, but Emperor George II rents out the whole thing—pyramid included—on Airbnb.

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