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City of Sierra Madre

## PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

From: The City of Sierra Madre  
Subject: PUBLIC HEARING: Adopting the 2020  
Sierra Madre Urban Water Management Plan and Water Shortage  
Contingency Plan

The City of Sierra Madre gives notice, pursuant to State of California law, that the City Council will conduct a public hearing regarding the adoption of the 2020 Urban Water Management Plan and its Water Shortage Contingency Plan. The City of Sierra Madre's 2020 Urban Water Management Plan incorporates the City of Sierra Madre's Water Shortage Contingency Plan. The 2020 Urban Water Management Plan and Water Shortage Contingency Plan were prepared pursuant to the "Urban Water Management Planning Act" and the California Water Code. The California Department of Water Resources requires every urban water supplier to prepare and adopt an Urban Water Management Plan, including the Water Shortage Contingency Plan, and periodically update the Urban Water Management Plan at least once every five years, in years ending in six and one. The City of Sierra Madre invites all interested entities to attend and present their comments. A copy of the draft 2020 Urban Water Management Plan and Water Shortage Contingency Plan is available at the City of Sierra Madre's website. Please provide written comments by 3:00 p.m. on June 14, 2021 to the City of Sierra Madre, City Clerk's Office at [PublicComment@cityofsierramadre.com](mailto:PublicComment@cityofsierramadre.com)

### DATE AND TIME OF HEARING

City of Sierra Madre City Council meeting; Tuesday, July 13, 2021 (Hearing begins at 4:00 p.m.)

### PLACE OF HEARING

The Hearing will take place at the City of Sierra Madre City Council Chambers located at 232 W. Sierra Madre Blvd., Sierra Madre, CA 91024.

The meeting will be streamed live on the City's website at [www.cityofsierramadre.com](http://www.cityofsierramadre.com), on Foothills Media website at <http://www.foothillsmidiasite.org/sierramadre> and broadcast on Government Access Channel 3 (Spectrum).

The Brown Act provides the public with an opportunity to make public comments at any public meeting. Public comment may also be made by e-mail to [PublicComment@CityofSierraMadre.com](mailto:PublicComment@CityofSierraMadre.com) by 3:00 PM on the day of the meeting.

For further information on this subject, please contact

the Water Department at (626) 355-7135

City of Sierra Madre

## PUBLIC HEARING SUMMARY NOTICE

From: The City of Sierra Madre  
Subject: An Ordinance Establishing Residential Entrepreneur Overlay - Ordinance 1445  
Applicant: City of Sierra Madre  
Project Location: Properties in the City of Sierra Madre, County of Los Angeles, State of California  
The City of Sierra Madre gives notice, pursuant to State of California law, that the City Council will conduct a public hearing to consider adoption of Ordinance 1445, amending Chapter 17.32 (R-P Residential-Professional Zone) of Title 17 (Zoning) of the Sierra Madre Municipal Code. The purpose of the amendment is to establish a Residential Entrepreneur Overlay, consistent with the General Plan Land Use map and General Plan Implementation Measure-39. Establishing a Residential Entrepreneur Overlay also contributes to the consistency between land use and zoning designations as required by state law. The Planning Commission recommended approval to the City Council of the proposed text amendment at a noticed public hearing held on June 17, 2021.

### DATE AND TIME OF HEARING

City of Sierra Madre  
City Council meeting  
Tuesday, July 13, 2021 (meeting begins at 4:00 p.m.) PLACE OF HEARING  
City of Sierra Madre  
City Council Chambers  
232 W. Sierra Madre Blvd.  
Sierra Madre, CA

All interested persons may attend this meeting and the City Council will hear them with respect thereto.

This meeting will be conducted in accordance with the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health, Guidelines for physical distancing. Masks will be required.

This meeting will also be recorded for broadcast. Watch the meeting live on Channel 3 (Government Access Channel) or on the City's website at [www.cityofsierramadre.com](http://www.cityofsierramadre.com).

ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION: The subject ordinance is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Title 14, a §15060(c)(2), §15060(c)(3), and §15061(b)(3) of the California Code of Regulations. The Ordinance amending Title 17 of the Sierra Madre Municipal Code will not result in a direct or reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment; the ordinance does not involve a "project" as defined by Section 15378; and the ordinance is covered by the general rule that CEQA applies only to projects that have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment; Therefore, it may be seen with certainty that there is no possibility this ordinance will have a significant effect on the environment. APPEAL: If in the future anyone wishes to challenge the decision of the City Council in court, one may be limited to raising the issues that were raised or presented in written correspondence delivered to the City Council at, or before, the scheduled public hearing. For further information on this subject, please contact the Planning and Community Preservation Department at (626) 355-7138.

City of Sierra Madre

## PUBLIC HEARING SUMMARY NOTICE

From: The City of Sierra Madre  
Subject: General Plan Land Use Map & Zoning Map Updates  
Applicant: City of Sierra Madre  
Project Location: Properties in the City of Sierra Madre, County of Los Angeles, State of California

The City of Sierra Madre gives notice, pursuant to State of California law, that the City Council will conduct a public hearing to consider Resolution 21-40, approving (1) a General Plan Amendment (GPA 21-01) to change the General Plan Land Use designation of certain property, and (2) a Zone Change (ZC 21-01) to change the zoning designation of other certain property. The purpose of the General Plan amendment is to correct the land use designation of certain parcels in the 2015 General Plan Land Use Map to match the existing use or existing development limitations on these parcels, and the corresponding zone change is to make the zoning designation consistent with the General Plan land use designation, as required by law. The Planning Commission held a public hearing on June 17, 2021 recommending approval of this General Plan Amendment and Zone Change to the City Council for consideration.

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ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION: The project qualifies for a California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Exemption pursuant to Section 15061(b)(3) (Review for Exemption) of CEQA, as there is no possibility that the proposed general plan amendment and zone change would have a significant impact on the environment.

APPEAL: If in the future anyone wishes to challenge the decision of the City Council in court, one may be limited to raising the issues that were raised or presented in written correspondence delivered to the City Council at, or before, the scheduled public hearing. For further information on this subject, please contact the Planning and Community Preservation Department at (626) 355-7138.

CITY OF SIERRA MADRE

# JULY 4TH, 2021

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**SATURDAY, JULY 3RD**  
**MADRE STARS & STRIPES BLOCK PARTY**  
**5:00PM - 9:00PM**

Come celebrate Sierra Madre! Join us in downtown Sierra Madre for a family-friendly event walking along the boulevard. Remember to bring your own chair! The block party will feature food and beverages from all our local restaurants and bars. Kick-off ceremony starts at 5:15 PM in the newly remodeled Kersting Court followed by a live musical performance by Groovy Lemon Pie

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7:30AM

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8:00AM

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WOMAN'S CLUB  
8AM - 10AM

INDEPENDENCE  
DAY PARADE  
10:00AM

## SIERRA MADRE GIRL SCOUT GOLD AWARD CONGRATULATIONS



Congratulations to all 5 Ambassador scouts from local troop 5361 for earning their GSGLA Gold Award through the challenging 2020-2021 year!

The Gold Award is the highest award a girl can earn and requires dedication, determination and strong leadership skills. Girls projects included providing at-home gardening kits to address food insecurity, handmade blankets to help homeless, handmade masks distributed for covid safety, hand painted artwork showcasing cities around the world to embrace cultural diversity and local "book walk" in Sierra Madre to encourage literacy and acceptance of others.

Congratulations Maheilia Thomas, Loriele Campos Martel, Elizabeth Mansour, Sophia Kroe, and Leilani Widjaja.

Thank you for support from our community partners; St. Rita Parish, St. Francis Center, Foothill Unity Center, Sierra Madre Library and Living Way Daycare Center.



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## REMEMBRANCES

### CLIFFORD J. STUECK

February 28, 1932 – June 18, 2021

Born at home in Queens Village, NY, Clifford Joseph Stueck was brought into the world by Ar-thur and Florence Keenan Stueck. He was the firstborn of five, followed by his siblings, Arthur, Patricia, George, and Francis. Cliff was a decorated Korean War veteran, who was awarded the Combat Infantryman Badge, two Purple Hearts, and the Bronze Star Medal with “V” for Valor, for his significant bravery as a 1st Lieutenant leading a combat platoon for the 25th Infantry Division.

Shortly before leaving for Korea, Cliff met the love of his life, Lois Elaine Hillicke. Lois wrote to the young lieutenant every single day while he was in combat, and it was through those letters that they came to know each other and fall in love. They were married in 1956 and had six chil-dren, Eileen (Ken Leech), Clifford (deceased), Kathleen, John (Jill Feinberg), Paul (Peggy Har-low), and Flo (Jen Chotiner), and five grandchildren, Catherine (Nicolas Dovetta), Stephen, Clifford III, John Jr., and Kieran.

Cliff attended Our Lady of Lourdes, Brooklyn Technical High School, St. John's University, and received an MBA from the University of Connecticut. He spent more than 30 years as a sen-ior executive in information systems with Emery Worldwide, retiring as Senior Vice President, North America. While at Emery, Cliff was an innovator in computer program-ming, developing a talking computer and one of the earliest package tracking systems, and was famous at the office for promoting women to senior positions.

At home in Easton, Connecticut, Cliff was an avid gardener and arborist. He took an active role in childrearing, advising his children on how to weather life's inevitable trials and tribula-tions. He was no stranger to the kitchen, specializing in killer margaritas and nachos, and creat-ing the still famous dinner-for-breakfast meals accompanied by the theme from Star Wars played at top volume. Cliff also enjoyed his role as a political husband when Lois became the first woman elected as First Selectman of Easton. Later they lived in Ridgefield, CT, and Sierra Madre, CA.

Cliff was a world traveler, visiting Hong Kong, Japan, Australia, and other exotic locales. For many years, Lois and Cliff followed their bliss, driving their small RV many times across the U.S., Canada, and Mexico, and spending as much time as possible in the U.S. Virgin Islands. His family was his first and abiding love, but Cliff's life-long passions also included photography, language, and writing, as evident in his soon-to-be-published memoir, Queens Village. Donations in his memory may be made to Ss. Joachim and Anne School, Queens Village, NY, the Kore-an War Veterans Memorial, Washington D.C., or the Sierra Madre Public Library. A memorial service and reception will be held at Trinity Presbyterian Church, Pasadena, July 5 at 3:30 PM. A ceremony will be held at the Long Island National Cemetery, Farmingdale, Long Island, NY, July 21 at 11:00 AM.



## WALKING SIERRA MADRE - The Social Side

by Deanne Davis

“You have to love a nation that celebrates its independence every July 4, not with a parade of guns, tanks, and soldiers who file by the White House in a show of strength and muscle, but with family picnics where kids throw Frisbees, the potato salad gets iffy, and the flies die from happiness. You may think you have overeaten, but it is patriotism.” Erma Bombeck

First of all, congratulations to Marc Garlett, new President of Sierra Madre Rotary, and thanks so much to past-President, Karen Swisher. I interviewed Karen in April of 2015 for the Mountain Views News when she was still heading up Sierra Madre Grocery Co. and found her to be gracious, charming, funny and delightful. I guess I'm saying I sorta liked her. I have to share one thing about her Sierra Seasoning Rub. I've still got a bottle with a little down at the bottom and as I said in 2015, I put Sierra Seasoning on fish, chicken, every kind of meat and the Sierra Rub makes it incredible. This particular seasoning, btw, was originally developed for a barbeque for the Rotary.



Now that we're actually going to have a July 4<sup>th</sup> celebration this year (July 5<sup>th</sup>, actually) I was reminded of this poem I wrote a few years back and thought I'd share it again.

### STAR SPANGLED CELEBRATION

I'll bring the hot dogs,  
You bring the beer,  
The Fourth of July,  
Is finally here!

It's our day to celebrate,  
Our Nation's story.  
Is your hand on your heart?  
Here she comes! It's Old Glory!

Let's walk downtown,  
And watch the parade.  
I hope we can find,  
A place in the shade.

Here come our V.A. guys,  
Standing so tall and straight!  
Thank you, guys, for your service,  
We think you're just great!

Oh Look! Here she comes!  
There's a tear in my eye.  
Let's stand up and cheer!  
Old Glory's passing by.

We love those old cars,  
Filled with folks that we know.  
Rich Johnson and Susan Henderson  
Will be waving together.

Hey! Throw us some candy!  
How far can one little Tootsie Roll...roll!  
The Sierra Madre City College Band  
Will give us a song. (Hope!)

We'll barbeque later,  
A burger...or three,  
And have potato salad,  
Two helpings, after all, it's calorie free! (Not!)

We'll go watch the fireworks,  
Down at the park.  
And count all our blessings,  
There in the dark.

Be glad that we live,  
In a land that is free.  
To celebrate Independence Day!  
To Celebrate.... Liberty!

I'm so hoping the July 4<sup>th</sup> celebration this year will be pretty much just like that. We always loved the parade, my best parade kibitzer buddy, John, and I. We loved seeing the kids from all the teams, the parents pulling wagons with little people looking bewildered. We admired the Search & Rescue Guys, we waved at the dignitaries smiling in the backs of open cars, trying not to sweat, wondering if they've got enough sunblock on, working hard to look responsible and re-electable.

For more years than I care to count, I hosted the entire family at our house and did the BBQ-ing and now our middle daughter, Patti and her husband, Dave, host the July 4<sup>th</sup> festivities and our job was to show up with the aforementioned calorie-free potato salad (Repeat: Not!) and a cake.

Sometime this summer you're going to need to be someplace with a cake and here's a really easy one that people will absolutely love, and they'll beg you for the recipe:

### Easy Apple Cake

2 cups Granny Smith apples, peeled, cored, cut in good sized chunks  
1 cup sugar  
Place apples in a bowl and add sugar. Let stand 30 min. (That part is really important!)

Add: 1/4 cup oil  
1 egg beaten  
1 tsp vanilla

Combine: 1 cup unsifted flour  
1 generous tsp. cinnamon  
1 tsp. soda  
¼ tsp. salt

Stir into apple mixture. Add 1/2 cup or so chopped pecans or walnuts and I like to throw in a handful of dried cranberries, too. Put into well-greased 8" square pan. Bake at 350, 45 to 50 minutes till cake tester inserted in middle comes out clean. This cake doubles and triples beautifully! Cut in squares, dust with powdered sugar and enjoy!

"I like to see a man proud of the place in which he lives.  
I like to see a man live so that his place will be proud of him." Abraham Lincoln

My book page: Amazon.com: Deanne Davis  
Where you'll find "Sunrises and Sunflowers Speak Hope"  
And "A Tablespoon of Love, A Tablespoon of Laughter"  
Take a look at both of these books, stuffed with hope and the occasional good recipe, like this apple cake.  
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## MARGARET 'MAGGI' MCCORMICK GORDON

1942-2021

**MARGARET 'Maggi' MCCORMICK GORDON, wife of Sierra Madre Playhouse President David Gordon, was honored posthumously by family and friends at Memorial Park last week.**

Born on March 10, 1942, she was the eldest of four. Their mother, Peggy Humphrey, was a young Texan who married Frank on the promise that they would Go West so that she could develop her career as an actress and Frank his as a photographer.

Maggi moved to New York in 1964 or thereabouts. She soon became a publicist for United Artists. While at UA, Maggi went to England for work. She loved it.

I met Maggi soon after she came to London. We got married on March 2, 1974. Joshua was born in 1977 and Daniel in 1979. Both boys are now married, and Maggi was the perfect mother-in-law to Nikki and Andreza: non-interfering, non-judgmental, loving. And delighted to be a grandmother to Dylan.



We were living happily in London when, through a series of unexpected career accidents, I was offered the job of director of the Milwaukee Art Museum in 2002. Josh was in Los Angeles, and Dan was headed there, so the family became an American one. At the end of 2014, we decided to join the boys in Los Angeles. Josh was living in Pomona and Dan in Glendale, so it made sense to find somewhere more or less between them. When our realtor introduced us to Sierra Madre, we fell in love all over again - this time for a place. Maggi again joined various quilting groups and immediately started to make friends with both stitchers and neighbors.

In 2011 Maggi made a special trip to view the Red and White Quilts: Infinite Variety exhibition at the Armory in New York, which was only on for five days. Her writing culminated in the magnificent 2015 book of the same name, written jointly with Liz Warren, now president of the American Folk Art Museum in New York.

In 2018, she was diagnosed with breast cancer. She died on Sunday, June 6. With typical consideration, she waited until morning. Her strength, stoicism, lack of complaining during an illness that caused exhaustion and discomfort were astonishing to behold.

She was a great lady. Her loss has been hard to bear, not only by her family but by so very many friends.

## SIERRA MADRE POLICE BLOTTER

June 13, 2021 to June 26, 2021

During this period the Sierra Madre Police Department responded to 383 calls for service.

### Collision

On 6-13-21 at 11:30AM, an officer was dispatched to the 700 block of Woodland Dr. for a report of a hit and run accident. An unknown suspect struck a parked truck and then fled the scene without exchanging information with the reporting party. Investigation pending

### Battery

On 6-14-21 at 9:05PM, a motorist standing to the rear of her parked vehicle in the 400 block of W. Sierra Madre Blvd., was struck on the right side of her body by a water balloon thrown from a passing vehicle. No injuries were reported.

### Collision

On 6-15-21 at 11:29AM, a non-injury traffic collision involving two vehicles occurred in the 200 block of W. Sierra Madre Blvd. Both drivers were evaluated by the Sierra Madre Paramedics and released at the scene.

### Arrest

On 6-19-21 at 4:42PM a driver was stopped for a vehicle code violation in the 700 block of W. Grandview Ave. The driver had an outstanding felony warrant from Orange County. The driver was arrested and taken to the Pasadena Jail and the vehicle was stored at the impound facility.

### Burglary

On 6-21-21 at 6:60PM, officers responded to the area of Mt. Wilson Trail and E. Mira Monte Ave in regards to a burglary from vehicle report. The suspect(s) used an unknown blunt object to break the front passenger window and entered the vehicle and removed personal items.

Case to Detectives

### Fraud

On 6-24-21 a resident in the 400 block of Churchill Rd. reported that unknown suspect(s) contacted him posing as an employee of Bank of America to resolve a fraud alert. Suspect(s) convinced the victim to send money through Zelle.

Case to Detectives



## Weather Wise

6-Day Forecast Sierra Madre, Ca.

Sun	Sunny	Hi	90s	Lows	70s
Mon	Sunny	Hi	90s	Lows	70s
Tues	Sunny	Hi	90s	Lows	70s
Wed	Sunny	Hi	90s	Lows	70s
Thur	Sunny	Hi	90s	Lows	70s
Fri	Sunny	Hi	90s	Lows	70s

Forecasts courtesy of the National Weather Service

### SIERRA MADRE CITY MEETINGS July 13, 2021 4:00 pm

As part of the City of Sierra Madre's COVID-19 transmission mitigation efforts, the City Council meeting will take place at the City of Sierra Madre Memorial Park Bandshell located at 222 W. Sierra Madre Blvd, Sierra Madre CA 91024. As part of the COVID-19 transmission mitigation efforts, the City recommends that all attendees bring their own chair. In the event of rain or other inclement weather, the meeting may be moved to Zoom.

The Brown Act provides the public with an opportunity to make public comments at any public meeting. Public comment may also be made by e-mail to [PublicComment@CityofSierraMadre.com](mailto:PublicComment@CityofSierraMadre.com) by 3:00 p.m. on the day of the meeting. Emails will be acknowledged at the Council meeting and filed into public record. The public may also comment in-person at the meeting.

The meeting will be streamed live on the City's website at [cityofsierramadre.com](http://cityofsierramadre.com), on Foothills Media website at [foothillsmmedia.org/sierramadre](http://foothillsmmedia.org/sierramadre) and broadcast on Government Access Channel 3 (Spectrum).

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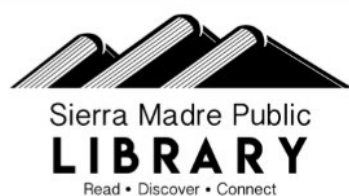
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# Pasadena Altadena

News From Your Community For Your Community

## Independence Day Closures and Reminders

Pasadena residents and businesses are reminded that Pasadena City Hall and many city services and administrative offices will be closed Monday, in observance of the Independence Day holiday. Specific closures and exceptions are noted below.

The City's Municipal Services Payment Center and Parking Office at City Hall will be closed. All parking meters not posted as a "No Parking" zone will be free on Sunday, July 4, and time limits will not be enforced. Violations for overnight parking, red curb parking, "No Parking" zones, and blocking fire hydrants will be enforced. Motorists are especially cautioned about parking restrictions in the Arroyo Seco area near Rose Bowl Stadium. All regular enforcement resumes Monday.

Pasadena Transit bus service and Dial-A-Ride transportation will not operate on Sunday, July 4, but will have regular service on Monday.

All Pasadena Public Libraries will be closed Sunday, July 4, and Monday. Community centers operated by the Parks, Recreation and Community Services Department will also be closed July 4 and 5; however, all parks will be open for picnics, fun and play. No site reservations are accepted for the holiday.

Pasadena residents and businesses experiencing power emergencies should call the Pasadena Water and Power Department (PWP) at (626) 744-4673. For water-related emergencies, call (626) 744-4138. PWP's regular Customer Call Center will be closed for the holiday, but customers can access their accounts and pay bills online at: PWPweb.com or by calling (626) 744-4005.

The city will have trash collection on Monday, July 5. There will be no delay in trash, recycling and yard waste collection.

The city's Citizen Service Center (CSC) will be open from 8 a.m. to noon on Monday, and will return to normal hours, 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., on Tuesday, July 6. CSC is available via the web and by calling (626) 744-7311.

Remember, all fireworks are illegal in Pasadena. Violators are subject to arrest, having their vehicles impounded, and serving up to one year in jail with fines up to \$50,000. Call Pasadena Police at (626) 744-4241 to report illegal fireworks and other suspicious activities. Residents may also use the Pasadena Citizen Service Center mobile app, available on Google Play and the App Store, to report illegal fireworks.

Pasadena Police and Fire Departments will be staffed for all patrol, jail, fire, paramedic and other emergency services, but administrative offices will be closed. If you see something, say something; report suspicious activity to Pasadena Police at (626) 744-4241. For life-threatening emergencies, dial 9-1-1.

Due to the uncertainty of the Delta variant and its effects, health officials also recommend that everyone—including vaccinated individuals—continue wearing masks in higher-risk situations, such as indoors in public places where you don't know everyone's vaccination status.

## AmericaFest to Honor First Responders



The Rose Bowl Stadium, recognized as home to one of the nation's largest and longest running shows to celebrate America's birthday, will host its 95th Annual AmericaFest Celebration in person this year on Sunday, July 4th. This follows last year's virtual event due to the rising pandemic. The event is set to bring family and friends alike to celebrate in-person and enjoy in the patriotic festivities of the day in the Arroyo.

The theme of this year's annual celebration is "Celebrating America's Perseverance" to recognize the nation's ability to come together and stand stronger throughout the COVID-19 pandemic.

According to event organizers, the theme will pay tribute to those who were front line workers of the pandemic.

The Rose Bowl Stadium has also partner with Jet Propulsion Laboratory to highlight their recent accomplishment in landing NASA's Perseverance rover on Mars, as well as their dedication to earth sciences and the future explorations of the world's solar systems to provide hope for the future discoveries in space officials said.

This year's event program will include a fan-favorite, TNT Freestyle Motocross who entertains a wide range of demographics with a thrilling, high-flying, high-energy thirty-minute show. This stunt show will be full of action-packed entertainment. Once



again, the Rose Bowl Stadium will pay tribute to the United States Military Veterans, Active Military Personnel, as well as our Fallen Heroes. The evening will also feature an hour-long, musical performance by an American soul singer, Mendelyev, who is best known for having been a contender on NBC's popular reality singing competition, The Voice. Mendelyev, along with his band, will bring a line-up of American classics for guests to sing along to and enjoy.

Donors and supporters of the event will have the option to gain VIP field access viewing for the event – complete with a Rose Bowl commemorative blanket, BBQ dinner, and other amenities. Donors to the event will be also recognized on the Stadium's two video screens leading up to the famed firework show. limited quantity of field seats are available.

Event Timeline:  
3:00 p.m. – Parking Lots Open  
5:30 p.m. – Gates Open

6:30 p.m. – TNT Motocross  
7:00 p.m. – Opening ceremonies and National Anthem  
7:45 p.m. – Musical performance by Haylee Joe  
8:00 p.m. – TNT Motocross "All American Thrill Show"  
8:15 p.m. – Musical performance by NBC's The Voice contestant, Mendelyev  
9:00 p.m. – Biggest Fireworks Show in Southern California  
For More information or tickets visit: rosebowlstadium.com.

*Photos, top AmericaFest 2019 finale, top right, Pyro Spectaculars getting fireworks ready. By D. Lee/MVNews.*

## Parks After Dark Returns

Pasadena's Parks, Recreation and Community Services Department (PRCS) invites the community to the 10th annual Parks After Dark takes advantage of our beautiful summer evenings by activating park spaces that provide youth and their families opportunities to experience healthy recreation and active lifestyles. Programming is led by PRCS with strong support from partners including various City departments like Police, Fire and Public Health, and several community-based organizations including the Armory Center for the Arts, Day One and Let's Teach.

"We invite everyone to participate in Parks After Dark this summer," said Brenda Harvey-Williams, director of the Parks, Recreation and Community Services Department. "We're proud to open our parks to encourage healthy living and provide fun, free, family-friendly activities throughout the city."

All activities are free. For a complete list of events and to pre-registration visit: cityofpasadena.net. Reserving is recommended although on-site registration will also be available.

## Tournament: Royal Court Applications Set to Open



*Participants selected for the Royal Court, are required to be fully vaccinated and provide proof of vaccination.*

Applications for the 2022 Pasadena Tournament of Roses Royal Court will be available on Monday, July 26 on the Tournament of Roses website. The 2022 Royal Court members will each receive a \$7,500 educational scholarship and serve as ambassadors of the Tournament of Roses, the Pasadena community and the greater Los Angeles area.

All are encouraged to apply and participate in one of the initial interview sessions at Tournament House on Saturday, September 11 or Monday, September 13. Participants are selected based upon a combination of qualities, including public speaking ability, youth leadership, academic achievement, and community and school involvement. Eligibility requirements are on the Tournament of Roses website.

With the cancellation of the 2021 Rose Parade, those who were looking forward to applying for the 2021 Royal Court, are encouraged to apply for the 2022 Royal Court. Eligibility requirements have been extended to include applicants who would have

been eligible for the 2021 Royal Court.

Royal Court members experience countless benefits; becoming part of an organization dedicated to hands-on volunteerism, discovering opportunities to connect with and give back to the local community, developing public speaking skills, and growing self-confidence. The Rose Queen and Royal Court are iconic traditions, steeped in the Pasadena Tournament of Roses' history and will continue as a treasured legacy.

Please note that Royal Court interview participants, and those who are selected for the Royal Court, are required to be fully vaccinated and provide proof of vaccination during the application process before the initial interview sessions. A person is considered fully vaccinated two weeks after having all doses of a CDC approved COVID-19 vaccine; two doses for Pfizer or Moderna and one dose for Johnson & Johnson.

The 2022 Royal Court will ride down Colorado Blvd. on the Royal Court float in the 133rd Rose Parade presented by Honda and attend the 108th Rose Bowl Game, both on Saturday, January 1, 2022.

Royal Court eligibility requirements and additional information can be found at: tournamentofroses.com/about/royal-court.

## South Pas City Council to Resume In-Person Meetings

The July 7, South Pasadena City Council regular meeting is scheduled to be the first in-person/virtual hybrid public meeting in the City. Following 15 months of virtual meetings only, the Council Chambers will reopen on July 7 to host hybrid City Council and

Commission meetings. Under this hybrid model, members of the public will have the option to either participate in-person at the Council Chambers or virtually via Zoom. The hybrid model aims to ensure all members of the public have continued access to meetings.

## Dine at El Portal July 20 to Support Senior Center



Anyone who dines at El Portal in Pasadena on Tuesday, July 20, will have an opportunity to help support the Pasadena Senior Center.

The Yucatecan/Mexican restaurant will donate 20 percent of that day's and evening's profits to the center on behalf of everyone who says they want to help support the Pasadena Senior Center. Diners can eat at the restaurant or order takeout.

"We have been rolling up our sleeves and coming up with creative solutions to help keep our operations up and running during the COVID-19 pandemic," said Akila Gibbs, the center's executive director. "Abel Ramirez, founder and

co-owner of El Portal with his son Armando, is a living legacy for his passionate and inspiring advocacy for improving and supporting the lives of older adults, and I thank him from the bottom of my heart."

El Portal is at 695 E. Green St. in Pasadena and will be open on July 20 from 11 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. Reservations are requested. Call 626-795-8553.

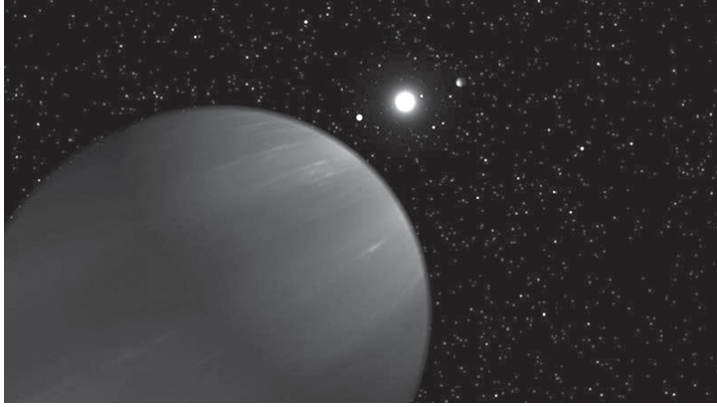
"I want to support the Pasadena Senior Center' will be music to my ears on July 20," Gibbs added.

Anyone who cannot dine at El Portal that day and evening will still have an opportunity to support the center by visiting: pasadenaseniocenter.org and clicking on the orange Donate button.





## Cosmic Cocktail Hour July 7: Are We Alone in the Universe?



All of the planets in our galaxy, the Milky Way, orbit around our largest star, the Sun. Planets that orbit around other stars in the universe are called exoplanets, which are very hard to see directly with telescopes on Earth and in outer space because they are hidden by the bright glare of the stars they orbit.

For the monthly Cosmic Cocktail Hour Wednesday, July 7, at 4 p.m. via Zoom, Dr. Johanna Teske, a scientist with the Earth and Planets Laboratory at Carnegie Institution for Science, will explain why exoplanets and planet formation are crucial to our understanding of what makes a planet in our galaxy and potentially billions of other galaxies a place with all the right ingredients and conditions for life – what scientists refer to as habitability. The first confirmed discovery of an exoplanet was in 1995. Since then, about 4,000 have been confirmed by multiple discovery methods, with about 3,000 more awaiting verification.

Presented by the Pasadena

Senior Center, the cost for Cosmic Cocktail Hour is only \$7 for members and \$10 for nonmembers 50 and older. Residency in Pasadena is not required.

To register, visit [www.pasadenaseniocenter.org](http://www.pasadenaseniocenter.org) and click on Events, Clubs and Lectures, then Online Events or call 626-795-4331. Everyone who registers will receive an email link to access the Zoom event. Anyone who does not have WiFi or an email address can dial 626-795-4331 to receive a number to call to join this Zoom event by phone.

Are we alone in the universe? Does Earth have an inhabited twin planet in a galaxy far, far away? Which kinds of stars provide long-lasting, stable conditions that could allow life a chance to take hold and evolve like it did here on Earth? Pour your favorite beverage, sit back and enjoy the trip.

For more information about online activities as well as in-person events and other programs and services of the Pasadena Senior Center, visit the website or call 626-795-4331.

## Bills to Establish Private Use of Force Training Pass

Assemblymember Chris Holden's legislation, AB 229 which establishes use of force trainings for private security, and AB 948 which address discrimination in the real estate appraisal process both passed, Wednesday, with bipartisan support in the Senate Committee on Business, Professions, and Economic Development.

"When private security are responsible for the safety of the general public, those private operators must have the proper training in order to apply the appropriate use of force in any particular situation," said Assemblymember Chris Holden. "We put a lot of attention on our State's peace officers, but private security, who sometimes are in similar circumstances, need comparable training."

AB 229 requires the Bureau of Security and Investigative Services (BSIS) to develop curriculum and training courses on the appropriate use of force

for private security service employees in consultation with the Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training.

AB 948 requires the Bureau of California Real Estate Appraisals to gather data on demographic information of buyers and sellers of real estate property and compile data of homeowners from protected classes who file complaints based on low appraisals. The legislation also requires appraisers to take anti-bias training when renewing their license.

"Black homeowners in predominately white neighborhoods are getting their homes appraised for far less than their neighbors," said Assemblymember Chris Holden. "It's just another example of how bias, whether explicit or implicit, creates inequity for Black Americans. This is redlining 2.0."

Both bills will next be heard in the Senate Appropriations Committee.

## Pasadena Humane Renews All Local City Contracts



Pasadena Humane announced Thursday that the cities of Pasadena, Arcadia, Monrovia, South Pasadena, San Marino, La Cañada-Flintridge, Sierra Madre, and Bradbury have all approved five-year contracts for animal care and control services with Pasadena Humane that began July 1.

These contracts are the result of ongoing negotiations to standardize services across the cities and reach fair terms for all parties.

"We've come to a mutual agreement that will allow Pasadena Humane to continue to provide its unparalleled services for the community it has served for well over 100 years," said Dia DuVernet, president and CEO of Pasadena Humane. "Pasadena Humane greatly appreciates these cities for seeing the value in the high-quality, lifesaving care we provide."

Pasadena Humane was obligated to increase fees for animal care and control due to rising costs associated with achieving the community's expected standards of care in sheltering and live outcomes. While city contracts have increased by Consumer Price Index (CPI) over decades, best practices in animal care and sheltering have evolved exponentially.

The shelter's robust adoption programs, behavior training and veterinary services lead to healthy animals and thousands of adoptions each year, helping Pasadena Humane achieve a live release rate of more than 91 percent for companion animals by placing 100% of safe and healthy animals.

"Pasadena Humane has a

vested interest in serving our community because we believe we can provide the best outcomes for the animals in need of care," said DuVernet. "These contracts are core to our mission of leading the way towards a compassionate and caring community for all animals."

A notable change in the contracts is that Pasadena Humane will now retain all pet licensing fees. It is Pasadena Humane's hope this will encourage more pet owners to comply with local licensing ordinances, knowing that the fees help to support Pasadena Humane services.

As a socially conscious shelter, Pasadena Humane accepts animals from contract cities, regardless of health, age, breed, behavior, or other criteria. Pasadena Humane employs four veterinarians and seven behavior specialists, which allows the shelter to assist medically or behaviorally challenged animals - making sure no animal is left behind.

Pasadena Humane is a donor-supported, non-profit organization that provides animal care and services for homeless and owned animals in the Greater Los Angeles Area. The organization is dedicated to promoting humane treatment and compassionate care for all animals. The animals in its care come from 11 animal control service areas, as well as partner shelters across the Los Angeles-area and beyond. Pasadena Humane also offers lifesaving programs and services to the community that support the human-animal bond and keeps pets healthy and safe.

For more information visit: [pasadenahumane.org](http://pasadenahumane.org).



## Authors and Their Journeys: Mike Brown

*How I Killed Pluto and Why It Had It Coming*

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Mike Brown is a Professor of Planetary Astronomy at Caltech who, in 2006, was named one of Time magazine's 100 People

Who Shape Our World as well as one of Los Angeles magazine's Most Influential People in L.A.

In 2005, Brown shook the world of astronomy by discovering the existence of a tenth planet, slightly bigger than Pluto. But rather than resulting in one more planet being added to our solar system, Brown's find ignited a firestorm of controversy that culminated in the demotion of Pluto from real planet to the newly coined category of "dwarf" planet. In his 2005 book, *How I Killed Pluto and Why It Had It Coming*, Brown takes the reader through the most tumultuous year in modern astronomy with both humor and drama. Caltech comedian Sandra Tsing Loh said of the book, "Mike Brown is the funniest, smartest, and most surprisingly poetic Caltech astronomer who ever made my daughters cry. Certainly their happy nine-planet childhoods were worth sacrificing for this truly fascinating and engaging read."

Mike Brown will use his book as a starting point to reveal the most recent discoveries in space that point to the existence of an unseen giant planet well beyond Neptune. He'll provide an update on scientists' progress in the search for this Planet Nine, including new discoveries which continues to strengthen the hypothesis, new analysis which refines where to look, and new observations that will — sometime soon — reveal this hidden giant.

## San Marino 4th Of July Home Decorating Contest Winners



The city of San Marino announced Thursday the winners of the Second Annual 4th of July Home Decorating Contest! In order to encourage some patriotic community spirit leading up to the holiday, our Community Services Department gave out free home decorating starter kits, and residents were then asked to decorate their

homes with them and any other decorations. 46 kits were distributed, and from the residents who then submitted an entry into our home decorating contest, 3 winners were chosen. The categories were: most creative (pictured), most patriotic, and judge's choice. The winners will each receive a \$100 gift card to a local business and a recognition lawn sign.

## NASA's Self-Driving Mars Rover 'Takes the Wheel'

*The agency's newest rover is trekking across the Martian landscape using a newly enhanced auto-navigation system.*

NASA's newest six-wheeled robot on Mars, the Perseverance rover, is beginning an epic journey across a crater floor seeking signs of ancient life. That means the rover team is deeply engaged with planning navigation routes, drafting instructions to be beamed up, even donning special 3D glasses to help map their course.

But increasingly, the rover will take charge of the drive by itself, using a powerful auto-navigation system. Called AutoNav, this enhanced system makes 3D maps of the terrain ahead, identifies hazards, and plans a route around any obstacles without additional direction from controllers back on Earth.

"We have a capability called 'thinking while driving,'" said Vandt Verma, a senior engineer, rover planner, and driver at NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Southern California. "The rover is thinking about the autonomous drive while its wheels are turning."

That capability, combined with other improvements, might enable Perseverance to hit a top speed of 393 feet (120 meters) per hour; its predecessor, Curiosity, equipped with an earlier version of AutoNav, covers about 66 feet (20 meters) per hour as it climbs Mount Sharp to the southeast.

"We sped up AutoNav by four or five times," said Michael McHenry, the mobility domain lead and part of JPL's team of rover planners. "We're driving a lot farther in a lot less time than Curiosity demonstrated."

As Perseverance begins its first science campaign on the floor of Jezero Crater, AutoNav will be a key feature in helping get the job done.

This crater once was a lake, when, billions of years ago, Mars was wetter than today, and Perseverance's destination is a dried-out river delta at the crater's edge. If life ever took hold on early Mars, signs of it might be found there. The rover will gather samples over some 9 miles (15 kilometers), then prep the samples for collection by a future mission that would take them back to Earth for analysis.

"We're going to be able to get to places the scientists want to go much more quickly," said Jennifer Trosper, who has worked on every one of NASA's Martian rovers and is the Mars 2020 Perseverance rover project manager. "Now we are able to drive through these more complex terrains instead of going around them: It's not something we've been able to do before."

The Human Element

Of course, Perseverance can't get by on AutoNav alone. The involvement of the rover team

remains critical in planning and driving Perseverance's route. An entire team of specialists develops a navigation route along with planning the rover's activity, whether it's examining a geologically interesting feature on the way to its destination or, soon, taking samples.

Because of the radio signal delay between Earth and Mars, they can't simply move the rover forward with a joystick. Instead, they scrutinize satellite images, sometimes donning those 3D glasses to view the Martian surface in the rover's vicinity. Once the team signs off, they beam the instructions to Mars, and the rover executes those instructions the following day.

Perseverance's wheels were modified as well to help with just how swiftly those plans are executed: Along with being slightly greater in diameter and narrower than Curiosity's wheels, they each feature 48 treads that look like slightly wavy lines, as opposed to Curiosity's 24 chevron-pattern treads. The goals were to help with traction as well as durability.

"Curiosity couldn't AutoNav because of the wheel-wear issue," Trosper said. "Early in the mission, we experienced small, sharp, pointy rocks starting to put holes in the wheels, and our AutoNav didn't avoid those."

Higher clearance for Perseverance's belly also enables the rover to roll safely over rougher ground — including good-size rocks. And Perseverance's beefed-up auto-navigation capabilities include ENav, or enhanced navigation, an algorithm-and-software combination that allows more precise hazard detection.

Unlike its predecessors, Perseverance can employ one of its computers just for navigation on the surface; its main computer can devote itself to the many other tasks that keep the rover healthy and active.

This Vision Compute Element, or VCE, guided Perseverance to the Martian surface during its entry, descent, and landing in February. Now it's being used full-time to map out the rover's journey while helping it avoid trouble along the way.

The rover also keeps track of how far it's moved from one spot to another using a system called "visual odometry." Perseverance periodically captures images as it moves, comparing one position to the next to see if it moved the expected distance.

Team members say they look forward to letting AutoNav "take the wheel." But they'll also be ready to intervene when needed. And just what is it like to drive on Mars? The planners and drivers say it never gets old.

"Jezero is incredible," Verma said. "It's a rover driver's paradise. When you put on the 3D glasses, you see so much more undulation in the terrain. Some days I just stare at the images."

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## TABLE FOR TWO by Peter Dills thechefknows@yahoo.com

### HAPPY 4TH OF JULY NOW LET'S EAT SOME HOT DOGS ERRR PASTRAMI.

What could be more American than a Hot Dog, so why am I writing about Pastrami, read on my loyal readers. My late Pappy always told me, "Son, never debate sex, politics or religion. I am going to have to add one additional item to his list, a Sandwich/Dip. You probably couldn't go more than a couple blocks in most cities and not come across one, an American Sandwich Shop. It may be the most versatile food item ever created. I eat them for lunch, dinner and sometimes, even for breakfast. We are lucky for in the San Gabriel area we have a number of All-Stars sandwich shops to choose from. There is Tops on Walnut, Connel's Grinders on E. Washington, and The Hat, which has several locations. The Hat has been around since 1951, and I glad to say, it is a family run business. They are actively involved in the community, and that fact was fully demonstrated to me when Ron "Corky" Conzonire held the position of President of the Tournament of Roses, from 2008-2009.

The Pastrami Sandwich or "Dip," as the menu proffers, is the Hat's signature dish. Sure, they have burgers, hot dogs and salads, but the menu item that keeps them coming back is the "Pastrami Dip." It is a World Famous plunge of sandwich into au jus. I am planning on a trip to South America next month and I am going to ask everyone I meet, about LA' based World Famous Dishes. I'm just kidding... a little. But, I do develop a chuckle in that self anointed phrase. The World Famous Pastrami Sandwich is priced at a reasonable (\$6.99). The meat is thinly sliced and the portion is generous. The bread is light and fluffy; it may be a little too light and fluffy in my opinion. For my next visit I will try it on regular sandwich bread. My sources inform me that the Hat goes through 14 tons of Pastrami per week. By my calculations, that is a lot of sandwiches. My dining companion "Mike" had the Hot Dog and a huge portion of fries. He is on a diet it appears. The prices are right at The Hat, everything is under (\$10). If you haven't checked it out, you will love the Dip. For the location near you, they have a slick web site [www.thehat.com](http://www.thehat.com).

Happy 4th of July enjoy the Festivities.

## ARCADIA POLICE BLOTTER

For the period of Sunday, June 20th through Saturday, June 26th, the Police Department responded to 1,038 calls for service, of which 99 required formal investigations. The following is a summary report of some of the major incidents handled by the Department during this period.

Sunday, June 20:

1. At 12:47 a.m., an officer responded to the Westfield Santa Anita Mall, located at 400 South Baldwin Avenue, regarding a theft from vehicle report. Sometime between 3:00 p.m. and 10:00 p.m. during the previous night, someone stole the catalytic converter from her 2005 Honda CRV. Another catalytic converter theft was reported during the same time and near the same location.

2. At 12:32 p.m., an officer responded to Majoco Mountain Corp., located at 159 East Huntington Drive, regarding a commercial burglary report. The officer determined someone removed a rear window from its frame and entered the business but fled empty-handed.

Monday, June 21:

3. At 1:26 p.m., an officer responded to the 1000 block of Arcadia Avenue regarding a stolen vehicle report. Sometime between 12:30 p.m. and 1:20 p.m. on June 21st, someone stole the victim's Nissan Frontier that was parked in the driveway. The truck bed contained numerous pieces of gardening equipment.

4. At 2:34 p.m., an officer responded to a residence in the 300 block of South Old Ranch Road regarding a vandalism report. The victim discovered someone had broken a rear window to the home. It does not appear the suspect(s) entered the home or stole any property.

Tuesday, June 22:

5. At 9:55 a.m., an officer responded to the 100 block of East Foothill Boulevard regarding a vehicle burglary report. An investigation revealed the suspect tampered with the victim's door lock and stole her DVDs.

6. At 11:43 a.m., an officer took a report of a grand theft incident that occurred at 405 East Santa Clara Street, which is a vacant commercial building. The property manager showed the location to a potential buyer on June 17th and discovered on June 19th that someone had stolen two backflow water valves.

7. At 7:19 p.m., an officer responded to the 900 block of Arcadia Avenue regarding a battery report. The officer discovered the husband battered his wife leaving her with visible injuries. The suspect, a 41-year-old male from Arcadia, was arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.

Wednesday, June 23:

8. At 9:08 a.m., an officer responded to Coko's Restaurant, located at 1150 West Colorado Boulevard, regarding a robbery report. An investigation revealed the unidentified suspect approached the victim in the parking lot, spontaneously hit him in the face, and stole the victim's necklace and cellphone. The suspect fled on foot.

9. At 11:37 a.m., an officer responded to Arcadia Congregation Church, located at 2607 South Santa Anita Avenue, regarding a commercial burglary report. The officer determined unidentified suspect(s) forced their way into the church and stole organ pipes.

Thursday, June 24:

10. At 2:09 p.m., Arcadia Fire and officers responded to the intersection of East Foothill Boulevard and Highland Oaks Drive regarding an active fire. An investigation revealed a suspect had started the fire on the trail behind 1012 North First Avenue. The 30-year-old male was arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.

Friday, June 25:

11. At 8:41 a.m., an officer responded to Chevron, located at 11 East Live Oak Avenue, regarding a theft from vehicle report. While the victim was pumping gas into her vehicle, the suspect opened the passenger door of the victim's car and stole her purse. The suspect, a Hispanic female wearing a dark jacket and mask, then returned to her vehicle, a dark colored SUV, and fled. The suspect then attempted to use the victim's ATM card to make cash withdrawals, but the transactions were declined. The investigation is ongoing.

12. At 12:56 p.m., an officer responded to a residence in the 300 block of South Old Ranch Road regarding a vandalism report. Sometime between Thursday night at 7:30 p.m. and Friday afternoon at 12 p.m., someone broke a front window of the victim's residence. It does not appear as though the suspect(s) entered the home and no loss was reported.

13. At 9:36 p.m., an officer responded to 128 Wheeler Avenue regarding subjects trespassing in a vacant building. An investigation revealed one of the suspects cut a lock to enter the secured garage area and was also stealing the property owner's electricity. The two suspects, a 41-year-old male from Azusa and a 40-year-old male from Pasadena were arrested and transported to the Arcadia City Jail for booking.

Saturday, June 26:

14. At 1:35 p.m., an officer responded to a residence in the 1900 block of South 6th Avenue regarding a grand theft report. The victim discovered her vintage sink was stolen from her yard. The incident occurred sometime between January 1st and June 1st.

## L.A. COUNTY UPDATE

**As COVID-19 Transmission Continues to Increase in L.A. County, Public Health Encourages Everyone to Celebrate Independence Day Safely**  
**5 New Deaths and 549 New Confirmed Cases of COVID-19 in Los Angeles County**

The Los Angeles County Department of Public Health (Public Health) again confirms a new high of COVID-19 cases in a day since April with 549 new cases. Test positivity has more than quadrupled from the low of 0.3% seen the first week of June; today's test positivity rate is 1.3%.

Two weeks ago, daily hospitalizations were in the low 200s. Currently, there are 280 people with COVID-19 currently hospitalized and 26% of these people are in the Intensive Care Unit (ICU).

Public Health encourages everyone to enjoy the Independence Day holiday weekend safely as COVID-19 transmission increases in L.A. County.

With Fourth of July holiday celebrations happening this weekend, the best way to stay safe is to be fully vaccinated. If you are not vaccinated and around people outside your household, your mask of-fers strong protection against the virus. If you or any friends or family are at gatherings and are un-vaccinated or immunocompromised, stay outside as much as possible, and always wear masks when indoors except when eating and drinking.

Public Health recommends, as a precaution, everyone to wear masks indoors in settings where vaccination status cannot be verified to protect the unvaccinated and prevent viral transmission while more is learned about the highly transmissible Delta variant. There is enough risk and over 4 million unvaccinated residents for the Delta variant to pose a threat and masking up now could help prevent a resurgence in transmission.

"We send our deepest condolences to everyone suffering the loss of someone they love due to COVID-19," said Barbara Ferrer, PhD, MPH, MEd, Director of Public Health. "Whenever we see a doubling of cases and a quadrupling of test positivity over a short period of time, we are reminded of how easily the virus can spread. The three vaccines we have in the U.S. provide powerful protection against serious illness, and death from all the variants, and the commonly circulating virus. While the most important thing is to get vaccinated, it is sensible when you go indoors to a place and you don't know everyone's vaccination status, to put on a face covering to maximize protection for everyone. If you are not fully vaccinated, you must wear your mask in all indoor public settings."




Beginning today, Friday, July 2 through next Thursday, July 8 at county-run vaccination sites, LA City sites, and St. John's Well Child and Family Center sites, everyone 18 and older coming to get a vaccine will have an opportunity to win one of four packages of tickets and passes to botanical gardens in the area. Each prize package consists of one annual membership to the Huntington Botanical Gardens and one-day passes to Descanso Gardens, L.A. County Arboretum, and South Coast Botanic Garden. Official rules and participating site locations is online on the Los Angeles Vaccination Sweepstakes page.

### LOCAL STATISTICS AS OF 06/25/2021

#### TOTAL LA COUNTY CASES

**Cases: 1,248,415**  
**Deaths: 24,465**

CITY	POPULATION	CASES	DEATHS
Altadena	43,260	3,356	76
Arcadia	57,754	2,747	137
Bradbury	1,069	39	0
Duarte	22,016	2,322	97
Monrovia	38,800	3,202	78
Pasadena	141,371	11,324	349
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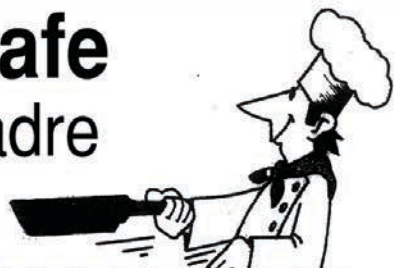
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## MONROVIA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT DEDICATES DISTRICT OFFICE LOBBY IN MEMORY OF MONROVIA ACTIVIST AND FORMER BOARD MEMBER



MUSD\_DEDICATION1: Mimi Mency, Monrovia activist and former Board member, was honored by the Monrovia Unified Board of Education and her family during an event on June 29, which dedicated the District Office Lobby in her name.

MONROVIA – Community activist and former Monrovia Unified Board Member Mimi Mency was honored during a dedication ceremony on June 29, when the Monrovia Unified Board of Education officially named the District Office Lobby in her memory.

Mency, who was the first African-American to hold a seat on the Board of Education, died in 2011 at the age of 74.

“We are honored to hold this ceremony, celebrating the life of Mimi Mency and the heroic efforts she made here in Monrovia and in our schools,” Board President Maritza Travanti said. “Naming the District Office Lobby in her name is a way to recognize the positive impact she had at Monrovia Unified and the role she played in ensuring all of our students had access to the tools and resources they needed to be successful.”

The Board, alongside Superintendent Dr. Katherine Thorossian, administrators, and Mency’s family and friends, remembered Mency during the ceremony as a strong advocate of having love and respect for others.

“Mimi Mency was a very significant person in the Monrovia community,” Board Member Rob Hammond said. “She was a force in our town for good and was always willing to step up to have important dialogue. As a community, we benefit today from those conversations 50 years ago. This dedication will enlighten future generations as they come in and ask the important question of who Mimi Mency was. We will get to tell the story all over again about a very important person in our community.”

Joined by Travanti, Hammond and Thorossian, Sheri Parent – the daughter of Mimi Mency – thanked those in attendance while recounting her mother’s life, as well the positive impact Mency had on the Monrovia community in her role as a civil rights leader.

“I have always lived my life in the same manner my mother did and that is by loving and respecting our neighbors” Parent said. “Thank you to the Board of Education and the District for honoring my mother, I am very proud.”

Mency served on the Board of Education from 1972 to 1984, leading the Board as president twice during her term. During her time on the Board, Mency was instrumental in the desegregation of Monrovia schools and led the effort in establishing Monrovia High School’s Black Student Union, a club that is still running strong today.

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626-574-8229/626-574-0805  
Email: [inquiry@acsliions.com](mailto:inquiry@acsliions.com)  
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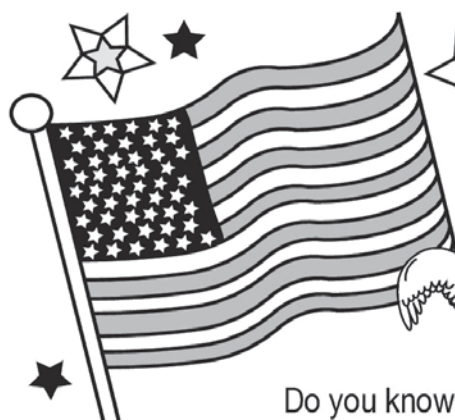


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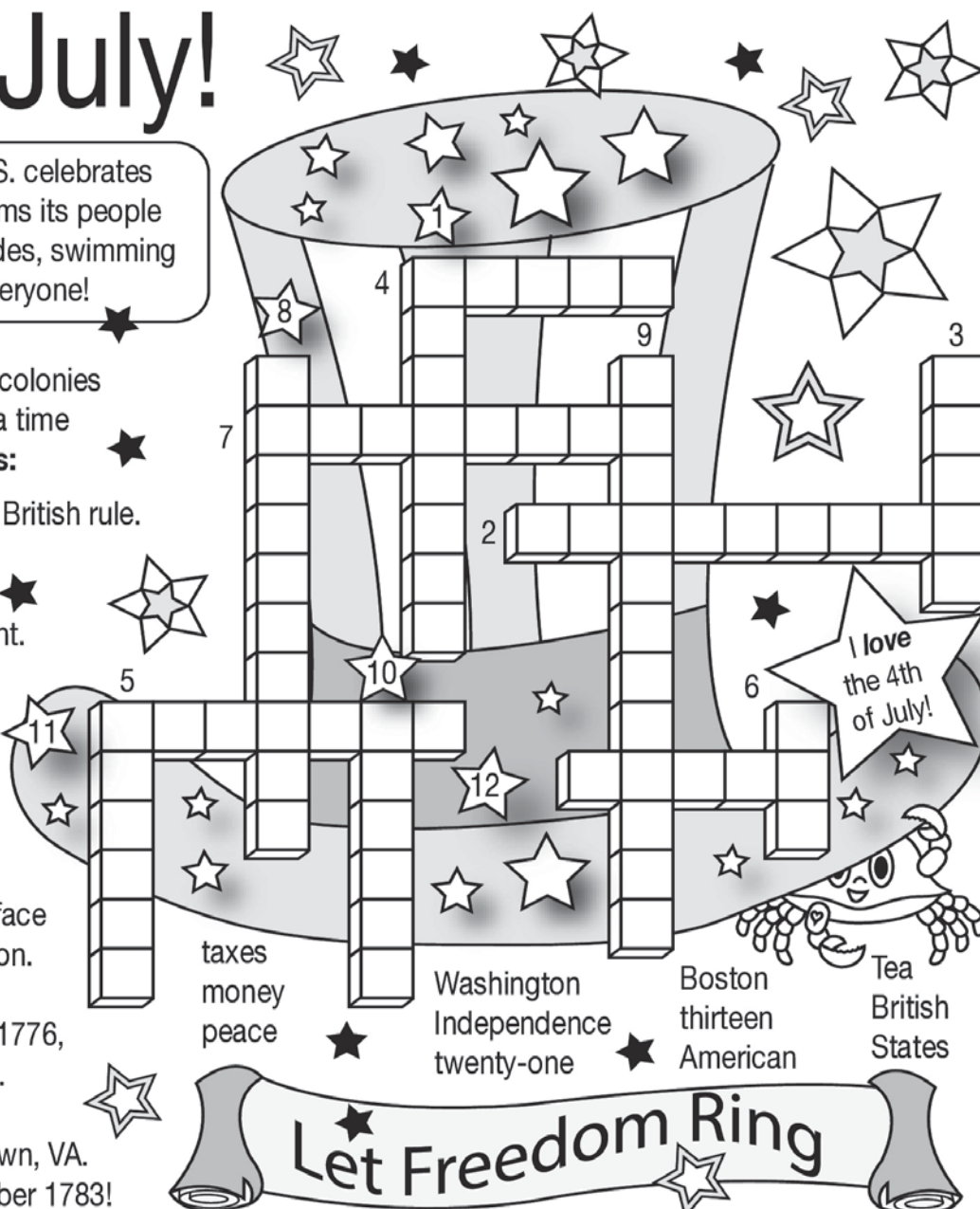


## Fourth of July!

The Fourth of July is when the U.S. celebrates its independence and all the freedoms its people enjoy. It's a day for picnics, parades, swimming and fireworks. Have a ton of fun, everyone!

Do you know about the events that led up to the American colonies making a declaration to break away from British rule to be independent? It was a time of unrest and war, then peace and freedom. **Fill in this puzzle about key events:**

- Before the American Revolution the \_\_\_\_\_ colonies in America were under British rule.
- King George the III was only \_\_\_\_\_ years old when he claimed his throne.
- King George wanted to raise some \_\_\_\_\_.
- He placed too many \_\_\_\_\_ on the colonies, which had no vote in Parliament.
- One day, angry colonists threw rocks and other items at British soldiers. The soldiers shot into the crowd, killing some people and wounding others. This event is called "The \_\_\_\_\_ Massacre." (1770)
- Next, the King insisted that people pay their taxes on tea. Angry colonists dressed up like Native Americans boarded the British ships. They threw the tea into the harbor. This event is called the Boston \_\_\_\_\_ Party. (1773)
- In 1775, the people of Lexington and Concord, Mass., gathered with guns to face arriving British soldiers. These clashes were the first of the \_\_\_\_\_ Revolution.
- George \_\_\_\_\_ became the leader of the American armed forces.
- The colonies of America declared themselves free from British rule on July 4, 1776, when the Second Continental Congress adopted the Declaration of \_\_\_\_\_.
- The colonies became the United \_\_\_\_\_ of America.
- The \_\_\_\_\_ surrendered to George Washington in October 1781, at Yorktown, VA.
- A \_\_\_\_\_ treaty between America and Britain was finally signed in September 1783!





IN THE MOMENT

One of the most important aspects of my life is the time I get to spend with the kind canines and felines I’ve befriended over the past 12 years of pet sitting and dog walking in Sierra Madre. Don’t get me wrong, my 30 years as a resident here has brought some amazing people into my life and I love my true-blue, two-legged pals too. But few and far between are my human companions who can out-do the uniquely calming virtues of my furry, four-footed and feathered friends. It’s just a different kind of relationship, as most animal lov-ers know.

I wake up each morning, grateful to be alive. I’m feeling good. I choose to be happy. I leave my house, I walk out to my car with a smile on my face. I’m looking forward to seeing my canine clients and taking them out for their walks. Most of the time, it all goes just fine. But there are those days when, within moments af-ter leaving home, I feel like I’m dodging the darts of everyday human life in a bustling city. (Yes, I’m talking about Sierra Madre).

At the risk of sounding all-too-impatient with this swiftly changing community, let me just say that there are days when I feel like running for cover from the fallout of folks who feel the need to mow everything and everyone down in their quest to get where they are going. That coupled with the constant noise of filthy leaf blowers and a continuous parade of huge trucks coming to pave the way to whatever is coming next, I guess I’m challenged to embrace this new-fangled brand of “small-town“ living. I miss the peace and quiet I re-member so well from not so long ago. It seems humans have appointed themselves as authors of constant chaos. That concept is lost on me.

Okay, I know I’m probably the odd-ball out on all this, but at times the craziness gets so intense I actually consider taking a 180 and going back home. But instead I choose to persevere, because I want - I need - to be there for my canine and kitty clients, and I always look forward to the time we spend together.

Nothing eases tension like walking a dog. When I arrive for my first walk of the day, the stress begins to melt away. I enter the home and I’m immediately greeted by an over-the-top happy, fun-loving, carefree little in-dividual, more excited than a fiction-writer could attempt to conjure up as a character in a book. But this is not fiction. This is my reality. The grateful dog communicates clearly with me using her universal language; body gyrations, happy hairy hugs and canine kisses. We get leashed and off we go. Now I know it’s all going to be ok.

As we commence our journey, the pup’s enthusiasm remains at a level higher than mine will ever be in this lifetime. We travel along the same trail we walked just the day before but to her, it is all brand new. To her, the blade of grass she just sniffed is like a little bit of heaven although it is the same blade of grass she sniffed yesterday.. For her, the light breeze that passes through the trees incites the kind of feeling I had as a kid on my first roller coaster ride. To her, the cat in the neighbor’s yard is there for her personal entertainment, no other reason whatsoever. And to her, nothing else matters but what we are doing together, right here, right now.

She is in the moment. There are no concerns about what took place yesterday. There is no stress about what she should be accomplishing in preparation for tomorrow. There is no urgency to finish up and get on to the next task. There are no thoughts of regret, no angst over memories of last week’s blunder, no nostalgic mel-ancholia, and no burning desire for more than what is happening right now...my sweet four-legged friend is in the moment!

Suddenly she raises her nose upward to catch a down-wind whiff of a passing scent, or to inspect the flashing movement of a flitting hummingbird. Then down again as fast as it went up, to resume her mission of reading the “pee-mails” left by those who visited that spot before. She casts glances my way, to reassure her-self of my presence and I respond with a wink and a smile. I pause periodically to give her pats on the head and tell her she is such a good girl, to which her eyes roll back as if to say, “I know, right?” Then, down to the trail returns her intent focus, head swinging to and fro, floppy ears bouncing up and down. That pup is absolutely in the moment.

And there it is, plain and simple. A subtle, yet oh-so valuable lesson learned from a darling little dog. I know we humans don’t get to live like dogs live, as if there is nothing to be planned for and no amends to be made for yesterday. We must bear the burden of responsibility that is inherent to being human. But must we spend every moment creating mindless chaos for a lack of what else to do? Must we constantly plan new events that we may not allow ourselves to enjoy because we’ll be so busy thinking of the next activity to be planned? And if we spend our days regretting the fact that we wasted good energy in the past, have we not wasted yet more precious time in fruitless regret?

I don’t know about you, but I want to learn how to live in the moment, like my canine companions do. They don’t even have to try, it comes naturally for them. I believe I was better at it as a child, but I seem to have lost that skill somewhere along the way. Today I am on a quest to restore my sense of being present now - in the moment, and I am happy to have the best teachers one could hope for. My beloved dogs. They teach me through their simple ways of living, as long as I am willing to learn. Learn from the dog. Love and let live - in the moment.

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[Nyerger is the author of “Self-Sufficient Home,” one chapter of which shows the pointlessness of a “front lawn.” He is the author of several other books, and leads regular survival and self-reliance classes. He can be reached via this paper, or Box 41834, Eagle Rock, CA 90041, or on-line at [www.SchoolofSelf-Reliance.com](http://www.SchoolofSelf-Reliance.com)]

I love the quiet. You know, that dead silence that you can only get in the desert where you hear your heart beat. There is a sense of peace that you can only experience in the quiet. Now, I know everyone doesn’t agree with me, and I know I have to be realistic if I live in the city and people have wild parties and play music. That’s fine, up to a point.

When I lived in L.A., we had a neighbor who would have the most outrageously loud parties. The windows in my house five houses away would rattle. Most neighbors were frightened and intimidated, but I would call my neighbor and say, “Jason, you must turn down the volume or the police will be telling you to do so.” Sometimes this worked, and sometimes it didn’t. Jason once told me that he was a very concerned neighbor because he was a Buddhist. So was I, I told him, and if he was so concerned about his neighbors, he would have never had such loud music. “Did you go door to door and ask every neighbor if it was OK to have such loud music?” I asked him. He was silent, and I quickly added that a truly compassionate person would have either gotten the express approval of all neighbors, or not had the loud music. This might have had an effect because such loud music was rare after that.

FIREWORKS

As a child, I loved to stand in the street of our Pasadena home and light off fireworks, and watch the fireworks on the Fourth from the Rose Bowl a mile away. But these days, the adult-children have gotten more and more serious with their loud munitions in order to “celebrate.”

I used to call the police every Fourth when I lived in Los Angeles, and they would say, “What do you expect us to do? They’re blowing off fireworks border to border.” And he was right. With a whole city of scowlaw criminals, there was little the police could do in such a case but go from place to place, maybe write tickets and then move along to the next spot.

My concern was not the noise for my own sake, but because I had dogs, cats, and a pig who were all severely affected by the fireworks. Especially the dogs! Non-dog people do not realize that such noises affect the ears of dogs much more adversely than humans because of the more sensitive nature of the dog’s ear.

For a few years, I actually went door to door in my neighborhood with a printed sheet, telling neighbors that fireworks were illegal, and explaining the negative effect on pets. I talked to many neighbors this way, and got to meet neighbors I had not seen in years. That year, there may have been a slight decrease in the amount of fireworks in our area, and at least I felt that I did something, however minimal it might have been.

LEAF BLOWERS

Then there are leaf blowers. I have long been against leaf blowers. How many of you have seen “gardeners” simply blowing dirt and dust and bits of debris into the middle of the street, or audaciously blowing it into the neighbor’s yard? I can no longer count the times I have seen this. Yes, I know some of the guys doing landscape work are conscientious individuals, but at least half are not, and they view a neighbor’s yard as a good place as any to dispose of leaf and dirt and dust.

When I did landscape and gardening work. We used some power tools, like a mower, but mostly rakes and brooms. Though it was hard work most of the time, it was a silent meditation as we worked in some yard, cleaning and pruning with no adverse effects for the neighbors. For a while, we used a tool that was the opposite of a leaf-blower—it sucked up all the dust and leaves into a bag that we then took away.

Today’s mow and blow crews are not artists, just guys moving from house to house, quickly knocking off each job with their blowers and week-wackers, and when you complain you are accused, at best, of interfering with someone’s ability to make a living, and at worst, you are accused of being a racist.

The racist accusation does not merit comment. As for interfering with someone’s job, since when is how someone makes money not subject to regulation? If the leaf blowers were silent, that would reduce some of the criticism. And if the leaf blowing guys used the blowers only occasionally, blowing leaves into a pile and then picking it up into a container, that too might reduce some of the criticism.

I am on the extreme that believes we should just let all the leaves lie, and let a garden grow where you once had a lawn. Weed-wackers and leaf-blowers make our urban home a nightmare, not a paradise.

Paradise is an internal concept. We make our homes and neighborhoods a living paradise, or an excruciating hell, by all the choices we make. Let’s learn to respect each other, and especially the needs of the elderly and infirm who are home all day.

Happy Tails

by Chris Leclerc



Katnip News!



BEAUTIFUL SISTERS: MOCHA & PEPPER, AGE 1 YR.

They are such beauties! Mocha has long hair, and Pepper has short hair. Both have the remarkable tortie colors of autumn. Their owner can no longer keep them but they need to be adopted together because they are extremely bonded. Their owner says:

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but once they feel safe the girls will show their affection and love. They play, eat, snuggle, and sleep together. Pepper cuddles, and is adventurous, curious, and active. Mocha is calm, reserved, cautious, but she is sweet and enjoys being pet. Pepper can be vocal when she wants to play and wants some atten-tion. When it’s time for dinner they get very excited. They also give gentle love bites and lick you after. Playing fetch and “sitting” before getting a treat is some of their unique traits. Given some time the girls can get along with other cats. If they sense someone coming to the door the girls growl softly and hide; it’s like having a guard dog. Mocha and Pepper would be a perfect companion to a loving person, couple, and/or family. See the Adoption Procedures page to apply. Submit your application now at [www.lifelineforpets.org](http://www.lifelineforpets.org).



Pet of the Week

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View photos of adoptable pets and schedule an adoption appointment at [pasadenahumane.org](http://pasadenahumane.org). Adoptions are by appointment only, and new adoption appointments are available every Sunday at 5:00 p.m. for the following week.

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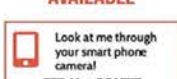
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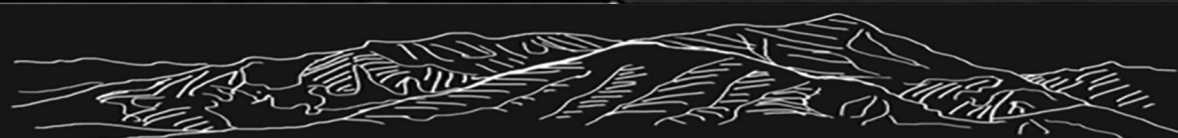


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## TOP SMARTPHONES FOR TECH-SHY SENIORS

Dear Savvy Senior:

Can you recommend some good smartphones for older seniors? I would like to get my 78-year-old mother to upgrade to a smartphone but want something that's easy for her to see and use. Shopping Around

Dear Shopping:

There are actually several smartphones I can recommend that will provide your mother a simpler, less intimidating smartphone experience. Here are my top three options.



Apple iPhones: Because of the quality and functionality of Apple products, an iPhone is a great choice for seniors who are inexperienced with technology. But, to make it easier for you mom to use, you'll need to set it up and customize it to meet her needs and preferences.

To set-up your mom's iPhone and make it senior-friendly, start by cleaning-up/decluttering the home screen, which you can do by deleting the apps your mom won't use and hiding the apps she'll rarely use in labeled folders or the App Library. The fewer options the better!

You'll also want to set up a small number of contacts (with photos) to family and friends that your mom frequently communicates with and install some apps she would enjoy using.

And finally, iPhones have a wide variety of built-in accessibility features you can turn on depending on your mom's needs. These features, which you access through the phone's settings, can help users that have diminished vision, hearing impairment, hand dexterity problems or cognitive loss.

Some popular accessibility features among older iPhone users include larger text and icon display, zoom (screen magnification), magnifier (turns iPhone into a magnifying glass), increased volume and alerts, voice control, find my iPhone, and emergency SOS and medical ID set up. But there are dozens of other tweaks you can make to enhance your mom's experience with her iPhone.

For a rundown of the different accessibility features and instructions on how to set them up, see Apple.com/accessibility.

If you're interested in this option, the iPhone 12 (5G, 6.1-inch display screen, \$800) or iPhone 12 mini (5G, 5.4-inch screen, \$700) are excellent choices. Or, for a more budget-friendly phone consider the iPhone SE (4.7-inch screen, \$400) that came out in 2020.

Samsung Galaxy: If you're an android phone user and would like to get your mom a phone that you're familiar with, you should consider a Samsung.

All Samsung phones offer an "Easy Mode" feature in their settings that boosts the text and icon size, and simplifies the home-screen layout and contacts, which makes these phones a nice option for seniors or tech-newbies.

These phones also have a variety of accessibility features – see Samsung.com/us/accessibility/galaxy-mobile for instructions – that can accommodate your mom's needs.

The Samsung Galaxy S21 5G (6.2-inch screen, \$800) or more moderately priced Galaxy A71 5G (6.7-inch screen, \$600) are good choices to consider here.

Lively Smart: Another less expensive option to consider is to purchase your mom a smartphone that's specifically designed for seniors. The best one available is the new Lively Smart offered by Best Buy.

This phone has a 6.2-inch screen, large text and a simple list-based menu that provides one-touch access to frequently used features like video chat, camera, email and more. It also offers a nice variety of optional health and safety features you can add on like:

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## FAMILY MATTERS

By Marc Garlett

## AMERICAN INDEPENDENCE DAY AND THOUGHTS OF LEGACY



As we go into the Independence Day holiday, I'm thinking about legacy in terms of what I want to ensure my children to know about the country of their birth. They already know their maternal grandparents, as teenagers, fled the work camp where they were interned during the horror that was the Cultural Revolution in China. Together they escaped and made an arduous weeks long journey, only moving at night, subsisting on just a small amount of rice each day, becoming separated when their small party was ambushed by soldiers (and several members of their party were killed or captured), separately making their way to the coast, slipping into the water under cover of darkness, and swimming all night until finally making it to Hong Kong – and freedom – where they were reunited and later married.

These two incredibly brave souls then immigrated to the United States for the opportunities this nation offered them with nothing more than the clothes on their backs and a couple hundred dollars in their pockets. They worked hard every day, made something of themselves, gave a better life to their children (one of whom is my wife!), and became U.S. citizens. They love this country because, despite being ripped out of school as kids and denied an education, having little money and no connections when they arrived here, not speaking the language or understanding the culture, they were simply given opportunity. And that's all they wanted.

My kids know all of that. They also know American values are currently under attack. They see it on the news, they hear it at school. And I'm actually okay with that. They should know the truth about their country. And the truth is, America is far from perfect – after all, we are a nation governed by the people, for the people, and of the people. Since not a single American is perfect, it makes sense that neither is our nation. But I also want to make sure my kids never lose sight of that fact that in the history of the world, the United States was the first ever nation founded on the belief that every person is created equal and has an immutable right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. Our founders dreamed it, then said it out loud, then wrote it down, then fought for and won the right to create it, then dared themselves and those that would come after them to strive to live up to it. How audacious. How noble.

I want my kids to know hundreds of thousands of Americans – from white to black to every shade in between – sacrificed their lives to push the ugly scourge of slavery from our land. I want them to know those same American's descendants have spilled their blood supporting freedom and standing up to tyranny and evil around the world since. I want them to know Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. died with a dream that one day in America, people would not be judged by the pigment in their skin but by their individual choices, actions, and character. I want them to know that dream did not die with Dr. King.

Experiments are inherently messy things. Grand experiments are messier yet. The great American experiment is no exception. But oh, what an experiment! What an aspiration! I want my kids to know that being an American means being part of something principled and good. Even as we work toward becoming a "more perfect union" we should not despise the messiness of our experiment. Messiness is inherent within, and part of the virtue of, a constitutional republic. I hope my kids grow up in a country where freedom of speech is always valued and no one – no matter their politics – needs to worry about being cancelled for what they say or believe. Most of all, I want my kids to know America for what she truly is, a Declaration of values worth aspiring to, a Constitution of laws worth defending, a unique and exceptional citizenry worth appreciating, and a genuinely great nation worthy of being proud of.

Happy Independence Day.

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## TAX ASSISTANCE

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## CREATIVE WRITING WORKSHOP

Have you ever thought about trying your hand at writing? Do you have an idea for a book and no idea how to begin? This program may be for you! Katy Nishimoto, Senior Editor with Random House, has graciously volunteered her time to lead this incredible writers workshop for seniors. Program participants will be given a prompt, a 10 minute writing task and a group reading. Discussions, readings and feedback to help guide your creative thinking into creative writing. If you have interest in writing nonfiction, a memoir, fiction or poetry then please call or email today to reserve your spot. Class will be limited to 10 participants. No writing skills or experience is required. Call Lawren Heinz at 626-355-7394 to reserve your spot and receive class information.

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Tuesday, May 18 at 11:00 am Join Lawren in making a delightful, colorful and artistic nail polish marbled mug! All supplies will be provided for you and we will meet in the Hart Park House patio. Please wear clothes you don't mind getting nail polish on. To reserve your spot or ask questions please call Lawren Heinz at (626) 355-7394 or send an email to lhein@cityofsierramadre.com

## IDEAS

Do you have any ideas for programming? Is there a class or club you would like to see in our Senior Community? Please call or email Lawren Heinz with ideas or questions. 626-355-5278 x 704 lhein@cityofsierramadre.com

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## SIERRA MADRE SENIOR COMMUNICATIONS PLAN

The City of Sierra Madre is following these procedures to provide current communication in light of COVID-19 and keep the Senior Community and families informed of essential information and resources. City staff are monitoring email communication daily, and although employees are minimizing direct engagement and practicing social distancing in the community, please note that voice messages, emails, and social media responses are being addressed in the most efficient and timely manner.

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Community Services Department will continue email communication with Senior residents and aging community members.

If you know of family members or neighbors who may benefit from accessing information electronically, and to receive the department's Seniors Newsletter via email but may not otherwise have been included on an email group list, please send your request with email address to the following team members: Lawren Heinz lhein@cityofsierramadre.com and Clarissa Lowe Clowe@cityofsierramadre.com.

City Social Media will continue via Facebook as well as Instagram, and information sharing will include updates as details becomes available.

## OUT TO PASTOR

A Weekly Religion Column by Rev. James Snyder

## ANY PIE À LA MODE IS MY KIND OF PIE



Choices are a very important part of our everyday life. I am what I am today because of choices I made yesterday. I would like to blame someone else, but the truth of the matter is, I am what I am because of my choices.

I must confess that there are a lot of bad choices I have made throughout my life. I will not name them right here, in fact, I'm trying to forget most of them. It's a good thing I can't relive yesterday.

However, I have made a few choices that I have made in my life that has been very good. I don't focus on my bad choices because I can get discouraged. But, I do focus on my good choices because that's a real source of encouragement.

I must say that the best choice that I've ever made in my life was marrying the Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage. I'm really not sure it was my choice, but I will take credit for it.

While we were dating, we were once traveling with a group of people, and as we were sitting together, she said something like, "Wouldn't it be nice to get married?"

I thought it was a rhetorical question; how was I to know it was an unofficial proposal. In my naivety, I said, "It sure would be nice." Well, in that regard, that was a choice I made.

It also was a prophecy. I did not know I was a prophet. But when I said it would be "nice," I was precisely on target. It has been nice. In August of this year, the Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage and her husband will celebrate 50 years of marital bliss. I can't believe it's that long; I must've been very young when it took place.

But 50 years can go by very fast. So after celebrating your wedding for 49 years, what can you do that's different for the 50th anniversary?

I hear a lot about couples having difficulties and problems and arguments in their marriage. Even some of my friends have got to the place where they just divorce as if that solves problems. I must say that during these 50 years of marital bliss, we have had very few arguments. That is except for one major conflict.

Our one argument is the Broccoli/Apple Fritter controversy. Up to this point, neither of us has budged either way.

It is a good thing I didn't know she was a broccoli-holic, or I might have had second thoughts. How anybody can like broccoli is beyond my comprehension.

On her side, if she knew I was an Apple Fritter-holic, she might have had second thoughts as well.

As much as I can remember, this has been the only controversy that we've had.

In retrospect, it is a good thing I didn't know about this, and probably it's good that she didn't know about me. That controversy could've kept us from getting married and then look at what we would have missed in life. She once suggested that we switch, and for one week, I eat broccoli every day, and she will eat an Apple fritter every day. I tried to consider that but only for one half of a second. So if we did that, I would be the great loser, and she would get to enjoy an Apple Fritter everyday for a week. That didn't sound fair to me.

As we celebrate our 50th wedding anniversary, we still will hang on to these personal preferences.

Just because there are some things that we don't agree on doesn't mean there are not some things that we actually do agree on.

For example, this past week, we decided to go out for supper at a local restaurant. It's been a long week and many things were happening that you just can't prepare for, so we deserved a little bit of a break.

As we got to the end of our meal, the waitress came by to see if we wanted dessert, and of course, we did.

Almost simultaneously, we said, "I'll have an apple pie à la mode," which was the featured dessert on the menu.

We looked at each other and broke out laughing. The waitress laughed with us, and then she went to get the dessert.

It was then I realized there are things that do bring us together. I never thought of it before, but apple pie à la mode was the one thing that brought us together and the one thing that we could agree on.

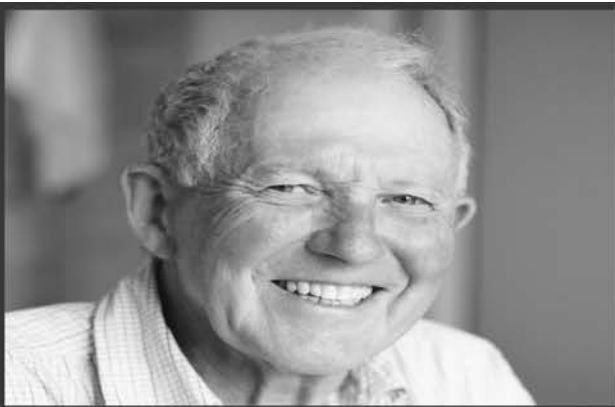
We've known each other for about 50 years, and I just realized the one thing that we do have in common. So we talked about it for a few moments, and the topic was, "What was your favorite pie à la mode?"

For me, it's tough to pick out my favorite pie. But, if there's a bad pie, I've never encountered it.

Finally, I brought it all together by saying, "Any pie à la mode is my kind of pie."

Later on, I was reminded of one of my favorite verses in the Bible. "Can two walk together, except they be agreed?" (Amos 3:3).

Walking together for 50 years has been a great blessing. We don't focus on our disagreements but rather on those things that we agree on. As the years have gone by, what we agree on has become more important.



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Unfortunately, this unquestionably powerful and influential man was more appreciated in death than in life. At the time of his death he had just barely escaped being executed in France and returning to the new United States published an open letter criticizing President George Washington as an incompetent and elitist President. Big mistake! He died as a pauper, seen as betrayer of the Revolution and the new America which he had been so responsible for creating and at the time of his death only 6 people gathered to pay their respects. (If you are interested in the life of Thomas Paine and the conflicting forces surrounding him please be aware that the Thomas Paine Society is located right next door

## PUT THE LIGHTS ON

### INFLUENCE AND BETRAYAL AND MAYBE THE POWER OF HATE

It's the Fourth of July weekend and it is fitting that I start this article thinking about those first Revolutionary Times in the American Colonies. I have read that the major influence resulting in the conversion of the peaceful American colonists to become willing Revolutionary Soldiers was the writing of Thomas Paine. His pamphlet "Common Sense" was the first pamphlet to advocate American independence and was read by or orally read to a greater percentage of the population than any other printed material. Escaping a life of difficulty after his wife and child both died in childbirth he managed to come to the American Colonies. Once here he wrote about the injustice of being ruled by a king and powerfully and convincingly argued that Americans had a unique opportunity to change the course of history by creating a new sort of government in which people were free and had the power to rule themselves. Centuries before the existence of the internet, his writing urging individuals to trust their feelings and to take action rather than becoming bogged down in abstract political debates was so influential that it changed the course of the world.

Thinking of the life and death of Thomas Paine has lead me to consider other experiences of powerful influences that lead to unforgiveable feelings of betrayal. My wife tells the story of her grandmother who lived as a devoted religious woman with her home decorated with pictures of the Saints. She mentions that at one time she noticed that her grandmother had turned all of the pictures of the Saints to the wall and wondered what had happened. All that I know is that the grandmother did not want to talk about it but I gather that even after praying hard she felt the Saints had let her down and wanted nothing more to do with them. She felt betrayed.

Today I recognize that I experience a similar kind of betrayal by the liberal news media; or, if not by the media, a betrayal of myself. For the last four years I have been addicted to continuous watching of MSNBC and CNN and now I never watch these stations or watch much television anymore. What happened? I have come to understand that I did not love these programs; I simply hated Trump. Everything negative about Trump drew me in and now it has become clear that what I wanted, what I needed was to hear daily, continuous reporting of the horrors connected to Donald Trump. Maybe the stations are not to blame, I guess it is their job to bring in as many viewers as they can but I thought they were presenting TRUTH. Instead they were just following the American model and doing what they can to make more money. I feel betrayed by my own stupidity but also by the fact that I was drawn in by the experience of hate. This experience strangely makes me more tolerant of the actions of the Anti-Semitic, Anti-Asian, Racist haters of the world and the last thing I want is more acceptance of those positions. What I want is change and I feel like I have betrayed myself. Probably Americans at the time of Washington hated themselves for being so adoring of a person who then criticized Washington and seems to undermine the whole success of the Revolution. As my wife's grandmother and I realized one hundred fifty years later, life can be very confusing.

## DINAH CHONG WATKINS

### CLOSE ENCOUNTERS OF THE WRONG KIND



### FOURTH OF JULY

As we drove deeper in the neighborhood of white picket fences and their lushly manicured lawns, I noticed a number of election signs fronting the occasional home. Curious, I looked closer and instead of extolling a candidate for the local council, the signs blared - "Congratulations! A Golden

Bear Lives Here!"

"What the heck is a Golden Bear?" I asked my fiancé as we drove through his hometown.

"That's the house of a football player."

"I didn't know they had a NFL team here."

He laughed, "No, high school football."

High school football players get a sign on their lawns? That was my first inkling that Americans were seriously different than us neighbors north of the 49th parallel. Hockey is king there and rightly so. Canadians view football like Americans view water polo. My high school football team made it to the city finals, and the principal tried to bribe the student body to attend the game by giving us half the school day off. A couple of dozen people showed up, and that included the four piece band. We lost but even the winners had to take the subway home, the closest they got to a confetti parade was a few torn paper bus transfers tossed by the wayside.

Had the game been played 300 miles to the south, no doubt the winning team would be getting keys to the city and a free car - well, at least a year's Uber pass.

While Canadians politely celebrate their national Canada Day with a low key backyard bbq and a case of Molsens, Americans go for the extravaganza that reflect their hard-won victories and sacrifices that are rooted in Independence Day. Main Street parades ring out with with first responders, veterans, school kids, bands, vintage cars and more golf carts than a Florida retirement community.

Growing up in Canada, most of my impressions of America came by way of Hollywood. So my "America" was courtesy of Bob Hope, Clint Eastwood and Esther Williams. A not-so-synergized combination of slapstick, spaghetti westerns and Busby Berkeley synchronized swimming spectacles. Americans could do it all, do it first, and do it in style.

It was my first summer working in China and the country was experimenting with its Open Door Policy. They allowed a very limited number of foreign businesses to come in. At the time, there were no privately-owned businesses, no entrepreneurs, no Moms and Pops behind the counter, everything was State-owned and run, in the Communist Soviet bureaucratic style. Beige was the color of the day - morning, noon and night. There was no television, magazines, movies or entertainment of any kind. The few restaurants operating were run by State-work units, imagine hospital grade Chinese stir-fry and you'd be close. Even though the menus were multiple pages long, the servers would always reply to my orders with, "Mei you" - not available. Food supplies were still rationed and other than a handful of vegetables and tough-as-nails meat, people there were only one small step ahead of starvation.

Then, for a few short hours, on the Fourth of July, like a shining beacon in a typical dusty Beijing sandstorm, the American government had flown into its US Embassy an entire crew, cooking facilities and food from McDonalds to celebrate with the American community in Beijing. It was and still is the most spectacular example of American ingenuity, diplomacy, resource, care and pride I have personally experienced. And thanks to being a favored neighbor from the north, I was graciously invited to share in the cornucopia of Big Macs, Quarter pounders, Filet O Fish and skinny, salty fries grown from the red, white and blue soils of Idaho. It was heaven or the closest thing to it at those sodium levels.

Giddy from the super-sized Coke I had consumed, this celebration proved to me what I thought all along of America -

America was not built on fear. America was built on courage, on imagination and an unbeatable determination to do the job at hand.

- Harry S. Truman

Happy Fourth of July!

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## RICH JOHNSON

## NOW THAT'S RICH!



### IS JULY 5TH 2021 REALLY INDEPENDENCE DAY?

Hi there! If you don't remember me, I'm not surprised.

I did write for this wonderful newspaper and equally wonderful publisher, Susan Henderson, for several years under the mysterious nom de plume, Rich Johnson. (Since it was so original and no one else currently writing for the paper is using that mysterious nom de plume, I'll continue to use it. No one will ever suspect it's really me, Rich Johnson. Shhhhh!)

In the event you didn't know, I like to spend every Independence Day celebrating a great Native American American: William Penn Adair Rogers. Otherwise known as the great American Humorist, Will Rogers. Born to a Cherokee family in Indian Territory (now called Oklahoma) on November 4, 1879, he died tragically in a plane crash on August 15, 1935.

In his 56 years on this planet, Will's commentaries on the facets of American life were, and are, as relevant today as when he first penned them nearly 100 years ago.

*Will Rogers on America*

The first and equally loved "Mr. Rogers" (different neighborhood) commented on a variety of aspects of American life: (I hope you enjoy and repeat them!)

*The Economy:* "Things are in a poor state right now. I know a hitch-hiker out here in California that is having such poor luck getting a ride, he is standing in the middle of the road, offering to go either way." (November 21, 1932)

*Immigration:* "We make drastic laws and stay with them. Didn't we pass an immigration law to even keep people out of our country? Well, that was all right. It was a good law. It's our country and we got a right to say who shall come in, but, of course, it was discrimination." (March 20, 1927)

*National Debt:* "...Let's sell off enough of this country to somebody and pay off all national debts, then the taxes wouldn't be nearly as much. The Democrats will agree to peddle Texas and Florida. And I am certain the Republicans will let Massachusetts and Rhode Island go." (December 16, 1928)

*War and Peace:* "I have a scheme for stopping war. It's this - no nation is allowed to enter a war till they have paid for the last one." (August 29, 1928)

*Politics:* "Politics ain't nothing but reciprocity, you know. Congress will vote for anything if the thing they vote for will turn around and vote for them." (October 12, 1935)

*Politics (Cont'd)* "I am not a member of any organized political party---I am a democrat.

*Politicians:* "I'm just like a politician - the less I know about anything, the more I can say." (January 27, 1935)

*Presidents:* "It's a tough life, this thing of being President and trying to please everybody - well, not exactly everybody, but enough to be re-elected." (September 22, 1929)

*Vice Presidents:* "The man with the best job in the country is the Vice President. All he has to do is get up every morning and ask, 'How is the President?'"

*U.S. Congress:* "There is an old legend that years ago there was a man elected to Congress who voted according to his own conscience." (1919)

*U.S. Congress:* "Congress meets tomorrow morning. Let us all pray. Oh, Lord, give us strength to bear that which is about to be inflicted upon us. Be merciful with them oh, Lord, for they know not what they are doing. Amen."

*U.S. Government:* "We got a long-sighted government. When everybody has got money, they cut taxes, and when they're broke, they raise 'em. That's statesmanship of the highest order." (March 27, 1932)

By the way, why is Monday, July 5th a Federal holiday in 2021?

WHY?...well I'll tell you:

We still celebrate July 4th as Independence Day, BUT, in 2021 Monday, July 5th is the associated Federal Holiday.

WHY?...well I'll tell you:

So that government offices and many businesses will be closed and July 5th will be treated as a PAID holiday!

WHY?...well I won't tell you! Think about it!

Thanks for reading. It is my sincere hope you find bits and pieces of my columns worth repeating to friends with the express intent of bringing a smile and a bit of joy into their worlds.

WHY?

Now That's Rich!

-Rich



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## TOM PURCELL CIVICS LESSONS FOR THE FOURTH



You can become an American citizen by being born in the U.S. or you can become one by getting “naturalized.”

Becoming naturalized is a heck of a lot harder.

It not only means having to meet all the legal and residency requirements Congress has established, it means passing a U.S. civics test that would stump a random cable-news talk show host.

Sadly, based on the results of the civics test they take, naturalized American immigrants understand the uniqueness of their adopted country better than many native-born Americans.

The civics test is an oral exam during which a U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Service (USCIS) officer asks test-takers 10 questions from a list of 100 possible questions. A passing score requires that six out of ten questions are answered correctly.

Typical questions include: “What does the U.S. Constitution do,” “Name one right or freedom of the First Amendment,” “How many representatives are in the U.S. House?” and so on.

Immigrants in the naturalization process routinely pass the test 91% of the time, demonstrating their strong understanding of our history, the functions of our government and the duties of being an American citizen.

Meanwhile, according to a recent Woodrow Wilson National Fellowship Foundation survey, only 40% of native born Americans can pass the same test — a worrisome finding for a representative republic that requires informed and engaged voters so it may thrive.

In 2020 the Trump administration made the U.S. civics test harder.

Test takers were asked 20 questions from a broadened list of 128 possible questions like “Name one of the many things Benjamin Franklin was famous for” and “Name an American innovation.”

Critics warned that the failure rate would increase, making the legal path to citizenship harder, but it didn’t.

The immigrants’ pass rate increased to upwards of 95 per cent. (The Biden administration has since repealed the 2020 test and reverted to the prior 10-question test.) How can we make native-born Americans as passionate to learn and understand the basic workings of their government as newcomers?

The Woodrow Wilson Foundation believes that the traditional method of teaching American history — “memorization of dates, names and events” — is the crux of the problem.

To address the challenge, the foundation has created the American History Initiative that will use interactive, digital tools — games, videos and graphic novels — to make American history more engaging to young and old.

Such initiatives are to be applauded and we better hope they produce millions of well-informed young people who understand the uniqueness of a country founded upon the moral and political principles of the Declaration of Independence, which we celebrate every July Fourth.

We are a country of individuals who are not to be divided by our differences but who should be unified by our fundamental rights to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.

Our government was designed to protect these basic human freedoms and our duty as citizens is to make sure our government doesn’t take our rights away.

It’s too bad so few native-born Americans are aware of this sacred duty to themselves and their children.

I think our Independence Day celebrations should start featuring the men and women who come from other countries to become Americans.

The passion of naturalized citizens for their new country will renew the desire of the rest of us to better understand and appreciate our many blessings and motivate us to become better Americans.

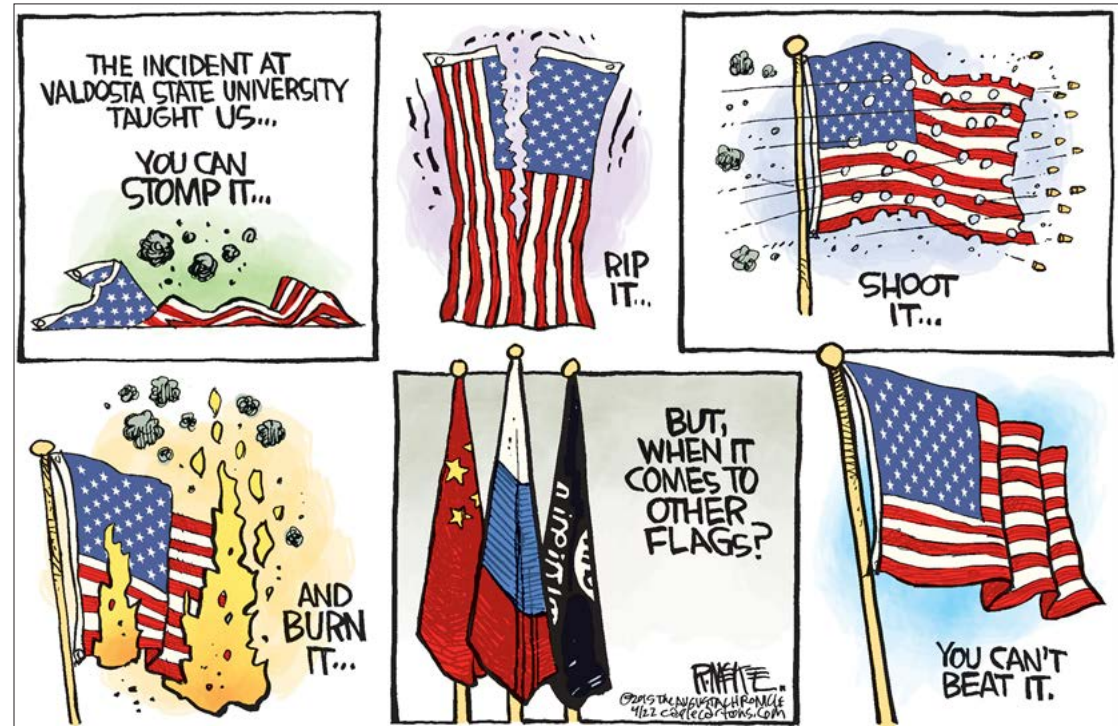
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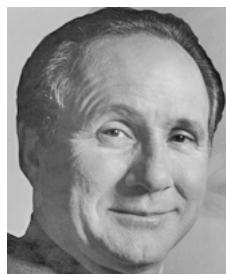


## LEFT, RIGHT OR CENTER!



## MAKING SENSE By MICHAEL REAGAN

### A FLAG THAT'S STILL WORTH DYING FOR



When hammer-thrower Gwen Berry turned her back on the American flag at the Olympic Trials last weekend, it made me think of Sergeant William Carney.

Berry probably doesn't know who Carney was.

Neither, I bet, do the Black Lives Matter activists who spent last summer blindly tearing down statues of historical figures to protest the racist origins of America and the systemic racism they claim exists today.

Thanks to the lousy way history is taught in our schools, most Americans — of every color — have never heard of William Carney.

But who he was, what brave things he did on a Civil War battlefield, and what he thought about America and its flag should have become common knowledge many July 4ths ago.

Carney was born a slave in Virginia in 1840, but his father escaped to the North on the Underground Railroad and made enough money in Massachusetts to purchase the freedom of the rest of his family.

In 1863 Carney, at age 23, joined a local militia and became part of the all-Black Company C of the 54th Massachusetts Infantry Regiment.

As shown in the Oscar-winning 1989 movie “Glory,” the historic 54th and 55th regiments were founded to prove that Black men could be good, brave soldiers — and they quickly proved it.

During the bloody battle of Fort Wagner in Charleston, S.C., in 1863 Carney saw that the soldier carrying the 54th regimental colors had been wounded.

He left his position and ran into the thick of the fighting to save the American flag from being captured or hitting the ground — which was something they cared about deeply in those days.

Despite being hit four times by bullets, Carney was able to bring the U.S. flag safely to Union lines, where he collapsed.

It took 40 years for Carney's battlefield heroics to be rewarded, but in 1900 he was awarded the Medal of Honor in Boston.

The first Black person to receive the award, he explained his heroics by simply saying, “I only did my duty.”

Can you imagine how Carney — a former

slave — and the other patriotic Black men who enlisted in the 54th and 55th would react today to the protests of Gwen Berry or the constant complaints of the BLM crowd and Critical Race Theorists?

America's not perfect now, and it never was.

But BLM and the others are fixated on the past — on the shameful stuff that our white ancestors did to blacks that we regret and are ashamed of but can't do anything about today.

That shameful stuff includes the horrors of slavery, 70 years of legalized racism in the Jim Crow South, the de facto discrimination and segregation in the North and white race riots like the Tulsa Massacre of 1921.

Activists need to acknowledge all the good that has been done to make America a better, fairer, freer country that lives up to its founding ideals.

Blacks in America live far better and freer lives than Carney's generation could ever dream of living.

Yet they constantly disrespect the flag and the country it represents, which they claim was founded on racism and is still systematically racist.

Gwen Berry said this week she doesn't hate America.

She said she turned her back to the flag because she doesn't like the third (and basically unknown) stanza of the National Anthem, which she claims “disrespects” Blacks with its brief reference to slaves.

Berry says she knows her history, but she really doesn't. She and the BLM and its allies have no appreciation of what life was like for Black people like Carney and his generation.

They take a knee to the National Anthem or turn their backs on the same flag that Sergeant William Carney, a former slave, loved and risked his life to keep from touching the ground.

What would Carney say to Gwen Berry, Colin Kaepernick and the members of BLM today? He'd probably want to turn his back to them. Download the movie “Glory” if you want to see why.

Michael Reagan, the son of President Ronald Reagan, is an author, speaker and president of the Reagan Legacy Foundation.





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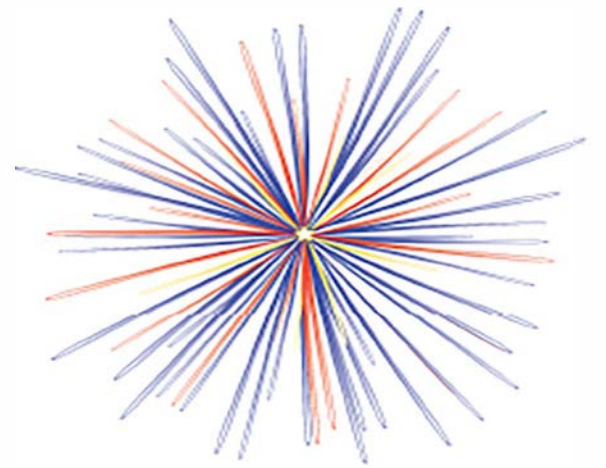
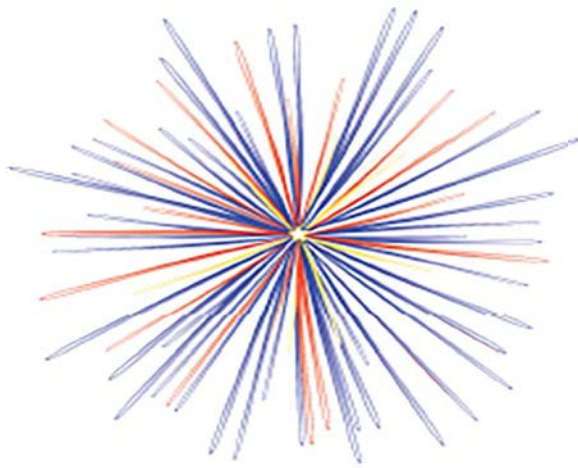
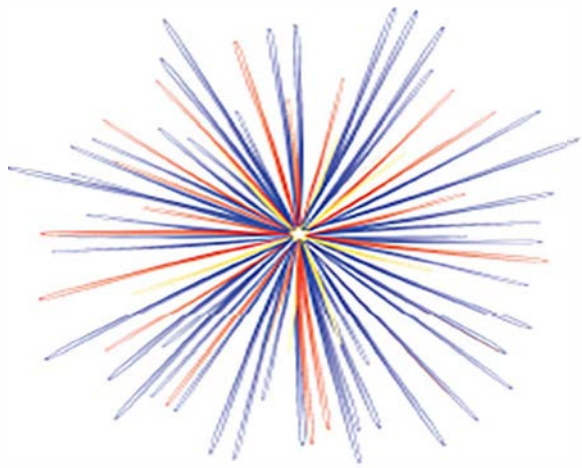
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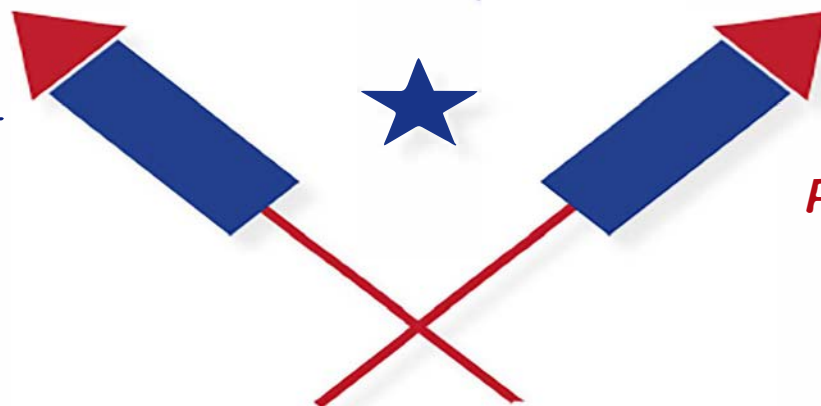
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SECTION B

IN CONGRESS, JULY 4, 1776.

## The unanimous Declaration of the thirteen united States of America,

When in the Course of human events, it becomes necessary for one people to dissolve the political bands which have connected them with another, and to assume among the powers of the earth, the separate and equal station to which the Laws of Nature and of Nature's God entitle them, a decent respect to the opinions of mankind requires that they should declare the causes which impel them to the separation. — We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal; that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness. — That to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed, — That whenever any Form of Government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the Right of the People to alter or to abolish it, and to institute new Government, laying its foundation on such principles and organizing its powers in such form, as to them shall seem most likely to effect their Safety and Happiness. Prudence, indeed, will dictate that Governments long established should not be changed for light and transient causes; and accordingly all experience hath shewn, that mankind are more disposed to suffer, while evils are sufferable, than to right themselves by abolishing the forms to which they are accustomed. But when a long train of abuses and usurpations, pursuing invariably the same Object evinces a design to reduce them under absolute Despotism, it is their right, it is their duty, to throw off such Government; and to provide new Guards for their future security. — Such has been the patient sufferance of these Colonies; and such is now the necessity which constrains them to alter their former Systems of Government. The history of the present King of Great Britain is a history of repeated injuries and usurpations, all having in direct object the establishment of an absolute Tyranny over these States. 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Geo Walton.

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Arthur Middleton

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Carler Braxton

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Rob Morris  
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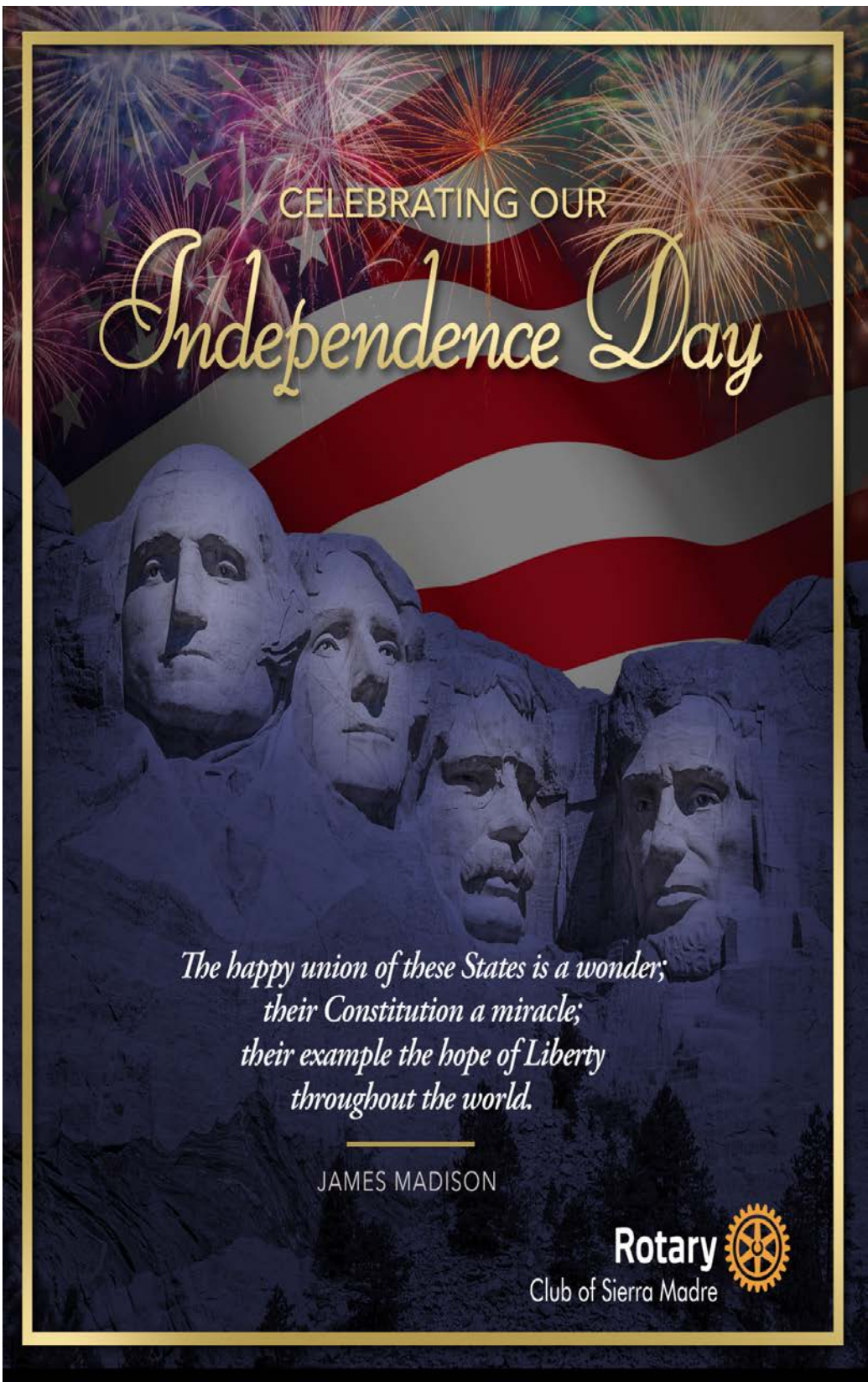


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A TRANSCRIPTION

IN CONGRESS, July 4, 1776.

The unanimous Declaration of the thirteen united States of America,

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Note: The 56 signatures on the Declaration appear in the positions indicated.

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SUSAN HENDERSON, Editor/Publisher



“We the People” .....that’s how our Consitution begins. It serves as a reminder that this g o v e r n m e n t belongs to us, we, the people. Those words, along with those contained in the Declaration

of Independence should be embraced and remembered every day, not just on the nation’s birthday. Unfortunately, most of us never seriously think about them until the 4th of July.

On the day this nation was ‘born’ Americans embrace the ‘birthday’ that we all share in common. Problem is, it shouldn’t be a one day, celebration. We need to cherish this nation every single day and accept our responsibility to all work on making this a ‘more perfect union’. My dad taught me that birthdays are our own ‘personal’ holidays! That being said, as a nation, our own personal holiday - July 4, 2021 should be a great cause of celebration. After all we will be 245 years old and formerly the beacon of a free and democratic society to the world. Instead, regardless of which side of the argument you are on, this ‘birthday’ is one where we are divided by hate, fear, intolerance, alienation and ignorance. We have been so derelict in our duties that we have turned over our precious nation into the hands of too many self serving, hateful and spineless individuals whose interest is not in the well being of the nation as a whole, but rather their interest is in their own personal power and wealth.

Fortunately on this birthday we are working on regaining the respect and trust in our democracy around the world. We have a President, Joe Biden, a real leader, who, while you may or may not approve of everything he does, you cannot say that his love of this country hasn’t been evident in his lifetime of public service. You also can’t say that he doesn’t put American first in his deeds and actions! Those characteristics alone distinguishes leaders from dictators.

However, in order to maintain our democracy, the burden doesn’t just fall on the shoulders of our elected officials. Too many of us still portray ourselves as the victims of everything and everybody. Too many of us just don’t get it, this is a nation that is to be governed by the people and

for the people. Living in America is not a spectator sport. We have a responsibility to understand how our country is supposed to run; to be familiar with the our great Constitution; to recognize that as times change, we need to learn from our mistakes; to participate in the process and not just sit on the sidelines and complain and to send responsible people who understand what their duties are as they ascend to higher office. Their job is not to create division but to bring all of our differences to the table and work out solutions that are in the best interest of everyone involved.

If they would just read the preamble, perhaps with a tutor, they might get a clue.

“We the People”....that means ALL OF US.

“..form a more perfect union:....” Most of us recognize that our country and its laws are not perfect and we need to strive to improve, not focus on destruction.

“establish justice”.....and that means for everyone regardless of race, religion, creed or national origin.

“Insure Domestic Tranquility”..... not poke the bear (my apologies to bears worldwide), not stir the pot of divisiveness and hate.

“provide for the common defence” - defense of all, not some.

“Promote the general welfare”.....this country was not founded on the ‘Friends and Family’ plan. The rest of us matter also.

“Secure the blessings of Liberty for ourselves and our Posterity”.... i.e., life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness now and for future generations.

I’ve been blessed to have traveled much of this world and warts and all, I am a proud American. My family has a legacy of being proud Americans - my father and grandfather, WWII and WWI Veterans respectively were proud. Both risked their lives for a country that did not even respect them as men, yet they fought regardless in an effort to make things better for all. That is what we are all supposed to do, fight to make things better for all, together!

So as we prepare to pay homage to OUR COUNTRY on July 4th, let’s all, left and right, demand of all elected officials that they focus on upholding the tenets of the Constitution and restoring America back to being a true democracy, a system of government by the whole population. If we do that, then maybe our 246th birthday will truly be a joyous one.

# We the people of the United States, in order to form a more perfect union, establish justice, insure domestic tranquility, provide for the common defense, promote the general welfare, and secure the blessings of liberty to ourselves and our posterity, do ordain and establish this Constitution for the United States of America.

*Editor’s Note: Just to refresh your memory here is a synopsis of what is in the U.S. Constitution. At the end of this list you will find a website where you can read the entire document.)*

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## FYI: WHO SIGNED THE U.S. CONSTITUTION?

The 38 signers of the U.S. Constitution were delegates from the original states who gathered several times and in several places, first drafting the Declaration of Independence, and then, after the colonists defeated the British army and won independence, writing the U.S. Constitution. The signers of the two documents have some overlap — Benjamin Franklin signed both, but John Hancock wrote large only on the Declaration of Independence. The delegates are here grouped by the states they represented:

- Connecticut:** William Samuel Johnson, Roger Sherman
- Delaware:** George Read, Gunning Bedford Jr., John Dickinson, Richard Bassett, Jacob Broom
- Georgia:** William Few, Abraham Baldwin
- Maryland:** James McHenry, Daniel of St. Thomas Jenifer, Daniel Carroll
- Massachusetts:** Nathaniel Gorham, Rufus King
- New Hampshire:** John Langdon, Nicholas Gilman
- New Jersey:** William Livingston, David Brearley, William Paterson, Jonathan Dayton
- New York:** Alexander Hamilton
- North Carolina:** William Blount, Richard Dobbs Spaight, Hugh Williamson
- Pennsylvania:** Benjamin Franklin, Thomas Mifflin, Robert Morris, George Clymer, Thomas FitzSimons, Jared Ingersoll, James Wilson, Gouverneur Morris
- South Carolina:** John Rutledge, Charles Cotesworth Pinckney, Pierce Butler
- Virginia:** George Washington (President and deputy), John Blair, James Madison Jr.



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All legislative Powers herein granted shall be vested in a Congress of the United States, which shall consist of a Senate and House of Representatives.

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The House of Representatives shall be composed of Members chosen every second Year by the People of the several States, and the Electors in each State shall have the Qualifications requisite for Electors of the most numerous Branch of the State Legislature.

No Person shall be a Representative who shall not have attained to the Age of twenty five Years, and been seven Years a Citizen of the United States, and who shall not, when elected, be an Inhabitant of that State in which he shall be chosen.

Representatives and direct Taxes shall be apportioned among the several States which may be included within this Union, according to their respective Numbers, which shall be determined by adding to the whole Number of free Persons, including those bound to Service for a Term of Years, and excluding Indians not taxed, three fifths of all other Persons. The actual Enumeration shall be made within three Years after the first Meeting of the Congress of the United States, and within every subsequent Term of ten Years, in such Manner as they shall by Law direct. The Number of Representatives shall not exceed one for every thirty Thousand, but each State shall have at Least one Representative; and until such enumeration shall be made, the State of New Hampshire shall be entitled to chuse three, Massachusetts eight, Rhode Island and Providence Plantations one, Connecticut five, New-York six, New Jersey four, Pennsylvania eight, Delaware one, Maryland six, Virginia ten, North Carolina five, South Carolina five, and Georgia three.

When vacancies happen in the Representation from any State, the Executive Authority thereof shall issue Writs of Election to fill such Vacancies.  
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The Vice President of the United States shall be President of the Senate, but shall have no Vote, unless they be equally divided.

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The Senate shall have the sole Power to try all Impeachments. When sitting for that Purpose, they shall be on Oath or Affirmation. When the President of the United States is tried, the Chief Justice shall preside: And no Person shall be convicted without the Concurrence of two thirds of the Members present.

Judgment in Cases of Impeachment shall not extend further than to removal from Office, and disqualification to hold and enjoy any Office of honor, Trust or Profit under the United States: but the Party convicted shall nevertheless be liable and subject to Indictment, Trial, Judgment and Punishment, according to Law.

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Neither House, during the Session of Congress, shall, without the Consent of the other, adjourn for more than three days, nor to any other Place than that in which the two Houses shall be sitting.

**Section 6**  
The Senators and Representatives shall receive a Compensation for their Services, to be ascertained by Law, and paid out of the Treasury of the United States. They shall in all Cases, except Treason, Felony and Breach of the Peace, be privileged from Arrest during their Attendance at the Session of their respective Houses and in going to and returning from the same; and for any Speech or Debate in either House, they shall not be questioned in any other Place.

No Senator or Representative shall, during the Time for which he was elected, be appointed to any civil Office under the Authority of the United States, which shall have been created, or the Emoluments whereof shall have been encreased during such time; and no Person holding any Office under the United States, shall be a Member of either House during his Continuance in Office.

**Section 7**  
All Bills for raising Revenue shall originate in the House of Representatives; but the Senate may propose or concur with Amendments as on other Bills.

Every Bill which shall have passed the House of Representatives and the Senate, shall, before it become a Law, be presented to the President of the United States; If he approve he shall sign it, but if not he shall return it, with his Objections to that House in which it shall have originated, who shall enter the Objections at large on their Journal, and proceed to reconsider it. If after such Reconsideration two thirds of that House shall agree to pass the Bill, it shall be sent, together with the Objections, to the other House, by which it shall likewise be reconsidered, and if approved by two thirds of that House, it shall become a Law. But in all such Cases the Votes of both Houses shall be determined by yeas and Nays, and the Names of the Persons voting for and against the Bill shall be entered on the Journal of each House respectively. If any Bill shall not be returned by the President within ten Days (Sundays excepted) after it shall have been presented to him, the Same shall be a Law, in like Manner as if he had signed it, unless the Congress by their Adjournment prevent its Return, in which Case it shall not be a Law.

Every Order, Resolution, or Vote to which the Concurrence of the Senate and House of Representatives may be necessary (except on a question of Adjournment) shall be presented to the President of the United States; and before the Same shall take Effect, shall be approved by him, or being disapproved by him, shall be repassed by two thirds of the Senate and House of Representatives, according to the Rules and Limitation prescribed in the Case of a Bill.

**Section 8**  
The Congress shall have Power To lay and collect Taxes, Duties, Imposts and Excises, to pay the Debts and provide for the common Defence and general Welfare of the United States; but all Duties, Imposts and Excises shall be uniform throughout the United States;

To borrow Money on the credit of the United States;

To regulate Commerce with foreign Nations, and among the several States, and with the Indian Tribes;

To establish an uniform Rule of Naturalization, and uniform Laws on the subject of Bankruptcies throughout the United States;

To coin Money, regulate the Value thereof, and of foreign Coin, and fix the Standard of Weights and Measures;

To provide for the Punishment of counterfeiting the Securities and current Coin of the United States;

To establish Post Offices and post Roads;

To promote the Progress of Science and useful Arts, by securing for limited Times to Authors and Inventors the exclusive Right to their respective Writings and Discoveries;

To constitute Tribunals inferior to the supreme Court;

To define and punish Piracies and Felonies committed on the high Seas, and Offences against the Law of Nations;

To declare War, grant Letters of Marque and Reprisal, and make Rules concerning Captures on Land and Water;

To raise and support Armies, but no Appropriation of Money to that Use shall be for a longer Term than two Years;

To provide and maintain a Navy;

To make Rules for the Government and Regulation of the land and naval Forces;

To provide for calling forth the Militia to execute the Laws of the Union, suppress Insurrections and repel Invasions;

To provide for organizing, arming, and disciplining, the Militia, and for governing such Part of them as may be employed in the Service of the United States, reserving to the States respectively, the Appointment of the Officers, and the Authority of training the Militia according to the discipline prescribed by Congress;

To exercise exclusive Legislation in all Cases whatsoever, over such District (not exceeding ten Miles square) as may, by Cession of particular States, and the Acceptance of Congress, become the Seat of Government of the

United States, and to exercise like Authority over all Places purchased by the Consent of the Legislature of the State in which the Same shall be, for the Erection of Forts, Magazines, Arsenals, dock-Yards, and other needful Buildings;—And

To make all Laws which shall be necessary and proper for carrying into Execution the foregoing Powers, and all other Powers vested by this Constitution in the Government of the United States, or in any Department or Officer thereof.

**Section 9**  
The Migration or Importation of such Persons as any of the States now existing shall think proper to admit, shall not be prohibited by the Congress prior to the Year one thousand eight hundred and eight, but a Tax or duty may be imposed on such Importation, not exceeding ten dollars for each Person.

The Privilege of the Writ of Habeas Corpus shall not be suspended, unless when in Cases of Rebellion or Invasion the public Safety may require it.

No Bill of Attainder or ex post facto Law shall be passed.

No Capitation, or other direct, Tax shall be laid, unless in Proportion to the Census or enumeration herein before directed to be taken.

No Tax or Duty shall be laid on Articles exported from any State.

No Preference shall be given by any Regulation of Commerce or Revenue to the Ports of one State over those of another: nor shall Vessels bound to, or from, one State, be obliged to enter, clear, or pay duties in another.

No Money shall be drawn from the Treasury but in Consequence of Appropriations made by Law; and a regular Statement and Account of the Receipts and Expenditures of all public Money shall be published from time to time.

No Title of Nobility shall be granted by the United States: And no Person holding any Office of Profit or Trust under them, shall, without the Consent of the Congress accept of any present, Emolument, Office, or Title, of any kind whatever, from any King, Prince, or foreign State.

**Section 10**  
No State shall enter into any Treaty, Alliance, or Confederation; grant Letters of Marque and Reprisal; coin Money; emit Bills of Credit; make any Thing but gold and silver Coin a Tender in Payment of Debts; pass any Bill of Attainder, ex post facto Law, or Law impairing the Obligation of Contracts, or grant any Title of Nobility.

No State shall, without the Consent of the Congress, lay any Imposts or Duties on Imports or Exports, except what may be absolutely necessary for executing it’s inspection Laws: and the net Produce of all Duties and Imposts, laid by any State on Imports or Exports, shall be for the Use of the Treasury of the United States; and all such Laws shall be subject to the Revision and Controul of the Congress.

No State shall, without the Consent of Congress, lay any Duty of Tonnage, keep Troops, or Ships of War in time of Peace, enter into any Agreement or Compact with another State, or with a foreign Power, or engage in War, unless actually invaded, or in such imminent Danger as will not admit of delay.

**ARTICLE II**  
**Section 1**  
The executive Power shall be vested in a President of the United States of America. He shall hold his Office during the Term of four Years, and, together with the Vice President, chosen for the same Term, be elected, as follows

Each State shall appoint, in such Manner as the Legislature thereof may direct, a Number of Electors, equal to the whole Number of Senators and Representatives to which the State may be entitled in the Congress: but no Senator or Representative, or Person holding an Office of Trust or Profit under the United States, shall be appointed an Elector.

The Electors shall meet in their respective States, and vote by Ballot for two Persons, of whom one at least shall not be an Inhabitant of the same State with themselves. And they shall make a List of all the Persons voted for, and of the Number of Votes for each; which List they shall sign and certify, and transmit sealed to the Seat of the Government of the United States, directed to the President of the Senate. The President of the Senate shall, in the presence of the Senate and House of Representatives, open all the Certificates, and the Votes shall then be counted. The Person having the greatest Number of Votes shall be the President, if such Number be a Majority of the whole Number of Electors appointed; and if there be more than one who have such Majority, and have an equal Number of Votes, then the House of Representatives shall immediately chuse by Ballot one of them for President; and if no Person have a Majority, then from the five highest on the List the said House shall in like manner chuse the President. But in chusing the President, the Votes shall be taken by States, the Representation from each State having one Vote; A quorum for this Purpose shall consist of a Member or Members from two thirds of the States, and a Majority of all the States shall be necessary to a Choice. In every Case, after the Choice of the President, the Person having the greatest Number of Votes of the Electors shall be the Vice President. But if there should remain two or more who have equal Votes, the Senate shall chuse from them by Ballot the Vice President.

The Congress may determine the Time of chusing the Electors, and the Day on which they shall give their Votes; which Day shall be the same throughout the United States.

No Person except a natural born Citizen, or a Citizen of the United States, at the time of the Adoption of this Constitution, shall be eligible to the Office of President; neither shall any Person be eligible to that Office who shall not have attained to the Age of thirty five Years, and been fourteen Years a Resident within the United States.



In Case of the Removal of the President from Office, or of his Death, Resignation, or Inability to discharge the Powers and Duties of the said Office, the Same shall devolve on the Vice President, and the Congress may by law provide for the Case of Removal, Death, Resignation or Inability, both of the President and Vice President, declaring what Officer shall then act as President, and such Officer shall act accordingly, until the Disability be removed, or a President shall be elected.

The President shall, at stated Times, receive for his Services, a Compensation, which shall neither be encreased nor diminished during the Period for which he shall have been elected, and he shall not receive within that Period any other Emolument from the United States, or any of them.

Before he enter on the Execution of his Office, he shall take the following Oath or Affirmation:– I do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will faithfully execute the Office of President of the United States, and will to the best of my Ability, preserve, protect and defend the Constitution of the United States.

#### Section 2

The President shall be Commander in Chief of the Army and Navy of the United States, and of the Militia of the several States, when called into the actual Service of the United States; he may require the Opinion, in writing, of the principal Officer in each of the executive Departments, upon any Subject relating to the Duties of their respective Offices, and he shall have Power to grant Reprieves and Pardons for Offences against the United States, except in Cases of Impeachment.

He shall have Power, by and with the Advice and Consent of the Senate, to make Treaties, provided two thirds of the Senators present concur; and he shall nominate, and by and with the Advice and Consent of the Senate, shall appoint Ambassadors, other public Ministers and Consuls, Judges of the supreme Court, and all other Officers of the United States, whose Appointments are not herein otherwise provided for, and which shall be established by Law: but the Congress may by Law vest the Appointment of such inferior Officers, as they think proper, in the President alone, in the Courts of Law, or in the Heads of Departments.

The President shall have Power to fill up all Vacancies that may happen during the Recess of the Senate, by granting Commissions which shall expire at the End of their next Session.

#### Section 3

He shall from time to time give to the Congress Information of the State of the Union, and recommend to their Consideration such Measures as he shall judge necessary and expedient; he may, on extraordinary Occasions, convene both Houses, or either of them, and in Case of Disagreement between them, with Respect to the Time of Adjournment, he may adjourn them to such Time as he shall think proper; he shall receive Ambassadors and other public Ministers; he shall take Care that the Laws be faithfully executed, and shall Commission all the Officers of the United States.

#### Section 4

The President, Vice President and all civil Officers of the United States, shall be removed from Office on Impeachment for, and Conviction of, Treason, Bribery, or other high Crimes and Misdemeanors.

### ARTICLE III

#### Section 1

The judicial Power of the United States, shall be vested in one supreme Court, and in such inferior Courts as the Congress may from time to time ordain and establish. The Judges, both of the supreme and inferior Courts, shall hold their Offices during good Behaviour, and shall, at stated Times, receive for their Services, a Compensation, which shall not be diminished during their Continuance in Office.

#### Section 2

The Judicial Power shall extend to all Cases, in Law and Equity, arising under this Constitution, the Laws of the United States, and Treaties made, or which shall be made, under their Authority;--to all Cases affecting Ambassadors, other public Ministers and Consuls;--to all Cases of admiralty and maritime Jurisdiction;--to Controversies to which the United States shall be a Party;--to Controversies between two or more States;--between a State and Citizens of another State;---between Citizens of different States,---between Citizens of the same State claiming Lands under Grants of different States, and between a State, or the Citizens thereof, and foreign States, Citizens or Subjects.

In all Cases affecting Ambassadors, other public Ministers and Consuls, and those in which a State shall be a Party, the supreme Court shall have original Jurisdiction. In all the other Cases before mentioned, the Supreme Court shall have appellate Jurisdiction, both as to Law and Fact, with such Exceptions, and under such Regulations as the Congress shall make.

The Trial of all Crimes, except in Cases of Impeachment, shall be by Jury; and such Trial shall be held in the State where the said Crimes shall have been committed; but when not committed within any State, the Trial shall be at such Place or Places as the Congress may by Law have directed.

#### Section 3

Treason against the United States, shall consist only in levying War against them, or in adhering to their Enemies, giving them Aid and Comfort. No Person shall be convicted of Treason unless on the testimony of two Witnesses to the same overt Act, or on Confession in open court.

The Congress shall have Power to declare the Punishment of Treason, but no Attainder of Treason shall work Corruption of Blood, or Forfeiture except during the Life of the Person attained.

### ARTICLE IV

#### Section 1

Full Faith and Credit shall be given in each State to the

public Acts, Records, and judicial Proceedings of every other State. And the Congress may by general Laws prescribe the Manner in which such Acts, Records and Proceedings shall be proved, and the Effect thereof.

#### Section 2

The Citizens of each State shall be entitled to all Privileges and Immunities of Citizens in the several States.

A Person charged in any State with Treason, Felony, or other Crime, who shall flee from Justice, and be found in another State, shall on Demand of the executive Authority of the State from which he fled, be delivered up, to be removed to the State having Jurisdiction of the Crime.

No Person held to Service or Labour in one State, under the Laws thereof, escaping into another, shall, in Consequence of any Law or Regulation therein, be discharged from such Service or Labour, but shall be delivered up on Claim of the Party to whom such Service or Labour may be due.

#### Section 3

New States may be admitted by the Congress into this Union; but no new State shall be formed or erected within the Jurisdiction of any other State; nor any State be formed by the Junction of two or more States, or Parts of States, without the Consent of the Legislatures of the States concerned as well as of the Congress.

The Congress shall have Power to dispose of and make all needful Rules and Regulations respecting the Territory or other Property belonging to the United States; and nothing in this Constitution shall be so construed as to Prejudice any Claims of the United States, or of any particular State.

#### Section 4

The United States shall guarantee to every State in this Union a Republican Form of Government, and shall protect each of them against Invasion; and on Application of the Legislature, or of the Executive (when the Legislature cannot be convened) against domestic Violence.

### ARTICLE V

The Congress, whenever two thirds of both Houses shall deem it necessary, shall propose Amendments to this Constitution, or, on the Application of the Legislatures of two thirds of the several States, shall call a Convention for proposing Amendments, which, in either Case, shall be valid to all Intents and Purposes, as Part of this Constitution, when ratified by the Legislatures of three fourths of the several States, or by Conventions in three fourths thereof, as the one or the other Mode of Ratification may be proposed by the Congress; Provided that no Amendment which may be made prior to the Year One thousand eight hundred and eight shall in any Manner affect the first and fourth Clauses in the Ninth Section of the first Article; and that no State, without its Consent, shall be deprived of its equal Suffrage in the Senate.

### ARTICLE VI

All Debts contracted and Engagements entered into, before the Adoption of this Constitution, shall be as valid against the United States under this Constitution, as under the Confederation.

This Constitution, and the Laws of the United States which shall be made in Pursuance thereof; and all Treaties made, or which shall be made, under the Authority of the United States, shall be the supreme Law of the Land; and the Judges in every State shall be bound thereby, any Thing in the Constitution or Laws of any State to the Contrary notwithstanding.

The Senators and Representatives before mentioned, and the Members of the several State Legislatures, and all executive and judicial Officers, both of the United States and of the several States, shall be bound by Oath or Affirmation, to support this Constitution; but no religious Test shall ever be required as a Qualification to any Office or public Trust under the United States.

#### Article VII

The Ratification of the Conventions of nine States, shall be sufficient for the Establishment of this Constitution between the States so ratifying the Same.

#### First Amendment

Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances.

#### Second Amendment

A well regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed.

#### Third Amendment

No Soldier shall, in time of peace be quartered in any house, without the consent of the Owner, nor in time of war, but in a manner to be prescribed by law.

#### Fourth Amendment

The right of the people to be secure in their persons, houses, papers, and effects, against unreasonable searches and seizures, shall not be violated, and no Warrants shall issue, but upon probable cause, supported by Oath or affirmation, and particularly describing the place to be searched, and the persons or things to be seized.

#### Fifth Amendment

No person shall be held to answer for a capital, or otherwise infamous crime, unless on a presentment or indictment of a Grand Jury, except in cases arising in the land or naval forces, or in the Militia, when in actual service in time of War or public danger; nor shall any person be subject for the same offence to be twice put in jeopardy of life or limb; nor shall be compelled in any criminal case to be a witness against himself, nor be deprived of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law; nor shall private property be taken for public use, without just compensation.

#### Sixth Amendment

In all criminal prosecutions, the accused shall enjoy the

right to a speedy and public trial, by an impartial jury of the State and district wherein the crime shall have been committed, which district shall have been previously ascertained by law, and to be informed of the nature and cause of the accusation; to be confronted with the witnesses against him; to have compulsory process for obtaining witnesses in his favor, and to have the Assistance of Counsel for his defence.

#### Seventh Amendment

In Suits at common law, where the value in controversy shall exceed twenty dollars, the right of trial by jury shall be preserved, and no fact tried by a jury, shall be otherwise re-examined in any Court of the United States, than according to the rules of the common law.

#### Eighth Amendment

Excessive bail shall not be required, nor excessive fines imposed, nor cruel and unusual punishments inflicted.

#### Ninth Amendment

The enumeration in the Constitution, of certain rights, shall not be construed to deny or disparage others retained by the people.

#### Tenth Amendment

The powers not delegated to the United States by the Constitution, nor prohibited by it to the States, are reserved to the States respectively, or to the people.

#### Eleventh Amendment

The Judicial power of the United States shall not be construed to extend to any suit in law or equity, commenced or prosecuted against one of the United States by Citizens of another State, or by Citizens or Subjects of any Foreign State.

#### Twelfth Amendment

The Electors shall meet in their respective states, and vote by ballot for President and Vice-President, one of whom, at least, shall not be an inhabitant of the same state with themselves; they shall name in their ballots the person voted for as President, and in distinct ballots the person voted for as Vice-President, and they shall make distinct lists of all persons voted for as President, and of all persons voted for as Vice-President, and of the number of votes for each, which lists they shall sign and certify, and transmit sealed to the seat of the government of the United States, directed to the President of the Senate;--The President of the Senate shall, in the presence of the Senate and House of Representatives, open all the certificates and the votes shall then be counted;--The person having the greatest number of votes for President, shall be the President, if such number be a majority of the whole number of Electors appointed; and if no person have such majority, then from the persons having the highest numbers not exceeding three on the list of those voted for as President, the House of Representatives shall choose immediately, by ballot, the President. But in choosing the President, the votes shall be taken by states, the representation from each state having one vote; a quorum for this purpose shall consist of a member or members from two-thirds of the states, and a majority of all the states shall be necessary to a choice. [And if the House of Representatives shall not choose a President whenever the right of choice shall devolve upon them, before the fourth day of March next following, then the Vice-President shall act as President, as in the case of the death or other constitutional disability of the President.]--The person having the greatest number of votes as Vice-President, shall be the Vice-President, if such number be a majority of the whole number of Electors appointed, and if no person have a majority, then from the two highest numbers on the list, the Senate shall choose the Vice-President; a quorum for the purpose shall consist of two-thirds of the whole number of Senators, and a majority of the whole number shall be necessary to a choice. But no person constitutionally ineligible to the office of President shall be eligible to that of Vice-President of the United States.

#### Thirteenth Amendment

##### Section 1

Neither slavery nor involuntary servitude, except as a punishment for crime whereof the party shall have been duly convicted, shall exist within the United States, or any place subject to their jurisdiction.

#### Section 2

Congress shall have power to enforce this article by appropriate legislation.

#### Fourteenth Amendment

##### Section 1

All persons born or naturalized in the United States, and subject to the jurisdiction thereof, are citizens of the United States and of the State wherein they reside. No State shall make or enforce any law which shall abridge the privileges or immunities of citizens of the United States; nor shall any State deprive any person of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law; nor deny to any person within its jurisdiction the equal protection of the laws.

#### Section 2

Representatives shall be apportioned among the several States according to their respective numbers, counting the whole number of persons in each State, excluding Indians not taxed. But when the right to vote at any election for the choice of electors for President and Vice-President of the United States, Representatives in Congress, the Executive and Judicial officers of a State, or the members of the Legislature thereof, is denied to any of the male inhabitants of such State, being twenty-one years of age, and citizens of the United States, or in any way abridged, except for participation in rebellion, or other crime, the basis of representation therein shall be reduced in the proportion which the number of such male citizens shall bear to the whole number of male citizens twenty-one years of age in such State.

#### Section 3

No Person shall be a Senator or Representative in Congress, or elector of President and Vice-President, or hold any office, civil or military, under the United States, or under any State, who, having previously taken an oath, as a member of Congress, or as an officer of the United States, editor@mtnviewsnews.com Website: www.mtnviewsnews.com



or as a member of any State legislature, or as an executive or judicial officer of any State, to support the Constitution of the United States, shall have engaged in insurrection or rebellion against the same, or given aid or comfort to the enemies thereof. But Congress may by a vote of two-thirds of each House, remove such disability.

**Section 4**  
The validity of the public debt of the United States, authorized by law, including debts incurred for payment of pensions and bounties for services in suppressing insurrection or rebellion, shall not be questioned. But neither the United States nor any State shall assume or pay any debt or obligation incurred in aid of insurrection or rebellion against the United States, or any claim for the loss or emancipation of any slave; but all such debts, obligations and claims shall be held illegal and void.

**Section 5**  
The Congress shall have the power to enforce, by appropriate legislation, the provisions of this article.

**Fifteenth Amendment**  
**Section 1**  
The right of citizens of the United States to vote shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any State on account of race, color, or previous condition of servitude—

**Section 2**  
The Congress shall have the power to enforce this article by appropriate legislation.

**Sixteenth Amendment**  
The Congress shall have power to lay and collect taxes on incomes, from whatever source derived, without apportionment among the several States, and without regard to any census or enumeration.

**Seventeenth Amendment**  
The Senate of the United States shall be composed of two Senators from each State, elected by the people thereof, for six years; and each Senator shall have one vote. The electors in each State shall have the qualifications requisite for electors of the most numerous branch of the State legislatures.

When vacancies happen in the representation of any State in the Senate, the executive authority of such State shall issue writs of election to fill such vacancies: Provided, That the legislature of any State may empower the executive thereof to make temporary appointments until the people fill the vacancies by election as the legislature may direct.

This amendment shall not be so construed as to affect the election or term of any Senator chosen before it becomes valid as part of the Constitution.

**Eighteenth Amendment**  
**Section 1**  
After one year from the ratification of this article the manufacture, sale, or transportation of intoxicating liquors within, the importation thereof into, or the exportation thereof from the United States and all territory subject to the jurisdiction thereof for beverage purposes is hereby prohibited.

**Section 2**  
The Congress and the several States shall have concurrent power to enforce this article by appropriate legislation.

**Section 3**  
This article shall be inoperative unless it shall have been ratified as an amendment to the Constitution by the legislatures of the several States, as provided in the Constitution, within seven years from the date of the submission hereof to the States by the Congress.

**Nineteenth Amendment**  
**Section 1**  
The right of citizens of the United States to vote shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any State on account of sex.

**Section 2**  
Congress shall have power to enforce this article by appropriate legislation.

**Twentieth Amendment**  
**Section 1**  
The terms of the President and Vice President shall end at noon on the 20th day of January, and the terms of Senators and Representatives at noon on the 3d day of January, of the years in which such terms would have ended if this article had not been ratified; and the terms of their successors shall then begin.

**Section 2**  
The Congress shall assemble at least once in every year, and such meeting shall begin at noon on the 3d day of January, unless they shall by law appoint a different day.

**Section 3**  
If, at the time fixed for the beginning of the term of the President, the President elect shall have died, the Vice President elect shall become President. If a President shall not have been chosen before the time fixed for the beginning of his term, or if the President elect shall have failed to qualify, then the Vice President elect shall act as President until a President shall have qualified; and the Congress may by law provide for the case wherein neither a President elect nor a Vice President elect shall have qualified, declaring who shall then act as President, or the manner in which one who is to act shall be selected, and such person shall act accordingly until a President or Vice President shall have qualified.

**Section 4**  
The Congress may by law provide for the case of the death of any of the persons from whom the House of Representatives may choose a President whenever the right of choice shall have devolved upon them, and for the case of the death of any of the persons from whom the Senate may choose a Vice President whenever the right of choice shall have devolved upon them.

**Section 5**  
Sections 1 and 2 shall take effect on the 15th day of October following the ratification of this article.

**Section 6**  
This article shall be inoperative unless it shall have been ratified as an amendment to the Constitution by the legislatures of three-fourths of the several States within seven years from the date of its submission.

**Twenty-First Amendment**  
**Section 1**  
The eighteenth article of amendment to the Constitution of the United States is hereby repealed.

**Section 2**  
The transportation or importation into any State, Territory, or possession of the United States for delivery or use therein of intoxicating liquors, in violation of the laws thereof, is hereby prohibited.

**Section 3**  
This article shall be inoperative unless it shall have been ratified as an amendment to the Constitution by conventions in the several States, as provided in the Constitution, within seven years from the date of the submission hereof to the States by the Congress.

**Twenty-Second Amendment**  
**Section 1**  
No person shall be elected to the office of the President more than twice, and no person who has held the office of President, or acted as President, for more than two years of a term to which some other person was elected President shall be elected to the office of the President more than once. But this Article shall not apply to any person holding the office of President when this Article was proposed by the Congress, and shall not prevent any person who may be holding the office of President, or acting as President, during the term within which this Article becomes operative from holding the office of President or acting as President during the remainder of such term.

**Section 2**  
This Article shall be inoperative unless it shall have been ratified as an amendment to the Constitution by the legislatures of three-fourths of the several States within seven years from the date of its submission to the States by the Congress.

**Twenty-Third Amendment**  
**Section 1**  
The District constituting the seat of Government of the United States shall appoint in such manner as the Congress may direct:

A number of electors of President and Vice President equal to the whole number of Senators and Representatives in Congress to which the District would be entitled if it were a State, but in no event more than the least populous State; they shall be in addition to those appointed by the States, but they shall be considered, for the purposes of the election of President and Vice President, to be electors appointed by a State; and they shall meet in the District and perform such duties as provided by the twelfth article of amendment.

**Section 2**  
The Congress shall have power to enforce this article by appropriate legislation.

**Twenty-Fourth Amendment**  
**Section 1**  
The right of citizens of the United States to vote in any primary or other election for President or Vice President, for electors for President or Vice President, or for Senator or Representative in Congress, shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or any State by reason of failure to pay any poll tax or other tax.

**Section 2**  
The Congress shall have power to enforce this article by appropriate legislation.

**Twenty-Fifth Amendment**  
**Section 1**  
In case of the removal of the President from office or of his death or resignation, the Vice President shall become President.

**Section 2**  
Whenever there is a vacancy in the office of the Vice President, the President shall nominate a Vice President who shall take office upon confirmation by a majority vote of both Houses of Congress.

**Section 3**  
Whenever the President transmits to the President pro tempore of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives his written declaration that he is unable to discharge the powers and duties of his office, and until he transmits to them a written declaration to the contrary, such powers and duties shall be discharged by the Vice President as Acting President.

**Section 4**  
Whenever the Vice President and a majority of either the principal officers of the executive departments or of such other body as Congress may by law provide, transmit to the President pro tempore of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives their written declaration that the President is unable to discharge the powers and duties of his office, the Vice President shall immediately assume the powers and duties of the office as Acting President.

Thereafter, when the President transmits to the President pro tempore of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives his written declaration that no inability exists, he shall resume the powers and duties of his office unless the Vice President and a majority of either the principal officers of the executive department or of such other body as Congress may by law provide, transmit within four days to the President pro tempore of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives their written declaration

that the President is unable to discharge the powers and duties of his office. Thereupon Congress shall decide the issue, assembling within forty-eight hours for that purpose if not in session. If the Congress within twenty-one days after receipt of the latter written declaration, or, if Congress is not in session, within twenty-one days after Congress is required to assemble, determines by two-thirds vote of both Houses that the President is unable to discharge the powers and duties of his office, the Vice President shall continue to discharge the same as Acting President; otherwise, the President shall resume the powers and duties of his office.

**Twenty-Sixth Amendment**  
**Section 1**  
The right of citizens of the United States, who are eighteen years of age or older, to vote shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any State on account of age.

**Section 2**  
The Congress shall have power to enforce this article by appropriate legislation.

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No law, varying the compensation for the services of the Senators and Representatives, shall take effect, until an election of Representatives shall have intervened.

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