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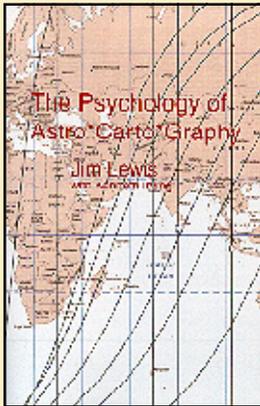
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New Book

NEWLY REPRINTED

The Psychology of Astro*Carto*Graphy, by the late Jim Lewis, with Kenneth Irving. Long out of print, this is the definitive book by the man who invented Astrocartography itself. With Jung-inspired *shadow planets*, this is very much “psychological.” It includes an extensive section on Cyclo*Carto*Graphy, which is to say, what happens when you put transits and progressions on a world map. A lot of you have asked for this book over the years. Kenneth Irving has done an outstanding job with this new edition. The price is \$24.95. **Order!**



Going someplace? Also consider Elliot Jay Tanzer’s **Evaluating ACG Maps**.

The Affordable Healthcare Act

WAS upheld by the Supreme Court this past week. News was released on Thursday, June 28, at 10:07 am. And within minutes the tireless Eric Francis was circulating the chart with a request for comments.

The chart has fixed signs on the angles, so it’s not going anywhere. 29 of Leo rises, which is very, very late. The chart is dominated by a nasty T-square of Sun-Uranus-Pluto. In its brilliance, the Supreme Court played into the current Uranus-Pluto square, from Aries to Capricorn.

This was in many ways a replay of the bill’s signing into law, which was on March 23, 2010, at 11:56:40 am in Washington (I timed it). That chart is dominated by a fierce, and angular, Sun-Moon-Pluto-Saturn-Mercury cardinal grand square.

The upshot of which is, the new health care law is deeply polarizing. Wise governments avoid creating conflicts like this.

So far as I know, Eric Francis used the Supreme Decision in this week’s **Planet Wave** article. I may have a look at it myself next week. This week I gave into temptation and did July 4. *Enjoy!*

ASTRO A to Z MED

FROM C.E.O. CARTER'S ENCYCLOPAEDIA

Prophecy. It is probable that such prophecy as may truly be the result of inspiration or revelation from higher entities would be shown horoscopically by a strong 9th house, and by Jupiter and Neptune, as well as sometimes Uranus. Such cases, however, are rare, and their possibility is admitted by comparatively few at the present day. Natives of watery signs and also Sagittarius, are prone to have presentiments, but it is probable that in most instances these are purely fanciful.

Astrological prophecy, properly so called, has nothing to do with such methods, but depends on the interpretation of present and future influences mathematically obtained and intellectually apprehended. At the same time it is undeniable that many astrologers, and particularly those with strong Jupiter-9th house influences, develop an intuitive accuracy of judgment that may at times act so promptly and surely that it may appear to partake of the nature of inspiration.

— **Encyclopaedia of Psychological Astrology**, by C.E. O. Carter. **Order.**

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for the week (all times GMT)

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03	12:12	☾♂♄	
	12:33	♂♁	
	18:52	☉12♁14	Full Moon
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	17:53	♀♁♃	
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	03:14	♀♁♀	
	16:01	☾♂♀	
06	15:49	☾♁♃	Void
07	04:29	☾♁	
	09:40	☾♂♄	
08	11:00	☾♁☉	Void
09	12:14	☾♁	
	18:41	☾♂♁	

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STAR OF THE WEEK

★★★☆☆

SIRIUS alpha Canis Majoris 14 ♁ 15

Notes: A binary star, brilliant white and yellow, situated in the mouth of the Greater Dog. From Seirios, Sparkling or Scorching.

Influence: According to Ptolemy it is of the nature of Jupiter and Mars. It gives honour, renown, wealth, ardour, faithfulness, devotion, passion and resentment, and makes its natives custodians, curators and guardians. It also gives danger of dog bites.

If culminating: High office under Government giving great profit and reputation.

With Sun: Success in business, occupation connected with metals or other martial affairs, domestic harmony. If rising or culminating, kingly preferment

With Moon: Success in business, influential friends of opposite sex, favourable for the father, good health, beneficial changes in home or business. If a malefic be with Scheat, death by fiery cutting weapons or from beasts.

— From **Fixed Stars**, by Vivian Robson **Order**

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IVY'S GEM OF THE WEEK

The Most Important Planet

SINCE Mercury rules all sense perception and the coordination of all our faculties, without which a human could not function, he is the most important of the planets, despite his minimal size. Without him no part of the body could long continue, since we depend on him to supply the oxygen requisite to life. He is present at every birth when we must take our first oxygenated breath or we die; and he rules the oxygenated intelligence of the cells all through the body, directing them against confusion with each other. In the capillaries he has charge of the exchange of venous-blood poisons for freshly-oxygenated arterial-blood purity that keeps the body at its best, maintaining the heart, brain and life-dispensing ethers that form the etheric body.

We may digress here to point out that Mercury of Gemini rules the middle decanate that balances the Sign of Aquarius; an Air Sign whose pitcher pours not water but the space-filling medium AIR that forms the ethers of our universe. Its symbol shows two waves or currents going in opposite directions, as in the body the blood flows in two opposite directions, to and from the heart, carrying the ethers.

Mercury's nature is convertible, reflecting what is nearest, adopting and adapting what impresses and appeals to him most from the planet he is nearest, both actually and by aspect; he copies, imitates and plays a part, and can be all things to all people. —**All Over The Earth**, 1963. **Order.**

The Chart for the Founding of the United States

JULY 4, 1776

FOR July 4, 1776, there are number of charts. They start at 2 am and continue until after 5 pm. The best historical evidence suggests a time around 5 pm as the most likely. For a source I will use **Nicholas Campion's** priceless **Book of World Horoscopes** and a chart set for July 4 1776, at 4:50 pm. Aside from transits to the ascendant, I have never seen any of these charts delineated, which is what I propose to do. I caution that no true-spirited, red-blooded American will like the result.

BACKGROUND

THE colonies had been more or less at war with England since September 5, 1774, the date of the first Continental Congress. There was no particular reason to think the rebellion would be successful. The English had just taken Quebec from the French, who had vastly more resources available than a bunch of Boston tea-sellers.

So far as irregular forces taking pot shots at soldiers in red uniforms, one must keep in mind the experience of the Scots in the aftermath of Culloden, where British troops went door-to-door, forcibly pacifying the populace. This was only 30 years before, well-within living memory. Various Stuart miscreants were transported and one of the destinations was the colonies themselves.

It is traditionally believed that the colonists, with their backs to the wall, wrote the Declaration to enlist French support, which was badly needed. A sovereign nation cannot give help to a rag-tag bunch of gun-waving insurgents. So far as insurgents are concerned, all that a sovereign nation can do is send its own troops, defeat the hated enemy, and then rule in its own name. And no one in Boston wanted to swap British overlords for French ones.

BACKGROUND TO THE BACKGROUND

BUT we are still left with the puzzle of why the colonies rebelled to start with. That they were stuck in a **rotten borough**, well, a lot of them had emigrated from rotten boroughs, so that was no big deal. Port towns who wished to avoid payment of taxes, that's a law enforcement problem, and, when it occurs in a colony far

away, if it is not put down it may result in common piracy. Which was already common in various ports in the Caribbean.

The immediate cause of the Revolution was in fact slavery.

Slavery was never legal in England itself. The informal system of slavery which did exist was outlawed in 1772 by a decision of Lord Mansfield, Chief Justice of the King's Bench, and while this did not apply to the colonies, it was unwelcome news.

At the time, all 13 colonies had slaves of one sort or another. City slaves in the northern colonies, farm slaves in the south. Here is part of **Wiki's article on Slavery in the United States**:

In early 1775 Lord Dunmore, royal governor of Virginia, wrote to Lord Dartmouth of his intent to take advantage of this situation. On November 7, 1775, Lord Dunmore issued Lord Dunmore's Proclamation which declared martial law and promised freedom for any slaves of American patriots who would leave their masters and join the royal forces.

Wiki then goes on to dryly note that thousands of slaves tried to enlist in the British army, that 25,000 slaves (30% of the total) in South Carolina fled, migrated or died during the Revolutionary War:

The slaves' belief that King George III was for them and against their masters rose as tensions increased before the American Revolution; colonial slaveholders feared a British-inspired slave revolt.

When, in 1860, Abraham Lincoln was elected with an anti-slavery platform, the Southern states seceded before he took office, and as soon as he was in office, declared war on the North.

We now have the real reason why there was a Revolution. **The English were going to take away our slaves.** Our way of life. Our means of earning a living. Our very rights as a free people. **The Revolutionary War was about slavery.**

In the final slave census of 1860, 90% of the population of South Carolina was enslaved. Presuming it was similar in 1776, the loss of nearly 30% of the entire popula-

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★ STUDENT'S CORNER ★

This is a serialization of Vivian Robson's masterpiece, **A Student's Text-Book of Astrology**. It is now in print.

Part 101:

Children

The following are the aphorisms dealing with children:—

Fruitfulness. 1. Moon and Mercury in 5th and their dispositors unafflicted gives many children.

2. Jupiter, Venus or Moon in 5th in fruitful signs give many children. If Moon is in good aspect to Jupiter or Venus the number is increased.

3. Jupiter, Venus or the North Node in 5th indicates happiness and fortune through children who will gain honour and dignity.

4. Jupiter trine Moon in human or watery signs, or Moon and Venus with Jupiter in an angle denote many children who become prosperous.

Barrenness. 1. Saturn in 5th and Sun square Jupiter denies issue.

2. Sun, Saturn or Mars ruling 1st, 5th, and 11th, without good aspects from benefics, or if posited in 5th, deny children.

3. Sun with Saturn and Mercury in 5th or 11th aspecting Moon denies issue or causes children to die soon after birth.

4. The greatest testimony of barrenness is when lords of 5th and 1st are combust or retrograde especially if malefics, and Moon is weak and afflicted also.

Sickness or Death. 1. Saturn conjunct Venus and afflicting Moon in 5th denotes little comfort from children, and much sickness amongst them.

2. Moon in 5th gives children, but ill-conditioned ones if Saturn, Mars or South Node are there.

3. Lord of 5th afflicted by malefics or by lord of 12th (eighth from fifth) indicates that the children live but a short time.

4. Sun, Saturn and Mercury in conjunction in MC afflicting Moon causes death of children.

5. Saturn and Mars in 5th or 11th or in opposition from those houses causes death of children, and if Sun rules, or is exalted in, 5th and is afflicted by Saturn or Mars no children are left alive. — **A Student's Text-Book of Astrology**, by Vivian Robson. **Order**

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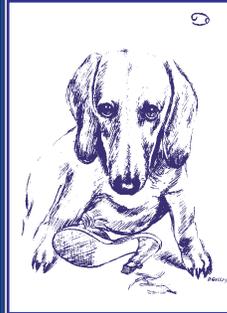
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DOG OF THE MONTH



Moonchild

*A real house dog
he won't stray very far,
he'd rather stay home
than ride in the car.*

The Moonchild dog is exceedingly good with children, and tolerant, even if his tail is pulled

once too often. For the affection the youngsters bestow on them they will probably do anything. They love playing together and this is natural for both.

Your dog will know where his food is kept and whenever he feels like eating will go and sniff there. The kids get used to this and feed him nice doggy cookies when you're not around.

Tends to get a bit round with age, so watch the calories.

They're enterprising and you can teach them tricks, like balancing acts, when they slow down from all the noise and carrying on.

© Marian Futterman, 1976, **Your Dog and Astrology**, \$3.00. Yes, Marian, we still have copies. Some of the best sun-sign writing I ever came across. **Order!**

The New Newsletter

Most people, most astrologers, even, have no idea how rich, how varied, astrology really is. I'm lucky. For the last nineteen years, I've lived in what amounts to a world-class astrological library, which I've been passing off as **AstroAmerica**. Every week I will serve up a slice for your amusement.

'Til next week — **Dave**

July 5

1295—Scotland and France against England
1775—2nd Continental Congress
1811—Venezuela declares independence

Venus in Cancer

THE mmm and mmsms of the zodiac. They are sweeties, each and every one of them. They have thousands of erogenous zones, nose-tips and auras included. They'll find yours, double quick.

Ridicule terrifies these people. Don't tease please. Give them mementoes, send cards. Give them their place at the table, their shelf in the bathroom. Make them feel at home. Swoon a bit. They like green, silver and misty colors.

Now here's the catch. They're weird. They enjoy vengeful threesomes, infidelities—often embarrassingly flamboyant ones—and the role of slave in a relationship. You can be a little mean to them for a while and they say nothing. They are terrified of rejection, so they will put up with coldness from you; the only trouble is, you wouldn't be so cold to them in the first place if they didn't set you up for it. Perhaps that is why some of them fool around—so you'll treat them as slaves. The smart ones go for therapy and work out their massive Oedipal problems, for let's face it, the ones who aren't perverts make wonderful wives and husbands in equal-partner marriages. They just seem to need to be treated mean, and they don't see how they were mean in the first place. If you're dating someone with a negative Venus in Cancer and they hurt you consistently, insist they get help or drop them. Who needs S&N games when we can get it on the "Nine O'Clock News"?

Seduce them with the food of their own country. They can't take a regular diet of foreign fare. The way to their hearts is not through their stomachs, although food helps, but they are boob lovers, both sexes.

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tion in only five years was a social, economic and health disaster of enormous proportions. And while South Carolina was probably the state hardest hit in this respect, the situation in Virginia and North Carolina could not have been much better. Natives of those states must certainly have feared that conditions would become like those in South Carolina.

So why were Revolutionary battles fought in the north?

Two reasons. One, the British were trying to put down a military revolt, and George Washington's army was in the north. Not the south. Not in his home state of Virginia, by the way. Commanders get to fight where they want to fight and one way or another they tend to avoid fighting at home.

The second reason is more curious. If the British had landed a token expeditionary force in South Carolina they could have quickly signed up virtually every male slave in the state. Why did they not do this? Racism might have had something to do with it, but the more practical reason is that Britain did not have the money or the means to equip and train such a vast force. Nor did they have the means to stop such an army from forming in front of them, thus forcing them to provision it. As in South Carolina, so it would be in Virginia and North Carolina.

And the nasty part of the equation? While Britain could easily beat the Revolutionaries using a slave army, that same slave army could be expected to turn on them the very next morning. There was no way the British could defeat such an army. Which meant that win or lose, the British would fight Washington, and as it turned out, they would fight him on his terms, in the north.

Why are these details not known, even to this day? The answer is hiding in the Declaration itself.

THE DOCUMENT

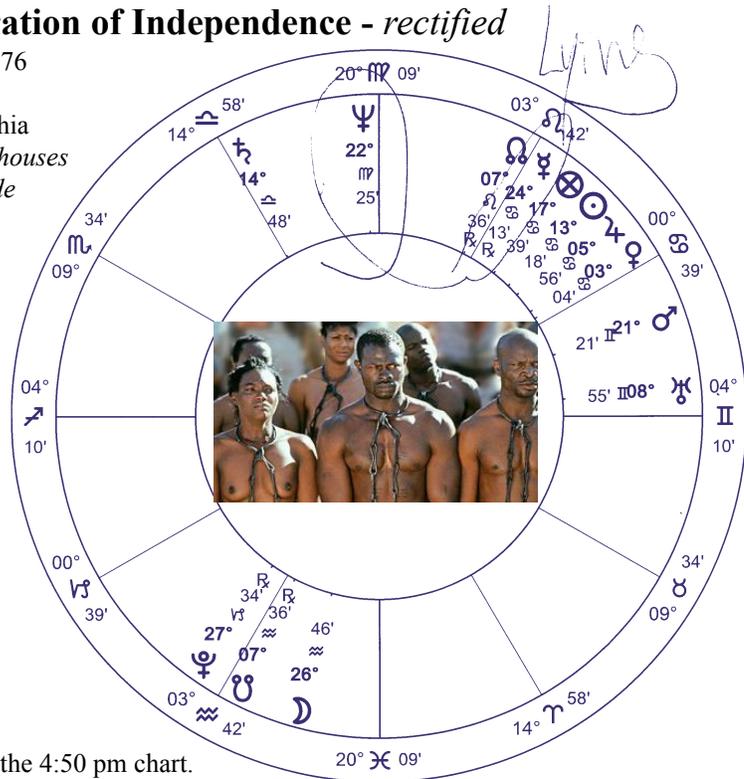
There are two curious things about the declaration:

First, the laundry list of grievances the colonies had suffered. It's a funny thing, but the only place where these grievances can be found is in the Declaration itself. There seem to be few if any historical records supporting the allegations in the document. No mention of the famous Tea Party, for example, can be found in it.

Second, the flowery language. The Rights of Man and such. The original phrases can be found in various colonial documents, including the Constitution of Virginia, which, it seems, was the first American colony to formally recognize and legislate slavery. And in the work of John Locke. Jefferson, who

Declaration of Independence - rectified

July 4, 1776
4:30 pm
Philadelphia
Placidus houses
Mean node



Based on the 4:50 pm chart.

wrote the document, said there was nothing new in it. (Remember that Jefferson was a slave owner, as was Washington. As was, to my surprise, the wealthy Philadelphia businessman, Benjamin Franklin, who owned **two slaves**. **John Hancock**, of Boston, owned slaves. **Sam Adams** seems to have been too poor to have slaves.)

As a whole, the document was designed to impress the French King, the newly installed Louis XVI. In the early years of his reign he was eager to reform France by means of Enlightenment ideals, which are, in fact, of French origin. He was also eager to settle old scores with the English, his grandfather's loss of Quebec being a recent sore spot.

With preliminaries out of the way, I turn to the chart of the document itself, which for more than two centuries has been taken as the founding document of this country. Let us see if it reflects its origin:

JULY 4, 1776, 4:50 pm

I SKETCH these articles on Saturday, let them sit overnight, and then revise on Sunday. I have never suffered from writer's block and hopefully will not infect myself by admitting the fact.

On Saturday I went through the Declaration chart house by house to see what I could find. The Declaration of Independence was intended as a petition to a foreign power, and it does not disappoint.

The rising sign is Sagittarius, the sign of

foreigners. The ruling planet is Jupiter, in Cancer, which shows us in our homes. The house of the ruling planet is the 8th, which is the King's money. We are hoping (Cancer) to get (8th house) a lot (Jupiter) of it.

But there were some funny things about this chart. About what was *not* in the chart.

There is no army in the chart. In a mundane chart, the army is shown by the 6th house. It is a rule in astrology that occupied houses are important, while unoccupied houses are not. The 6th house in the Declaration is empty, therefore, no army.

It's very curious that revolutionaries would not want an army. Let's find out why:

Taurus on the cusp of the 6th, Taurus representing money, an army would be expensive, which is true. The ruler of Taurus is Venus, which we find in Cancer, in the 8th. Cancer says it's our money, the 8th says we want to get someone else to pay for it.

What would a Taurus army be like? I am criticized for simplistic sketches of signs, but in mundane astrology especially, simple is what is needed. A Taurus army would be lazy and slow to move. They would fight as a blunt object, without skill or cunning. They would be, literally, **summer soldiers**.

What was hoped for was a French army. Since this is a petition to the King, who is the 7th house, his army will be his 6th, which in this chart is the 12th. It, also, is empty, which meant that Louis would send no army,

which in fact was true. Louis XVI sent commanders (LaFayette among them), but no actual troops. The sign on the cusp of the 12th is cunning and warlike Scorpio. It is ruled by Mars, which we find in Gemini, firmly in the 7th house itself. Louis in fact has the troops.

Why was the Declaration unable to pry these troops from France? It might be because the Martian ruler, Mercury, was retrograde in Cancer. Cancer is family, so Mercury retrograde in Cancer keeps *family secrets*. Mercury's location in the 8th, of secrets, reinforces that.

One secret was that the revolutionaries had no proper army. Another being that despite the Enlightenment "Rights of Man" language lavishly strewn through the Declaration itself, the signers were carefully hiding rampant slavery. As were the French themselves. At the time the French, not the English, and not the colonies, were the biggest slave traders in the world, and Haiti was the focus of much of it. Suppression of slavery in the Declaration was a misleading attempt to appeal to Louis's better nature.

It was Benjamin Franklin who took the carefully prepared document and presented it to the King, the very end of 1776. He remained in France until 1785. He seems to have been well-treated during his stay. Evidence suggests he was largely ignored, nor was he in any hurry to get back home to Philadelphia after the war ended.

Did Louis see through the illusions in the document? I am going to say that he did, and then make one critical change to the chart. I am going to take Neptune from late in the 9th house, and put it in the 10th. **I am changing the time from 4:50 pm, to 4:30 pm.** (I like round numbers. Someone else can work out the details. Yes I am aware that many have proven 4:50 pm to be accurate. I am not denying that.)

Neptune in the 9th says our ideals, our beliefs, our religion, our laws, are flawed and illusory.

Neptune in the 10th says we say one

thing but do another. A retrograde Mercury is the ruler. In Cancer, we know what the truth is, but we don't want others to know. Virgo on the MC, we are constantly changing our story, but will complain (Virgo carp-ing) if you catch us at it.

TO everyone's surprise, the Declaration of Independence became a clarion call for freedom and equality and the rights of man. Which is what is explicitly stated in the document itself, but which the signers clearly never intended. Its corrosive effect upon the slave nation that was, and still is, America, continues. Be careful what you put on paper!

And clearly things did change. Things which are not shown in this chart. Lincoln was right when he said a nation cannot exist half slave and half free.

The original colonies, which were hardly more than seaboard settlements, were all of one piece. The south, with slaves, had the money. The north, with shipping and trade, catered to them.

In reality, New England provided the ships for the slave trade, New England provided the ships to move southern cotton (pre-cotton gin) to the mills of England. New England had the timber to build the ships, New England had the best harbors. New England provided the banking. The Northerners enabled the Southerners. North and south were all of a piece. All cut from the same cloth.

There was no other industry in the colonies, other than slaves and trade built on slaves. All the antebellum buildings in Washington, including the dome of the Capitol itself, were built by slaves. The White House, the Capitol, all of them. (It would seem that slavery in Washington, DC, itself, persisted until the 13th amendment of 1865.) What this means is there was no economy in the south at all. It had been eaten by slaves.

When the northern states started to expand westward, north of the Ohio River, the evasive Declaration came unglued. Unlike the seaboard colonies, western states had real

economies, and these economies were being hurt by the ongoing expansion of slavery to the south, which offered them only destitution. (Slavery was expanding, in part, as a result of the cotton gin, a labor-saving device: Too many slaves, not enough work.) In other words, slavery drove down the price of labor to zero in the south, and to nearly zero in the north.

How are differences in labor costs handled in classical economics? By means of tariffs. But note the Constitution expressly forbids tariffs between states. Just as Greece is currently being eaten alive by the German Euro, the western states were being eaten alive by cheap southern slaves.

Evidence of western distress is found not only in the Kansas-Nebraska Act, but also in the founding of the **Republican Party**, in Ripon, WI, in 1854. The western states were a hotbed of Republicanism. Why? Because slavery was hurting them. Not New York. Not Boston. Not Philadelphia, which, one way or another, were still getting rich from slavery. The **chart I** produced a year ago for the founding of the Republican party reflects this shift in the 6th house, both of slaves and the near-slavery of wage-earners.

The Republican chart would explain the resurgent American military as well, except that, after the Civil War, the military was largely disbanded. The current military-industrial complex was a consequence of the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor, but a cursory look at that chart, December 7, 1941, 7:30 am, Honolulu, did not find a striking 6th house focus. Nor was there one when it was relocated to Washington.

Next week, the Health Care bill. The recent Supreme Court decision, as well as the distressing chart for its signing.

The book for this week: **The Book of World Horoscopes**, by Nicholas Campion. **Order.**

Happy July 4th! Enjoy the fireworks!