



Carol Bailey Band



Hawaiian BBQ

### A Few of Our Favorite Pictures



Hawaiian BBQ



Musical Bingo



Flower Box on the Castine Patio

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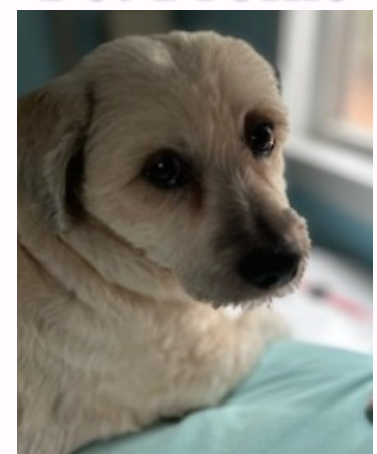


A huge shout-out goes to the grounds crew for keeping our outdoor spaces looking their best!

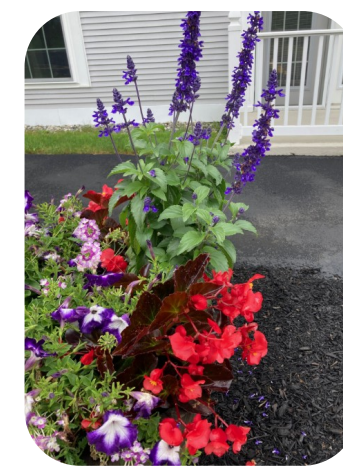
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### Pet Profile



My name is Leah, and I am 10 years old. I was rescued from Puerto Rico and made my way to a shelter in Maine via plane when I was 2! I am so happy that my mom and dad adopted me when I landed! I enjoy belly scratches and any table scraps that I can gobble up.





## Famous July Birthdays

The following people were born in July. Can you find their **last names**? Search horizontally, vertically, diagonally, forward, and backward.

- A. Delta **BURKE**
- B. Tom **CRUISE**
- C. Amelia **EARHART**
- D. Peggy **FLEMING**
- E. Henry **FORD**
- F. Don **HENLEY**
- G. Mick **JAGGER**
- H. Jimmy **JOHNSON**
- I. Rose **KENNEDY**
- J. Stanley **KUBRICK**
- K. Alex **RODRIGUEZ**
- L. Alex **TREBEK**

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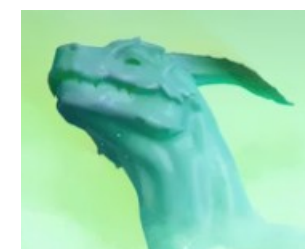
**Bonus:** Match the person to the correct clue.

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| 1. Rolling Stones singer ____          | 7. JFK's mother ____       |
| 2. <i>Designing Women</i> actress ____ | 8. Yankees player ____     |
| 3. Former <i>Jeopardy</i> host ____    | 9. Automaker ____          |
| 4. NFL football coach ____             | 10. Singer-songwriter ____ |
| 5. Champion figure skater ____         | 11. Pioneer aviator ____   |
| 6. Actor ____                          | 12. Director/writer ____   |

## Did you know the origins of the song “Puff, the Magic Dragon”?



Despite its playful reputation, “Puff, the Magic Dragon” has a strictly literary and factual origin. The song began as a poem written in 1959 by Leonard Lipton, then a 19-year-old physics major at Cornell University. Inspired by an Ogden Nash poem about a dragon named Custard, Lipton wrote his own verses on a roommate’s typewriter.



That roommate happened to be Peter Yarrow, who later set the lyrics to music. Recorded by Yarrow’s folk trio, Peter, Paul, and Mary, the track became a massive hit in 1963, reaching Number 2 on the Billboard Hot 100 list.

### What I’m reading ...

*Hotel on the Corner of Bitter and Sweet*  
by Jamie Ford

—Read by Brigitte Whiting

This is a dual-timeline novel that takes place in Seattle. In 1942, as 12-year olds, a Japanese girl and a Chinese boy meet at school and develop a forbidden friendship. Her family is among those rounded up and sent to a WWII internment camp.

In 1986, 44 years later, the man, now a widower, searches the basement of the long-closed Panama Hotel—a real place where 37 Japanese families’ belongings have been stored for decades—hoping to find evidence of her family and their shared treasure.

The author, Jamie Ford, grew up near Seattle’s Chinatown. His great-grandfather, Min Chung, emigrated from China to San Francisco in 1865 and adopted the Western name Ford.

### Recipe Corner

#### Strawberry Sherbet

Nothing beats a cold, fruity dessert on a hot and sunny day. This homemade strawberry sherbet keeps things beautifully simple with only five ingredients. It’s a sweet, refreshing treat that’s so quick to prepare, you’ll be making it all summer!

- **Ingredients:**
  - ◇ Two frozen bananas
  - ◇ 1/2 cup almond milk
  - ◇ 1 tablespoon maple syrup
  - ◇ 1 pound of fresh, ripe strawberries washed and quartered
  - ◇ A pinch of salt
- **Directions:**
  1. Chop the frozen bananas if they aren't already chopped.
  2. Add the frozen bananas, almond milk, maple syrup, strawberries, and a small pinch of salt to a high-speed blender and blend until completely smooth.
  3. Transfer to a freezer-safe container. Cover and freeze for at least 3 hours, or until completely frozen. Enjoy!