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London Thompson and Riley Stephens-Winbush enjoy cupcakes July 8 at Oronoco Bay Park.



Didi Essien and Kyle Graham celebrate July 8 at Oronoco Bay Park.



The Alexandria Symphony Orchestra performs during the 274th birthday celebration July 8 at Oronoco Bay Park.

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Piece of Cake

City celebrates 274th birthday.

BY JEANNE THEISMANN
GAZETTE PACKET

The City of Alexandria marked its 274th birthday July 8 with a celebration that culminated in a fireworks display over the Potomac River following a day of festivities at Oronoco Bay Park.

The celebration included a performance by Three Man Soul Machine, a poetry reading by Alexandria Poet Laureate Zeina Azzam and distribution of birthday cupcakes by Mayor Justin Wilson and members of City Council.

The Alexandria Symphony Orchestra presented a concert that culminated with the fireworks display finale to the performance of Tchaikovsky's 1812 Overture.

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Ethan, Seble, Ellelga, Ezra, Andrew and Justin Young enjoy the celebration July 8 at Oronoco Bay Park.



Malcolm, Sarah and Lily Gunel with Phoebe Yamada at the city birthday celebration July 8 at Oronoco Bay Park.



City Councilman Kirk McPike celebrated his own birthday July 8 at Oronoco Bay Park.



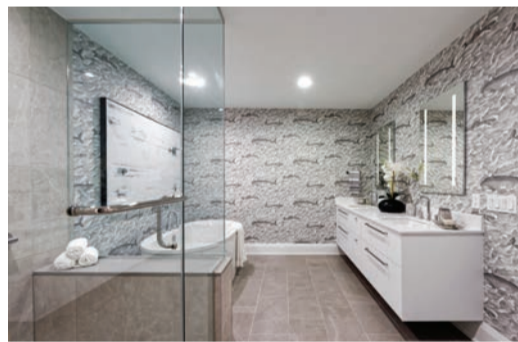
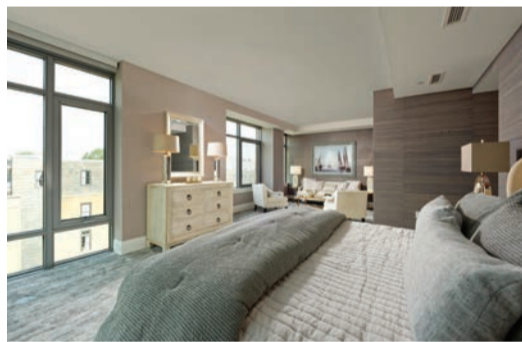
Fireworks light up the sky over the Potomac River as part of the City of Alexandria's 274th birthday celebration July 8 at Oronoco Bay Park.

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NEWS

Summer School ARHA-SRG Scholars Program debuts.

BY JEANNE THEISMANN
GAZETTE PACKET

The Alexandria Redevelopment Housing Authority kicked off a partnership with Northern Virginia Community College that allows ARHA residents to earn college credit.

The six-week summer school session began June 13 at ARHA headquarters on Wythe Street in Old Town, where classes will be held through July 20.

The ARHA residents can now earn college credit through the ARHA-SRG Scholars program, which is a new partnership between ARHA, Northern Virginia Community College, The Social Responsibility Group (SRG), with support from the Friends of Frederick Douglass Memorial Cemetery, and the Department of Recreation and Cultural Activities.

The first cohort of 15 ARHA residents, who are interested in earning college credits towards an associate degree, began classes June 13 with a special kickoff ceremony.

The summer history class immerses students in Alexandria's past and highlights the achievements of residents from various sections of the city. Included are visits to historical sites throughout the city in an educational shuttle.

The majority of the first cohort have their expenses fully covered by financial aid. Students range in age from recent high school graduates to older adults.

www.arha.us/

ARHA residents gather for a photo prior to the kick off of the ARHA-SRG Scholars Program June 13 at ARHA headquarters on Wythe Street.



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Pop Up Nepenthe Gallery at Wine Gallery

Nepenthe Gallery is sponsoring a Pop-Up exhibit in Old Town Alexandria at Wine Gallery (108, 108 St. Asaph Street), Friday, July 14, Noon to 7 p.m.; Saturday, July 15, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Sunday, July 16; Noon to 5 p.m. Wine tastings on Friday, July 14 from 5 to 6:30 p.m. and Saturday, July 15 from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and 2 to 4 p.m..

Artists with works displayed at the Nepenthe Pop-Up:

Phyllis Bachand, Debby Brisker

Burk*, Romero Britto, Taller Clavelli Studio, Betsy Enzensberger, Gary Fisher, Flying Edna, Yasmine Iskander*, Barbara Januszkiewicz*, Vadim Kharchenko, Gaston Lacombe, Jim McHenry*, Robert Motherwell, Claes Oldenburg, Alma Ramirez*, Rayhart, Monique Rollins, Cara Romero, Ola Rondiak, Manfred Schwartz, Shima Shanti, Kim Smith*, Bill Sutton*, Victor Vasarely, Andy Warhol, Molly Wright

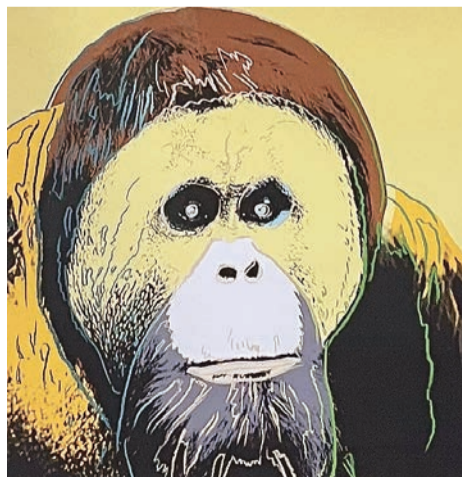
*Artist will be attending event
<http://nepenthegallery.com>
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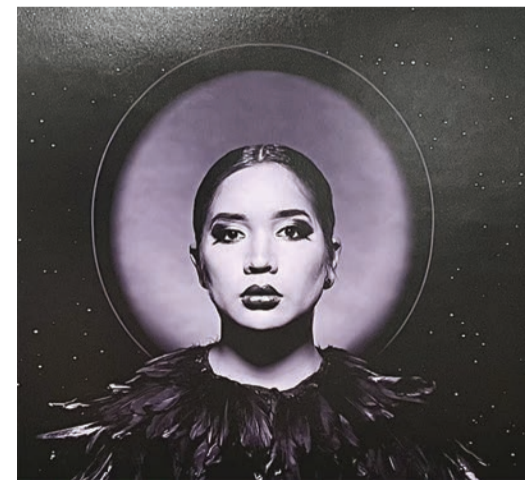
Pope-Leighey House by William Sutton.



"Behold" Acrylic on canvas 11 x 14 by Rayhart



Orangutan print by Andy Warhol.



"Illuminative" by Cara Romero.



The Bekour family enjoys the Alexandria City birthday celebration July 8 at Oronoco Bay Park.



Revelers enjoy a game of dominoes July 8 at Oronoco Bay Park.



Alexandria friends and neighbors celebrate July 8 at Oronoco Bay Park.

City Celebrates 274th Birthday

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NPR's Suraya Mohamed welcomed the crowd to the festivities, which included hands-on arts from the Office of the Arts' Mobile Art Lab, information tables by Alexandria Library and the Office of Historic Alexandria, and solar powered charging stations provided by Dominion Energy.

Alexandria dates its founding to July 13, 1749, with the start of an

auction selling the first lots to the public. Earlier that year, a young George Washington acted as a surveyor in laying out the town into 84 lots along 10 streets around a central market square.

Washington would go on to recruit his first soldiers in Market Square for his first initial campaign of the French and Indian War and in 1763 he was chosen as a town trustee.



Councilwoman Alyia Gaskins, right, hands out cupcakes during the July 8 birthday celebration in Oronoco Bay Park.



Members of City Council and local officials celebrate the 274th birthday of the City of Alexandria July 8 at Oronoco Bay Park.

PHOTOS BY JANET BARNETT/GAZETTE PACKET



Revelers fill Oronoco Bay Park July 8 to celebrate the City of Alexandria's 274th birthday.



David Zabada and Zuri Marr celebrate the City of Alexandria's birthday July 8 at Oronoco Bay Park.



Greg Golubin places his hand over his heart during the playing of the National Anthem.

NEWS

Friendship Firehouse Festival 2023: Aug. 5

The Friendship Firehouse Festival to celebrate Friendship's 249th year is Aug. 5. Learn about fire safety today, and yesterday, and see Alexandria Fire Department equipment up close. There will be booths by the Alexandria Police Department and Sheriff's Office, music performances, displays by community organizations, vendor booths, and food and beverage sales. Join in water play and please-touch artifact activities. Children will receive free toy Friendship firefighting helmets.

This family event is presented by the Friendship Veterans Fire Engine Association and the Office of

Historic Alexandria.

The Friendship Fire Company, established in 1774, was the first fire company in Alexandria. Today the Friendship Firehouse, built in 1855, is a museum open to the public. Friendship's restored 1858 hose-reel carriage will be on exhibit. This ornate apparatus was made by local craftsman Robert F. Prettyman.

Friendship Firehouse Festival 2023 Saturday, Aug. 5
100 block of South Alfred Street
9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Free
See <https://www.alexandriava.gov/FriendshipFirehouse> and <https://www.friendshipfireco.org/>.

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Submit civic/community announcements at ConnectionNewspapers.com/Calendar. Photos and artwork welcome. Deadline is Thursday at noon, at least two weeks before the event.

FAMILIES SOUGHT TO HOST INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

Families and individuals from the Washington, D.C.-metro region are being sought to become hosts for international students for 12 weeks, a semester, or an academic year.

Exchange students represent near-SEE BULLETIN, PAGE 6



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And the Beat Goes On Crooked Beat Records opens in Del Ray.

BY JEANNE THEISMANN
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City officials and local business leaders gathered as Crooked Beat Records owners Bill and Helen Daly celebrated the July 7 grand opening of the store's new home on Mount Vernon Avenue in Del Ray.

"The pending block demolition of our North Fairfax location necessitated our move to a new location in the Del Ray neighborhood of Alexandria," said the owners of the move from Old Town. "They are demolishing our former location to make room for a new apartment/condo building."

Crooked Beat Records is now located in the basement of 2417 Mount Vernon Avenue. They share the location with Cheesetique, the Del Ray School Of Music and Piece Out Del Ray.

"This is one of Del Ray's newest and most anticipated businesses," said Del Ray Business Association



Crooked Beat Records owners Bill and Helen Daly, third and fourth from left, celebrate with local officials and business leaders July 7 at the grand opening celebration of the new Del Ray location in the basement of 2417 Mount Vernon Avenue.

"This is one of Del Ray's newest and most anticipated businesses."

— DRBA board member
Gayle Reuter

board member Gayle Reuter. "The community is so excited they chose Del Ray as their new home."

The Daly's closed the Old Town North location at the end of April, where it had been located since 2016.

"It's great to see a business like yours coming to Del Ray," said City Council Member Kirk McPike, who was on hand for the celebration. "You fit the vibe and get the deal here in Del Ray. We wish you all the success possible here in Alexandria."

www.crookedbeat.com

PHOTO CONTRIBUTED



Alexandria Councilmember Alyia Gaskins, center, stands with Jack Reeder, Colonial District Chairman Vincent Kiernan, Caden Ritchie, Colin Tridone, Keenan Pallone, and Colonial District Commissioner Damon Baldini at the June 6 Alexandria Rotary Club luncheon at Belle Haven Country Club where each Eagle Scout was presented with a \$1,500 scholarship.

Soar Like an Eagle Scouts receive \$1,500 Rotary scholarship.

The Alexandria Rotary Club presented Eagle Scouts from the Colonial District with \$1,500 scholarships at the organization's June 6 meeting at Belle Haven Country Club.

"For the past 25 years we have worked with the Colonial District to raise funds to help support Boy Scouts," said Rotarian

Donald Simpson Jr. "We especially support those attaining the rank of Eagle Scout in our community and raise funds to give them college scholarships every year."

Alexandria City Council Member Aliya Gaskins was on hand to congratulate those receiving scholarships.

— JEANNE THEISMANN

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ly 80 countries and cultures, including Kenya, Ukraine, Egypt, Turkey, Italy, Germany, Chile, Thailand and more. AFS-USA, a leader in international high school student exchange for 75 years, is focused on providing opportunities for intercultural exchange that can help lead to a more just and peaceful world. Those interested in hosting an AFS Exchange Student are encouraged to contact 1-800-AFS-INFO or visit www.afsusa.org for more information. You can also get involved as an AFS-USA Volunteer. Visit www.afsusa.org/volunteer to get started or learn more about opportunities to make a difference.

VOLUNTEERS WANTED

Alexandria Families for Safer Streets - Executive Assistant to AFSS Board of Directors. The agency is seeking an executive assistant to help coordinate a diverse group of tasks necessary to keep us on track and moving forward. Someone with office manager skills would be the ideal candidate. www.volunteeralexandria.org

ALIVE! Volunteers are needed to assist with multiple programs relating to their Food Program, ALIVE! House, and Alexandria Eviction Prevention Partnership Program will distribute food at Mobile Pop-ups and Truck to Trunk events, etc. <https://www.volunteeralexandria.org/ALIVE>

Assistance League of Northern Virginia is an all-volunteer non-profit organization that feeds, clothes and provides reading assistance and books to children in need. Assistance League's programs touch the lives of hundreds of children in Fairfax and Prince William Counties and the City of Alexandria. There are many volunteer opportunities for community members to contribute to helping those in need. To

learn more, email info@alnv.org, or visit www.alnv.org.

Join Friends' Board. Those who care about mental health, the Alexandria community, and collaborating with fellow residents to make sure the City's most vulnerable residents have a chance to thrive, then consider joining the Board of Friends of the Alexandria Mental Health Center. The Friends Board is an all-volunteer group of residents that oversees the administration of one of Alexandria's top mental health charities. Friends has no paid staff, so Board members, working on average 10 hours per month, share the day-to-day work needed to accomplish its goals. Interested candidates should email FriendsofAMHC@gmail.com.

STEM Professionals Needed. Help assist K-12 STEM teachers as part of the American Association for the Advancement of Science's STEM Volunteer Program, stemvolunteers.org, during the 2018-19 school year. In the 2017-18 school year, there are 85 volunteers in 6 Northern Virginia school districts. Contact Don Rea at 571-551-2488, or donaudre@aol.com.

ALIVE! offers numerous programs that aid low-income families in Alexandria that rely on volunteers: monthly food distributions, furniture, houseware and emergency food deliveries, and community food drives. Individuals, families and groups are encouraged to participate. Students can earn community service hours by participating. Visit www.alive-inc.org/volunteer.htm or contact the Volunteer Coordinator at volunteers@alive-inc.org.

Volunteer Drivers Needed. Drivers needed by the American Cancer Society to take cancer patients to treatment in Northern Virginia. To volunteer, call 1-800-227-

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NEWS BRIEFS

National Night Out

On Tuesday, Aug. 1, 2023, The City of Alexandria will celebrate National Night Out (NNO), a day designed to heighten crime prevention awareness, generate support for anti-crime programs, and send a message to criminals that neighborhoods are organized, and working with law enforcement to help prevent crime.

Each year the Alexandria Police Department, Alexandria Fire Department, Alexandria Sheriff's Office, City officials, other City agencies, and non-profit organizations partner with the community to celebrate NNO. From community cookouts to open houses, block parties, and athletic events, Alexandria will be ready for its annual celebration.

"National Night Out is a fun evening for all. Our agency believes in community policing and National Night Out gives us a chance to celebrate our success in working together to reduce crime and improve the quality of life throughout our city," said Police Chief Don Hayes.

If you are interested in signing your community up as an official NNO location, please submit a registration form. <https://www.research.net/r/APDNNO2023>

Alexandria Police Investigating Shooting

The Alexandria Police Department is investigating a shooting incident that occurred in the 1300 block of Madison Street.

On June 30, 2023, at approximately

11:30 p.m., a 48-year-old male, was shot and taken to a local hospital. The victim suffered upper-body trauma and is currently in critical but stable condition.


This incident remains an active investigation. APD is asking anyone who may have information related to this incident to contact Detective Matthew Kramarik via phone at 703.746.6650, email at Matthew.Kramarik@Alexandriava.gov, or call our non-emergency line at 703.746.4444.

Police Investigate Assault Turned Homicide

Alexandria Police Department is investigating a physical assault from November 2022 that turned into a homicide in early January.

On Nov. 28, 2022, the victim, Mauro Bailey, 38, was transported to a local hospital with injuries after a physical assault in the 5400 block of North Morgan Street. Bailey died on January 2, 2023. The Medical Examiner's Office recently determined the cause of death, as a death stemming from physical injuries.

The Alexandria Police Department urges anyone who may have witnessed the assault or possesses any relevant information to come forward and help in the ongoing investigation by contacting Detective Matthew Kramarik via phone at 703.746.6650, email at Matthew.Kramarik@Alexandriava.gov, or call our non-emergency line at 703.746.4444.




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2345 or go to cancer.org/drive. RSVP, a volunteer network for seniors seeking service opportunities in and around Fairfax County, Arlington County and the City of Alexandria, offers a wide array of opportunities for volunteers 55 and older. RSVP volunteers enjoy flexible schedules, free accident and liability insurance while serving, optional mileage and meal reimbursement and are invited to volunteer group projects and social gatherings. To sign up for an upcoming orientation, email Carly Hubicki at chubicki@volunteerfairfax.org or call RSVP at 703-403-5360. To learn more about RSVP, visit www.rsvpnova.org.

Mentors Wanted. Two creative programs that help transform the lives of Alexandria's preteens are seeking volunteer mentors. SOHO, which stands for "Space of Her Own," and "Space of His Own," serves vulnerable fifth graders in Alexandria. The programs pair men and women with youth in need of positive adult role models, to help support and guide youth in making healthy choices and succeeding in school and in life. Visit www.spaceofherown.org and www.spaceofhisown.org. For more information on how to become a SOHO mentor, contact Sarah Maroney at sarah.maroney@alexandriava.gov or phone at 703-746-4687.

Farmer's Market Volunteers Needed. To volunteer for the Farmer's Markets, email Brian Morreale, brianmorreale@gmail.com

SUPPORT GROUPS

Postpartum Support Virginia

sponsors a free, bi-monthly support group for women suffering depression and/or anxiety during pregnancy or in the first year following childbirth. Meets on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of each month at Inova Alexandria Hospital, Health Education Center, rooms 1-2, 4320 Seminary Road. Contact co-moderator Susan Doyle at suzjdoyle@gmail.com or 571-403-0673.

The Parkinson's Disease Support Group of Alexandria meets the 1st Wednesday of each month at 2 p.m. At the Hollin Hall Senior Center, Room 109, 1500 Shenandoah Road. All Parkinson's patients and caregivers are welcome.

The Caregiver Support Group is facilitated by the Alexandria Department of Community and Human Services Division of Aging and Adult Services. Meetings are held the first Wednesday of each month at the Adult Day Services Center, 1108 Jefferson St., 4-5:30 p.m. Participants are full- or part-time caregivers providing care locally or long distance to a family member or friend. Participants share their experiences, provide support for each other and receive resources to assist them with caregiving. The next Caregiver Support Group meeting is June 7. For more information or to register, contact Jennifer Sarisky at 703-746-9999 or email DAAS@alexandriava.gov.

FACE Center Support Groups provide parents with a space to share their daily parenting frustrations and triumphs while offering new

strategies for helping parents to cope, build positive parent-child relationships and best support their children's learning.

- ❖ Support Group in English, every Monday, 6-7:30 p.m. at ARHA Main Building, 401 Wythe St.
- ❖ Support Group in Spanish, every Wednesday, 6-7:30 p.m. at Community Lodgings Brookside Center, 614 Four Mile Road.

Registration not necessary. A light dinner and childcare services provided free. Contact Krishna Leyva at 703-619-8055 or krishna.leyva@acps.k12.va.us for more.

Divorce Workshop for Women. Second Saturday of each month, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. at Hilton Alexandria Old Town, 1767 King St. The workshops are designed to provide education on the legal, financial, family and personal issues of divorce in a logical, yet compassionate way. The workshop fee is \$25. Visit www.novasecondsaturday.com for more.

ONGOING

Robust Walking. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 9 a.m. at Mount Vernon Recreation Center, 2701 Commonwealth Ave. Free 55+ robust walking 1-hour exercise class (with chair exercise option). No class on holidays. Contact jjkingconsulting@yahoo.com.

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ENTERTAINMENT

NOW THRU JULY 30

Hues Exhibit. At Torpedo Factory Art Center, Gallery 311 - Van Lindingham Gallery, 105 North Union Street, Alexandria.

The Torpedo Factory Artists' Association's (TFAA) Van Lindingham Gallery presents Hues, a juried membership show featuring artworks that showcase artworks that emphasize bold and vibrant colors. The following artists are participating: Diana Papazian, Samantha Shelton, Guido Zanni, Abol Bahadori, Jon Kandel, Lynn Chadwick, Rebecca McNeely, Gregory Logan Dunn, Eileen O'Brien, and Andrea Cybyk. Artworks include original hand pulled prints, original paintings, multimedia works, photography, mosaics, and embellished digital works. Additionally, the gallery offers small gifts, art cards, block-printed totes and tee shirts, and jewelry and unframed works by Tara Barr, Ileen Shefferman, Lisa Schumaier.

NOW THRU JULY 15

Alexander D'Agostino: "A Shrine for the Forgotten" Exhibition. At the Torpedo Factory Art Center, 105 N. Union St., Alexandria. Baltimore-based solo artist exhibition recipient, Alexander D'Agostino, presents "A Shrine for the Forgotten." The work explores queer histories and images, through performance, installation, and reclaiming material from queer archives and other cultural resources related to the historic marginalization of LGBTQ people.

NOW THRU AUGUST 31

Creative Summer Programs. At Del Ray Artisans, 2704 Mount Vernon Ave., Alexandria. Creative Summer Programs is a series of workshops exploring the arts. Learn techniques in drawing, mixed media, mosaic, jewelry, watercolor, and more from local artists. Delve into creative exploration solo or with friends. For children and/or adults, free and paid programs are offered. Sign up for what inspires you! Visit the website: DelRayArtisans.org/creative-summer

NOW THRU JULY 23

Mark Drefs and Leslie Nolan Exhibit. At the Athenaeum, Alexandria. Mark Drefs and Leslie Nolan are presenting a vibrant body of work at the Athenaeum Gallery. Drefs and Nolan both play with bold lines and color in a way that is complementary of the other's work and style. Dref's abstract pieces are highlighted by their layered components, and almost transparent hues that show all the details in the paintings. While Nolan shows more figurative forms that have a raw quality to the finished product through the strong paint strokes and bold gestural motions, which display the realness of the subject.

NOW THRU JULY 24

"Spring Awakening." At Ainslie Arts Center, 3900 West Braddock Road, Alexandria. Monumental Theatre Company will stage Duncan Sheik and Steven Sater's Spring Awakening. Based on Frank Wedekind's 1891 play of the same name, the story follows a group of German teenagers who discover and explore their sexual identities. This alternative rock musical is a timely and timeless story that invites audience members to reclaim the narrative surrounding the often taboo subjects of sexual education, love, and acceptance. Tickets will be available online at <https://www.monumentaltheatre.org/>.

NOW THRU JULY 23

Mark Drefs and Leslie Nolan. At The Athenaeum, Alexandria. Artist Talk on Sunday, July 23, 2023 at 2 p.m. Drefs and Nolan both play with bold lines and color in a way that is complementary of the other's work and style. Dref's abstract pieces are highlighted by their layered components, and almost transparent



The Mark Drefs and Leslie Nolan art exhibit will be held at The Athenaeum in Alexandria through July 23, 2023.

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SATURDAY/JULY 15

Write Like a Woman Networking Workshop.

1 p.m. At the Athenaeum, Alexandria. Enjoy an afternoon of engaging conversation and writing! Facilitated by poet, author, and Poet Laureate of Alexandria, KaNikki Jakarta, this workshop welcomes amateur to professional women writers ages 18-100. Each workshop centers on uplifting and inspiring through writing and allows participants to enhance their writing styles. Space is limited, RSVP to greatpublishing@yahoo.com

TUESDAYS - JULY 18 AND 25

Simpson Park Demonstration Garden: Tuesdays @10. 10:00 - 11:00 a.m., Simpson Park Demonstration Garden, 420 E. Monroe Ave, Alexandria. Garden challenges? Extension Master Gardeners will show you simple steps to help with your container garden or your whole yard. Free. No registration necessary.

JULY 17-21 OR JULY 24-28

Art Camp. Del Ray Artisans invites youth ages 8-12 to Art Camp 2023 for a week of professional art instruction! Campers will have

an immersive creative journey: painting, sculpting, journaling and other artful planned activities. During nice weather, campers will even have outdoor time to get fresh air, unwind, and replenish their creative energy. All art supplies are provided. Choose July 17-21 or July 24-28; \$350/child; scholarship support available. Registration at DelRayArtisans.org/art-camp

AUG. 4-26

The "Treasures of the DMV" exhibit. At Del Ray Artisans Gallery, 2704 Mount Vernon Ave., Alexandria. Features art that celebrates the wonders of DC, Maryland, and Virginia. Come see famous and overlooked regional gems from the perspective of local artists. Opening Reception: Friday, August 4, 7-9pm. Open Thursdays 12-6pm, Fridays 12-9pm, Saturdays & Sundays 12-6pm (Closed on August 27). DelRayArtisans.org/exhibits

MOUNT VERNON NIGHTS

Fridays at 7:30 p.m. at Grist Mill Park, 4710 Mount Vernon Memorial Highway, Alexandria

JULY
14 Burn the Ballroom (Alternative Rock)
21 King Teddy (Swing)
28 The HalfSmokes (WHFS Playlists/Alternative Rock)

AUGUST

4 Kadencia Orchestra (Bomba, Plena, Salsa)
11 Collaboration featuring Lori Williams (Jazz)

18 Crack The Sky (Rock)
25 Deanna Bogart (Blues, R&B)

FRANCONIA NIGHTS

CONCERTS

Wednesday evenings from 7:30-8:30 p.m. At Leonadus K. Plenty Amphitheater, 6601 Telegraph Road, Alexandria.

JULY

12 The Pietasters (Ska)
19 Chuck Brown Band (Go Go/Funk/Soul)
26 Silver Tones Swing Band (Swing Dance)

AUGUST

2 Pablo Perez El Alcalde de la Salsa (Salsa)
9 Alexandria Harmonizers (Chorus)
16 The Nighthawks (Blues)
23 Dave Kline Band (World Jazz Fusion)

OLD TOWN ALEXANDRIA

WATERFRONT MUSIC SERIES

Free Concerts. Wednesdays from 4-7 p.m. At Old Town Alexandria waterfront. Join in the Waterfront Wednesday Music Series featuring a range of music genres by local musicians. Bring a chair or simply stop by to enjoy some beautiful waterside beats. Free. Weather permitting.

July 12 - Melissa Quinn Fox
July 19 - Vaughn Ambrose and the SJE
July 26 - Amafujo's Moodswings
August 2 - Chris Barrick Vibes and Organ Trio
August 9 - Sol Roots
August 16 - Delta Spur

SUNDAY SOUNDS

ON THE PROMENADE

Free Concerts. 11:30-1:30 p.m. At 7 Pioneer Mill Way, Alexandria. Yellow Door Music Concert Series presents a musical lineup of artists on select Sundays.

July 30 - Vaughn Ambrose Jazz Trio
Aug. 27 - Trifilio Tango Music
On Aug. 27, in honor of National Dog Day that weekend, Robinson Landing encourages individuals to bring their dog out for a yappy social for play and fun for your furry ones. The full event schedule of Robinson Landing programming is located at www.Robinson-Landing.com/WaterfrontEvents.

JULY 21-23

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Annie E. Harper Memorial Marker Unveiling

Bethlehem Baptist Church and the New Gum Springs Civic Association will unveil the historical marker in honor of Annie E. Harper Saturday, July 22, 2023.

Annie E. Harper who resided at 7735 Fordson Road, was a member of Bethlehem Baptist Church, and was instrumental in the elimination of the poll tax.

Annie Harper will be honored with a marker unveiling ceremony on Saturday, July 22, 2023, at 10 a.m. The site of the marker will be across the street from St. John's Baptist Church located at 7730 Fordson Road, south of the intersection of Fordson Road and Richmond Highway. Afterwards, there will be a reception at Bethlehem Baptist Church, at 7836 Fordson Road, Alexandria, Va, 22306.

A Brief History:

Harper v. Virginia State Board of Elections, 383 U.S. 663 (1966), was a case in which the U.S. Supreme Court found that Virginia's poll tax was unconstitutional under the equal protection clause of the 14th Amendment. The Twenty-fourth Amendment to the United States Constitution (1964) prohibited poll taxes in federal elections. Five states (Alabama, Arkansas, Mississippi, Texas and Virginia) continued to require poll taxes for voters in state elections.

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A Dieter's Delight (This Dieter, Anyway)



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

Finally, after a lifetime of being overweight – and of occasionally committing to a weight-loss regimen, I have, at age 69 (Yikes. 69. I can write it. It's hard to say it though) found a not-so-much-a-diet-as-an-alternative to gaining weight. Let me try to explain. First, a little context.

As a mother in the 1950s, my mother was advertised/felt compelled to make sure her two boys (Richard and me) drank eight glasses of milk per day (“to build strong bones” was the tag line), thanks to its calcium content. My mother took this campaign very seriously. But she had a dilemma: how to get her two growing boys to drink a half-gallon of milk every day. Though ours was not a kosher home, we were not allowed to drink milk with our meals (separation of meat and dairy), dessert was another meal, however. And so, my mother's solution: buy us something sweet for which we'd need the milk to wash it all down. In our house then, milk and cookies were a way of life. I mean their consumption (in addition to other related desserts/snack cakes/et cetera) was the order of the day, five times. And since we couldn't (by way of our religious I'd-hardly-call-them-convictions) ever have a glass of milk with our meals, it meant we needed a non-main course incentive to give us the opportunity to drink all that milk. Ergo, dessert, and frequently. It began at breakfast; continued with our bagged lunches for school, then at home after school before dinner (an afternoon snack), then of course dessert after dinner and once more before bedtime. I guess we were short three glasses. Nonetheless, my mother felt she had done her dietary duty for her children.

To say my brother and I simply ate sweets and washed it all down with milk would be an understatement. We consumed sweets morning, 'noon, late afternoon, early evening and finally just before we went to bed. And each time, we drank milk. We were professionals, not exactly connoisseurs or paid for our work, but we were diligent and consistent in our daily routine. Cakes, cookies, snack cakes, donuts, bakery, and pastry items, and as a daily topper: ice cream with jimmies – most often from Brigham's. The dessert brands that were most popular: Hostess, Drakes, Nabisco (Oreos particularly), and Keebler (And if anyone is curious, Tastykakes were not available in Newton, Massachusetts at that time).

Now back in our time, Nabisco only made single stuff Oreos. Now we finally get to the substance of the column. If I do say-so myself, and I do, I was years ahead of my time. My Oreo-cookie-eating technique was neither to twist off one chocolate wafer and lick off the cream or dunk the entire cookie into my glass of milk. Amateurs. My preferred route was to twist or bite off off the Oreo cookie wafer from two Oreos leaving two wafers with all the cream. I would then sandwich the two cream-covered wafers together to make my own double stuff cookies – 60 odd years ago. It was heaven. It was as if I had discovered plutonium (as George Costanza once joked on an old Seinfeld episode).

Now, we get to my having-my-cookie-and-eating-it diet. For almost the entirety of my Oreo-eating life; progressing from the original (“single”) Oreos to “Double Stuff” and even to “Megastuff” available now, I have always twisted/bit off one wafer from two cookies and made my heavy-on-the-cream sandwich doubles, quadruples and octuples, if you will?. And previously, until very recently, I would eat the semi-abandoned cream-less chocolate wafers and then eat the Kenny-original cookie bursting with cream. The calm before the storm, you might say.

Now the diet that I've stumbled onto: I am no longer eating the cream-less semi-abandoned chocolate wafers. I am tossing them and just eating the stuffed-with-cream creation, continuing a long-sitting tradition, as explained. As a result, I am reducing my caloric intake by sacrificing/not eating these cream-less chocolate wafers. Multiply this reduction by hundreds, if not thousands of Oreo cookies, and perhaps you can do the math, too. Finally, a diet I can live with, but hopefully not one I will die from.

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