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“In 2008, a stampede of shoppers crushed a worker who was merely unlocking the doors of a Long Island Wal-Mart on Black Friday. Other employees scrambled to avoid the wild mob. On that day, society became more focused on materialism than humanity.”



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Curfew curbs enthusiasm of teens who enjoy downtown entertainment

BY MARY CLAIRE HURLEY
Reporter

Starting January 1, 2011, night life will never be the same for the youth of Greensboro. During the last few City Council meetings, a boiling topic concerned enforcing a curfew for individuals under the age of 18. A 6-3 vote on November 16 determined the enactment, which states that teens will be forbidden from loitering around the downtown business district from 11:00 pm to 6:00 am.

Teens also cannot approach within 50 feet of any establishment selling alcohol. Exceptions include teenagers accompanied by adults, those in transit, and those attending school or religious functions. Violating the new ruling will result in a citation and a fine up to \$200. Business management that knowingly allows teenagers in their establishments after the curfew hour can also expect fines.

Politicians had much to say about the issue, as noted on WFMY NEWS 2 website, www.digtriad.com, on November 16. Mayor Bill Knight believes this new curfew will prevent teenagers from falling victim to criminals. Council-

man Zack Matheny claims that these changes are not in response to the recent shootings at the popular night club known as the N Club during the past few months; they have already been considered for several years.

City Council believes these ordinances will ensure a safer downtown environment. The legal agenda attachment states that the purpose of this curfew is to protect juveniles from victimization and exposure to criminal activity. Council members who opposed this change believe it is unnecessary to prohibit teenagers from enjoying the downtown scene at nighttime because teenagers have not been the ones provoking these recent violent outbreaks.

“The problem is not the teens, but what are the bar owners doing? Are they being responsible?” said Councilwoman Diane Bellamy-Small in an interview November 17 with WXII 12 and published on their website.

Is this what we have been missing in our community? Charlotte has had a curfew-oriented ordinance similar to this one since 1995 for citizens under the age of 16.

“What we have on the books is not working. Something is wrong,

and we have to fix it. This is a step forward,” said Bill Knight to “News & Record” on November 17.

Police Chief Ken Miller, who formerly served as an officer in Charlotte and never encountered any problems regarding their curfew, supports the decision to enforce one in Greensboro. Miller also emphasizes that the enforcement is not intended to crack down upon teenagers or cause them trouble, but rather to ensure they are off the streets and arrive home safely.

Council also decided to tighten up on people loitering in parking garages and city-owned parking lots. The previous \$50 fine for anyone lingering, doing drugs, drinking in garages, or blocking an entrance to a bar was raised to \$200 by a Council vote of 8-1, along with an increase of the fine for urinating in public.

Many members of the community are displeased with the changes in policy, especially those teens who visit downtown as part of their weekend routine. Such a curfew will certainly limit the flow of business for teen-friendly establishments, such as The Green Bean, Greene Street

Club, and the teen club Inferno.

On the website of News 14 Carolina on November 17, Matheny continued voicing his opinion on the matter.

“The tough thing about making a new ordinance or a new law is that it is tough to make everybody happy,” said Matheny. “But you’ve got to figure out the best way you think will make the majority of citizens feel happy and safe. That’s the compromise or the fine line.”

Visiting, shopping, and dining, has increased tremendously in downtown Greensboro. Contributing factors include the luxurious apartment building Center Pointe, the thriving Center City Public Park, the seasonal ice skating rink, the family-friendly home of the Greensboro Grasshoppers, NewBridge Bank Park, and the newly renovated International Civil Rights Center and Museum. Each of these popular establishments have brought new life to the heart of the city. Only time will tell if this new curfew will help or hurt business in Greensboro.

Regal weddings spark public interest

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Royal weddings are nothing new considering that some monarchies trace back hundreds of years, but royalty marrying commoners with the acceptance and blessings of their countrymen has become more prevalent.

Swedish Princess Victoria married commoner Daniel Westling in July of 2010. Celebration of the occasion involved four days of events throughout the streets of Stockholm including parades and a performance by a team of 16 jet fighters.

Westling, now known as Prince Daniel Duke of Vaestergoetland, once ran a chain of gyms in Stockholm and earned a modest living. The two became romantically involved after he became her personal trainer. Because of his common status, Westling learned of the royal lifestyle, etiquette, and protocol through proper training.

“I’m learning a lot of things ranging from political science to historia, and also here ‘in house,’ so to speak. There are a

lot of things that happen. I want to understand how this organization is set up and how tasks are carried out,” said Westling in an interview with CNN.

Another royal wedding occurred in late August when Prince Nicolas, the son of former Greek King Constantine and Queen Anne-Marie, married Tatiana Blatnik. Although Blatnik is a commoner by some standards, she does retain some royal blood. The two met in 2003 on a ski trip with friends. She received Queen Anne Marie’s engagement ring from Nicolas upon proposal last year.

Aghios Nikolaos’s monastery was the location of their wedding, and royal families from Europe attended the event. The bride arrived in a carriage while Nicolas arrived by boat.

Prince William’s engagement to Catherine (Kate) Middleton is the most publicized of royal engagements in the United States. After years

of dating on and off, the engagement is now official although some speculate they will not last as a couple after

Kate appeared fed up with excessive media attention and therefore a lack of privacy.

William, son of Princess Diana and Prince Charles, was no stranger to the spotlight, especially since he is second in line for the throne. After William and Kate grew close during William’s college stay, he requested that the media make an effort not to harass Kate or make her feel uncomfortable in any way.

Fed up with the media for ignoring William’s request to leave her alone, Middleton temporarily stopped seeing her beau in 2007. In the time following their breakup, Kate did still attend some royal events, often tagging along behind William, which rekindled media speculation and undesired attention; however, the attention did not affect their relationship as distinctly. While in Kenya this October, William “surprisingly” proposed to Kate; they have set April 29 for the date of their wedding.

“I’d been carrying around the ring with me ... for about three weeks before [proposing]. I would not let it go. You

hear a lot of horror stories about proposing and things going horribly wrong, but it went really, really well,” said Prince William to CNN.

Instead of taking money from the British economy, the couple will modestly and respectfully pay for the wedding ceremony themselves. Even though it will be a most memorable day, they are mindful of the fragile economic state and considerate of their nation.

“On scale, Prince William and Catherine have made it very clear that they wish everybody to be able to enjoy the day with them,” said Jamie Lowther-Pinkerton, Prince William’s private secretary.

Royal weddings always draw great interest from people all over the world.

“The TV audience for the wedding of William’s parents, Prince Charles and Princess Diana, came close to one billion dollars, and the prince’s 2011 wedding is expected to vastly exceed that,” said staff from CBSnews.com in anticipation of Britain’s next royal wedding.