

CENTRE VIEW

SOUTHERN EDITION

'Children of Eden' at Play

Performance has students from nine local schools.

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Featuring a cast and crew of 50 and a live, 10-person band, Centreville Presbyterian Church presents "Children of Eden."

Show times are Friday-Saturday, March 13-14, at 7:30 p.m., and Sunday, March 15, at 2 p.m., at the church at 15450 Lee Highway in Centreville. Tickets are \$10 at the door, at the church office or at www.centrevillepres.com. Zoe Dillard is directing, Don Halterman is musical director and Carol Jones is the vocal music director.

They've been rehearsing since September, and Westfield High grad Rachel Harrington calls it playwright Stephen Schwartz's version of Genesis — how he envisions Adam and Eve and

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Noah's family is played by (from left) Ethan Rundlett, Kim Perrow, Nathan Neeley, Phoebe Dillard, Liesl Stach, Trevor Knickerbocker and Colby Dezelick.

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Four Sentenced In Heroin Crimes

Victim's mother addresses court.

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Receiving federal prison sentences ranging from nearly four years behind bars to 20 years, Lokesh Rawat, David Schreider, Joshua "J.R." Quick and Daniel Nash on Friday became the first four members of the Centreville-based, heroin-distribution ring to be punished for their deeds.

But first, they sat side by side in U.S. District Court in Alexandria, Feb. 27, while Donna Lannes — whose daughter Alicia, 19, died after overdosing on heroin given to her by members of the ring — spoke to them. Calling herself a "voice for Alicia," she said she and her husband Greg weren't there to tell them what the world will miss without Alicia in it.

"Truth is, because of the actions of these young people and others, the world is missing more than just Alicia," she said. "All those involved in this horrible situation also had dreams to realize and talents to offer. That they chose a crooked path is more than just a shame ... because the negative consequences are incredibly profound and far-reaching on them-

selves, their families, schools, communities and, ultimately, our country."

Saying she and her husband remember Alicia "every second of every day," Lannes said, "We miss her so much — beyond what words can describe. Her father still says good night to her each evening, as he closes her bedroom door. But we are not looking for the court's pity. We just want justice to show [that] there are consequences to be paid."



Alicia Lannes

She said doctors told them Alicia wasn't a heroin addict; she used it to combat the effects of post-traumatic stress disorder and anxiety. Lannes said her daughter was told heroin would help. "We knew she just needed maturity, and time, to get on with her life," she said. "That time was taken from her and our family."

It's been difficult reliving those "horrible days," said Lannes, noting her family's goal is for the community to make a positive change. "We live in a society that believes parents can undo their kid's mistakes. Death cannot

be undone. And we'll continue to keep Alicia in the forefront so parents understand this is not just a problem of 'other kids,' young graduates or one high school. This

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Parental Opposition Wakes Up

Proposal to change bell-schedule attracts crowd.

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More than 300 parents jammed Rocky Run Middle School's cafeteria, last week, to discuss proposed changes to Fairfax County Public Schools' bell schedule. The changes would theoretically allow high-school students to get an hour more sleep by starting school an hour later.

"Everyone in the school system knows this is a very emotional and personal issue to all involved," said FCPS meeting facilitator Mary Shepherd. "So we're holding small-group meetings so the School Board can have an idea of the pulse of the community. It will help them make a decision — no

decision has been made."

Parents at each table received information about how sleep benefits teens' health, behavior, problem-solving and creativity; a list of proposed new bell schedules for each school and the Transportation Task Force's majority and minority reports to the board. The majority report recommended a tiered approach to scheduling, plus making bus runs more efficient. The minority report said the schedule change could cause significant disruptions to family schedules, child care, after-school athletics and extracurricular activities.

Next Monday, March 9, the School Board will examine parents' comments taken from similar meetings around the county and

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"For working parents, it's not feasible."

— Amy Chillemi, parent

"This is not just a problem of 'other kids.'"

— Donna Lannes, victim's mother

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Local Students in 'Children of Eden'

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Noah and his family.

"To me, the play's message is that God is the ruler of everything and expects us to follow His orders," said Harrington. "But He's also our friend and will help us, if we're willing to let Him."

She's playing God as a female, but especially as a parent taking care of His children. "My character shows how hard it was for Him to make His decision to kick His children out of the Garden of Eden and flood the earth," she said. "I love this role; I wasn't expecting the opportunity, but I'm grateful for it."

Harrington says this role brought her more in touch with her Christian side. "Sometimes, I worry what people will think about a girl playing God, but I'm hoping they'll understand we're actors," she said. "We're not trying to change what's written in the Bible — we're just putting on a show."

PORTRAYING ADAM is Herndon High senior Alex Burns. "He's really innocent because the Garden of Eden had no strife, like today's world," said Burns. "So that's why — when Eve takes a bite out of the apple and there's original sin — he honestly thinks everything can be made right and go back to the way it was before. He's naïve and sincere."

This is Burns's first musical so, he said, "It's intimidating and hard work, but I'm excited and thankful that Mrs. Dillard gave me the chance to play this part." His favorite song is "A World without You," in which Adam must choose between staying with God in the Garden of Eden and going with Eve.



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Student choreographers (from left) Colby Dezelick, Meredith Freeman and Sarah Bowden.

Westfield senior Claire Manship plays Eve. "She's the essence of vivaciousness and life," said Manship. "She effervesces curiosity and joy and the eternal need for knowledge. She knows she's committing a crime, but doesn't understand why the search for knowledge can be harmful to anybody else."

"Learning eight-part harmonies with such a large cast has been arduous," said Manship. But she's happy about the new friendships she's made, and said, it's been "exciting to make the marriage between the Westfield and Herndon high-school theater troupes. We also have students from Oakton, Chantilly and Centreville high schools; Stone, Liberty and Rocky Run middle schools; and Bull Run Elementary."

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ROUNDUPS

Local Man Dies in Crash

A 74-year-old Centreville man died Saturday morning, Feb. 21, following a vehicle crash in Fairfax. Fairfax County police identified him as Clarence H. Webster of Climbing Rose Way in Centre Ridge.

Police say he was driving a 1999 Dodge Ram 1500 south on Chain Bridge Road near Eaton Place when he apparently lost control of the vehicle. He then struck a tree in the median where the vehicle came to rest. Webster was transported to Inova Fairfax Hospital where he died of his injuries, approximately two hours later.

Centreville BB&T Robbed

Fairfax County police are looking for the person who robbed the BB&T Bank at 6130 Redwood Square Center in Centreville. The incident occurred last Friday, Feb. 27, around 5:47 p.m.

Police say a man entered the bank and brandished a handgun. He then jumped over the counter and demanded money. The victims, a Centreville woman, 54, and a Fairfax man, 22, complied, and the robber fled on foot with an undisclosed amount of cash. No one was injured. The suspect is described as black, in his 20s, about 5 feet 7 inches and 150 pounds. He had black hair and wore a dark-blue hoodie, black pants, a black mask and gloves.

Anyone with information is asked to contact Crime Solvers at 1-866-411-TIPS/8477, e-mail at www.fairfaxcrimesolvers.org or text "TIP187" plus a message to CRIMES/274637 or call police at 703-691-2131.

Free Carseat Inspections

Certified technicians from the Sully District Police Station will perform free, child safety carseat inspections, Thursday, March 5 and March 12, from 5-8:30 p.m., at the station, 4900 Stonecroft Blvd. in Chantilly. No appointment is necessary. But residents should install the child safety seats themselves so technicians may properly inspect and adjust them, as needed. Call 703-814-7000, ext. 5140 to confirm dates and times.

'Heroin: A Deadly High'

Fairfax County police, substance-abuse coordinators from Centreville, Chantilly and Westfield high schools, a doctor and a recovering teen and her family will address parents during a drug-awareness program called "Heroin: A Deadly High." It will be held Thursday, March 5, from 7 to 9 p.m., at the Virginia Run Community Center, 15355 Wetherburn Court, off Route 29 and Pleasant Valley Road, in Centreville.

The purpose is to educate parents about how heroin is impacting teens in the local community — and to tell them what to look for at home that could indicate their child is using heroin or other drugs. Parents will learn about gateway drugs such as alcohol and marijuana, signs and symptoms of drug abuse, steps parents can take, treatment options and what they and the community can do about teen drug use. Call 703-814-7048.

Caputo's Town Hall Meeting

Del. Chuck Caputo (D-67) and Sen. Mark Herring (D-33) will co-host a town hall meeting for the public, this Saturday, March 7, from 2-4 p.m., at the Chantilly Regional Library.

Turn Those Clocks Forward

A month earlier than usual, Daylight Savings Time will begin this weekend. So when residents go to bed, Saturday night, March 7, they should turn their clocks, watches, VCRs, etc., ahead one hour.

Westfield Community Coalition

The next meeting of the Westfield Community Coalition is Monday, March 9, at 5:30 p.m. at Moe's in Chantilly. Contact Jennifer Cooper at jalcooper@aol.com.

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Parents Oppose Bell Changes

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consider whether to move forward with the proposal.

"We're probably getting at least 100 e-mails a day," Sully District School Board Representative Kathy Smith told the parents, last Thursday, Feb. 26. "This is one opportunity for you to give your input."

Parents at each table then discussed with their group the pros and cons of the current and proposed schedules. At the end, when Shepherd asked how many were against the proposed, later-start time for high schools, nearly everyone raised their hand.

AT HIS TABLE, Lees Corner Elementary PTA President Gary Stumpf, who also has a child at Franklin Middle School, moderated. Deer Park Elementary and Stone Middle mom Amy Chillemi said the current schedule's fine.

"It's less day-care issues for us in the morning," said Deer Park, Stone and Westfield High mom Nancy Lawson. In this economy, she's glad she doesn't need before-school child care. But the new schedule has elementary school starting almost an hour later than now, and Lawson said that would mean \$200/month in child care.

And she wouldn't dream of leaving her child alone while she headed for work. "It's one thing for a latch-key kid to come home in the afternoon, and another to leave him in the morning and not know that he even got to school," she said. "And in high school, it's going to take away time for swim and dive practice, and golf in the evenings."

"Getting everybody ready at the same time facilitates family life and similar bedtimes at night," said Cynthia Leydsman, a Lees Corner, Franklin and Chantilly High mom. "And children have time in the afternoon to chill out and be kids," added Deer Park mom Colleen Schillmaier.

Stumpf said middle- and high-school students currently get home before elementary students so, if necessary, they can provide day care until parents get home from work. But that won't be possible under the new schedule, so parents would have to hire someone.

Now, said Leydsman, children have time to do homework and play before dark. Already, said Lawson, "My high-schooler comes home between 5 and 6 p.m. from after-school activities. But with this, she'd come home between 7 and 9 p.m. Where's the time for kids to go to a job and do their homework?"

With the change, said Schillmaier, "Elementary kids will get home close to dark, so it'll affect my daughter's after-school dance lessons. And if teachers don't get out of school 'til 4:30 p.m., it'll extend their commute time home [because they'll hit rush



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Parents raise their hands in opposition to the proposed new bell schedule.

hour]." Stumpf said it might make teachers ask themselves if they want to work that way.

Chillemi said teens won't use that extra hour to go to bed earlier. Agreeing, Stumpf said, "Teens will stay up later — which means they'll be more mischievous. I'd rather have them off the roads at a decent hour."

"I understand sleep's important, but it's not enough for me to want to change the bell schedule," said Lawson. And, said Chillemi, "For working parents, it's not feasible."

Stumpf worried the proposed change "would put the newly driving, high-school kids on the road at the same time the elementary kids are coming home. I have a mental image of them racing through the neighborhoods."

"My daughter's an ice skater, but her teen mentors for ice skating won't get there 'til after she does," said Deer Park mom Carol Ann Sonnenfeld. "With the new schedule, for nine consecutive years, elementary and middle-school children will not arrive home 'til 4 or 5 p.m. — and that's without any after-school activities."

DISCUSSING ADJUSTMENTS their families would have to make, Lees Corner, Franklin and Chantilly parent Dave Tenny said his children's morning routines would expand from one to three hours, eating into his wife's most productive time of the day. And with children getting home later in the evening, he asked, "Where's the time to spend with their parents?"

Then came the show of hands, with an overwhelming majority of parents opposing the schedule change. "Now that people are informed about the issue, I think this was a good, strong signal to the School Board," said Stumpf. "The groundswell is that they don't want the bell schedule to change."

Change: 'Too Much Disruption'

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Four years ago, the founders of SLEEP (Start Later for Excellence in Education) asked parents if they believed their children needed more sleep. Now, says parent Christy McFerren of Chantilly's Waverly Crossing community, the question is, "Are you for or against the new bell schedule?"

Trouble is, she said, many people who signed the petition in favor of the original question — but don't want school start times changed — can't get their names off the petition. So McFerren, PTA president of Poplar Tree Elementary, started her own petition

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From left are Ted Velkoff and Christy McFerren.

First Four Sentenced for Heroin Offenses

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issue impacts all of us.”

“Whether you knew any of these young people personally, all of them are tied together throughout our community,” she continued. “And the impact has been incredibly violent and negative. We suspect there have been parents who’ve asked their children, ‘Did you know any of these kids? If you had to ask, it easily could have been your child.’”

Lannes said Alicia loved and trusted her boyfriend, Skylar Schnippel, who gave her

the heroin that proved fatal. She said parents must realize that they don’t know everything and can’t “fix” everything, so they must teach their children responsibility for their own actions.

“These are just kids,” we told ourselves. “They could not have known the error of their ways,” said Lannes. “But we believe that only as it relates to the concept of addiction. We don’t believe any person starts heroin with a full understanding of the magnitude of the evil regarding the Pandora’s Box they’ve opened. But we

now know these young people had multiple opportunities to reach for an outstretched hand of help and walk a different path.”

She said people must have a moral compass. Crying, she called it “unconscionable” that those in the heroin ring “continued hurting each other,” even as their friends overdosed and died. “And it’s absolutely unforgivable that you gave free samples to kids to feed your own addictions and monetary gains,” said Lannes. “It identifies you as predators and people

the community needs protection from.”

If they’d stopped to consider their actions’ consequences, she said, none of them would be where they are now. “We’ll continue to keep Alicia and this story in the public eye to save lives,” said Lannes. “Our efforts have benefited someone already, and we may have saved a life. One of those lives may be sitting at the defendant’s table — and for that, we are grateful. When considering sentencing, we ask the court to send a clear message that there are and always will be consequences for your actions.”

20-Year Sentence For Daniel Nash

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Before Centreville’s Daniel Nash, 19, was sentenced for his role in the heroin-related death of his friend, Alicia Lannes, also 19, his attorney said Nash could just as easily have been one of the four people who died because of their involvement with heroin.

“By the grace of God, Mr. Nash is here as a defendant, not a victim,” said Alan Yamamoto, prior to his client’s being sentenced to 20 years in prison, Friday, in federal court. “The agents were afraid he’d die of an overdose before they were able to arrest him.”

A sentencing document submitted to the judge by the prosecutors stated that, from about June 2007-Nov. 19, 2008, Nash was involved in distributing 400-700 grams of heroin. “On March 4, 2008, [Nash] purchased heroin from Joshua Randolph Quick and distributed a portion to Skylar Schnippel at Quick’s direction,” wrote the prosecutors. “Schnippel then distributed some of the heroin to Lannes, who overdosed and died, early the next morning.”

[Yet] Nash’s involvement with heroin increased after her death. “Nash traveled more frequently to Baltimore with others to obtain multiple grams of heroin, often [spending] 400-\$1,000 to obtain large quantities for personal use and distribution,” the document states. “After Lannes died, Nash distributed heroin to at least two other young people who suffered non-fatal, heroin overdoses.”

Prosecutors wrote that investigators interviewed dozens of Fairfax County juveniles “whose lives have been turned upside down — and all but lost — from becoming addicted to heroin distributed by [Nash] and his co-conspirators. Many addicts dropped out of school and committed petty crimes to get money to support heroin hab



Nash

Quick Sentenced to 19 Years in Prison

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A year has passed since Centreville’s Alicia Lannes died of heroin poisoning, March 5, 2008, at age 19. And Friday morning in U.S. District Court in Alexandria, Joshua “J.R.” Quick, 21, of Centreville’s Pleasant Hill community was sentenced to 19 years in prison for heroin distribution resulting in her death. Daniel Nash, 19, of Centreville received 20 years for the same charge.

“It is tragic, but it is just. There’s a responsibility for their actions,” said Alicia’s father, Greg Lannes, afterward. “There are four deaths linked to this ring and countless other families with kids in rehab spending thousands of dollars to pull them out of the darkness they’re in.”

The two others most directly implicated in Alicia’s death — her boyfriend Skylar Schnippel, who authorities say gave her the deadly dose, and his alleged heroin supplier Antonio Harper — haven’t yet had their day in court. But when they do, Lannes will be there, as he was Friday.

He said that, in December 2008, White House Drug Czar John Walters said a survey of Northern Virginia high-school students revealed 1 percent had either taken or thought about taking heroin in the last 30 days. “And when you think about how many high-school kids are in Northern Virginia, it’s an ungodly number,” said Lannes. “Heroin can kill you the first time you take it or get you seriously addicted — it’s a nightmare.”

At the outset of Quick’s sentencing, Feb. 27, Assistant U.S. Attorney Erik Barnett said that, although heroin existed in Centreville prior to the ring he was part of, “It did literally take off in Centreville when he got involved. Mr. Quick has a business sense, and he applied it to the distribution of heroin. He undercut his competitors, set up a tiered



Quick

5 Years, 3 Months Prison for Schreider

BY BONNIE HOBBS
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Centreville’s David Schreider, 20, didn’t get sentenced to nearly two decades in prison like fellow heroin dealer, J.R. Quick, but he came this close. What saved him, said U.S. District Court Judge Leonie Brinkema, was being jailed.

“You’re an incredibly lucky person,” she told him Friday, prior to his sentencing in federal court. “Had you not been arrested when you were, you’d be looking at a 20-year, mandatory minimum sentence.”

“You and Quick were two of the primary sellers and suppliers,” continued Brinkema. “But for your being incarcerated for a probation violation in February 2008, you’d have [kept dealing]. As a result, you weren’t involved in the Lannes tragedy or other aspects of this case.”

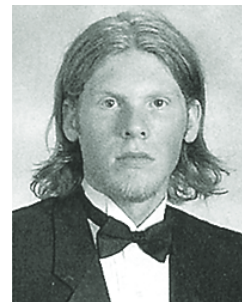
Assistant U.S. Attorney Lauren Wetzler said the sale and use of heroin in Centreville escalated dramatically when Schreider and Quick became involved. Afterward, she said, “The lives of numerous people were derailed.”

Defense attorney Thomas Carter said Schreider was remorseful and wants to be a better person. “When he was caught, he was cooperative right from the beginning,” said Carter. “He was the first to plead guilty.”

Carter asked that Schreider be placed in a 500-hour, drug-treatment program and acknowledged his family’s presence in court, saying, “A lot of people care what becomes of him.”

According to a sentencing document written by the prosecutors, from about June 2007 through February 2008, Schreider distributed 400-700 grams of heroin. He pleaded guilty to conspiracy to distribute more than 100 grams.

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Schreider

Almost Four Years Prison for Rawat

BY BONNIE HOBBS
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Lokesh Rawat, 19, of Centreville, was the first of four young heroin dealers to be sentenced last week in federal court, and he received the lightest sentence — three years, 10 months in prison. But he was still culpable for his actions.

“Mr. Rawat was a midlevel dealer [whose] dealing didn’t end when [J.R.] Quick was in jail,” said Assistant U.S. Attorney Lauren Wetzler. “He picked up [Quick’s] business [and] made the choice to continue.”

She said that, from about June 2007 through November 2008, Rawat sold to juveniles attending the same high school — Westfield — from which he’d graduated. And she asked for a punishment within the federal sentencing guidelines of 46-57 months for his offense to “send a message that this harmful drug will not be tolerated within the community.”

Defense attorney Jim Hundley said Rawat was selling to students close in age to him so he’d be able to buy the heroin for his own addiction. He called it a “difficult case with serious and tragic consequences” because of the drug distribution in the local area and asked that his client be placed in a 500-hour, residential, drug-treatment program.

Requesting a sentence of 36 months, Hundley said, “A goal should be rehabilitation and treatment. He has an opportunity to return to the community, clean and sober, with the help of his family. He can go to college, put this in the past and become a productive member of society. There’s no denying the tragedies — but there’s no way of undoing them, either.”

Before being sentenced for conspiracy to distribute more than 100 grams of heroin — in his case, 400-700 grams — Rawat offered his “deepest apologies to the Lannes and other families who lost a loved one in



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against the change and has garnered more than 600 signatures.

Other groups, including WakeFairfax (Worried About Keeping Extracurriculars) and S.O.S. (Save Our Sports) have also come out in opposition. So have the Northern Virginia Swim League, the Fairfax County Athletic Council and the Chantilly High Athletic Boosters.

Fairfax County Executive Anthony Griffin had several county agencies examine the impacts a change would have on the provision of county services in school and the resulting impact on the community. He also noted some impacts that immediately came to mind.

"Many county, nonprofit and private entities rely on high-school teens as part of their workforce in the afternoons and evenings," he wrote in a Feb. 9 memo to the Board of Supervisors. "High-school students serve as mentors and volunteers for a large number of after-school programs. Later dismissal times may result in a diminished ability for students to continue in these roles, which may — along with effects such as increased dependence on child care — impact families financially."

In response, Community & Recreation Services — which schedules community use of gyms after 5 p.m. — said high-school students' use of off-campus gyms and fields until later in the evening would significantly reduce their availability for community use.

"The Fairfax County Athletic Council believes that [will] result in reduced abilities to provide youth with opportunities to participate in sports," said FCAC Chairman Mark Meana. "In addition, high schools plan to utilize more facility space on Saturdays for practices, further impacting space available to the community." As a result, he said, community groups that now help maintain fields and donate money for their development may stop doing so.

"Morning or early-afternoon practices aren't a possibility for community-use groups due to coaches' availability and the transportation of athletes," added CRS. And having students practice in the mornings, instead, said Meana, "would offset any benefits being claimed for extra time to sleep in."

CRS also expects attendance in its middle-school, after-school program to drop since students leaving school after a later, regular dismissal and riding a bus home will arrive between 5:30-6 p.m. — when many parents will be home.

"At South County Secondary School, whose 4 p.m. dismissal time is currently the latest of any middle school, the average participation is almost 60-percent lower than the countywide average," it stated. "[And] this program has resulted in improved grades, school attendance and behavior among the participants."

The Community Services Board said the change would limit time to deliver alcohol, drug, mental-health prevention and intervention services — including leadership and resiliency training, and gang and violence prevention — to middle- and high-schoolers.

And according to the Park Authority, "Over 300 Park Authority [swim] classes and an estimated 2,500 participants could be displaced, resulting in a revenue loss in excess of \$350,000. Moving high-school swim practices to morning or evening would also displace current Park Authority customers, including dozens of long-term rental partners — [causing a] possible loss of rental revenue up to \$323,000."

"The Northern Virginia Swim League joins in the concerns of


S.O.S. over the possible loss of the Fairfax County Schools Swim and Dive program," said NVSL President Chris Loeser. "There are not enough words or enough space to list all [its] benefits to [high-school] students in the classroom, advanced education and eventual careers."

Chantilly High parent Ted Velkoff is also "wholeheartedly opposed to this. The amount of disruption it'll create for the community is overwhelming. The whole proposal is throwing middle schools under the bus. There are successful, ongoing, after-school programs in middle school — such as remedial education and opportunities to do constructive things — and late buses take them home. But if this goes through, those programs will get cut."


He said change proponents cite success stories in other districts, but "they're dwarfed by the size of Fairfax County, so it's highly questionable if their successes can be scaled up to a school system the size of ours. This whole thing is paved with good intentions, but would be terrible."

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'Children of Eden' at Play

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Her favorite songs are "Ring of Stones" — "It's probably the most complicated song in the show, and one of the most beautiful," and "Children of Eden" — "It makes me cry, every time."

PORTRAYING NOAH is Westfield senior Nathan Neeley. "He's tormented — not sure what God wants him to do, especially when Yonah is found on the boat," said Neeley. "He loves his family and finds it hard to split them up in any way. And he's uneasy about God's decision to basically kill everybody on earth."

Westfield freshman Colby Dezelick plays Japheth, one of Noah's sons. "He's a bit of an outcast because his brothers already have lives and families, but he doesn't, yet," said Dezelick.

"It's challenging and a great, new experience," he said. "I'm also one of the choreographers, and the modern, lyrical dances help illustrate the story."

Playing Yonah, the servant girl Japheth loves, is Westfield senior Taylin Frame. "But she's a descen-

dant of Cain so she's not allowed on the ark," said Frame. "Japheth wants to marry her, and his family's shocked. She's courageous and honorable. She loves Japheth, but is torn because she also wants to honor God."

Frame said it's tough imagining herself in that situation and understanding how Yonah felt then. "I'm used to playing comedic stuff, and it's challenging not being funny with your friends in the cast and playing such a serious role," she said. "But I love her songs. My favorite is 'Stranger to the Rain.' It's her knowing she's going to die, but being brave and telling God to let it happen because she'll follow what He says."

She said the play will impact people whether or not they're familiar with the Bible. And, she added, "I hope it'll encourage them to talk with others about what they've seen."

Director Zoe Dillard called the cast "really talented" and is delighted it includes some of her students from Herndon High, where she's theater director. That way,

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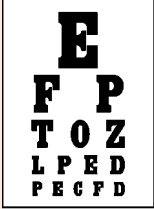
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OPINION

Later Start Times Still Possible

Not this proposal, but later start times still worth the effort, without hurting athletics and activities.

Next week, the Fairfax County School Board should direct school staff to resolve the many issues and concerns raised about moving high school start times.

Years ago, moving start times for high schools in Fairfax County was impossible because it would have cost \$20 million. That was about a decade ago.

Now, after five years of intensive study and probing by a group of dedicated parents, it turns out that start times could be moved back from 7:20 to 8:30 a.m. at no cost at all.

This alone makes it hard to have a lot of confidence in the financial forecasts coming from the school system.

The devil is in the details, and the details put forward in the proposal last month are fraught with conflict. While it represents a technically feasible plan, it clearly stops there. It seems to have maximized the size and number of changes that Fairfax families would face

next year, and Fairfax families have responded accordingly.

Thousands of people turned out for community forums on the topic, responding with intensity in several directions. Teens and their families worry that later start times will throw a wrench in carefully orchestrated after school activities. Parents of children who attend different schools complain that they would have to accommodate vastly different schedules.

The parents who have advocated for later start times have science on their side. But even the many advocates of affording teens an extra hour of sleep have concluded that the current proposal is not workable for the coming year.

It's clear that this proposal has too many unresolved issues to move forward for next fall as many had hoped.

But this should be the beginning, not the end, of this proposal. An 8:30 a.m. high school start time won't cost \$20 million to implement, and

it should be compatible with high school sports, including swimming, and other extracurricular activities. Both Arlington and Loudoun manage this start time, and their sports teams compete with Fairfax sports teams in some leagues.

It isn't fair for school staff to dump a half-baked proposal on families without answering the obvious questions. Fear of change will stymie progress.

It's also essential to try to minimize the changes forced on elementary and middle schools individually. For example, if an elementary school has an early time now, it shouldn't be moved to a late time in transition.

These are logistics that can and should be addressed so that it's possible to address healthy start times without compromising athletics or activities.

All change is hard. Some change is worth the effort.

Let's put in the effort to try to resolve the conflicts, not use unresolved questions to fan the flames.

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EDITORIAL

Editorial on Gun Checks Commendable

To the Editor:

I would like to commend you on your recent editorial ["Loop Hole Stays Open," Centre View, Feb. 12-18] calling for background checks for private sales at gun shows. It is indeed common sense that guns sold at well-attended gun shows should be sold to only those who are law-abiding citizens. If we are concerned about public safety and the prevention of gun violence, then buyers should be subject to a background check to determine whether they are a convicted felon or have a court order deeming them a danger to themselves or another. Licensed dealers routinely run background checks at gun shows. Indeed, most individuals purchase their guns from licensed dealers. If a buyer passes a background check, they have the freedom to buy and own a gun. It is ludicrous to think that requiring a private seller to run a background check interferes with the freedom to purchase a firearm.

Your editorial rightfully noted that Sen. Ken Cuccinelli was the only Northern Virginia legislator to vote against SB 1257, Sen. Henry Marsh's bill to required background checks by private sellers at gun shows. What was most interesting was your juxtaposition of Sen. Cuccinelli's letter describing his Attorney General race and his efforts to pass a bill allowing

"Choose Life" license plates. Sen. Cuccinelli has gone on record to say he would never compromise on background checks; however, he would "trade" background checks if college students could conceal carry on campus. Furthermore, his bill, SB 1528, allows conceal carry permit holders to obtain a permit after taking a one-hour safety class over the Internet. There is no requirement that the permit holder demonstrate he or she can actually handle a firearm. Imagine if we could obtain a driver's license over the Internet without showing we can actually drive a car.

It is ironic that this Senator who calls himself pro-life is not only adamantly opposed to any commonsense gun laws, he is a relentless advocate for expanding gun rights. It is also ironic that a man who is running for Attorney General shows such lack of concern for the public's safety.

Both this year and last, members of Virginia Tech families, including Sen. Cuccinelli's two constituents, Joe and Omar Samaha, testified in favor of SB 1257. Again, for the second year in a row, Sen. Cuccinelli stepped out of the room during their testimony. Sen. Cuccinelli has stated time and time again that the Virginia Tech families have not said anything he has not already heard. However, had he stayed, he would have heard Omar Samaha's testi-

mony that he purchased 10 firearms from private sellers, within an hour, with no questions asked, at a Richmond gun show. Regardless, Sen. Cuccinelli owes his constituents enough respect to stay and listen to them; after all, they are the ones who have suffered the most egregious loss of life.

The Senator Courts of Justice committee passed Sen. Marsh's bill despite Sen. Cuccinelli's vote. When the bill reached the floor of the Senate, Sen. Cuccinelli requested that the bill be passed for the day with no reason given. That delay allowed a full-court press to wavering senators who ultimately voted against it, an action a New

York Times editorial described as follows: "Bereft of courage as public servants, the Richmond senators made clear their crocodile tears about closure, shed in the immediate horror of students gunned down."

Seung Hui Cho did not purchase his guns at a gun show but had he been denied the purchase of his guns at a gun shop, he could have gone to a private seller at a gun show to avoid a background check. It is a risk this state carries each and every day because of our leaders' failure to act.

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On behalf of the thousands of families in Virginia who benefit from SCHIP, I extend my thanks to our congressional delegation.

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Nash Given 20 Years Prison

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its. In short, heroin tore a path of destruction through the Centreville area, once Nash and his co-conspirators made it readily available.”

At his Feb. 27 sentencing, Assistant U.S. Attorney Lauren Wetzler said Nash “was one of the heaviest users, but stepped up his role as a distributor after [David] Schreider and Quick were incarcerated. He was bankrolling [Lokesh] Rawat and [Tayler] Gibson.”

Yamamoto said Nash was diagnosed with ADD in 2006 and started seeing a therapist, plus a psychiatrist for family problems. “He’s a bright kid and still has an opportunity to make something of his life,” said Yamamoto. “Alicia Lannes was his best friend.”

Judge Leonie Brinkema asked if it was true that Schnippel and Lannes introduced Nash to heroin, and Yamamoto said yes, although Lannes’s father later denied it. He was also glad Nash was arrested.

“Danny will be an addict, the rest of his life,” said Yamamoto. “He failed drug treatment four times, so being arrested probably saved his life. He detoxed, cold turkey, in the Alexandria detention center and has had no medication, at all.”

Noting that Nash had expressed interest in someday becoming a drug counselor, Brinkema said his message may impact young teens. She also detailed his history.

“You have mental-health issues and tough family issues that hit you when you were vulnerable,” said the judge. “At 14, you began using alcohol, marijuana and methamphetamines; at 16, powdered cocaine and barbiturates; and at 17, crack cocaine, ecstasy, LSD, ketamine, PCP, Freon and nitrous oxide. But it was heroin that got you absolutely hooked.”

Brinkema said if he’d served any time for his past convictions, it might have been a “wake-up call” to him. And though she believed the 20-year, mandatory minimum sentence for Nash’s offense was “unreasonably harsh, given your background,” she had to impose it. But she said he could apply later to have it adjusted.

She then sentenced him to the same amount of drug treatment, supervised release and its conditions as the other three defendants. And she ordered him to pay his share of \$21,497 restitution to the Lannes family, along with Schnippel, Quick and alleged heroin supplier Antonio Harper.

After Arrests, He Kept Dealing

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pricing system, offered free samples and became a central figure in Centreville’s distribution.”

Noting Quick’s criminal history dating to 2006, with juvenile charges either being dropped or resulting in suspended sentences, Judge Leonie Brinkema asked why he wasn’t jailed in 2008.

“The courts placed him on bond,” replied Barnett. “When individuals began dying, we got involved. We couldn’t ignore the criminal conduct and the consequences.”

A sentencing document submitted to the judge by the prosecutors stated that Quick and co-conspirator David Schreider obtained \$800-\$1000 — or 8-10 grams of heroin — multiple times a week from sources in Washington, D.C., and, later, Baltimore. It also noted Quick’s admission that, from about June 2007 through March 2008, he helped distribute 400-700 grams of heroin.

“At least 30 individuals regularly purchased heroin from Quick before he was jailed on state charges in April 2008, since which time he has remained incarcerated,” wrote the prosecutors. “On March 4, 2008, the defendant distributed heroin to Nash, who [gave some] to Schnippel at Quick’s direction. Schnippel then distributed some to Alicia Lannes, who overdosed and died.”

The document further stated that, at 17, Quick was convicted of stealing a handgun. But afterward, his “criminal conduct became increasingly brazen. Many of Quick’s customers described him selling heroin out of a bedroom window in his father’s house — tossing bags of heroin down to customers below, while they tossed money up to him.” After law enforcement seized some 20 bags of heroin and \$6,000 cash from that house in February 2008, wrote prosecutors, Quick “moved into his mother’s home in Manassas and continued selling heroin there.”

Because he kept dealing drugs after every arrest, Brinkema said the worst thing that happened to Quick was getting out on bond. “He got several chances,” she said.

Then defense attorney John Keats asked if his client’s federal sentence could run concurrently to the two years, five months in prison he received from Fairfax County in November 2008 and a pending

sentence from Prince William County. He said Quick had a “somewhat deprived” childhood and the mandatory, 20-year sentence Brinkema had to impose Quick would be “devastating” to him and “rob him of his youth.” But, added Keats, “That’s the price he has to pay.”

Quick then stood and said, “I’m sorry for the things I’ve done and the families I’ve hurt.” Brinkema acknowledged his “unstable family background.” But, she said, “You’re bright enough to have run a small business — unfortunately, it was drugs. “At 15, you began using alcohol and marijuana — the two, gateway drugs. Then at 16, powdered cocaine and LSD, twice a week.”

She listed his use of ecstasy, four times weekly, plus crystal meth, opiates and hallucinogenic mushrooms. At 17 came heroin and, said Brinkema, “That became the drug that took over your life.”

To make sure Quick receives credit for the 355 days he’d already served, she sentenced him to 19 years in prison, saying, “It can be adjusted later, so you can have some hope.” She also ran her sentence concurrent to his other two and ordered him into a 500-hour, intensive drug-treatment program.

Brinkema placed him on five years supervised release, provided he violates no laws, remains drug free, has regular drug testing and undergoes any drug- and mental-health treatment his probation officer recommends. Quick is to have no further contact with any of the co-defendants, must work or attend college full-time, provide access to his financial records and pay his share of \$21,497 restitution to the Lannes family, along with Nash, Schnippel and alleged heroin supplier Antonio Harper.

Local Students in Play

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she said, “Our community becomes even larger and more inclusive. And it’s a privilege to work at CPC with such wonderful colleagues like Don and Carol, and to have great artistic support from the church members — who are creating the set and costumes. It’s a positive atmosphere, and proceeds will support the church’s summer youth missions to Appalachia.”



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THURSDAY, MARCH 5

The seminar, A Deadly High — Learn How Heroin is Impacting Teens in Our Community, will be held Thursday, March 5 at 7 p.m. at the Virginia Run Community Center, 15355 Wetherburn Court, Centreville. Presenters include: Fairfax County police department narcotics detective; the Alcohol & Drug SAP coordinators from Centreville, Chantilly and Westfield high schools; A recovering teen and her family; and a local physician to provide a medical perspective. Call 703-814-7048.

FRIDAY, MARCH 6

Swing Dances are held every Friday night at the Dulles Hilton in the Red Fox Room with Sue and Gary Caley. Drop-in beginner lesson included in price of admission from 8:30-9 p.m. Live music from 9 p.m. to midnight. Cost is \$15. All ages welcome, large dance floors, air conditioned. Hilton Washington Dulles Hotel, 13869 Park Center Road, Herndon. Go to www.gottaswing.com for details etc.

MARCH 6-7

The Alliance Theatre will present "Capital Cabaret", an eight-person singing group, at Mountain View High School in Centreville on March 6, 7, 20

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MARCH 6-15

The third annual Home and Garden Show will take place March 6-15 from 10 a.m. until 9:30 p.m. at Fair Oaks Mall. The event will showcase the best trends in home and garden design. Free and open to the public. Presented by Merrifield Garden Center. Visit www.ShopFairOaksMall.com/ HomeAndGarden or call 703-359-8302.

SATURDAY/MARCH 7

Del. Chuck Caputo will host a Town Hall Meeting on Saturday, March 7 from 2-4 p.m. at the Chantilly Regional Library, 4000 Stringfellow Road, Chantilly.

MARCH 7-8

An important rite of Spring in the nation's capital is the return of the D.C. Big Flea, March 7-8, at the Dulles Expo Center. Browse through booths filled with fine porcelains, art glass, pottery, posters, paintings, furniture from all eras, estate and costume jewelry. Show hours are 9-6 p.m. Saturday; 11-5 p.m. Sunday. The Dulles Expo Center is located at 4368 Chantilly Shopping Center, Chantilly. Admission is \$10 for both days. Call: 757/430-4735, or visit www.damoreproductions.com.

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SUNDAY, MARCH 8

The Western Fairfax Republican Women's Club (WFRWC) will meet Sunday, March 8 from 1-4 p.m. at Kena Temple Center, 9001 Arlington Blvd. (Route 50 between Nutley and

Cedar), Fairfax. The speaker is Chriss Watson, first woman to lead the White House office of speech writing for President H.W. Bush. Contact Julie Williams at 703-264-5854. Visit www.wfrwc.org.

Make Room for Huge Colorful Dahlias. On Sunday, March 8, The Old Dominion Chrysanthemum Society will present a one hour program with a video, Q & A's, plus reference handouts, by award winning grower, Ed Mascali, on "How, When and Where to plant your tubers to achieve those huge Dahlia Blooms". The meeting will be held at the Falls Church Community Center, 223 Little Falls Street, Falls Church, starting at 2:30 p.m. Open to the public. Free Admission and refreshments. Call Jim Dunne at 703-560-8776.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11

The League of Women Voters of the Fairfax Area March Meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 11 at noon at the Sully District Governmental Center, 4900 Stonecroft Blvd., Centreville. Members will be discussing "The World's Diminishing Oil." Call 703-658-9150 or go the LWVFA Web site lvw-fairfax.org.

MARCH 13-14

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THURSDAY, MARCH 19

La Leche League of Centreville/Chantilly will hold its March meeting on Thursday, March 19 at 10 a.m. The topic is "The Art of Breastfeeding and Avoiding Difficulties". Pregnant and nursing women as well as their children are welcome to attend. Meeting location is the Centreville Library, 14200 St. Germaine Drive. FREE. Call a La Leche League Leader at 703-471-7762 or 703-449-0131. **The New Providence Republican Women** meeting will be held Thursday, March 19 at 7 p.m. at the Oakton Library, Meeting Room 1, 10304 Lynnhaven Place. Guest speaker is Anthony Bedell, chairman of the Fairfax County Republican Committee. All welcome. Call 703-591-7368.

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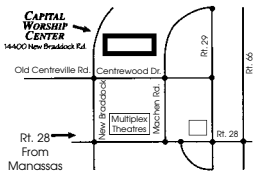
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Christ the Redeemer Church of Centreville announces a 10-week study for those struggling with depression and those who love them, Set Free: Biblical Hope and Help for Depression. The weekly class runs from March 5 through May 7 and meets on Thursdays from 7 p.m. - 9 p.m. at Christ the Redeemer offices located at 5900 Fort Drive, Suite 300 in Centreville. The class, which takes a biblical look at the spiritual components of depression, is free and open to residents of Centreville, Manassas, and neighboring communities. Contact Rev. Sue Hardman at shardman@ctrchurch.org or by phone at 703-502-1732.

Jan Johnson, well known author and speaker, will speak on "Connecting to an Interactive Life with God" at Church of the Apostles, 3500 Pickett Rd., Fairfax on Friday March 6 at 7:30 p.m., Saturday March 7 from 8:30 a.m.-3 p.m. To register and pay online: <http://www.churchoftheapostles.org/index.php/coa/registration/jan-johnson/>

Centreville United Methodist Church will host a Day Retreat with Ben Pratt, author of Seven Deadlier Sins & 007's Moral Compass. The event will be held on Saturday, March 7, from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. at the church. The morning of the retreat will be an overview of James Bond and the seven deadlier sins addressed by

Ian Fleming in his novels. Requirement: Read one James Bond novel prior to the retreat. Cost for the day, including lunch, is \$35. RSVP to Lorraine Brown in the CUMC office at 703-830-2684.

Mount Olive Baptist Church will hold its Spring Revival on March 9-13 at 7 p.m. nightly. Contact Audrey Washington at 703-338-3762 with questions. The church is located at 6600 Old Centreville Road, Centreville. The Rev. Dr. Eugene Johnson is the pastor. Call 703-830-8769 or go to www.mountolive-church.org.

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Oakton Baptist Church of Chantilly will host a Southern Gospel Concert with Michael Birchfield on Sun-

day, March 15 at 6 p.m. The church is located at the corner of Sullyfield Circle and Route 50 in Chantilly. A free will offering will be received. Call the church at 703-631-1799.

The Hazak Active Retirees Chapter of Congregation Beth Emeth, Herndon, will present Dr. Louis Blumen, speaking about "Jewish Medicine in Medieval Times" on Tuesday, March 17 at 1 p.m.

Dr. Blumen, a retired Cardiac and Thoracic Surgeon, is a graduate of Brown University. He received his M.D. degree from Tufts University Medical School. He did his residency and further training in Cardiac and Thoracic Surgery in Boston and went on to practice surgery for more than 50 years. His talk will focus on role of the Jewish physician in both the Jewish and secular communities of Medieval Europe.

The CBE Hazak Chapter presents a uniquely Jewish program on the third Tuesday of each month — September through June — at this same time. Meetings feature prominent speakers and entertainers, providing area Jewish seniors with a time to socialize and learn. Call 703-860-4515, ext. 127.

Congregation Beth Emeth is located at 12523 Lawyers Road, Herndon, VA 20171, 2.9 miles south of the Dulles Toll Road, Reston Parkway Exit.

A Free Business Network Expo will be held on Tuesday, March 10 from 4-7 p.m. at the McNair Farms Community Center at 2491 McNair Farms Dr. Herndon. This is a B2B event - Admission is free. Contact co-coordinator of event Terry Jones of Cruises, Inc. 703-793-9386 or biznetworkexpo@gmail.com

Karen Trainor, associate broker with the Weichert Realtors Fair Oaks office in Fairfax, received the 2008 Manager of the Year Award during the Virginia Association of Realtors' (VAR) annual awards reception, held Feb. 12 in Richmond. She is a member of the Northern Virginia Association of Realtors (NVAR).

Chantilly-based American Systems, a government and commercial IT solutions provider and one of the top 100 employee-owned companies in the U.S., announced the appointment of Tim Halstead to vice president, Readiness Strategic Business Area. Halstead will lead a team that helps military and civilian agencies train and educate their personnel to perform tasks critical to their organizations' missions.

Two new businesses have opened at the Franklin Farm Village Center. American Health & Wellness Center, specializing in chiropractic care and

sports injuries, and Homemade Pizza Company are now open.

American Health & Wellness Center focuses on all aspects of health through chiropractic massage as well as fitness, nutrition and stress management according to Owner, Dr. Karl Petrie. Petrie is a certified strength and conditioning specialist, which allows him to help anyone from athletes to non-competitors and pregnant women to children overcome injuries, weight issues and cardiovascular health. The center is open Monday and Wednesday 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. - 7 p.m.; Tuesday and Thursday 3:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.; Friday 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. - 6 p.m.; Saturday 8 a.m. - 10 a.m. and Sunday by appointment.

Homemade Pizza Company (<http://www.homemadepizza.com/>) is a new retail concept that provides bake-at-home pizzas. Using all natural ingredients, crews create made-to-order pizzas for customers to pick up and bake at home. In addition to pizza, the menu also features a variety of salads and desserts. Homemade Pizza Company is open Monday through Thursday 3 p.m. - 9 p.m. and Friday through Sunday 1 p.m. - 9 p.m. Delivery is available for an additional charge.

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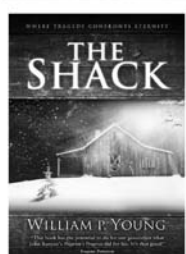
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Opposites Attract What, Exactly



By KENNETH B. LOURIE

As an old, comparatively speaking, married man, I am intrigued by the how-couples-met process of today's engaged and/or married couples. The fact that there can be some rhyme or reason for individuals to actually meet seems quite an advantage over those of us who had no real practical alternative other than letting "the chips fall where they may" or allowing "nature to take its course."

Still, not having had that opportunity doesn't necessarily mean that all is lost, it more likely means that potentially all, certainly some, things may not yet be found. And how could it all be found, especially if you're not starting from the same place? It seems like relationships would be so much easier if there were more inherited similarities than there were newly discovered differences, more common interests, shared experiences and familiar "familiarities." And not that there are any guarantees in life ("other than death and taxes"), but knowing more about your partner would seem to be quite an advantage over knowing less. Granted, some of the adventure in pursuit of the inevitable discovery — who, what, where, how and why — might be missing, but so too might some of the disappointment and difficulties be missing when two attempt to become one. As the character Tevye, from Fiddler on the Roof, said, "A bird can love a fish, but where would they live?"

Nowadays, if you're attempting to match, with some professional data entry-type assistance, this problem would never arise (I know, never is a long time), presumably nor would a host of other conflicts arise among people who speak different languages (figuratively speaking but certainly literally, too): religion, age range, smoke or not, like pets, like/want children, among many other considerations too numerous to list. But maybe not. Chemistry, in the classroom, on the job, in social settings, isn't really drawn up in any book. It seems to be somewhere between the luck of the draw and there being no accounting for taste: opposites attract, like-minded persons/personalities clash, individuals from similar backgrounds aren't necessarily similar; in summary, what's good for the goose isn't necessarily good for the gander and vice versa. True in nature might not necessarily be true in nurture.

What brought this curiosity to light was a recent neighborhood function, the post-wedding BBQ to celebrate a neighbor's son's betrothal. The couple were both in their mid-twenties. They met over the internet. The groom (my neighbor) lives in Montgomery County, Md., the bride lived in Richmond, Va. Given the geography involved, it's unlikely they would have met otherwise. How did it all happen? I asked. They matched on line, they said. When I asked their recollections of their profiles and whatever it was that they thought they had in common that led to the match, all they could muster was "family was important." And though I tried to learn more about their how and why and so forth concerning their "togetherness," no further explanation was offered.

As incomplete as I thought their answers were (given the "matching" elements presumably in play), perhaps they really weren't so incomplete. Perhaps starting from one common point is enough. Time will certainly tell, just like for the rest of us old married couples.

Maybe we're not that different after all. Maybe it matters not how — and/or why — you start, maybe it matters more how you finish.

Kenny Lourie is an Advertising Representative for The Almanac & The Connection Newspapers.

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Funeral services were held at the Church of the Holy Comforter, Vienna, Va., on Saturday, February 28, 2009 at 12 Noon. Entombment followed at Stonewall Memory Gardens in Manassas, Va.
In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in his memory to the Lyme Disease Association, Inc., PO Box 1438, Jackson, NJ 08527 or to the Church of the Holy Comforter, 543 Beulah Rd., Vienna, Va 22180. Arrangements were by Money and King, Vienna, Va. Please view and sign the guestbook at: www.moneyandking.com

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5 Years of Prison for Schreider

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ited by purchasing bags of heroin in Washington, D.C., for approximately \$20 per bag and selling them in Northern Virginia for approximately \$40 per bag," wrote the prosecutors. "On one occasion, [Schreider] and a co-conspirator possessed with the intent to distribute 60 bags of heroin when they were stopped by police."

Noting that Schreider suffers from ADHD and depression, Brinkema said, "What is extraordinary is that you were introduced to alcohol and marijuana at age 13 and used marijuana weekly. At 17, you used cocaine monthly and experimented with crystal meth, ecstasy and LSD and got addicted to heroin. Why?"

Almost Four Years Prison for Rawat

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this case, to my family and to myself for becoming addicted to such a terrible drug."

U.S. District Court Judge Leonie Brinkema noted that, at 16, he began using marijuana, Oxycontin, Vicodin, AMT and DXM, followed by alcohol, crack cocaine, Valium and ecstasy at 17. "You were doing almost everything in the drug world — why?" she asked. "I was experimenting," he replied.

When she asked where the money came from, Rawat said he was working and "used drugs to get high. I didn't think about the consequences." Unlike some of the other defendants with dysfunctional families or learning disabilities, said Brinkema, "You had every opportunity society can give, and

"I fell in with the wrong people," he replied. When the judge asked him where he got the money for heroin, he said he got it from his parents, "without their knowledge of what it was for. [Then] everybody would pool their money."

Brinkema then sentenced Schreider to the low end of the federal sentencing guidelines — five years and three months in prison. She also ordered him into the drug program and placed him on five years supervised release, with the same conditions as Rawat. Part of those conditions included Schreider's providing the court full access to his financial records, said Brinkema, "So we know where your money is going and coming from."

you threw it all away. It is absolutely stunning, the variety of drugs you were using; it is truly appalling."

Listing his arrests on July 30, 2007; Aug. 9, 2007; December 2007 and June 3, 2008, Brinkema said he didn't go to court, but continued using and selling and "never got a wake-up call. With that track record, you need a loud and clear message that you cannot use drugs ever again. So a sentence within the guidelines is appropriate."

She then sentenced him to 46 months and ordered him into the 500-hour drug program. She also placed him on five years supervised release, with the same conditions as the three other defendants, but no restitution.

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Scanlon Smart at Stonehill

Centreville native does dirty work for Division-II men's program.

BY JASON MACKEY
CENTRE VIEW

On recruiting trips to scout high school talent, college basketball coaches who attend various AAU tournament around the country are used to seeing up-and-down play, high-flying dunks and kids that can clear a Volkswagen with a single leap.

Colin Scanlon wasn't one of those kids. Quite the opposite, really. As Stonehill College men's basketball coach David McLaughlin saw Scanlon at an AAU tournament in Delaware prior to the Flint Hill graduate's senior year, McLaughlin was attracted to Scanlon for the opposite reason.

The game slowed down, McLaughlin remembers of the moment, when the ball was in Scanlon's hands, and the coach noticed his future player's brain at work instead of his body.

"I really liked that," McLaughlin said. "He was looking for certain decisions, not taking the first shot that showed and getting his teammates involved. The more I watched him, the more I saw. And obviously he had a bit more of a scoring role with his Flint Hill team, but you could really see all those fundamentals carry over."

"One of the best assets of my game is that I see the floor pretty well," Scanlon added.

For the past four years at Stonehill, Scanlon, a Centreville native, has looked equally as smart. A three-year starter, Scanlon is averaging 4.5 points, 3.6 assists and 4.2 rebounds per game this season while playing a team-high 30.7 minutes a night.



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Colin Scanlon, a Centreville native and Flint Hill graduate, has averaged 4.5 points, 3.6 assists and 4.2 rebounds per game for the Stonehill Skyhawks this season.

SCANLON HAS started at least once at every spot on the floor for Stonehill, and, while listed at 6-foot-5, 205 pounds, he also serves as the team's No. 2 point guard.

"I pride myself on being a team guy, and it's all about winning," Scanlon said. "I came in as a freshman and had played guard throughout high school. [McLaughlin] kind of threw me at a forward spot just because of the personnel we had at the time — we were kind of thin on forwards — and it actually benefited my game a lot because it gave me a perspective from another position."

Despite not having led the Skyhawks in scoring all season, Scanlon has found other ways to make his presence felt, namely on

the defensive end of the court. As of Wednesday morning, Stonehill was tops in the Northeast-10 Conference in scoring defense at 61.2 points per game.

And though individual defensive statistics are sometimes hard to

"He's a leader and a really bright basketball player."

— Coach David McLaughlin, Stonehill College

tabulate and compare, Scanlon has his coach's vote for the best defensive player in the league, even if the

Northeast-10 selected Massachusetts Lowell's Max Kerman as its Defensive Player of the Year.

"We have him guard the other team's best player night in and night out, and he's done that at a very high level this year," McLaughlin said. "He does a lot of things that don't show up on the stat sheet necessarily."

Stonehill suffered an 80-66 loss to LeMoyné in the Northeast-10 quarterfinals Tuesday night and will await word until Sunday evening on whether or not the Skyhawks (21-7) will receive an at-large bid to the NCAA Division-II tournament.

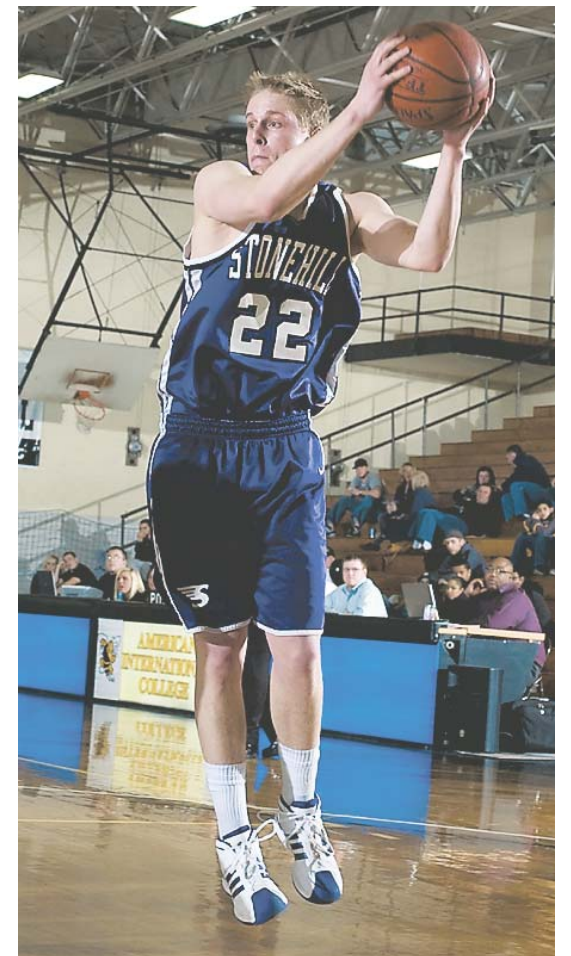


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Stonehill coach David McLaughlin first saw Colin Scanlon at an AAU tournament in Delaware. "He was looking for certain decisions, not taking the first shot," McLaughlin recalled.

ALTHOUGH HE initially attended Westfield — his brother, Peter Scanlon, recently wrapped up his senior basketball season there — Colin Scanlon elected to transfer to Flint Hill after his junior season.

Flint Hill helped him grow as a player and, after he re-classified and entered the school with two years remaining before he would graduate, also helped him grow as a human being.

Scanlon spent two summers playing for NOVA United, the AAU team that McLaughlin found his freezeframing recruit on, and chose Flint Hill for the opportunities it provided both academically and athletically.

"It was kind of a big risk, but it definitely paid off," Scanlon said of transferring to a private school.

Colin Scanlon admitted that Stonehill likely won't be on his younger brother's short list come decision-making time, but if Peter Scanlon's abilities resemble anything close to that of his brother — and they do — another college coach will likely share the same, enjoyable experience that McLaughlin has for the past four years.

"He's a leader and a really bright basketball player," McLaughlin said. "He has a high-level basketball IQ. He's a kid that you like to be around every day because of how he approaches the game."

WEEK IN SPORTS

Sully Challengers Offer Opportunity

The Challenger division, represented locally by the Sully Challengers, was established in 1989 as a separate division of Little League baseball to enable boys and girls with physical and mental disabilities to enjoy the sport. Teams are set up according to ability rather than age, and each player gets a chance to bat. The side is retired when the offense has batted around. The Sully Challengers represent both the Chantilly and Southwestern Youth Associations, providing quality baseball for area youngsters. The season starts in early April, and the team plays every Friday between 6 and 7:30 p.m. at Chantilly Park on Stringfellow Road (across from Chantilly High School). For more information or to register, contact Sean Fitzsimmons at s.fitzp@verizon.net or Brenda Kirschner at Beekay3@aol.com.

State Track Roundup

At the Virginia AAA state indoor track and field championships, held last weekend at the Boo Williams Sportsplex in Hampton, two Chantilly

runners and one of its pole vaulters posted top-10 finishes. Wesley Sun, who last week set a Northern Region with his mark of 15 feet, reached 14-09 to finish third. Chris Foley, the reigning region champion in the 3,200-meter run, was also third with his mark of 9 minutes, 30.96 seconds. In the 500 dash, Mohammed Labor-Koroma placed eighth with a time of 1:07.08. Centreville was led by Yazid Zouaimia, who was 10th in the 1,600 at 4:26.93 and ran the second leg on the Wildcats' fifth-place 4x800 relay team of Mattson Heiner, Zouaimia, Tyler Bickley and Dan Grimm). Westfield's Melissa DiVecchia was 18th in the girls 1,600 at 5:29.03 and also anchored the 11th-place 4x800 relay team. The Chantilly posted the top finish locally with 13 points, good enough for 11th place. Albemarle won the boys title and Bethel led all girls teams.

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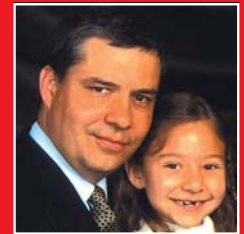
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