

Letters to the Editor - A world without alcohol or drugs**BYLINE:****DATE:** 11-18-1999**PUBLICATION:** Providence Journal Company**EDITION:****SECTION:** Newspapers_ & Newswires**PAGE:** D-07

I have just returned from Katie DeCubellis's funeral. She was a beautiful child who inspired many in her 13 fully lived years. The way that she died was tragic.

It only makes me feel that we, the rest of the world, have to take a serious look around us, especially in the world of alcohol and drugs. As far-fetched as it may sound, we need to have these things obliterated from society.

The many warnings of "don't drink and drive" just have not seemed to work. It's a mortal shame that people think they need these things to fulfill their lives.

Why not do the best we can to try to fulfill ourselves with something worthy of talking about? Our world is complex enough. We need to work many hours to put food on our tables and to keep roofs over our heads.

Our free moments should be spent with our families and loved ones to try to discuss our shortcomings and strengths from which others may gain in their lives.

Perhaps Katie has been taken to help those of us left behind to wake up and smell the roses, and not the alcohol or drugs.

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