

# Opinion

## What's the problem? Alcohol!

I remember the day very well. Tessa, my daughter-in-law, and I had just returned from eating dinner. I turned on CNN and heard there had been a shooting at Pacific Lutheran University in Tacoma, Washington. My thoughts suddenly went to our dear friend, Jim, a music professor, at the college, and his wife, the dean of student affairs.

"I'll call later to make sure everything is okay," I thought to myself. Five minutes later the phone rang. It was Judy, Jim's wife, and I knew. A gunman had walked up to Jim and shot him point blank four times. He didn't know Jim and Jim didn't know him, but the gunman had stalked another professor in the music department for 30+ years and decided to shoot the next person who walked out of the music building. It was the gunman's sick attempt to gain the attention of the woman whose life he had impacted. After shooting Jim, he laid down an eight page letter and turned the gun on himself.

After a series of killings on college campuses some schools are advocating and in some cases are allowing students over 21 to carry concealed weapons. I am a firm believer in gun rights, but within reason. College campuses are one

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of the safest havens in our country. Your chances of being shot on a campus are 62 out of 100,000 compared to the general population of 462 out of 100,000.

Although we own guns, I am well aware of the dangers of using a gun for self defense. Data suggests the mere presence of a gun in your home raises your chances of being killed or injured.

A major problem facing youth on campus is alcohol usage. Any time one combines alcohol and college students and then factor in a concealed weapon, well, you get the picture. Consider this:

- More than 696,000 students between the ages of 18 and 24 are assaulted by another student who has been drinking (<[http://www.collegedrinkingprevention.gov/NIAAACollegeMaterials/TaskForce/References\\_00.aspx#hing2005](http://www.collegedrinkingprevention.gov/NIAAACollegeMaterials/TaskForce/References_00.aspx#hing2005)>Hingson et al., 2005).
- More than 97,000 students

between the ages of 18 and 24 are victims of alcohol-related sexual assault or date rape (<[http://www.collegedrinkingprevention.gov/NIAAACollegeMaterials/TaskForce/References\\_00.aspx#hing2005](http://www.collegedrinkingprevention.gov/NIAAACollegeMaterials/TaskForce/References_00.aspx#hing2005)>Hingson et al., 2005).

• An estimated 110,000 students between the ages of 18 and 24 are arrested for an alcohol-related violation.

To date this year there have been 13 college students killed on campuses. Between 2000 and 2005, an average of four per year were killed. To be sure there have been increased numbers each year since and it is a problem which needs to be addressed, however a knee jerk reaction is seldom responsible and surely this is one of those cases.

Jim would have been horrified to think his death was an impetus for carrying a weapon. Jim abhorred violence of any kind. He was a hunter and a great proponent of our personal rights, but he also was aware of human frailties. His life was a reflection of peace thus it only seems fitting for his death to be a rallying cry not for concealed weapons but for identifying and treatment of those with mental illness.

choir. (e-mail)

To... **Dave Browne II**, you hit the nail on the head. (e-mail)

To... **the Norton Community High School choir**, we're looking forward to your performances at the basketball games at the university in Hays. We're proud of

you! (e-mail)

(To submit a name or names, e-mail [tom.d@nwkansas.com](mailto:tom.d@nwkansas.com), call either 877-3361 or 877-6908, fax 877-3732, mail to 215 S. Kansas Ave. 67654 or drop by the office. Thanks for your continuing input. -td)

## Thumbs Up

To... **R.W. Yeager**, for your article in the paper. (called in)

To... **the people** buying tickets to the Fort Hays State basketball games (Dec.5) with some of the proceeds going to the Norton High

## Fire: officers keep crowd block away from scene

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City police officers at the scene tried to keep people about a block away from the elevator. One resident, who lives just north of the elevator, came home in the middle of the event but wasn't allowed to stay.

"There was a very small danger of the elevator exploding," said Norton Police Chief Pat Morel. "It was just a safety precaution to send her back to her sister's. She was allowed to go back to her house later that evening."

"The employee who smelled the smoldering grain stayed after the fire trucks left and checked the rest of the bearings, took out any that were hot to prevent another incident. He is to be commended for checking on things and going the extra mile that night," said Mr. Jepsen.

Contractors were at the elevator shortly after 8 a.m. on Wednesday to look over the equipment, and see if anything needed to be changed.

"The bearing was replaced

within a few hours Wednesday morning, and there should be

no more problems," said Mr. Jepsen.

## Telegram: Cookie Contest in second year

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**Cookie Contest**  
The Norton Telegram's Second Annual Cookie Contest was started last year as a way to help raise money for God's Pantry. This contest is slightly different from last year, as well.

"We have two categories, one for ages 13 and up, and another for 12 and under," said ad manager Christie Anderson. "We have more sponsors and more prizes."

There will be first, second and third place prizes awarded in each category. "First place for both categories will be a trophy, provided

by End Zone, an embroidered apron provided by Stitch Up A Storm; and a six-month subscription to The Norton Telegram," said Dana Paxton, advertising representative. "Second place for both categories will be a cookbook and measuring cups. Third place, also for both categories, will be three premier tickets to The Norton Theatre and a cookbook," she said.

Contestants need to bring two dozen home-made cookies to the Telegram's office by 9 a.m. on Friday, Dec. 12. There is a \$5 entry fee, and the number of entries per person is unlimited. Voting begins at 11:30 a.m. and continues

throughout the day until 4 p.m. It costs a quarter to cast a vote for a cookie, and the number of votes a person can submit are unlimited. All proceeds from the cookie contest will go to God's Pantry, which helps provide food to families in times of need. Anyone who wishes may bring food items to be delivered to God's Pantry.

"Last year, we donated more than \$566 to God's Pantry. We are hoping to have even more people enter their cookies this year," said Mrs. Anderson.

Co-sponsoring the cookie contest with The Telegram are Stitch Up A Storm, End Zone, Destination Kitchen, Norton Theatre.

## Norton merchants have gone all out to make your Christmas shopping easy

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**SPECIALTY ITEMS:**  
Oak Stock Racks, DeLaval Cream Separator (Complete), Wood Egg Crate, Chicken Waterers, Bucket Heater, 2 Pet Carriers, 3 Victor Traps, Other Traps, Bushel Baskets, 40's Steering Knob, Implement Manuals, Antique Tins

**KITCHEN ITEMS:**  
2 Meat Grinders (Puritan & Universal), Bread Box, Bake Ware, Coffee Pots, Scales, Tins, Tupperware, Kitchen Utensils, Assorted Dishes, Large Cast Iron Skillet, Skillets, Roaster, West Bend Griddle, Pots, Pans, Well Bill Microwave, Canister Sets, Mixer, Toaster, Spoon Holder

**LAWN ORNAMENTS:**  
4 Cement Deer, 1 Cement Donkey & Cart, Cement Chicken, Rabbit, Dog, Shepherd Hook Plant Holders

**JEWELRY:**  
(Costume Jewelry Lover's Heaven), Lots!!



**YARD & GARDEN EQUIPMENT:**  
Toro Electric Mower, 22" Cut Murray 5.0 Lawn Mower Tecumseh Engine Large Rear Wheels, 22" Toro Gas Mower, Mastercut Deluxe 22" Cut Mower with 4. HP Briggs & Stratton Motor, Stallion KM-850 Riding Lawn Mower 32" Cut, Montgomery Ward Tiller 5HP Front Tines, 2 Reel Push Mowers, 2 Hand Garden Tillers, Garden Seeder, Metal Trash Barrels

**TOOLS & SHOP EQUIPMENT:**  
Air Compressor & Attachments, Hand Drill Press, Grease Guns, Funnel, Oil Filters, Assorted Sizes of Saws, Gas Cans, Lubricant Cans, Hammers, Chisels, Punches, Nail Puller, Wood Plane, Axes, Soldering Torch, Assorted Bearings, Chye, Grease Buckets, Hose, Hay Hooks, Bicycle Pump, Dearborn Stove for Parts

**TIRES:**  
12 Tires Including 7 X 7.5 X 15



**MUSICAL ITEMS:**  
Melodigrand Piano - Has 5 Octaves, Silverton Guitar, Ukelin with Bow, Stella Guitar in Case, Sheet Music, Sm Electric Cord Organ, Records of all Sizes

**SEWING ITEMS:**  
Singer Touch & Sew Machine, Brunswick Electric Sewing Machine, Free Treadle Sewing Machine, Patterns & Books, Sewing Notions, Wood Spools, Scissors

**COLLECTIONS:**  
Dolls Large Selection, Tea Cups & Saucers (8), Salt & Pepper Shakers Large Selection, Deco Plates Large Selection, Cook Books Large Selection, 60's & Up Car Tags, 2 Beyer Horses, Hub Caps Large Selection, Few Foreign Coins, 1908 Indian Head Penny

**LINENS:**  
Feed Sack Quilt Blocks, Blankets, Towels, Kitchen Linens, Sheets, Dish Towels, Quilt Tops, Quilts



**FURNITURE:**  
2 Matching Swivel Chairs, Divided Couch, 2 Occasional Chairs, Rocking Chairs, Brown Couch, Leather Couch, Coffee Tables, End Table, Magazine Racks, Parlor Tables, Oak Table & 4 Chairs, 8 Dark Wood Chairs, Kitchen Tables & Chairs, 8 Drawer Pine Writing Desk, Book Head Board with Double Box Spring & Mattresses, Large Desk, 3 Drawer Oak Dresser, Modern Dresser, 2 Piece Blonde Bedroom Set, Single Bed with Mattresses & Springs, Student Desk, Sewing Desk, 2 Blonde Bedroom Sets, Several Dressers, Brown Modern Couch, Octagon Table with 4 Chairs, China Hutch, Assorted Wood Chairs, Spindle Bed, Futon, Jewelry Armoire

**LARGER ANTIQUE PIECES:**  
Pie Cupboard Top, Antique Kitchen Cupboard-4 Doors 2 Drawers, 2 Maytag Wringing Washers, Wash Tubs & Stand, Kerosene Stove by New Perfection (has 3 Burners, Oven and a few spare parts), 30's Porcelain Table with Pull-out Leaves, Wash Basin Cabinet, Several Assorted Wood Boxes Large & Small, Fancy Wood Valances



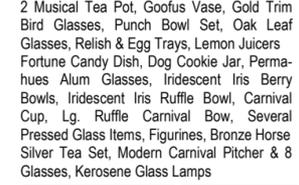
**APPLIANCES:**  
Cozy Heater - 50,000 BTU LP 26" X 30" X 19 1/2" Deep (Purchased in April 2006) Like New GE Washer 6 Cycle, Frigidaire Upright Freezer, Roger Gas Stove, Maytag Dryer, Magic Chef Refrigerator 14.8 Cu Ft., Magic Chef Stove, GE Washer, GE Dryer, RCA Console TV, Daewood TV, RCA Sm TV, Sansui Sm TV, Gibson Air Conditioner, Kenmore Portable Washer



**HOUSEHOLD ACCESSORIES:**  
Kirby Sweeper, Clocks Assorted Kinds, Wall Hangings, Mirrors, TV Trays, Plastic Storage Bins, 2 Room Size Rugs, Assorted Lamps, Sm Coat Rack, Microwave Cart, One Door Utility Cabinet, Cosco Card Table, Folding Chairs, Pool Table, Chalkboard, File Cabinets, Assorted Sizes & Kinds of Fans, Puzzles, Games

**DISHES & FIGURINES:**  
Carnival Chalk Animals & Fruit, McCoy Pieces, Royal Copley Items, McCoy Pear Cookie Jar, Gold Trim Butter Dish, 4 Tea Pots, 2 Musical Tea Pot, Goofus Vase, Gold Trim Bird Glasses, Punch Bowl Set, Oak Leaf Glasses, Relish & Egg Trays, Lemon Juicers Fortune Candy Dish, Dog Cookie Jar, Perma-hues Alum Glasses, Iridescent Iris Berry Bowls, Iridescent Iris Ruffle Bowl, Carnival Cup, Lg. Ruffle Carnival Bow, Several Pressed Glass Items, Figurines, Bronze Horse Silver Tea Set, Modern Carnival Pitcher & 8 Glasses, Kerosene Glass Lamps

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**AUCTIONEER NOTES:** This is a "Write Your Letter to Santa" kind of sale! The two older cars and pickup of the Ernest F. Sauer Estate are just as nice as nice can be! It is neither mowing nor the gardening season but they are going to come again. The mowers and garden equipment are ready for the spring season even though it is December! The balance of the sale is sure to please. Come share the holiday season in Norton and attend the sale!

# Oh! Christmas

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