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Killed in the line of duty

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A suspect in the March 8th murder of Harvey New Brunswick Highway Patrol officer Emmanuel Aucoin is now being held in Boston jail. Aucoin is the third New Brunswick law enforcement officer to be killed in the line of duty this year.

The body of Constable Aucoin was found in his patrol car parked on a remote stretch of highway near Fredericton. He had been shot in the head by a high-powered rifle. Anthony Romeo, 24, of Locust Valley,

Constable Aucoin did not believe in capital punishment.

N.Y. is being held in Boston jail as the suspect. He is also wanted for questioning in New York state in connection with a murder which took place there in 1985.

Aucoin was shot on Sunday morning and RCMP investigators have located a sawed-off rifle and two shell casings at the scene where Aucoin was shot while filling out

a speeding ticket for the accused Romeo.

Constable Aucoin, 31, was a graduate of the Atlantic Police Academy in Charlottetown and graduated in 1984. The circumstances which led to his death have raised a full review of NBHP procedures. Aucoin's wife made some poignant pleas during her husband's

memorial service. She stressed that capital punishment is not the answer, but rather she asked for two man patrols and an improved radio communication system for the highway patrol as the solution. She knows her husband would not want capital punishment for his killer. She said, "Manny did not believe in capital

punishment." She also added, "My husband believed in the Highway Patrol 100 percent and was proud to be part of it. We all loved him and we will miss him terribly."

Improved patrol procedures are now under review. Aucoin is the fifth N.B. Policeman to be killed in the last twelve years and methods to prevent

such horrifying incidents from occurring in the future must be implemented.

Justice Minister David Clark promised Tuesday a comprehensive review of operating procedures of the New Brunswick Highway Patrol in the wake of the fatal shooting of patrol officer Emmanuel Aucoin.

Ads promotes casual sex?

By MELYNDA JARRATT
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The Telecaster Committee of Canada, an umbrella group which screens commercials for 20 private broadcasters including CTV and Global networks, rejected Tuesday a request to air 3 of 4 federally sponsored television advertisements about AIDS. The 3 ads, which encourage the use of condoms in the prevention of AIDS, were apparently rejected because they condone casual sex. The fourth ad, the only one that was accepted, is family oriented, promotes monogamy, and never mentions the word condom.

Pat Beatty, a spokeswoman for the TCC explained the decision by saying "We don't know whether the public would accept it (the ads) or not... We want to make sure we offend as few people as

possible."

However, in a time when people worldwide are become aware of the fatal dangers of AIDS, public awareness campaigns via the media appear to be the only solution to the spiraling number of AIDS victims. Critics say that public sensitivities hold little relevance as these numbers continue to grow.

Nevertheless, the TCC insists that the wording of the current ads give the impression that it's OK to have casual sex with multiple partners as long as you use a condom. They base their decision on the fact that condoms are not 100 percent effective in preventing the transmission of the AIDS virus.

Two of the three ads say (more or less) "you've got to avoid it (sex with multiple partners) or use a condom for protection."

Meanwhile, Robert Burr, a spokesman for the Canadian

Public Health Association, which developed the ads under contract from the federal Health Ministry, said his group has no intention of revising the public service announcements.

"We're not condoning this activity or condemning it," said Burr. "We're just saying it's happening" and that people have the right to know how to protect themselves.

NEWSBRIEF

In a major policy document released Tuesday, the Vatican ruled test-tube fertilization and other methods of artificial conception are "immoral" and warned scientists that they should not attempt to usurp God's power over life and death.

Considered by many to be the most damning church pronouncement on "bioethics" in life's early stages, the document, called *Instruction on Respect for Human Life in its Origin and on the Dignity of Procreation*, condemns sperm and embryo banks, experiments in human cloning or in human-animal hybrids, and the implantation of human embryos in artificial or animal uteruses. It also says that surrogate motherhood, artificial insemination and selecting the sex of children are against human dignity.

Approved by the Pope, who was consulted at every stage of its formulation, the document is considered to be the most important policy decision since Pope Paul VI's 1968 encyclical *Humanae Vitae*, which banned contraception.

Vatican officials warned that Catholics who violate the new policy directives will be committing a sin.

The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Right Honourable Joe Clark, has welcomed as a positive development the statement of General Secretary Gorbachev indicating the willingness of the Soviet Union to conclude a separate agreement on intermediate range nuclear missiles in Europe.

Canada has actively supported the idea that an INF agreement should not depend on agreement being reached in strategic arms or on defensive systems. This support flows from Canada's belief that allowing achievable progress to be consolidated in concrete agreements is the most effective means of moving forward the arms control process and improving East-West relations.

Mr. Clark cautioned that an agreement was far from assured as important related issues such as shorter range intermediate nuclear weapons and verification need to be addressed. However, he urged both the USSR and the USA to negotiate in a constructive spirit.

An early INF agreement and a revival of the Summit process would assist the further improvement of East-West relations and provide an important impetus to other arms control negotiations.

A former adviser to the International Monetary Fund (IMF) will discuss monetary reform in a seminar at the University of New Brunswick in Fredericton today.

Subimal Mookerjee, now an economics professor at George Washington University, will speak on Aspects of International Monetary Reform. The seminar begins at 3:30 p.m. in Room 240, Tilley Hall, on the UNB campus. Admission is free and the public is invited to attend.

Dr. Mookerjee worked for the IMF for nearly 30 years. He is noted for his contributions to changes in the Bretton Woods agreement which, in 1944, created the IMF. As well, some of the impending reforms in the international monetary system will clearly bear his imprint.

A graduate of the University of Calcutta and Harvard University, he taught briefly at both institutions before joining the IMF. At Harvard, where he obtained his PhD, he studied under well-known economists such as Galbraith, Haberler, Schumpeter, and Leontief.

Dr. Mookerjee's published works are in the fields of currency stabilization, factor proportion, and sterling area.

The seminar is sponsored by the department of economics at UNB.



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Turkey's and Tributes's of the Week are chosen by Brunswickan News Staff in recognition of the *Marvelous* and the *Moronic* things people say or do.

This week's Turkey of the Week goes to "the culprits" who found within their little brains enough intelligence to deface several office doors and anything that pertained to the UNB Student Union. Acts such as these make us ask what the idiots will do next?

TRIBUTE OF THE WEEK

This week's Tribute of the Week goes to the wife of slain NBHP officer Constable Emmanuel Aucoin, who in a touching message read at a memorial mass for her husband, did not call for the death penalty for her husband's murderer. Instead, she asked for more constructive methods which would see changes in police procedure.