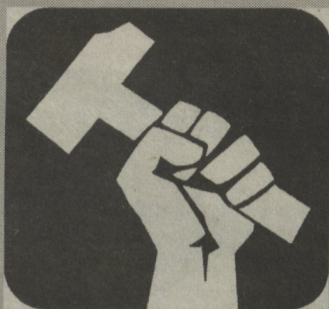


LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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“Alberta Boom Brings Danger”

.....I am just wanting to respond to the article that was written on October 30th, 2006 by the Canadian press,

“Alberta deals with increase in ‘Strange’ deaths”....My son was one of those strange deaths on Jan. 13, 2005 and the investigation is still ongoing.

They have a two-year, minus a day policy to carry out the investigation. Jonathan was 21 when he went out to Grande Prairie, Alberta to better himself. Like all young men he had big dreams. He was a hard worker and loved his work as a well tester. Jonathan was a type of young man that had the biggest heart you could ever imagine and made everyone around him laugh no matter what mood they were in. He was loved by so many and only being out there for a year and a half he made a mountain of friends, plus the friends he left behind in Jacquet River, NB..plus his family.

My son was one of those statistics that a parent never wants to go through and all because of lack of safety due to the inadequate safety

supervision by the company.

My son died while being left alone in an enclosed separator shack that sits over a well head for almost two hours. As we found out he was just another statistic like so many other young men and women today. Alberta is a booming province, they are coming here to the east to recruit our young people, how many come home like my son, in a wooden box.

A nice image isn't it? Yes it sounds tempting and the money is good and if you really want to go, please be careful and be sure your company follows the safety rules that were put in place to prevent these strange deaths from occurring. But as a parent I am just stressing to other parents to warn their children to be extremely careful or to go elsewhere for work. Money is not everything, family is and living life to the fullest is, enjoying life on earth while you can.

Jonathan now resides in heaven as our guardian angel and until this investigation is over, we are left in limbo not knowing what the outcome

will be. I just want justice for those who are responsible for his death that was a preventable industrial accident.

This of course is a parents worse nightmare, please think of your parents and family before you make a big decision to go out west or too any unsafe environment...money is not everything. Jonathan leaves behind his parents and a sister, plus many family members and friends whom miss him terribly. If I can change one person's mind, my job will be done. The purpose of this article was to let you know and to be more aware of the dangers around you and the dangers of working in the oilpatch.

May God Bless You All! If anyone wants to contact me, if you are going through this or have been and we can support one another please contact me at my email

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Thank you and be safe!

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Paying Tribute to our Many Veterans

While I appreciate and applaud the Cadre's cover with the poppy and the reference to Remembrance day I would like to clarify a few points with regard to Remembrance day and Canada's veterans. While in the past due to a lack of significant casualties in the

Canadian Forces our Remembrance day ceremonies have centered around the veterans from WW1, WW2 and the Korean conflict I feel the need to point out that there are more who deserve our recognition.

A veteran is any member of the military who has served or is currently serving the Canadian Forces. We currently have several students, friends and coworkers of mine, from UPEI who will be going to Afghanistan in Jan 07. We have had 42 casualties since 2002 in that same area of operations, and more are expected.

I encourage everyone, whether they support what we are trying to do in Afghanistan or not, to remember these men and women on Remembrance day as well, and to think of those who are overseas who may not come home.

I have a quote that seems fitting to end this:

Tell them of us
When you go home
For their tomorrow
We gave our today....

Please, show your respect and gratitude to all our veterans this Remembrance day, past and present.

Kira Penney

A Tribute to Milton Friedman

Just recently, Milton Friedman, one of the chief economists in the Reagan-Mulroney era, passed away. Not only was he the chief architect of libertarian economic theories, but his theories have led to development in third and first world countries alike.

Friedman believed that government should interfere as little as possible in the economy except for taking a hand in controlling the supply of money. His ideas were revolutionary at the time, since Keynes held sway, but they harked back to earlier thinkers such as Adam Smith.

Friedman was not only brilliant, but possessed a creative mind able to synthesize, some experience with the school of hard knocks as well as academia. Friedman had the ability to earn the grudging respect even of his opponents, and sometimes even their reluctant acquiescence in the end.

That's the mark of a formidable thinker, one whose theories had predictive value. It's also the mark of an honest and open-minded opponent.

Friedman's major achievement, the one for which he received the Nobel prize, was linking rising unemployment to rising inflation. He also suggested a remedy, one that's generally been followed: to have the Federal Reserve keep the money supply growing steadily.

Friedman's passing is a sad day in Canadian and American history as much of our economic development is due to his pragmatic theories. Rest in peace Milton Friedman, you will be missed.

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