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LOCAL

Man killed in ATV accident

North River—Police have identified Corey Scott Delaney of North River as the victim of a fatal ATV accident Saturday.

Delaney, 34, was taken to the Health Sciences Centre in St. John's with head injuries after the ATV he was driving crashed in Clarke's Beach. He died later that morning. The RCMP said he wasn't wearing a helmet.

NATIONAL



CANWEST NEWS SERVICE

That's a lot of lambs

Calgary—Angela Ludwig attempts to bottlefeed a one-day-old lamb at Butterfield Acres farm in northwest Calgary Sunday. Ludwig, who lives and works on the farm, says this lamb was one of six born to one ewe, which is unusual.

WORLD

Helicopter crashes in Afghanistan

Washington—A U.S. air force helicopter crashed in Afghanistan Sunday, killing all six people on board, the U.S. military said.

The HH-60G Pave Hawk helicopter was on a medical evacuation mission when it crashed at about 11:20 a.m. EST, about 30 kilometres north of Ghazni, Afghanistan, U.S. Central Command said in a statement.

The helicopter was not shot down, the statement said.

Military officials in Washington and Afghanistan said the medical emergency and the helicopter flight was not in connection with Operation Valiant Strike, a mission to root out remnants of al-Qaida and Taliban.

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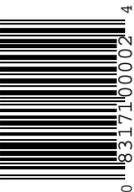
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DEFENCE

U.S. troops captured

Footage shows dead and detained GIs

BY ROBERT RUSSO
The Canadian Press—Washington

A single gruesome image of the corpses of four U.S. soldiers strewn in a makeshift Iraqi morgue was beamed into American living rooms Sunday, bringing home the human cost of the war in Iraq.

The jarring image — U.S. networks refused to show video of the scene — and word that five other captured soldiers were paraded before Iraqi cameras outraged American officials and underscored stiffening Iraqi resistance.

"The pictures were disgusting," said U.S. army Lt.-Gen. John Abizaid.

A stunned silence fell over the international press centre at U.S. Central Command in Qatar as journalists caught sight of the report on a television screen.

Abizaid refused to comment on reports that two of those killed had been executed with a single shot through the forehead.

Up to nine marines were killed and a further 12 taken prisoner in an ambush by Iraqi forces during a fierce fight near the city of Nasiriyah in southern Iraq, far from the coalition's front lines. British and American soldiers were still sprinting northwards and arrived within 160 kilometres of Baghdad, but the robustness of Iraqi defences surprised coalition forces.

Gone were the confident predictions of being in Baghdad by today or Tuesday. There was no more talk of mass surrenders of Iraqi soldiers. The foe was fighting with unexpected ferocity.

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A U.S. soldier from the 1st Marine Expeditionary Force stands guard at a burning oil well at the Rumeila Oil fields Sunday in Iraq. Several oil wells have been set ablaze by retreating Iraqi troops in the Rumeila area, the second largest offshore oilfield in the country, near the Kuwaiti border.

JUSTICE

Reid/Power inquiry to reconvene

Lawyer will call for separate RCMP review of events

BY DEANA STOKES SULLIVAN
The Telegram

St. John's lawyer Tom Williams believes once the judicial inquiry into the August 2000 shooting death of Norman Reid of Little Catalina is complete, the RCMP should conduct a separate, independent review of the events surrounding Reid's death.

Inquiries into the shooting deaths of Reid, and Darryl Power of Corner Brook, both of which occurred in 2000, were merged last fall to examine issues common to both cases. The joint inquiry resumes in St. John's today



Norman Reid



Darryl Power

with final arguments to be presented this week by lawyers for both the victim's families and police officers involved in the incidents.

Reid and Power both suffered from mental illnesses. They were fatally shot in separate confrontations with police officers outside their homes. Reid was shot by an RCMP officer, while Power was shot by a member of the Royal Newfoundland Constabulary.

In a 119-page brief to be presented to the inquiry Tuesday afternoon, Williams will recommend a new independent review, following the filing of Judge Donald Luther's final report.

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POLITICS

Budget won't hamper election call

BY BARB SWEET
The Telegram

The Liberal government doesn't have to pass this week's budget before calling an election.

In fact, such a tactic was used in 1993 when Clyde Wells was premier.

An amendment to the Financial Administration Act allows government to bring in interim supply for up to four months, meaning the new budget would not need to be passed to meet departmental expenditures well into the summer.

The scenario doesn't rule out a spring election.

"I think it's possible," said Opposition House Leader Ed Byrne.

"No question about it. The windows of opportunity are there for them. We're closing on April 14 for Easter break for two weeks to come back on the 28th. It's not inconceivable that during that two-week period they can begin to ramp up."

"They're all going to get a big shock when we drop a policy manual!"

Opposition House Leader
Ed Byrne

In 1993, the House of Assembly was open from March 4 to April 2. The House passed \$1 billion in interim supply on March 30. The election was called April 5 for May 3. The House sat again on May 20 and the budget, which was not passed in April, was reintroduced May 21.

The throne speech last week included something for just about every group in the province. If Thursday's budget — where the specifics will be unveiled — is loaded with goodies, the Tories may be put in the position of saying the province can't afford such spending.

"They believe that's what we're saying and most people in the public think we could be going in that direction. They're all going to get a big shock when we drop a policy manual," Byrne said.

He said the Tories have goodies of their own to offer.

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PEOPLE

Controversy stokes student leader's determination

BY WILL HILLIARD
The Telegram

Gilbert Salam wants another kick at the can.

Being cast into the media spotlight in recent weeks over a car-rental controversy has only hardened his resolve to hang on to his job as president of the Memorial University of Newfoundland Students Union (MUNSU), he told The Telegram.

A native of Ghana in northwest Africa, the 31-year-old says he's running again in this week's student council elections so he can clear his name over the dispute that almost got

him censured from office, and to fight to make the union's constitution more democratic.

Salam is serving a two-week suspension from council meetings over the fracas. He alleges he's the victim of a smear campaign designed by his council adversaries to tarnish his reputation leading up to the election Tuesday and Wednesday.

"I did nothing wrong," he said, adamantly.

"But I apologized (to council and the MUNSU accounting department), anyway, to end this controversy which had my name attached to it."

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Despite recent controversy surrounding his leadership, Gilbert Salam intends to run for re-election as president of the Memorial University of Newfoundland Students Union. The elections are scheduled for Tuesday and Wednesday.