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DEATH IN CELLS

Family satisfied with police response

By HEATHER POLISCHUK
Leader-Post

Following a Tuesday morning meeting with members of the Regina Police Service, Ross Schwager says he is satisfied police "did everything properly" when dealing with his older brother, who died in police cells earlier this month.

"I'm fairly confident — quite confident — that the police did everything properly and handled it actually quite well," Ross said on Monday following an hour-long meet with two senior members of the RPS.

Scott Norman Schwager, 47, of Regina was found not breathing in his cell on April 12, some time after being arrested in regards to a complaint about a man who appeared to be sleeping in a vacant lot on Wascana Street. After noticing Scott wasn't breathing, an officer tried to resuscitate him before calling EMS and the Regina Fire Department for help. Scott was pronounced dead by EMS soon after, making his death the first in RPS cells in 18 years.

Ross, who had seen his brother shortly before his arrest that day, was asked to speak with police on Monday to help with an investigation into Scott's death. During the meeting, Ross had some questions of his own, and said he was satisfied with the answers he received.

"There would have been some questions concerning his treatment in custody, but considering the circumstances, all appears to be satisfactory," he said.

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UKRAINE

Survivor describes famine horrors

By KERRY BENJOE
Leader-Post

Regina residents had the opportunity on Tuesday to remember Holodomor — the 1932-33 forced famine which claimed the lives of an estimated 10 million Ukrainian people.

A remembrance flame is travelling across the globe not only to mark the 75th anniversary of the tragedy, but to raise awareness about the it.

Holodomor is derived from two Ukrainian words: *Holod*, meaning hunger, and *moryty*, meaning to induce suffering or to kill.

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CITY OF REGINA

Gridlock



DON HEALY/Leader-Post

Traffic moves slowly on Arcola Avenue near the Ring Road overpass Tuesday at rush hour in southeast Regina. A section of Arcola Avenue will be completely closed for construction starting on Saturday.

Main artery from southeast Regina to close for repairs

By VERONICA RHODES
Leader-Post

Area residents are already anticipating the traffic headaches and hang-ups that will occur when a major roadway in and out of southeast Regina is closed for construction starting Saturday.

The repaving of Arcola Avenue from the Trans-Canada Highway Bypass to Prince of Wales Drive is expected to take up to four weeks, but will result in all lanes of traffic on the busy thoroughfare being closed for the start of the roadwork.

Wascana View resident Craig Lothian said that while he is in favour of upgrading infrastructure, he questions the city's choice to completely shut down a major roadway and have all of southeast

Regina use the alternative routes of Victoria Avenue or Assiniboine Avenue.

"Why would the City of Regina do this any different from any other highway project in North America? At least where I go, where you close one side of the road, you turn the other side into two-way traffic. When you're done that one side of the four lanes, you open it back up, make it two-way traffic and then go to the other side," said Lothian.

According to a City of Regina public service announcement, the closure is necessary "to ensure an even grade in paving across the entire area and to rectify drainage problems. It will also allow the project to be completed faster."

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CITY & PROVINCE



ROY ANTAL/Leader-Post

Ashley Richardson, operations manager at Future Shop, with a copy of *Grand Theft Auto IV*.

'Grand Theft Auto IV' flies off the shelves

A6 The highly anticipated *Grand Theft Auto IV* went on sale on Tuesday to intense demand at Regina electronics stores. Hundreds of customers lined up outside of the east Future shop location at midnight to grab an early copy of the game.

Merchant Navy vet remembers time at war

A3 Unlike most Reginans, Alex White can describe the sound of a sinking submarine. "That's the worst sound I've ever heard in my life ... It's like a screeching and a grinding, and you know that 80 people or so are going (to the bottom)," the Merchant Navy veteran said Tuesday.

Minimum wage to rise in Saskatchewan

A7 On Thursday the province's minimum wage increases from \$8.25 to \$8.60 an hour. The hike could mean customers will soon be paying more at businesses in the service industry, which traditionally employ lower wage workers.



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FROM A1



BRYAN SCHLOSSER/Leader-Post

Ukraine's International Remembrance Flame was brought to the Legislative Building by Stefan Horlatsch, a survivor of the Ukraine forced famine of the 1930s. The flame marks the 75th anniversary of the deaths of 10 million Ukrainians.

Survivor

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Stefan Horlatsch, a Holodomor survivor, has been travelling across Canada with the torch to raise awareness about the historical event. He is a retired educator who currently lives in Toronto.

Horlatsch addressed the crowd that gathered on the steps of the legislative building over lunch hour in Ukrainian. He said it was important to remember the tragedy to ensure something like it would never happen again. As he spoke he held the remembrance torch as the Canadian, Saskatchewan, and Ukrainian flags flew behind him.

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Horlatsch and his family were living in Zaporizhia in the eastern region of Ukraine near the Black Sea. His family's land, livestock and grain were seized by Soviet authorities. His father was sent to Siberia like most of the men during this time.

Amazingly his mother single-handedly saved all four of her children based solely on a premonition she had that something evil was about to happen.

"It was two or three years before Holodomor, she was baking bread and making bread crumbs out of it and hiding it in different places like the stable, in the house, many, many places," recalled Horlatsch. "From time to time she was digging it out and we were using two or three spoons of bread crumbs with hot water and that's what actually saved us."

He said because many men were taken from their families it had a dire effect on the women and children.

"My cousins they were living about three or four houses away from us. There were 11 of them in the family and all 11 of them died in 1933," said Horlatsch. "I remember once when I went to visit them there were three already dead and the rest of them weren't strong



BRYAN SCHLOSSER/Leader-Post

Stefan Horlatsch, a survivor of the Ukraine forced famine of the 1930s, prays.

enough to bury them. It was winter time, and the ground was frozen, it wasn't easy to dig the grave."

The memories are still very difficult for him to re-

call because it was a very dark time for the Ukrainian people.

"I can say many, many things but it's not easy. It's not easy to remember. It's not easy to say," said Horlatsch. "I hope one thing — that it will never happen anywhere in the world."

The Ukrainian Canadian Congress estimates that one-third of Holodomor victims were children. In that short period of time, one-quarter of the Ukrainian population died. The genocide policy introduced by then-Soviet leader Joseph Stalin included confiscation of all food both inside and outside the homes. Ukrainian people were forced to stay within their communities, therefore making it impossible to search for food.

Ed Lysyk, president of the Canadian Ukrainian Council's Saskatchewan branch, said having the flame in Regina provided an opportunity not only to educate people but to call on the government to make changes to recognize this part of Ukrainian history.

He said there is currently some information on Holodomor in the Grade 5 and Grade 11 social studies programs.

"It's not very specific. It just doesn't provide a lot of facts and we would like them to consult with us and perhaps improve the materials they have and the information that they have so that really does inform youths correctly," said Lysyk.

There are currently 33 countries around the world participating in the remembrance flame project. It is to culminate in Ukraine in November.

More information on Holodomor can be found online (www.ucc.ca).

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Gridlock

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The intersection of University Park Drive and Arcola is expected to be reopened for northbound/southbound traffic after it has been repaved, reads the announcement. After the section between the bypass and University Park Drive is repaved, Arcola is to be reopened to one lane of traffic in either direction but access will remain limited.

Calls to a representative from the city's public works division were not returned on Tuesday.

Coun. Michael Fougere, who represents Ward 4 where the construction area is located, explained the absolute closure of Arcola is needed to fix the intersection at University Park Drive, which is sinking and must be lifted. The work is to begin on Saturday and is expected to be completed in a few days — weather permitting — after which Fougere hopes some lanes will be opened on Arcola, lessening the impact on local residents.

"What I'm suggesting to the administration is that we do that work as fast as possible and then have restricted access for the rest of the

paving," he said, adding the administration understands it is difficult for a major arterial to be shut down for several days for not only local traffic, but emergency services.

Besides the shutting down of Arcola, Fougere said he was also concerned about the communication of the construction. He hopes an updated public service announcement with a clearer plan and timeline for the construction will be released in the next couple of days.

Lothian said he will make sure to leave for work around 6:30 a.m. every day to avoid the traffic and will go home after rush hour in the evening, but he worries that his children who drive to Campbell Collegiate for school every day will get stuck in the traffic tie-ups.

"For anybody who is heading to school or heading downtown because they don't have the luxury of leaving whenever they want, I think it is going to be almost impossible to get to work," said Lothian.

The city is asking motorists to slow down in construction zones to prevent accidents and injuries to themselves and others.

"It will cause inconvenience and we're hop-

ing the residents will understand this and be supportive for the inconvenience knowing they'll get a much better street at the end of it," Fougere said.

More information on summer road construction is available by calling 777-7000 or by visiting the City of Regina Web site (www.regina.ca).

— NOTICE —

In accordance with the bylaws for Regina Palliative Care Incorporated Notice is Hereby given for the 25th Annual Meeting of the Corporation.

The Meeting will be held:
Wednesday, June 4, 2008
11:15 — 1:45 p.m.
Queensbury Convention Centre
Ipsco Place
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Family

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On Monday, Ross said police discussed the autopsy results with him, including that injury and foul play were not found to be factors. Ross said the autopsy also showed "there was no heart attack, no aneurysm, nothing of the obvious, so it's a matter of waiting for the coroner's report, which could be upwards to two months."

The province's chief coroner previously said more testing will have to be completed, including toxicology, in order to help determine a cause of death. Ross said his brother had no major health concerns that the family knew of that might have led to his death.

"It was quite the shock," Ross said of his brother's sudden death. "At this point, the best we can do is just wait for the coroner's report. But the preliminary results are satisfactory in terms of the handling of it."

Once the results are known, the coroner will decide whether an inquest will be held. Inquests are almost always held when a person dies while in custody, including in police cells or within a correctional institution.

A RPS spokeswoman said police could offer little comment at this time, since the death is under investigation. As part of that investigation, Lara Guzik Rostad said investigators need to meet with all those who were involved with Scott or who had contact with him in the time leading up to his death.

Correction

A headline that appeared on Page A1 of Tuesday's *Leader-Post* was incorrect. The Day of Mourning vigil that was held at City Hall on Monday night was organized by the Regina and District Labour Council.

Lotteries

The winning number in Tuesday's Pick 3 draw was 591.

The Extra winning number in Tuesday's draw was 3058318.

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