

THE RISE OF THE ZOMBIE DEER DISEASE

by Ye Jin Chung

Chronic wasting disease (CWD), known to the public as the “zombie deer disease,” has recently spread to 24 states in the US and three provinces in Canada, Alberta being one of them. CWD is a transmissible disease that spreads among the deer family, including elk and moose. Similar to the “mad cow” disease, CWD is caused by a protein called prion that causes holes in the brain, ultimately affecting the nervous system and normal cerebral function. Symptoms of CWD include loss of balance, a gradual loss in weight, drooping head, and excessive salivation, urination, and thirst. The name “zombie deer disease” is based on the rotting smell of carcass given off by those infected with the disease. Eventually, population of deer infected by CWD dies due to paralysis.

The disease was been first discovered in Colorado in 1967 and started to spread in the 2000s. In 2018, the

Canadian Food and Inspection Agency (CFIA) stated that six cases of CWD were found in Canada, including four in Saskatchewan, one in Quebec, and one in Alberta. Currently, CWD is more prominently found in the midwestern US.

CWD is known to be transferable to non-human primates, including monkeys. Prions, unlike most bacteria and viruses, are noted to be indestructible in heat. Though human infection hasn’t been discovered yet, U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has written that “more epidemiologic and laboratory studies are needed to monitor the possibility of such transmissions.” CDC strongly recommends hunters to refrain from handling infected deer, elk, and moose.

Currently, no treatments nor vaccinations have been found to cure CWD.



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INVISIBLE ILLNESSES PT. 2: DISCRIMINATION

by Nicole Beaver

She wasn't sure what to do. Australian woman Justine Van Den Borne was faced with the message a passive-aggressive individual left on her windshield. It read, "did you forget your wheelchair?!?!?"

Justine has Multiple Sclerosis, an autoimmune disease of the central nervous system (brain, spinal cord). The disease attacks myelin, the protective covering of the nerves, causing inflammation that is often damaging the myelin. Myelin is necessary for the transmission of nerve impulses through nerve fibres. If damage to myelin is slight, nerve impulses travel with minor interruptions; however, if damage is substantial and scar tissue replaces the myelin, nerve impulses may be completely disrupted, and the nerve fibres themselves can be damaged. From the outside, it can appear as nothing is wrong. But with impairment in the form of extreme fatigue, impaired sensation, and vision problems, it is no wonder why she needed that spot.

Blue Badge Insurance is situated in Australia, and their 2017 online article titled "People with Invisible Disabilities Face Harassment" goes over this. Additionally, the article covers the prejudice, discrimination, or abuse individuals afflicted by invisible illnesses may suffer. They covered what happened to the aforementioned Van Den Borne but also cite that Tasmanian man Steven Maksimovic reported being harassed six times over a three-month period for using his Disability Parking Permit in and around Hobart. Some of these confrontations caused distress to Maksimovic's six-year-old son who witnessed the events. The website adds that these are "extreme cases," but they also state that "people with invisible disabilities often face more subtle forms of discrimination when parking [...] which might include being stared at, or hearing people make rude comments about them under

their breath."

Indeed, high-income countries have gotten used to the idea of a "disabled person" being one that is visibly paralyzed and in a wheelchair, unable to move anything past their waist or neck. We, as a society, often frown upon those who selfishly and, most times, illegally take a handicapped parking spot. We stand up to people who mock individuals who are "obviously" disabled. But invisible illnesses? To society, they appear mostly able-bodied and often are the victims of misplaced justice. Or worse, they're discredited completely.

So why do some of us feel the need to prove someone wrong at the expense of their day? Psychology Today's article, "Why Is It So Important to Be Right?" written by Dr. Mel Schwartz goes over the process behind this. As a marriage counselor, Dr. Schwartz has seen his fair share of arguments in which people have often wanted to be right. He points out that this need to be right is often seen in high income countries. Schwartz states that "[t]he ego may be shaped by other influences such as being honored, respected or altruistic. In first world cultures the drive to be right advances one in the competitive race. In the desire to get ahead this is utilized as a core value." He even suggests that this way of thinking is damaging our psyches, "[ruining] our relationships, [derailing] our mindfulness, and [eroding] our natural instinct to learn." No one wants to be humiliated or embarrassed. Most of us do have egos that crave the high we receive when proven to be righteous over another. When we succeed at something, according to The Medium's blog article "How to Trigger the Brain Chemicals That Make You Happy," our brains release dopamine, oxytocin, serotonin, and endorphins. The brain only releases "happy chemicals" in limited bursts

Indoor Track

The men and women's teams recently competed in the ACAC Indoor Track Championships hosted by SAIT. The men got fifth place overall. Leonard Chesoo won a silver medal for the men's 3000m race, gold medal for the men's 1000m, and then a



silver medal for the men's 1500m race. The men finished fourth overall, missing the podium by one point. For the women, Ana Zulic won a bronze medal in the 1000m, also the women's relay team (Mienna Starosielski, Rebekka Hay, Kennedy Hay, Ana Zulic) won a bronze medal in the 4 X 400m. The women won third overall as a team.



Needing a study break? Looking to find something to do with friends and family? Come on down to **Caroline's Carnival** where you can come play some carnival games and win prizes, enjoy some music, purchase some artwork, and of course watch a bunch of One Act Productions that are produced by our very own students here at Concordia. The Students have worked very hard on all of their individual pieces and would love to share the talent and hard work with you all. All of the performances are pay what you can, will be going on throughout the weekend of April 4 to 7. So please come on down, enjoy the festivities and come support your fellow students in their work and aspirations.

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CUE THUNDER SUMMARY 2018/19

by Rebekka Hay



Cross-Country

The men and women’s team had a fantastic season. Provincials were hosted by Lakeland College. The men finished fifth place as a team. On the women’s side they won the third-place finish as team which qualified them for CCAA Nationals in Toronto.

Soccer

Soccer provincials were hosted by SAIT. The women finished fourth place. The men’s team won second place for provincials, losing against NAIT in the final. Look for them next year as the Women’s team is hosting the CCAA Soccer Nationals!!

Volleyball

After an exciting season the women’s team finished seventh in the North. On the men’s side, they also finished seventh in the North.

Basketball

After clinching a playoff spot, the men’s team went on to win second place in the ACAC against SAIT. On the women’s side they had an exciting final home game against the King’s University. The women fin-

ished fifth overall for the North.

Badminton

The men and women of the CUE badminton team had an outstanding season. Kassidy Turcotte won third place in provincials for women’s singles. Braxton and Raphael Wong won third for men’s doubles. Takeisha and Desmond Wang won first for provincials. Braxton Wong won third place for men’s singles. And Kaylee Morris and Kassidy Turcotte won third at provincials.

CCAA Badminton Nationals Hosted by Dalhousie. Takeisha and Desmond Wang became CCAA Nationals Champions for mixed doubles.

Curling

The 2019 ACAC Curling Championship was hosted by Olds. CUE men’s curling won gold at provincials against NAIT. They won the New Brunswick CCAA Nationals. The women finished fifth overall.

Golf

For the 2018 ACAC Championship the mixed team finished third overall (includes female and male players). Kennedy Turcotte won second as an individual. On the women’s side, the team finished with bronze. The men had a silver win at the tournament.

Hockey

Your CUE men’s hockey team clinched a playoff spot and faced off against Red Deer College for a best of three series. They were unable to pull of a win and didn’t move on in the playoffs.

for specific aims. It cannot function properly when it releases them all the time! This is why, when we do something right, we receive instant gratification. Of course, we can become “junkies” reliant on this sensation and seek the activities that deliver it. Some of us become addicted to video games, sugar, sex, or something else that triggers the “happy chemicals.” Some of us are compelled to enact justice if we think someone is taking advantage of a designated parking spot or using a wheelchair when they’re not supposed to, which is why some may feel inclined to step in and correct a perceived wrong.

Are we truly driven by our nature? Not entirely. Though people can be resistant to being proved wrong, learning from mistakes is a key priority in how we learn about and operate the world. Once

we recognize that invisible illnesses exist and familiarize ourselves with some of the diseases/disabilities, it’s better to give people the benefit of the doubt, even if we think they’re taking advantage of a situation. Now, if you absolutely know someone is using a handicapped parking spot or taking advantage of something that’s designed for the disabled, you should intervene. However, that’s not always the case. It’s really no one’s business to ask “what’s wrong with you?” or “what disease/disability do you have?” It’s actually quite rude to make it your business.

At best, leave it be. At worst, I don’t blame you for intervening. I’d sooner do the same! But keep in mind that not all illnesses or disabilities are visible. Sometimes, leaving someone alone is the best way to make their day a little better.





The Local Routes, as the name suggests, are bus routes that service local areas. These routes are mainly intended for connecting residents of certain districts with the nearest transit centres and areas of frequent activity. In some cases, you may have to walk a bit farther to get to the nearest bus stop. These routes will operate throughout the week whenever there is sufficient demand.

The Community Routes, like the Local Routes, focus on the local areas. However, the Community Routes only operate at certain times during the day, similar to how Bus 399 currently runs. These routes, using the smaller buses, will travel to regional destinations such as shopping centres and retirement homes.

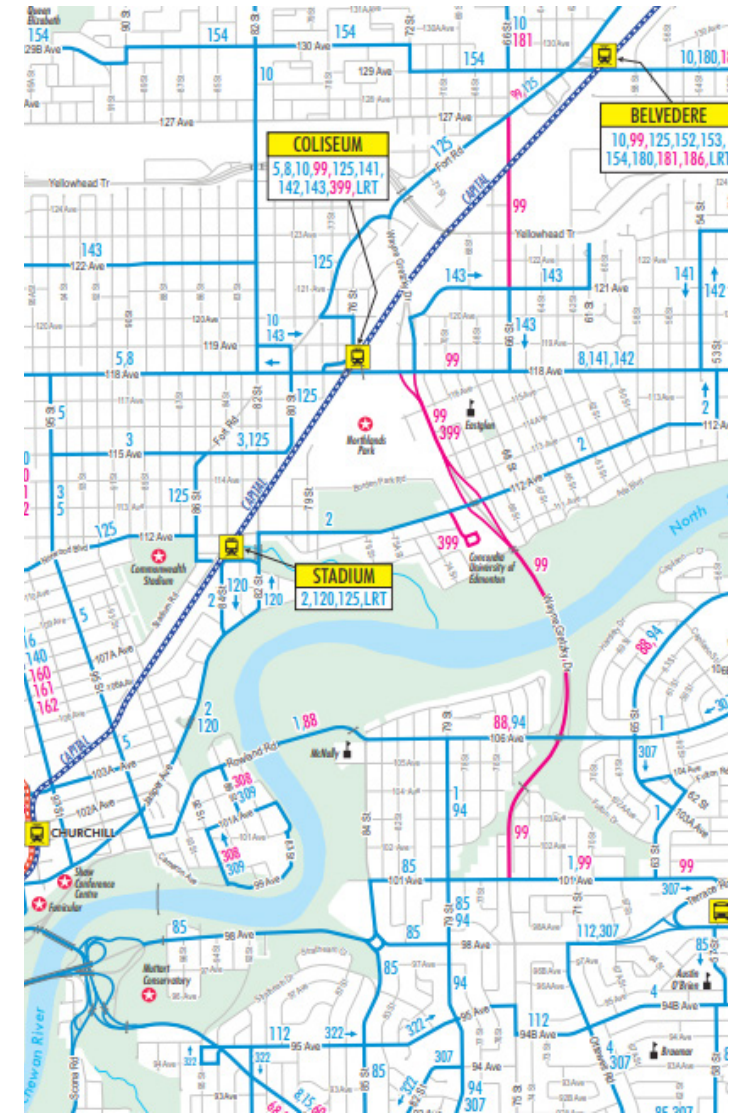
Then, of course, there's the LRT system. Currently the fastest way to get across the city, the LRT is undergoing expansion as well. The Southeast Valley Line, currently under construction, will connect the Mill Woods and Bonnie Doon neighborhoods to the downtown area when complete. Current estimates place the completion date of this route near the end of 2020. The Western extension of the Valley Line, when fully approved for funding, will connect to the Lewis Estates neighborhood and West Edmonton Mall as well.

In addition to this, several pre-existing route expansions are also in the concept and design phases. Keep in mind, however, that these plans are for the long-term future and are liable to change at any time. The Capital Line will gain a northern stop to the Gorman neighborhood, as well as a southern extension down to Heritage Valley and Ellerslie Road. The Metro Line will eventually extend much further northwest, passing through Castle Downs Road to Campbell Road and even potentially into the city of St. Albert, though that possibility is currently uncertain. First though, some pre-existing issues regarding the Metro Line will have to be addressed, specifically those related to the timing between train arrivals.

Though in very early concept phase, there are also plans for two new lines, the Festival and Energy

Lines, which will connect to Sherwood Park. Amidst the development of hyperspeed travel, there's even been talk about building a hyperloop that allows one to travel between Calgary and Edmonton in just 30 minutes. The technology hasn't been perfected yet though, so you'll have to wait a few decades, assuming the project even gets approved.

For better or for worse, 2020 will see the beginning of a new system of public transportation. Think of this article as your 1-year warning: you may have to alter your travel route or even find a completely new route. If you don't want to be caught off-guard, then I'd recommend you look into the redesign so you know what to expect once the changes start to roll out.



THE FUTURE OF EDMONTON TRANSIT

by Tyler DeWacht

Do you take the bus to get to Concordia? Do you use public transportation more than you use your own personal vehicle? Is the LRT your preferred way of getting to the other side of the city? If you answered yes to any of these questions, then you may want to pay attention to this article, because there will be a lot of changes to the Edmonton Transit System in these next few years.

The Bus Network Redesign is part of the newest Transit Strategy devised by the city planners.

To summarize briefly, it contains five core commitments:

1. Integrate transit with community planning and design
2. Establish a balanced approach to operating funding and fare policy
3. Develop a market responsive approach to transit network design
4. Improve the customer experience
5. Develop transit organizational capacity

In order to better meet these points, they decided to overhaul the current system and replace it with what will hopefully be a more efficient system. To check all the route changes and cancellations, draft maps are available on the City of Edmonton website in the Projects & Plans section through the Transit subsection.

In total, there are six types of drafted routes, 2 of which are completely original in concept. The Frequent Bus Routes, for instance, run along areas in frequent use. Running 7 hours a week including at night, these routes cover the most travelled areas of the city, including the downtown area and Whyte

Avenue. They'll operate every 15 minutes except on Sundays and late nights, which will instead run every 20 minutes. If you frequent busy areas, these will be the routes for you.

The Rapid Routes aim to provide a quick transportation option to distant neighbourhoods. Providing a fast and nonstop service, these routes will provide a direct connection to either the downtown area or the closest LRT station. If you live in the outskirts of the city and you've been hoping to get a faster route to the center of all the Edmonton action, then these routes may provide the solution to your problem.

A lot of routes intersect with the downtown area, which tends to cause a lot of clutter. In order to remedy this issue, Crosstown Routes have been introduced, which bypass the city centre entirely. If you want to avoid the hassle of transferring in the bustling downtown area, or if you live in a semi-rural area and want a more convenient route to outer area destinations like West Edmonton Mall, these will be the routes you'll want to take.



SHOW TIME!

Here is what is playing in theaters this week:

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The Hummingbird Project

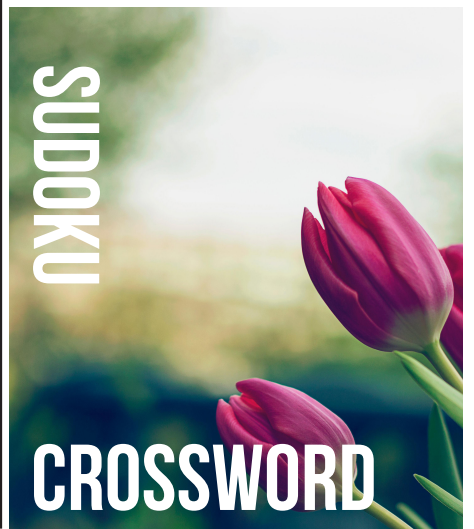
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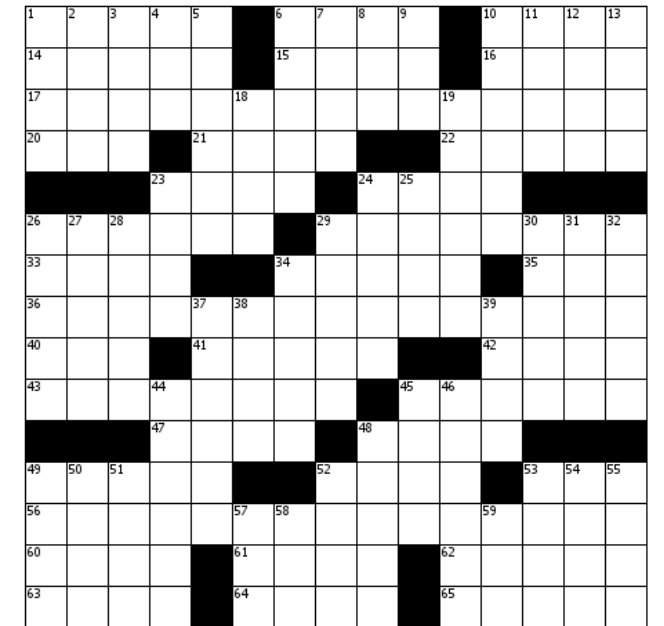
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1. Obviously hot on the range
6. Olympian Louganis
10. Bad thing to fly into
14. Ma makes a living with it
15. Surrounding presence
16. Largest of a certain seven
17. Therapist's greeting in "The King and I"?
20. Cenozoic, for one
21. Muscular fitness
22. First word of a three-word command
23. Exterminator's quarry
24. St. Paul's architect
26. Shady recesses
29. Cone-shaped paper hat
33. Song of praise (Var.)
34. Implies
35. Late July baby
36. Therapist's diagnosis of a nocturnal neurosis?
40. "Andy Capp" cartoonist Smythe
41. Ninth hour after sunrise, ecclesiastically
42. Pennsylvania port
43. Bridge supports
45. Double-play inducer
47. Bottom-of-the-barrel sediment
48. Litter critter
49. Roman courtyards
52. Defunct Russian parliament
53. Cash on hand?
56. Where a therapist's poor advice may take you?
60. Frost
61. Beijing baby nurse
62. Parsley relative
63. Unwelcome word at a china shop?
64. They may be caught in the summer
65. San'a is its capital



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| 2. Kind of belly | 24. Habits | 46. Kinda, sorta . . . |
| 3. Earthenware pot | 25. Portnoy's creator | 48. Babe and Baby |
| 4. Type of wind | 26. Separate | 49. Cornrows alternative |
| 5. Thief in a riot | 27. Give someone the business | 50. Small jazz group, e.g. |
| 6. Thin | 28. Mississippi sight | 51. Effortless win |
| 7. Letter for Gandalf | 29. Parade winds | 52. June 6, 1944 |
| 8. Unit of energy | 30. Mr. Kent | 53. Edge |
| 9. Sal of song | 31. Highrise in nature | 54. Latin 101 verb |
| 10. Tower of London birds | 32. Hearth tool | 55. Adolescent |
| 11. Not in port | 34. Fine-tunes | 57. Setting for many jokes |
| 12. Encircle with a band | 37. Int'l org. of inspectors | 58. Medical grp. |
| 13. Word with chair or street | 38. Elizabeth formerly of the Red Cross | 59. Clue that started this all |
| 18. Chinese idol or stick | 39. Work for a body shop | |
| 19. Part of an ultimatum | 44. Attacks a la "Ghostbusters" | |

A NEW DIRECTION FOR ALBERTA?

by Donavan Makus

You may be tired of hearing about elections after our recent CSA and Club elections, and while I'm certainly glad they're over, a far larger election is looming on the horizon with broader implications than the ones brought on by a handful of students who are in office for only a year. Last issue, we covered the United Conservative Party (UCP) and how to get involved in provincial politics; this week, we'll examine the only other party polling in government territory--the New Democrat Party (NDP). The NDP in Alberta has a unique history and party status that helps explain their current status as incumbents.

No matter what you think of about the conservative movement, Alberta has a history of conservative politicians. We're the home of the now-defunct Reform party movement that orchestrated a takeover of the Federal Conservatives and have reliably voted for federal Conservatives many times. This begs the somewhat-obvious question of how we ended up with an NDP provincial government. The answer is complex: it is a combination of voter disgust and political miscalculations from the Progressive Conservative (PCs) and Wildrose parties. The PC leadership felt that Alberta would never elect a non-conservative government, and having hollowed out the Wildrose after Danielle Smith's floor-crossing, they felt confident calling an early election. This overconfidence even extended to their party financing; the PCs were so prematurely confident in their victory that they borrowed 2 million dollars to pay for their final campaign, money they had difficulty paying back after failing to form government. It's exactly this kind of overconfidence that lead to voters wanting an alternative, a feeling expressed in polling, and with the Liberal brand still toxic from the era of Trudeau senior, they turned to Rachel Notley's NDP. The Alberta NDP had always been one of the small parties, at least in recent memory, confined to bastions in central Edmonton and Calgary. It is a party with a long

history and the only provincial party in Alberta directly connected to its equivalent Federal party. Through this, they can claim connections to the famous NDP governments of the past, such as Tommy Douglas's government and its introduction of public healthcare in the Canadian environment. This was a party of great potential, but one that was polling behind the PCs and Wildrose, until the unthinkable happened: Alberta elected a left-wing government.

While the NDP may have a long history, a fresh NDP caucus emerged, one built on a wave of popular enthusiasm that lead to some "accidental MLAs." For example, the MLA in my division, Estefania Cortes-Vargas, was a university student at the time of her election. She had to miss some campaign events to write finals, and her campaign spent a miniscule fraction of the money the PC MLA spent. While the composition of the caucus may have been new, the NDP wasted no time in beginning to legislate with their new majority government, quickly passing numerous bills.

This legislation has enabled the NDP to make great progress in fulfilling campaign promises, but it also raises one major disadvantage the NDP faces going into this election. The UCP has made it clear they don't feel the need to defend past PC government moves, while the NDP must defend their record from UCP attacks. This leaves the NDP in the unenviable place of defending their record during a time spent governing a resource-dependent province in an era of poor-resource revenues. Oil money kept the PCs afloat for decades, but much like the provincial coffers, the waterline has dropped for the NDP. Add a carbon tax and you have a difficult record to explain to many Albertan voters.

While saddled with a legislative record to defend, the NDP have fared remarkably well on the scandal side of

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WEST IMITATES EAST: STUDENTS UNDER THE UCP

by Reid Offers

Provincial elections are right around the corner, folks! Unfortunately, the polls show that the UCP is going to be taking over in May. This spells bad news for us, Concordia. Looking yonder east to Ontario's conservative government gives us a good picture of some things to come with a Kenney-led government. On top of what was already discussed in my last article about the effects of cutting mandatory student union fees, there are a couple of other things happening in Ontario which should worry us all as a student body.

In years past, under a liberal government, Ontario offered tuition-free income to under-privileged students, which is now being cut. Although Alberta has double the median income per household of Ontario, we have no such programs for lower-income students and grants are the only option available to them.

Grants provided to lower-income students whose parents don't pay for their school is crucial to their success and survival. According to the Alberta Students' Executive Council, or ASEC, "low and middle-income grants will be replaced by additional loans." In other words, the party that preaches fiscal conservatism is willing to drown the most educated generation ever in untold amounts of student debt--hypocrisy at its finest.

Never mind the hypocrisy--we are already the most stressed generation to date. How many more issues will arise from the financial stress we are experiencing and will continue to experience in the future? A student in Ontario who used to have tuition-free university is already \$18,000 in debt from her first year alone. Many students are required to have at least 2 jobs just to make ends meet. Couple this with stagnant wages and a party ideology that likes to pander

to the top 1%, and you have an economic storm a-brewin'.

Another thing to look out for is the six-month grace period, which many students are given until they have to start paying back their loans post-graduation. Although this may seem like a long time, it can be very challenging for college graduates who are coming out of university with over \$20,000 in debt and are unable to find full-time employment. Ontario does not intend to stop the grace period; they are instead going to allow interest to accrue, making the loans even more expensive.

Fear not, Concordia students whose futures will be affected by this, for there are things to be done: get out and vote! I cannot tell you where to vote, but I hope I have been able to paint a picture of things to come as we enter a new decade. Yes, the economic status quo remains up in the air because of the oil industry, but this is not the fault of any government. Pipelines are not built in days, and stubborn British Columbian premiers are not voted off the island that quick either. Be patient, my fellow Albertans--if I can wait four years for Trump to get out of office, you guys can be strong enough to endure some economic hardship going forward. We just have to stick together and remember these things.



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house. There were some early missteps; rookie MLAs like Deborah Drever have made inappropriate remarks and participated in some questionable activities in the past, but they haven't experienced the fallout of a Derek Fildebrandt-style scandal that continues to simmer. Nor have they spent the better part of a year engaging in contested nominations, with court challenges, parachute candidates, and intra-party sniping. This provides some hope for a victory.

Going into this election isn't easy for the NDP; the polling numbers have them running a distant second, but they still have hope. While more Albertans hold a negative view of Rachel Notley than Jason Kenney, the UCP has a significant amount of nomination baggage and associated issues, as well as a broad array of candidates who may not see eye to eye on some of the more

contentious social issues. Given that the UCP platform has promised free votes on non-budget, confidence, or platform issues--and completely omitted social issues from their platform--UCP MLAs would, theoretically, be able to vote how they want on social legislation. However, this is a scenario the NDP has succeeded upon in the past, going from third in polling to winning a majority government in 2015. With the election now in full swing, we won't need to wait long to see the outcome.

A supposedly Chinese proverb summarizes our current situation well: "May you live in interesting times." No matter the outcome, this is a truly historic election. Will Albertans continue their history of electing dynasties with an NDP government, or will we buck the trend and see a new form of the old conservative movement? It's up to you, your friends, and your neighbours to decide.

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Key Party Goals

This basic breakdown is designed to help you stay informed about your options as a voter in Alberta. Keep your eyes open for more details as they emerge between now and April 16 to stay up-to-date on the best choice for you.



EDUCATION

Albertans should be able to train for employment opportunities presented by a new, greener economy without going into burdensome debt.

AGRICULTURE

Encourage the production of organic food by Alberta farmers and ranchers and supports measures that encourage Albertans to buy from local food producers.

ENERGY

Transition from dependence on fossil fuel exploitation to reliance on the full range of renewable energy sources available in the province, including wind, solar power and geo-thermal.

INFRASTRUCTURE

Apply sustainability principles to proposals for new infrastructure. Greater decentralization may mean less need for transmission lines and cost savings.



EDUCATION

Invest \$12M in an expansion for the Telus World of Science Edmonton.

HEALTHCARE

Make new investments in existing Alberta healthcare facilities and open new ones such as a permanent dialysis clinic at High Prairie Health Complex and a youth mental health facility in Edmonton.

ENERGY

Provide a \$3.3M grant from the Climate Leadership Plan for a solar farm at the Chipewyan First Nation and \$10M for agricultural societies to upgrade facilities — including hockey rinks, curling rinks and community halls — to be more energy efficient.

INFRASTRUCTURE

Continue improving Alberta's roadways, invest \$1.7B in Calgary's Green Line project and \$6M in an affordable housing project in Fort Saskatchewan.



FREE ENTERPRISE

Protect free enterprise but prevent exploitation of consumers.

EDUCATION

Ban seclusion rooms in Alberta classrooms, phase in a cap on class sizes, and increase funding for teachers' aides.

INFRASTRUCTURE

Double the funding for new affordable housing over the next five years and commit an additional \$50 million toward repairing and upgrading existing facilities.

FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY

Manage the affairs of the province in a prudent and responsible manner as not to threaten essential government programs.

ENVIRONMENT

Look beyond a traditional view of economics to reflect the cultural and spiritual importance of the environment in our lives.

Key Party Goals

If you'd like to read more about the various campaign promises listed here and more, you can keep track online by following us on Twitter (@TheBoltNews) and watching for updates on our website, TheBoltNews.com.



SOCIAL PROGRAMS

Pass prudent, balanced budgets, address imbalanced federal transfer payments, and deliver best-in-class healthcare and education, including early education, while ensuring public safety and supporting Alberta's immigration system.

PROSPERITY

Work with entrepreneurs, major industries, and First Nations to diversify and grow Alberta's economy and increase Alberta's tourism industry.

SUSTAINABILITY

Protect land and water while working with municipalities on infrastructure and recycling.

HEALTHCARE

Make vaccinations mandatory for school children.

INDIGENOUS RIGHTS

Work with Aboriginal partners, addressing the issues identified by the Truth and Reconciliation Commission.



EDUCATION

Give post-secondary students the choice to be members of a students' association and do not perform a curriculum rewrite.

HEALTHCARE

Work to reduce bureaucratic bloat in Alberta's health-care system, explore private delivery options and scrap plans for a medical superlab in Edmonton.

FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY

Seriously consider reducing the minimum wage for youth and alcohol servers, try to cancel Alberta's \$3.7-billion deal to ship more oil by rail, cut Alberta's corporate income tax rate from 12% to 8% by 2022, and create a ministry to identify regulations that hold back investment and job creation.

CRIME

Introduce a bill to allow police to warn partners of someone's violent or abusive past.



AUTONOMY FOR ALBERTA

Ensure Alberta is strong and free by taking control of all rights constitutionally granted to the province while ending unfair transfer payments, and hold a referendum to renegotiate our constitutional relationship with the federal government.

FREE ALBERTANS

Create a provincial constitution which makes the freedom the highest priority, which includes not passing any law protecting consenting adults from themselves, and guarantee equality with no special privileges. Also, abolish unnecessary controls on economic activity while guaranteeing property rights, and freedoms of conscience, lawful assembly, religion, and free speech.

RESPONSIBILITY

Limit the government's powers by allowing for referendums, MLA recall, free votes, and free and accessible access to government records and collect only required revenue and spend only what is needed.