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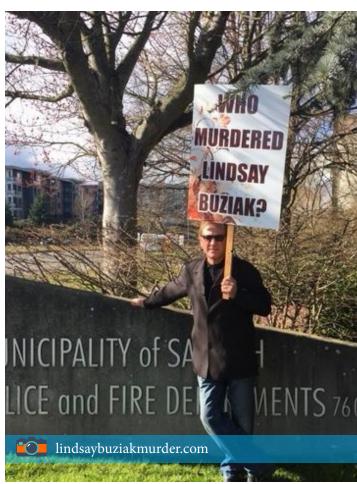
by Nicole Beaver

What happens when those who are supposed to Since then, the investigation has come to a standprotect us fail us? In recent times,

their disregard of human life. At the forefront of this have been the "Black Lives Matter" movement, police brutality, and racism. However, these issues are not the focus of this article. I was recently given the privilege of speaking with Mr. Jeff Buziak, the father of Lindsay Buziak--a real estate agent in Saanich, British Columbia who, in 2008, was murdered in a home she was showing. As of February 2, 2019, her murder has remained unsolved for 11 years. Her father now works in Calgary and, when contacted, agreed to speak with me about the struggles he has faced in dealing with the police. While the media has extensively covered this case over the years, most of it has looked at it from the perspective of the police or on an impersonal level. I chose, however, to speak to Mr. Buziak as the father of a daughter who was murdered and learn his side. Because of that, this article is personal. His message, as well as the correlating evidence seen in other articles documenting the case, needs to be heard.

For context, Lindsay was described as a wonderful, vivacious, and spectacular person. According to her father, she lived a low-risk lifestyle and had a good upbringing in spite of her parents' divorce. She was close to both her mother and father. She was focused, career-driven. Like most of us, she worked hard. On February 2, Lindsay went alone to meet clients who wanted to buy a house for \$1 million. Though she was nervous, her boyfriend encouraged her to take the job and assured her that he would be outside in his car in case anything went wrong. She entered the house around 5:30 p.m. To summarize a very painful, very horrific crime, Lindsay was found at about 6:10 PM brutally stabbed and mutilated.

still. The last time the police issued a statement police officers have come under fire by media for was a year ago, on the tenth anniversary of her death: "Although not actively participating, the Saanich police are aware of the many falsehoods, accusations, and erroneous information posted on the internet." This statement is addressing internet forums which have banded together to try and help gather information. The first line, however, "not actively participating," seems a little haunting. There has been a lack of effort made to pursue other avenues of Forensic Science, such as specialists in working on cold cases. This case has yet to be labelled an unsolved homicide/cold case.



election night, as ballots cast outside the riding will need to be couriered to Edmonton for counting, meaning some close-ridings, and potentially making it so that the results may not be determined on election night itself. To make voting even easier, you don't even need photo ID to vote on election day--just show up at your assigned polling place and tell them who you are and that you'd like to vote. Quick disclaimer--you need to be on the list of electors in order to vote without ID. Some forms of advance or mobile polls will require ID, so make sure you have it available if you vote early or outside your assigned poll. Regardless of how you choose to vote, make sure you actually take the time out of your day to make your voice heard.

Voting is our civic right and duty, but it isn't the only way you can get involved. Any political party is happy to see fresh, young faces, even it's only because they expect you to be able to handle their mobile-devicebased software and door-knocking routes with ease. Opportunities exist in numerous different ways to suit any skill set. For instance, if you're interested in working on your ability to handle rejection, I would suggest phone banking. Nothing is quite as effective in helping you build a thick skin as having someone loudly hang

up on you. If you prefer meeting people face-to-face, I would suggest door-knocking. People are also typically nicer than when you call them in the middle of dinner. While rejection is part of politics, the moments you meet supporters who are genuinely interested in progress and know the issues more than make up for the bad experiences. If you'd prefer behind-the-scenes work, political campaigns always need people to enter data, staff offices, and put up the lawn signs that will soon blossom in force as soon as the election is called. These are great ways to help out, but make sure you know how to handle a drill before you volunteer to assemble signs. I can genuinely say volunteering with a political campaign is a great way to make friends and be an advocate for the change you want to see in our province and preserving the great progress we've made. When you work on a campaign, you are making history happen.

So when you start to receive the admittedly annoying phone voter ID calls, see the lawn signs sprout out like early blossoms, and see roving bands of volunteers with clipboards in your neighborhood, reach out and get involved, make a difference, and make history, one election at a time.



VOTE AND HELP OUT THIS PROVINCIAL ELECTION

by Donavan Makus

Starting on February 1, we entered a new period in Albertan political history: the writ period. What this means requires a jaunt through the less-than-clear Alberta Elections Act, but as far as we're concerned, it means Premier Notley could wake up any day and call an election, due 28 days after she makes that decision. While all the signs right now point to a later election, with a writ drop after a major government speech on March 18th, as of late February we find ourselves in an uneasy pseudo-election, where parties campaign more actively by the day but the election itself is nowhere near.

In this article, we'll look at one of the only parties that has a chance of forming government (sorry to anyone who is a member of the Freedom Conservative Party or the Alberta Party). As it stands, the choice is between the United Conservative Party (UCP) on one side and New Democrats (NDP) on the other side. Next election cycle may bring a broader race, which would be a good thing for a province traditionally fond of a single-party rule with one weak opposition party, but the polling this time around (as unreliable as we know it can be in Alberta) is clear. This article will look at the history of the UCP, our current election situation, and how you can get involved in any political party that suits you, even if their chances of winning are low. Next issue, we'll look at the other major party: the NDP.

While there were articles on the history of the UCP focusing on the now long-forgotten leadership race last year, it's worth a quick recap. Formed during in July 2017, from the Progressive Conservative and Wildrose parties, the UCP went through a fast and contentious leadership race, won by Jason Kenney, and now has a nearly full slate of candidates, 82 at the most recent count (the real-time number for all parties is available on influential Albertan political pundit Dave Cournoyer's blog, daveberta.ca). As the only large Conservative

party, the UCP represents every mainstream Conservative idea and some less mainstream ones, as Reid covered in a previous article. This will be the party's first election campaign, unlike the NDP, which has placed them at a disadvantage by reducing their institutional memory, a key advantage for the NDP. The road for the UCP has been rocky with allegations of rigged nominations, leadership races, spending violations, and other bad news cycles, and this will make for an interesting election campaign.

No matter which way you vote, this election will represent one where we have fewer excuses than ever in failing to vote. Elections Alberta has gone out of its way to make voting easy and accessible, with a new slogan of "Vote Anywhere." True to the slogan, you truly can vote anywhere by walking into one of the numerous advance polls, mobile polls, or better yet, mobile advance polls--all three, confusingly, being separate entities. Practically speaking, "vote anywhere" means that you can vote in Edmonton even if you don't live here, and some universities will even have their own polling stations, allowing students to vote in between classes. Major malls, airports, and more traditional sites like schools will also have these sites, making voting truly easy. While this makes voting easy, it may complicate



The National Post stated in a 2017 article that the "Saanich Police refuse to classify it as a cold case" since they are still presumably "actively investigating." And when you do the math, this strange lack of response to the public is damning. Police don't want the public to get involved. There is proof of this regarding their lack of interest within community forums dedicated to trying to help solve the case. The concerned citizens are being brushed off as "misinformed" according to Times Colonist (a daily newspaper in Victoria, BC) and yet they themselves will not take the chance to look into any information that arises. For example, the statement made regarding internet forums? It may have also been about something else. There was a comment posted on Mr. Buziak's website dedicated to the memory and investigation of his daughter's murder in 2017 which claimed that they were the "killer." Mr. Buziak reported that he screenshotted it, printed it out and sent it to the Saanich Police. Mr. Buziak, according to the National Post's article in 2017, "[Did not hear] back from anyone at Saanich police," and the last time police made a public statement was seven years prior! Of course, this changed when they issued the statement in 2018-a brief one at that.

There is a 40% chance, according to Vox, that you may get away with murder in the US. In fact, according to Statistics Canada, there was an increase of 2% in the homicide rate in 2008. Virtually all of the increase came from British Columbia and Alberta. The same happened again in 2017, with British Columbia experiencing a 31% rise in homicides. On BBC news, an article was published in 2018 about how the sister of murder victim Chris Farmer managed to catch her killer after the police did little to solve the case. It took 37 years to reach that point. Lindsay has been deceased for eleven years, and hers is not the only case on which the police have gone deathly quiet. Cheryl Voordenhout of Edmonton was also found murdered in 2017, and yet, little has been done since the start of the investigation. Like Lindsay, little has been released to the public similar to what has happened to Lindsay Buziak.

although it has been over a year since her body was found. Women are being killed in Canada, and the police seem reluctant to do much revolving around their cases. Mr. Buziak suggests that the police have a culture of irritation regarding how the public tries to get involved with a case. In some cases, yes, it is a fair and understandable response. But when it comes to the families of victims, the police's resistance to any involvement, even when a case has a lack of results, is appalling. Mr. Buziak has said in recent interviews, including mine, that there is supposed to be a review of the case--the third one since her death--this month by the RCMP Office of Investigational Standards and Practices. Saanich police also participated in strategic advisory groups with other homicide officers from across the province, including members of the Integrated Homicide Investigation Team from the Lower Mainland. What the article fails to mention is that a review is meant to ensure that paperwork is in order. This will take the time, money, and resources that should be going to Lindsay's case!

The fact of the matter is that there is a lack of credibility regarding what is being done. There has been little to nothing in the past year stating what strides the police are taking in order to investigate further, despite protests and Mr. Buziak's own inquiries. This misplacement of funds and reluctance to take a piece of evidence, no matter how strange, means that there is less of a chance that a murder may be solved because of bias. And there is proof of this. Psychology Today's November 5 article, "The Media and Police Promote Myths about Murder," outlines many myths based on the biases police have, including that of race and gender. As quoted from the article, "lack of exposure to such cases leads investigators to extrapolate rare anecdotal information from one incident and apply it to another. As a result, certain stereotypes have taken root among law enforcement authorities regarding the nature of homicide cases involving white female perpetrators and victims." This statement sounds eerily

BREAKING THE SILENCE

So what does this mean for us women of Concordia, Edmonton, and Canada itself? If the police do have a culture of bias and reluctance about Lindsay and Cheryl, what does that mean for our own safety? Yes, the police are there to protect us. But their handling of this case, the sheer injustice of it puts doubt into my mind. We, as women, need to demand accountability for when the police do things wrong--something that our society as a whole should also be doing. Regardless of how the system works, if it doesn't work for us, if the mistakes are never addressed and effort is only made to sweep problems under the proverbial rug, how is the system supposed to work at all? When asked if there was a final statement he'd like to make, Mr. say Buziak?" in 3 parts, and finally, YouTuber Shau-Buziak stated, "I don't know what my future holds. na Ray covers it in on her own YouTube channel, I promised Lindsey that I would find out who did it, and I'll only stop until they're caught..." Though

he is tired, Mr. Buziak doesn't want sympathy. He wants help in his fight. He is fighting for Lindsay, for women in Edmonton and all over Canada who are victims of crime. He's fighting against the abuse of justice in hopes that cases like Lindsay's stop hap-

If you would like to know more about this case, you can visit https://lindsaybuziakmurder.com/. You can also find the related Dateline episode, "The Dream House," Crimewatch Daily's 3-part episode "Who Killed this Real Estate Agent?" (available on Youtube), the Casefile podcast's episode 28, the podcast BrainScratch's episodes "Who Killed Lindtitled "WHO KILLED LINDSAY BUZIAK?! How is this real?!"



WHAT DOES THE UCP MEAN FOR CUE?

by Reid Offers

With provincial elections around the corner, Alberta's newly formed United Conservative Party has sprung into campaigning mode with more candidates running for election than any other party, even the governing New Democratic Party. At this time, even though Premier Rachel Notley reserves the right to call an election, the chances of her doing such remain slim.

The state of the Albertan oil industry is of nothing we have ever seen here, literally. There has not been an oil recession this bad since before most of us here at CUE were born. As much as you may hear this blame directed towards the NDP government, the recession started before they were elected. Knowing this, the UCP has not released much of their platform to date: however, there are a few things in their official party declaration that affect us here at Concordia directly.

Listed underneath the declaration's Education section, it says the UCP believes the government of Alberta should:

"protect and quarantee the freedom of association of students by allowing individuals to choose, for themselves, whether to become a member of their students' association."

(UCP Policy Declaration).

What this means in plain English is that Concordia students would have the option not to be part of the Concordia Students' Association. The argument maintains that people should be able to choose whether or not to be a part of something, but it misses out on the greater good student associations do



(unitedconservative.ca)

for students. When someone chooses to join a higher education institution like CUE, they are investing in their future. That said, challenges arise for students as we have to juggle work, social life, and school simultaneously while having one of the most uncertain future economies ahead. Organizations like the CSA provide a voice for the student body and stand up for them when issues arise. Since we are financially hampered by the rising costs of tuition and living, the CSA also negotiates and provides us with our health benefits. Having dental benefits is something that saves me, an American, from having to travel back home to receive care.

The UCP also plans to make it easier for post-secondary credits to transfer between institutions. I cannot think of a reason as to how this would not benefit us as students. Perhaps this will mean that more students will be able to take and attend classes at Concordia from other Institutions.

Although these seem to be minor issues in the grand scheme of things and UCP leader Jason Kenney has not yet voiced these as mainstream issues, they could still have an effect on us nonetheless.

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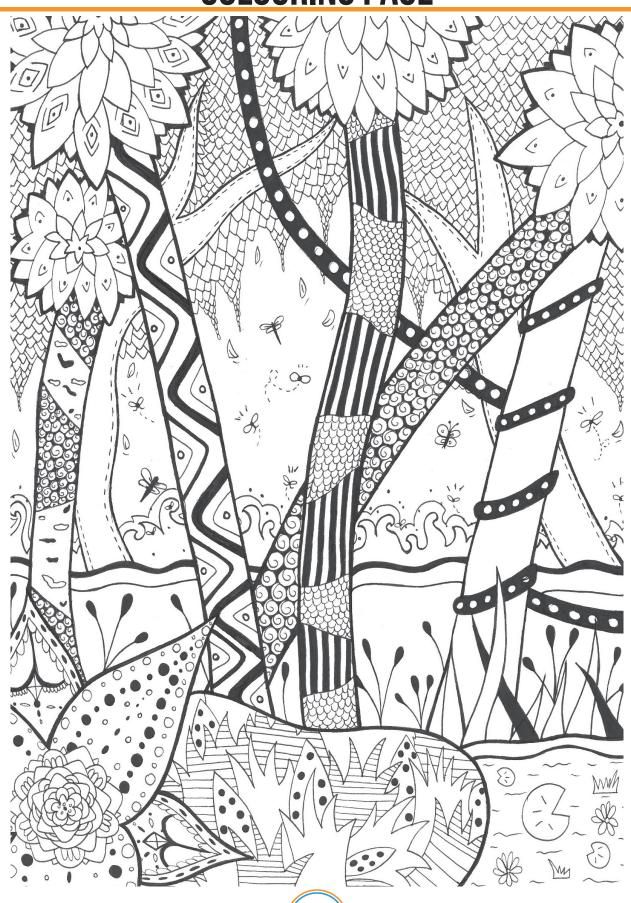




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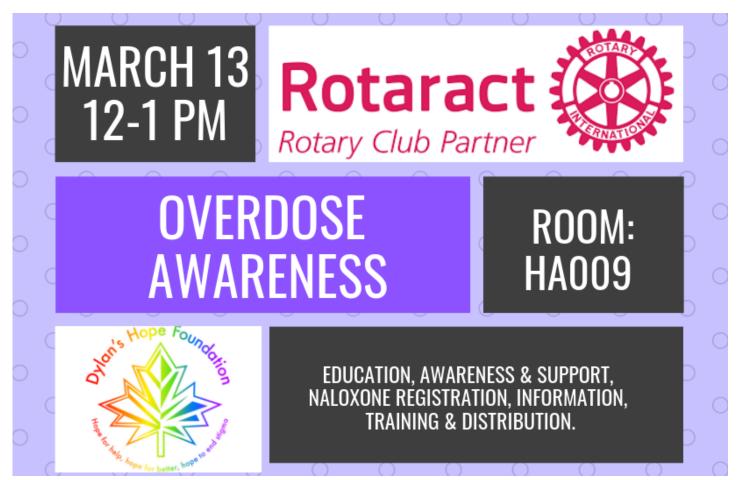


omnipotent being can do anything, then can't it also rewrite reality and overpower logic? This position also comes with problems, those of the logical variety. How can you convince others of your argument if you disregard logic? What would happen if God This too runs into a problem: semantics. Is God rewere to create a being even more omnipotent than himself? If he can't because there is no higher level of omnipotence, then that makes him not omnipotent because there's something he can't do, but if he can, then wouldn't that more omnipotent being be able to do things that God couldn't, therefore making God not omnipotent? The paradox returns once again, logic can't be disregarded that easily; how could a Each side raises legitimate points, and each side lesser omnipotent being overpower a greater omnipotent being?

reconcilers. This answer works towards reconciling omnipotence and logic, saying that omnipotence

works around the rules of logic. No, God can't create an even more omnipotent being, but that's because it's a self-contradiction. It has no real meaning, it's just nonsense gibberish, and nonsense has no form. ally omnipotent if there are things he can't do, even if said things are impossible to do? It may be omnipotence in the modified sense that he can do all possible things, but God will still have limits on what he can do, and an omnipotent being is supposed to have unlimited power.

has potential criticisms to face. For the question of whether omnipotence is possible, there's no easy answer. If there is a being like God, can he truly be con-This is where the middle road comes into play, the sidered omnipotent? Can anything be truly omnipotent? Such a single word, yet so many questions and controversies.



THE PARADOX OF OMNIPOTENCE

PHILOSOPHY

by Tyler DeWacht

The word "omnipotent" is a relatively simple word. Its Latin roots are "omni," meaning total, and "potent," for power. To be omnipotent is to have limitless power, and an omnipotent being should be able to do absolutely anything and everything. Not a force in the world can constrain omnipotence, no power can overrule it, and no ordinary being can stand against it. It's a simple idea in concept, but when you start to look closer, the word becomes quite paradoxical at times. What is it about this word that opens up so many logical flaws and inconsistencies?

To stay concise, let us call this omnipotent being God, since that's the level of power an omnipotent being would have. Disregard for a moment the ideals and teachings of all religious faiths--this God is plain and simply an omnipotent being. This article is not meant to offend anyone as the name of God is simply a placeholder here; feel free to call this omnipotent being something else if you want, maybe Deus or Bob. With that disclaimer out of the way, let's get back to it.

Now, let's say God were to make an impenetrable prison cell that automatically locks whenever someone goes inside. Once anything goes in, this cell will be so secure that nobody can possibly get back out of it. What would happen if God entered this prison cell? Could God break out of this impenetrable prison cell? If God can break out, then that means that the prison cell wasn't impenetrable, which means God can't make an impenetrable prison cell and is therefore not omnipotent. If, however, God can't break out of this impenetrable prison cell, then that also means God isn't omnipotent. Both paths appear to lead to the same conclusion: God isn't omnipotent.

Let's try another example. Perhaps God decides one day to eat a spicy pepper. This isn't just any spicy pepper, it's a pepper God specifically bred to be so spicy that even he couldn't handle the heat, a pepper that makes the ghost pepper look like a sweet bell pepper in comparison. God eats this pepper, and what happens? If God couldn't make it hot enough to hurt even himself, then he can't be omnipotent. If God succeeds in hurting himself, then that means there's something God can't handle, but nothing should be able to overpower an omnipotent being in any sense. Again, both paths seem to lead to the same conclusion: omnipotence is impossible.

Though simple in meaning, the concept of omnipotence is in and of itself paradoxical. How do we settle this problem, then? Do we just dismiss omnipotence as an impossibility? Do we disregard our foundations of logic when looking at omnipotence? Can omnipotence be reconciled to work with logic? These are the three main camps of people who have attempted to resolve the paradox.

The first camp is the dismissers, those who dismiss the possibility of omnipotence. If both roads lead to paradoxical solutions, then the only logical conclusion is that such a being cannot possibly exist. This is the most straightforward of the three conclusions, and it's a position most logical thinkers would tend towards. The issue with this conclusion, however, lies in the definition of omnipotence: the ability to do anything and everything.

This counterpoint is taken up by the believers, the second camp, those who believe that logic is irrelevant when dealing with omnipotence. After all, if this

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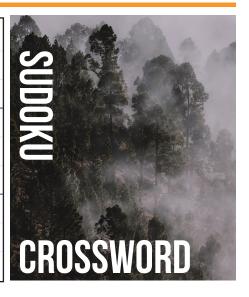
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Wise adviser

4. Chairperson's list 5. Sprays from cans

6. Not kosher

7. Minus

8. Start of a play 9. "A Streetcar Named

Desire" role 10. Never-married

woman 11. Soft mineral

12. Fencer's choice

13. Wane's partner

21. Cocktail hour assortment

27. Rice dish

28. Arab leaders

29. Copy, for short

30. Merged gas company

37. Ready for tenants

39. Chem lab liquids

22. "No problem' 25. Loudness units

48. Golfer's five iron 26. One-up

51. Blood fluids

44. Courts

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