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**Alberta favours 'choice' in social issues**

Shift continues to 'progressive' way of thinking

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Albertans' attitudes about divisive social issues such as abortion, same-sex marriage and doctor-assisted suicide continue to shift, with most provincial residents now "more progressive than traditional in their thinking," says a new poll.

According to a Lethbridge College telephone survey of more than 1,000 adults this September, Albertans have a "progressive" attitude on a number of social questions.

The poll indicates Calgary and southern Albertans from outside of the city are slightly more likely to say such social matters are personal decisions.

Lethbridge College political scientist Faron Ellis said although this appears counterintuitive due to the region's reputation for social conservatism, he believes it can be explained by the contingent of southern Albertans who could be categorized as libertarians — people who have an entrepreneurial, individualist mindset.

"It's more choice," said Ellis, who oversaw the poll process. "Alberta tends to be on the leading edge when it comes to individual choice."

Across the province, 74 per cent of respondents agree Ottawa should continue to give same-sex marriages equal legal standing with traditional marriages. That's up from 66 per cent in 2009.

"We've measured this in Lethbridge for 12 years and we've seen a complete reversal," Ellis said on the same-sex marriage question.

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# Stamps fans gripped by Grey Cup fever



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Ben Nelms/Reuters  
Stamps QB Kevin Glenn celebrates after earning his first chance to play in a Grey Cup game.

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Calgary's Marquay McDaniel celebrates his first-half touchdown in the Stamps' victory over the B.C. Lions on Sunday.

Calgary earns showdown vs. Argos on 100th anniversary of championship

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Longtime Calgary Stampeders fan Rob Van Overmeeren prays a very unique, very personal record will still stand up next weekend when the Stamps take on the Toronto Argonauts in the Grey Cup.

Every time the Stamps have played in the championship game on his mother's birthday, they are undefeated.

Keep in mind, it's only happened once before that he remembers — back in 2001 when they upset the Winnipeg Blue Bombers as heavy underdogs — but the dates line up again for the 100th anniversary six days from now.

"It's 11 years between games, but I'm hoping," said Van Overmeeren, who watched the Stamps defeat the favoured B.C. Lions, 34-29, in the West Division final at BC Place on Sunday.

He sat on the edge of his seat at Schanks Sports Grill for almost three hours, watching as the red and white took a one point halftime lead before scoring a pair of touchdowns to take a commanding lead and never look back.

He credited the arm of quarterback Kevin Glenn, who stepped back into the limelight for the second time this season after starting gunslinger Drew Tate went down with an arm injury.

"He's going to have at least one interception (next weekend) but I think the guys are rallying around him," he said.

"It's terrible to say, but I was a little disappointed to see Tate start last week because it was Glenn that got them there."

"I feel they almost won it for him."

Fans admit it could have gone either way — who knows what would have happened if the Leos came down with the late onside kick instead of Nik Lewis — but they are now preparing for the Boatmen.

"It was a very good and close game," Van Overmeeren said.

Fellow Stamps fan Bradley Gruber said the Stamps' hopes lie on the shoulders of the West Division's nominee for Most Outstanding Player, Jon Cornish.

"If they can keep running the ball with Cornish, they should have a good chance," he said, proudly wearing red and white garb to watch the game.

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Anti-smoking advocates await Tory tobacco reduction strategy today, lament talk of no tax hikes  
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## City's spirit helps build better city, lives for all



Here in Alberta, we are truly blessed with so many opportunities. Each day in cities, towns and villages across this amazing province, Albertans work hard to give their



families the very best quality of life. At the same time, they never forget that we are a community of good neighbours. This spirit of giving and citizenship is a part of our history, and helps to shape our future. I am a proud Calgarian.

This is my hometown. We are an interesting bunch here in Canada's fastest growing city. Yes, we are oil and gas. And, yes, we are ambitious and innovative. We are active and vibrant — we love our snow sports in the winter and our Stampede in the summer. But Calgary is also a place where citizens embrace a unique sense of belonging and pride, and work tirelessly together to build healthy, vibrant communities.

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# CREATING A BETTER GLENBOW



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GREY CUP FEVER



The eyes of Canadian Football League fans turn to Toronto for Sunday's championship showdown between the host Argos and Calgary's Stampeders

## DOWN TO EARTH



Expedition 33 commander Sunita Williams of NASA, right, with flight engineers Yuri Malenchenko of the Russian Federal Space Agency, and Akihiko Hoshide of the Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency, sit outside the Soyuz Capsule just minutes after landing near the town of Arkalyk, Kazakhstan on Monday. They returned from four months aboard the International Space Station.

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### UN's Ban in Egypt seeking ceasefire

**COMING TODAY:** U.N. secretary general Ban Ki-moon will be in Egypt on Monday for talks with President Mohamed Mursi to push for an end to the weeklong fighting that has left several people dead. Go to [calgaryherald.com](http://calgaryherald.com) for the latest updates.

### I'm too sexy for this contest

**PHOTO GALLERY:** The 2012 People's Sexiest Man Alive list is here, but where's Ryan Gosling — or any other sexy Canadian, for that matter? Here are 16 genets who should have made the cut.

### Show us your Movember stuff

**YYC Photo Vote:** Are you a Movember man (or woman)? Then we want you to show us your moustache. Thick and full or slight and wispy, we want to see them all! Go online for details.

## FUND: Help feed our neighbours

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The same focus and effort that Calgarians direct to personal achievement and economic success can also be seen in the way we support and care about each other.

As a little girl, I have great memories of visiting my grandparents in Redwater.

My grandpa ran the general store. He was a good businessman.

He knew the decisions he made in running the store had a direct impact on his family and their future.

But even as a little kid, I remember that he would often extend credit to families or individuals who were feeling the pinch of hard times.

Because lending a helping hand to those who were struggling was an important part of making the entire community stronger.

I think that sentiment still exists today throughout Alberta, and it's

ness and family breakdown are not issues that exist in isolation, and they certainly can't be addressed by one lone group or one department of government.

Collaboration is key. Earlier this month, we celebrated the fifth anniversary of Alberta Safe Communities. This program was launched with the belief that community organizations and non-profits know best how to tackle challenges in our province; they just need the tools to make it happen.

In fact, the Kerby Centre, the Boys and Girls Clubs of Calgary and Wood's Homes Society are partners in our Safe Communities family. The work of these groups strengthens the ties that hold us together and builds a future that we can be so very proud of.

As Calgarians and Albertans we have so much to be thankful for, but we must always be mindful that there's a bigger picture.

Last month I visited the Edmonton Food Bank for a tour and a meeting of Canada's food bank

was facing the day on an empty stomach.

There are families right here in Calgary and across our vibrant, prosperous province who face that reality every day.

And the services provided by our food banks and the community organizations being supported through the Christmas Fund indicate the larger social issues facing our communities.

We can hold tight to the values of hard work and self-reliance, while standing up and bringing positive change to our city through charitable giving and community service.

This is a busy time of year. In the hustle and bustle of the holidays, it can be easy to forget that not everyone has a warm home or a wonderful Christmas meal and loved ones to share it with.

I urge you to help where you can. Please give what you can. Because we all have a stake in each other's futures. We rise and fall together.

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