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NEWS

[MLAs tune in at the Calgary Folk Music Festival](#)

View photos from the festival as MLA's spend some time under the Alberta Liberal Caucus tent, talking with voters and enjoying the music. [More...](#)

EVENTS

[August 5, 2009 - Edmonton-Rutherford Alberta Liberal Constituency Annual Salmon BBQ](#)

Join Alberta Liberals for the Annual Salmon Barbeque. Featuring the best salmon on either side of the Rockies. [More details...](#)

LEADER'S TOUR DETAILS

July 28 - David Swann will attend the caucus meeting in Edmonton.

July 30 - David Swann will be at the Big Valley Jamboree Parade in Camrose at 8:30 a.m.

August 3 – David Swann will be at the Edmonton Heritage Days Festival at the Edmonton Food Bank booth at 11 a.m.

MEDIA HIGHLIGHTS

[Alberta to offer free flu shots](#)

Calgary Herald, July 24, 2009 - Albertans will be eligible for a free vaccine against seasonal influenza this fall and, though the shots won't protect against the H1N1 virus, experts predict a high level of interest amid the swine flu pandemic. [More...](#)

[Stampede starts on full stomach](#)

Medicine Hat News, July 26, 2009 - There wasn't a cloud in the sky, a child without a syrup-less grin or anything resembling a frown as the

Medicine Hat Lodge pancake breakfast marking the unofficial start of Stampede Wednesday. [More...](#)

[Alberta, BC merge medical buying power](#)

Edmonton Journal, July 22, 2009 - Alberta and British Columbia are joining financial forces in a bulk-buying agreement touted to reap big savings on medical supplies. [More...](#)

[Opposition sees an opening](#)

Edmonton Sun, July 21, 2009 - Will a booted Tory change his political stripes to join another party? At least two provincial party leaders want to discuss that very topic with ousted MLA Guy Boutilier, who's being forced to sit as an independent after criticizing the Tories for delaying the building of a health-care facility in his Fort McMurray Wood Buffalo riding. [More...](#)

LIBERAL CAUCUS NEWS

[Hey Ed: Whatcha gonna hack?](#)

Calgary, July 21, 2009 – After racking up a multi-billion dollar deficit that just keeps getting bigger as well as claiming he would never raise any taxes, Ed Stelmach's back is against the wall. [More...](#)

AND THE LAST WORD IS YOURS...

Lynann Kroetsch, Liberal Party member, Sherwood Park
Published in the Edmonton Journal, June 11, 2009

So the Heritage Fund lost \$3 billion and our finance minister blames it on the "downturn of the economy and the investments in the equity market." I read an interesting article in a magazine while in a waiting room. In 1993, the value of the Heritage Fund was 12 billion dollars. In 2005, it was \$12.6 billion and in 2008, it was \$15.8 billion. The author of the article goes on to state that had this money been invested in a 15 year mutual fund at an average of 9%, it would now be worth over \$40 billion.

Evans was asked in Macleans "how did Alberta's budget chief learn to manage money?" She replied, " This is just like managing your checkbook." The rest of the article seems to infer that entering contests and clipping coupons gave her added qualifications for the job.

It appears these qualifications did not work.

It seems to me that, just maybe, the qualifications for the job should probably include some courses in financial planning. But then, again, we have an ex-education minister who quit school in grade 10 and is now in charge of our health care budget, and a premier who has "some secondary" education. Guess it all fits.

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