## Latest dark energy research to be explained at Rothney Observatory



NEEL ROBERTS Sky's the Limit

## SKY WATCH

Set your clock ahead on Sunday, March 8 for Daylight Sayings. The best time to view the Zodiacal Lights is from Wednesday,

March 11 for two weeks in the west, after the evening twilight. The faint, roughly triangular, whitish glow can seen in the night sky, extended up from the vicinity of the sun along the ecliptic, or zodiac.

Thursday, March 19. The days are getting noticeably longer. Around 4:30 a.m. on Tuesday. March 31, watch Jupiter rise out of the southeast-east, followed by

Saturn and Mars, until day break.

The Spring Equinox is on

## PUBLIC EVENT Dark energy is a major research

focus in 2020 using the most advanced radio astronomy, gravitational wave detection and particle accelerator technology. In the sky, Venus will be the star of the show shimmering her refracted light in the western sky. The early setting of the waning

moon will provide a perfectly

of Calgary's Rothney Obser-

vatory near Priddis, there will

dark night sky. At the University

by University of Calgary astronomers and members of the Calgary chapter of the Royal Astronomical Society of Canada.

The evening of Saturday, March

21, there will be a presentation

indoors, and you will have the

opportunity to look through the

telescopes. Astronomers will be

event takes place from 8-11 p.m.

on hand to answer questions. The

be an array of scopes operated

The entrance fee \$30 per car. For further information, contact Jennifer Howse at jhowse@phas. ucalgary.ca or 403-931-2366, or visit www.ucalgary.ca/rao. Neel Roberts, member of the Calgary chapter of the RASC, (RASC), welcomes your questions and comments at 403-560-6574 and Neel\_Roberts@ptccanada.com.

services.

Kenney continues to insist that through restructuring and

careful spending, service levels can be maintained. Burt some groups, including

the doctors, say it can't be done. They're smarting after the government abruptly cancelled their master contract recently.

The Canadian Medical Asso-

Medical Association with fund-

ing for a legal challenge, savs Dr.

ciation is helping the Alberta

Christine Molnar, president of the AMA. There will be even more uproar

from the nurses, teachers and other public-sector unions. But they may not even be Kenney's biggest problem. That could come from the fiscal right

wing of his own party. This week, Kenney started talking about the possibility of direct government investment in energy projects.

Drew Barnes, the

of business. A great deal in this budget will frighten politicians who worry more about debt than public sector jobs. A lot of them are in

Cypress-Medicine Hat MLA

who once ran for the Wildrose

Party leadership, quickly put up a

pointed Facebook post citing big

losses the former PC government

incurred from direct stimulation

Kenney's own caucus. There may be only one way out of this, folks.