

Front-page flashback

This is Day 3 of a weeklong series that will culminate next Tuesday, March 20, with a brand new masthead — the title on the front page — and an array of new content as part of a redesign of *The Journal*. Every day between now and then, we'll feature mastheads

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from different eras of our history at the top of this page. Today: the 1950s, '60s and early '70s. In 1959, a small but significant word was added to the main label at the top of the front page: the. However, the typeface used for “*The Edmonton Journal*” is largely the same as the one introduced at

the end of the first decade of the century, around 1910. In fact a variant of that typeface, Cloister Black, took *The Journal* through the First and Second World Wars, the Great Depression of the 1930s, the drilling of Leduc No. 1, Canada's centennial celebrations and the reign of nine Alberta pre-

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Eye-catching sculptures bring colour to Stony Plain Road



LARRY WONG, THE JOURNAL

A woman walks by some sculptures created by MacEwan University art students on Stony Plain Road between 149th and 156th streets on Wednesday. The artwork was brought in to brighten up the local streetscape. To see more pictures of the MacEwan students' art, go to edmontonjournal.com/photos. Story / A2

‘Nervous nellies’ push for May election

Premier ready to go in April, despite some in Tory caucus worried about damage control

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A group of “nervous nellies” within the Tory caucus have told colleagues they want the upcoming spring election pushed back to May to give the party more time to conduct damage control, sources close to Premier Alison Redford's campaign say.

But even as opposition parties pushed for new answers Wednesday on an ethics investigation into a recent Gary Mar fundraiser — one of several controversies that have dogged the Progressive Conservatives this spring — the premier was said to be resolute on sticking with an April 23 voting day.

Redford all but confirmed that date Wednesday following a funding announcement at Edmonton's Telus World of Science. She indicated her government will keep its promise of calling the election as soon as possible after passing the budget, which is expected to happen sometime next week.

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To see a video of Premier Alison Redford responding to the Gary Mar controversy, go to edmontonjournal.com/videos.

If that schedule holds, it's believed the writ will be dropped the following Monday, March 26, kicking off a 28-day campaign that will end on April 23.

“I think you can draw your own conclusions from my statements,” Redford said.

The premier said there has been no debate in caucus on election timing, and she has received no pressure from the party to push the date back. “I think people are pretty anxious to get to the polls, as am I.”

However, government sources said the election date has been a topic of discussion among some members of caucus. A handful of “nervous nellies” are worried the PCs do not have enough time to fully recover from some recent controversies, one source said.

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Opposition MLAs have been attacking the government on a variety of issues, including the terms of an upcoming health-care inquiry, a “bullying” letter sent by Tory MLA Hector Goudreau to a school board and revelations that several MLAs have been paid for serving on a committee that hasn't met in more than three years.

Members of the government dodged questions about a “caucus divide” over the election call.

“In caucus there's always robust discussions,” said Service Alberta Minister Manmeet Bhullar.

He would not say whether the election date was up for debate among government members on Wednesday.

“It's one of those instances where it's kind of hurry up and wait. I think everybody's been preparing for

awhile, we know that other parties have been playing negative (politics) for years now,” Bhullar said.

“Whether it happens two weeks from now, three weeks from now or four weeks from now, I think we're ready to go.”

Government MLA Bridget Pastoor — a Liberal until a few months ago — joked Wednesday she is betting on an April 23 election date.

“I think pretty much everything is ready to go,” Pastoor said.

“Let's just do it and see what shakes down.”

Liberal Leader Raj Sherman said Wednesday any waffling on election dates highlights the need for a firm, fixed voting day, so all political parties hit the ground running at the same time.

“I wish the premier was decisive and actually fixed an election date. Only her campaign manager will know, and she will know. But we're operating under the assumption that they're going to call it next week,” Sherman said.

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Search on for suspect throwing substances

Women splashed with unknown ‘irritant’

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Police are investigating after a young woman had an unknown substance pitched in her face while she was strolling Sunday evening in a north Edmonton neighbourhood.

A 19-year-old woman was walking her dog across a field around 7:30 p.m. near Newton School, in the area of 56th Street and 122nd Avenue, when a man walking behind her splashed her in the face with an unknown substance before fleeing.

The woman was taken to hospital to be treated for minor injuries.

The incident was the latest in a string of four similar random attacks on young women over the past year in the Newton neighbourhood, Det. Pat Bruni, with the criminal investigation unit, said Wednesday.

“He approaches them from the front and he walks by them. Then he quickly approaches them from the back and throws a substance in their face,” he said.

In each of the previous three attacks — which occurred in April, May and November 2011 — a man threw a substance at a passing woman.

Police believe the same man is responsible for all the incidents.

“We're concerned, obviously, because this is happening now for (the) fourth time. We feel it's possibly the same individual,” Bruni said.

After the latest attack, police were able to gather samples of the substance from the woman's clothing for testing at the RCMP lab.

“We're not quite sure what the substance is now,” Bruni said, adding it had a soapy smell.

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