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Welcome to the new look and new content of the Edmonton Journal.

Starting today, we're unveiling new features and columns we think better reflect Edmonton in the 21st century.

We've revamped the Business pages in the print edition and turned the section formerly known as Sunday Reader into Insight, a showcase for local stories and analyses. We've added new local elements to our features sections, particularly Tuesday's Family and Fitness section, Thursday's Arts and Life section and Saturday's Style and Homes sections.

Most other sections will also see an increase in the amount of local information.

Each day this week, we'll tell you about the changes in that day's newspaper.

However, the most obvious difference is the way the paper-and-ink edition looks.

It starts at the top, with a new masthead or nameplate that goes all the way back to the Journal's beginnings in this community.

The typeface used for the nameplate is Caslon, the same one we used in 1903, when the Evening Journal first hit the streets of Edmonton.

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To join the live chat from noon to 1 p.m. on the Journal's redesign with editor-in-chief Lucinda Chodan and Gayle Grin, the National Post's managing editor of design and graphics, go to edmontonjournal.com.

The Journal's view of the world. D1

SWAN LAKE CAST PREPARES FOR FRIDAY PREMIERE AT JUBE



SHAUGHN BUTTS, EDMONTON JOURNAL

Elier Bourzac, left, and Hayna Gutierrez rehearse Monday for the Albert Ballet production of Swan Lake, which premieres at the Jubilee Auditorium on Friday. It's the first time in its 45-year history the ballet company has staged Swan Lake. Read a preview of the production in the Arts and Life section on Wednesday. To see a video of the rehearsal, go to edmontonjournal.com/videos.

Mom can't remember killing her two sons

JANA G. PRUDEN
Edmonton Journal

WETASKIWIN – Allyson McConnell says the only thing she remembers about killing her two sons is an image that came to her in a dream three months later: 2-1/2-year-old Connor conscious at the bottom of the bathtub.

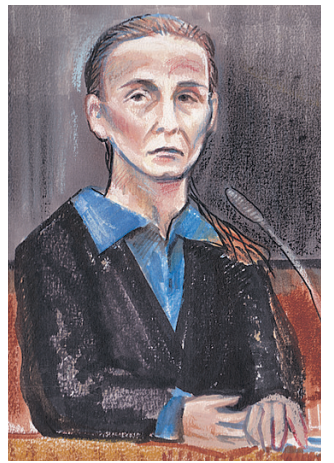
"He was calling out to me," a tearful McConnell said Monday, testifying at her second-degree murder trial. "I could actually hear him, but I couldn't reach him."

She said she has no memory of her baby, 10-month-old Jayden, in the bathtub.

McConnell, 33, admits killing her two boys at the family's home in Millet in 2010, but has pleaded not guilty. The trial is examining whether she had the intent required for the charge of murder.

Monday's testimony was the first time court has heard from McConnell, who spent the first week of her trial at Wetaskiwin Court of Queen's Bench slumped and silent in the prisoner's box, her eyes often trained on the floor.

Speaking softly, the Australian-born McConnell testified she has wanted to kill herself on and off throughout her life



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Sketch of Allyson McConnell

— from her first suicide attempt while pregnant with her father's baby at the age of 15 to two or three weeks ago, when she tried to strangle herself with a pair of leggings in a shower at Alberta Hospital.

She told court that in late 2009 and early 2010 she had been feeling "pretty much overwhelmed and useless," and was struggling with an increasingly hostile separation from the boys' father, Curtis.

"I was pretty much just buried in a load of crap," she said.

"Just trying to get through the days."

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Wheels briefly come off Wildrose campaign

Party will tread more carefully in redesign of election bus

KEITH GEREIN
Edmonton Journal

The Wildrose party says it is planning to change the design on its campaign bus after an image of leader Danielle Smith became the subject of some laughs Monday.

"We're getting it adjusted right now since it will be a distraction throughout

the campaign," said Shannon Stubbs, party spokeswoman and candidate in Fort Saskatchewan-Vegreville.

"Nobody really noticed, since we have been focused on providing a solid campaign platform.

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"There were a couple of comments when we were doing the initial draft a long time ago, but the majority of the team didn't notice or didn't anticipate it would be an issue."

The image in question has Smith's head above the back wheels, making it look as if the tires are taking the place of her breasts.

Pictures of the bus were the major topic of discussion on social media Monday, even drawing attention from other parts of Canada.

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ED KAISER, EDMONTON JOURNAL

Wildrose Leader Danielle Smith's image on her campaign bus stirred up controversy and a great deal of laughter on Monday.

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