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# News

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## Make sure you cast your vote on Thursday

The citizens of Ontario have been a witness to a truly-significant political phenomenon. We elected a minority Conservative government some 24 months ago, which was quickly replaced by a coalition of Liberals and the NDP.

During this two-year period, our ruling provincial government has legislated an end to extra-billing by physicians, complete funding for separate schools in Ontario and improved access to better nursing care for the elderly and disadvantaged individuals.

For better or for worse, this has been one of the most exciting and dynamic periods of our provincial history.

Now, it is election time once again. We are faced with regional, provincial and federal issues and concerns. Regionally, we are concerned with economic survival and diversification, lower gas prices and a better quality of life for Northerners.

Some of the provincial issues we are concerned about include accessibility to better health care, more reasonable car insurance premiums and improvements to the education system.

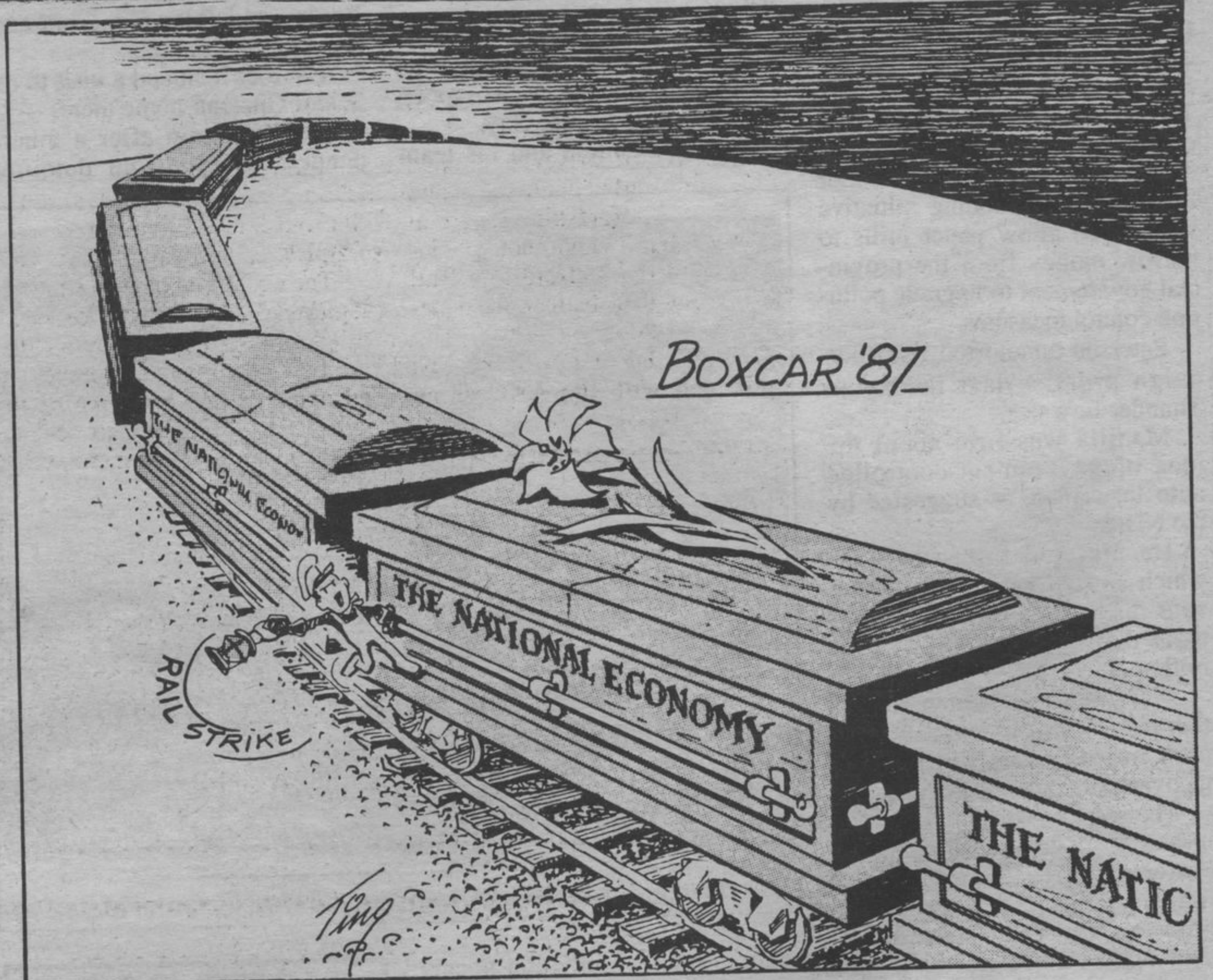
Even though this is a provincial election we will see that it will effect federal issues such as our free trade deal with the United States.

With our future so much at stake, we, the citizens of Terrace Bay, Schreiber and Rossport, cannot afford not to vote in this election.

It is our chance to voice our approval or disapproval of government. The provincial election will be held tomorrow, Thursday, September 10, 1987.

The candidates are Vic Fournel, PC, Herman Mannila, Liberal and Gilles Pouliot, NDP.

Remember, it doesn't matter who you vote for, just vote.

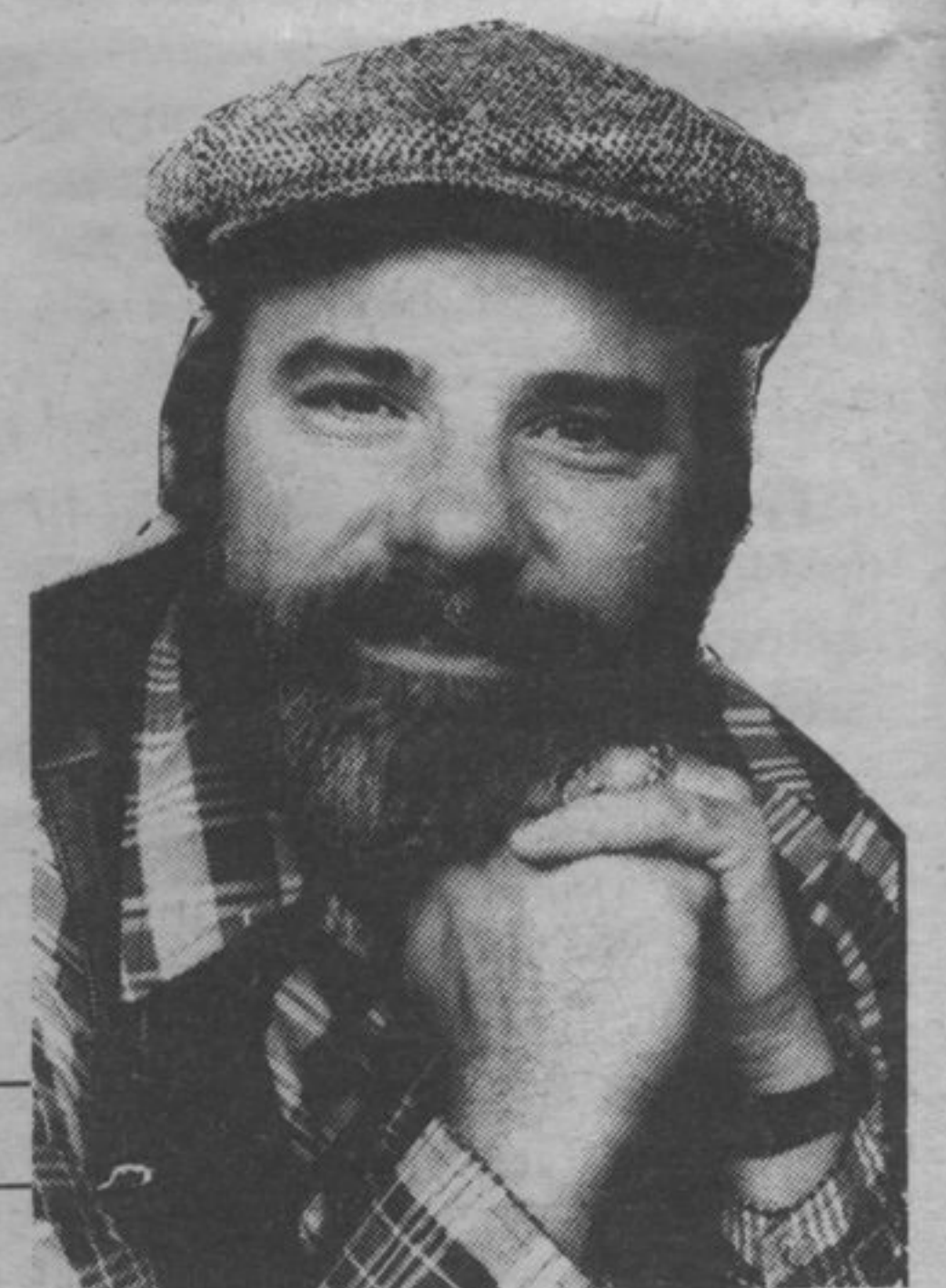


## Letters to the editor-----

### Correction on terrier error

Dear editor,  
Recently there has been a couple of articles on dogs in the Terrace Bay-Schreiber News.  
In the July 29 paper, Mr. Bolduc wrote about his American Pit Bull Terrier (APBT). Joyce Smith wrote in the Sept. 2 issue about responsible dog ownership.  
I would like to commend both of them on their articles.  
However, I would like to make one small correction to J. Smith's article.

In her article she said "Mr. Bolduc claims that his dog is an American Bull Terrier- to my knowledge there is no such classification in the kennel clubs."  
Mr. Bolduc does not own an American Bull Terrier, he owns an American Pit Bull Terrier as he stated in his article.  
There are also several other people in town whom own APBTs.



## Arthur Black Is our planet doommed due to Astariods in space

Great News, folks, -- the crisis is passed! Tell Uncle Albert he can take off his World War II Civil Defense Helmet! See if you can coax Aunt Minnie and her two budgies to come out of the root cellar!

The world isn't coming to an end after all!

What? You were up at the lake and didn't hear about it? Oh boy, let me tell you, it was touch and go there for awhile. It was a Russian that started it all -- Alexander Voytsekhovskiy, if you want me to name names. Ales, a Moscow journalist specializing in scientific affairs, copped the front page of last week's edition of a

Sotsialisticheskaya Industri-- oh, never mind what it's called, it'll only hurt your head. Point is, Alex wrote a story that said there was a rogue asteroid out in space, streaking toward earth, and that it would smash into the planet in the year 2115, creating massive destruction, killing millions of people, possibly even knocking earth out of orbit and killing us all.

Well, talk about a news story to end stories! Kind of knocks Sean Penn's latest mugging or Liz Taylors latest latest marriage back into the Births, Deaths and classifieds doesn't it? Can't you hear old Alex phoning into his editor? "Better leave some room on the

ten paragraphs on Armageddon here..."

The Russian newspaper played the story up with a verve and panache that would have brought tears to the eyes of an editor of News of the World or The National Enquirer. "Killer Asteroid!" they dubbed it. Voytsekhovskiy's purple prose warned that the only possible salvation lay in the immediate formation of what he called an All World Space Service for the Defence of Earth. Maybe wrote Alex, the greatest scientific minds on Earth working in last-ditch, backs-to-the-wall harmony, could come up with a scheme to deflect the asteroid, or even blow it up in deep space.

There was a lot of truth in Alex's exclusive scoop. There really is an asteroid out there and it's a big one -- three miles across. What's more it is heading toward earth and if it did hit us it could do incalculable damage.

Thing is, it won't. Astronomers now agree that asteroid 1983 TB is going to miss our planet -- by about 200,000 miles.

The also agree that not too many of us will be around to witness the event. In the year 2115, asteroid 1983 TB won't even have

Scientist don't expect the chuck of celestial jetsam to reach our back yard for at least another century or two.

How did a scientific journalist manage to get so far off base? Well, it seems Alexander was relying on calculations done by two British Astronomers. The asteroid is a relative newcomer, having first been spotted only four years ago. Apparently the British Astronomers dashed off some calculations based on preliminary observations and Alexander snatched them up and printed them.

Actually, it's a wonder that we haven't had an asteroid disaster to contend with, when you think about it. Astronomers have seen and tagged nearly 4,000 asteroids whirling around out there beyond the ozone -- and that's just the big ones -- half a mile in diameter or larger. Anything smaller than that is impossible to detect -- not that that makes them any less dangerous. The earth gets peppered by intergalactic missiles 363 days a year. Lucky for us most of it arrives in the form of dust or small chunks of asteroids that we call meteorites or comets. Even more fortunately, most of the intruders burn up before they

It's just as well that somebody didn't get their math quite right because Asteroid 1983 TB would make quite a mess if it did hit the earth. The experts say that it could easily create a crater more than 60 miles wide, and produce an explosion equivalent to a dozen or so hydrogen bombs detonating simultaneously.

All this talk about asteroids making you nervous? Relax. The odds really are on our side. Scientists point out that over the last million years only three large asteroids have made it through earth's atmosphere. That works out to one every 333,000 years, give or take a millennium.

And even when they hit, it's not necessarily the end of the world. Heck, a while back, a huge chunk of asteroid streaked through the heavens, blazed across our skies and slammed into the Precambrian Shield right here in Canada, gouging a crater nearly 60 miles wide. Happened 1-7 billion years ago, but you can find the exact point of impact on any Canadian Roadmap.

It's called Sudbury, Ontario.