

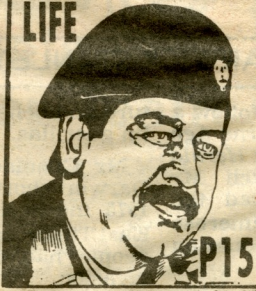
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# Territorians go to polls

**More than 80 000 Territorians go to the polls today to choose their government.**

A total of 82 314 Territorians are registered to vote in today's election for 25 seats for the Legislative Assembly.

This is an increase of 10 832, or 15.1 per cent, on the March 1987 election.

The NT Electoral Office has advised that static polling booths will open at 8 am today and close at 6 pm when counting starts.

Mobile polling has been under way since last Monday in all Territory rural electorates.

While the election is for 25 seats, the same as in 1983 and 1987, the 1990 redistribution has created four new seats, Greater Alice Springs, and Goyder, Nelson and Brennan in the Top End.

The seats of Flynn and Sadadeen in Alice Springs and Koolpinyah and Ludmilla in the Top End disappeared with the redistribution.

The latest betting yesterday showed no change on the previous market with the CLP still quoted odds-on favorite to win.

Darwin bookmaker Brian Clark had the CLP at 4-7 to win and the ALP at 11-8 to serve its first term in government.

The present composition of the Legislative Assembly is 13 CLP, seven ALP, two Nationals and three independent conservatives.

The *Sunday Territorian* will carry a comprehensive report of the election tomorrow with a seat-by-seat breakdown

By **FRANK ALCORTA**

of results at the close of counting and reactions from both major parties.

### WHERE TO VOTE

**Arafura** — Maningrida Council Office, Nguiu Council Office, Arnhem — Aliyangula Area School, Angurugu Pre-School, Ngkurr Council Office, **Brennan** — Sacred Heart Primary School, Palmerston Town Council Office, Marrara Christian School, **Casuarina** — Nakara Primary School, **Fannie Bay** — Parap Primary School, **Goyder** — Batchelor Area School, Berry Springs Primary School, Jabiru Area School, Pine Creek Primary School, Taminmin High School, **Jingili** — Moll Primary School, **Karama** — Karama Pre-School, **Katherine** — Katherine Open College, MacFarlane Primary School, Tindal Community Hall, **Leanyer** — Leanyer Primary School, **Millner** — Ludmilla Primary School, St Pauls Primary School, **Nelson** — Freds Pass Reserve Hall, Howard Springs Community Hall, **Nightcliff** — Nightcliff Primary School, **Nhulunbuy** — Galiwinku Adult Education Centre, Nhulunbuy Primary School, **Yirrkala** Primary School, **Palmerston** — Driver High School, **Port Darwin** — St Mary's Primary School, Larrakeyah Pre-School, Stuart Park Primary School, **Sanderston** — Anula Primary School, **Victoria River** — Katherine Town Council Office, **Wadeye** School, **Wanguri** — Tiwi Primary School, Wanguri Primary School.



Local expert Phil Alderslade ... the poison from one of these box jellyfish could kill 600 men. Picture: LYNDON MECHIELSEN

## NT jellies to save lives

Twenty box jellyfish picked up off Mindil Beach on Thursday morning will wing their way to Queensland and the United States this week to help antivenene research.

Museum of Arts and Science jellyfish expert Phil Alderslade regularly collects samples from local waters to warn people of the prevalence and dangers of the creature and to gather the poisonous tentacles for research.

"The research is needed to produce an improved antivenene because the present one does not counteract all the poisons," he said.

Mr Alderslade said the mix of toxins included one which killed the skin, hence permanent scarring, some which affected the red blood cells and others which paralysed the muscles.

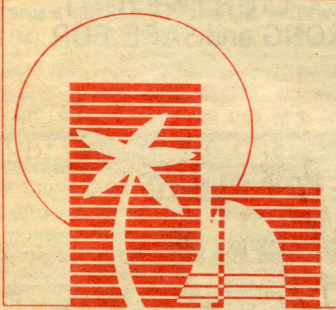
As the museum coelenterates curator and co-ordinator of the Marine Stingers Action Group, he said it was ridiculous that people still entered coastal waters despite the warnings.

Disproving some popular myths, Mr Alderslade found the jellyfish, some of which were potentially lethal, in particularly shallow, crystal-clear water on a glorious morning when there was not a cloud in the sky.

"Myself and my assistant walked the length of Mindil beach in waist-deep water and found nothing, but coming back into the shallows, where the water was less than knee-deep, they were everywhere," he said.

The collection from Thursday morning held a variety of sizes from 2 cm to 12 cm bodies and Mr Alderslade said anything with a body bigger than a cricket ball could kill a child.

He said tentacles about 60 cm long could stretch a couple of metres when swimming or once attached to something: "If you're hit with a big one it can kill you in two to three minutes."



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# Perron can tally his years in NT

**Chief Minister Marshall Perron can lay claim to being a third-generation Territorian.**

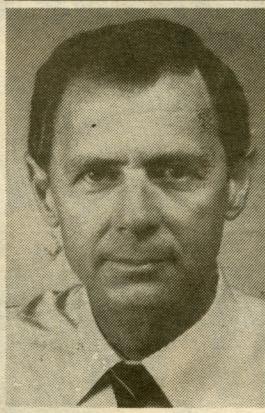
This alone gives him a solid base of support in an area which sees a passing parade of itinerants.

A tally clerk on the Darwin wharves before his uninterrupted 16 years in the NT Legislative Assembly, he still has reservations about his career in politics.

"I'm still a tally clerk at heart," was one of his better lines.

In the political world of hard knocks, he had a "knock 'em down" teacher in Paul Everingham, to whom he was deputy and treasurer from self-government in 1978.

In August last year, Mr Perron weathered the first political storm since ousting Steve Hatton as leader of the CLP Government in July, 1988.



## WARWICK STANLEY profiles the Chief Minister MARSHALL PERRON

Mr Perron had transferred the title of his Doctors Gully property in Darwin at old conveyancing rates shortly after Cabinet decided to increase stamp duties ahead of the August Budget.

Territory Senator Bob Collins joined local Labor colleagues in a hunt for Mr Perron's scalp, saying the transfer arrangements were

technically and legally correct but morally and politically wrong.

To long-term Darwin residents, Marshall Perron and Doctors Gully, which he bought in 1979 when he was Lands Minister, are synonymous.

The confrontation was the most recent in a history of controversies involving Mr Perron's unique tourist attraction, where visitors pay to feed thousands of fish which move in with the tide.

The attention given to Doctors Gully by the media and his political opponents is "one of those annoying things that won't go away," Mr Perron said.

"There are some people in the community, sadly, who believe I

cheated an old man out of his property at Doctors Gully by pressing him to sell it to me and that I prostituted the planning system to get a zone change on it.

"They're both untrue.

"However, it's a good example of when you throw enough mud, some of it sticks in the political world."

Mr Perron has spent almost all his life in Darwin and says it was a job as a tally clerk on the Darwin wharf as a 17-year-old that changed his life and forged his political colors.

"The wharves put me against Labor," he said.

"They (the wharf laborers) crippled Darwin over the most pedantic matters. It was insane and pointless."

In the meantime, in an area whose population is 22 per cent Aboriginal, he is fighting one of Mr Everingham's fondest causes: land rights.

Should he be elected after today's election, he has a message to take to the special Premiers' Conference in Canberra next week:

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Department of Health  
& Community Services  
PO Box 40596  
Casuarina NT 0811

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NTAB 1213



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SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON EMPLOYMENT, EDUCATION AND TRAINING

### "Active Citizenship" Revisited

On 8 March 1989, the Committee tabled a Report entitled "Education for Active Citizenship" which contained several Recommendations aimed at overcoming identified deficiencies in the knowledge of young people concerning political and parliamentary issues, and enhancing their attitudes and skills in relation to awareness of their rights and responsibilities as citizens, and their participation in the democratic process.

The Senate has now asked the Standing Committee to examine the extent to which the Recommendations of the 1989 Report have been implemented during the two-year period 1989-90.

The Committee is seeking information on aspects of citizenship education such as those addressed by:

- (1) recent policy decisions taken by education systems
- (2) new curriculum initiatives and learning resources
- (3) innovative programs in schools/youth organisations
- (4) links between schools and education programs run by other relevant bodies such as Councils, State legislatures, the Australian Parliamentary Education Office etc.
- (5) initiatives in pre-service and in-service training for teachers
- (6) any other relevant matters.

The Committee invites any interested persons or organisations wishing to express views on any aspect of this topic to lodge a written submission, however brief (a short letter or a longer document are equally acceptable) with:

The Secretary  
Senate Standing Committee on  
Employment, Education and Training  
Parliament House  
CANNBERRA ACT 2600

by Monday 31st December 1990.

For further information contact the Secretary of the Committee, Tel: (06) 277 3520; Fax: (06) 277 5706.

Australia's Northern Territory

# Neither mouse nor monster ...

What can a politician do when he is compared to Frankenstein's monster and Mickey Mouse and his popularity rating has hit a low of 16 per cent?

For an answer, contact Terry Smith — the man hoping to become the first Labor chief minister of the NT in today's election.

Since taking the ALP reins in 1986, the former high school teacher, who is caricatured by newspaper cartoonist Col Wicking as a Frankenstein's monster lookalike, also has a tendency to "choke" when he faces a microphone or TV camera.

His image problems were recently exacerbated — and seized upon by Wicking — when Territory Greens convener Bob Ellis said Mickey Mouse would make a better leader than Terry Smith.

But in the face of all of these detractors, Mr Smith, 43, is an affable man.

His image problems seem less important in



**WARWICK STANLEY profiles Opposition Leader TERRY SMITH**

the run-up to this election than would have been imagined less than 12 months ago.

"People can't help their physical appearance," Mr Smith said this week, "and policies are more important than personalities."

Of his tendency to tighten up in electronic media interviews, he said he was working hard to overcome the problem.

The fruits of that work were evident immediately after Chief Minister Marshall Peron announced the election on October 5.

at the 1987 election, Mr Smith faces his last chance as leader.

The ALP believes the election is there for the taking in the wake of what it sees as widespread disenchantment with the Government. Mr Smith will "carry the can" should it lose.

A Centre-Left member who ousted then Opposition leader Bob Collins (now Federal Minister for Shipping and Aviation Support) in a factional struggle four years ago, Mr Smith entered politics in 1981.

He was a Melbourne University graduate who spent time overseas before arriving in Darwin in 1973 to teach.

Mr Smith was secretary of the NT Teachers Federation from 1975 until he was elected to the northern suburb seat of Millner at his first attempt in 1981.

"Nominations opened on the Sunday and I was preselected on the Friday," Mr Smith said.

"Within three weeks of being asked to consider running for political office, I was in Parliament."

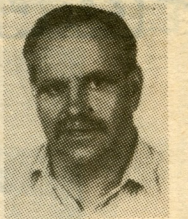
Mr Smith, who had been prepared for an election announcement for almost three months, surprised the media with his ebullience.

But his confidence could have also been attributed to the raising of Government and police corruption allegations by NT Nationals leader Ian Tuxworth, which stung the Government two weeks before the election was called.

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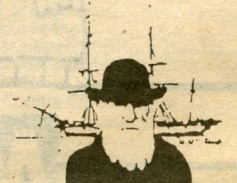
- Associate Diploma of Library Practices
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Further information can be obtained from Ms Donna Hurst on (089) 824 212.

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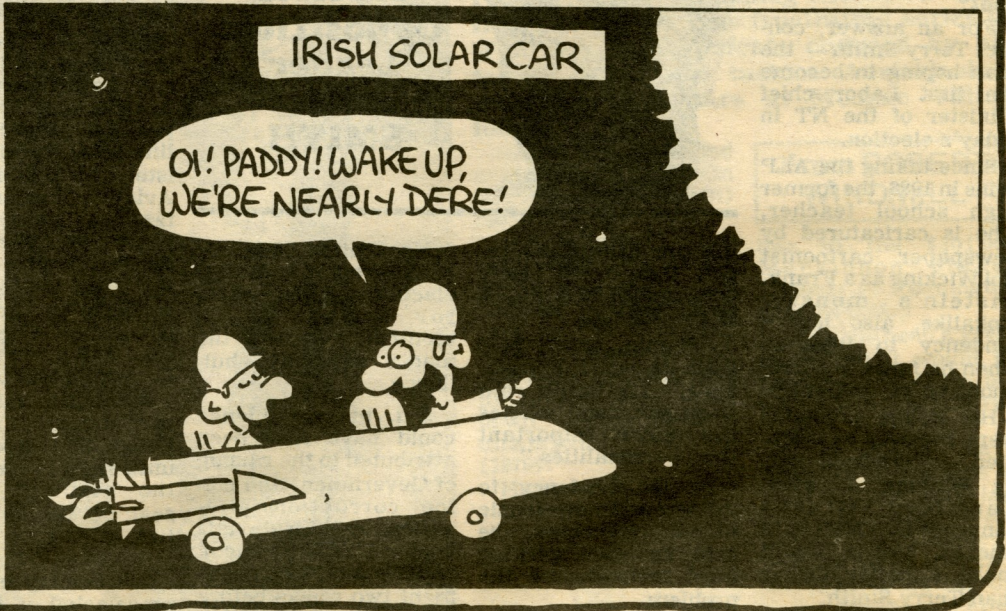
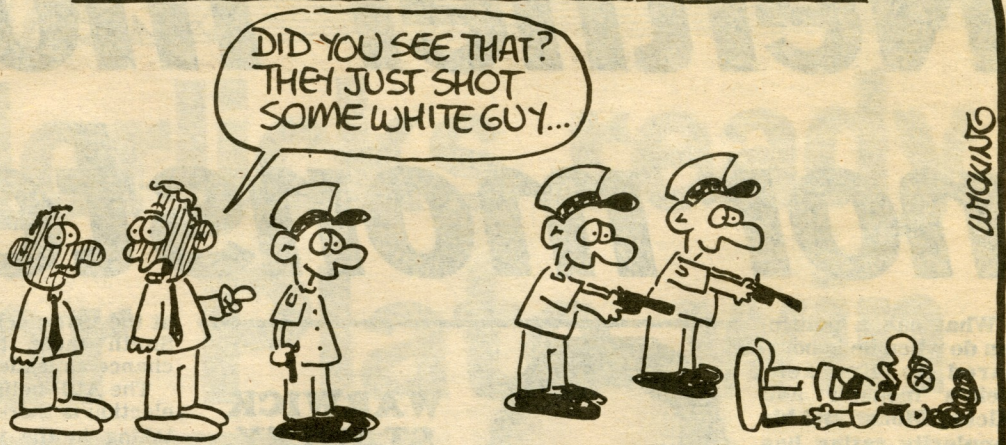
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## NORTHERN TERRITORY News

EDITORIAL, Saturday, October 27, 1990

### Stability - unexciting but NT's best option

TERRITORIANS go to the polls today to decide who is to govern the Northern Territory for the next four years.

After three weeks of campaigning, no major or overriding issues have emerged.

Nevertheless Territorians are being asked to make a choice on two things - stable government and economic management.

On the first it must be emphasised that at the end of the day only two political parties will be able to form government - the Country Liberal Party or the Australian Labor Party.

Green and other independents and NT Nationals cannot form government. At best, they can hope only to influence the election through their preferences. At worst, a handful of them may hold the balance of power, forcing one of the parties into an alliance.

It follows that a protest vote for independents is really a vote for potential instability and trouble.

Which brings us to the next question, the one that will determine today's election result - which party is best suited to govern at this stage of the Territory's history?

The evidence says that the Country Liberal Party offers a better chance of stability and progress than Labor.

There is no joy in this statement. The CLP in the past two or three years has patently failed to offer Territorians a vision of better things or to inspire confidence in the future. It has been indecisive and vacillating when hard decisions and steadfast resolution were needed.

It has also run an essentially negative campaign at a time

when Territory voters were entitled to learn more about the CLP plans for a better future.

Having said that, it must be added that, as Federal Treasurer Paul Keating, admitted recently, the CLP Government has managed the Territory's finances prudently.

As a result the Territory is better placed than almost any State to take advantage of the economic recovery when it comes.

The Labor Party began the campaign well but it fell into a hole of its own making immediately after its launch last week. The hole was the lack of costings on its promises.

This is a fatal weakness. A party that cannot get its sums right when in opposition is most unlikely to get its sums right when in government.

### Prepare

And since management of the economy is the most vital issue confronting voters today - especially after what has happened in some Labor States - it was essential that Labor went to the polls as a credible alternative manager.

They had almost four years to prepare such an alternative and they failed.

This election from the very beginning was about the balance between two factors - disenchantment with the CLP against lack of trust in the Labor Party.

The first has not disappeared but the campaign has served only to deepen the distrust in Labor's capacity to provide sound management.

### Perron interview 'appalling'

THE ABC 7.30 Report on Thursday night produced a disgusting performance from Dennis Driver, in complete contrast with the kid-glove treatment given to Terry Smith on Wednesday night.

Chief Minister Marshall Perron kept his cool and displayed real leadership qualities under the travesty of what was supposed to be a political interview.

The interview far from being constructive, was complete drivel.

Blatant political bias was so evident that the ABC should be renamed the LBC - the Labor Broadcasting Commission.

The sooner the ABC is privatised the better for the public and the public purse.

It can than be supported wholly by the Labor Party and not from taxpayers' funds.

W.J. (Joe) Fisher,  
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AFTER months of suffering through the 7.30 Report as presented by Dennis Driver, the final straw came on Thursday night.

Mr Driver's political bias when interviewing Marshall Perron hit the gutter lows.

If Mr Driver wishes to promote a political view he should have the guts to seek preselection for a seat in Parliament.

When interviewing Terry Smith on Wednesday he used

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"kid gloves" but he certainly removed the gloves when badgering Marshall Perron on Thursday.

It is high time this arrogant, politically motivated ALP cheer-leader was removed from his present position and the 7.30 Report returned to a program of balanced reporting, as we expect from a publicly-funded television program.

Frank Dorshorst,  
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I WATCHED with disbelief and disgust the ABC reporter Dennis Driver's interview with the Chief Minister, Marshall Perron.

The Chief Minister is to be congratulated for his self-control and patience during the interview.

Does the ABC have a policy that their reporters follow the rules of common decency?

Mr Driver's technique demonstrated on Thursday night was appalling.

Ironically for Mr Driver, the people to whom I spoke expressed the view that, contrary to what I perceived clearly as Mr Driver's aim to denigrate Mr Perron, the Chief Minister came through the interview well, showing self-control and patience.

Mr Driver berated the Chief Minis-

ter repeatedly with questions on substantiated and unimportant rumors.

No one should be publicly subjected to the type of treatment Mr Driver dealt out that night.

David Stewart,  
20 Haritos St, Wanguri.

I MOST strongly object to the absolute bias shown by Dennis Driver in his interrogation of the Chief Minister.

Marshall Perron handled the situation very well.

He certainly gets my vote and I am sure the vote of every clear-thinking Territorian who by now must be sick to death of this boring individual and his Labor buddies.

J.W. Hobbs,  
6/27 Lakes Cres, Northlakes.

DENNIS Driver's interview performance with the Chief Minister Marshall Perron, was nothing short of appalling.

In comparison with the previous night's show when Terry Smith was guest, the interview was provocative and completely biased with the sole aim of boosting the ALP election prospects.

The ABC needs to review its staffing arrangements on the 7.30 Report to make it balanced and enjoyable, locally-produced current affairs show.

Paul R. Sims,  
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### Readers fire final election shots

THE new standards you have set in impartiality and unbiased reporting during the election campaign deserve congratulations.

You must be proud of Frank Alcorta and his dedication to providing the unvarnished truth to the people of the NT.

Is there any truth in the rumors that there is a brown-paper bag bulging with CLP campaign funds waiting to be dropped on to Frank's desk or that Frank has been asked to travel to Argentina to accept the Dr Goebbels

Award for services to the propaganda profession above and beyond the call of duty?

J. Tennant,  
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Northlakes.

FRANK Alcorta's endorsement (NT News, Opinion, October 23) of the left-leaning legal four is amusing but disturbing.

My understanding of left-wing politics, whatever faction, is that it involves some level of commitment to a more equitable distribution of the nation's wealth. Surely the legal in-

dustry represents the very antithesis of left-wing thinking.

One would be certain that these people could talk up a leftist storm but their industry would seem to be living proof of profit maxims usually associated with the right.

G. McCue,  
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P.D. JAMES (NT News, October 25) must have undergone a remarkable change in values in recent years if he is offended by the sight of a small elector-

al poster on a barren piece of ground between an ugly public lavatory and a busy road.

A poster which, incidentally, had been *in situ* for a fortnight before it drew his attention.

Some of us could more easily believe that Lady Kearney's obvious sincerity and honesty were upsetting to the old boys' club against the apparent smugness of another contender for the seat of Port Darwin.

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