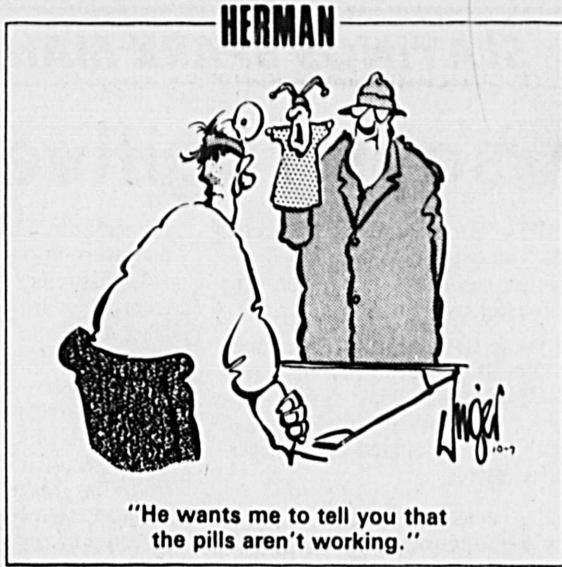


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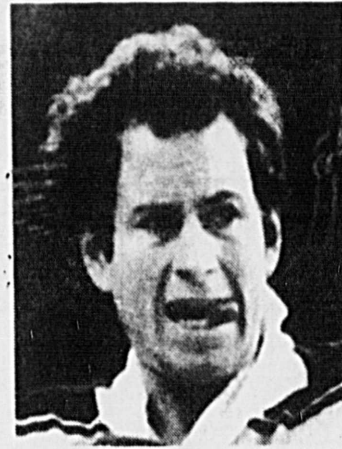
UNDER THE VOLCANO, the classic novel by Malcolm Lowry, is being made into a film by distinguished director John Huston. Page 23

TORY LEADER Brian Mulroney cleared a major hurdle this week when he kept his frequently-fragmented caucus together on a joint Commons resolution regarding French language rights in Manitoba. Page 35



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Sadrack says

The clouds will gather throughout the weekend, with showers expected each day. The percentages for rain are: 40 today, 10 overnight and 40 Saturday. The expected highs increase from 10 today and Saturday to 11 and 12 Sunday and Monday, respectively. The weather office recorded a high Thursday of 10, an overnight low of -1, 1.8 millimetres of rain and 2.4 hours of sunshine, compared with 2 millimetres of rain and 8.7 hours of sunshine a



year ago today, when the high was also 10 but the low a degree warmer at zero. Sunset today is 6:34 p.m.; sunrise Saturday is 7:25 a.m.

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POLICE PROBE APPARENT MURDER-SUICIDE

Shootings rock 'quiet' neighborhood

by JOHN SPILKER
 Staff reporter

Prince George RCMP have identified the victims of an apparent murder-suicide Thursday as Marlene Ann Weselowski, 29, and Hector James Lizotte, 32, both of Prince George. The shootings occurred at 11:45 a.m. in front of Weselowski's sister's house on Adam Street, in the Hart Highway area.

It is believed the woman was shot in Lizotte's pickup truck and he died on the front lawn. Most details about the shooting have been withheld by RCMP.

Sgt. Ken Hildebrandt said more information will be issued in a few days after the autopsies are completed. However, The Citizen has learned that about three

shots were fired from a .308-calibre rifle. The gun was recovered near the truck, said Andrea Dixon, 18, who was babysitting near the scene of the shooting. "I looked out the window and saw a guy lying on the ground. I thought he was sleeping or something. I never thought he was dead. Two trucks went by and the people in them shouted something at him. They didn't know anything was wrong, everything looked so normal. It wasn't until they (the authorities) turned him (the victim) over could you see the blood. It looks like he shot himself in the stomach." About 20 minutes later, two women and a man came out of the house and one of the women went hysterical minutes before the police arrived, Dixon added.



Citizen photo by Dave Milne
 Police attend shooting scene on Adam Street on Thursday.

Larry Cooper, a nearby resident, saw some of the commotion on the front lawn. "First I heard some gun shots, something like three. I ran outside and looked over and saw a guy near the truck. He was loading a gun. Another person had a big piece of wood. I went back in the house and heard a scream." The couple lived in the Parkland Trailer Court until Weselowski left last week with her three young children, a neighbor told The Citizen Thursday. "She moved out like the house was catching fire," said Barry Barnes. "She just threw everything in the truck and left. It was done so fast I thought they might be skipping out. He came home later and looked surprised."

Barnes said the victims were a "nice couple" and "we never heard a word from them." The manager of the trailer court, Leanne Bennett, said Lizotte paid the rent Wednesday. The two victims moved into the court at the end of July. "We never saw him much except when he went by in the truck. I understood he was from Bear Lake and worked in the bush someplace. She always seemed quite busy and was always doing something to the trailer. Meanwhile, residents of the quiet neighborhood were shocked and surprised by shootings. "It's very quiet around here, this type of thing never happens," said Debbie Doherty, who heard the shots fired.

Picture brighter for jobs

Citizen news services

Slightly more people were employed in the Prince George region last month compared with August, says Statistics Canada in a survey that shows the job picture is improving rapidly nationally. The local unemployment rate dropped to 15.4 per cent last month to from 16 per cent in August. This means 15,000 people were unemployed in September in the Prince George region, which extends from the Alberta border to Smithers and from Mackenzie to Williams Lake. The employment rate was much higher in the region in September 1982 — 18.9 per cent. Nearly 100,000 full-time jobs were added in Canada last month, cutting the unemployment rate to 11.3 per cent of the work force from 11.8 per cent in August. The report was the best national employment news since the recession hit in mid-1981. About 350,000 of the 600,000 jobs lost in the slump have now been recovered. September was the best month yet for recovery of lost jobs as full-time employment increased by 97,000. The number of part-time jobs — which had swelled during the recession — dropped.

This made the net job recovery 42,000 for the month, sharply up from the 15,000 appearing in August when it seemed that the recovery might be petering out. The sharpest rise in jobs — 54,000 — was in manufacturing which had been hardest hit by the recession. There was an increase of 15,000 in government employment. Quebec got the biggest share of the additional jobs — 33,000. Ontario gained 23,000 and British Columbia 8,000. There was little change in other provinces.

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RCMP are investigating an apparent murder of a man and a woman about 40 kilometres west of Chetwynd. The unidentified bodies were found Thursday afternoon in bush near a road, Chetwynd coroner Joe Garner said this morning. Both victims appeared to have been shot. "It's a pretty bad scene. There's a real heavy investigation going on right now." RCMP have sealed off the area and tracking dogs have been called in.



Smoking rubble is all that's left of a farmhouse on the W.M. Ranch north of Prince George, following a fire early Friday morning.

Turkey dinner offered

The Sacred Heart St. Vincent de Paul Society will be holding a free Thanksgiving dinner from noon to 2 p.m. Sunday at the Sacred Heart Auditorium, 887 Patricia Blvd. Any single or lonely persons, or needy families, are invited to share a Thanksgiving dinner of turkey, stuffing, vegetables, and home-baked goods. Six turkeys will be cooked by church members in their homes and brought to the auditorium. On Saturday children will be busy peeling potatoes and the rest of the vegetables to be cooked on Sunday. Society member Jerry Cotter expects to see about 120 to 130 people for dinner. "It's a gesture to show we're interested in their particular plight," Cotter says. "We're not going to cure the ills of anybody, but we can show some concern for our fellow man."

Inmate feared dead in farmhouse blaze

One of 18 inmates is missing and presumed to have died in an early-morning fire on the W.M. Ranch about 40 kilometres north of Prince George, used as an extension of the Prince George Regional Correction Centre. At press time the coroner was on his way to the scene. Witnesses said they believed they saw the remains of the missing man in the ashes of the main farmhouse. Another man sleeping in the farmhouse escaped without injury. The missing inmate's name was not released. The main farmhouse and an adjacent woodshed, both log buildings, were destroyed in the fire that was discovered just after 1 a.m. Bob Ens, regional representative for the John Howard Society that runs the facility, says the man who escaped was sleeping in the building. He woke up, smelled smoke, went downstairs and saw flames in the kitchen. The man then ran back upstairs and jumped from the second

floor to the ground. Ens says it looks as though the fire was caused by an explosion of a propane stove in the building. He says residents report there were flames in the back of the building, but not initially at the front. Three men were living in the farmhouse, which housed the kitchen facilities on the main floor and sleeping quarters on the second floor. The third man was sleeping in another cabin at the time of the fire. The farmhouse and woodshed were located about 30 metres from the historic Huble farm house. Ens says the RCMP and the fire department were called when the fire was discovered. The fire burned out of control until both the buildings were destroyed. A tractor was used to push down the woodshed, and a water hose was used to keep the fire from spreading to other buildings. Ens says the question now is to decide whether to rebuild or not.

People, more people

VANCOUVER (CP) — There will be two million more people living in British Columbia in 2006 than were counted in the 1981 federal census, says a report by B.C. Research. And by that time, 31 per cent of the population will be 40 to 59 years old, compared with 21 per cent in 1981. Greater Vancouver will grow by only 53 per cent to 1.7 million people; Qualicum will sprout new suburbs but Victoria will not; and coal will spark new growth in the Peace River region. B.C. Research, a division of the B.C. Research Council, makes the predictions in 228 pages of graphs, tables and maps. The report only projects, it does not take into account factors which might affect future growth, said Alex Turner, B.C. Research operations head.

Ouster 'muzzles' Barrett

VICTORIA (CP) — The British Columbia New Democratic Party was drafting a motion today aimed at getting ousted Opposition Leader Dave Barrett back into the legislature. Barrett was dragged out of the legislative chamber early Thursday after refusing an order from the acting Speaker to leave the house, the first time force has been used in the chamber's 112-year history. The ban, which prohibits him from sitting even in the public gallery applies for the remainder of the session, expected to last until Christmas. Opposition House Leader Frank Howard said the motion, to be presented to Speaker Walter Davidson, questions the basis on which Barrett was ejected from the House and then barred for the rest of session.

VICTORIA — The ousting of New Democratic Party leader Dave Barrett from the British Columbia legislature Thursday will have little effect on the party's ability to oppose the provincial government, says one of B.C.'s top labor leaders. "The government is so power-mad it doesn't matter if the Opposition is there or not," said Art Kube, head of the B.C. Federation of Labor and co-chairman of a group opposing the Social Credit government's controversial restraint legislation. "It doesn't care about the people's rights, it doesn't care about the Opposition's rights. The government is going to get its own way."

Just before dawn Thursday, the 225-pound Barrett was dragged from the legislature and unceremoniously dumped on the red carpet outside the chamber. His ejection followed a dispute over the rules. Eugene Forsey, a former senator and one of Canada's leading parliamentary authorities, said he didn't like the action of the B.C. house because it "muzzles" the Opposition leader.

No paper Monday

The Citizen will not publish Monday so employees can celebrate Thanksgiving with their families. Other services which will remain closed Monday include all government offices including the post offices, banks, schools, liquor stores and the city's bus service. Banks which are usually open Saturday and closed Monday will be closed Saturday to allow their employees an extra day's holiday.