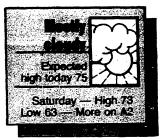


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The dying begins on a Sunday

Five murders hit one family within a year

By JERRY BLEDSOE

Dr. Tom Lynch was about to leave his dental clinic late on a Tuesday afternoon in July when the Albuquerque police chaplain came in and introduced himself.

"I've got some real bad news." the chaplain said.

Tom felt fear surge through him. His first thought was of his wife and sons. Something had happened to them.

His children were from a previous marriage. John would be 10 in a little more than a month; Jim had turned 8 four months earlier. They were in Albuquerque for their 35 days of summer visita-tion and had only 11 days left before returning to their mother in North Carolina.

Tom tried to make sure the boys had a good time when they were with him. He had been hurrying to get out of the clinic to meet them and his wife, Kathy, at the Hiland Theater. They were going to see "Conan The Destroyer," and the boys were excited about it.

"There's been an accident," the chaplain said. "Your mother and sister have been killed."

Delores and Janie dead. The shock was cushioned slightly by relief that it wasn't Kathy and the boys. A car accident, no doubt. That treacherous road his mother lived on in Kentucky. She'd just had cataract surgery. She shouldn't have been driving.

Actually, the chaplain was saying, it was worse than an accident. Delores and Janie had been murdered in a robbery at home.

How could that have been? His mother took so many precautions. She had alarms and backup alarms. She had phones in almost every room, including bathrooms. She even had a battery-powered CB radio in case the phones and power failed.

Stunned, Tom went out into the dry New Mexico heat, drove to the theater, got Kathy and the boys from the ticket line and headed home to deal with the obligations and emotions brought by deaths in the family.



Delores Lynch



Jane Lynch



Hattie Newsom



Robert Newsom



Both murder scenes were

similar: affluent, secluded homes; signs of a struggle; a few rooms ransacked. But

Family members began to

suspect one of their own.

these were no ordinary robberies. Police suspected

a professional killer.

Florence Newsom

BITTER BLOOD A Genealogy of Murder

On June 3, Fritz Klenner and his cousin Susie Lynch died when a bomb in his Chevy Blazer exploded north of Greensboro. Her two sons also died after being poisoned and shot. Police wanted to charge Klenner with murdering Susie's mother, father and grandmother near Winston-Salem. Police also suspected he murdered two of her former in-laws in Kentucky. This is their story.

usan Reid thought something must be wrong. Here it was Tuesday, and she hadn't heard from her friend Delores Lynch since Saturday. Usually, they went to church together on Sundays, but Susan hadn't felt well this past weekend, and Delores went without her. On days they didn't

see each other, Delores usually called. When she hadn't called by Sunday night, Susan tried calling

The phone rang and rang. Susan figured it must be out of order again. When Delores was away, she always left the phone off the hook to foil would-be robbers who might call to see if anybody was home. If the phone rang, it meant she was there. But a month earlier, the phone was out of order, and a caller would hear it ring when actually

Susan tried calling several times Monday. On Tuesday, July 24, 1984, she had to stay at the real estate office where she worked until 1 p.m. When she didn't get Delores that morning, she decided to drive over to her house after work. She went home to Peewee Valley, about 10 miles away, changed clothes and picked up her dog Abbi. a Shih tzu. Delores loved Abbi, and Susan knew she'd want to see her.

Delores lived in a 14-room house with four bedrooms and four baths on four acres on State Road 329, called Covered Bridge Road, near Prospect in Oldham County, about 15 miles north of

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South Africa forces seize 27 dissenters

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa South African authorities said Saturday that 27 leading opposition figures had been seized in the past 24 hours in the newest crackdown

They also said "stern action" would be taken

against protesters planning a march Wednesday to demand the release of the jailed nationalist Nelson Mandela.

Armed policemen and troops clashed with crowds throwing rocks



Mandela

and gasoline bombs as violence continued in 20 black townships, as the state of emergency in 36 magisterial districts around Johannesburg and the Eastern Cape entered its sixth

According to a report by The Associated Press, Zulu warriors with clubs and spears attacked dozens of blacks near Durban, wounding an undetermined number, after illegal funerals for blacks killed in riots. The new fighting came as the leader of the Zulus, Chief Gatsha Buthelezi, repeated his contention that violence by blacks against blacks was a obstacle to the ending of

He also repeated his criticism of the African National Congress for such acts of violence, and he repeated his call for the government to free its leader, Mandela. He said the 25-year effort by the ANC to mount an armed struggle against the government had produced virtually

Since the state of emergency was proclaimed July 21, about 140 peo-ple have died — the bulk of them blacks killed by the police — and more than 2.000 have been detained for interrogation. The authorities said Saturday that 1,038 of those still were being held.

The newest detentions, which were outside the area of the proclaimed emergency, were not included in that figure. Most of those held under the catchall emergency powers, like the latest 27 detainees, are members of the United Democratic Front.

The front was formed two years ago to oppose a new Constitution ecause the charter excluded the black majority from power and created a racially segregated Parliament among other groups. The front's activities since have widened to the point where it has become the main vehicle opposing the govern-

The latest detainees are being held under a section of the Internal Security Act, legislation that per-

Tiedge defection called worst blow

BONN, West Germany al Interior Minister Friedrich Zimmerman held an emergency series of meetings Saturday to try to assess the damage caused to the security services by the defection of a top counterintelligence officer.

The West German press and television networks were calling the loss of Hans Joachim Tiedge to East since the Federal Republic was founded in 1949.

And politicians of all parties called Saturday for a full investigation into the scandal, a furor that caused Zimmerman to cut short a Mediterranean vacation and return to the capital.

Intelligence field experts said it could take the West German security apparatus years to recover from Tiedge's defection. Tiedge headed the department

that deals with apprehending East German spies in West Germany. one of the most sensitive posts within the intelligence apparatus. He failed to report for work Mon-

day at the headquarters of the Office for the Protection of the Constitution in Cologne, and Friday the East German news agency announced that he had crossed the wall and was asking for asylum.

Commentators with sources close to the intelligence agencies in West Germany said Tiedge was in position to expose the whole counterintelligence operation and to jeopardize the lives of agents inside East Germany.

And the Cologne newspaper Express said West German agents in East Germany already had been recalled as soon as Tiedge's disappearance was known.

Federal Prosecutor Kurt Rebmann, in a newspaper interview, said Tiedge had access to all areas of German intelligence work and his defection amounted to "an extremely serious case of treason.

It was still not known publicly whether Tiedge suddenly decided to defect to the East because of drinking and debt problems, or whether he was a long-time "mole" or "sleeper" who had been working for the East Germans all during his 19-year-career with the counterintelligence agency.

Some experts have noted that few prominent East German spies have been apprehended in West Germany in the past four or five years, a peri-od that coincides with the 48-yearold Tiedge's command of the East German division in the agency.

Tiedge's wife died of an accident three years ago, and neighbors in (See Spies, A13)

Shuttle crew has to wait for skies to clear

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. - Sudden early morning squalls almost on top of the launch pad forced at least a one-day postponement Saturday of the flight of space shuttle Discovery, whose five-man crew was five minutes away from lifting off on the most daring salvage mission any shuttle crew has ever attempted.

"The mission has been scrubbed," Discovery Commander Joe H. Engle was told at 9:06 a.m. as he and four other crew members sat strapped in their seats awaiting liftoff. "We will be pushing for a 24-hour turnaround.'

The launch of the 20th space-shuttle mission

more costly than was expected when the program was approved. A11.

was to take place today no earlier than 7:57 a.m. and no later than 8:11 a.m. That 15-minute period is the "window" Discovery is given to blast off from earth on its eight-day mission.

Discovery was to lift off Saturday at 8:38 a.m. but a series of unexpected and unforecasted thunderstorms blew in from the mainland directly across the flight path Discovery would have taken away from earth. Black thunderclouds surrounded the launch pad for five miles and light-

ning and rain could be seen from the beaches out to a distance of 10 miles at sea.

Mission rules call for a launch scrub if the shuttle has to fly through heavy rain and light-

Rain could damage the shuttle's fragile tiles and lightning could zap its computers and guid-

There was no guarantee Discovery would get off on time today either. The same kind of weather that overtook the central Florida coast Saturday morning was forecast for today. If anything, Air Force weather officers were expecting even

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Today's Chuckle

Marriage is a wonderful thing. It's the being together afterward that's the prob-

The space shuttle has proved to be far

more squalls than on Saturday.

Oshust charged less than set rate for coliseum

By TAFT WIREBACK Staff Writer

Smaller Charlotte arena netted more on concerts When rock superstar Bruce Springsteen performed two nights at the Greensboro Coliseum in January, he and promoters earned \$154,000 more than at two concerts earlier in the week at the smaller Charlotte

Yet they paid \$7,500 less to rent the 16,000-seat Greensboro arena than the 12.000-seat Charlotte facility.

Moreover, local taxpayers paid an additional \$7.672 for services such as ushers, ticket takers and police in the package deal between former Coliseum Director James Oshust and Springsteen's promoter, Beach Club Booking Inc., of Camden, S.C.

The Springsteen deal exemplifies Oshust's pattern of renting the coliseum to

concert promoters for less than the city's

rate schedule called for, sometimes violating contracts to give promoters breaks during financial settlements after a concert.

In fact, the Charlotte Coliseum earned \$50,046 more rent than the Greensboro building in a random sampling of 13 concerts by groups that performed in both cities during the last two years.

Much of the difference stems from the Charlotte building's adherence to its rent schedule. Charlotte Coliseum Director Paul Buck does not make impromptu rental reductions and believes such deals are un-

"Anybody that makes deals with anybody is a damn fool," Buck said. "They

don't give a damn about you. Jimmy (Oshust) has lost his job, what the hell do they care? They'll go on and try the next guy.

The Greensboro Coliseum's rate schedule calls for a minimum rent of \$2,500 or 12 percent of concert receipts, whichever is greater. The Charlotte facility charges the same percentage, but recently raised its minimum fee to \$3,000.

Oshust's dealings with promoters were criticized in an April 1984 internal audit that faulted him for giving rent discounts to promoters for rock star Rick James and country singer Barbara Mandrell. Oshust resigned two weeks ago after the audit became public.

A promoter hires the performer, rents

the coliseum and usually pays most other concert costs such as staffing, stage preparation and advertising. Promoters make or lose money depending on the concert's success and overhead expenses.

Renting to a concert promoter involves no financial risk to the coliseum, unlike copromotions when the coliseum manager agrees to share a promoter's expenses and the profit or loss. In 1984, the coliseum lost \$236,000 on co-promotions, including \$52,659 on a visit by singers Donny and Marie Osmond.

A pattern of contract violations is evident in coliseum records for 24 Greensboro concerts since February 1983, especially those before the internal audit. The concerts were selected at random from more

(See Concerts, A17)