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Fritz continued working in his father's clinic after leaving dental lab classes in 1983. After Dr. Klenner died in May 1984, Fritz continued treating some patients.

## Gathering storm hooks Fritz, Susie

By JERRY BLEDSON  
Staff Writer

Florence Newsom couldn't understand. Her daughter Susie was so bright and attractive and had such promise. She could do whatever she wanted in life, could appeal to almost any man. Why was she letting bitterness consume her? And why was she so intrigued with her first cousin, Fritz Klenner?

Not only was Fritz seven years her junior, but the family, including Susie, always thought him peculiar. He was a gun fanatic who wore camouflage clothes, carried knives on his belt and always was tramping off in the woods. Susie never had an affinity for that sort of thing, always had disdained it. But her two young sons, John and Jim, were enthralled by it, and they were taken with Fritz.

Fritz paid a lot of attention to the boys. He told Susie that treatments for leukemia that he'd had a few years earlier had left him sterile. He'd never be able to have sons of his own. He guessed that was why he cared so much for John and Jim.

By the summer of 1982, three years after Susie had left her husband, Tom Lynch, and moved in with her parents in Greensboro, she and Fritz had grown very close.

Fritz was involved with three other women then. One, a young patient of his father's whom he had been seeing for a year and a half, came from out of state to spend occasional weekends with him at his Durham apartment.

Another, like Susie, was older and had adolescent boys. She, too, was a patient of his father's, and Fritz had come into her life at a time of desperation.

The third was Susie's age. Her marriage, too, recently had failed, and she'd just fallen



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Fritz spent thousands buying survivalist gear at Army-Navy store  
Phil Farlow, above, is co-owner of the store on Lee Street in Greensboro

## 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.

in love with Fritz. She had a young daughter. Fritz was seeing all four regularly, but gradually he was focusing his attentions on Susie.

Annette Hunt, whose corner house on Fairgreen Drive was just across Redwine Drive from the Newsoms, had become a good friend of Susie's. Annette was just a few years older. They constantly visited back and forth. Annette could see that Susie cared deeply for Fritz, although Susie rarely talked about him.

Once, Susie had become very excited when Fritz invited her to attend a Duke University Medical School dinner at which, he said, he was to be honored for his scholarship and research. She bought a new dress. For weeks, she talked to Annette about the upcoming event.

Famous doctors were to attend, and Susie was to sit beside a noted professor. She even read about him so she could converse knowledgeably. On the day of the dinner, she left her sons with her parents and drove off to meet Fritz at his apartment in Durham.

"Well, how did it go?" Annette asked when she saw Susie the next day.

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## Pentagon kills anti-aircraft gun program

By BILL KELLER  
New York Times News Service

WASHINGTON — Defense Secretary Caspar W. Weinberger Tuesday halted purchases of the Army's Sergeant York anti-aircraft gun, saying the weapon's performance is "not worth the additional cost." It is the first major new weapon program the Pentagon has killed in the production stage since the 1960s.

The Pentagon has spent \$1.8 billion on the gun since 1978. Weinberger said killing the program now would save \$3 billion in projected expenses. Some of that money, however, will be spent to seek an alternative way of protecting tank and infantry divisions from hostile aircraft, he said. That might include improvements to existing guns and missiles or an altogether new weapon.

Weinberger said Army tests earlier this summer proved the weapon, which is aimed by computer, offers only "marginal improvements" over less advanced weapons in its ability to defend troops and tanks against enemy planes and helicopters.

"So we will not invest any more funds in this system," he said in an opening statement at a news conference.

"The most difficult part about this decision is that problems with the system in no way reduce the Army's

very urgent need for better air defense than we now have for the troops in the field," he added.

The contractor, the Ford Aero space and Communications Corp. in Newport Beach, Calif., already had delivered the first 65 of a planned 618 weapons. Pentagon officials said they would be salvaged for parts for other weapons.

Army officials said that under the contract warranty with Ford, Weinberger could have demanded that the company take the weapons back and make them work properly at no extra cost, but they said 65 weapons would be too few to justify deploying the guns.

Ford Aerospace's president, Donald B. Rassier, issued a statement saying the company understands Weinberger's decision and already has begun work to identify a better weapon for the purpose.

The gun is Ford Aerospace's largest military program and accounted for a fourth of its new military contracts last year. Securities analysts said the cancellation was a painful

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## South Africa arrests Boesak, suspends trading in stocks

From Wire Reports

CAPE TOWN, South Africa — The Rev. Allan Boesak, one of the nation's staunchest foes of apartheid, was jailed Tuesday on the eve of a protest march he was to lead to Pollsmoor Prison, where Nelson Mandela is serving a life term.

In another development, the government suspended trading on the stock and foreign currency markets until Monday to halt the flight of capital. South Africa's rand, once worth more than \$1, has declined sharply during a year of black riots against white-minority rule and hit a record low Tuesday of 35.75 cents.

Finance Minister Barend du Plessis cited "abnormal pressure" on the country's balance of payments.

"These steps have been taken so that South Africa can continue to meet all international obligations," Du Plessis said.

In an evident reference to the unrest, Du Plessis said the balance of payments was under "abnormal pressure" unrelated to what he said were healthy underlying economic indicators.

Boesak's lawyer said the march would go ahead as planned today despite the leader's detention and government pledges to halt the illegal assembly.

Mandela, black leader of the banned African National Congress, has been in prison since 1964, convicted of plotting sabotage.

Boesak, 39, is of mixed race and is (See South Africa, A5)



Boesak

## Coliseum vendors' percentage cuts city revenue

By TAFT WIREBACK  
Staff Writer

Greensboro taxpayers have lost thousands of dollars because of the way T-shirts and other novelties have been sold at the Greensboro Coliseum during rock and country music concerts.

Vendors, many of them full-time coliseum employees or their relatives, usually were paid 10 percent of sales instead of an hourly wage

A few inquiries and resumes already have arrived, but the serious search for a new Greensboro Coliseum director begins next week. Story B1.

that would have left more money for the city. Coliseum officials say they have heard of vendors earning between \$350 and \$500 a night selling T-

shirts at popular concerts such as rock star Prince's three Greensboro performances in November, when novelty sales reportedly were \$250,000.

Business Manager John P. Rascoe said he does not know how much money could have gone to the city because no records of total sales were kept.

However, the coliseum earned \$216,536 on novelty sales during the

last fiscal year, and its contracts with concert promoters usually call for the city to receive 20 percent of sales.

That means up to \$1.08 million in novelties including T-shirts, hats, posters, buttons, buckles and other items were sold at the building last year alone. Of that, vendors could have earned a total of \$108,000 at 38 events during the year.

Meanwhile, in the wake of a mu-

nicipal audit highly critical of the coliseum's novelty operation, coliseum revenue from 1984-85 novelty sales climbed nearly 70 percent over the previous year. It surpassed novelty revenue at the smaller Charlotte Coliseum for the first time since 1981.

Rascoe said this year's steep increase in revenues makes him wonder if it was a result of the audit.

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## Annual coliseum novelty earnings

|         | Greensboro<br>15,887 seats | Charlotte<br>11,900 seats |
|---------|----------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1980-81 | \$49,850*                  | \$32,050                  |
| 1981-82 | 72,368*                    | 83,914                    |
| 1982-83 | 102,906*                   | 126,457                   |
| 1983-84 | 128,061                    | 151,378                   |
| 1984-85 | 216,536                    | 145,888                   |

\* Estimate by Greensboro Coliseum Business Manager John P. Rascoe

## Discovery lifts off despite before-and-after rain

The Associated Press

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. — Discovery's astronauts were launched Tuesday through the worst weather of the space shuttle program, then had to rush the release of an Australian satellite to keep it from broiling in the sun.

The astronauts also deployed a second satellite, the first such doubleheader in the shuttle program, and Mission Control praised them for setting "a new world's record."

"Fantastic. We all breathed a sigh of relief down here," Mission Control said after the Aussat satellite was deployed over the equator a day ahead of schedule. The job had to be done quickly because a sunshield would not close properly.

Later, a rocket motor fired to send the \$60 million satellite toward a duty station 22,300 miles high. From there it will handle television and telephone service for the Australian continent and ease what an Aussat official called "the tyranny of distance."

Tracking data showed the rocket firing went perfectly.

Whether the satellite's antenna was damaged by the sunshield won't be known for about 10 days when the first electronic tests begin.

Less than five hours after the Aussat deployment, and one orbit later than originally scheduled, the astronauts released a satellite owned by American Satellite Co. The firm, which provides communications

for 450 of the nation's largest business and government agencies, said it has nearly \$100 million invested in the satellite project.

The ASC satellite also had a successful "burn" en route to its outpost.

In the sunshield operation, astronaut Mike Lounge had trouble with the shuttle arm, which will become vital Sunday when astronauts James van Hoften and Bill Fisher try to retrieve a dead satellite from orbit to rewire it.

The 50-foot device, which has joint motions similar to those of the human shoulder, arm and hand, would not respond to computer commands in its "elbow." As a result, Lounge had to control each of its six motions separately by throwing switches.

Flight director Bill Reeves said that will make Lounge's task Sunday much more time-consuming and might force a second day's spacewalk to complete the satellite rescue.

The Australian payload, one of three satellites carried aloft in Discovery's cargo bay, had been scheduled for launch today but the damaged sunshield changed the flight plan.

The frame-and-fabric device was supposed to close like a clamshell over the satellite in the cargo bay until deployment time, but it hung up in the halfway position as it was opened for a satellite health check. Lounge then guided the ship's

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