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The spy who got spooked

By JERRY BLEDSOE
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On Thursday, May 30, detectives Allen Gentry and Tom Sturgill left Winston-Salem for Lexington, Va., to find Ian Perkins, a philosophy major at Washington & Lee University.

They wanted to talk to him about the triple murder they were investigating. Ian was part of the alibi of their chief suspect, Fritz Klenner, another Reidsville native.

Nearly a week earlier, the detectives had let Ian's mother know that they wanted to talk to him. They knew his mother would have told him. They wanted him to have a few days to worry about it.

Ian was 21, a native of Reidsville. His grandfather, Felix Fournier, who died in 1960, had been plant manager of the American Tobacco Co., the major industry in Reidsville. Like Fritz's father, Dr. Frederick Klenner, Fournier had a European heritage and was Catholic. The two became close friends. Indeed, Dr. Klenner asked Fournier to be Fritz's godfather.

When Fournier's daughter, Camille, was a child, Dr. Klenner diagnosed her as having polio. He treated her with massive doses of vitamin C, and her family credited him with saving her life. After her marriage to Tom Perkins, who became an engineer at American Tobacco, Dr. Klenner helped Camille through a difficult pregnancy and delivered Ian.

Camille Perkins at one time was managing editor of The Reidsville Review. Later, she and her husband divorced. She and her second husband, James O'Neal, moved in with her mother, Maria Fournier, to help care for her. They lived on the same one-block street as the Klenners.

Fritz had known Ian all his life, but Fritz was 11 years older. They didn't begin to get close until the fall of 1984.

Ian, who was highly patriotic, had joined the National Guard and wanted to be a field medic. He dropped out of school for one semester and, on Aug. 15, 1984, went to Fort Sam Houston in Texas for his medical training.

Ian completed the training on Nov. 2 and returned to Reidsville, where he and Fritz got to talking about what he'd learned.

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Ian Perkins thought he could impress the CIA by helping Fritz Klenner

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.

Like many who knew Fritz in Reidsville, Ian thought Fritz was a doctor or soon to be one. Fritz

told Ian what he should have learned but wasn't taught. In January, Ian returned to

Washington & Lee, where he was a regular member of a group that played the fantasy game Dungeons & Dragons. Because of his military medic training, his friends started calling him Doc.

Ian was thinking about going into intelligence work after college. He had a great uncle, Gerald Fournier, who did secret work for the U.S. government in Europe. In early February, Ian wrote to his uncle asking advice.

"I appreciate you requesting my advice about your career plans," his uncle replied. "It is not difficult to get accepted for the line of work which I have

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South African violence takes 14 more lives

From Wire Reports

CAPE TOWN, South Africa — South African policemen firing shotguns, rubber bullets and tear gas from armored trucks battled stone-throwing schoolchildren on Thursday as violence around this city, now in its second day, spread further in black townships and mixed-race suburbs.

The tally of killing across South Africa in the past 24 hours rose from five Wednesday night to at least 19 on Thursday, all of them black.

The day's clashes ranked among the worst violence since a state of emergency was proclaimed in 36 magisterial districts around Johannesburg and Port Elizabeth on July 21. The emergency was imposed after 10 months of racial unrest that took more than 500 lives. Since then, at least 150 more persons, nearly all of them black, have died.

Witnesses said that in Mitchell's Plain, a settlement for people of mixed racial descent, policemen fired tear gas, shotguns and rubber bullets at primary school and high school students who had built barricades of blazing tires and old bedsteads across main highways. The

police were said to have fired shotguns into one primary school.

The violence followed a day of unrest that was the most extensive in years in Cape Town, where the white civic authorities pride themselves on being the most racially enlightened in South Africa. The clashes began Wednesday when the police thwarted efforts by clergymen to organize a march on Pollsmoor Prison, near Cape Town, to demand the release of Nelson Mandela, the jailed leader of the outlawed African National Congress.

By nightfall, witnesses said, there was "a ring of fire" in black and mixed-race areas far from Cape Town's white suburbs. "There are buildings burning everywhere," one witness said.

Throughout the day in Mitchell's Plain, school pupils challenged the police, in a show of defiance against the police action in Wednesday's violence, the banning of a major high school students' organization on Wednesday, and the detention two days ago of the Rev. Allan Boesak, an activist clergyman of mixed racial descent who is president of the World Alliance of Reformed Churches.

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Carstarphen says taxpayers kept coliseum out of red

By STAN SWOFFORD
Staff Writer

In the most critical assessment yet of management of the Greensboro coliseum, City Manager William H. Carstarphen Thursday painted a picture of a "historic" and almost total absence of financial, administrative and organizational controls at the facility.

Carstarphen told City Council that in the past 16 years taxpayers have had to contribute almost \$1.5 million to keep the coliseum from operating in the red.

It is only because of that money from the city's General Fund — which totaled \$1,493,835 — that the coliseum shows a "net positive result" of \$2,765 for those years, Carstarphen said.

It has been widely believed by city officials that the coliseum was never expected to pay more than its operating costs. Carstarphen said his staff has been unable to find any policy or directive to that effect in

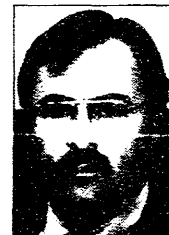
the minutes of the council or the War Memorial Commission.

In a presentation that lasted almost an hour, Carstarphen told the council the conclusions of his administrative investigation into problems at the coliseum that surfaced last month after the critical findings of a 15-month-old internal audit were made public.

Although Carstarphen did not report on the criminal investigation under way, he did talk about "very lucrative" commissions some employees enjoyed in the sale of novelties at events.

Those favored employees took home as much as 10 percent of sales,

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Carstarphen

Riders heed last 'all aboard'

Being first is best except when it comes to riding dying trains. Then it's being last.

The Carolinian, begun with fanfare last October, will make its funeral run Labor Day. Riders are clamoring to get aboard.

As of Thursday, only three seats remained for Monday's trip from Charlotte to Greensboro to Raleigh and points north. Forty-six seats were available for the return run that evening to Greensboro and Charlotte.

Bookings are also heavy for trips Saturday and Sunday. Amtrak is terminating the train because of puny revenues. While in-state ridership has been high, Amtrak says not enough passengers are going beyond Raleigh.

Amtrak has said it would keep The Carolinian rolling another year if state government will pay more of the cost. But Gov. Jim Martin said Thursday that would amount to \$1.32 million. The state had budgeted only \$500,000 for the year.

— JIM SCHLOSSER

125,000 Gulf Coast residents flee growing threat of Hurricane Elena

The Associated Press

PENSACOLA, Fla. (AP) — Hurricane Elena swept toward the Gulf Coast early today as more than 125,000 people from Florida to Louisiana fled coastal homes and jammed highways in the face of the fast-growing storm's 95 mph winds and high tides.

Forecasters warned that the 300-mile-wide hurricane, which was moving slowly toward the

north-northwest and gaining strength, would strike land today with dangerous winds of up to 100 mph.

Squalls from the fringes of Elena began hitting the coastal sections of the Florida Panhandle just before midnight Thursday, the weather service said.

A hurricane warning was in effect from Morgan City, La., to Apalachicola, Fla. In addition, a tornado watch was posted for southern Alabama and northern

Florida, and a flash flood watch was issued for northwestern Florida counties.

The governors of Mississippi, Louisiana and Florida declared a state of emergency in two dozen counties along the Gulf Coast, where up to 10 inches of rain were forecast.

Schools closed early in southern Louisiana and Mississippi, shelters opened, and bumper-to-

(See Elena, A12)

No sign of UNC student as teen is returned to face kidnap charges

By JIM BRADY
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CHAPEL HILL — A 16-year-old Hillsborough youth was charged with kidnapping Thursday in last weekend's abduction of a University of North Carolina graduate student, who remains missing.

Maxwell Avery Wright, 16, of 409 W. Corbin St., who was charged with kidnapping and armed robbery, was arrested Monday in Nashville, Tenn., on auto theft charges after he was found in the pickup truck his father reported stolen Sunday.

Police investigating the Saturday night abduction of Sharon Lynn Stewart, 23, linked Wright to the case Wednesday night, authorities said.

Wright, who waived extradition, was accompanied by FBI and North Carolina SBI agents on a Thursday night flight to Raleigh-Durham Airport, said Ellen Norris, a group supervisor at the Davidson County, Tenn., Juvenile Court Detention Center.

Wright was charged with two counts of armed robbery and two counts of kidnapping. Arrest warrants charged Wright with stealing at knifepoint purses containing \$300 and credit cards belonging to Stewart and her roommate, Karla Hammett. Both women were ab-



Wright

ducted Saturday night in Chapel Hill, but the assailant released Hammett and led Stewart away in handcuffs.

North Carolina authorities disclosed no further details, and would not say whether Stewart is believed to be alive.

Throughout the day Thursday, however, police teams searched wooded areas in Orange and Guilford counties and undisclosed locations for any sign of the victim.

One search turned up a shallow grave off a service road near Chapel Hill, and agents swarmed to the site. "It turned out to be a dog," said Dr. John Butts, a state medical examiner called to the scene.

Guilford County sheriff's deputies combed the road-

sides along Interstate 85 on the request of the FBI. Sheriff's Department officials said the FBI told them to be looking for a body, but none was found after an hour's search.

Stewart, from Cincinnati, was about to begin graduate studies in speech pathology when she was kidnapped with her roommate just before midnight as the two women returned to their car in a parking lot after going to a movie.

A man poked Stewart in the back with a long-bladed sheath knife and ordered her to drive to another parking lot on campus. There, he handcuffed Stewart and told Hammett to drive the car away.

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