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And there were voices, and thunders, and lightnings.
And there fell upon men a great hail out of heaven.

— Revelation 16:18-21



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Officers draped Susie's body as Fritz's body lay covered in foreground after the explosion June 3, 1985

'He just blew the whole thing up'

By JERRY BLEDSOE
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About 11 a.m. Monday, June 3, a large group of detectives gathered at the SBI office on Swing Road in Greensboro.

Ian Perkins was there, nervous and sweating, ready to try once again to trap his friend Fritz Klenner into admitting that he and Ian had been on a murder trek two weeks earlier — not a CIA mission as Ian had believed.

The officers had settled on a strategy to fool Fritz into thinking he might be called in for a police lineup.

In his hip pocket, Ian carried a pink copy of a nontestimonial identification order — a legal paper requiring Ian to be in a lineup.

The bogus order had been signed by Detective Allen Gentry of the Forsyth County Sheriff's Department and Forsyth District Attorney Don Tisdale. The name of an imaginary judge also was scribbled on it.

The justification for the order was typed on the back.

According to the order, Winston-Salem police officer James F. Hull had spotted a gold Plymouth Volare driving slowly on Uni-

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.

versity Parkway, followed by a black Chevrolet Blazer, about midnight Saturday, May 18. Hull had stopped the Volare, registered to Hattie Newsom. Police later realized it had been taken from the scene of her murder.

Hull thought he could recognize the driver — a young white male with dark hair, dark eyes and a beard.

When investigators first interviewed Ian four days earlier, he had a fresh growth of

beard and fit the description. That gave the lineup order legitimacy.

The detectives knew that when Fritz, the real driver of the Volare, saw the order, he'd realize that one for him would be coming soon.

To set up a meeting with Fritz, Ian called the apartment of Susie Lynch. Susie was Fritz's first cousin, and they lived together. Her parents and grandmother were the victims of the murders being investigated.

Susie told Ian that Fritz had gone out for a while.

Ian called back a little after noon, and Fritz agreed to meet him at the same place they'd met the day before, the parking lot at Zayre's in the O'Henry Shopping Center on Cone Boulevard in Greensboro.

About the same time, Susie called her professor of managerial economics at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro. She had a test scheduled.

"The way things are going, I don't think I'm going to get there for class tonight," she told him. She said she'd come in Tuesday, take the test and talk about her progress.

Shortly after 1 p.m. Monday, Ian was waiting in the parking lot with the young

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Elena veers east toward Florida coast

The Associated Press

PANAMA CITY, Fla. — The leading edge of Hurricane Elena swamped coastal areas with high tides, thunderous surf and torrential rain Friday as the storm, its central winds spinning at up to 110 mph, turned eastward toward Florida.

Elena, already 350 miles wide, could become even more powerful before its eye roars ashore today, said Neil Frank, director of the National Hurricane Center in Coral Gables.

"If the hurricane hits the Florida coast, coastal residents there have only two choices," said Gov. Bob Graham. "They can stay in their homes and face almost certain injury or death or can evacuate immediately and protect their lives."

Elena continued taking a more easterly track Friday night, and forecasters shifted hurricane warnings to cover an area from Panama City to Sarasota, including the heavily populated cities of Tampa-St. Petersburg. Gale warnings extended down to Fort Myers.

The highest winds in the hurricane's center were clocked at 110 mph by reconnaissance aircraft Friday night, said Mark Zimmer of the hurricane center.

Thousands had fled to high ground along the Gulf of Mexico from Louisiana to Florida, but the evacuees from Louisiana, Alabama and Mississippi returned home Friday.

Estimates of the number of people to be evacuated in a seven-county area of the western Panhandle ranged from 224,000 to 318,000, said Joy McIlwain, spokeswoman for the Division of Emergency Management. She said there was no way to

Piedmont residents celebrating the Labor Day holiday face a chance of showers today and Monday, but it should be mostly sunny Sunday.

If you're going to the beach, you're likely to be as wet out of the water as in. Rain is predicted for all three days at the North Carolina and South Carolina beaches.

However, Hurricane Elena could drastically change these predictions.

estimate the number of Labor Day tourists already in the area.

Along Florida's Santa Rosa, Okaloosa and Walton counties, the weather service reported surging seas of up to 15 feet, tides 3 feet to 5 feet above normal, and flooded roads.

Rain fell so hard at Apalachicola at midday that visibility was only about 20 feet.

The storm had grown over Cuba and swept into the northern Gulf, where it slowed and drew strength from the warm water and was upgraded to a hurricane on Thursday. On Friday, it had moved northward and nearly stalled before changing direction to the northeast.

At 10:30 p.m. EDT, the fifth named storm of the 1985 Atlantic season was centered near latitude 28.6 north and longitude 85.6 west, about 85 miles south-southwest of Apalachicola. It was drifting toward the east-northeast at 5 mph, but its movement was erratic, said forecaster Bob Sheets.

In Panama City, 14 shelters had (See Elena, A2)

Violence rocks mixed-race areas near Cape Town

From Wire Reports

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa — Police fought gangs of youths hurling rocks in mixed-race suburbs near Cape Town Friday in a third day of anti-apartheid riots that have killed at least 31 people.

"It's been like a war," said mixed-race shopkeeper Andy Skoon of the day-and-night clashes.

The violence began Wednesday in the black township of Guguletu and spread to the mixed-race suburbs of Mannenberg and Mitchells Plain on Thursday and Friday.

Black Anglican Bishop Desmond Tutu and white anti-apartheid activist Rev. Beyers Naude said after meeting three foreign ministers from the European Common Market that advocating sanctions against South Africa is one of the few remaining peaceful ways to fight apartheid from inside the country.

Tutu, who is a Nobel Peace Prize winner, and Naude, secretary-general of the South African Council of Churches, said they had made a case for sanctions to the ministers.

The two clergymen spoke to reporters after meeting in Pretoria with Jacques Poos of Luxembourg, Hans van den Broek of the Netherlands and Giulio Andreotti of Italy, who are on a three-day visit to advise the Common Market on whether to vote for sanctions.

Tutu also said the state of emergency imposed July 21 to try to end the persistent rioting was not working. "On the contrary, it has provided a license for brutality by some against the blacks," Tutu said.

The outlawed African National Congress, which is fighting a guerrilla war against the white-minority government from its exile headquarters in Lusaka, Zambia, said the black townships were becoming ungovernable.

"Opposition to racist oppression has continued unabated... and now affects almost every town and city," it said in a statement telexed to The Associated Press in Johannesburg.

In Washington, State Department officials Friday said the United States has urged South Africa to allow the outlawed African National Congress to take part in any discussions between the government and black leaders on the country's future.

It was the first time the administration had specifically said the congress should be included in negotiations. The South African government, which banned the ANC in 1960, has accused it of being a communist organization dedicated to the forcible overthrow of the government.

There is no indication that the government of President P.W. Botha is willing to deal with the ANC.

A principal leader of the ANC is Nelson Mandela, a black lawyer who has been imprisoned since 1962 on charges growing out of his involvement in the group.

A State Department spokesman reiterated Friday that the United States viewed Mandela's release as crucial to bringing about "a national dialogue." Such a dialogue has been advocated by Washington as a way of ending the violence there and of finding a formula for the abolition of apartheid.

"We have long taken the position (See South Africa, A8)



Tutu

Nurse acquitted in baby death

By ED WILLIAMS
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GREENVILLE — Neonatal nurse Robert Andrew Jonas was acquitted Friday of murdering a severely deformed and terminal infant two years ago at Pitt Memorial Hospital.

A Pitt Superior Court jury of six men and six women returned its verdict after less than two hours of deliberation. The jury had been asked to consider possible verdicts of: first- or second-degree murder, attempted murder, and not guilty, following the three-day trial.

Jonas, now on personal leave from his job as a nurse at Moses Cone Memorial Hospital in Greensboro, was on trial for first-degree murder in the July 24, 1983, death of Darlene Clara Peszko, a baby born anencephalic, or without a brain. That birth defect is fatal within hours. He plans to return to work at Moses Cone.

Testimony this week showed that Jonas covered the child's mouth and nose while she gasped for breath in an isolation room at Pitt Memorial. Jonas denied trying to suffocate the infant, saying he kept his hand over her face only momentarily, "to see if that would be her last breath." Jonas testified that the child was still breathing after he took his hand away from her face.

The 6-hour-old infant died from a forcible chest compression that stopped her heart. Jonas' co-defendant, Michael Edward Grant, has already pleaded guilty to manslaughter, acknowledging that he compressed the infant's chest. Grant is awaiting sentencing.

Prosecutors argued that Jonas and Grant "acted in concert" to terminate the deformed child's life.

Defense attorney Locke Clifford argued that it was Grant, not Jonas, who directly caused the (See Trial, A8)



Wright

Wright also faces attempted kidnapping charges in Fayetteville as the result of an incident in July that has some similarities to the Chapel Hill kidnapping.

Orange County District Attorney Carl Fox had agreed orally that he would not seek the death penalty if Wright helped

police find Stewart or her body, sources told the Greensboro News & Record.

Fox made the agreement with Orange County Public Defender Kirk Osborne Thursday night before they met with Wright for the first time, sources said.

The agreement was made as authorities were searching frantically, hoping Stewart was still alive.

Neither Fox nor Osborne could not be reached for comment late Friday.

Wright was charged Thursday

with kidnapping Stewart and her roommate, Karla Hammett, from the parking lot of Morehead Planetarium on the campus of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

The roommate was released almost immediately, while a knife-wielding assailant led Stewart away. The youth had taken a total of \$300 in cash and credit cards from the two women's purses, according to arrest warrants.

Fox said earlier he did not know (See Kidnapping, A8)

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Usually when someone calls you a singular person it means they're glad there aren't more of you.

Kidnapped UNC woman's body found

By JIM BRADY
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A Hillsborough teenager was charged with murder Friday, hours after he led police to a dump site near Greensboro, where the body of a UNC graduate student was found stuffed into a discarded metal drum.

Maxwell Avery Wright, 16, was charged with first-degree murder in the death of Sharon Lynn Stewart, 23, of Cincinnati, Ohio. She died of multiple stab wounds, according to state Medical Examiner Dr. John Butts, who would not release other autopsy findings on Stewart.