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Johnny Hill, Kevin's father, said he hoped the Guinness book would create a new category for his son. John Kevin's parents have been taking commercial flights to follow the trip.

Severe thunderstorms possible

Local weather readings

The past 24 hours through 8 a.m. EST.

LUMBERTON MUNICIPAL AIRPORT

High Temperature92
Low Temperature76
Temperature at 8 a.m.79
Precipitation0.00 inches

FEDERAL PAPER BOARD

High Temperaturen/a
Low Temperaturen/a
Temperature at 8 a.m.n/a
Precipitationn/a

THE SKIES

Sunrise tomorrow6:03 a.m.
Sunset tomorrow8:35 p.m.

THE RIVER

Lumber River level7.30 feet

Radio weather reports are broadcast from Fayetteville at 162.475 mhz and from Wilmington at 162.55 mhz.

Good evening,

There is a slight chance of severe thunderstorms, with large hail and damaging winds, over central and eastern North Carolina this afternoon and evening, the National Weather Service says.

Showers and thunderstorms were widespread across western and central portions of the state overnight. Some of the thunderstorms produced locally heavy rainfall with amounts of one to two inches in the mountains and foothills and up to three inches over parts of the northwest Piedmont.

A funnel cloud was reported by Winston-Salem police early this morning and a tornado warning was issued, but it expired at 2:40 a.m., without further incident.

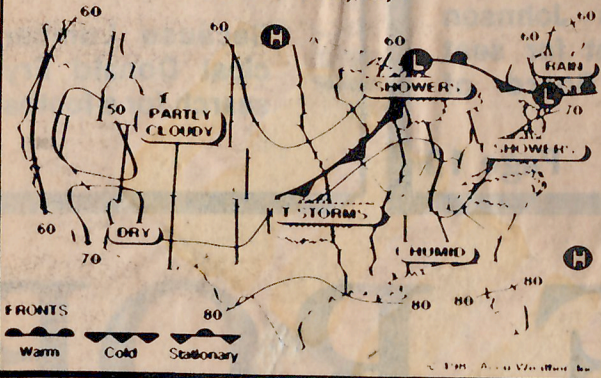
The airmass over North Carolina was moist and unstable early today. The weather service said showers and thunderstorms were likely today, as a series of upper-level disturbances influence Tar Heel weather.

Area weather

Variable cloudiness tonight and Friday with scattered showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the mid 70s. Highs around 90. Chance of rain 50 percent tonight and Friday.

THE WEATHER

The Accu-Weather forecast for 8 A.M. Friday, July 3



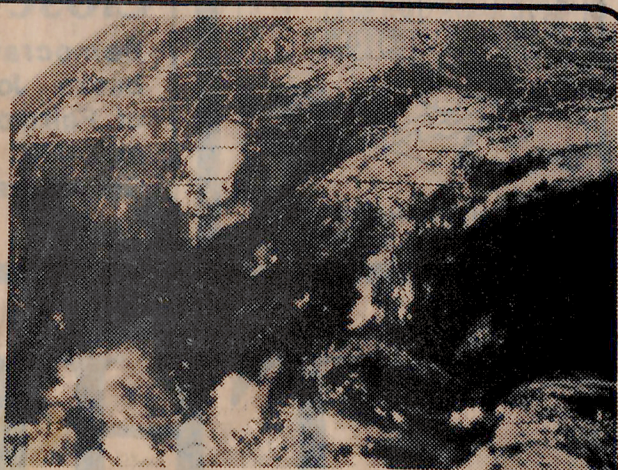
The Accu-Weather forecast for Friday indicates thunderstorms or showers for the southeast Plains, Great Lakes and on the Atlantic coast from the Carolinas to New England.

N.C., S.C. beaches

Variable cloudiness tonight and Friday with scattered showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the lower 70s. Highs in the lower 90s. Chance of rain 50 percent tonight and Friday.

N.C. mountains

Showers and thunderstorms likely tonight. Lows in the lower 60s. Chance of rain 60 percent. Partly cloudy Friday with a chance of showers and



Today's weather satellite picture shows bands of clouds, producing showers and thundershowers from Florida to Canada north of Lake Erie and from Texas through Nebraska with another band producing rain showers across Oregon and into Montana and Wyoming.

thunderstorms. Highs near 80. Chance of rain 40 percent.

Extended forecast

There is a chance of afternoon and evening showers or thunderstorms the fourth of July and Sunday. Continuing along the coast Monday. Lows in the 60s and lower 70s. Highs each day 85 to 90. Except near 80 in the northern mountains.

AREA DEATHS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Mrs. Monie C. Edwards

Mrs. Monie Collins Edwards, 88, of Charlotte, formerly of Lumberton, died Tuesday at her home. The funeral was this morning at the Pritchard Memorial Baptist Church, the Revs. Dixon Free and Harold Shoemaker officiating. Burial was in the Meadow Brook Cemetery in Lumberton.

Surviving are several nieces and nephews.

Memorials should be made to the Pritchard Memorial Baptist Church Building Fund, 1117 South Blvd., Charlotte, N.C. 28203.

Mrs. Elizabeth Jane Cox

Mrs. Elizabeth Jane Cox, 89, of Raeford, died Tuesday at Kingsdale Manor in Lumberton. Graveside services will be 11 a.m. Friday in Raeford Cemetery with the Rev. Frank Lloyd officiating.

Surviving are a son, Dan Cox of Pembroke Pines, Fla.; three daughters, Mrs. Ruth C. Seamons of Thousand Oaks, Calif., Mrs. Edna E. Vangoitel of Kingston, Wash., and Mrs. Jane Vanoni of Vannuis, Calif.; three sisters, Mrs. Sadie Turlington and Mrs. Margaret Inman, both of Lumberton, and Mrs. Louise Dawkins of Fayetteville; nine grandchildren.

Visitation is 9-10:30 a.m. Friday at Crumpler Funeral Home, Raeford.

Mrs. Lucy J. Richardson

Mrs. Lucy Jane Richardson, 79, of Route 1, Lumber Bridge, died Tuesday at Kingsdale Manor Rest Home. The funeral is Friday at 3 p.m. at the St. Peter Baptist Church, the Rev. Richard Bethea officiating. Burial will be in East Lawn Cemetery.

Surviving are four sons, Sylvester

Richardson, Heck Richardson, Bobby Richardson and Tommy Richardson, all of Lumber Bridge; 11 daughters, Mrs. Annie Baker and Miss Gertrude Richardson, both of Fayetteville, Mrs. Lillie Burk of Fuquay, Mrs. Alice Thomas, Mrs. Stella Burris, Mrs. Alma Ray, Miss Rosa Richardson and Mrs. Maggie Watkins, all of Charlotte, Mrs. Lucille Handon of Lumber Bridge, Miss Lizzie Richardson and Miss Genevieve Richardson, both of Raeford; and a brother, Malachi Ray of Lumber Bridge.

Visitation is tonight, 7-8, at Red Springs Funeral Home.

Mrs. Amy J. Barber

Mrs. Amy J. Barber, 85, of Philadelphia, formerly of Red Springs, died Monday. The funeral is Friday at 2:30 at Panthersford Presbyterian Church, the Rev. G.B. Fiaoo officiating. Burial will be in the church cemetery.

Surviving are a daughter, Mrs. Fodie Bothwell of Philadelphia; a brother, Taft Brown of Philadelphia; a granddaughter, Mrs. Joan Lee of Philadelphia, and a great-grandchild.

Mrs. Alice B. Stewart

Mrs. Alice Burns Stewart of Dillon, S.C., died Wednesday. Arrangements will be announced by Blanton-Coddington Funeral Home of Dillon.

Earl R. Barnes Sr.

Earl R. Barnes Sr., 57, of Fayetteville, formerly of Lumberton, died Wednesday in Cape Fear Valley Hospital following a brief illness.

Arrangements will be announced later.

Miss America 1985 will marry Monday

SALT LAKE CITY — Miss America 1985, Sharlene Wells, plans to marry a fellow Brigham Young University student Monday at the Mormon Temple.

Wells, 23, will wed Robert Allen Hawkes, a 25-year-old physical therapy student, her family announced Tuesday. The couple met in a Mormon Church congregation at BYU, family members said.

Wells was crowned Miss America in one of the pageant's most controversial years. Miss America 1984, Vanessa Williams, had been dethroned after nude pictures of her appeared in Penthouse.

Some felt Wells' selection was at least partially due to her Mormon background.

Burger judging essay contest

NEW YORK — Former Chief Justice Warren Burger is returning to the bench, this time as a judge in a student essay contest on the Constitution.

"We are particularly flattered by his interest in our program since he has been forced to turn down hundreds of similar requests from across the country," City Councilman Peter Vallone said Wednesday.

Burger is head of the Commission on the Bicentennial of the U.S. Constitution.

A total of \$4,000 in college scholarships will be presented to the six winners in the Council-sponsored contest on Sept. 17, the anniversary of the signing of the Constitution.

The contest is open to junior high and high school students in the city's public schools.



Warren Burger



Sting

NAMES IN THE NEWS

FROM AP REPORTS

Sting will miss mother's funeral

LONDON — Rock star Sting planned to be recording on the Caribbean island of Montserrat during his mother's funeral in England today.

The 36-year-old singer and actor was "naturally very upset" over the death of his mother, Audrey Sumner, but he would not say why he was missing the funeral, said spokesman Keith Altham.

Mrs. Sumner, 56, died of cancer at her home in Tyne and Wear this week.

Sting's real name is Gordon Sumner.

North's 25-minute interview is start of new phase in probe

WASHINGTON (AP) — Congressional investigators are building on a scant 25-minute sworn interview with fired White House aide Oliver L. North to lay the groundwork for a new and crucial phase of the Iran-Contra probe.

Their efforts are bolstered by the evidence of scores of previous witnesses and by leads that may be hidden in the thousands of pages of subpoenaed documents and notes surrendered by North on Tuesday.

But North's nationally televised testimony, scheduled to begin next Tuesday in the Senate Caucus Room, could lead to surprises.

That is the case because North and his lawyers succeeded in their bid to prevent extensive questioning in the private session, the first time North has broken his seven-month silence about the case.

Screening questions are a device committee lawyers use in advance of public testimony to determine the extent of the information a witness can provide and to shape the strategy for questioning him publicly.

So far, North has avoided extensive screening.

Wearing his olive-green Marine Corps uniform and six rows of decorations, North was almost jaunty Wednesday as he appeared for his scheduled interview.

He gave a thumbs-up sign to one bystander in the heavily guarded basement corridor of the Rayburn House Office Building. He shook the



Lt. Col. Oliver North

He salutes to reporters

hand of another.

"What do you plan to tell them?" a reporter asked as North approached the small, green-carpeted room.

"The truth," North replied.

"Is there anything you'd like to say to us?"

"Have a nice day," he said with a wink and a smile.

On his way out, he tossed a salute at waiting photographers. He said nothing.

North was in the room for about an hour and forty minutes. But committee aides said much of that was consumed by preliminaries, a break for a Senate vote, and the formal granting of limited immunity from prosecution.

He was questioned under oath for just 25 minutes, they said.

The immunity grant compels North's testimony, ending his persistent refusal over the last seven months to answer all Iran-Contra questions by invoking his Fifth Amendment right against self-incrimination. He can still be prosecuted on evidence obtained independently of his congressional testimony.

North's questioning was limited to a single subject: What does he know of the extent of President Reagan's involvement in or knowledge of the diversion of the proceeds of secret arms sales?

None of his answers were disclosed.

Reagan has said repeatedly he knew nothing of any diversion until shortly before it was disclosed by Attorney General Edwin Meese III on Nov. 25, the same day North was fired.

1 CIA chief got bonus of \$20,000

WASHINGTON (AP) — The CIA's Central American task force chief, who is said to have ordered a field agent to continue arranging weapons drops for the Nicaraguan Contras during the ban on U.S. military aid, received one of the agency's largest pay bonuses, intelligence sources say.

William J. Casey, the late director of central intelligence, awarded the bonus to the covert officer, Alan Fiers, which one source said amounted to \$20,000. It was made last year under a federal program of awards to officials for meritorious and distinguished service.

Casey appointed Fiers to head the agency's Central America task force in September 1984, after he had served as CIA chief of station in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, according to these sources, who spoke only on condition of anonymity.

The CIA would not make Fiers available for comment, and attempts to reach him by telephone were not successful.

CIA spokeswoman Sharon Foster refused to comment when asked about the awards or about Fiers' role. She said the agency does not comment on covert officers and that bonuses in the CIA, unlike those granted by most other government agencies, are not a matter of public record.

The CIA director determines such bonuses, she said.

In Fiers' case, it apparently would have amounted to a one-time pay increase in the 30 percent range. The agency spokeswoman said someone of his rank and position typically is a senior-level officer making \$54,000 to \$68,000 a year.

Fiers' superior and CIA chief of clandestine operations, deputy director Clair George, received a bonus of a lesser amount, an intelligence source said.

CORRECTION

The Robesonian makes every effort to report the news accurately and fairly each day, but occasionally errors are made. All corrections and clarifications except those on Page 1A will appear in The Robesonian on this page. Those appearing on Page 1A will be corrected on that page. If you have a correction or clarification you wish to be printed, please phone Sheri Chance, Donna Pipes or Bob Horne with the information.

Accused Nazi criminal Linnas dies in USSR

MOSCOW (AP) — Karl Linnas, deported from the United States and facing a 1962 death sentence for Nazi war crimes in the Soviet Union, died today of heart failure, the official Soviet news agency Tass reported.

Linnas, 67, a retired draftsman and land surveyor from Greenlawn, N.Y., had been imprisoned in his native Estonia since April. He was transferred to a Leningrad hospital last Thursday for treatment of a peptic ulcer and other unspecified illnesses, Tass said.

"The illness developed and to render him more qualified medical assistance, Karl Linnas was transferred to Leningrad," Tass said. "As a result of a weakening of his heart's activity, he died July 2."

Family members had been

notified his condition had deteriorated and had come to the Soviet Union to be with him, Tass said.

Linnas was convicted in absentia in 1962 in an Estonian court of taking part in mass killings of Soviet nationals imprisoned at the Tartu concentration camp in Nazi-occupied Estonia. He was sentenced to death.

Soviet officials have said Linnas was in charge of the camp.

Tass, in a dispatch based on a report from the Soviet Supreme Court, said Linnas recently had undergone two operations. He had been taken to the Leningrad regional hospital from the Tallinn investigatory ward in Estonia's capital.

The U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service said Linnas passed himself off as a displaced person in Germany after World War II. He later emigrated to the United States and became a citizen.



Linnas

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