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NEWS & RECORD

Greensboro, North Carolina

Gunman robbing store just a cardboard cutout

Police officers rushed into a video store in Lilly, Pa., and drew weapons on a cardboard cutout of actor Denzel Washington. A passer-by had reported seeing a gunman inside.

Seven police cruisers from Lilly and nearby communities rushed to the Stop 'N Go video store Tuesday evening. Inside, they found a cutout of Washington dressed as a police officer and holding a gun to promote the movie "Ricochet."

"The manager, she was more alarmed than anyone was," officer Thomas Durkay said. "She says, 'What man?'"

Durkay said it was clear how the passer-by could have mistaken the cutout from outside, and he praised her for calling. "I told her, 'Don't ever feel embarrassed for something like this.'"

Tornadoes blew it away, but not too far

Treasured belongings take a beating from tornadoes. But whoever would expect to recover photographs or a marriage license from 30 miles away? You would? Well, would you expect it to happen twice?!

The Sims family, Florence, Miss., lost the home, but they got some mementos back. The morning after the twister last month, Anthony and Frieda Gilmer of Canton, Miss., found the marriage license and an 8-by-10 picture of a youth all-star baseball team Sims coached last summer.

"Unbelievable," Rodney Sims said. "You can't throw a picture like that 5 feet across a room. And it blows 30-something miles to Canton in the wind and rain without getting destroyed?"

It might be unbelievable, but the same thing happened in North Carolina. While Clara Bowden lay recovering at Wake Medical Center from injuries suffered when a tornado hit her Harnett County home last week, a Clayton man called to say he found her old wedding photograph — 30 miles away.

Dan Flowers was squirrel hunting the day after the tornado struck when he found a sealed envelope with Bowden's name on it. It contained the wedding picture and portraits of two children.

INCREASING CHANCES
Forty percent chance of rain this afternoon and tonight. High today in the upper 50s. Low tonight in the mid-30s.

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U.S. troops' order: Save Somalia

The White House says Somalia's need makes the commitment of U.S. troops necessary.

By SUSANNE M. SCHAFER
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WASHINGTON — The Pentagon has ordered 28,000 troops to stand by for deployment to Somalia to spearhead a U.N. military rescue mission to the beleaguered African nation, a senior Pentagon official said Thursday.

President Bush scheduled a meeting with congressional leaders this morning to discuss U.S. participation in the relief effort, the White House said after the U.N. Security Council unanimously approved the operation.

Earlier Thursday, Bush called his top military advisers to the White House and telephoned leaders around the globe seeking additional forces for the effort.

Bush and his advisers discussed the risks of the military operation, spokesman Marlin Fitzwater said, "but the feeling was that the need there is great... and that we can't allow the starvation to continue."

President-elect Clinton said the Security Council resolution "has provided new hope to the millions of Somalis at risk of starvation."

Although they weren't specifically mentioned, troops in the 82nd Airborne Division based at Fort Bragg, N.C., have been deployed in the past to trouble spots around the world. A base spokesman said there had been no indication Fort Bragg troops would be sent.

Reports suggest the U.S. force primarily would be made up of 16,000 Marines from the 1st Marine Expeditionary Force in California and 10,000 soldiers from the 10th Mountain Division in New York.

THE U.N. TAKES ACTION



The United Nations Security Council voted unanimously Thursday to send a U.S.-led military force into Somalia.

WHAT THE U.N. RESOLUTION DOES

- Authorizes use of "all necessary means," including military force, to establish secure environment for humanitarian relief operations as soon as possible.
- Demands all factions in Somalia immediately cease fighting and halt other breaches of international humanitarian law.
- Urges U.N. member states to provide military forces and make additional contributions to special fund for mission.
- Requests the secretary-general report to Security Council on status of mission on regular basis. First report due in 15 days.

DETAILS ABOUT THE MISSION

- SIZE — Up to 28,000 U.S. troops and Marines plus 2,000 French troops and an undetermined number from other countries.
- COMPOSITION — So far the United States, Belgium, France, Italy, Kenya, Nigeria and Zimbabwe. Others considering sending support: Canada, Egypt and Pakistan.
- DURATION — As long as needed to establish a secure environment for delivery of assistance. Decision on pull-out expected to be made by the United States and United Nations.
- FUNDING — Cost not immediately known.



THE LEADER



U.S. Marine Lt. Gen. Bob Johnston is expected to be in charge of operations. Johnston was a top aide to Gen. Norman Schwarzkopf in the Persian Gulf war.

Politically, the U.N. secretary-general and Security Council will keep tabs.

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The United Nations gives Americans the lead in an unprecedented military campaign to help starving Somalis.

By ANDREW KATELL
The Associated Press

UNITED NATIONS — The United Nations launched the world's biggest armed humanitarian rescue Thursday night, sending a force led by Americans to silence the guns of Somali bandits and help feed hundreds of thousands of starving people.

President Bush ordered U.S. forces to prepare to go. Once Bush gives the order, 1,800 troops aboard a three-ship strike force floating in the Indian Ocean could land on Somali beaches within hours, and the full force of 28,000 could arrive within weeks.

The 15-member U.N. Security Council, outraged by the plundering of relief aid destined for refugee camps filled with the dying, voted unanimously for the huge operation and asked other member states to contribute troops and money.

France was to send about 2,000 soldiers. Belgium and the African nations of Zimbabwe, Nigeria and Kenya also offered troops. Italy promised aid.

For all the boldness of the move, it came more than a year after severe food shortages and civil unrest first were reported in Somalia. And the Security Council mandate was vague: to use "all necessary means" to create "a secure environment" for relief operations. The resolution did not say whether that might mean creating some kind of U.N.-controlled civil government in chaotic Somalia, or whether the troops would try to disarm bandits and militiamen. It said nothing about who would pay for the operation, or how long it would last.

The clans have been battling in Somalia since the collapse of President Mohamed Siad Barre's rule in January 1991, worsening a famine that has killed 300,000 people and put another 2 million at risk. The U.S. military, probably led by Marine Lt. Gen. Bob Johnston, plans to strike quickly: Amphibious craft, attack helicopters and Marines are ready to clear a path for the big air transports and ships that will ferry the hundreds of tractors, trucks and forklifts taking food to the refugee camps.

U.S. officials took pains to portray the intervention as a humanitarian effort, not a combat operation. "We are not looking to go in with guns blazing," Pentagon spokesman Pete Williams said.

Explaining the operation/A5

AIDS QUILT HAS GREENSBORO PANELS

A stitch of love lets mothers free sons

The last goodbye from mothers to sons — threads of pain and courage bind the AIDS quilt.

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With the help of a cane, Bob Barrett threaded his way through the patchwork of new squares that would become part of the AIDS Memorial Quilt when it left Greensboro on Thursday night.

A hospice volunteer who cares for people dying of AIDS, Barrett had made this tour before. It was just one corner in the huge, echoing exhibit hall. But this part always

took the longest.

"It's so hard looking at these and knowing the stories behind them," Barrett said, stopping in front of Edward Bauguss' panel with the USS Enterprise from "Star Trek." "They bring back so many memories."

He lived long enough to finish sewing his own panel. All that was left to add was the date of his death, June 8, 1990.

Stitch by stitch, 33-year-old Edward Bauguss struggled through that last year of fatigue to finish his design — white starship, blue space, rhinestones for stars.

Katherine Bauguss closed up her house at Carolina Beach that year and moved into his apartment in

Greensboro.

"I was not gonna let my only son live in a hospital," said Bauguss, 58. "It was very exhausting. It was a 24-hour day. But it's really hard for me to remember the bad times. We tried to find something each day to laugh about."

Her son, a Guilford College graduate, no longer could make the stairs — AIDS seems to rob the legs of all strength.

Still, she'd get him to the doctor or to dinner at the K&W. Once she even took him to the movies, hooked up to his glucose in his wheelchair, two urinals stashed in her coat just in case.

Friends would come by to visit, bring him strawberry bread, and listen to the two of them bicker. All

knew people who had died of AIDS alone — one of his friends hadn't been found for two days.

It wouldn't be that way for Bauguss.

Coming home from the doctor one day, his mother helped him inside, and he collapsed on his bed. His Boston terrier, Sophie, ran over to his side, and Edward Bauguss died in his mother's arms.

She moved back to the coast with Sophie. She knows a lady over in Kure Beach who won't go near the little terrier.

"She's afraid that if it scratches her with its nails, she could get AIDS," Katherine Bauguss said, her eyes narrowing.

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Charlene Collins, left, and friend and fellow church member Allison Karcher at the quilt service Thursday night

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CHANGING SHAPES

You've come a long way, baby. The only constant with female beauty has been change. It's been defined very differently through the years.

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FRAUD AND CONSPIRACY TRIAL

Tobacco spokesman defends industry

Reynolds Tobacco's chairman testifies for three hours.

By JUSTIN CATANOSO
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BELLEVILLE, Ill. — During three contentious hours on the witness stand Thursday, James Johnston, chairman of R.J. Reynolds Tobacco, stuck to standard tobacco industry positions on a myriad of controversial issues facing ciga-

rette makers: Yes, smoking poses certain statistical risks for disease, but medically, no causal link has been proven.

No, Reynolds is not trying to sell cigarettes to children, not even with its immensely popular Joe Camel campaign. Advertising purely is meant to get adult smokers to switch brands.

Yes, Reynolds supports limiting access to cigarette vending machines, and has supported such

laws in various states.

The scattered line of questioning hurled at Johnston by Belleville attorney Bruce Cook appeared to have little to do with Cook's client — Charlie Kueper, 51, an ex-Winston smoker who is dying from lung cancer. Kueper is suing Reynolds and the Tobacco Institute for more than \$3 million in damages.

Cook is trying to build a fraud and conspiracy case in the first test of a recent U.S. Supreme Court ruling that marked those two legal paths for suing cigarette makers.

Cook contends that Reynolds knowingly has concealed the hazards of smoking and that the Tobacco Institute, as the industry mouthpiece, purposely has put out false information to the public.

lawsuit before, with visible contempt. He sometimes sneered at Johnston's answers and frequently cut him off.

At one point, when Johnston said he was unaware of a surgeon general's statement that in four smokers die from smoking-related diseases, Cook said, "If you don't, sir, it's time you do."

He then read Johnston the statement over the objection of Reynolds attorneys.

Johnston's testimony was to finish Thursday but did not. Reynolds attorneys told the judge he had pressing business elsewhere and could not be in court today. Cook said he would ask for sanctions if Johnston doesn't appear. Johnston is expected to appear.

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