

National NEWS



A Somali CARE worker hauls off a bag of beans into north Mogadishu warehouse Saturday under the watch of a U.S. Marine. It was the first time since the arrival of the marines Wednesday that a food convoy benefited of an American armed escort.

"Warlords" May Determine Country's Future

MOGADISHU, SOMALIA (NBNS) - Despite attempts to dismiss them as no more than power-hungry warlords, the four major clan leaders in Somalia may play a more decisive role in the country's future than the current U.S. invasion force. With the U.S. expected to complete its humanitarian mission within three months, the clan leaders appear to be taking advantage of the respite from nearly two years of fighting to plan or plot the future of the famine-stricken east African nation.

There are four principle combatants in the Somali civil war. The two most powerful are interim president Ali Mahdi Mohammed and Mohammed Farah Aidede - both of the Hawiye clan. The two were allies in the overthrow of former dictator Siad Barre in January 1991. But they became arch-rivals when Aidede objected to Ali Mahdi being named interim president. The two lesser leaders are both of the Darod clan. One - Colonel Jess - is thought to be allied with Aidede while the other - General Morgan - is believed backed by the government in neighboring Kenya.

With thousands of armed men and boys under their loose control, these will most likely be the men who determine Somalia's future when the U.S. troops leave within the next three months.

Two Jurors Say Mike Tyson Should Get New Trial

PHILADELPHIA, PA (NBNS) - At least two of the jurors who found former heavyweight boxing champion Mike Tyson guilty of raping 18-year-old Desiree Washington now say Tyson should get a new trial.

Jurors Dave Vahle and Rose Pride last week told a Philadelphia radio talk-show host that they no longer believe Washington's testimony. And both said they were writing letters to the Indiana court of Appeals urging that Tyson be given a new trial. Vahle and Pride indicated their minds were changed by revelations that Washington has discussed big money book and film deals with lawyers before the trial if Tyson was convicted. Tyson lawyer Alan Dershowitz recently filed an appeal arguing that Washington's undisclosed plans gave her reason to lie on the witness stand.

The two jurors shared their feelings with WHAT-AM talk-show host Ted Watley.

Mandela Condemns New Wave Of Attacks

JOHANNESBURG, SOUTH AFRICA (NBNS) - African National Congress President Nelson Mandela has forcefully condemned a new wave of attacks on whites in South Africa. According to the black leader, "It is unacceptable that innocent civilians should be killed for any reason."

Within the last three weeks at least 10 whites have been killed and at least 25 injured as a result of a raid on a wine-tasting party and a bomb planted at a white restaurant. The violence has prompted fears among whites that if the black majority takes power in South Africa, many blacks may seek revenge for decades of mistreatment by the white minority. South Africa has approximately 5 million whites and 35 million blacks.

The recent attacks were carried out by the militant Azanian People's Liberation Army, which says it has declared war on whites.

Trouble Dogs First Black Woman Senator

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS (NBNS) - The first African-American woman elected to the U.S. Senate has been hit with yet another scandal. Two campaign workers have told the Chicago Sun-Times they were sexually harassed by Carol Mosely Braun's campaign manager - Kgosie Matthews. But Braun says the workers never told her about any harassment. She added another probe of sexual harassment charges against Matthews found no wrongdoing.

Braun was also caught up in charges involving the misuse of state funds which benefited her mother.

During the campaign she agreed to repay any excess money received by her mother.

Kids Decorate For Kwanzaa

Habari gani? What's the news? On Saturday, Dec. 12, about 30 kids gathered at the East Winston Library to create Kwanzaa decorations. Lee Cox, writer and artist, supervised the creations that will deck the walls of Diggs Gallery at Winston-Salem State University on Dec. 31, the sixth day of the Kwanzaa celebration.

Three young people from the Best Choice Center of Winston-Salem were in attendance: Erica Carpenter, Lekei Carpenter and Robert Carpenter. Their mother, Jacqueline Carpenter, also attended, along with Anngell Daniels.

The center is a neighborhood-sponsored, after-school education, drug intervention and prevention program. Students who worked on the project were from all age groups. Students included: Erica Carpenter, 3, from Shilohian Day-care; Reynita McMillan, 2; Lekei Carpenter, 5, from Clemmons Ele-

mentary School; Robert Carpenter, 8, from Clemmons Elementary School; Anngell Davis, 8, of Southwest Elementary School; Charles Denning Jr., 6, of Moore Elementary School; Nigel Freeman, 5, of Speas Elementary School; Sheka Ferguson, 10, of Lewisville Elementary School; Crithrina Kroford, 9, of Clemmons Elementary School; Jaeson Pitt, 11, of Moore Elementary School; Wali Pitt, 6, of The Summit School; Braheen Ward, 9, of Cash Elementary School; Shahen Ward, 9, of Cash Elementary School; Marshelle Wolfe, 6, of Forest Park Elementary School; Zakia Wood, 13, of Walkertown Middle School; Patrecih Taylor, 16, of North Forsyth High School; and Khalilah Pitt, 14, of Bishop McGuinness High School.

Adults who attended were: Rene Andrews; Felecia McMillan; Ben Piggott; Ron Ward; and the Rev. Howard Daniels.

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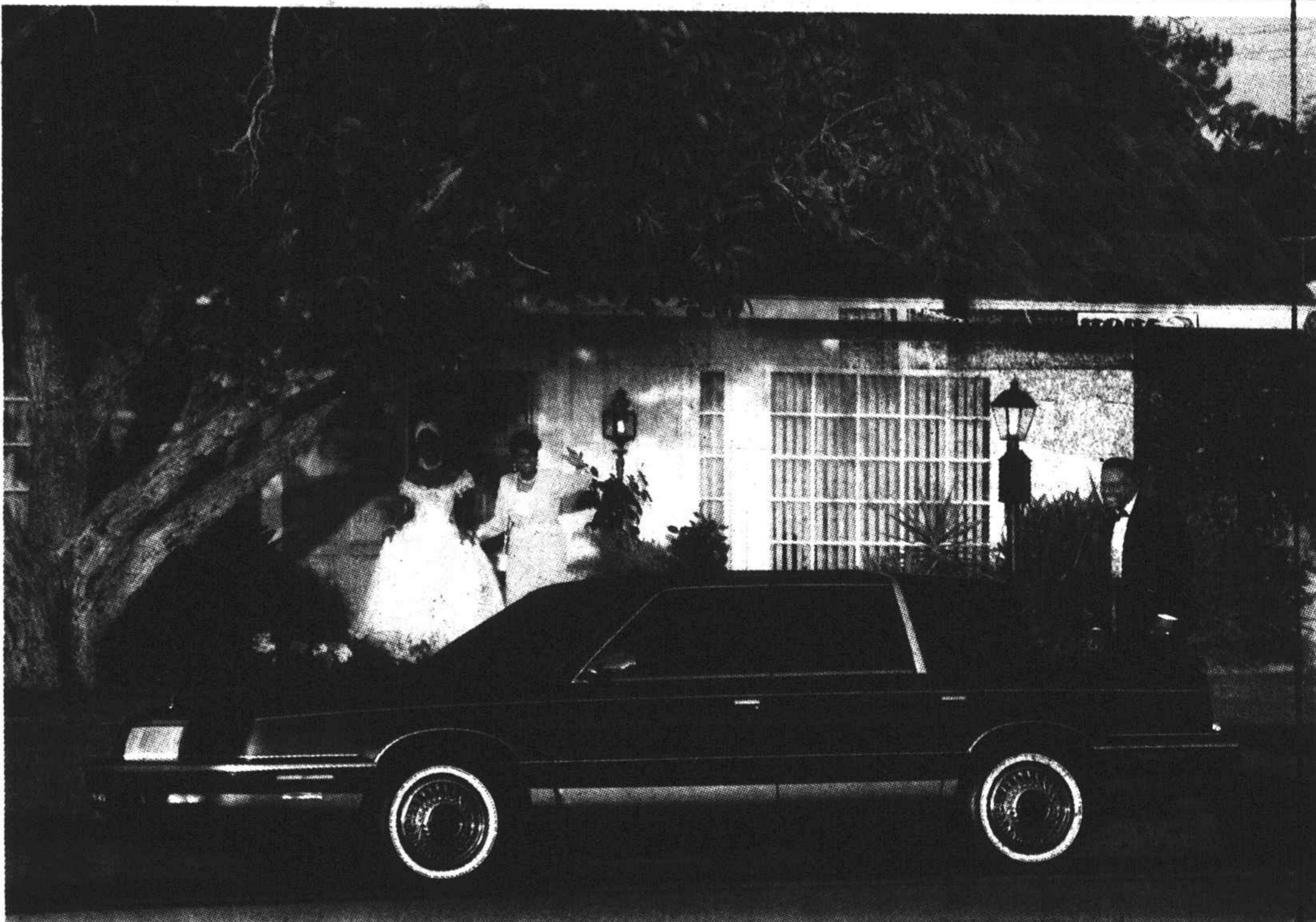
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