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JOHANNESBURG, South Africa Princess Anne was greeted ging schoolchildren Tuesday ing the first official visit to South caby a British royal in 47 years. The princess later met with sident Nelson Mandela at his ence. Describing her as a person was "doing a remarkable job ughout the world," Mandela said discussed the plight of South

"We have the problem of the sod street children, abused children disabled children and the lack of ties for them," Mandela said.

Princess Anne, only daughter of en Elizabeth II and Prince Philip, er went to the black township of ndra where she was welcomed hildren singing "Mokoti ke di h," a traditional wedding song d to welcome visitors and

elms making eneies on Capitol Hill

WASHINGTON (AP) - In 22 atively conservative years in the te, Jesse Helms has perfected art of making political foes

low, just as he's about to assume chairmanship of a major mittee, he's got fellow Republican ors squirming over a comment President Clinton is so unpopular military bases that "he'd better a a bodyguard" if he travels to

elms made the remark Monday interview with the Raleigh News Observer. By mid-day Tuesday, nad issued a statement declaring with his words, he had "made a ake... which I shall not repeat." se and inappropriate

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KEY WEST, Fla. (AP) - The of Manuel Alvarez Solano ned police to suspects in his ng, 18 years after his body was

e sheriff's office Monday said ople have been arrested and a person is being sought in the un slaying of the Cuban-born

police had been unable lentify the body and held onto thumb in hopes it would ually yield clues. A state crime liected some chemicals to raise iges on the thumb, and Solano dentified when his prints were on file at the Immigration and lization Service.

Back in '76, they didn't have a lot chnology we have now," sheriff's tive Jay Glover said.

Solano had been part of a gang imported marijuana into Florida had quarreled with some of his ates. Glover said

endy's worried hot ocoa may be too hot

UBLIN, Ohio (AP) — Wendy's mational is halting hot chocolate at its restaurants because it

be too hot for children. e fast-food chain said today has started notifying its 4,000 estaurants to temporarily stop s. Wendy's has about 4,300 rants worldwide.

enny Lynch, a spokesman for the based in suburban Columbus, he company hopes to resume s in 30 days or so, after it finds a to brew and serve the drink at a

lendy's serves hot chocolate at

We don't know that it's too hot," th said. "But at 180 degrees wing temperature, it would be too

he decision follows a ruling in a Mexico lawsuit that accused a onald's restaurant of serving its fee too hot. A woman who was lided by the coffee was awarded

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Serbs set villages ablaze day after NATO raid

Blockade of United Nations convoys causes over

SARAJEVO, Bosnia-Herzegovina (AP) — Serb fighters set villages ablaze and sent civilians fleeing for their lives Tuesday in northwest Bosnia, their response to a retaliatory airstrike by NATO warplanes.

Surface-to-air missiles were fired at two NATO jets flying over Serb-held Banja Luka. The British jets were not hit.

Senior officials of Croatia, site of Monday's NATO attack on a Serb-run airport used to stage bombing runs on a U.N. safe haven in Bosnia's Bihac area, said the alliance had asked for and received permission to fly again into Croatian airspace.

NATO had no comment on the request, which could signal another bombing raid on the Serbheld Krajina region of Croatia. About 50 allied warplanes and 180,000 civilians to depend on humanitarian aid supporting aircraft bombed the ian government forces. Udbina airstrip in Croatia, just across the border with Bosnia, in NATO's biggest attack ever. The airfield had been used three times

the past two weeks by planes attacking the Bihac area, where there are a cluster of governmentheld towns. The message of allied force appeared lost on besiegers of the Bihac pocket about 90 miles

northwest of Sarajevo. A U.N. spokesman, Lt. Col. Jan-Dirk von Merveldt, spoke Tuesday afternoon of a "large increase" in artillery, machine-gun and small arms fire in areas around Bihac still held by Bosn-

The town of Bhiac itself was cut off on all sides except to the north, said U.N. officials.

Serb fighters rolled over several villages in the western part of the Bihac enclave, near the Croatian border, leaving them ablaze and their residents fleeing toward the town Tuesday.

Alarmed aid officials warned of an impending humanitarian crisis. Peter Kessler, a spokesman for the U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees, said about 8,000 civilians had fled villages under attack the past

He said the area was running

out of food, and in some places, potable water.

Kessler blamed Serbs in Croatia for obstructing UNHCR aid convoys: Only 12 convoys have reached the Bihac pocket since

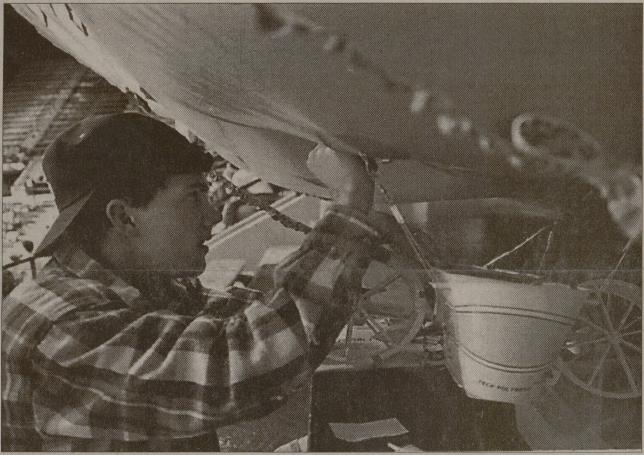
May, the last on Oct. 1.
"The situation is critical,"
Kessler said. About 180,000 people in the region depend on humanitarian aid.

Both Radovan Karadzic, the leader of Bosnian Serbs, and their army commander, Gen. Ratko Mladic, said the United Nations could expect severe retaliation for the airstrike, the first by NATO outside Bosnian territory but the seventh against Serb military targets this year. The self-styled Bosnian Serb assembly was scheduled to meet in the Serb headquarters of Pale, just outside Sarajevo, on Wednesday to discuss the latest developments and surge in fighting.

Bosnian government officials blasted the United Nations and NATO for allowing artillery and soldiers in Serb-held Croatia to join in the fight.

Bosnia's Prime Minister Haris Silajdzic questioned the value of bombing the airfield at Udbina, but leaving intact artillery batteries that have caused the most death and destruction

in Bihac area. He also said it was "absurd" that forces inside one of Croatia's four U.N. protected areas should be allowed to attack Bihac, one of Bosnia's six U.N. safe havens.



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Letting off a little hot air

Chuck Hochhalter, the keeper of the blimp in G. kept the helium filled zeppelin grounded during last Rollie White Coliseum, tries to repair a leak that night's Lady Aggies basketball game.

Miami PD releases file confirming Kennedy's assassination plot

(AP) The Secret Service was told of a possible plot to shoot President Kennedy from an office building with a rifle at least a week before his assassination, files released by the Miami Police Department confirm.

The right-wing organizer who revealed the alleged plot also told a police informant the day after the Nov. 22, 1963, assassination that Lee Harvey Oswald would never talk about it.

The day after that interview, Nov. 24, Oswald was shot and killed by Jack Ruby in the basement of the Dallas police department.

The Miami police files confirm and add to an account by a retired police intelligence officer, Lt. Everett Kay, who said three years ago that he learned of an assassination plot from informant William Somersett. The FBI and Secret Service would not comment at the time.

A newly released Nov. 15, 1963, memo from Miami detective S.J. Hebert shows the Secret Service was aware of

the alleged plot before the assassination. 'Agent Jamison of the Secret Service called to state that he had been requested to contact a William Somersett with reference to information given to the FBI by Somersett, and relayed to the Secret Service," the memo says.

Three days later, Kennedy visited Miami — where his

motorcade was canceled — before flying on to Texas. He was shot in Dallas 31 years ago today, and authorities accused Oswald of firing a high-powered rifle from the Texas Book Depository.

Secret Service spokesman Jaime Cagigas in Washington said Monday that he would check on the Miami report, but was not familiar with the case.

But if we hear that someone is going to go up on a building and take a shot at the president, I guarantee we would check it out," he said.

Somersett, who reported on the activities of white supremacy groups, secretly taped a conversation with Joseph

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Ticket scalpers at A&M can face criminal trespassing charges

UPD warns people about breaking the law while reselling tickets

By Stephanie Dube

Potential ticket scalpers should be aware that regulations for ticket reselling vary in different cities, and penalties can be stiff, A&M officials said.

Sgt. Betty LeMay, crime prevention specialist for the University Police Department (UPD), said that although a specific rule against scalping does not exist at A&M, a person can be arrested for criminal trespassing.

"There is a rule that people cannot sell tickets within so many feet of G. Rollie White," LeMay said. "We can tell them to go across the street and sell the tickets. If they come back, we can arrest them for criminal trespassing.

Criminal trespassing is a Class B mis-

demeanor, she said. Bob Wiatt, director of UPD, said that if officials detect someone scalping tickets near the coliseum, they can ask the scalpers to move across the street.

"If they refuse to move, we can also charge them with criminal trespassing," Wiatt said. "This can result in up to six months in jail and a \$2000 fine." LeMay said that the exact punishment

for criminal trespassing depends on the individual situation.

"Here they would probably get a fine, but it could also depend on their criminal history," she said. Since UPD began enforcing the crimi-

nal trespassing law, officials have only arrested two people, Wiatt said. "About three years ago, the same two people kept coming back game after game,

so we arrested them," he said. LeMay said enforcing the rules can be

frustrating because officials cannot take stricter action. Wiatt said several cities in Texas have city ordinances which differ from the rules

A recent letter from David Rochelle, Class of '57', said that he and several other alumni were punished for selling tickets in front of the Alamodome in San Antonio without a peddler's permit.

Officer Jannine Smith, public information officer for the San Antonio Police Department, said San Antonio has a city ordinance covering peddler's permits.

"People must have a peddler's license to sell tickets at the Alamodome," Smith said. Different cities may have different city ordinances, making the rules for reselling tickets different in separate locations,

LeMay said. However, a city ordinance for Bryan or College Station would not apply to A&M because the University is a state institution, Wiatt said.

Any scalping law which could apply to A&M would have to be a state law, Wiatt said. Anti-scalping laws have been introduced into the Texas legislature in the past, but have never been passed, he said.

"People are selling tickets above the

ticket price, but it is their right if they have a buyer who wants to buy the ticket," Wiatt said. "That is the legislature's problem: if a person wants to buy the ticket, it is his right."

Jim Kotch, athletic ticket manager, said a person cannot resell tickets on the grounds adjoining the stadium.

"Security will move them across the street because they are usually reselling the tickets I have sold and taking away my business," Kotch said. "They do the best they can, but it is difficult with the crowd." Scalpers often lie to potential customers

in order to get more business, Kotch said. "They may say we do not have anymore tickets when we still do," Kotch said. "They may also sell a student ticket to

someone who does not have a student ID." When a person buys a student ticket and does not have an ID, the ticket is useless, he said.

"When you buy a ticket from a scalper, you run the risk of getting conned by location, price, or how to use the ticket,

Congress urged to release information on radiation experiments

By Katherine Arnold

The nature of human radiation experiments conducted from 1945 to 1975 should be released to the public, a former president of the Health Physics

Society said. Dr. Kenneth Mossman recommended in testimony to the Energy and Power Subcommittee of the U.S. House of Representatives that the benefits and radiological risks of such experiments be disclosed.

"Full disclosure is necessary in order for the public to begin to understand why these experiments were conducted, what the objectives were, what health risks were involved and the benefits derived," Mossman testified.

Human radiation experiments performed from 1945 to 1975 have been a topic for debate in Congressional subcommittee.

During those years, more than 600 funded human radiation experiments were conducted. The information regarding the outcome of the experiments has not

been released to the public.

In a speech to the Texas A&M chapter of the Health Physics Society, Mossman said that the experiments taught the medical profession a great deal about human reaction to

radiation treatments. "We learned that human radiation experiments can be conducted with minimal radiological risk, and communication of radiation risks must be put in language the public can under-

stand." Mossman said. During the 1940s, the United studies were not sufficient,'

States was developing nuclear weapons. Participants in the Manhattan Project were exposed to radiation, and the effects were unknown.

To find out what the effects of radiation would be, 18 patients with life expectancies of less than 10 years were injected with a small amount of plutonium. The data gathered from the study is invaluable, Mossman said.

"Thousands of workers were exposed to radiation, and animal

Mossman said. "No one knew how (radiation) would behave in humans. We needed to understand that."

The ethical aspects of past radiation experiments has been debated, but the main argument is that radiation experts can learn from the studies and learn how to protect current radiation

workers, Mossman said. Dr. Wesley Bolch, associate professor of nuclear engineering and adviser for the Health

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