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## Police seek 3 kidnap suspects to question in yogurt shop case

Newly unsealed indictment accuses men in abduction of Austin woman



8 months of pain Barbara Suraci visits the yogurt shop where daughters Jennifer and Sarah Harrison and two others were slain in December. Story, A11

Austin police and federal agents are searching for three men wanted for questioning about the killing of four teenagers at a North Austin yogurt shop eight months ago, today, sources said Wednesday. Acting Police Chief George Philter refused to discuss the case but did confirm that a press conference would be held today to discuss the most recent developments. Sources said the three men whom police want to question in the case were indicted on a charge of aggravated kidnapping in an abduction and sexual assault that occurred less than a month before the slaying at the yogurt shop. None of the three was believed to be in custody late Wednesday. The indictment names Alberto Cortez, Carlos Sanchez, alias Fierro Villa, and Ricardo Sanchez, alias Ricardo Hernandez. The indictment was returned by a Travis County grand jury March 23 but remained sealed until Wednesday. Generally, indictments are sealed because law officers want an opportunity to locate and arrest the suspects before making the charges public. No biographical information on the three men was available late Wednesday. A television crew from the show America's Most Wanted is in Austin, A11

## Volunteers make sure Aqua Fest ready to roll

By Scott W. Wright American-Statesman Staff

Dear Abby readers may still debate the proper way to hang toilet paper when guests call, but if you ever need to know how many rolls it takes for 160,000 visitors, take this advice from Terri Sandifer. "She handed rolls a night," Sandifer says rather matter-of-factly. Sandifer should know. She, who is in charge of restocking the 200 porta-potties at the 11th annual Austin Aqua Festival. But no bathroom humor, please, she's already heard it all. Sandifer, who was worrying about other "restocking arrangements" Wednesday mainly delivering scores of chairs and tables for festival workers — is one of the thousands of volunteers who are the architects of Aqua Fest. The nine-day, end-of-summer festival, which opens tonight and runs every Thursday, Friday and Saturday through Aug. 22, features dozens of national and local singers and bands. It is held on the shores of Town Lake and passers-by have been able to see the progress. See Aqua Fest, A8



## SPLASH DOWN



Your guides to Aqua Fest SPECIAL SECTION: A look at the history and the events. Also, Schedules, Snapper Fin into and a map of the grounds. IN ONWARD: Who's on stage? Reviewing the lineup - from Dolly Parton to Joe Ely

## Is pistol packing returning to Texas?

Bill would permit concealed handguns

By Nikki Nichole Wesley American-Statesman Capitol Staff

After a study spurred by the massacre at the Lady's cafeteria in Killam, a legislative panel is preparing a bill that would allow Texans to carry concealed handguns. Under the bill being drafted by members of the House Committee on Public Safety, Texas could get a concealed-gun permit if they are older than 21, have a clean criminal record, complete a firearms course and pay a \$15 fee. "Crime is at a rampant pace," said Roger Sharkey, legislative director for the committee's chairman, Rep. Bill Carter, R-Port Worth. "This bill proposes people to protect themselves." But opponents said the bill would promote lawlessness and chaos. "We killed more people in Texas last year with handguns than we did with automobiles. We're the only state where that happened," said Sen. Ted Lyon, D-Rockwall, chairman of the Senate Criminal Justice Committee. "They just want to penalize the use of handguns, and that is ridiculous." Members of the House Public Safety Committee. See Proposed, A9

## Federal charges against L.A. officers present new hurdles for prosecutors

By Sheryl Stolberg Los Angeles Times Service

LOS ANGELES — Obtaining civil rights convictions against four Los Angeles police officers charged in the beating of Rodney King might be even more difficult for federal authorities than it was for state prosecutors whose failure to do so sparked a public uproar and widespread rioting this spring.

Austin rights activists react. The two-count federal indictment, handed down by a grand jury Tuesday and announced Wednesday, charges that Sgt. Stanley Koon, 41, and officers Laurence Powell, 29, Timothy Wind, 25, and Theodore Britton, 30, "willfully and intentionally used unreasonable force" under color of the law during King's arrest for speeding March 3, 1991. Koon also is charged with failing to prevent "outrageous assault" of King by officers he supervised. "As far as a racial motivation, that is not part of these charges," noted U.S. Attorney Lourdes Baid. The officers are white, and King is black. Koon, Britton and Wind were arrested in the riots. See L.A., A7

## Balkan war crimes inquiry sought

By R.W. Apple Jr. New York Times News Service

WASHINGTON — Deputy Secretary of State Lawrence Eagleburger said Wednesday that reports of "death camps" in Bosnia and Herzegovina were "profoundly disturbing" and called for a war crimes investigation. Apparently in an attempt to rebuff charges that the Bush administration has put too low a priority on curbing the fighting in Bosnia.

State Department calls for U.N. action Examining the conflict. A10 atrocities are occurring in the camps. Eagleburger, a former ambassador to Yugoslavia who is acting secretary during the vacation of James Baker, said that "urgent action is required to reveal the truth and to prevent any abuses that may be occurring" in the camps. Eagleburger issued a written statement. See Balkan, A10

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## The way to San Jose: Nonstop flights likely

American to announce high-tech air link

By Kirk Ledford American-Statesman Staff

American Airlines is expected to announce today the start of nonstop air service between Austin and San Jose, Calif. The airline and the Greater Austin Chamber of Commerce have scheduled a 1 p.m. announcement today, but officials at both American and the chamber declined Wednesday to confirm reports of the new service. The chamber has campaigned actively for improved air service between Austin and California's Silicon Valley for the past several years, talking with a number of airlines and repeatedly discussing the issue with American. But Fort Worth-based American in the past had resisted the notion of nonstop Austin-San Jose flights, saying the passenger traffic between the two cities is insufficient to support the service. American is the leading carrier between the two cities, with flights stopping at the airline's Dallas-Fort Worth hub. Chamber officials say the arrival of such new employees as Apple Computer Inc. and Applied Materials in Austin will boost the air travel by and from San Jose. Officials at those companies have supported the chamber in its campaign for better air service. In addition, the San Jose Chamber of Commerce also has lobbied the airlines for nonstop air service to Austin. "The lack of this service is something about which we are reminded almost every day by companies in Austin or by California-based companies looking at Austin," said Glenn West, president of the Greater Austin Chamber of Commerce. Austin economic development officials say the lack of nonstop air service between Austin and San Jose is a principal roadblock in the recruitment of high-tech businesses seeking to expand or relocate from Silicon Valley.