



A splashing good time

staff photo by Brenda Davidson

Dustin, 6, and Nicole Stiffler, 9, from Stillwater, Okla., splash away the Texas heat. After a cool, rainy weekend, temperatures were back to normal in the nineties.

## Kidnappers fail to call on eve of execution

**United Press International**  
**VATICAN CITY** — The Vatican said Tuesday Emanuela Orlandi's, 15, kidnappers had failed to make contact with a church official over a special "hot line" on the eve of her execution deadline.

"I am authorized to inform you that no message was received during the prescribed time," said the Rev. Pierfranco Pastore, deputy director of the Vatican press office.

The Vatican issued a statement Monday saying Secretary of State Cardinal Agostino Casaroli would be available to speak to the girl's abductors Tuesday between 10 a.m. and 11 a.m.

Pastore said the callers would use a code number to reach Casaroli. He said a switchboard operator would be available to take any calls after the prescribed time, but the call never

came.

The kidnappers demanded to speak directly to Casaroli to negotiate the release of Turkish terrorist Mehmet Ali Agca, who shot Pope John Paul II on May 13, 1981, in exchange for the Vatican messenger's daughter who disappeared from a Rome street June 22.

Earlier, Pastore said it was impossible for the Vatican to meet the kidnapper's demands.

Pastore said Pope John Paul II pardoned Agca just four days after the Turk tried to kill him in St. Peter's Square — and that was all the Vatican could do.

"It was a Christian pardon, readily accorded and never revoked, by the injured party in the extremely grave wrongdoing, and it was made public even before the attacker faced judgment," Pastore said.

"All the procedure, from the investigative phase to the conviction and subsequent trial took place and take according to the normal penal code of the Italian Republic," Pastore said, adding the Vatican has no jurisdiction over Agca's case.

An Italian court sentenced Agca to life imprisonment July 1981 for the assassination.

Mario Meneguzzi, brother of the kidnapped girl, said Emanuela's mother was on the verge of a "psychological collapse."

On Monday, an announcer telephoned the news agency ANSA with a message: "Emanuela is still alive. The telephone line between the Vatican and the Italian territory, said by who police said was definitely a 'youthful' Italian

## Poland prepares amnesty decree

**United Press International**  
**WARSAW, Poland** — The Polish government has prepared a wide-ranging amnesty decree that will free hundreds of political prisoners within a month and offer pardons to most members of the Solidarity underground, parliamentary sources said Tuesday.

The amnesty decree, to be voted into law to accompany the lifting of martial law later this week, will give opponents of the government until Oct. 31 to turn themselves in, the sources said.

Official sources earlier estimated more than 400 people now in custody would be freed by the decree. Several dozen prisoners, possibly more than 100, will be denied amnesty, however, the sources added.

Top-ranking members of the Solidarity union and two illegal dissident groups, the Workers' Defense Committee and the Confederation for an Independent Poland, were expected to be excluded from the group of prisoners being freed.

The text of the amnesty decree said pardon would be granted to any activist who has avoided arrest since military rule was imposed Dec. 13, 1981, if he appears before the authorities "to declare that he would stop his criminal acts and disclose the kinds of crimes he has committed, the time and the place."

In Gdansk, former Solidarity chairman Lech Walesa said he would wait to see the amnesty decree before commenting on it. Discussing the situation con-

fronting Solidarity activists as the regime moves to replace martial law with a series of new restrictions, Walesa told UPI in a telephone interview: "We'll do some regrouping. We'll change our methods of operation."

Poland's underground printers, who began churning out hundreds of thousands of illegal newsletters after the martial law decree 19 months ago, also were included in the amnesty conditions.

The amnesty decree was to be

presented to parliament Wednesday when the more than 450 members of the Sejm assemble for a special two-day session to complete the legislative work necessary for lifting martial law.

## Trouble for world's 'biggest coal mine'

**United Press International**  
**LOS ANGELES** — Occidental Petroleum's attempt to build what is supposed to be the biggest coal mine in the world in China is running into problems, it was reported Tuesday.

The contract was to have been signed by July 1, but the Los Angeles Times reported that disagreements over marketing of the coal and difficulties arranging financing have put major roadblocks in the path of the deal.

Occidental, a Los Angeles-

based energy company, signed an initial agreement with the Peking government more than a year ago to develop and operate a 15-million-ton-a-year coal mine. The deal was to provide about \$600 million in annual revenues to Occidental and China.

An interim agreement signed in March failed to resolve some of the differences, the newspaper said, and now Occidental is having trouble setting up financing. There is also a dispute with the Chinese over how to market the coal.

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