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Mike Herda's nanny, Else Munier, and his father, Nick, reapply bandages to his burn scars. Over them, Mike always wears a second layer of bandage, stretching from the waist to his neck.

Boy lives with scars from fireworks blast

□ Area officials and the family of a 7-year-old who was burned warn of the dangers of fireworks.

By Charlotte Huff
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Mike Herda wrinkled his nose, laughing as he catapulted off the diving board, pulling one leg up into a cannonball.

A year ago today, the 7-year-old boy lay in University Medical Center's trauma unit, badly burned by a fireworks explosion.

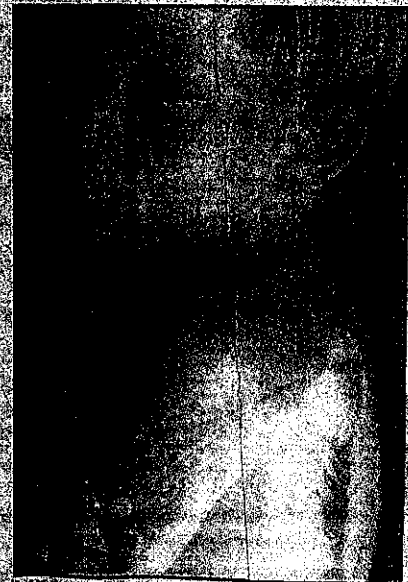
When Nick Herda first saw his son, the boy was heavily sedated and unresponsive. Only Mike's eyes were visible through the

bandages.

"If there were five kids, I wouldn't have known which one was mine," said Herda, owner of Herda's Discount Appliance Warehouse.

The explosion, ignited in a trailer, landed the tow-headed boy in the hospital for about six weeks, including several in the trauma unit.

Burned so severely in the beginning that he couldn't walk, Mike — or Mikey to his friends — has now returned to bicycle racing, basketball, swimming and his numerous other athletic pursuits. He continues to wear a thin bandage stretching from his waist to the



Mike Herda, 7, still has severe scars on his left shoulder and back from a fireworks explosion a year ago. Burns on his face and lower arms are no longer visible.

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