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LeAnne Colvin, from left, Linda and Don Byrd and Hanna Colvin bundle up as they watch Har-Ber's Emily Coats compete in the pole vault during the McDonald's Relays at Southside on Thursday. Temperatures reached only the low 50s Thursday on a windy, rainy day. For coverage of the track meet, turn to page 1C.

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BOSTON MARATHON BOMBING

FBI: Suspects Seen In Photos

OFFICIALS SEEK HELP TO ID PAIR

By Adam Geller and Denise Lavoie
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BOSTON — Plucking a couple of faces in baseball caps out of a swarming crowd, the FBI zeroed in on two suspects in the Boston Marathon bombing and shared surveillance-camera images of them with the world Thursday in hopes the public will help hunt them down.

The somewhat blurry but still detailed photos and video depict one young man in a dark cap and another in a white cap worn backward, both wearing backpacks and one walking behind the other on the sidewalk near the finish line as marathoners run by.

The man in the white hat was seen setting down a backpack at the site of



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Photos of two suspects sought in the Boston Marathon bombing are displayed during a news conference talking about the investigation of the explosions Thursday in Boston.

the second explosion, said Richard DesLauriers, FBI agent in charge in Boston.

"Somebody out there knows these individuals as friends, neighbors, coworkers or family members of the suspects," he said. "Though it may be difficult, the nation is counting on those with information to come forward and provide it to us."

They looked much like typical college students,

but DesLauriers described them as armed and extremely dangerous, and urged anyone who sees or knows them to tell law enforcement and "do not take any action on your own."

The break in the investigation came just three days after the attack that killed three people, tore off limbs and raised the specter of another terrorist attack on U.S. soil.

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Beebe Gets Private Option Bill

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LITTLE ROCK — The Senate on Thursday passed and sent to Gov. Mike Beebe the final piece of a legislative package encompassing Arkansas' alternative to Medicaid expansion under the federal Affordable Care Act.

The House rejected a proposed 2 percent cost-of-living adjustment for judges and prosecuting attorneys, and chose to extend the session into next week.

Without discussion, the Senate concurred in House amendments to Senate Bill 1020, enabling legislation for the so-called private option plan to use Medicaid funding to subsidize private health insurance for as many as 250,000 working

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Sen. John Boozman, R-Ark., top right, sits down with members of the Fort Smith Regional Chamber of Commerce visiting Capitol Hill on Thursday.

Fort Smith Chamber Lobbies For Deepening McClellan-Kerr

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WASHINGTON — A dozen business leaders from the greater Fort Smith region visited Capitol Hill this week seeking support for the deepening of the McClellan-Kerr Arkansas River navigation channel.

Highlighting the trip was a meeting with Sens. Mark Pryor, D-Ark., John Booz-

man, R-Ark., and officials from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers on Wednesday that focused on alternative ways to finance the project.

"We viewed it as a good step," said Michael Barr, president of Weather Barr in Fort Smith and chairman of the Fort Smith Regional Chamber of Commerce's governmental affairs division.

The project, which has been in the works for years,

would increase the depth of the Arkansas River channel from 9 to 12 feet, allowing for barges to carry as much as 43 percent more cargo.

"The 12-foot depth would be a significant benefit to the state of Arkansas. Finding a path forward to this project is critical to making every (manufacturing) plant more competitive by lowering shipping costs," Barr said.

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Detective Fights Pain Drug Crimes

INVESTIGATOR'S PASSION EARNS NOTICE

Editor's Note: The Times Record today continues its series of reports on prescription drug abuse. Saturday: State establishes Prescription Monitoring Program.

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Fighting prescription pain medication abuse and fraud is more than a job for detective Paul Smith, it's a passion and constant pursuit.

When asked about his service to the Fort Smith Police Department, Smith does not talk about himself. Instead, he discusses at length the necessity to fight the ever-increasing addiction to prescription

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pain medications and the methods frequently used to obtain them.

"This is my passion," Smith said. "It's so easy to become addicted to pills. You have doctors who by accident over-prescribe, and the patients become addicted, then where do they go from there? I have great empathy and sympathy for these people."

Capt. Jamie Hammond, the Narcotics Division commander for the Police Department, said Smith is invaluable in the investigation of prescription drug crimes.

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Greenwood Marks 45 Years Since Tornado

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Just before 3 p.m. Friday, April 19, 1968, the 2,016 residents of Greenwood had no idea a deadly tornado was coming their way.

The tornado and the system that produced it headed east from north central Texas, coming across eastern Oklahoma into western and

central Arkansas, according to the National Weather Service in Tulsa.

Although the tornado was only on the ground about four minutes, the city was devastated. Rated an F-4, it swept through the heart of the city, killing 14 people and injuring 270. The twister demolished 450 homes, the three-story courthouse and city hall.

No Warning

Among those who died was the grandfather of then-23-year-old Wilma Cabe, who was pregnant with her daughter.

Cabe had left her two sons, Greg, 5, and Jeff, 2½, with her mother while she went to a local beauty shop.

"There was no warning whatsoever," she said. "No-

body was expecting it at all; if that'd been the case, I would not have left my boys."

Cabe said she and the other women in the shop took shelter in a back storage room while her sons, mother and grandparents were hiding in a basement storage unit underneath her grandparents' home.

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Detective Paul Smith discusses the prescription drug problem in Fort Smith. Oxycodone tablets obtained in an arrest are shown in front of him at the Fort Smith Police Department on Monday.



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