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HAVE YOU SEEN THESE MEN?



The FBI on Thursday released surveillance-video images of two unidentified suspects in Monday's fatal Boston Marathon bombing. FBI

THE SUSPECTS: FBI seeks tips on unidentified pair THE AFTERMATH: 7 victims still in critical condition

By Denise Lavoie and Adam Geller
Associated Press

BOSTON — Plucking a couple of blurry 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 photos and video depict one young man in a dark cap and

another in a white cap worn backward, both carrying 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 the second explosion, said Richard DesLauriers, FBI special agent in charge in Boston.
"Somebody out there knows these individuals as friends, neighbors, co-workers 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 he 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

COMFORTER IN CHIEF: President Barack Obama finds himself in a familiar role: consoling victims, their families and the nation after yet another tragedy. **A4**
VICTIM GIVES CLUE: A bombing victim depicted in a graphic photo describes a possible attacker from his hospital bed. **A4**
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GUN CONTROL Flake's 'no' vote drawing outrage

NRA, political future not why he rejected gun checks, he says

By Rebekah L. Sanders
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Jennifer Longdon will no longer call Jeff Flake her U.S. senator.
The 53-year-old, who was paralyzed from the chest down in a Phoenix drive-by shooting eight years ago, is so enraged she can't bring herself to use the honorific.
Like gun-control advocates across the nation, Longdon is reeling from Wednesday's Senate vote that blocked legislation to expand background checks for gun buyers. Flake was among the 46 opposed. Arizona Sen. John McCain joined three other Republicans and 50 Democrats in supporting the amendment. It needed 60 votes to pass.
Longdon watched the vote count on television. When it was over, she burst into tears.
Even though gun-control advocates have vowed to continue

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PHOENIX FOOD-TAX DEAL IN THE WORKS

A surprise compromise proposed by a group of Phoenix City Council members Thursday would repeal half of the city's 2 percent food tax in 2014. If it is approved, the remainder of the tax would stay in place until it automatically sunsets in two years. It now appears likely that at least five council members will support the partial repeal. **B1**

IMMIGRATION REFORM

Immigration reform's future is uncertain in U.S. House

By Rebekah L. Sanders
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As the U.S. Senate begins debate today on sweeping legislation to overhaul the nation's immigration system, the course of action in the House of Representatives over the next few months remains less certain.
Members of Arizona's House delegation praised the Senate proposal for teeing up a long-overdue issue in Congress, even as its passage is far from ensured. They disagree, however, on what should come next.
"There's a lot to be celebrated in the (Senate) legislation, but it's still very, very early," freshman Rep. Kyrsten Sinema, a Phoenix Democrat, told

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Shaken Texas town hunts for blast victims

Toll of dead, wounded still uncertain a day after massive explosion at fertilizer plant

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Associated Press

WEST, Texas — Rescuers searched the smoking remnants of a Texas farm town Thursday for survivors of a thunderous fertilizer-plant explosion, gingerly checking smashed houses and apartments for anyone still trapped in debris while the community awaited word on the number of dead.
Initial reports put the fatalities as high as 15. But, later in the day, authorities backed away from any estimate and refused to elaborate. More than

160 people were hurt.
A breathtaking band of destruction extended for blocks around the West Fertilizer Co. in the small community of West. The blast shook the ground with the strength of a small earthquake and crumpled dozens of homes, an apartment complex, a school and a nursing home. Its dull boom could be heard dozens of miles away from the town about 20 miles north of Waco.
Waco police Sgt. William Patrick Swanton described ongoing search-and-rescue efforts as "tedious and time-con-



The home of West High School senior Mackenzie Wernet (center) was one of the many destroyed in the blast. CHIP SOMODEVILLA/GETTY IMAGES

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NATION & WORLD MIT officer dies outside Boston

An MIT police officer is fatally shot at the campus near Boston, spurring a chase and gunbattle with a series of explosions across two Boston suburbs. After the shooting, police exchange gunfire with carjackers in Watertown, next to Cambridge. **A4**

VALLEY & STATE Lawmaker may face charges:

State Sen. Don Shooter, accused of disrupting his grandson's high-school class, could face four misdemeanor counts, including assault. **B1**



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AZCENTRAL SPORTS D-Backs win in extra innings

The D-Backs beat the Yankees, 6-2, in 12 innings. Didi Gregorius homers in his first major-league at-bat, and Martin Prado (left, with Paul Goldschmidt) also homers. Eric Chavez breaks open the game in the 12th with a three-run double. **C1**

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