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I-84 construction addressed

State officials say the schedule for widening Interstate 84 in eastern Waterbury depends on when environmental permits can be approved. PAGE 1B



Home of ricin suspect searched

U.S. Capitol police were in Corinth, Miss., to investigate the home of a man suspected of sending letters covered in ricin to President Obama and a Mississippi senator. PAGE 5A

Immigration plan introduced

A bipartisan group of U.S. senators revealed a sweeping immigration bill that appears to have support from traditional opponents like big business and labor. PAGE 5A

Jobs added; jobless rate sticks

Connecticut had 2,600 net jobs added in March, which followed February's big drop that was blamed on a snowstorm. The unemployment rate stayed at 8.0. PAGE 8C

OPINION OF THE DAY: "Gov. Malloy's comments (about an NRA executive vice president) constitute a shameful portrayal of those who defend our freedom from autocratic politicians." — Steve Podhajecki, Norfolk

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» **HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS** Photo galleries and videos from the Thomaston-Northwestern baseball game and the Torrington-Naugatuck softball game.

» **UCONN SPORTS** Photos and video of the new uniforms the school unveiled on Thursday.

» **#BOSTONSTRONG** Look in the Time Out blog for video of a moving rendition of the national anthem at the Bruins' game Wednesday.

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Suspects hunted

FBI releases photos of 2 men seen near bombing



These are some of the photos released Thursday by the FBI. They were taken from videos that show the men walking separately down a sidewalk along Boylston Street near the finish line before Monday's explosions. Anyone with information about the men is asked to call 1-800-CALLFBI.



BY DENISE LAVOIE AND ADAM GELLER ASSOCIATED PRESS

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 the second explosion, said Richard DesLauriers, FBI 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

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» Legendary marathon man Bill Rodgers, who won four times in the big Boston race, says the best way to fight back is to keep on running. Page 1D.

» President Barack Obama spoke during an interfaith service at a Boston church Thursday, vowing the city would "run again." Page 4A.

ON THE WEB

» Visit rep-am.com to watch video of the men near the bombing site.

Architect takes city's side in fight at stadium

Contractor added \$668,000 to bill

BY PENELOPE OVERTON
REPUBLICAN-AMERICAN

WATERBURY — A contractor has no right to charge the city an extra \$668,000 for the bleacher decking at Municipal Stadium, according to a third-party review.

But the architects who designed the project and the city's development arm must also share some of the blame for problems that have pushed the project months past its deadline, the report found.

It is still too early to say if the city can finish the project within its \$4 million budget, but city officials say all parties are working together to resolve the dispute quickly and cheaply.

"There's more than enough blame to go around on this one," said Michael O'Connor, who took over temporary leadership of the Waterbury Development Corp. last month.

"But we're all at the table,

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Search on at Texas blast site



Firefighters look for survivors in the wreckage of an apartment building that was destroyed Wednesday night by an explosion at a nearby fertilizer plant in West, Texas.

Survivors sought in fertilizer plant wreckage

BY NOMAAN MERCHANT AND JOHN L. MONE
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 fatal-

» Plant officials told Texas it did not have required safety equipment, such as sprinklers. Page 4A.

» Experts suspect ammonium nitrate because of size of blast. Page 4A.

ities 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

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