



The Journal Gazette

© 2013
The Journal Gazette

\$1.00

FRIDAY, APRIL 19, 2013

FORT WAYNE, INDIANA ♦ LOCALLY OWNED SINCE 1863

www.journalgazette.net

Hunt for bombers focusing on 2 men

DENISE LAVOIE
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

SEE ALSO

■ Tragedies like the one in Boston bring Americans together but can also heighten paranoia
Page 9A

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 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.”

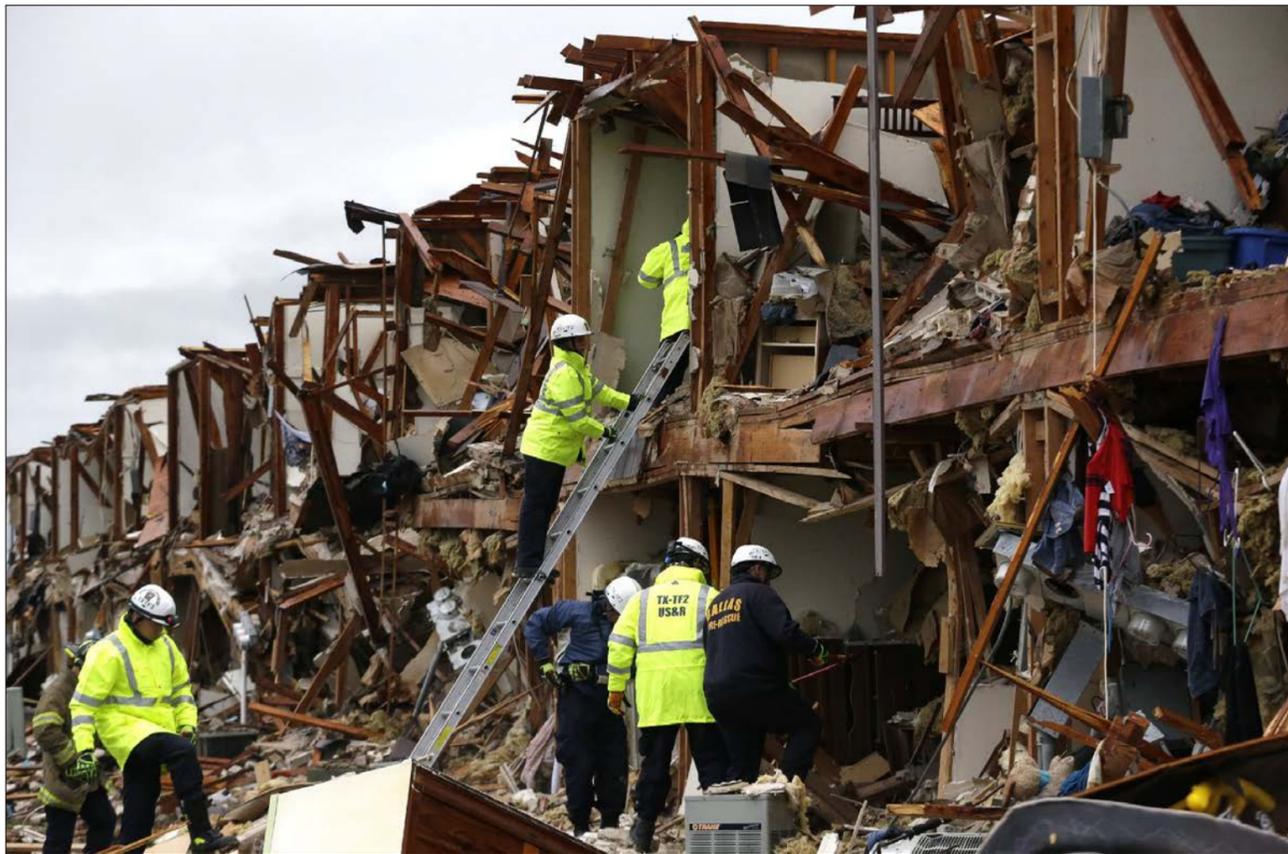
The break in the investigation

Bombers, Page 4A



The FBI released photos of two suspects in the Boston Marathon bombings. The men, wearing caps and backpacks, are seen here walking through the crowd before the explosions.

Rescuers comb ruins after fertilizer blast



Firefighters search an apartment building destroyed by a massive explosion at a fertilizer plant in West, Texas, that injured more than 160 people and killed several, although officials were reluctant to give an estimate late Thursday.

Extent of damage hinders search in Texas

NOMAAN MERCHANT
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 apart-

ment 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-consuming,” noting that crews had to shore up much of the wreckage before going in.

There was no indication the blast, which sent up a mushroom-shaped plume of smoke and left behind a crater, was anything other than an industrial accident, he said.

The explosion was apparently touched off by a fire, but there was no indication what sparked the blaze. The company had been cited by regulators for what appeared to

Texas, Page 4A

NHC folding in 2015

Had ‘run its course’
as enrollment gap
continued to rise

GREG JONES
High school sports editor

The Northeast Hoosier Conference decided Thursday the 24-year-old conference will be disbanded in 2015.

After a morning meeting with the league’s athletic directors and principals, a statement was emailed to the media from NHC President and Norwell Principal Mark A. Misch that read:

“Conversations have occurred throughout the school year regarding many different factors concerning the NHC member schools. In analyzing many different factors, disparity among schools in terms of enrollment continues to grow.

“As a result of these discussions, all member schools mutually agreed to withdraw from the NHC effective July 1, 2015. Therefore, principals and athletic directors will be focusing on new future conference membership affiliations. All member schools will abide by the constitution established by the NHC throughout the transition process which should conclude by the end of the 2014-15 school year.”

Since 1989, the NHC has been made up of eight schools – Bellmont, Carroll, Columbia City, DeKalb, East Noble, Homestead,

NHC, Page 4A

SEE ALSO

■ More on conference unrest
Sports, Page 6B

INSIDE
WEEKENDER



Sci-fi thriller

Tom Cruise stars in new film “Oblivion”

PAGE 2W

BUSINESS

Surprising gain

Microsoft earnings beat expectations; Windows 8 considered a nonfactor

PAGE 10B

WEATHER

Cloudy, windy

40% chance of rain. High in the upper 40s.



FORECAST, PAGE 2A

INDEX

Classifieds	5C
Crossword	8C
Music	6W
Obituaries	2-3C
out&about	5W

Read & recycle: A

Volume 150-109; 4 sections, 44 pages
To subscribe, call 1-800-324-0505



0 88000 00002 2

Pace of Burmese immigration to slacken

BRIAN FRANCISCO
Washington editor



Chad Ryan | The Journal Gazette
Nyein Chan, left, of Catholic Charities and Palermo Galindo of the mayor's office listen to a discussion of refugee issues Thursday.

Burmese refugees will continue to resettle in Fort Wayne, although in smaller numbers, an official for the U.S. State Department predicted Thursday.

The decline might be offset by an increase in refugees from Congo and Iraq, according to Larry Bartlett, director of refugee admissions for the State Department.

About 60 Congolese refugees have arrived in Fort Wayne in recent years.

“I would expect the program in Fort Wayne to remain strong,” Bartlett told a gathering of local, state and federal government officials at Citizens Square. “We certainly do

not want to overwhelm a community.”

Mayor Tom Henry said that “for a while, we were being overloaded. ... We just did not have the resources.”

Henry was referring to 2007-08, when Catholic Charities of the Fort Wayne-South Bend Diocese resettled more than 1,400 Burmese refugees in Fort Wayne.

This year’s local cap for refugees is 170.

Bartlett acknowledged that the 2007-08 influx “probably is not the right model for how we manage a program.”

Among 350 resettlement communities nationwide, only three are in Indiana: Fort Wayne, South Bend

Burmese, Page 4A