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TIM DAVEY ■ Boston Marathon entrant

# Explosions Rock Boston Marathon

## Bombings Kill 3, More Than 140 Are Injured

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BOSTON — Two bombs exploded in the crowded streets near the finish line of the Boston Marathon on Monday, killing at least three people and injuring more than 140 in a bloody scene of shattered glass and severed limbs that raised alarms that terrorists might have struck again in the U.S.

A White House official speaking on condition of anonymity because the investigation was still unfolding said the attack was being treated as an act of terrorism. President Barack Obama vowed that those responsible will "feel the full weight of justice."

As many as two unexploded bombs were also found near the end of the 26.2-mile course as part of what appeared to be a well-coordinated attack, but they were safely disarmed, according to a senior U.S. intelligence official, who also spoke on condition of anonymity because of the continuing investigation.

The fiery twin blasts took place about 10 seconds and about 100 yards apart, knocking spectators and at least one runner off their feet, shattering windows and sending dense plumes of smoke rising over the street and through the fluttering national flags lining the route. Blood stained the pavement, and huge shards were missing from window panes as high as three stories.

"They just started bringing people in with no limbs," said runner Tim Davey of Richmond, Va. He said he and his wife, Lisa, tried to shield their children's eyes from the gruesome scene inside a medical tent that had been set up to care for fatigued runners, but "they saw a lot."

"They just kept filling up with more and more casualties," Lisa Davey said. "Most everybody was conscious. They were very dazed."

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## Area Natives At Marathon Shook Up By Bombings

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BOSTON — Within a block of the explosions near the finish line of the 117th Boston Marathon Monday, Brooke Goeden said the aftermath was complete mayhem.

"I could feel the explosion and saw the white smoke," said the Crofton, Neb., native who has lived in Boston for 12 years. "People went crazy. There was a lot of running."

Goeden was near the finish line waiting for a friend who was one of the approximately 23,000 people participating in the marathon.

Back in her apartment about 10 blocks from the explosions late Monday afternoon, Goeden said she felt safe but was unnerved by what had happened.

"This is one of the biggest days of the year for (the people of Boston). It's really sad to see a ghost town," she stated. "It's a sad day for the sport and the city. I'm heartbroken."

Goeden was one of several people the Press & Dakotan spoke with Monday who were at the marathon and have ties to the Yankton area.

Marathon participant Sandra Holahan, a Menno native who now lives in Jupiter, Fla., had been finished with the race for roughly 30 minutes and was four blocks away from the finish line when she heard the first of the explosions.

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At a reception honoring Yankton-area volunteers, Diana Roth was named Yankton's 2012 Volunteer of the Year Monday night. Roth has volunteered making quilts for her church, at Avera Sacred Heart Hospital, with RSVP and reading at area schools. She said she volunteers "because I love it."

## Roth Honored As Volunteer Of The Year

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Volunteers from around Yankton gathered at Mount Marty College Monday night for a reception that honored volunteers and announced the 2012 volunteer of the year.

This year's winner is Diana Roth. "She taught at Yankton School District (YSD) for more than 20 years," said Lauren Hanson, executive director for the Yankton-area United Way and Volunteer Services.

"She's volunteered with RSVP, at schools, the hospital and by making quilts for her church," Roth said she was in shock when she found out she'd be honored with the award. "There are so many other deserving people here today who could have won the award," she told the audience. "I'm honored and I volunteer because I love it."

Roth added that she enjoys the people she's met over the years that she's volunteered, and she said it's something new every day.

"Words cannot describe how honored I am to be recognized, but I don't volunteer for the recognition," she said.

Roth added that she volunteers because it's rewarding and there is something for everyone.

"I volunteer because I love it," she said. "Not only that, but I also don't like to clean house."

Hanson said Roth deserved the award,

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CHARLES KRUPA/PAP

Medical workers aid an injured woman at the finish line of the 2013 Boston Marathon following two explosions there Monday. Two bombs exploded near the finish of the Boston Marathon on Monday, killing at least three people, injuring at least 140 others and sending authorities rushing to aid wounded spectators.

## Gun Background Check Deal May Be In Trouble

BY ALAN FRAM  
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WASHINGTON — A bipartisan proposal to expand background checks to more gun buyers seemed in jeopardy Monday as a growing number of Republican senators expressed opposition to the proposal, perhaps enough to derail it. But there was plenty of time for lobbying and deal-making to affect the outcome, which remained uncertain.

The White House said President Barack Obama was calling lawmakers, as both sides hunted support for a nail-biting showdown.

As of Monday evening, some senators were saying the vote now appeared likely late this week, rather than midweek as top Democrats have hoped. Such a delay would give both sides

more time to find support.

"The game hasn't even started yet, let alone over," said Sen. Joe Manchin, D-W.Va., who reached a background check compromise last week with Sen. Patrick Toomey, R-Pa., on which the Senate was preparing to vote.

At stake is what has become the heart of this year's gun control drive in response to December's killing of children and staff at an elementary school in Newtown, Conn. Supporters consider a broadening of the buyers subjected to background checks to be the most effective step lawmakers can take, and Obama urged near universal checks in the plan he unveiled in January.

Sixteen Republicans voted last week to reject an effort by conservatives that would have blocked the Senate from even considering a broad bill restricting firearms. With that debate

underway, Democrats hope to win enough supporters from this group to gain passage of the first amendment to that bill — the compromise between Manchin and Toomey, which expands background checks but less broadly than Obama has wanted.

By Monday evening, eight Republican senators from that group said they would oppose the Manchin-Toomey plan and two were leaning against it. Combined with the 31 senators who voted against debating the overall gun bill last week, that would bring potential opponents of expanding background checks to 41 — just enough votes to block the Senate from considering the compromise.

"I'm not going to vote for it. It's not the right thing to do," said Sen. Saxby Chambliss, R-Ga., who was among the 16 who voted last week to allow the debate to begin.

## Benefit Slated For 4-Year-Old Tabor Boy Battling Rare Disease

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TABOR — At 3 1/2 months of age, Trase Malatara developed large brown spots on his buttocks.

His parents, Fabian and Jennifer Malatara, thought the spots were unusual but harmless.

"At first, we thought it was birth marks," Jennifer said. "But by the second day, he had three more and we knew it wasn't birth marks. He had 15 more within three days. I quite counting when it hit 280 spots."

Now age 4, Trase was showing the early signs of Aggressive Childhood NF1 (Neurofibromatosis). NF1 is caused by the absence of a 17th chromosome, resulting in tumor growth on all major nerve endings.

The disease is so rare the Malatarae have consented to Trase being used as a case study. "The symptoms generally appear before the age

of 3," Jennifer said. "There has been a tremendous increase in the number of children with this (disease) during the last 30 years. They don't know why, so maybe Trase can help find the answer."

South Dakota doesn't offer the necessary resources for treating NF1, Jennifer said. Trase receives treatment at Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minn., which offers the leading NF team in the world, she said.

The family has taken Trase on nine trips to Mayo Clinic — and the most trying moments may lie ahead. Starting May 22, they will make three trips in a two-month span. A nine-day trip to Rochester costs \$1,500 for food, lodging and other expenses, they said.

To help defray expenses, a free-will donation dinner and silent auction will be held from 4-8 p.m. Sat-

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Four-year-old Trase Malatara and his sister, Alexi, enjoy his guitar during a playful moment in their Tabor home. Trase suffers a genetic disorder known as Aggressive Childhood NF1, and a fundraiser will be held Saturday at St. Leo's Catholic Church in Tyndall.