Blast rocks West Bank; 3 are dead, 20 missing

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Brian Seidler was sitting in an early morning jog through the Audubon Park batteau area when suddenly the ground began to shake. "The earth was literally moving," he said. "It looked like a tidal wave." Across the Mississippi River at Westwego, he heard the Continental Grain Co.

List of those injured in explosion

- Michael Neuman, 43, of Marrero, who had been hospitalized due to the explosion
- James L. Johnson, a Jefferson Parish deputy sheriff who suffered a broken ankle in the rescue operation
- Eugene Lebowitz, 28, admitted to hospital in fair condition for treatment of facial burns
- Robert Evans, 46, a construction worker who was injured in the explosion

A crowd gathered on the levee in Westwego near the disaster site. Many of the onlookers were awaiting word of family members unaccounted for in the explosion.

News summary

Tourist officials here say President Carter has cut the city's federal budget by $3 million. The move was expected to reduce the amount of tourism dollars spent in New Orleans. The mayor's office says the money will not be cut from the city budget.

At a news conference, the mayor's office said the city would receive a $3 million grant from the state to help fund the new airport.


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