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Lawmen follow clues to N.Y. cabin; 2nd man still on run. — National, 4A



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In the news

■ **U.S. Sen. Angus King**, 71, a Maine independent who survived malignant melanoma decades ago, announced in a statement that he had successful prostate cancer surgery at Massachusetts General Hospital.

■ **Phyllis Stankiewicz**, 88, who police say opened her front door in western Massachusetts while handling a knife and slapped one of several police officers who had mistakenly gone to her door while responding to a report of a disturbance at a home a block away, pleaded innocent to assault and battery on a police officer.

■ **The Rev. Xiu Hui "Joseph" Jiang**, 32, a St. Louis priest who was accused of sexually abusing a boy in a Catholic school bathroom before the charges were dropped earlier this month, is suing the boy's parents, police and a victims'-rights group, seeking damages.

■ **Allen Boone** and his wife, Eunice, who authorities in George County, Miss., say operated an unlicensed elderly-care facility, were indicted on a charge alleging that they exploited at least five men under their care.

■ **Michelle Heale**, 46, a New Jersey baby sitter convicted of fatally shaking a toddler left in her care in 2012, was sentenced to 15 years in prison after being found guilty of aggravated manslaughter and child endangerment but acquitted of murder in the death of 14-month-old Mason Hess.

■ **Cindy Martinez**, 34, a Gwinnett County, Ga., mother contending with a case of the flesh-eating bacteria necrotizing fasciitis that doctors have not determined how she contracted, underwent surgery to remove her feet and one hand.

■ **Hayden Smith**, a north Alabama 18-year-old who authorities say killed six of his mother's chickens in a bizarre threat after asking her to mend his relationship with his girlfriend, was charged with third-degree domestic violence and criminal mischief.

■ **Mel Reynolds**, 63, a Democratic ex-congressman from Illinois who resigned his seat in 1995 after being convicted of statutory rape, is named in a grand jury indictment that accuses him of failing to file federal income tax returns from 2009 through 2012.

■ **Donald Gene Parker III**, 28, a former teacher in Glenmora, La., arrested in February after being accused of having sex with an underage student, was indicted on two counts of obstruction of justice and two counts of indecent behavior with a child, among other counts.

Again, gays get state licenses



Tony Chiaro (left) and Earnie Matheson became the first gay couple to request a marriage license Friday at the Pulaski County Courthouse in Little Rock after same-sex marriage was ruled legal nationwide. Judge Chris Piazza (right) officiated.

Will obey law, AG, governor declare

BILL BOWDEN AND KENNETH HEARD ARKANSAS DEMOCRAT-GAZETTE

County clerks across Arkansas began issuing marriage licenses to gay couples Friday after the U.S. Supreme Court ruled 5-4 that states can't prohibit same-sex marriage.

"That's the law of the land, and everybody's got to abide by it," said Tony Rogers, the Carroll County attorney.

Gov. Asa Hutchinson and Attorney General Leslie Rutledge, both Republicans, said Friday that Arkansas will obey the U.S. Supreme Court's ruling in *Obergefell v. Hodges*.

"This decision goes against the expressed view of Arkansans and my personal beliefs and convictions," Hutchinson said. "While my personal convictions will not change, as governor I recognize the responsibility of the state to follow the direction of the U.S. Supreme Court. As a result of this ruling, I will direct all state agencies to comply with the decision."

Rutledge instructed county clerks to "issue marriage licenses to same-sex couples upon request, requiring exactly the same procedures, fees and other requirements as required for opposite-sex couples."

Earlier on Friday, she issued a statement saying, "Although this decision does not reflect the will of Arkansas voters, we are a nation of laws, and the judicial system has an important role to play. I am disappointed that the justices have chosen to ignore the role of the states to define marriage."

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Gays may wed now law of land

Unions a right, justices find

WASHINGTON — Same-sex couples have a constitutional right to marry nationwide, the U.S. Supreme Court said Friday in a historic ruling that caps the biggest civil-rights transformation in half a century.

Voting 5-4, the justices said states lack any legitimate reason to deprive gay couples of the freedom to marry, paving the way for gay weddings to the last 14 states where they were still

banned. Justice Anthony Kennedy wrote the opinion for the majority.

"The right to marry is a fundamental right inherent in the liberty of the person. Couples of the same sex may not be deprived of that right and that liberty," Kennedy wrote.

"No union is more profound than marriage, for it embodies the highest ideals of love, fidelity, devotion, sacrifice and family," he wrote. "In forming a marital

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Mindy Ross (left) and Jimmie Beall celebrate Friday after paying to receive a marriage license in Probate Court in Columbus, Ohio.

Couples jubilant long journey is over

BRIAN FANNEY ARKANSAS DEMOCRAT-GAZETTE

They met in a crime-ridden part of Memphis at a nondescript gay nightclub marked only by a small sign in 1972.

Men weren't allowed to dance together in the city in 1972, but Zeek Taylor, then 25 years old and a student at the Memphis College of Art, and Dick Titus, 23 years old and a bookkeeper at an auto-parts

store, took a chance. "Every now and then [the police] would drive up. There would be a lookout and the lookout would let everyone know. The lights would flicker and we would all sit down," Taylor said. "We could have been arrested. We were intimidated just by the [thought of] prisons."

In the decades that followed, Taylor, now 68, and Titus, 66,

have seen attitudes change.

They concealed their relationship when they lived in Fayetteville in the late 1970s and 1980s — keeping two houses even though they lived together — but in 1987 the two moved to Eureka Springs and decided they no longer wanted to hide.

"We felt embraced and loved and part of the community," Taylor said. "That meant freedom. It just meant freedom

to be ourselves for once."

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Firm gets go-ahead to build VA home

NIKKI WENTLING ARKANSAS DEMOCRAT-GAZETTE

A contract signed Friday between the Arkansas Department of Veterans Affairs and a contractor clears the way for work to start on a \$24 million veterans home in North Little Rock.

Steve Craig, a general contractor with Craig Custom Construction, said his workers are prepared to start on the 31-acre site Monday. With the contract signed, he's now waiting on final approval from the architecture firm, Polk Stanley Wilcox.

A construction administrator with the Arkansas architecture firm said he'll give a notice to proceed after he receives permission from the Arkansas Building Authority.

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An injured person is treated on a beach Friday in Sousse, Tunisia.

Man opens fire, kills 39 at Tunisia resort

Attackers slay 28 in Kuwait, France

Compiled by Democrat-Gazette staff from wire reports

SOUSSE, Tunisia — A young man pulled a Kalashnikov rifle from a beach umbrella and sprayed gunfire at European sunbathers at a Tunisian resort Friday, killing at least 39 people in one of three deadly attacks that followed a call to violence by Islamic State extremists.

The shootings in the Tunisian resort of Sousse happened around the same time as a bombing at a Shiite mosque in Kuwait and an attack on a U.S.-owned factory in France that included a beheading. In all, the assailants killed at least 67 people.

The Islamic State claimed responsibility for two of the attacks, which came days after the militants released a recording urging their followers "to make Ramadan a month of calamities for the nonbelievers."

The attack in Tunisia

happened just months after a March 18 massacre at the national Bardo museum in Tunis that killed 22 people, again mostly tourists.

"Once again, cowardly and traitorous hands have struck Tunisia, targeting its security and that of its children and visitors," President

Beji Caid Essebsi said at the RIU Imperial Marhaba hotel, near the beach rampage site.

Essebsi promised "painful but necessary" measures, adding: "No country is safe from terrorism, and we need a global strategy of all democratic countries."

At a news conference at his office in the capital Tunis, Prime Minister Habib Essid said he would immediately close mosques outside the control of the Ministry of Re-

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WEATHER

LITTLE ROCK
Today Partly cloudy.
High 85, north winds 5 to 10 mph.
Tonight Mostly clear.
Low 68, north winds 5 mph in the evening.



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