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Judge Puts Gay Marriages On Hold In Calif.

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — A federal judge on Thursday put gay marriages on hold for at least another six days in California, raising hopes among same-sex couples that they soon will be able to tie the knot after years of agonizing delays.

Judge Vaughn Walker gave opponents of same-sex weddings until Aug. 18 at 5 p.m. to get a ruling from the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals on whether gay marriage should resume. Gay marriages could happen at that point or be put off indefinitely depending on how the court rules.

Walker struck down the state's voter-approved gay marriage ban last week in a case many believe is destined for the Supreme Court.

Dozens of gay marriage supporters who had gathered outside San Francisco's City Hall, a block from the federal courthouse, erupted in cheers when the decision came out. The crowd included a handful of same-sex couples who had arrived early Thursday morning to fill out marriage license applications in hopes that the judge would allow nuptials to commence immediately.

Teresa Rowe, 31, and her partner, Kristin Orbin, 31, said they were still happy with the decision even though the ceremony didn't happen.

Possible Serial Stabbing Suspect Arrested

ATLANTA (AP) — A suspect in a string of 18 stabbings that terrorized people across three states and left five dead was arrested in front of startled passengers at an airport gate as he tried to board a plane for Israel, officials said Thursday.

A judge in Flint, Mich., where the attacks began in late May, signed a warrant Thursday charging Elias Abuelazam, 33, with assault with intent to murder in connection with a July 27 stabbing.

Antwone Marshall, 26, of Flint, the victim of that attack, told The Associated Press that the FBI visited him at 3 a.m. to show him a picture of the man arrested in Atlanta, and he identified him as the assailant.

Marshall said he was going into his apartment building when the assailant approached and asked for help fixing his car. He was stabbed twice when he opened the hood. Three of his organs were cut, and he has a long scar from his chest to his pelvic area.

Marshall said he wants to retaliate but "I'll let God handle it. Every time I look at my scar, I get angry."

WikiLeaks To Release 15,000 Remaining Files

LONDON (AP) — WikiLeaks spokesman Julian Assange said Thursday his organization is preparing to release the rest of the secret Afghan war documents it has on file. The Pentagon warned that would be more damaging to security and risk more lives than the organization's initial release of some 76,000 war documents.

That extraordinary disclosure, which laid bare classified military documents covering the war in Afghanistan from 2004 to 2010, has angered U.S. officials, energized critics of the NATO-led campaign, and drawn the attention of the Taliban, which has promised to use the material to track down people it considers traitors.

The Pentagon says it believes it has identified the additional 15,000 classified documents, and said Thursday that their exposure would be even more damaging to the military than what has already been published.

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India Sets Aug. 31 Deadline For BlackBerry Info

BY MUNEEZA NAQVI
Associated Press Writer

NEW DELHI — India's Home Ministry threatened Thursday to block BlackBerry corporate e-mail and messaging services unless the device's manufacturer makes them accessible to its security agencies by Aug. 31.

The ministry said that if no technical solution is provided by then, it will take steps to block the services from the country's mobile phone network. The phones are made by Canada's Research In Motion Ltd.

Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates have also threatened to cut off popular BlackBerry services unless they get greater access to user information. Like India, they've cited security concerns in pushing for access to encrypted information sent by the cell phones that gets routed through servers overseas.

India has asked for encrypted BlackBerry communications to be made easily available to its

intelligence and law enforcement agencies, saying that the services could be used by militant groups.

The 10 heavily armed gunmen who rampaged through Mumbai, India's financial capital, in November 2008, killing 166 people, used cell and satellite phones to communicate with their Pakistan-based handlers, according to Indian officials.

In its response to India's announcement, Research In Motion Thursday said it has drawn "a firm line" in negotiations with governments. It won't compromise on the secure nature of its corporate e-mail and messaging service and it won't give any country "special deals." Encryption, it said, is a fundamental technology required in any country that wants to attract and maintain international business.

India noted that it already has access to calls and text messages to and from BlackBerry phones, and to the consumer e-mail service. The threatened

shutdown applies to RIM's corporate services.

Canada's international trade minister, Peter Van Loan, said the government has been "working with government officials in India to help RIM identify their concerns and find solutions."

India's announcement came after a meeting involving India's home secretary, an official in charge of domestic security, and representatives of security agencies and the government's telecommunications department, the ministry said in a statement.

The United Arab Emirates last week called for a sweeping ban on BlackBerry e-mail, messaging and Web services, saying the devices "allow users to act without any legal accountability, causing judicial, social and national security concerns." It plans to shut off the services in October unless it works out a compromise with RIM.

Talks between the UAE and RIM are still ongoing, said a person familiar with the issue who spoke on condition of anonymity.

The person said the UAE is pressing the company to install a data server inside the Gulf federation. That move is motivated by a desire to ensure that information sent on the devices remains protected, not to stifle the flow of information as some critics have charged, according to the person.

"This has nothing to do with freedom of speech," the person said. "It's not an issue of access to e-mails. It's an issue of protection of information."

It was unclear if installing a server alone would address all the UAE's concerns. The Emirates also remains concerned that BlackBerry Messenger could be misused by terrorists, the person said.

Saudi Arabia's telecom regulator had ordered a halt to BlackBerry service across the kingdom last week but later said it will allow service to continue in the country for now, citing "positive developments." It's unclear, however, whether the reprieve is permanent.

Marijuana Megafarm Hidden In Wis. National Forest

BY TODD RICHMOND
Associated Press Writer

GREEN BAY, Wis. — Northern Wisconsin's Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest is a vast, verdant getaway for hundreds of thousands of campers, hikers and anglers every year. But hidden within was a marijuana megafarm.

Investigators say a band of Hispanic men turned the forest's southeastern tip into a giant pot farm, growing thousands of plants on remote plots, moving supplies along forgotten logging roads and buying supplies and ammunition at local stores.

Nobody in law enforcement has said it publicly, but the style matches that of Mexican cartels that have been using public land

in the United States to grow vast amounts of marijuana and avoid the risk and expense of smuggling the drugs across the border.

"There certainly is an element to this that leads one to believe there is a Hispanic connection here," Wisconsin Attorney General J.B. Van Hollen said. He declined to elaborate.

According to court documents, investigators discovered nine plots of plants in the southeastern tip of the Nicolet section after a person noticed two Hispanic men preparing a grow site in the forest.

Federal, state and local police spent June and July tailing suspected growers, following pickup trucks down abandoned logging roads and watching Hispanic men appear in the trees and toss nylon

sacks resembling grain feed bags into the beds.

They followed one suspect to Fleet Farm in Green Bay, where he purchased six pairs of pruning shears. They watched another man purchase 9 mm ammunition at a nearby Wal-Mart, documents said.

The suspected growers eventually led investigators to a house in Seymour, about 15 miles southwest of Green Bay. According to court documents, the house was a marijuana processing factory.

According to the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration, drug agents around the country seized about a million plants a year between 2004 and 2008. In 2008 alone, agents seized or destroyed 7.6 million marijuana plants from

about 20,000 illicit plots.

In Wisconsin, the number of seized plants in grew six-fold between 2003 and 2008, a year when more than 32,000 plants were seized. Authorities eradicated \$2.5 million worth of marijuana plants in the national forest system alone, said Richard Glodowski, special agent in charge of the U.S. Forest Service's investigations in the eastern half of the U.S.

Drug investigators believe Mexican cartels are largely responsible for the spike. Growing the drug here helps them get it to major American markets more quickly. They often import unskilled laborers from Mexico to help find the best land and tend their crops.

OBITUARIES

Daniel Nedved

Daniel James Nedved, 56 of Yankton passed away peacefully in his sleep on Wednesday August 11, 2010 surrounded by his family. The Opsahl-Kostel Funeral Home & Crematory, Yankton, is assisting with arrangements.

Memorial services will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday August 14, 2010, at Opsahl-Kostel Funeral Chapel, in Yankton, with Rev. Mark Lichter officiating. Visitation will be one hour prior to the service with a 1:30 p.m. rosary. A private burial with family will be held at a later date.

Dan was born August 3, 1954 to Clara (Podzimek) and Jim Nedved, in Yankton, SD. Growing up Dan enjoyed delivering newspapers, playing baseball, and driving fast cars and motorcycles. He graduated from Yankton High School in 1972. Dan promptly started working for GEHL Power Products (TCI) up



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until the time of his death. In his 37 years with the company Dan proudly worked his way up from welder to plant superintendent.

He married the love of his life Jody (Walburg) on August 9, 1975. Together they made a life in Yankton, having three girls Katie, Julie, and Lizzie. Dan and Jody were inseparable spending their time together boating on Lewis & Clark Lake, parasailing in Hawaii, snorkeling in Mexico, and gambling trips to Las Vegas.

On cloudy days Dan could be found remodeling the house, hunting with his beloved dog Morgan, cheering on his favorite football teams, and spending time with his children and grandchildren.

Our loving Captain, Dad, and Papa is survived by his wife

Jody, daughters Katie (Brian) Uhall, Julie (Tyler) Kafka, Lizz Nedved, grandbabies Lauren, Gavin, Oakley, Adison, mother Clara Nedved, sisters Vicki Nedved, Regina (Donn) Medeck, brothers Greg Nedved, Steve (Kim) Nedved, extended family Susan and Wayne Kudera, Ruth and Chuck Walburg, and Laurie and Lonnie LaCroix.

Dan was preceded in death by his father Jim and nephew Michael.

We would like to give a special thanks to Katie RN and the Avera Hospice team for the love, care and support you provided both Dan and his family throughout the last couple months.

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Tony Renner

Tony J. Renner, 91, of Yankton, SD passed away peacefully Monday, August 9, 2010 at Avera Sister James Care Center. Anne, his wife of 67 years, and his children Barbara Levenson, Ruth Kline, and John were with him.

Visitations will be 4 to 7 p.m., with a Memorial Wake at 7 p.m. on Sunday, August 15 at Opsahl-Kostel Funeral Home and Crematory. A Memorial Mass will be Monday at 10:30 a.m. at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, followed by a burial at Sacred Heart Cemetery with Military Graveside rites by Ernest-Bowyer VFW Post #791, Yankton. Visitations will resume one hour prior to the service at the church.

Tony was born to John M. and Seraphine (Mayer) Renner on September 22, 1918 in Dimock, SD. He grew up on their farm with his brothers Adolph, Leo, and John. He graduated from Ethan High School in 1935, then moved to Yankton in 1940 to work at Heitgen's Drug Store. In 1942, he entered service in the Army Air Force's 475th



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Fighter Squadron in the South Pacific, liberating the Philippines. He married Anne Rokusek of Tabor, SD on July 31, 1943, and returned to Yankton upon discharge in December 1945.

Tony earned his Assistant Pharmacist Certification in 1947 and worked at Yankton Drug. He worked for Mead Johnson until 1951, and then Traveler's Insurance until 1959, when he and Russ Ahern bought Wallbaum Drug Store in Yankton. As the friendly face behind the counter, Tony also often made home deliveries to many nearby towns.

In 1969, Tony was appointed VP of Financial Affairs at Mount Marty College, growing its endowment until he retired in 1983. He was a popular supporter of the men's and women's MMC Lancer basketball teams.

Tony was active for many years with the Knights of Columbus as Deputy Grand Knight III, Golden K (Kiwanis),

Elks, Chamber of Commerce, American Legion in Tabor and Yankton, VFW Post 791, and Sacred Heart Parish Catholic church.

Tony is survived by his wife, Anne; children Barbara & Harvey Levenson of Atascadero, CA; Ruth & Todd Kline of Hastings, NE; and John Renner & Mark Hamilton of Palm Springs, CA; grandchildren Jennifer & Kevin Warner, Matt & Lynn Morgan, Scott, Brynn, Burke & Andrea Kline, and Mark and Damien Levenson; great-grandchildren Brianna Levenson, Ellie Kline, and Kylan Warner. He is especially grateful for the love from his nephews and nieces.

He was preceded in death by his children Mark, and Charlotte ("Char") Morgan, and by his parents and brothers.

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Raymond Thomsen

FREDRICK, Md. — Raymond W. Thomsen, age 76, of Fredrick, Maryland and formerly of Yankton, passed away July 29 at the Fredrick Memorial Hospital.

Funeral services were held on Monday, August 2 at the Chapel of Stauffers Funeral Home in Fredrick with military rites and interment in the Mt. Olivet Cemetery.

Raymond (Ray) was born at home in rural Mission Hill, S.D. on June 12, 1934 to Lily Thomsen. He was raised as a son by his grandparents, Soren and Inger Marie (Mary) Thomsen. He attended Sunrise School until 1941 (2nd grade) when the family moved into Yankton and he completed his education there.

Ray joined the military at an early age and served during the Korean War with the 575th Engineer, 3rd Army. He returned to the States and was stationed and discharged from Ft. Belvoir, VA. He met Violet Houdershell there and they were married in 1955. They moved back to

Yankton for a time but in 1958 returned to reside on the East Coast in the Maryland and D.C. area. Five children were born to this union — one died at birth.

Ray worked hard and was a single dad of four children for several years until he met and married Brenda Hart in 1970. They built a new house, a son was born to them, he adopted Brenda's daughter, Sheila, and life was good. Brenda passed away from cancer in 1984. Ray was involved in the asphalt business for many years until his retirement.

He is survived by sons: Rodney, Ronald, Russell and Ryan and families — daughters: Debbie and Sheila and families, all of the Maryland/Virginia area — half-brothers: Darrell (Patty) Kryger of Sioux Falls and Keith (Ann) of Dixon, Mo. — half-sisters: Donna (Ray) Tschudy of Beresford and Linda Mader of Sioux Falls — aunts: Janice (Freelan) Aune of Mission Hill, Judith Garvey, Leona Sparks and Alice Thomsen of Yankton, Esther Muecke of Sioux Falls, Helena Thomsen of Chula Vista, California, nieces, nephews and many cousins.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents (Soren and Mary), mother (Lily), wife

(Brenda), infant son (Ricky Wayne), half-sister and husband Imogene (Jeanie) and Jerry Wise, half-sister-in-law Marie Kryger, several cousins and many aunts and uncles.

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Dale Born

SIoux FALLS — Dale Myron Born, 81, of Sioux Falls, SD and formerly of Yankton, SD died on August 12, 2010 at Good Samaritan Village in Sioux Falls of complications of Parkinson's.

He was born in Waseca, MN on August 18, 1928, to Clarence and Irene (Goltz) Born. He served in the Korean War and received the Bronze Star, Purple Heart, and a honorable discharge after being injured during the service. He married Anita Bartsch on



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October 7, 1956. They lived in Mankato and New Ulm, MN until making their home in Yankton, SD for 32 years. They moved to the Inn at Westport in 2006. Dale loved fishing, camping, traveling, and "tinkering" on appliances. He was a faithful servant of God.

He is survived by his wife, Anita, of 53 years; his son, Dean (Ann), Sioux Falls; his daughters, Dr. Brenda DeJong, Sioux Falls, and LoriAnne (Raymond) Schelhaas, Edgerton, MN; eight grandchildren, Jennifer Waters, Amy (Ryan) Lange, Mallory (Cody) Van Tol, Jordan Born all of Sioux Falls, Christopher

(Christin) DeJong, Sioux Center, IA., Ashley, Sara, Kaitlyn Schelhaas of Edgerton; two great grandchildren, Ellary and Tellie Lange, Sioux Falls; two sisters, cousins, nieces and many other friends and relatives. He was preceded in death by his parents, two brothers, and one sister.

Funeral services will begin at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, August 14,

2010 at heritage funeral home with burial at Woodlawn Cemetery. Visitation will be one hour prior to the service. Memorials may be directed to Parkinsons Association of South Dakota. A full obituary and on line guest registry may be seen at www.heritagesd.com.

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Meditation: It's Not What You Think

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