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WEDDING BLITZ: Couples, some who waited decades, rush to exchange vows



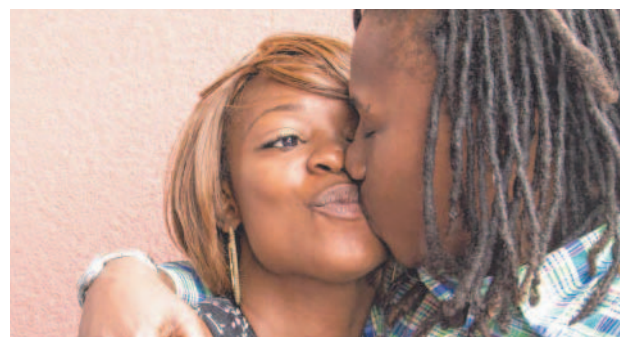
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THE RULING

AG Horne declines to challenge 9th Circuit

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Arizona on Friday joined the historic tide legalizing the unions of same-sex couples that has swept the nation, expanding gay rights in a direction many never thought they would see in their lifetimes.

Tearful couples, some with children in tow, lined up at clerks' offices around the state to be among the first to get marriage licenses. Some brought along their clergy, hastily reciting their vows on courthouse steps. They had waited long enough, they

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TOP: David Larence (left) and Kevin Patterson (middle), the first same-sex couple to get married in Phoenix, share a laugh with the Rev. John Dorhauer. LEFT: Sue Wieger (left) and Sheila Kloefkorn, the first female couple to get licenses. MIDDLE: Attorney General Tom Horne announces the state is ending its legal challenge. RIGHT: Trishanda White (left) and Laysha Jones wait for a license.

More in-depth coverage online

Photos, video and opinions of Friday's historic ruling, at politics.azcentral.com.

Reactions to the legal ruling

Plaintiffs in Arizona lawsuits to overturn the gay-marriage ban celebrate; clergy is divided over court decision. **A5**

A day to celebrate

The history of the United States is one of expanding rights, and basic civil rights have been given to same-sex couples. **Editorial, F5**

THE SCENE

Outside courthouses, a flurry of weddings

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Karen Bailey and Nelda Majors, a couple for nearly 57 years, were among the first to get a marriage license Friday in downtown Phoenix after a federal judge ruled that Arizona must allow same-sex couples to marry.

"It feels wonderful. Look at it," said Bailey, 75, showing off the freshly printed license as she and Majors emerged from a Maricopa County court clerk's office.

Right behind them were David Larence, 36, and Kevin Patterson, 31, who were mar-

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Samples sent to CDC to see if deadly enterovirus has now reached Arizona

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Arizona public-health officials are still awaiting test results to find out whether a severe respiratory virus that has sickened children nationwide is responsible for two recent deaths of young children in metro Phoenix.

A Peoria first-grader and a Phoenix infant who died after bouts with reported respiratory illness are among the latest possible victims, although public-health officials caution nothing has been confirmed.

Arizona Department of Health Services officials said 24 samples of possible enterovirus have been sent to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to test whether any contain a particular strain,

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