



**WESTOVER HEIGHTS**  
C L I N I C

**Offering general internal medicine and excelling in sexual health care**

*Serving the community for 22 years*

2330 NW Flanders  
Suite 207  
**503-226-6678**

**WHY SEND FLOWERS WHEN YOU CAN SEND ART?**

*flowers*  
TOMMY LUKE

PLEASE VISIT OUR  
UPTOWN SHOPPING CENTER LOCATION AT  
3 NW 23RD PLACE, PORTLAND, OREGON  
503.473.8135 503.228.3140



**Turkish Imports**  
*Carpets, Kilims and more*

816 NW 23rd Avenue  
Portland, OR 97210  
Ph/Fx: (503) 295-7965  
www.turkishimports.net

**NATIONAL news**

# HERE COME THE BRIDES— AND GROOMS

**Massachusetts finally issues marriage licenses to same-sex couples**  
by Bob Roehr

**T**he celebration of same-sex marriage in Massachusetts began at Cambridge City Hall on the evening of May 16 with cakes, choruses and flowers galore.

At the stroke of midnight, local residents Marcia Hams, 57, and Susan Shepherd, 52, began to fill out their application to become the state's first same-sex couple to receive a marriage license. They have been together for 27 years and plan a church wedding May 23.

Tanya McCloskey, 52, and Marcia Kadish, 56, became the first to get a waiver of the three-day waiting period and officially wed at 9:15 a.m. in Cambridge City Hall.

The first three licenses in Boston were reserved for plaintiffs in the Goodridge vs. Department of Public Health case, which found the ban on same-sex marriage to be discriminatory. Thousands of other couples across the state obtained their own marriage licenses that first day.

"Today is a day for congratulations, toasts and well wishes, and cake. And an extra slice of justice," *The Boston Globe* wrote in its lead editorial.

And by and large the state agreed; even opponents of same-sex marriage seemed to be gracious in the days leading up to the historic event. However, that did not mean they had embraced same-sex marriage.

The bishops of the Episcopal Church, one of the more supportive major denominations in Massachusetts, reminded their priests that while the church allows them to conduct blessings of unions, it does not allow for marriage of same-sex couples.

"We are watching the iron curtain against gay couples beginning to crumble," said Arline Isaacson of the Massachusetts Gay and Lesbian Political Caucus.

Log Cabin Republicans executive director Patrick Guerriero, who was in Cambridge City Hall at midnight, said: "Today hundreds of loving, law-abiding couples in Massachusetts will accept the responsibilities of caring for each other for life, through the granting of civil marriage licenses. We hope that the people of this great country will see these couples here in Massachusetts and understand that this is part of the struggle to strengthen, not weaken, the American family."



Julie and Hillary Goodridge with their daughter, Annie, apply for their license at Boston City Hall while activist Mary Bonauto and Mayor Tom Menino look on

**Nob Hill Psychic**

NATURAL BORN PSYCHIC  
TELLS PAST, PRESENT, FUTURE,  
LOVE, MARRIAGE, BUSINESS

MENTION THIS AD FOR \$20 DISCOUNT ON PALM READINGS

HELPS & ADVISES ON ALL MANNERS OF LIFE.

COME IN TODAY FOR A BRIGHTER TOMORROW

**PALM · PSYCHIC · TAROT CARD**

550 NW 23RD SUITE 112 • (503) 222-5501  
CALL FOR APPOINTMENT