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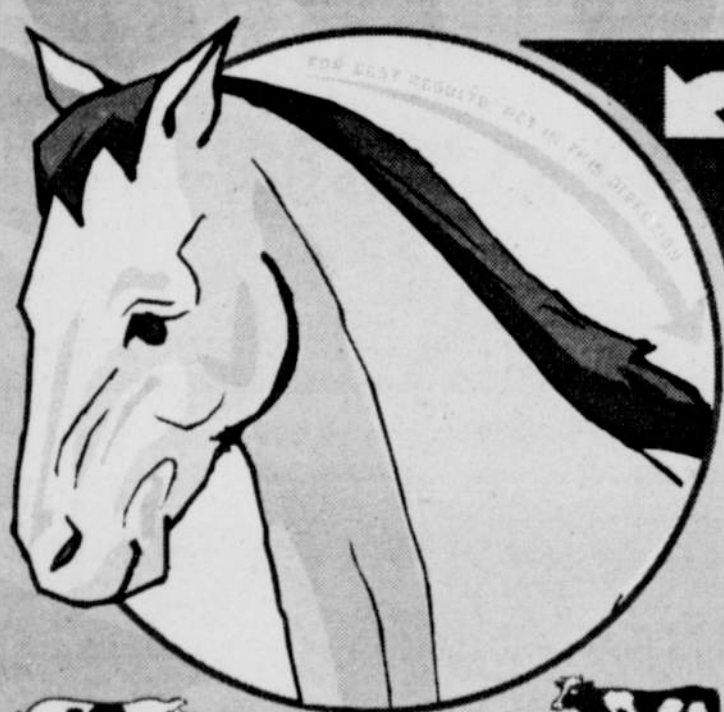
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PET THIS PRETTY LITTLE NEWSPAPER PONY!

It's fun! She likes it when you scratch behind her ears and feed her a carrot. It's great practice for petting the real ponies at the Oregon State Fair. Or for petting one of the stuffed animals from the carnival there. She also likes corn dogs and music by Peter Frampton. Maybe you should just bring this little filly down to the Fair. Oregon's City of Fun. It opens Thursday, August 26th. Ooh, did you hear that? I think she just whinnied. Better go get a carrot!

DISCOUNT DAYS SAVE!

ADVANCE TICKETS

Buy your tickets by 8/25 and save on admission. Advance tickets are available at Safeway TicketWest through Aug. 25.

COMCAST TWO FOR ONE DAY

Aug 26 - Buy one full price adult admission and get the second adult admission free - 11:00 am to 6:00 pm.

COCA-COLA ZIP CARD DAY

Presented by Z100
Aug 27 - Buy a \$15 zip card for 10 carnival rides plus 12 game tickets - 11:00 am to 4:00 pm. Zip card good until empty or until Fair closing.

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Presented by 105.1 The Buzz
Aug 28 & 29 - Pay full adult admission at the gate and receive one free adult admission ticket redeemable for Thursday, Sept. 2, 11:00 am to 6:00 pm.

LES SCHWAB TIRES KIDS DAY

Presented by Mix 107.5
Aug 30 - Buy ride tickets for \$1 each from 11:00 am to 6:00 pm with a coupon from Les Schwab Tires. (Tickets good 11:00 am - close). Plus - get 20 game tickets for \$8.* One coupon per person.

TWO DOLLAR TWOS-DAY

Presented by 106.7 KLITE
Aug 31 - \$2 admission with two cans of food per person 11:00 am to 1:00 pm. All food donations go to the Oregon Food Bank.

PEPSI COLA WILD RIDE DAY

Presented by Jammin' 95.5
Sept 1 - Two sessions: \$20 for unlimited rides 11:00 am to 5:00 pm with a Pepsi Cola coupon (reg. price \$25) OR \$20 for unlimited rides 6:00 pm to 11:00 pm with a Pepsi Cola coupon (reg. price \$25). You'll also get 10 game tickets for each purchase. One coupon per purchase. Coupons available at participating retailers.



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NATIONAL news

CALIFORNIA

The California Supreme Court ruled Aug. 12 that San Francisco Mayor Gavin Newsom did not have the authority to issue marriage licenses to same-sex couples and declared the licenses issued to thousands of same-sex couples invalid.

More than 4,000 couples and their families are directly affected by the court's decision, depriving these families of equal dignity as well as of the many legal protections granted to married couples under California law. Among the families are Del Martin and Phyllis Lyon, the first same-sex couple to receive a marriage license Feb. 12 in San Francisco.

"Del is 83 years old, and I am 79," Lyon said. "After being together for more than 50 years, it is a terrible blow to have the rights and protections of marriage taken away from us. At our age, we do not have the luxury of time."

The court did not rule on the ultimate issue of whether excluding same-sex couples from obtaining government-issued marriage licenses violates the California Constitution's guarantees of equality, liberty and privacy. That question is at the center of a separate lawsuit pending in San Francisco Superior Court. Legal briefs will be filed in the next few weeks, and the case is expected to move quickly.

"This is a painful and difficult day for the thousands of couples whose love, commitment and desire to protect their families was placed on hold," said Kate Kendell, National Center for Lesbian Rights executive director. "While their families are not yet treated equally, their courageous public declarations have shown the world the harm caused by marriage discrimination and will result in our ultimately obtaining the freedom to marry."

Bob Kearney, American Civil Liberties Union of Northern California associate director, added: "In 1948, the California Supreme Court was the first in the country to end race discrimination in marriage. We are confident that the court will live up to its own history and bring a swift end to marriage discrimination in California."

MASSACHUSETTS

A trial judge Aug. 18 declined immediate relief to eight out-of-state same-sex couples who filed a lawsuit challenging the constitutionality and discriminatory enforcement of a 1913 law that state officials are using to exclude nonresident queers from marrying in Massachusetts. Gay & Lesbian Advocates & Defenders plans to appeal this decision.

"While this is clearly a disappointment for the families and many others, we are not discouraged," attorney Michele Granda said. "In fact, the decision provides us with validation of our core argument: that the law violates the



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spirit of the Goodridge decision and that Massachusetts should not be in the business of discriminating against gay and lesbian families."

The case was filed June 18 on behalf of couples from across New England and New York who stated that they were nonresidents when they applied for marriage licenses and now face claims that their marriages are void. Three of the eight couples were denied licenses altogether.

Together with another suit by 13 city and town clerks challenging the same law, attorneys sought a preliminary injunction barring the state from enforcing the statute pending a final decision in the case. The ruling by Suffolk Superior Court Judge Carol S. Ball denies the couples' and the clerks' request for immediate relief but makes no final determination on the merits of the pending lawsuits.

"This case is still alive," Granda explained. "The trial court will hear further argument on the merits, and the case will be decided on appeal. We're confident of our ultimate success."

The plaintiff couples sought legal marriage as the best route to strengthen their family, gain hundreds of legal protections and responsibilities that are otherwise off-limits and provide greater security for their children.

"This is a very, very hard day for us," said plaintiff Bobbi Cote-Whitacre, who has been with her partner, Sandi, for more than 36 years. "We know that someday this unfair disrespect of our family will end. We now know that people out there understand and appreciate our concerns as a lesbian couple about aging, illness and retirement."

Michael Thorne, who has been with his partner, James Theberge, for 21 years and adopted their 2-year-old son in Massachusetts, added: "Jim and I have lived in Massachusetts for a combined total of 66 years. We have trouble understanding why Massachusetts would let us form a family through adoption but would refuse to let us strengthen our family through marriage."

NATIONAL

The Human Rights Campaign board of directors adopted a policy Aug. 7 to only support the Employment Non-discrimination Act if it includes gender identity and expression as well as sexual orientation.

The decision comes in the wake of an Aug. 3 statement by the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force demanding trans inclusion. In addition, Transsexual Menace staged a demonstration Aug. 7 outside HRC headquarters in Washington, D.C., along with a handful of organizations including the National Transgender Advocacy Coalition, Pride at Work and Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays.



Nonresident couple Sandi (left) and Bobbi Cote-Whitacre are suing the state of Massachusetts for the right to marry