

Rejoice!

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Democratic Attorney General Ellen Rosenblum refused to defend the ban, saying there are no legal arguments that could support it in light of decisions last year by the U.S. Supreme Court. She sided with the couples, asking the judge to overturn the ban, and says she won't appeal.

The judge denied a request by the National Organization for Marriage to defend the law on behalf of its Oregon members. A panel of the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals on Monday refused the group's request for an emergency stay of that decision, allowing same-sex marriages to proceed.

Gay rights groups previously said they've collected enough signatures to force a state-wide vote on gay marriage in November. But they said they would discard the signatures and drop their campaign if the court ruled in their favor.

The U.S. Supreme Court last year struck down the 1996 Defense of Marriage Act, which barred the federal government from recognizing same-sex marriage. It determined the law improperly deprived gay couples of due process.



Lisa, the owner of Cupcake Jones, delivers cupcakes Monday in support of marriage equality.



Rev. Chuck Currie, from the Center for Peace and Spirituality at Pacific University, said he was honored to marry same-sex couples Monday on the same day Oregon's ban on gay marriages was struck down.

Oregon law has long prohibited same-sex marriage, and voters added the ban to the state constitution in 2004. The decision, approved by 57 percent of voters, came months

after Multnomah County briefly issued marriage licenses to same-sex couples.

About 3,000 gay couples were allowed to marry before a judge halted the practice. The

Oregon Supreme Court later invalidated the marriages.

--The Associated Press contributed to this story.

CALENDAR for May 2014

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
18 Lillian Hoban born, 1925 International Museum Day Mount St. Helens Erupted In 1980. Visit Relatives Day	19 Victoria Day Celebrated in Canada Circus Day The Ringling Brother's Circus opened in 1884.	20 Lindbergh Flight Day in 1927 Mary Pope Osborne born, 1949	21 American Red Cross Founded by Clara Barton in 1881.	22 Arnold Lobel born, 1933 Buy-A-Musical Instrument Day	23 Margaret Wise Brown born, 1910 Peter Parnall born, 1936 Penny Day	24 Miniature Golf Day (Some celebrate on Sept 21st) Mary Had A Little Lamb Published in 1830.
25 Martha Alexander born, 1920 National Missing Children's Day National Tap Dance Day	26 Memorial Day Blueberry Cheesecake Day	27 Golden Gate Bridge Opens in 1937 Masking Tape Patented in 1930	28 Jim Thorpe Born in 1888	29 John F. Kennedy Born in 1917 Andrew Clements born, 1949	30 Ice Cream Freezer Patented In 1848 by William Young.	31 Jay Williams born, 1981 World No Tobacco Day

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