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SAME-SEX MARRIAGE

From maybe someday ... to any day now



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As the courts strike down same-sex marriage laws across the nation, it appears Arizona's ban may soon fall as well

Suzanne Cummins and Holly Mitchell traded vows Saturday at the Arizona Grand Resort in Phoenix, but they did not get married, not legally. ¶ They wanted to — enough that in January they joined six other couples in a lawsuit challenging Arizona's ban on same-sex unions. In April, they set the date for an October ceremony, hopeful they could bring along a marriage license. ¶ Their hopes rode the waves of court action last week: The U.S. Supreme Court allowed same-sex marriage to proceed in five states. The 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals struck down bans in Idaho and Nevada. Finally, the judge in their case moved closer to invalidating Arizona's law, but delayed a decision at least a week. ¶ However the judge rules, other variables inside and outside Arizona could affect the start of legal marriages. ¶ Suzanne and Holly decided not to wait, in January, in April, on Saturday. ¶ "Our nation is sending a clear message," Holly said, "and we need to keep the momentum going." ¶ For others, the wait remains.

To understand just where Arizona stands in the process, see the full legal situation explained. **A19**



LEFT: ALEX WONG/GETTY IMAGES; RIGHT: RICK BOWMER/AP

TOP: Suzanne Cummins (left) and Holly Mitchell had hoped to legally wed on Saturday, but last week a decision on Arizona's same-sex marriage ban was delayed. **ABOVE:** When the Supreme Court last week declined to rule on same-sex marriage in five states, it effectively allowed gay marriage to proceed in those states, riling opponents and invigorating supporters.

Cosmetic care via laser can be risky

Lack of training or oversight can lead to scarring — or worse

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Medical spas and retail clinics across metro Phoenix offer laser services that promise cosmetic fixes such as hair removal, skin resurfacing and age-spot elimination.

But the seemingly minor, aesthetic procedures have had major consequences for men and women across the country, ranging from common skin injuries such as burns and blisters to scarring from botched laser jobs. And two young women, including one from Tucson, died when incorrectly using medicine to prepare for laser jobs.

In Arizona, a consumer seeking a smooth or blemish-free body runs a more than 50-50 risk of entering a clinic that hasn't been inspected in more than a year, and a significant, though lesser, risk of being treated by a technician without proper licensing or training.

Metro Phoenix doctors say and records filed with Arizona regulators show that severe burns and blistering can occur when a laser operator uses

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GOVERNOR'S RACE

What the candidates say about the border

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Gubernatorial candidates Fred DuVal and Doug Ducey face a dilemma on border security and immigration: It's far easier for a governor to rant about what the federal government is or isn't doing about these issues than actually accomplishing anything on the state level.

Outgoing Gov. Jan Brewer knows this only too well.

One reason: The federal government, not the state, is responsible for securing the border and enforcing immigration laws.

Another reason: Any additional action by the state to secure the border is very difficult, and very, very expensive — and Arizona is financially

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On the verge of another stunning comeback to preserve their perfect season, the UA Wildcats miss a 36-yard field goal in the final seconds and fall to USC, 28-26. **C1**

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Navajo officer shot: An officer responding to a domestic disturbance on the Navajo Reservation is shot in the face with a 12-gauge shotgun. **A5**

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