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'We're so proud': Same-sex couples wed in Washington for first time

140 couples line up for marathon nuptials presided over by judge Mary Yu

SEATTLE — Hundreds of well-wishers braved a damp and chilly Seattle morning to celebrate the first of 140 weddings at City Hall on Sunday, marking the first day that same-sex couples can marry in Washington state.

Washington, Maine and Maryland last month became the first U.S. states to extend marriage rights to same-sex couples by a popular vote, in a leap forward for gay rights.

"It means that I can use the word husband without question or explaining," said Corianton Hale, a 34-year-old graphic designer, who was one of the first to tie the knot at City Hall. He married freelance copywriter Keith Bacon, 44.

About 300 people waited outside City Hall in frigid temperatures, cheering couples as they descended the steps to street level, some throwing rice, blowing bubbles and handing flowers to the newlyweds.

The first of the ceremonies - which are scheduled to go on all day - were watched by Seattle Mayor Mike McGinn, a same-sex marriage supporter.

"What a wonderful thing to be able to support the commitment of these couples to each other and to herald the beginning of a new civil right," McGinn told Reuters inside City Hall.

Hours earlier, as midnight chimed, the first couples were married at a state court ceremony, starting with public elementary school teachers Sarah and Emily Cofer.

"We're so proud to live in this state that recognizes love and commitment," said Sarah Cofer, 31, after she and Emily Cofer, 32, uttered the words "I will" before judge Mary Yu at Seattle's King County Courthouse.

Read the text and think discuss these questions:

1. Is same-sex marriage legal in your country?
2. Are you in favor of one-sex marriages? Why/why not?
3. What is the main difference between the traditional and one-sex marriage?
4. Do you know anybody who lives in a homosexual relationship? If so, do you think they would care for the chance to get married?
5. What are the advantages of being married?

Otevřený úkol, pokuste se přimět student k diskusi. Pokud nejsou ochotní hovořit, vyberte některé otázky a nechejte je zpracovat písemně.

Zdroj: http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/50135045/ns/us_news-life/t/were-so-proud-same-sex-couples-wed-washington-first-time/#.UQVIY2cw_78, upraveno, zkráceno

Gunman kills 26 at elementary school in Connecticut

Sandy Hook Elementary School is located in Sandy Hook, Conn., a residential, wooded neighborhood about 60 miles northeast of New York City. The school, built in 1956, serves kindergartners to fourth-graders and has 39 teachers and nearly 700 students. On Friday, December 14 at least 20 students were killed when a gunman opened fire.

NEWTOWN, Conn. - A lone gunman shot and killed his mother, then drove to the school where she reportedly taught and went on a shooting rampage Friday morning, killing 26 people, including 20 children, before turning a gun on himself.

The shooter was identified as Adam Lanza, 20, who was found dead inside Sandy Hook Elementary School of a self-inflicted gunshot wound.

The incident - among the worst school shootings in U.S. history - is the latest in a series of mass shootings in the U.S. this year, including Tuesday's assault by a lone gunman at a Portland, Ore., shopping mall that left two dead and one wounded.

Try to explain in English the meaning of the underlined expressions in the text.

Gunman – a person armed with a weapon ready to kill people

Wooded – covered with trees

Open fire – start shooting

Self-inflicted – to hurt your own body with intention to kill oneself

Wounded – seriously hurt, usually a bleeding injury