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GAY MARRIAGE RULING UPHELD

Decision likely to be stayed for higher court to weigh in

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The U.S. 4th Circuit Court of Appeals on Monday upheld a Norfolk federal judge's ruling striking down Virginia's ban on same-sex marriage — saying that “denying same-sex couples this choice prohibits them from participating fully in our society.”

A three-member panel of the court voted 2-1 to uphold U.S. District Judge Arenda L. Wright Allen's February ruling striking

down a 2006 state constitutional amendment and other long-standing laws limiting marriage to one man and one woman.

Wright Allen's ruling, made with the backing of Attorney General Mark Herring, was the most significant inroads same-sex marriage proponents have made in the Old South. The ruling declared that the state's ban violates federal constitutional provisions on equal protection and due process of law.

On Monday, the appeals court agreed. “We recognize that same-sex marriage makes some people deeply uncomfortable,”

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Tony London talks with attorneys about the significance of the decision by the U.S. 4th Circuit Court of Appeals to uphold a federal judge's ruling overturning the Virginia same-sex marriage ban. **KAITLIN MCKEOWN/DAILY PRESS PHOTO**

JURY SEATED IN TRIAL FOR FORMER GOVERNOR, WIFE



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ABOVE: Former Virginia Gov. Bob McDonnell enters the federal courthouse in Richmond on Monday. Jury selection was completed Monday, and trial is expected to begin on corruption charges. **BELOW:** Maureen McDonnell, center, walks into the courthouse ahead of jury selection flanked by two of the McDonnells' daughters, who are expected to be witnesses.

Opening arguments expected to begin Tuesday in federal corruption case against McDonnells

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RICHMOND — The jury is set in the federal corruption trial of Bob and Maureen McDonnell, and opening arguments are expected Tuesday.

The couple left the courthouse separately after a full day spent winnowing a field of 150 potential jurors to a panel of 12, plus four alternates. A throng of reporters, photographers and cameramen followed the governor and his legal team, but he had little to say.

“Glad we got the jury picked, and looking

forward to starting the defense tomorrow,” he said.

As the pack rounded a corner outside the federal courthouse, Maureen McDonnell was able to leave with less attention.

Jury selection took nearly eight hours Monday. Then, just as the jury seemed set, one woman begged off, citing family concerns. She was replaced with the first alternate, and U.S. District Court Judge James R. Spencer said he plans to give the jury of

Online

Read more about the McDonnell case at **dailypress.com**.

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BUSINESS

Dollar store deal costs a lot more than a buck

Chesapeake-based Dollar Tree plans to acquire Family Dollar Stores Inc. in a deal valued at about \$8.5 billion. The combination of the two Fortune 500 companies would have more than 13,000 stores across the U.S. and Canada. **Page 8 of News**

SPORTS

Second week of Skins camp gets physical

The Redskins wore full pads and did live tackling for the first time in 2014 on Monday. “When it’s live tackling, you get a good feel for some of these young guys and that’s what it’s all about,” said head coach Jay Gruden. **Page 1 of Sports**

LIFE

You shouldn't refrain from poetry readings

For all you spoken word lovers in Hampton Roads, there are plenty of opportunities to not only attend readings but to share your own works. One such event is held on the second Thursday of the month at the Peninsula Fine Arts Center. **Page 1 of Life**

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