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EXECUTION CONTROVERSY

How the lethal injection debate evolved

A complex web of issues played out on a gurney on death row in Florence.

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Even before convicted murderer Joseph Rudolph Wood was strapped to a gurney and the state of Arizona's executioner ran intravenous lines into his arms, the drug used to kill him in an unusually drawn-out execution, midazolam, had proven controversial.

A federal judge had termed earlier executions in which it was used as "flawed."

From the time the drugs started flowing, it took Wood almost two hours to die. Witnesses watched as he gasped and snored for much of that time.

Execution by other lethal-injection drugs usually takes about 10 minutes.

But those drugs are no longer available.

State officials, from Department of Corrections Director Charles Ryan to Gov. Jan Brewer, insist that the execution was not botched.

But what happened and why are still under review by Corrections and, separately, by a federal court.

Wood's long, slow death

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CARDINALS OPEN TRAINING CAMP

Back, bigger and better

Despite tough division, Cards could surprise doubters.



Wide receiver Larry Fitzgerald signs autographs Saturday during the Cardinals' training camp opener. CHERYL EVANS/THE REPUBLIC

The Cardinals opened the doors to their Glendale stadium on Saturday. In just more than six months, the NFL will turn out the lights.

In between, we ask a favor from a football team that has taken over the Valley:

Don't let us down. Stand up once again to the toughest division in sports. Be the stan-

dard-bearer for a market that needs some elevation and inspiration.

Don't be a one-hit wonder. We've seen enough of those around here.

"I think by far this is the most talented team I've ever been on, top to bottom," Cardinals quarterback Carson Palmer said.

The optimism is omnipres-

ent and exhilarating. The Cardinals are aiming to become the first NFL team to win a Super Bowl played in its own stadium. Spirited fans that showed up for Saturday's training camp debut were cheering heartily after successful passes and field-goal attempts. Can you imagine the

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DAN BICKLEY

Fitzgerald's future: Management says it's committed to making sure salary-cap money is there for the franchise's star receiver to retire as a Cardinal. C1

GAY MARRIAGE

When they stopped waiting

Suit against gay-marriage ban was no orchestrated effort. It began with a simple question.

Shaun McKinnon
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Joe Connolly scanned the faces at University Lutheran Church in Tempe. He had a question on his mind, and he needed to ask it of someone in particular.

Tree lights twinkled at the front of the hall, the white

glow reflecting the deep red of potted poinsettias. In a few minutes, the midweek service would begin, an evening of spoken words and carols to celebrate a day in Advent, the Christian season of anticipation before Christmas.

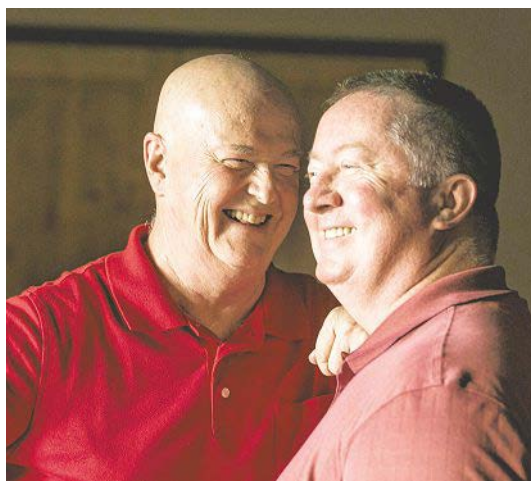
Finally, Connolly spotted Shawn Aiken, a Phoenix lawyer he had known for years through the church. He

worked his way through small talk. Then he asked his question.

"Do you know anyone who would be interested in helping us file a lawsuit against the state regarding the ban on same-sex marriage?"

As he waited for an answer, Connolly tried not to appear

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Terry Pochert (left) and his husband, Joe Connolly, are suing for the right to marry in Arizona. PAT SHANNAHAN/THE REPUBLIC

The state's case: In response to lawsuits, attorneys for Arizona argue issues of history, family. A10

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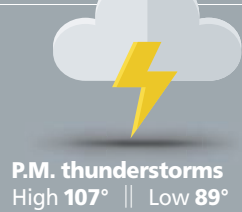
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Packing pistols: Customers are free to carry firearms into Shooters Grill in Rifle, Colo. In fact, they are encouraged to do so — even the waitresses are armed. A21

Blame game: Employees need to know how to deal with blame in the workplace. Don't be a push-over, but accept responsibility with grace when you should. And try to point to facts, not at people. E6

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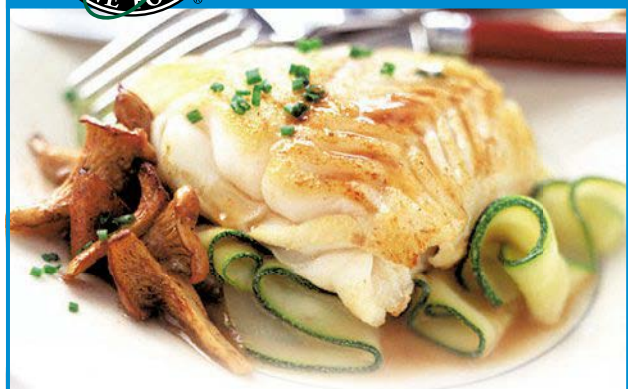
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