

Letter to the Editor Man's Rejection of God

The tragic Islamic terrorist attack in Sri Lanka, which left more than 300 dead, is just the latest proof that Mankind rejects God on a daily basis by murdering innocent fellow human beings. It shows the results of ignorance of the true Word of God, and Man's non-compliance with God's basic Laws and Commandments.

The ignorant fellow in Sri Lanka, shown in the video, carrying a very heavy backpack into that Christian church, actually thought he was going to Heaven by murdering the Christians in there.

He also thought God was going to reward him with 72 beautiful virgins to pleasure himself in Heaven. And also, that 70 of his relatives would be admitted into Heaven because of his horrible crime.

All that nonsense explains why a Muslim father would send two of his sons as suicide bombers to commit such horrible carnage. It is what is taught by that religion as the way to Heaven.

It is totally inconsistent with the Word of God, and the will of God.

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Dismemberment Abortion Ban Introduced in Michigan

submitted by Chris Gast

March 12, 2019, Lansing, Mich. — Legislation to ban dismemberment abortions in Michigan was introduced today in the Michigan House.

House Bills 4320 and 4321 would amend Michigan's 2011 ban on partial-birth abortions, by including the dismemberment abortion procedure, also known as a dilation and evacuation abortion (D&E).

Right to Life of Michigan President, Barbara Listing said, "These bills are Michigan's response to New York's abortion law and other states seeking to explicitly allow abortions through all nine months of pregnancy for any reason."

Retired U.S. Supreme Court Justice Anthony Kennedy accurately described dismemberment/D&E abortions in his opinions in the U.S. Supreme Court's decisions on partial-birth abortion in *Gonzales v. Carhart* (2007) and *Stenberg v. Carhart* (2000).

In *Gonzales*, Justice Kennedy wrote, "The doctor, often guided by ultrasound, inserts grasping forceps through the woman's cervix and into the uterus to grab the fetus. The doctor grips a fetal part with the forceps and pulls it back through the cervix and vagina, continuing to pull, even after meeting resistance from the cervix. The friction causes the fetus to tear apart. For example, a leg might be ripped off the fetus as it is pulled through the cervix and out of the woman."

In *Stenberg*, Justice Kennedy wrote, "The fetus, in many cases, dies just as a human adult or child would: It bleeds to death as it is torn limb from limb. The fetus can be alive at the beginning of the dismemberment, process and can survive for a time while its limbs are being torn off."

Listing said, "In his opinion, Justice Anthony Kennedy rightly said that dismemberment abortions are 'laden with the power to devalue human life.' Tearing the arms and legs off children in the later stages of pregnancy is not a good reflection of our Michigan values."

The dismemberment abortion procedure is the most frequently-used late-term abortion procedure in America and Michigan. In 2017, there were 1,777 dismemberment abortions in Michigan reported to the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services. Of those, 98 percent occurred in the second trimester, between 13 and 24 weeks of pregnancy.

In published research on reasons women have abortions, the pro-abortion Alan Guttmacher Institute, has stated that most late-term abortions are done for elective reasons.

In a 2013 study, the Guttmacher Institute published, "...data suggest that most women seeking later terminations are not doing so for reasons of fetal anomaly or life endangerment."

Listing said, "Opinion polls routinely show a majority of Americans believe late-term abortions should be illegal. Dismemberment abortions are obvious violence and that's not how we should be treating our own children."

Donation for Fruitport Fire Department

Fruitport's Public Safety Director, Brian Michelli, and the township board, have been looking for ways to raise more revenue for equipment that public safety needs. Supervisor Tice and Director Michelli made calendars to sell (which are currently still on sale) to help purchase equipment and new uniforms for police and fire. When Doctors Donna and Peter Rick heard about the need, they reached out to Director Michelli, and made a generous monetary donation to the fire department, which allowed for the purchase of a structural firefighting gear extractor. This will allow for serviceable longevity of the gear, as well as a reduction of exposure to cancer-causing particulates to firefighters. Everyone at the township is very grateful to Doctors Peter and Dona Rick. Their donation will pay for the equipment in its entirety.

If you are interested in purchasing a calendar, for the help of supplying new Class A uniforms to the Police and Fire Department, please come to the hall. The calendars are \$15.00 and have coupons inside to local businesses for more than a \$40.00 value. The calendars also have pictures of events that happened in the Fruitport area throughout 2018, and are a commemoration of our 150th anniversary.

Calvary Muskegon



Dear Fruitport community,
Our church family--Calvary Church of Muskegon--recently had the wonderful opportunity to move into the building of the former Bethel Baptist Church on 213 W. Oak St, across from the high school. Thank you for warmly receiving and welcoming us into the Village. Special thanks to Fruitport Community Schools and the Fruitport Area Churches Network.

It's our prayer that God might help us become increasingly "a church for the community," for the glory of God and the good of others. We gather every Sunday at 9:00 and 10:45 am to learn from Jesus, act like family, and prepare to serve our neighbors. If you don't have a home church in town, we'd love to invite you for a visit. Give us a call (888.822.4632) or stop by to chat; we'd love to connect. More info at: calvarymuskegon.com.

Grace and peace,
Keith Sandison
Teaching Pastor

Missing Women's History

submitted by Chris Gast / Right to Life

Women's history month was instituted to celebrate the important role women have had in building history. This month celebrates women who have made famous impacts in fighting for justice and equality, like Susan B. Anthony and Harriet Tubman, as well as the many unrecognized efforts of women throughout history whose names are unknown.

During this month, we cannot forget the group of women who have been by far the most unrecognized and undervalued in all of history: the nearly 30 million women in America whose lives were taken from them in the womb since 1973.

Many speak about abortion as if it liberates women. In truth, abortion is a tool for discriminating against women. According to one estimate, more than 160 million women around the globe were denied the chance to impact the world because of sex-selection abortions and infanticides in recent decades. Women's organizations should be outraged; it's alarmingly unjust that tens of millions of women's lives ended simply because they were female instead of male.

Sadly, this is not new. For many years before abortion became widely available, baby girls would often be tragically left to die by many parents who decided they wanted a boy instead. This still occurs

County Project Imposes Illegal Union Wage Mandate On Bidders

Contractors: 'See you in court' - and it could get expensive

Submitted by County Commissioner Zach Lahring

A group of nonunion construction firms has mounted a challenge to Muskegon County's policy of requiring union-level wages on major building projects it financially supports. The group is threatening to file a lawsuit if the policy is applied to bids for work on an upcoming \$17 million convention center in the city of Muskegon.

The West Michigan chapter of the Associated Builders and Contractors trade group contends that the policy violates state restrictions on prevailing wage requirements.

Norm Brady, president of the ABC chapter, said, "The law is clear. Local governments can't get in between the employer/employee relationship. They cannot require (prevailing wage) any longer."

Brady said his organization is in talks with county officials to remove the requirement from its requests for proposals on the convention center, which are expected to be issued shortly.

A March 26 letter from ABC's attorney to County Administrator Mark Eisenbarth and the county board issued a warning. Sending out the bid requests without removing the prevailing wage provision, ABC said, "will result in the filing of a complaint seeking all appropriate and available legal relief and damages. This may lead to significant financial liability for the County."

ABC affiliates in Michigan were behind last year's successful effort to repeal Michigan's prevailing wage law for state-funded projects, collecting more than 380,000 petition signatures on an initiative that was subsequently adopted by the Legislature. Prevailing wage laws prohibit government entities from awarding construction contracts to companies that don't pay their employees wages and benefits at rates that unions represent as "prevailing" for various job classifications within a geographic area.

But Brady said he believes the county is relying on a prevailing wage policy from 2013, and subsequent alterations to the policy, which tied local wages to federal guidelines after the state ceased calculating prevailing wage rates. Doing so is illegal, he said.

In an April 19 email, Eisenbarth responded to a series of questions about the prevailing wage policy and ABC's challenge. "These are all issues that the County is currently reviewing and...therefore I am unable to provide further comments at this time."

County Commissioner Zach Lahring said he believes he is in the minority on the county board in supporting an end to the prevailing wage policy. Requiring union-level wages results in higher costs and shuts out competent, nonunion contractors, he said.

Lahring, however, said he was uncertain whether the requirement could be removed from the convention center project, which is technically a city of Muskegon proposal being financed with bonds guaranteed by the county.

The county made its financial backing of the project contingent on requests for proposals including a prevailing wage requirement, said Muskegon City Manager Frank Peterson. He said the city is aware of, "but not taking sides," in the dispute between ABC and the county. Commissioner Lahring said the county's policy should be revoked in any event because retaining it will "adversely affect the city and its taxpayers (on a multitude of construction projects) over the next ten years."

in some countries today with alarming regularity. The problem has become so stark, it's a crime in some nations to use an ultrasound to learn the sex of your unborn child.

Some may see infanticide as more horrifying than having an abortion, but both options end the child's life.

In recent weeks, many U.S. politicians, including 44 U.S. Senators, have sent the message that they see no difference between ending a child's life in the womb or after birth. If the child is unwanted by the birth parents, and targeted for abortion—as is the case for many millions of baby girls around the world—they would ignore infanticide through neglect, if the abortion fails and results in a live birth instead.

So many politicians and celebrities—and of course, Planned Parenthood—widely praise abortion as the foundation of women's rights, but by doing so, they ignore the stories of hundreds of millions of women who were denied the most basic right to life. Abortion is a tool used over and over for discrimination and targeting of vulnerable lives deemed "unwanted." So much more women's history would be made if we simply valued the life of every little girl.