

The Good News!

The place with the "For lease" sign is the former Fertility Control Clinic in Moonah, Hobart, Tasmania – now closed – thanks be to God! Well done to the Tasmanian Helpers of God's Precious Infants - frequent protestors there.



In a media release to the Mercury newspaper, Susie Allanson, the Fertility Control Clinic spokeswoman for the abortuary at Wellington Parade in Melbourne, complained that additional paperwork and standards had made the Tasmanian service uneconomic.

One of their abortionists, Dr Kathy Lewis had been flying to Hobart and back weekly, performing abortions for the last 10 years. Patients were advised that their records are being kept now at the Wellington Parade abortuary in Melbourne.

Help the many first

The Age 30/7/14 The passing of euthanasia legislation to support the "rights" of a small group of people (approximately 1 per cent of those with a terminal illness) would have major implications for society. Significant public funding would be required to implement euthanasia, while numerous pragmatic consequences have not yet been considered.

The overwhelming majority of media reports about end-of-life care focuses on conceptions of dying as always being painful, undignified and traumatic. This is untrue. As palliative care specialists we cannot claim that everyone can be guaranteed a peaceful death. We have, however, witnessed thousands of deaths where, in the lead-up, the dying person has been comfortable, able to communicate their wishes and families have valued sharing this final phase.

Yet access to quality palliative care is currently inadequate. Increased funding must be directed towards palliative care research and training and ensuring adequate resources are in place to benefit the many, before allocating resources towards legalising euthanasia for a few.

Professors Peter Hudson and Brian Kelly, and associate professors Jennifer Philip, Rosalie Hudson and Mark Boughey

Medical Board suspends Nitschke

On 23 July 2014 the Medical Board of Australia suspended Dr Phillip Nitschke, or "Dr Death," as he was called by Margaret Tighe, because they view him as "a serious risk to public health and safety that needs to be managed."

His organisation "Exit International" said the Board claimed "that people have a right to choose suicide is incompatible with his responsibility as a doctor."



Dr Phillip Nitschke

As a doctor, Nitschke has a duty to counsel people away from suicidal intentions. Many complaints had been made over the past two years against Dr Nitschke, but it seems the Brayley case has finally triggered this action.

Dr Nitschke assisted 45 year old Nigel Brayley in Perth and 25 year old Jo Waterman on the Mornington Peninsula, to commit suicide. Dr Nitschke believes that the suicide pill should be easily available to anyone. In an interview on 5 June 2001, he said,

"we must accept that people have a right to dispose of that life whenever they want... all people qualify... including the depressed, the elderly bereaved, the troubled teen... This would mean that the so-called peaceful pill should be available in the supermarket so that all those old enough to understand death could obtain death at the time of their choosing."

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Dr Philip Nitschke – Pedlar of suicide

At last, we wake up to Dr Death, Philip Nitschke

ANDREW BOLT, HERALD SUN, JULY 07, 2014



Dr Philip Nitschke has previously recommended Nembutal as “the best lethal drug” and explained how to get it. Picture: Mike Burton

EUTHANASIA guru Dr Philip Nitschke is furious the ABC has finally pinged him for actually helping the healthy to kill themselves.

“Attacked by rabid Christians & journalist jackals!” he tweeted last week.

But you don’t need to be rabid or even Christian to consider Nitschke dangerous.

For 20 years Nitschke, founder of Exit International, has had largely positive coverage from a media which too often assumed he’s just helping the dying and the suffering.

Only now does he seem in trouble, with the Black Dog Institute, the Australian Medical Association and beyondblue publicly denouncing him.

This follows the ABC’s revelations last week about Nitschke’s dealings with Nigel Brayley, a healthy 45-year-old Perth man who’d told the doctor he did not have “a terminal medical illness”, yet wanted to commit suicide.

“You will receive my final statement within the next two weeks,” he wrote.

Sure enough, Brayley died after taking Nembutal, which he illegally imported. Nitschke has previously recommended Nembutal as “the best lethal drug” and explained how to get it.

Asked why he didn’t try to talk Brayley out of suicide, Nitschke protested this was not his job.

“If a person comes along and says to me that they’ve made a rational decision to end their life in two weeks, I don’t go along and say, ‘Oh have you made a rational decision? Do you think you better think about it?’ the doctor said.

“We don’t do that ... People like that should not have their freedom curtailed.”

... “I do not believe that telling people they have a right to life while denying them the means, manner, or information necessary for them to give this life away has any ethical consistency,” he said in 2001.

“And someone needs to provide this knowledge, training, or resource necessary to anyone who wants it, including the depressed, the elderly bereaved, the troubled teen.”

Life is the greatest gift we’re given

Well said Jeff! There’s no doubt that you have done a great job with “beyond blue” established to fight depression and suicide. Reading some of the quotes in this article by him – in the Herald Sun 9/7/14 – cannot but fail to disappoint

- Margaret Tighe

JEFF KENNETT, HERALD SUN, 9 JULY, 2014 (ABRIDGED)

The good parts:

“...Dr Nitschke has coined the phrase “rational suicide” to attempt to justify his recent action. There is no such thing as a “rational suicide”.

What he has supported is death. The taking or ending of a life. Some might even say murder of an able-bodied Australian who was in need of professional help.

Dr Nitschke has also inferred that anyone of sound mind should have the right to end their lives, regardless of age or condition. How totally reprehensible! Unacceptable.

It goes against everything we at beyondblue and like organisations and governments are working to deliver, a much lower suicide rate.

...The gift of life is the most important gift we all receive. We should never take it for granted. We should use it as our personal rock against which we measure stress and anxiety.”

The bad part”

“Under certain circumstances, when human dignity is lost, when a terminal illness and pain are one’s constant partner, and under strict circumstances, I believe euthanasia is acceptable.”

How much more good could Jeff Kennett do if he could only see the light that euthanasia is physician-assisted suicide – just as the suicides of the depressed assisted by Dr Phillip Nitschke?

- Margaret Tighe

ACTION ALERT – OPPOSE EUTHANASIA

Send your submission to the
Committee Secretary, Senate Legal and
Constitutional Affairs Committee,
Parliament House, Canberra ACT 2600
Or email euthanasia.sen@aph.gov.au
Write that you oppose legalising euthanasia and why.
Closing date: 21/8/2014

Letter from the President



Dear Friends of Life,
 Thank you to all of you who have responded so generously to our frequent calls for financial help.
 We couldn't manage without your vital support.
 I'm afraid that we have to keep asking – like Oliver Twist- "Please sir, can I have some more?"

The forthcoming election for a new Victorian Parliament is vital to us!

The word abortion is in the air – much to the chagrin of some M.P.'s – including Premier Napthine.

Some of our trusty pro-life M.P.'s were wanting a debate before the election, at least on certain particularly brutal aspects of the legislation, with Frankston M.P. Geoff Shaw indicating his willingness to do so.

Burt as you all know, whilst I don't condone his misdemeanour regarding his petrol card, at the same time it pales into insignificance besides the killing of human babies in the womb!

In the meantime they give him hell portraying him as some sort of criminal, at the same time forgetting the actions of some M.P.'s - federal and otherwise – who misused taxpayers money, including former P.M. Julia Gillard – she paid back more than \$4000 because her partner Tim Mathieson used her car to sell shampoo around Victoria!

To return to the lack of all protection for the unborn now allowed in Victoria, as surely as night follows day, a Greens M.L.C. in

N.S.W. Parliament – Dr Mehreen Faruqi – is now moving a bill to decriminalise abortion in N.S.W. following the example of A.C.T., Victoria and Tasmania.

And in Tasmania, as you would know, protests outside abortion facilities attract stiff penalties. They want to destroy any suggestion that there is anything wrong with abortion – above all we mustn't use the word kill!
 – Margaret Tighe.

Mehreen Faruqi opposed to the Rights of the Child

Greens MLC Mehreen Faruqi gave notice on 19 June 2014 that she intends to introduce a bill for abortion on demand into the Legislative Council.

She is also campaigning against Zoe's Law, which would take into account an unborn child over 20 weeks gestation in cases of assault and road accidents. Zoe's law was passed by the NSW Legislative Assembly (Lower House) 63 to 26 on 21st November 2013. It has now gone to the Legislative Council (Upper House). It is essential that NSW people write to members of the Legislative Council opposing Mehreen Faruqi's abortion bill. The Greens have a policy of abortion on demand and are aggressively pursuing this. There is no "right" to abort your child, rather the International Convention on the Rights of the Child states that, "the child, by reason of his physical and mental immaturity needs special safeguards and care, including appropriate legal protection, before as well as after birth."

NSW people - Write to the Legislative Council, opposing this horrendous bill.

"You can visit us on facebook "Right to Life NSW"



Who:
2pm, Saturday the 23rd of August

Where:
North Ryde RSL Club,
Cnr Magdala & Pittwater Roads,
North Ryde

Who:
Women and Men of profound
knowledge in this arena from
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"Women are Victims of Abortion"

Conference 2014

<p>Rachael Leah</p> <p><small>Raised in the UK, she was the 'except for' in case of rape and shares the value behind every person's right to live. A must hear story.</small></p>	<p>Lexy Montana</p> <p><small>Lexy, sadly, is one of the many victims of abortion in this world. She is keen to share her reality and insight into her life's experiences.</small></p>	<p>Dr Angela Lanfranchi</p> <p><small>A breast cancer surgeon since 1984. Her research, data and insight is profound on the possible link between breast cancer and abortion.</small></p>	<p>Kristan Dooley</p> <p><small>The Managing Director of Womens Forum Australia references vital studies in her explanation of: 'Adoption as an Alternative'</small></p>
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Kill bill goes to Senate Committee

Victorian Greens Senator Richard Di Natale has proposed a euthanasia bill which the Senate referred to the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee on 26 June 2014. The bill allows those with a "terminal illness" to be "medically assisted in dying." The person has to be of sound mind and certification of their illness has to be done by two medical practitioners and a psychiatrist to confirm that the patient is not suffering from a treatable clinical depression in respect of the illness.

This turns upside down the healing role of the medical practitioner, into a killing role, changing the relationship between doctor and patient.

The bill is called "Medical Services (Dying with Dignity) Exposure Draft Bill 2014 – A Bill for an Act relating to the provision of medical services to assist terminally ill people to die with dignity, and for related purposes."

It allows a person with a terminal illness, who is of sound mind, to request a medical practitioner to provide services that allows him or her to end his or her life, and grants immunity to a medical practitioner from criminal, civil and disciplinary proceedings.

It includes the administration of a substance to the person at the person's request. The person need not be suffering pain but may be experiencing "distress" or "indignity." If the person cannot sign a Certificate of Request, another person may sign on behalf of that person. The signing person forfeits any benefit he or she may receive as a result of the requestor's death.

That is, it allows doctors to get away with murder. We need you to write to your Senators, opposing the bill. this is essential if we are to defeat this bill.

We need better patient care, not killing.

Address letters to Parliament House, Canberra, A.C.T. 2600.

Senators

Victoria

Carr, Senator the Hon Kim
Collins, Senator the Hon Jacinta
Conroy, Senator the Hon Stephen
Di Natale, Senator Richard
Fifield, Senator the Hon Mitch
Madigan, Senator John
Marshall, Senator Gavin Mark
McKenzie, Senator Bridget
Muir, Senator Ricky Lee
Rice, Senator Janet
Ronaldson, Senator Michael
Ryan, the Hon Scott

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Fierravanti-Wells, Senator the Hon Concetta
Heffernan, Senator the Hon Bill
Leyonhjelm, Senator David
Nash, Senator the Hon Fiona
O'Neill, Senator Deborah O'Neill,
Payne, Senator the Hon Marise
Rhannon, Senator Lee
Sinodinos, Senator the Hon Arthur
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Siewert, Senator Rachel
Smith Senator Dean
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Wang, Senator Dio

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Scullion, Senator the Hon Nigel

ACT

Lundy, Senator the Hon Kate
Seselia, Senator Zed

UK's top abortion provider promoting sex-selection abortions

NEWS TODAY July 9, 2014 - By Becky Yeh



Ann Furedi, Chief Executive,
British Pregnancy Advice
Service

Britain's largest abortion provider is stirring outrage for advising women that sex-selective abortions are not against the law. The Sunday Express reports that the British Pregnancy Advisory Service, which carries out 55,000 abortions a year, is informing women that they can legally obtain a gender-based abortion procedure contrary to British law.

According to a pamphlet produced by the service titled Britain's Abortion Law, What it

Says and Why, the organization addresses whether abortions based on gender are legal under the country's Abortion Act. The answer: "The law is silent on the matter."

"It is outrageous that a publicly —funded organization still has on its website gender abortion is not illegal, totally contradicting ministerial statements," told Fiona Bruce, co-chairwoman of the All-Party Pro-life Group, to the Express.

According to the Express, BPAS said Britain's Department of Health is aware and has no issues with the document despite the government's repeated affirmation that the practice is illegal.

Currently in Britain, parents can determine the gender of their child after 13 weeks of pregnancy. The Daily Mail reports that in 2011, ten percent of the 190,000 abortions in England and Wales occurred during this stage of pregnancy. According to The Daily Mail, although an inquiry conducted by the British government "found no evidence that women born abroad and now living in the UK were opting to abort females," an "analysis of the 2011 National Census has shown widespread discrepancies in the sex ratio of children in some immigrant families, which suggests girls are being aborted."

Parliamentary Protest Dates

August 5,6,7,19,20,21 Macarthur St. Melbourne
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161A Donald St. Brunswick East 3057

Victorian Election 2014 – Action Meeting

We need your help

- The Victorian Abortion Law Reform Act 2008 has removed all protection from unborn Victorians
- They can be killed on request right up to birth
- Many late term abortions are carried out on babies with a disability. This is the medicine of eugenics. Indeed a child in the womb diagnosed with Down syndrome is lucky to make it to birth today.
- An increasing number of these babies are still alive when aborted late and are "just left to die" In 2011 there were 40 babies born alive and left to die.
- All this in a world in which we marvel at ultrasound images of babies in the womb and in which we work hard to save the lives of very premature babies often younger than those aborted!

When: Saturday October 18th 1p.m.

Where: RTLA Office, 161A Donald St. East Brunswick

Telephone: 03 9385 0100

Update from Graham Preston Australia's leading Anti-Abortionist

7/8/13 Well, no prizes for guessing the outcome of today's hearing in the Brisbane Magistrate's Court – the police offered no evidence against Jim and I, thus effectively dropping the charge. With this now being the third consecutive time that I have been arrested, charged and given a court date, only to have the case eventually not go ahead, it is getting pretty ridiculous. Simon, the barrister representing me today, applied for costs and was awarded \$750 which helps cover some of the time he has given me and perhaps, if it costs the police money that might deter them from repeatedly doing this. From the way the police prosecutor spoke in court today though, I think it is highly likely they will nevertheless keep telling me to move on.

The next charge I am facing in Brisbane is set down for **October 13** and, given what has happened with the previous charges, there is every reason to think that this one will be dropped too. (No 'clients' even entered the place on the day of that arrest!) A second letter that we wrote to the CMC– now the CCC (Crime and Corruption Commission) - about all of this was simply summarily rejected just as the first had been. I will try writing again to the Police Minister and Police Commissioner to see if I can get a better response than I received from them earlier.

Now my attention turns to the Tasmanian court case which is due to be held on **September 4-5**. Peter, my solicitor in Hobart, has informed me that little came up at the mention of the case in court on July 25 and that the police have been very slow in getting required information to him.

Doctor-assisted suicide threatens the U.K.

The U.K. based group "Care Not Killing" has been alerting those in the U.K. who oppose legalising euthanasia or patient killing, to act immediately to contact members of the House of Lords asking them to oppose Lord Falconer's physician-assisted suicide bill. Appallingly the former Archbishop of Canterbury George Carey has now come out in favour of the bill.

This is an abridged version of a major article in the Daily Mail 12/7/14:

The ex-head of the Church of England revealed that he had dropped his long-standing opposition to the legalisation of assisted dying – and declared that it would not be 'anti-Christian' to change the law.

Lord Carey warned that by opposing reform, the Church he led risks 'promoting anguish and pain, the very opposite of a Christian message of hope.'

...Under the bill, mentally-capable adults with less than six months to live would be able to request help to end their lives.

Any change in the law has always been implacably opposed by Church of England bishops sitting in the Lords, who have argued it threatens the sanctity of life.

The British Medical Association has also rejected calls for it to soften its opposition to assisted dying.

Opponents - including the incumbent Archbishop of Canterbury Justin Welby - warning the law could put vulnerable people under pressure to end their lives so as 'not to be a burden' and say numbers of assisted deaths have risen alarmingly in countries where it has been legalised.

Should the unthinkable happen and the bill becomes law in the U.K. this will slowly but surely have an impact in Australia and other Commonwealth countries. It was the passage of the U.K. Abortion Law Reform Act in 1968 that began the slow but steady erosion of protection for the unborn in many countries similar to the U.K. Tragically I can see the same happening in relation to euthanasia.

- Margaret Tighe

The Good News – mounting opposition to the bill.

Lord Falconer's assisted suicide bill under attack

by Xavier Symons | 12 Jul 2014 |

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Criticism of Lord Falconer's assisted suicide bill is mounting as the proposed legislation returns to the House of Lords.

...Professor Theo Boer, University of Utrecht bioethicist and member of a review committee monitoring euthanasia deaths in the Netherlands, [warned the UK parliament on Wednesday about legalising the procedure.](#)

Professor Boer recounted how euthanasia deaths in the Netherlands have doubled in the past six years, and may reach a record 6000 in the year 2014. Boer is concerned that, as in the Netherlands, the law will be manipulated and existential suffering will become a common reason for AS:

'Cases have been reported in which a large part of the suffering of those given euthanasia or assisted suicide consisted in being aged, lonely or bereaved.

"Some of these patients could have lived for years or decades. Pressure on doctors to conform to patients' – or in some cases relatives' – wishes can be intense." "Don't do it", professor Boer tersely stated.

According to Lifesitenews, "the 2012 Netherlands euthanasia report indicated that there were 4188 reported assisted deaths, which did not include the unreported assisted deaths, that according to a Lancet study released in 2012 accounted for 23% of all assisted deaths. Last year a healthy woman who was going blind died by euthanasia. In February the Dutch Health Minister, Edith Schnippers admitted that in 2013 there were 45 psychiatric assisted deaths in the Netherlands which was up from 14 in 2012."

The bill has now been referred to Committee.

Once the genie is out of the bottle,
it is not likely ever to go back in again

– Professor Theo Boer

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LIFE GETS CHEAPER



by Dr Katrina Haller

The Victorian Consultative Council on Obstetric and Paediatric Mortality and Morbidity has finally published its report for 2010 and 2011. It explained the delay because it advised that now data was being collected online. The report is horrific:

LATE TERM ABORTIONS

In 2010, there were 366 babies aborted after 20 weeks gestation.

In 2011 there were 378 babies aborted after 20 weeks gestation.

Most of these late term abortions were for "psychosocial" reasons.

In 2010, 191 perfectly healthy babies were killed before birth due to psychosocial reasons. There were 151 babies with a congenital anomaly aborted who were born dead, and a further 24 babies with a congenital anomaly who were born alive and left to die.

In 2011, 183 perfectly healthy babies were aborted after 20 weeks gestation for psychosocial reasons. One of these was over 37 weeks gestation, a time that is almost full-term (40 weeks). 10 babies were aborted who were between 28 and 31 weeks. At

the current stage of technology, "viability" is considered to be 24 weeks, because more than 50% of babies born at this time, survive. Babies born at 23 weeks have a survival rate of 10-35% and those born at 22 weeks, less than 10%. If the 11 babies aborted after 24 weeks had been given care, instead of being left to die, more than 50% would have survived and they could have been made wards of the State and made available for adoption. These were perfectly healthy babies, aborted because they were not wanted by their mother.

In 2011 there were 155 babies with a congenital anomaly who were aborted after 20 weeks gestation and born dead, and a further 40 babies were born alive and left to die.

Most politicians do not like late term abortions, especially for psychosocial reasons. Many of these babies, if given medical care, would survive. Please ask your representative to ask, "What happens to those babies who are born alive?" Why are they not cared for and adopted? In South Australia a doctor told Anne Bressington that they were wheeled into the freezer room. Can you think of anything more cruel? Why are these terrible crimes against humanity allowed? Because of the passage of the Brumby government's Abortion Law Reform Act 2013 opposed by 80% of Coalition M.P.'s and 15% of ALP M.P.'s.

Assisted suicide would lure me to the grave, says Baroness Campbell during marathon 10-hour House of Lords debate

Tamara Cohen and Sophie Jane Evans, , Daily Mail, Australia 20/7/14, (abridged)

- Baroness Campbell of Surbiton said Lord Falconer's Bill 'frightened' her
- Peer has battled severe spinal muscular atrophy since for half a century
- Claimed that in moments of despair, she might be tempted to ask to die
- 'It only adds to the burdens and challenges life holds for me,' she said
- Bill proposes terminally-ill people should be allowed to kill themselves
- They would do so with lethal dose of drugs formerly prepared by doctor
- During 10-hour debate, peers on both sides told of suffering of loved ones



'It frightens me': Baroness Campbell, who was born with severe spinal muscular atrophy, made a moving intervention against assisted dying yesterday.

Baroness Campbell, who has battled a degenerative disease for half a century, made a moving intervention against assisted dying

yesterday, saying: 'This offers no comfort to me - it frightens me.'

The Baroness of Surbiton was addressing a marathon 10-hour debate in the House of Lords on whether terminally ill patients should be helped to die if they wish.

Breathing through a ventilator, she said Lord Falconer's Bill was aimed at her whether she wanted it or not, saying: 'I did not ask it and I do not want it, but it is about me nevertheless.'

Baroness Campbell, who was born with severe spinal muscular atrophy, said that in moments of despair, she might be tempted to ask for assisted dying - and if the law changed, doctors would not stop her.

She told peers: 'It frightens me because in periods of greatest difficulty I know I might be tempted to use it. It only adds to the burdens and challenges life holds for me.'

...Lord Tebbit, whose wife was left paralysed by an IRA bomb, made a an impassioned warning against assisted dying, saying 'the road to hell is paved with good intentions'.

Lord Falconer's Bill will be scrutinised by a committee later in the year. Although it puts the highly-charged issue back on the political agenda, it is unlikely to proceed further.



Ireland to report to UN Committee

Pat Buckley – European Life Network, 11/7/14

Ireland is due to appear before the human Rights Committee of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (ICCPR) on July 14th and 15th in Geneva as part of its fourth periodic report to that committee.

The documents available prior the hearing show that the Irish Government was given a list of questions by the Committee one of which, on the right to life is set out below together with the answers provided by the Government which sadly do not represent the real situation that now pertains following the introduction of the legislation.

This meeting comes exactly a year since the Irish Government introduced abortion in Ireland. The Government's misleading presentation of the law as a life-saving measure has resulted in widespread public confusion over what the new law actually involves is repeated in the answers to the questions raised.

USA - Supreme Court unanimously strikes down Massachusetts abortion buffer zone law

Ben Johnson Jun 26, 2014



WASHINGTON, D.C. – The Supreme Court has unanimously struck down a Massachusetts law establishing a buffer zone around abortion facilities.

The justices' 9-0 ruling in *McCullen v. Coakley* reverses the First Circuit Court of Appeals decision upholding the law, which barred sidewalk counselors from setting foot within 35 feet of abortion facilities statewide.

The 34-page ruling, written by Chief Justice John Roberts, said the statute went too far by forbidding pro-life advocates from engaging in free speech on "a public way or sidewalk adjacent to a reproductive health care facility."

The buffer zone law represents an "extreme step of closing a substantial portion of a traditional public forum to all speakers," the justices ruled. "The Commonwealth may not do that consistent with the First Amendment."

USA - Man Will Stand Trial For Murder After Lacing Girlfriend's Pancakes With Abortion Drug

July 14, 2014 By Operation Rescue

By Cheryl Sullenger

Wakenney, KS – A Kansas man has been bound over for trial after a judge ruled last week to admit as evidence his confession that he laced his pregnant girlfriend's pancakes with an abortion drug he bought over the internet.



Scott Robert Bollig,

Scott Robert Bollig, 30, will be tried on one count of first degree murder and one count of aggravated battery for causing Naomi Abbott to lose her baby on January 31, 2014. Bollig was arrested after doctors treating Abbott found misoprostol, also known as Cytotec, in her blood.

Abbott has wanted her baby and had refused his demands that abort their child. That fact qualified this case for the first degree murder charge.

USA - Portland, Maine repeals 'buffer zone' after Supreme Court ruling

Lifesitenews, Jul 8, 2014

PORTLAND, ME – The city council of Portland, Maine has voted 7-to-1 to repeal a city ordinance that required a 39-foot "buffer zone" around abortion clinics, designed to keep pro-life activists away from abortion facilities and their clients.

The city council tossed the law in response to last month's unanimous U.S. Supreme Court decision declaring a similar law in Massachusetts unconstitutional.

Portland's buffer zone had been created by unanimous vote only last November, after Planned Parenthood – the city's lone abortion clinic – claimed that pro-life activists were "harassing" their clientele by praying in front of the facility and speaking to women about alternatives to abortion.

In response, a group of pro-life protesters sued the city, claiming the buffer zone violated their free speech rights by preventing them from using public sidewalks and talking to women about abortion.

New Zealand - John Key Supports "Speeding the process of death" for terminally ill

JULY 5, 2014

Right to Life New Zealand

Right to life is disappointed

at the Prime Minister's declaration that he would support allowing "speeding up of the process" of death for a terminally ill patient. This chilling statement should fill our hearts with trepidation and fear. It is written in the hearts of man by our Creator, thou shalt not kill. The Prime Minister should be aware



that the World Medical Association, the New Zealand Medical Association and Hospice New Zealand are all implacably opposed to doctors being allowed to kill their patients or assist in their suicide.

USA - She was a Surrogate Mom, but then they asked her to have a sex-selection abortion

by Wesley J. Smith, | Washington, DC, LifeNews.com, 18/6/13

I am not a fan of surrogate mothering. I am particularly opposed to commercial surrogacy, as it reduces gestation to a matter of breeding and can, in particular, lead to the profound exploitation of the surrogate mothers—known in the dehumanizing industry parlance, as "gestational carriers."

The Daily Mail has a story about a surrogate who had two feel-good experiences, but then got out of the trade because she came to see its dehumanizing aspects.

She entered into a third arrangement, this time with a 'well known' and 'mega rich' couple from the entertainment industry, who she can't name for legal reasons – and who were due to pay her a 'significantly higher' fee than she had been offered previously.

These people treated the process like 'a business transaction'; so much so that Ms Szalacinski started referring to herself as a 'commodity.'

Not only were the couple initially insistent on having a boy, they asked Ms Szalacinski to 'reduce', or terminate, one of them if they both 'took,' because they didn't want to raise twins.

"Reduction" is the industry euphemism for targeted abortion. Imagine knowing that there but for where the forceps went would be thou!

Then came the eugenics that is rife within the industry:

Additionally, the picky couple were eager to choose a 'particularly attractive' egg donor, despite the fact that her eggs were 'sub-par', because, according to Ms Szalacinski, they were 'obsessed with looks.' 'I couldn't believe that this kind of misogyny exists. My moral compass kept flicking off and I had to walk away,' she says.



Ms Szalacinski

Good for her. But women who really need the money may not have that strength and might find themselves participating in actions they consider wrong and immoral—with potentially devastating emotional consequences.

This story reflects the ultimately crass nature that lurks at the bottom of the baby-making industry. Not only do many buyers believe they have a right to a child by any means necessary, but to the child they want.

Sometimes, surrogate mothers are collateral damage, and few care. Adopt. Adopt. Adopt.