

Opinion

Domestic terrorism has no place in our society

tor George Tiller is an abomination, an act of reaction is not likely to be in favor of the antidomestic terrorism which has no place in a supposedly free and open society.

The alleged perpetrator, a 51-year-old from a Kansas City suburb known as an anti-abortion protester, clearly hadn't heard the "Right to Life" message.

In a civilized nation, it can't be acceptable to take the law into your own hands by killing someone you disagree with. The battle over ly won't be settled any sooner because of this abortion has, and should be, fought in the courts murder. and on the streets outside clinics. It most properly belongs in church. Killing does not.

But this is a disagreement over right and wrong. It is not a matter for the death penalty, no matter how applied.

Eventually, both Dr. Tiller, known as one of term abortions, and his killer will have to face for no one with an opinion would ever be safe Judgement before the Son of Man. Their sins and merits will be weighted on that terrible day, and He will decide.

Everyone else would be well to remember that while we can disagree, in this country, we all are allowed to have our own beliefs. It is not up to the rest of us to judge.

Oddly enough, Dr. Tiller's murder may well work against the killer's agenda. Most Americans will be horrified by the slaying in the vestibule of the Lutheran church where the doctor was an usher and his wife sang in the choir.

Such a crime, defiling a church, ignoring balaw, that can't be true.

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gers hurt, arthritis in both hands

and a right arm that goes to sleep

even when I am not. But I am not

a quitter — the yard must go on.

ter feature that we needed to up-

date. The flowers thinned out and

placed back around the little pond

I wanted to plant some flower

tivated and the little cultiva- headed in the next direction.

tor still is not working. Several This time when I came to the end

years ago, I brought a big culti- and moved the lever it took off

vator, but gave up running it as it faster and I didn't know that ma-

is just too much for me. I had no chine could go so fast. I am run-

seeds, but the area needed cul-

thing, so it is time to move on.

and use it!

I got a large hole dug for the wa-

By this time I have three fin-

The assassination Sunday of the abortion doc-sic rights, is wrong in so many ways. Public abortion movement.

> Leaders on both sides of the abortion fight were quick to condemn this act. One anti-abortion spokesman said, "He clearly is not one of us." That is as it should be.

> The abortion dispute, seemingly endless since the Supreme Court decided Roe vs. Wade in 1973, won't be settled anytime soon. It certain-

> No one, whether they believe abortion is justified as birth control, for medical reasons, to save a life or in any circumstances, or that it is never justified at all, should be comfortable with just killing those we disagree with.

That would mean an end to civilized society, three physicians in the country who did late- to the rule of law and to our basic human rights, again.

> Dr. Tiller may be a martyr to the abortion cause. He knew he could be in danger; he is said to have usually traveled with a body guard, To the editor: though apparently not in church.

No matter; his death was not called for.

Those on both sides of this fight can and should join to condemn the slaying and all violence aimed at accomplishing political ends. Swift arrest and punishment will help, but some will see the act as justified by the alleged sins.

But if there is a Right to Life, and a rule of Steve Haynes

Margaret

killed and could stop.

more I got it stopped.

me he would tomorrow.

After I started breathing nor-

mal and my arm back in the right

socket (just kidding about that), I

pushed it back to the right spot and

tried it again. It was the same thing

only this time I was headed for the

burn pile. The thought crossed my

mind to just let it run in there and

I would strike a match, but once

him if he could maybe cultivate

the small area I wanted. He told

I think Monday will be "jam-

When Kurt got home I asked



Readers warned about batteries Letters to the Editor

Friday, I attended the funeral of my great-niece, Elaina Redding (who lived in Fort Lupton, Colo.) She was a happy 2-year-old that I remember always dancing even if there was no music.

The news in Denver has followed her tragic story but I'm writing this in case some of you, here in Kansas, haven't seen or

Elaina swallowed a button battery, but she didn't die from choking on it. The battery was removed from her esophagus a few hours after she swallowed it, but it had already done irreparable damage.

Eighteen days later, Elaina bled to death from the chemicals that had leaked into her little body, causing burns to her esophagus and aorta.

A nurse explained to Elaina's mother that these batteries should be locked away, just as you would lock away bullets.

Elaina's devastated family is now on a crusade to warn people of the dangers of these batteries. They are commonly used in musical greeting cards, hand-held games, watches, hearing-aids, and oddly enough, children's light-up toothbrushes, vibrating teething toys, and bath toys.

Everyone of us has at least one of these items in our home. Some one hand and trying to move any jammies, I might heal my body manufacturing changes need to be I got it started and thought lever I could find. When it hit and then the yard work will be made, but until then, we need to be aware of the potentially fatal dangers of these tiny batteries.

Statistics say only 10 percent of start to leak.

people who swallow these batteries die, but there's no way of knowing if you or your loved one will be in that 10 percent. Do not wait for symptoms if you suspect someone has swallowed a battery...get to the hospital! You only have two to three hours after swallowing before these

More information is available on the internet under the name of Elaina Redding or Poison Control/battery poisoning. (note:I assume these could be potentially dangerous to your beloved pets also).

> Anna Martinez, Bird City

Newspaper subscription is enjoyed in Texas

Please renew my subscription for another year. The changes of everything seems to come and go but The Saint Francis Herald stays the same, and has been in my life for 80 years this Aug. 28. As a kid, I remember three papers in P.S. On Sunday we read the Rocky the house, The Saint Francis Her- Mountain News from Denver.

ald, Benkelman Post and Capper's Weekly. Naturally, the Herald was my choice because I knew all the people and enjoyed reading about

> Stanley Little Mesquite, Texas

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of St. Francis in the amount of of its citizens. \$750. These funds will be used to provide direct services to victims

of domestic and sexual violence in Northwest Kansas Domestic and Kansas. It is a fortunate commu-Sexual Violence Services, Inc., nity indeed whose governmental has received funding from the city officials recognize the need to all

> Jennifer Follis NKDSVS, Inc. - advocate

Casey's Comments

I would run it the long way up the road I finally got the engine good again.

Hangin' With Marge

to the fence. It took off and was

working pretty good until about

the time I got to the fence. I used

some lever and it went a little

faster right into the fence. There

I was! I did finally get it so it

was still turning but I couldn't

get it to move backward. I was

so upset that I managed to get

the strength to lift in and get it

moved to go the other direction.

lever was which this time and

I carefully checked out which

- I had to get it out ning behind it hanging on with mie day." If I never get out of my

More bad luck

scmccormick@nwkansas.com times, but still something can happen that leaves you feeling even more rattled. I'm speaking of the murder of Dr. George Tiller in Wichita. I must qualify myself by stating

that I did not agree with Dr. Tiller and I am against late-term abortions. The man was not a saint as far as I'm concerned.

But how can anyone justify his shooting? That the heinous act occurred in a house of worship just adds to the absurdity of it all.

Even though many things don't make sense these days, we want to think that we are an advanced society. But how can this be when men like Timothy McVey blow up innocent children and Federal workers, just to satisfy hatred toward his gov-

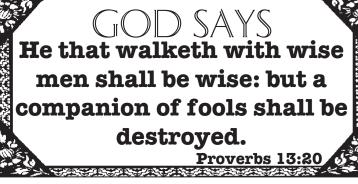
weapons into school to unleash We live in a strange world and indiscriminate bloodshed upon classmates?

It is one thing to have fanatics from foreign lands highjack commercial planes and fly them into office buildings. We stand back and think that we are above terrorists, that we are more civi-

Are we?



It is a blessing to live in a country where we can have opposing points-of-view and philosophies. But we can't change other's perspectives by beating it out of them. If we want others to see the sanctity of life, we must respect it ourselves.



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Park celebration is noteworthy

Letter to the editor; Dorothy Smedstad and her com-

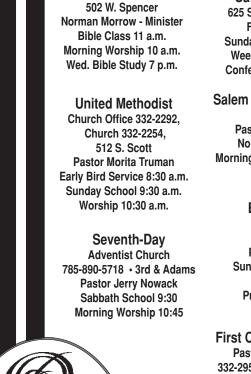
mittee for the Band Shell Restoration Diamond Jubilee Celebration provided an informational and entertaining afternoon in the park. To promote a desire, within the community, to work toward a

common goal is noteworthy. Also, St. Francis is fortunate that

the local city council and county commissioners, working in concert through the years, have had the foresight to protect the existence of the band shell, so unique and reminiscent of another era.

We encourage everyone to support the Restoration Committee in their lofty goal to restore the amphitheater. It is truly the focal point of Sawhill Park.

> John and Elaine Kite St. Francis



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