

Aug. 11, 2015

## Black lives matter

I see all the signs of the marchers that say "Black lives matter." I agree 100 percent. All lives matter.

I wonder if anybody realizes the No. 1 cause of death for blacks since 1973. No, it's not from cops. It's aborted babies. It took the Ku Klux Klan 86 years to hang 3,446 blacks. It takes only four days for that number of black babies to be aborted.

The average the past few years is about 100 blacks a year killed by police. If this was the average for these same 42 years from 1973, the total blacks killed by cops would be around 4,200. So maybe blacks are marching at the wrong places. And maybe they should be helping moms decide what they're going to do with the lives they're carrying.

**Jerry Willett, Lorena**

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## Who's nutty?

This John Vickrey [Letters, Aug. 12] is as bad as the people he disparages. He thinks any person not siding with him is a religious nut. I guess he never went to college and learned that every living organism goes through growth stages from simple to more complex. Well, the size of a raisin for humans beings is a beginning stage, not an ending stage, as he would like it.

This issue is not a religious one. Jesus said nothing of abortion. It's actually an issue of right and wrong — in this case, the thwarting of the potential of a human being. Nobody knows what is built into the DNA of a child in its early stages — certainly not a guy like John Vickrey.

**John Ecker, Smithtown,  
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In response to John Vickrey's letter, the idea that life begins at conception is a religious belief is only partially true. It is a scientific fact that a person's DNA is present at conception.

Also a fact — most treatment of diseases comes from research of adult stem cells rather than embryonic stem cells. Let's wait and see if Planned Parenthood is exonerated from its barbaric practices in Texas.

Evidence from the undercover videos is strong that Planned Parenthood in Houston is deeply involved in the harvesting and selling of fetal tissue.

**Jo Ann Wiese, Woodway**

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## Angel of death

Trib opinion editor Bill Whitaker's take on the heated rhetoric in the abortion war was noteworthy ["Truth loses out as rhetoric heats up in abortion war," Dec. 3]. He proposed that our lying eyes and ears somehow misinterpreted the damning video evidence that Planned Parenthood was marketing "baby parts." He then intimated that the public's reaction to those videos, especially the heated rhetoric of pro-life advocates and politicians that followed, fomented hate and bore some responsibility for the murder of three people at the PP clinic in Colorado Springs. He then assured

us that, even though the videos might be gruesome, "donation" of fetal tissue is perfectly legal so long as the money that changed hands was only for "recoup[ing] expenses."

Dr. Josef Mengele (aka Angel of Death), the German SS physician infamous for his grossly inhumane medical experimentation upon Auschwitz prisoners, would most assuredly have used the same defense, that of state-sanctioned "legality," had he ever been caught and tried for war crimes. Many of those tried at Nuremberg used that defense, to no avail. Sixteen other doctors were convicted of similar crimes and seven were hanged.

Our words and actions will similarly be subject to judgment by future generations and, many believe, by a Supreme Being.

**Sammy McLarty, Waco**