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We acquired a male cat, that doesn't behave like he was a drop off. He's a nice animal and I would prefer to find his owners rather than take him to a shelter. He is a fixed male and under two years old, according to the vet. White and yellow tiger with gold eyes. He appeared on Cooley Road between Sternberg and Jensen in late May, early June. People on Carr also saw him. Loving, friendly to adults, children and other animals. He's also smart enough to know when he has it good. He's staying in our yard and not going anywhere. Please call Melissa at 231-329-2625.

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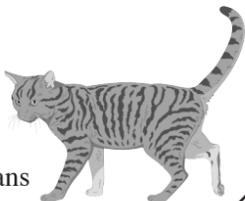
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Letter to the Editor/Mr. Venema

I'm writing this letter to let you know how impressed I was with the "Rise Up and Read" event recently held at Shettler Elementary for fourth and fifth graders.

The teachers who worked on this program are to be commended for all their efforts to help kids become better readers. Not only did they encourage and challenge the kids in the classroom, they went way "above and beyond" by providing an overnight party for the kids. Hats Off to these teachers, along with the parents who gave up their weekend to celebrate with the kids all that was accomplished through the Rise Up and Read

program.

In these days when we hear so many negative comments about poor student and teacher performance, it was inspiring to know we have such great teachers in our School system. I am very proud of these students, and I'm equally proud of the dedicated teachers and parents who were right there to encourage them, cheer them on, and reward their efforts.

Pat Paulson

(Grandma of Charlie & Henry, awesome 4th and 5th graders)

Our decaying culture

By Al Schneider

Most of us, if we're walking and breathing, are aware of a major decline of meaningful values all around us. We've noticed that we're slowly sinking in the quicksand of hopelessness with nothing solid to grasp hold of. We're in a state of despair. Our country is fast becoming Europe.

Take Professor of computer science and sometimes critic of liberal academia, David Gelernter, has nailed much of the problem in a single paragraph in his book, *America-Life: How Imperial Academia Dismantled Our Culture*. Let's examine some of his observations.

For a start, students have never heard anything good about Western Civilization, America, Judaism, Christianity, whites, males.

Many of us likely remember the chants at Stanford University some years back — chants led by the Reverend Jesse Jackson. "Hey, hey, ho, ho, Western Civ has got to go." Well, it went. Portrayed as a belligerent movement, nearly all that made up the founding and sustaining of America was no longer to be taught. Columbus instantly became a villain. Anyone connected with producing wealth was discouraged. It is true that there is much to be regretted in our history. All men are sinful (probably not taught at your neighborhood school); hence we will always have an imperfect government.

Jews and Christians get little recognition in academia, at least not in the favorable column. This hardly

requires citation. Despite the overwhelming number of students who claim to be Christians, their faith has literally been whitewashed from school textbooks and their holidays go unrecognized. It should go without saying that once you remove the sources of our values from the schoolyard, that which remains is mere stubble. Meanwhile, if you value sex education taught from a secular view, you will be happy to know that kids get that in full measure from kindergarten to forever.

Whites and males are guilty upon recognition. They are racists, to begin with. There is no good to be found among any of them. Just read the modern history texts.

Gelernter has more to say about our culture in that same paragraph. Speaking of schools, "Their teachers sneer at patriotism and deride religious faith." And then, this: "In modern America, the left gets its way not by convincing people but by indoctrinating their children."

Is all this true? Is that the way it really is?

I confess that I'm far removed from academia these days. But it doesn't take expert analysis to note that there is something woefully wrong with our society. Honesty and trustworthiness are virtues of the past. Who, for instance, is there in government whom you trust? What has happened to our justice system? Can any of this be repaired? Can we regain the pride that once characterized America? I think it's possible, but I'm not sure. We've sunk a long way. •

The Kermit Gosnell trial

(Condensed from a letter by Barbara Listing, President, Right to Life of Michigan)

On Monday afternoon, May 13, after a 56-day trial, including two weeks of deliberation, jurors delivered their verdict in the capital murder trial of late-term abortionist Kermit Gosnell.

Guilty!

Guilty of three counts of first-degree murder for killing babies born alive and guilty of involuntary manslaughter in the botched abortion of Karnamaya Mongar, Gosnell was also convicted of hundreds of lesser charges.

In a plea bargain with prosecutors, there will be no appeal. The 72-year-old Gosnell has been sentenced to serve three life sentences without parole.

If you are unfamiliar with Kermit Gosnell and what some are calling the "trial of the century," you're not alone! Major news outlets throughout America purposely ignored the trial for months.

You can familiarize yourself with this historic case by visiting the website, www.RTL.org and find last month's newsletter online. I urge you to read it. It is the most extensive report you will find anywhere. It connects the dots between Gosnell, infanticide, and the widespread media cover-up.

While on our website, I would also encourage you to take a few minutes to watch the documentary, "3801 Lancaster."

As the Gosnell case comes to a close, I want to deal with three "tips" in this letter. Brace yourself! I'm going to tell you the truth — no holds barred.

Kermit Gosnell and his murderous crew are now permanently off the streets of Philadelphia. But, tragically, Gosnell is just the tip of the iceberg.

There are abortionists all across the country who are following in Kermit Gosnell's footsteps. They are actively engaged in what's now being referred to as "born alive" abortion. The technical term is infanticide. The abortionist forces a fully-develop child to a premature birth and then brutally murders the baby outside the womb.

There is a federal law against such things. In addition, many states, including Michigan, have passed specific legislation to protect a child once he or she emerges from the womb. But the abortion industry has never let the law stand in their way of a relentless pursuit of the almighty dollar.

Here are just a few contemporary examples of "born alive" abortion:

- Abortionists in Washington, D.C., New York, and Arizona have recently been caught live on film admitting that they will leave a baby to die if born alive. In yet another video, infamous late-term abortionist Leroy Carhart likened the dying child in the womb to "meat in a crockpot."

- Abortion personnel in Florida sealed a newborn baby girl in a red plastic biohazard bag, then threw her lifeless body on the roof of the clinic to hide their crime from authorities. When the baby was finally

discovered, she was badly decomposed, discolored and infested with maggots.

- An eyewitness saw Shelley Sella, a late-term abortionist from New Mexico, stab a baby to death who was born alive during an abortion.

- Live on film, you can hear an abortion "nurse" describe how her boss would twist a baby's head off its neck "with his own bare hands." Or, if he found it more convenient, he would stick his finger down the throat of the child.

I have seen it all: Strangulation, drowning, suffocation, and/or bludgeoning. The list of atrocities goes on and on. But here's the point — infanticide is a daily practice in the abortion industry. It must be stopped.

Even though the Gosnell case was the highest profile event in 40 years, only about one in ten Americans is aware of what happened in Philadelphia. We must continue to sound the alarm.

We must continue to warn women of the danger that awaits them behind closed clinic doors.

We need to continue to pass pro-life laws to protect women and tighten oversight in the abortion industry. But we must also enforce the laws that are already on the books.

This is an industry that bends and breaks the law by its very nature. We must regulate and inspect these clinics on a routine basis.

Did you know that when the Gosnell case first broke, many people visited Snopes.com (urban legend and misinformation detection website) because they couldn't believe what they were reading? They went to Snopes.com to see if Gosnell's "house of horrors" could possibly be a real place.

We must continue to keep the discussion of infanticide alive.

The unspeakable atrocities in the Gosnell case and the reality of infanticide in America are an opportunity for us to begin a brand new discussion with our fellow citizens.

Think about this for a moment.

If Kermit Gosnell had successfully destroyed these children *inside* the womb, he would never have been convicted of first-degree murder. He would have simply been an abortionist doing what he was paid to do.

The difference? An eight-inch journey down the birth canal. That's it. In the womb, you're fair game. You travel just eight inches, suddenly you're a human being.

That's insane. You know it. And I know it. Now our job is to reach out to our family, our friends, our neighbors, folks at our church, and our community at large. *Where* you are has absolutely nothing to do with *who* you are!

When we present the facts, with love and logic, we will move people firmly into the pro-life camp! Gosnell and "born alive" abortion is a tipping point that will help make that conversation possible. •