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MY VIEW *Colleen O'Callaghan-Miele*

Two women help world through talent



This week, I'd like to share with you my thoughts on an upcoming movie starring a Nevada native that I think you'll enjoy and a children's book with a message that's not just for kids.

In the heart of Southern Nevada on Feb. 7, 1979, a star was born. Not any star, a star that had been conceived of love on a warm desert night.

This desert star was named Cerina — a name of Latin origin meaning serene and calm.

Cerina Vincent was nurtured and inspired by her parents, Jim and Marisa, coddled and loved by her grandmothers, Mamie and Nonnie. And contrary to her name, Cerina began shooting through life as an illuminating star, radiating and piercing the hearts of one of Nevada's finest, deeply rooted and dedicated families.

At the age of 4, Cerina began her career as a dancer, singer and actress in her parents' dance studio, where her mother taught the art of ballet. In 1996, she became Miss Nevada Teen and was ranked in the top 15 of the Miss Teen USA pageant.

Cerina is an adept actress — and now an author, too — who has an established list of credits, including lead performances in "Not Another Teen Movie" and the hit horror film "Cabin Fever," as well as guest-starring roles on hit TV shows such as "Ally McBeal," "CSI" and "Bones," amongst others.

My Aunt Harriett and I enjoyed Cerina's latest film screening of "Everybody Wants

To Be Italian" at the Egyptian Theater on Hollywood Boulevard in Los Angeles.



Vincent

What a fun romantic comedy. While it could be considered a "chick-flick," it is one of those movies that has a great deal of Italian humor, male match-making advice, and beautiful women.

Soon, you, too, will have a chance to see this Nevada star in this movie. The

scheduled date for this flick to hit the box office is March 7. I'd say that it's safe to tell your man or a friend they will enjoy a good laugh and some dating advice, in addition to a little bit of eye-candy.

So, enjoy, because "Everybody wants to be Italian."

Another thing I think you might enjoy is a new book written by Carla Jo Masterson and illustrated by Omra Jo Fochiman titled "What's On the Other Side of The Rainbow."



Masterson

The book is what I refer to as an adult-child interactive book.

It is a wonderful tool for parents or educators to teach children that feelings are OK and how to deal with them in a positive manner. The main character is named Mr. Positively, a cloud that leads children through the world of their emotions. Mr. Positively supports what every child needs to learn, that all emotions have their place and should be dealt with, accepted and understood positively. It's very

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important for children to learn to deal with all their emotions — the good ones and the bad.

The author has Mr. Positively unlock and guide a child through several doors of emotions. As a majestic cloud with emerald green and purple eyes, white fluffy eyebrows, mustache and a beard, Mr. Positively maintains a calm secure demeanor as he leads each child through a door displaying a face expressing different emotions — love, anger, laughter, shyness, fear, sadness, friendship and, finally, joy.

Imagine how different the world would be if all mankind were taught to love the world, to laugh with the world, to feel secure in the world, to understand the world, be happy in the world, to consider the world a friend and, overall, find joy in the world.

One may ask how can this be achieved. I believe that it can be accomplished one child at a time, with each child learning to understand, react and transform a negative emotion into positive reactions.

What a peaceful world we would live in!

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