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Letters to the editor

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Letter of the Day — Bright idea from Globe

Editor, Naples Daily News:

"Cathy" of the comics (Sept. 17) brought back memories of my high school days.

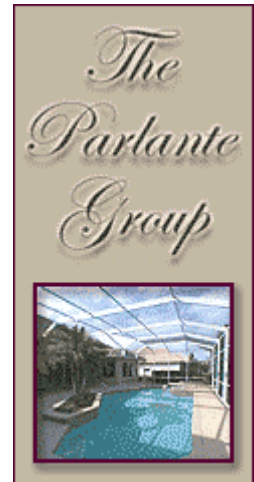
I worked after school and Saturdays as a men's clothing salesman for the Globe Department Store. No businesses were open on Sunday because of Virginia's blue law. Globe sold a complete line of fine clothing for men and women; a wall separated the two departments.

Globe was the largest store in Petersburg; it seemed huge at the time, but small compared to the 4,000 acres of clothes referred to in "Cathy."

Linwood Shelley, a master salesman, refined my selling skills and we were darn good. We pampered each customer with polite attention. The customers came back and back to buy from us and told friends about Globe.

It is not my modus operandi to talk negatively, but good salesmanship is lacking around here. This is a seller's market.

Since 1986 I have spent \$25,000 for insurance without a sales pitch. My representative wouldn't recognize me if we bumped into each other on Fifth Avenue.



In my 30 years of caring for the elderly, I have been slapped, bitten, kicked, yelled at and worse. Through all of this my colleagues and I have maintained a standard of loving and compassionate care. We are busy from the start to finish of our shifts and many times must stay over to complete the endless paperwork needed to satisfy the governments regulations.

We sit at bedsides and hold the hands of dying residents when family is not there. We meet the needs of many day in and day out, including Christmas Day when others are spending time with their families. We are good people giving good care and I for one am very proud to be a geriatric care nurse.

Phyllis J. Chambers, R.N./Naples

Special attention

Editor, Naples Daily News:

"Kudos" to Susan Vitte. Why, as an English-speaking American, do I feel that I have to consider taking a course in conversational Spanish in order to survive in my own country?

My ancestors came to this country and felt that they were blessed and were honored to learn the English language and become an "American."

Ms. Vitte, the politicians are the people who promote "special attention" and who desperately want the almighty vote.

English-speaking Americans are becoming a minority in this country!

Debra Zabrycki/Naples

Look at these 'suspects'?

Editor, Naples Daily News:

I'm an American, Republican, Vietnam-era veteran. My family came to America in 1735. I don't know any of these people, but this "potential terrorist" roundup makes me ashamed. The suggestion that this "could have stopped a terrorist attack" is pathetically disingenuous.

These people tried to buy driver licenses the state won't issue or renew because they are illegal immigrants. A public record search reveals that Ercan Aydin was first issued a Florida license 10 years ago but they won't let him renew it. Armahan Helvaci owns his home here, he has had a license in Florida for about five years and before that he had one in New York. Esteban Aguayo owns his home too.

Ahmet Celik is a local business owner and a commercial truck driver licensed here, and in Massachusetts, for the last 10 years.

Look at the rest of them; one was 17, two 19. Half of these people described as "ripe for terrorist recruitment" are kids under 25.

Why is a white, conservative Christian Republican suddenly wishing he were an ACLU attorney?

Bill E. Branscum/Naples

Analyzing Eddie

Editor, Naples Daily News:

Eddie Filer's recent tirade on what some animals don't do, versus animals that do, was a bit of skewed tautology, for he ignores the spiritual aspect of his whiny dissertations.

Probably for the first time, for his edification, the entire material universe of plants, matter and animals was created solely for the comfort, convenience and use of the spiritual animals. Man, captain of his soul and master of his fate.

Why man? Love is the whole reason for creation, for us and for everything that exists.

Mere animals do not make trouble, have no free will, cannot share in divinity, are strictly amoral.

On the other hand, the animal man, has been given a soul and a free will to work out his destiny. Most of the evil in today's world is linked to the inappropriate use of the free will. One free to love is free to hate, one free to obey is free to rebel, etc. Sacrifice is possible only in those levels in which it is possible to be selfish.

If Filer is pro-manatee and anti-man- at-tee, he's in deep trouble, for he is spurning and denying his creator. He has no invisible means of support. He would be incapable of resentment, if God was only a myth. In the "greatest love story ever told," Christ proved He was God, on man's terms!

Joseph S. Gugino/Naples

Stop the press

Editor, Naples Daily News: