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REAL WINNER

In 1993, **Andrea Jones** and her husband, Joe, won a \$20.8 million lottery. There's a painful journey behind the fairy tale. When Andrea was seven, her father deserted the family. Her mother couldn't support them, so Andrea and her brothers went to an orphanage. The Joneses married, divorced and remarried as Joe battled a gambling addiction. Andrea shares her story in her memoir, *Andrea Marcell*. Book proceeds benefit Our Mother's Home residence for teen mothers, and Voices for Kids, a support organization for Guardian ad Litem programs. "It's all about love. Accepting the past helped me move forward into the future. Love wins." —Chris Wells

"MY REAL WINNING LOTTO CAME WHEN I LEARNED THE POWER OF FORGIVENESS AND WHAT MATTERS MOST IN LIFE," ANDREA JONES SAYS.



CAPTURING GRACE

In 1987, **Cynthia Walpole** gave up her trading desk on Wall Street to pursue photography. She then traveled to the deserts of Namibia, the jungles of Costa Rica, the tundras of Antarctica and the wetlands of the Florida Everglades in pursuit of images. Her inspiration is the "fragile, graceful beauty of flying creatures," including dragonflies, butterflies and birds. Walpole's work has been shown in the Smithsonian Institution in Washington, the San Diego Natural History Museum and the Florida Museum of Photographic Arts in Tampa. Two of her images were displayed as part of the 49th Founders Juried Exhibit at the von Liebig Art Center. —C.W.



ROYAL VIEW

Claudia Gordon attended a unique private party in London last April 29. The venue offered a perfect view of the great door of Westminster Abbey. Gordon, owner of Naples Luxury Travel Advisors Inc., watched the royal wedding. She saw Kate Middleton enter the church on her father's arm and emerge as Catherine, Duchess of Cambridge on Prince William's arm. Gordon recorded the experience in her newly published book, *Reflections on the Royal Wedding*. "The excitement of the day started immediately and kept building with few lulls," Gordon says. "For me, it was my Super Bowl, World Series and NCAA Final Four all wrapped into one day." —C.W.

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"MY WORK LIES AT THE CROSSROADS OF ART AND SCIENCE, REALITY AND IMAGINATION," CYNTHIA WALPOLE SAYS.



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