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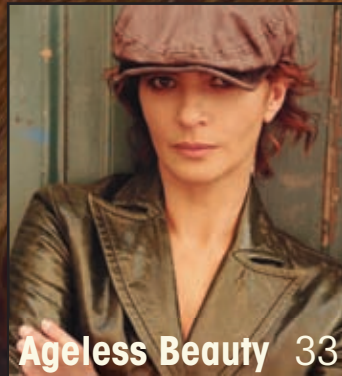
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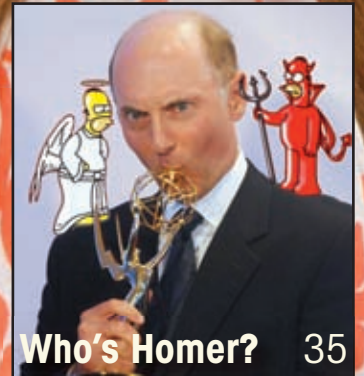
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DREAM COME TRUE

High school Italian teacher Jeanette Sacco Saponaro has fulfilled a longtime dream with the publication of “Dentro e Fuori: Inside Out,” a collection of poems



on universal themes of life, love and nature.

Born and raised in Melrose Park to immigrant parents, Saponaro has been influenced since childhood by Italian culture, customs and language. Influence turned to inspiration as she studied to become an Italian instructor, then traveled to Italy. Her first poem was published in 1979.

Written originally in Italian and later translated into English, “Dentro e Fuori – Inside Out” is available as an e-book on Amazon.com and Smashwords.com.

BACK ON THE AIR

Fr. August Feccia is behind the microphone once again, hosting a show on Radio Maria that airs at 10 a.m. on Tuesdays and Fridays.

The director of the Italian Cultural Center at Casa Italia in Stone Park, Fr. Feccia records his shows in a studio on the second floor of the center, just as he did decades ago as the founder and first director of the ICC. His Mass in Italian is broadcast live from the Chapel at Casa Italia at noon on Sundays.

A 24-hour Italian language service, Radio Maria can be heard on special radios purchasable through Casa Italia. (708-345-3299)



Marie Newman and Jacqui DiMarco

NIPPING BULLYING IN THE BUD

A pair of professional women and passionate mothers have turned lemons into limoncello with the publication of “When Your Child Is Being Bullied: Real Solutions for Parents, Educators and Other Professionals.”



“We lived it. We were among those incredibly frustrated parents that stood and watched while our child was being bullied,” authors Marie Newman and Jacqui Marchese DiMarco write on their website. “In sharing our stories, information from experts and clear conclusions from years of research, we hope to help other families avoid some of the mistakes we made and benefit from the valuable lessons that we learned. We provide a step-by-step guide with a wide variety of options to allow families to tailor their own solution to stop the torment once and for all.”

Newman and DiMarco regularly work with parent groups, communities and families to help solve bullying problems. Because of their work with school districts and the States Attorney’s Office and Department of Education, they were invited to sit on state and county task forces charged with developing best practices for state elementary and middle schools. “Our message to all? Working together breeds success,” DiMarco says. “There really are solutions that work on individual cases as well as at the school and community level. Even better, families and schools can get back to happiness. It is possible!”

(www.solutionsforbullying.com)

WAR STORIES

Former Chicago-area resident Alexander DeVolpi has transformed decades of research into a biography about his father, a soldier of fortune who emigrated from Italy around 1890.

Titled “*Lover, Soldier, Reprobrate*,” the book tracks the life of Paul Bonaventura Charles Alexander Weiss DeVolpi, a larger-than-life character who was married at least four times and fought either



for or against 15 countries in nine wars.

The book includes genealogical information dating back to the early 1300s, and represents a voyage of personal discovery for the author, who uncovered unknown branches of his family tree in the United States, Canada and Italy.

Available at amazon.com.

STAYING OR GOING

Graduate student Victoria Spiering is completing research on ethnic Italians who left — and those who remained — in the wake of boundary changes that took place after World War II.

Spiering is looking to interview Goriziani, Triestini, Fiumani, Quarnerini, Zaratini, former denizens of the Dalmatian Islands and others who were displaced when Italy lost coastal territories along the Adriatic to Yugoslavia after the war. She is also seeking stories in general from or about World War II.

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