

 **PRO PRODUCER**

Award-winning music producer Jim Tullio is the subject of Lou Carlozo's most recent website profile of Italian Americans in entertainment and the arts.

The son of an accomplished jazz drummer, Tullio took what his dad taught him and parlayed it into his chosen career. His resume reads like a who's who of popular music, as he's produced Mavis Staples, Dave Mason and Steve Goodman, and played with Leonard Cohen, Bonnie Raitt and John Prine, to name a few.

It all traces back to his childhood in Atlantic City, N.J., where Tullio caught Levon Helm, whom he would later produce, as well as Todd Rundgren and Bruce Springsteen. Long before stardom called, all those artists played local clubs like Tony Mart's, where "Eddie and the Cruisers" was filmed, and Tullio gigned himself.

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 **LANGUAGE ARTIST**

Ridgewood High School teacher Dolores Pignoni-Miller is the subject of Lou Carlozo's most recent website profile of Chicago-area Italian-language instructors.

"When Dolores Pignoni-Miller steps into class at Ridgewood High School in Norridge," Lou writes, "she's not just teaching Italian, but honoring her own bloodline."

"My parents, Anna and Romolo Pignoni, came from the same town in northwest Toscana," she says. "I think Ceserano is one of the most beautiful places in the world. It's an ancient town that sits at the foot of the Apennines." And from there, you can see the slopes, not far from the Cinque Terre, where Michelangelo quarried marble for his masterpieces.

It's only fitting, then, that Pignoni-Miller teaches Italian to her 120 students as though it were an art. It isn't easy, though, as those pupils span five levels, from Italian 1 to Advanced Placement study of language and culture.

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 **LIFE SAVER**

Patent lawyer Janet Pioli is the subject of Leonard Amari's most recent website profile of Italian Americans in the professions.

Recently featured in the Women's Edition of Leading Lawyers Network Magazine, Pioli doesn't save lives, but her work protects the companies that do.

A patent lawyer and shareholder at Brinks Hofer Gilson & Lione, Pioli represents clients who design and manufacture medical devices in many clinical areas, including the field of aortic intervention — the treatment of aneurysms and other diseases that affect the body's aortic system.

Pioli's philosophy is to ensure that her client's patents cover its products and inventions while making it difficult to design around the patent. She also ensures that the patent can withstand challenges in litigation.

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