

Andrea Doria Author/Shipwreck Survivor to Be Interviewed on WGN—America’s Superstation

Pierette Domenica Simpson, *Andrea Doria* shipwreck survivor, and author of *Alive on the Andrea Doria! The Greatest Sea Rescue in History*, will appear on superstation WGN America on Columbus Day. The author of the only complete shipwreck book ever written by a survivor will discuss her new historic audio book narrated by Simpson and five fellow survivors.

Wednesday, October 7, 2009 Novi Michigan—Pierette Simpson, author and world authority the *Andrea Doria- Stockholm* collision of 1956, will be interviewed on the national superstation, WGN America. The author will discuss the release of her historic audio book, *Alive on the Andrea Doria! The Greatest Sea Rescue in History*. The audio book is the first to be narrated by several shipwreck survivors, including the author and five others. Legendary songwriter for Elvis Presley, Mike Stoller, narrates his harrowing account.

The interview will air on The WGN Midday News on Monday, October 12; in Chicago between 11 a.m. and noon, then repeated nationally between noon and 1 p.m. Central Time.

The author chose Columbus Day for her interview. “This day seems appropriate since the *Andrea Doria* brought passengers to the New World—the place that Christopher Columbus discovered. Besides, the sister ship of the *Andrea Doria* was the *Cristoforo Colombo*, named after the Italian explorer.”

Simpson has sold world film rights on the Italian version her book (*L’Ultima Notte dell’Andrea Doria*) to a Roman producer about the catastrophic collision between the Italian luxury liner and a Swedish passenger liner. The author explains, “Since I am an integral part of the *Andrea Doria* shipwreck of 1956, perhaps an Italian producer will be very sensitive to the controversial details of the collision. After all, I wrote *Alive* to bring justice to a very unjust incident in recent history. It would then be ideal to have an American company buy rights to show it here.”

Simpson, a Novi, Michigan resident, will fly to Chicago on October 12 for her national appearance. She has previously been interviewed on “CBS Sunday Morning” with Charles Osgood and on two *Andrea Doria* documentaries.

The WGN Midday News interview will air nationally on Monday, October 12, between noon and 1 p.m. Central Time. In Chicago, it will air between 11 a.m. and noon Central Time on WGN 9 - Chicago’s CW. WGN America is available via satellite to DirecTV and Dish Network as well as cable in the United States. ###

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