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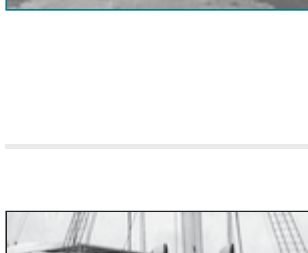
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Immigrants arriving by boat, Galveston. Galveston Photographic Subject Files: Immigrants. Rosenberg Library, Galveston, Texas.

## Features



### PLACES

#### Ottawa's "Village"

by Franco Ricci

What came to be known as *The Village* lies at the bottom of the escarpment that is Parliament Hill. [More...](#)



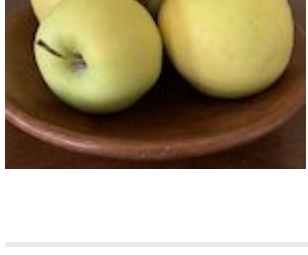
### HISTORY

#### Jim Crow and Italian Immigrants in the American West

by Kenneth Scambray

Sicilians and African Americans lived and worked in close proximity, as they had throughout the South before 1940. Initially, Italian children were sent to segregated African American schools. [More...](#)

## Writings



#### An Apple a Day

by Anna Mercuri Maiolo

I remember as if it were yesterday, when I would stop in to see Mom and Dad after work. They would have already eaten a full meal by noon – some bread and cheese, a pasta dish, meat and salad, a glass of wine. Every day. [More...](#)



#### Mother of Sorrows

by Bruno Cocorocchio

For as long as we live, Mamma and I are fellow inmates, condemned to a life of misery. Her sentence is based on her stories of misfortune. Mine is based on the false notion that I can make her happy. [More...](#)



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### EXCERPTS

#### The Chairman, the Princess and the King

by Terri Favro

I watch in amazement as the princess canoodles with Sinatra. She kisses his cheek as he pats her bottom. It's one of the most unlikely couplings I could imagine. In Nonna Peppy's books, Sinatra was always A-number-one, but how did he manage to seduce a member of the royal family? Come to that, how did the woman I always knew as the Queen turn into a fun-loving socialite with a taste for bad boys from New Jersey? [More...](#)



### Satire

#### I Tested Positive for Coconut Lavender Hand Sanitizer

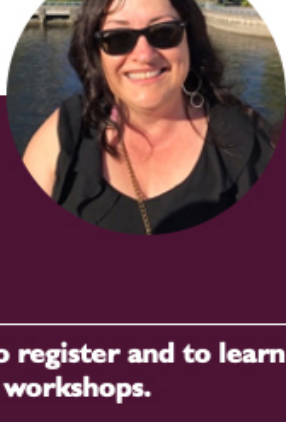
by Glenn Carley

We were fully in our Covid times, hosting vigil to the insidious slow-creep of the virus along her unseen vectors. Week One saw the binge buying – the serious faces, but we were civil to one another, and some of us still bought flowers for our loves and saw that as a necessity. By Week Two, the rationing came, and social distancing duct tape along the floors. [More...](#)

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