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In this Jan. 15, 1993 file photo, Mafia boss Salvatore Riina is shown at police headquarters in the Sicilian town of Palermo, southern Italy, shortly after his arrest.

A glimpse inside the Sicilian Mafia

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Associated Press

MILAN — The death Friday of Salvatore “Totò” Riina, the long-time “boss of bosses” of the Sicilian Mafia, puts the spotlight back on Cosa Nostra, which waged a bloody campaign in the 1980s and 1990s of bullets and bombs to counter Italy’s crackdown on the Mafia.

Cosa Nostra only lost its pre-eminence as its top bosses were captured and became turncoats, helping give rise in recent decades to the powerful Calabrian ‘ndrangheta crime group.

Here are five things to know about 87-year-old Riina and the Sicilian Mafia he once ruthlessly controlled:

THE CRADLE OF COSA NOSTRA: The Italian town of Corleone, Riina’s birthplace, has been Cosa Nostra’s stronghold during both his reign and that of reputed chieftain Bernardo Provenzano, who died last year a decade after his capture in Sicily following some 40 years of hiding in the countryside near the hill town.

The town inspired the fictional crime clan’s name in “The Godfather” novel and hit movies. The Italian government last year dissolved Corleone’s municipal government on suspicion that Mafiosi had infiltrated it. Using intimidation tactics, the Cosa Nostra frequently influences decisions and public contract bidding and delivers votes, prompting some politicians to curry the mob’s favor.

BEWARE THE NICKNAME: Mafia “dons” all sport colorful nicknames, many in the Sicilian dialect. Salvatore “Totò” Riina was no exception. Recognized as the “boss of bosses” of the Cosa Nostra, he was also known as “The Beast (La Belva)” for the ruthless bloodbaths he instigated against anti-Mafia prosecutors and law enforcement. Those included the 1992 murders of anti-Mafia prosecutors Giovanni Falcone and Paolo Borsellino. He also was known as “u curto,” Sicilian for “the short one,” for his physical stature.

A POWER STRUGGLE IS UNLEASHED: Top anti-Mafia prosecutors say Riina’s death is sure to spark a power struggle in the Sicilian Mafia, even if the strict terms of his imprisonment would have prevented him from exercising day-to-day control for the last 24 years. Prosecutors won’t discuss who they think the top contenders might be, but long-time Cosa Nostra fugitive Matteo Messina Denaro remains Italy’s most-wanted Mafioso. The 55-year-old, whose power base is in Trapani, in western Sicily, has evaded arrest since 1993. He is wanted for his role in the bombing assassination of magistrates in the 1990s as well as other Mafia hits and crimes.

FAMILY TIES: Riina had four children. Giovanni is serving life sentence for four murders, while Giuseppe Salvatore “Salvo” Riina is under special surveillance in Padua after serving an eight-year sentence for Mafia association. Salvo Riina made news in recent years for a prime-time interview on RAI state television and then for traveling to Corleone, against the terms of his prison release, to serve as godfather, against Vatican rules, for a niece. One daughter remains in Corleone, while a second has relocated to Puglia, according to Italian media.

THE COSA NOSTRA TODAY: During Riina’s day, the Cosa Nostra was the most powerful of the Italian crime syndicates, controlling an international heroin smuggling ring and declaring war on the Italian government with a bloody campaign against anti-Mafia magistrates.

The Cosa Nostra has lost pre-eminence in recent years, due in part to the state crackdown that either jailed or forced top bosses to hide, giving rise to the ‘ndrangheta, which has infiltrated businesses in affluent northern Italy. Some progress has been made in the battle for hearts and minds, with young people in Sicily inspiring many shopkeepers and industrialists there to stop paying the Cosa Nostra protection money. Still, prosecutors say there are signs that Sicily’s Cosa Nostra is again gathering strength.

OBITUARIES

Carl Sampson Peo Peo Mox Mox (Yellowbird)

Pendleton
August 19, 1933 - November 15, 2017

Carl Sampson, also known as Peo Peo Mox Mox (Yellowbird), was the hereditary chief of the Walla Walla Tribe. He passed away on November 15, 2017, in Pendleton, Oregon.

Carl was born on August 19, 1933, at Tutuilla Flats on the Umatilla Indian Reservation, Oregon. His parents were John and Carrie Abraham Sampson. He was married to Marian “Arleta” Sampson for 65 years, and for the past many years they were recognized as the longest married couple in the Pendleton Round-Up Indian Village.

Carl attended Pendleton High School and Chemawa Indian School in Salem. He served for many years on the Umatilla Tribe’s Board of Trustees and as the chairman of the General Council. He was the Umatilla Tribe’s first tribal housing manager, served on the Tribal Health Commission, Portland Area Indian Health Board, Umatilla Fish and Wildlife Committee, Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission, Healing Lodge of the Seven Nations, Hanford Advisory Board, and National Congress of American Indians. He also served in the United States Air Force.

He was a strong advocate, spokesman, and activist for protecting and honoring the Tribes’ 1855 treaty with the United States, protecting “Mother Earth” from environmental degradation and pollution, and promoting the Tribes’ cultural pride and educated many about Native people. He helped carry on the cultural traditions and ceremonies like the Mother’s Day root feast, huckleberry feasts, memorials, namings, funerals, and first food ceremonies for his people. He and his wife Arleta were big supporters of the Nixyaawii Community School and always were there to watch their children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren in sports.

He was a well known

portrait artist and painter, making native drums, tribal regalia and painting teepees. He enjoyed hunting and fishing, digging roots, picking huckleberries, and traditional dancing at pow wows with his family. As a young man he fished at Celilo Falls on the Columbia River. Over the many years, Carl and Arleta helped take care of more than 30 of their grandchildren, nieces, nephews, and family members who needed their help.

He was preceded in death by his mother and father; brothers Clifford Sampson, Thomas Sampson, Pete Sampson and Darrel “Bozo” Baptiste; son Curtis Sampson; and grandson Ryan Eagleheart.

He is survived by his wife Arleta; daughters Cathy Sampson-Kruse, Sandy and Linda Sampson; son Don Sampson; and sisters Linnea Ganuelas, Bonnie Moffet, and Eloise Baptiste. He loved all of his 32 grandchildren, 28 great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandchild. He had many aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins and family from the Umatilla Tribe, as well as Yakama, Warm Springs, Nez Perce, Spokane and Colville tribes.

On Thursday, November 16 at 7 p.m. there was a service in a long tent at the family home of Don Sampson, 71790 S. Market Road, Pendleton, Ore. On Friday, November 17 at 7 p.m. there will be a Seven Drum Washaat Service at the Mission Longhouse. On Saturday, November 18 at 7 a.m. there will be a sunrise service at the Mission Longhouse, followed by burial at Old Agency Cemetery in Mission. At noon a dinner and giveaway will follow at the Mission Longhouse. For more information contact Sandy Sampson at 541-429-2601.

Burns Mortuary of Pendleton is in charge of arrangements. Sign the condolence book at www.burnsmortuary.com



Sampson

SCHOLARSHIP

Pendleton senior earns \$10,000

Pendleton High School senior MaKenzie Noggle was awarded a Renaissance Foundation scholarship

for \$10,000 at an awards banquet Nov. 14, 2017, in Portland. Noggle was recognized with six other winners from across the state of Oregon.

The daughter of Amie Parker, MaKenzie is currently applying to Worcester Polytechnic Institute in Massachusetts and Oregon State University, and plans to study robotic

engineering. She is a member of the PHS robotics team and traveled with them to the FIRST Robotics Championships in Houston, Texas, in April 2017.

The Renaissance Foundation established its first scholarship in 2001. Since then, a number of scholarship opportunities have been developed with Oregon schools, focused on first generation college students who are passionate about their field of study and have a high potential to succeed.



Noggle

COMING EVENTS

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19
PAUL GORHAM MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP BREAKFAST, 8 a.m.-12 p.m., Pendleton Masonic Lodge, 1350 N.W. Carden Ave., Pendleton. Cost is \$6 for adults and \$4 for ages 6-12. Call-in orders welcome. (541-276-3760)

FAMILY BREAKFAST, 8:30-9:15 a.m., First Christian Church, 518 S. Main St., Milton-Freewater. Donations accepted. (541-938-3854)

KIDS KLUB, 9:30 a.m., First Christian Church, 518 S. Main St., Milton-Freewater. For children of all ages. Includes arts, crafts, music and more. Free. (Janet Collins 541-938-3854)

SPECIAL NEEDS OPEN GYM, 12-1:30 p.m., Pendleton Recreation Center, 510 S.W. Dorion Ave., Pendleton. Free for special needs children and families. (541-276-8100)

“ALL IN THE TIMING”, 2 p.m., Blue Mountain Community College Bob Clapp Theatre, 2411 N.W. Carden Ave., Pendleton. A collection of several one-act comedies by David Ives about life, love and opportunities both lost and found. Tickets are \$15 for adults, \$10 for children over 3, available at the box office from noon-2 p.m. M-F, by calling for a reservation or at the door. Not suitable for young children due to mature language and subject matter. (Craig McIntosh 541-278-5953)

FALL FUN PARTY, 3-5 p.m., First Christian Church, 518 S. Main St., Milton-Freewater. For youth ages fifth grade and under. Includes games, prizes, movies and holiday crafts. Snacks will be served. Free. (Janet Collins 541-938-3854)

WILLOW CREEK SYMPHONY CONCERT, 4 p.m., Helix High School, 120 Main St., Helix. Inland Northwest Musicians’ preparatory orchestra will perform a variety of music including “Russian Choral and Overture,” “Fiddler’s Day” and “Chopsticks.” A reception will follow the performance. Free admission, but donations accepted. (Salli Ketchersid 541-289-4696)

COMMUNITY DINNER, 5 p.m., Adams Friendship Center, Main Street, Adams. Turkey, sides and beverages will be provided by the Adams Ladies Club. Attendees are asked to bring a salad, casserole or dessert to share. Free.

ADULT OPEN GYM, 6:30 p.m., Pendleton Recreation Center, 510 S.W. Dorion Ave., Pendleton. Half-court basketball. Adults only.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 20
TOT TIME, 10 a.m., Pendleton Recreation Center, 510 S.W. Dorion Ave., Pendleton. For children ages 0-5.

PRE-SCHOOL STORY TIME, 10:30 a.m., Athena Public Library, 418 E. Main St., Athena. For ages birth to 6. (541-566-2470)

DEATH NOTICES

Jack Raymond Mann

Pilot Rock
May 8, 1948 - Nov. 14, 2017

Jack Raymond Mann, 69, of Pilot Rock died Tuesday, Nov. 14, 2017, in Seattle. He was born May 8, 1948, in Leavenworth, Wash. Arrangements are with Pendleton Pioneer Chapel, Folsom-Bishop.

Richard ‘Dick’ Scheibner

Athena
April 27, 1935 - Nov. 16, 2017

Richard “Dick” Scheibner, 82, of Athena died Thursday, Nov. 16, 2017, at his home. He was born April 27, 1935, in New Augusta, Ind. A memorial service will be held Saturday, Dec. 2 at 12 p.m. at the Athena First Baptist Church. Munselle-Rhodes Funeral Home in Milton-Freewater is in charge of arrangements.

Irene A. Reynolds

College Place, Wash.
April 20, 1917 - Nov. 16, 2017

Irene A. Reynolds, 100, of College Place, Wash., died Thursday, Nov. 16, 2017, at her home. She was born April 20, 1917. Munselle-Rhodes Funeral Home in Milton-Freewater is in charge of arrangements.

Sharon Trissel

Milton-Freewater
Sept. 27, 1941 - Nov. 11, 2017

Sharon M. Trissel, 76, of Milton-Freewater died Saturday, Nov. 11, 2017, in Milton-Freewater. She was born Sept. 27, 1941. Munselle-Rhodes Funeral Home in Milton-Freewater is in charge of arrangements.

Joe Brady Howdyshell

Pendleton
Aug. 18, 1937 - Nov. 16, 2017

Joe Brady Howdyshell, 80, of Pendleton died Thursday, Nov. 16, 2017, in Pendleton. He was born Aug. 18, 1937, in Pendleton. Arrangements are being handled by Pendleton Pioneer Chapel, Folsom-Bishop. Online condolences may be sent to www.pioneerchapel.com.

Georgena G. Rand

Dallas, Ore.
Feb. 21, 1921 - Nov. 16, 2017

Former Milton-Freewater resident Georgena G. Rand, 96, of Dallas, Ore., died Thursday, Nov. 16, 2017, in Dallas. She was born Feb. 21, 1921. Munselle-Rhodes Funeral Home in Milton-Freewater is in charge of arrangements.

UPCOMING SERVICES

SATURDAY, NOV. 18

BIEREN, BARBARA — Memorial service at 3 p.m. at King of Kings Lutheran Church, 5209 W. Fifth Ave., Kennewick, Wash. Fellowship and refreshments will follow at the church.

BURNS, JINNI — Memorial services at 11 a.m. at Weston-McEwen High School gymnasium, 540 E. Main St., Athena.

HIXSON, MONTY — Celebration of life gathering at 2 p.m. at the Pendleton Round-Up Grounds Let’er Buck Room, 1205 S.W. Court Ave., Pendleton.

MARQUARDT, DOUG — Service at 11 a.m. at First Christian Church, 215 N. Main St., Pendleton.

RINEHART, GEORGIA — Celebration of life service at 1 p.m. at the Pendleton Country Club, 69772 S. Highway 395, Pendleton.

SAMPSON, CARL — Sunrise service and burial will begin at 7 a.m. at Old Agency Cemetery. A dinner and giveaway will follow at noon at Mission Longhouse.

THOMPSON, LUONA — Service at 10 a.m. at Burns Mortuary, 336 S.W. Dorion Ave., Pendleton.

SUNDAY, NOV. 19

WALKER, JOHN — Memorial service at 3 p.m. at the Hermiston Seventh-day Adventist Church, 855 W. Highland Ave.

MONDAY, NOV. 20

BARTMAN, DENISE — Funeral services at 10 a.m. in the chapel at Burns Mortuary, 685 W. Hermiston Ave., Hermiston. Burial will follow at the Hermiston Cemetery.

ZAVALZA, ULISES — Visitation from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., followed by recitation of the rosary at 7 p.m., at Burns Mortuary, 336 S.W. Dorion Ave., Pendleton.

TUESDAY, NOV. 21

ZAVALZA, ULISES — Mass of Christian Burial at 10 a.m. at St. Mary’s Catholic Church, 800 S.E. Court Ave., Pendleton.

OBITUARY POLICY

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Expanded death notices will be published at no charge. These include information about services.

Obituaries and notices can be submitted online at www.eastoregonian.com/obituaryform, by email to obits@eastoregonian.com, by fax to 541-276-8314, placed via the funeral home or in person at the East Oregonian office.

For more information, call 541-966-0818 or 1-800-522-0255, ext. 221.

For a complete listing of regional events, visit eastoregonevents.com

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18
ALTRUSA HOLIDAY BAZAAR, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Pendleton Convention Center, 1601 Westgate, Pendleton. More than 100 vendors. Raffle prizes include \$2,000 holiday cash and gift baskets. Santa will appear in the children’s area for photos. Admission is \$1. Food available for purchase. (Dorothy Bowen 209-390-3578)

COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING DINNER, 12-2 p.m., Echo Community Methodist Church, 21 N. Bonanza St., Echo. Everyone welcome to free Thanksgiving meal. For more information, visit www.facebook.com/echochurch.

STRAIGHT TALK WITH BECKY MARKS, 2-4 p.m., The Saddle Restaurant, 2220 S.E. Court Ave., Pendleton. Share thoughts with Ward I councilwoman. (541-276-9147)

SAGE CENTER MOVIE EVENT, 2:15 p.m., SAGE Center, 101 Olson Road, Boardman. Watch “The Nut Job 2: Nutty By Nature.” \$3 admission includes popcorn; bottled water and concessions available for cash purchase. (541-481-7243)

WILLOW CREEK SYMPHONY CONCERT, 4 p.m., Irigon Elementary School, 490 S.E. Wyoming, Irigon. Inland Northwest Musicians’ preparatory orchestra will perform a variety of music including “Russian Choral and Overture,” “Fiddler’s Day” and “Chopsticks.” A reception will follow the performance. Free admission, but donations accepted. (Salli Ketchersid 541-289-4696)

HOLIDAY DIRECT SALES BAZAAR, 4-7 p.m., Fun Fashions Boutique, 165 W. Coe Ave., Stanfield. Convenient holiday shopping with a number of vendors. Free admission.

RED KETTLE KICKOFF DINNER AND AUCTION, 5:30 p.m., Salvation Army, 150 S.E. Emigrant Ave., Pendleton. Dinner, live auction and entertainment. Tickets are \$25 each, or \$250 for a table of 8. (Darcy Coleman 541-27-3369)

“ALL IN THE TIMING”, 7:30 p.m., Blue Mountain Community College Bob Clapp Theatre, 2411 N.W. Carden Ave., Pendleton. A collection of several one-act comedies by David Ives about life, love and opportunities both lost and found. Tickets are \$15 for adults, \$10 for children over 3, available at the box office from noon-2 p.m. M-F, by calling for a reservation or at the door. Not suitable for young children due to mature language and subject matter. (Craig McIntosh 541-278-5953)

LOTTERY

Thursday, Nov. 16 Lucky Lines

01-06-12-15-FREE-20-22-25-31

Estimated jackpot:

\$11,000

Pick 4

1 p.m.: 3-2-0-2

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Friday, Nov. 17

Pick 4

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