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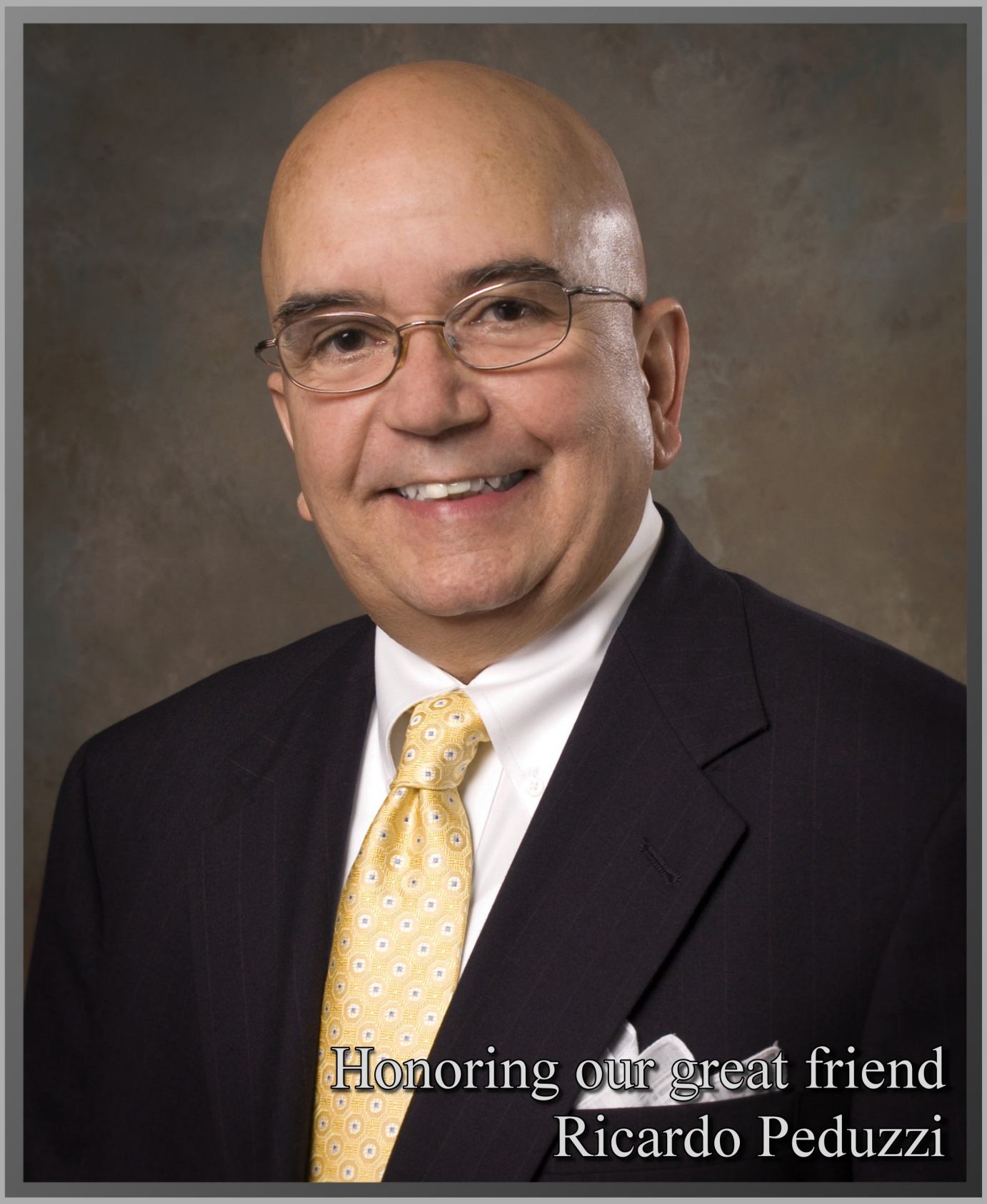

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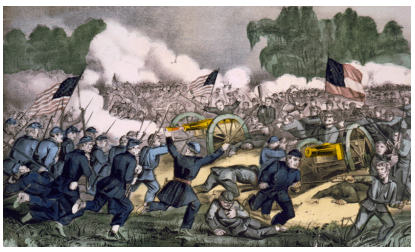

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Esteemed friends

On behalf of my mother, Linda, my sisters, and the rest of our family, we would like to thank you all for the support and love we have received during this difficult time. Even though my father passed away over two months ago, as some of you know from your own losses - the longing still remains strong. Brazilians always talk about the lack of translation for the word SAUDADE. For our non-Portuguese-speaking friends - this is the perfect situation to finally help you understand... All of us feel tremendous saudade of my father, Ricardo Peduzzi. At times, the grief is too much to bear, but then most other times we are grateful for the time we did have with him.

We are also comforted by the thought that we have friends like all of you. Sadness turns to hope thinking of all the people who knew him - sharing his life with you is his greatest legacy. Your love and care for us have helped us immensely and will keep us going forward. We also know that all of you miss my father as well - as he touched so many of our lives; for that, we wish to tell you that we are also here for you if and when you need us As my father used to say to all that were dear to him - "Kiss Kiss,"

Dante Peduzzi and family

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Tramontina USA is preparing to open its doors to the public for its annual Kitchenware Sale. This exciting event provides a great opportunity for consumers to shop for first-quality cookware, cutlery, serving ware and other kitchen items, as well as view live cooking demonstrations.

Tramontina USA, a Brazilian company based in Sugar Land, is a leading national cookware brand in the United States and is the largest housewares company headquartered in the Houston area.

The sale will include a large assortment of cookware sets and open stock items in a variety of materials and finishes, including porcelain enamel, hard anodized, mirror-polished and professional nonstick, as well as durable 18/10 stainless steel and enameled cast iron.

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Location: (*Across the street from main corporate office*)
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12900 West Airport Blvd. Sugar Land, TX 77478

Since Tramontina USA does domestic cookware manufacturing in the United States at its factory in Manitowoc, Wisc., several nonstick styles are Made in the USA. The sale also will feature a wide variety of houseware items, including cutlery, chafing dishes, tea kettles and kitchen utensils. Consumers can also shop a large assortment of discontinued items, along with second quality items.

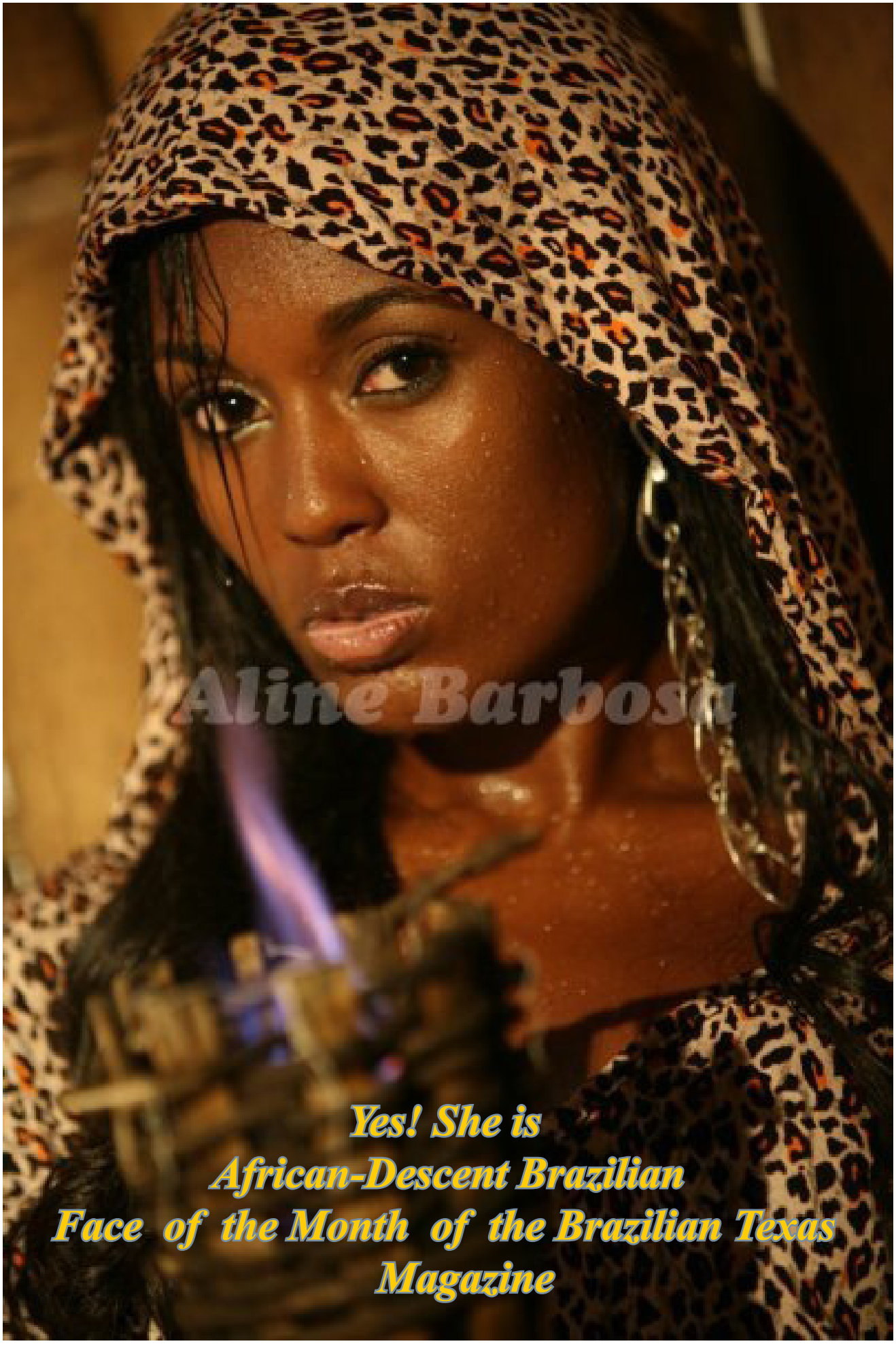
"My staff and I thoroughly enjoy the opportunity to host consumers at this unique shopping experience," said Antonio J. Galafassi, president and CEO of Tramontina USA. "As a manufacturer and distributor, we interact with retail buyers on a regular basis, so the opportunity to interact with the end-user is really appreciated."

An Engraving Center will again provide custom initial engravings on 4-piece gift sets of high-quality steak knives, including jumbo and forged knife sets. With the holidays just around the corner, these steak knife sets make excellent gifts for family, friends and co-workers.

To showcase the stovetop baking capabilities of Tramontina's premier LYON cookware line, Chef Abbas Jaffari, Executive Chef and lecturer at the Conrad N. Hilton College of Hotel and Restaurant Management at the University of Houston, will demonstrate the stovetop baking capabilities of the unique cookware line.

A major Sugar Land-area employer, Tramontina USA has more than 350 employees in its Sugar Land office.

For more information on the Kitchenware Sale, contact Tramontina USA at 281-340-8400, or visit www.tramontina-usa.com.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Editorial

Tribute to Ricardo Peduzzi

Time is passing and we still have a lot of life ahead of us. Unfortunately our friend Ricardo Peduzzi is not among us anymore, it is extremely sad for me to remember these past years and how great it was to have him around. He always motivated me to do better on my projects and succeed in my business. It looks like he has taken a long trip and he will be here soon. I often think that one of these days he will come back and he'll call me just like old times to say "Hello Sergio my friend I'm back Let's continue our fight", and he'll laugh. This is really mine, however spiritually he is still with us. Ricardo was a wonderful person, a very generous man, and extremely intelligent. He had great organizational skills, was an excellent communicator, and had the ability to lead any event or project he was in charge of. I thank God for the time he blessed me to be a part of Ricardo's life, and I chose to believe that God has taken him to a better place and his family will be have peace knowing he is OK.

Sergio Lima

A native of Rio de Janeiro, Antonio Ricardo Debize Peduzzi earned his B.A. in Economics and Political Science from the State University of New York at Oneonta, and his MBA from Thunderbird in Glendale, AZ. He was a member of the Alumni Association of Brazil's National War College A.D.E.S.G. Ricardo Peduzzi founded Houston based Peduzzi & Company in 1998, to assist customers explore international alliances. In 2006 Ricardo became President of Camargo Correa USA, Engineering and Construction, Inc. of Houston, Texas. Peduzzi & Company represents Atlantic Marine shipyards from Mobile, AL, and the Winchester Division of Olin Corporation in the Brazilian market. In 2009 Ricardo founded PANGEA The Houston Supply Chain and Logistics Institute, forming alliance with universities in Texas, such as Rice University, San Jacinto College, Texas A&M University, University of Houston to integrate intellectual capital with opportunities in the Energy Industry. Ricardo Peduzzi participated as a member of the International Business Development Council of the Bay Area Houston Economic Partnership, attracting investments to the region serving NASA and the Johnson Space Center. He was a Member of the Greater Houston Partnership, and served on the City of Houston's Mayoral Advisory Board on International Affairs and Development, promoting the city's focus on energy, and technology. Along with other Houston firms operating in Brazil, Ricardo co-founded BRATECC Brazil Texas Chamber of Commerce in 2002 where he was the Executive Director. He led the City of Houston in various missions to Brazil, and helped host Brazilian Missions to the U.S. Ricardo was also part of Houston Mayor Lee P. Brown's initiative in a Trade Mission visiting the People's Republic of China, supporting Houston's interests in China. Ricardo Peduzzi returned to China in 2010 accompanying Trade Mission led by Houston Mayor Annise Parker. Ricardo met his wife Linda while both attended S.U.N.Y. and married soon after graduation. Linda teaches English as a Second Language at a Houston public school district. They have three children and five grandchildren.

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"Ricardo Peduzzi was a good person, a skillful networker, a man with an extraordinary gift for making friends.He dedicated himself, with great competence and enthusiasm, to building bridges between Brazil and Texas, both of which he loved. It was a privilege knowing Ricardo. We shall miss him dearly."

Ambassador Mario Saade

Consul General of Brazil

"Mr. Peduzzi was a great advocate for the Brazilian community. In Houston and abroad, he was a resource for businessmen who wanted to expand their services or products, and then a connector when the decision was made to move forwar His expertise was essential and his enthusiasm was contagious. He will be greatly missed."

Mayor Annise Parker

Jessica Michan
Press Secretary
Office of Mayor Annise Parker

"I met Ricardo Peduzzi on October 2008, as soon as I moved to Houston. Itwas a friendly and nice meeting. I can remember him telling me, with a bigsmile on his face, that I would be the new Bratecc President. Since then,we had been together many times developing business to improve BRATECC mission and also in private events like family parties including my son'swedding ceremony that took place in Salvador, Bahia on January 2012. Ricardo Peduzzi will be part of my memories forever. His example as a humanbeing, his generosity as a friend and his commitment as a business man, always will be in my mind. Thank you Ricardo for being my friend and part of my live. Rest in peace" -

Orlando Azevedo
President of Petrobras America Inc.

"If I could define Ricardo in a single word, it would be POLITE. He just knew how to use his gift to create and perpetuate relationships."

Ines Selestrim Silveira
Executive Director of ATEX

Tribute to Ricardo Peduzzi

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"Simply said, our dear friend Ricardo was the rare type of person that made everyone around him a better human being. I met Ricardo for the first time in 2001, when Brazil Texas Chamber of Commerce, his brainchild, was treading its firsts steps. It was due to his vision, dedication and hard work that BRATECC today is bringing together the Texan and Brazilian communities, promoting businesses and friendships. But, above all, Ricardo was a loving and caring family man, a world citizen, and a friend that can never be replaced. May God bless him and his family" proud to have been called a friend".

Renato Bertani,
President of World Petroleum Council and CEO/Diretor Executivo of Barra Energy

Ricardo was a great partner of the US Commercial Service Rio de Janeiro's. He was always very helpful in disseminating our events to his huge oil and gas mailing list and was a very nice person to deal with.

Regina Cunha

"He was a great friend and support me in Oil and Gas industry for many years".

Alexandre Castanhola Gurgel
Rio de Janeiro State Development Agency

We lost a great friend, a person who has done amazing things for the growing of good relations between the United States and Brazil. Peduzzi was always a reference in the future of BRATECC and the oil community.

Armando O.Cavanha F.

"Ricardo Peduzzi will always be remembered by all his friends and colleagues for all the contribution he made to the local community promoting relations and business between Houston and Brazil. He was a very knowledgeable and hardworking professional,always willing to share information and open to collaboration.We will miss Ricardo, it is indeed a great loss for the local community."

Maria E. Pilco
Marketing Analyst
Port of Houston Authority

"Ricardo Peduzzi – BRATECC's Executive Director was a great ambassador for Brazil and Texas. His effective role as a catalyst of economic/business relations not only resulted in successful business ventures, but most of all in the promotion and creation of long lasting friendships, as well as a greater understanding between our two great countries. He will forever be missed".

Gabriel A. Carranza
University of North Texas

"In all respects, Ricardo remains a gentleman in the truest sense of the word. Never did I hear Ricardo speak a negative word or thought about anyone. We can all aspire to have the character, integrity, trust and kindness displayed by Ricardo. As hard as we may try, few of us will ever achieve all those qualities that made Ricardo the man he was, and the memory of him that will live in our hearts forever. I miss him greatly. There are very few people, including myself, about whom I could write these words. We were lucky to have been within his circle of life".

Steve Clark,
PE Rail Business Leader,Americas Region

"I pray for the family of Ricardo. Ricardo, always strove so hard to positively represent Brazilian interests in Houston. His efforts brought successful results for Brazilian and USA business relations and he will not be forgotten".

Charles Meckel
Oceaneering-Pipeline Connection and Repair Systems

"Ricardo was an energetic advocate and catalyst for connecting energy interests between Brazil and the United States. I met Ricardo in December 2007 when he invited Black & Veatch to provide an overview of the North American natural gas industry to a large group from Petrobras during their visit to Houston. Ricardo's enthusiasm was immediately impactful and sustained the entire event, including facilitation of the question-and-answer session. Thereafter he included Black & Veatch in his regular news updates. One of Ricardo's later communications entitled, "Bring the Shuttle Home" (April 2011), resonated uniquely with me and others who have valued the aerospace industry as well as the energy industry in the historical fabric of Houston. Ricardo truly was able to see what connected people, as well as commerce, and worked to make good things happen for both. We will miss him".

Tribute to Ricardo Peduzzi.
from Jim Gooding
(Black & Veatc)

Tribute to Ricardo Peduzzi

‘‘Ricardo will be surely missed. I first met him several years ago before Bratecc even existed. We were brain storming on a regular basis trying to figure out a way to start a Brazilian Chamber in the Houston area. I remember George Donnely, Jussara Smyth, Cid Silveira, Ricardo Peduzzi, Marco Livoti, Moses Ribeiro, Marisa Costa, Luis Rocha, etc, just to name a few. We met for several months and we could immediately realize that Ricardo was a born leader. From day one he had some specific ideas on what to do, always had contacts in all sorts of business that could help us out for nothing or for very little. He immediately recommended someone to do the by-laws, website, reservation system that we still use today. I remember receiving e-mails from Ricardo at midnight and then again at 3:00am. It always amazed how much he could do with a short 24 hour day. I don't believe Ricardo lived to age 62, I believe that he did more in 62 years than most people can do in 200 years. Not only working with BRATECC but owning his own business, traveling to Brazil on a regular basis on business, consulting, several other non business endeavors, Ricardo’s schedule was impossible to match by anyone. We will surely miss him and I am sure it will take a long time or it may be impossible to find a suitable replacement for BRATECC anytime soon’’. Regards,

Rui Luis Abrantes.
Tradição Brazilian Steakhouse Stafford

‘‘I remember Ricardo from the first time I saw him in a Westin event back in 2009: an energetic, charismatic, and visionary person. I should add well-dressed! And that first impression stuck through the years of contact with him and through the results he achieved: expansion of BRATECC events, increased partnership with Greater Houston Initiative and Amcham in Brazil, increased exposure of American companies to projects in Brasil (Saupe, pre-salt o&g exploration0. He made BRATECC a model in Houston followed by other chambers like Argentinian, Russian, and others. And always well-dressed and looking sharp! He is missed. But trough his vision and energy he kept building BRATECC to an organization that transcends a single individual. Even a great one like Ricardo.’’

Alex Almeida

‘‘My first contact with Ricardo was at Rio Centro Convention in Rio de Janeiro many years ago and was impressed with his great vision of marketing and getting people together, he loves people..I could say a generator of people relations from all over the world. Always very fast in making decisions and very professional... and a good personal friend to share those hard moments of marketing problems.. I would say he is the face of Brazil Texas Chamber of Commerce... alem do mais posso dizer em portugues um CARIOCA na nossa expressao...’’

Celso Bueno

‘‘Although I didn’t have the fortune of a long relationship with Ricardo, I had the opportunity to spend a week with him during the recent visit of Houston’s Mayor Parker to Brazil. Even for such a short period of time, I was able to see him in action, and appreciate his dedication in promoting the relationship between Texas and Brazil. With his calm and smooth way of going about his business, he possessed an extraordinary capacity of organizing events and, more importantly, to be a conduit to promote personal relationships among those who were within his circle of influence. His passing was unquestionably a great loss to his family, friends and the Brazil-Texas Chamber of Commerce, but his legacy will be remembered for the years to come by all of those who had the privilege of being touched by him’’.

Marcelo Moacyr

“My last meeting with Mr. Peduzzi was at the Company I work – Subsea Solutions on July 24, 2012. Always interested in connecting members of the Chamber, Mr. Peduzzi had come to visit our new facilities and our new training center. Needless to say that from a scheduled 15-minute meeting initially, it got extended to a two-hour visit. This is the image we will carry of him: “someone kind, polite, friendly and a great professional who would go the distance to find value in connecting cultures and businesses” We are definitely better because we met him. A great legacy stands.’’

On behalf of our Subsea Team

‘‘Thank you for providing an opportunity to pay tribute to Ricardo, who was a true gentleman and good friend to UH. The College of Engineering is particularly grateful to have had the opportunity to work with Ricardo Peduzzi. Ricardo understood the value of partnerships and was tireless in his efforts to make connections for UH faculty with industry and international universities. It was obvious that Ricardo was held in very high esteem by his friends and colleagues, including faculty, administration, and staff at UH.We miss his indefatigable good humor, politeness, and professionalism. He was a good friend’’.

Lisa Robertson
University of Houston

‘‘I only met Ricardo a few days before his passing away but we had a good discussion. He was enthusiastic and saw potential for business in every corner. He was creative and could rely on a vast network of contacts to help develop ideas and create cooperation between USA companies and Brazil. A big loss for all of us.’’

Willy Verbrugghe
AgriTec Systems

‘‘Ricardo was a special person,always looking to develop the relationship between the Texas and Brazilian Oil Organizations. In our case he helped the Center Of Excelence in Engineering,Procurement and Construction in Brasil to develop a training program for professionals for the service industry. Besides the loss of a great and special friend, I lost a great professional that was helping Brasil to develop its industry.We are missing you my dear friend. God bless you.’’

Antonio E.F.Muller
Center of Excelence in EPC,CE-EPC

‘‘Ricaro Peduzzi was a visionary and a man who worked as a few on the development of the Brazilian oil & gas industry as well as Honorable Ambassador for Brazil in the USA.’’

Geraldo Eugenio
Bioenergy and Biofuels

Tribute to Ricardo Peduzzi

‘‘Words seem inadequate to express the sadness I feel about this immeasurable loss. Unfortunately, I have not had the opportunity to strengthen the relationship with Mr. Peduzzi. However, from what I have seem I might say he was an important connection for business between Brazil and United States, specifically Texas. Mr. Ricardo Peduzzi accomplished great results being the founder and Executive Director of BRATECC since 2002. Certainly we have lost an extraordinary, unique and inspiring professional that have invested amazing effort to accomplish a remarkable job and have earned my respect.’’

Grazielly Duarte
KPMG LLP

On behalf of Amcham Rio´s staff we would like to emphasize the strong relationship constructed with our friend Ricardo Peduzzi in promoting together for continuous ten years the BEP (Brazil Energy and Power), that became a reference into the oil and gas industry. We had a very close relationship with him over this long period and his name will always be remembered as the one that, with a great enthusiasm, conducted the process of organizing and putting in place these events. We think that the best way to keep his name in mind of all those participants is to continue in this process and make the forecoming BEP´s as much successful as possible, since we are sure that this would be his permanent desire.

Many thanks for this opportunity to register our sincere message. ‘‘

AMCHAM

‘‘Mr. Peduzzi was by far the best clients I have had the pleasure to work with. On behalf of myself, & Chase Bank, he will be missed. I am glad to have met him

Brian Fluellen
Chase Bank

‘‘The few moments that lived together with the Ricardo, were of a grandeur that I never am going to obtain to forget.’’

Ladislau Szabo

‘‘Imet Ricardo a few years ago. I wanted to thank him for his dedication to the BRATECC and his great work.’’

Geovane Beltrao
Katch Kan

Ricardo Peduzzi was the face of Brazil-Texas Chamber of Commerce to us. He was a master at bringing together people and business to create financial opportunities. Ricardo’s warm smile encouraged dialogue between the cultures of North and South America. The strength of his personality and vision will be missed.’’

Sandra and Gary Fidelman
Fidelco

Simply a man with an extraordinary skill to bring people with convergent interests together. ‘‘

Wander Lopes
BASF Intertrade Corporation

Ricardo: leader, honest, caring, gentle, happy, a person to follow, the perfect person for BRATECC.’’

George Donnelly

Ricardo was a visionary and saw the synergy developing between Brazil and the USA before most did. I had the honor of attending some of the events hosted by Ricardo and was very impressed. We will miss him. May his soul rest in peace.’’

Aamir Shah
Wells Fargo

Ricardo, to say the least has been instrumental in building the bridges between our community and the Brazilian community.

‘‘When Continental started flying nonstop to Brazil, Ricardo was there to assist us as we opened the Brazil-Texas chamber to help business learn about the opportunities in Brazil. The Brazilian economy was still weak but, with Ricardo’s vision and efforts both our communities came together as he took the helm of the organization and really made it what it has become. Ricardo left some very big shoes to fill now but, we will remember the gentleness and determination of Ricardo for many years to come.’’

Pete C. Garcia
Pete Garcia International Inc.

‘‘I had not known Ricardo for that long even though we had met at many events before we became members of BRATECC. However, he welcomed us very warmly and he was so kind in always responding to our emails, questions and needs. He was a very kind person, I could feel his warmth and he was sincere and caring in trying to help us be connected with the right folks within the Chamber so our business could grow. I am deeply saddened by his sudden departure. We will continue participating in the Chamber events and will be as supportive as possible to you all during this difficult times. Your family is in our prayers, dear friend J. We Love You Now and Forever, Ricardo.’’

Flavia Schroeder
FS Language Services

‘‘The associative vision and pioneer of Ricardo Peduzzi permitted the integration and the innovative participation of businessmen and Brazilian authorities and American north in the settings of the activity in Oil and Gas in Brazil and in the Texas.’’

Carlos Messias
CONTIL, Rio de Janeiro, Brasil

Tribute to Ricardo Peduzzi

"I was used to see Ricardo every time I come to Houston and also in many different countries attending oil & gas events. Ricardo was a good friend and an excellent professional. It is difficult, even now,to believe he is not anymore with us, but I am sure he is in God's company."

Luiz Orlandi

"While I was the Executive Director of Amcham Rio, organizing with Ricardo the Energy and Power seminar and other important events I had the opportunity to work with Ricardo and develop our friendship and mutual admiration. Ricardo was one of the most committed and pleasant persons I had the chance to work with. His friendship dedication and objectiveness taught me a lot!"

Ricardo de Albuquerque Mayer
Axa Engenharia Submarina Ltda.

"To make comments about our honoring Ricardo Peduzzi is very easy. I had my first meeting with Peduzzi 10 years ago, when he stayed in Brazil leading a group of authorities from Houston, interested in Brazilian telecommunication privatization. From this time until August this year, we had maintained a profitable relationship. I am very sad because Peduzzi has passed away. But I am sure that his family will preserve the value and the importance of his name."

Marcondes de Oliveira Buarque
ANATEL

"Mr. Peduzzi was one of the most important Brazilian personalities in Houston. He played a key role supporting the development of the Brazilian community in Houston, and as result has created many opportunities to develop businesses between Brazil and Texas."

Alex Lafont and Mariangela Moreira
MundiVisas

"I was honored to have the opportunity to share experiences with one of most polite and energetic person between Brazil and USA business. Ricardo Peduzzi always motivated in creating the essential ingredients to business success he opened the doors from Houston to Brazil and vice versa. We will never forget him and are happy to see his landmarks."

Wagner Moura
BrasTrading

"In the last month of August we had the loss of our friend and eminent entrepreneur Ricardo Peduzzi. During last two decades Ricardo was outstanding corporate leader, that being the front of the Brazil-Texas Chamber of Commerce as BRATECC Executive Director could translate into several shares trading results, especially in the world of petroleum since joining Brazil and USA in various fronts help these nations to become excellences in their markets. The dynamic and progressive world remained in mourning this great loss."

Engineer Ronald Carreteiro

"I do not know if I can express what Ricardo Peduzzi meant to me and my students at Rice University. All I needed to do was to send him an email with a question, a request and he was ready to help. Always. He had lunch with a small group of Rice University students once, and he came to give a lecture on Brazil in celebration of International Education Week in 2010. He would have done more of this had I had a chance to ask him. A fantastic ambassador for all things concerning Brazil."

Suzana Maria Campos Pinto Bloem
Rice University

"Ricardo was a special person, not only as a professional but as a friend. He leaves a legacy of principles, competence, generosity and idealism, which is an example for all of us."

João Carlos Antunes

"We will always miss him being so friendly, happy and proactive."

Andrea Haddad

"Ricardo is part of the most important time of my professional life, helping us to be prepared to start operations of LNG in Brazil. He certainly is continuing to do great things in heavens."

Fábio Lindoso Soares
Transpetro

"To my friend Peduzzi, professional, inteligent, dynamic and charismatic,he will be missed in the Oil & Gas business."

Fernando Sarian Altounian
Camargo Correa

"Ricardo Peduzzi was an example of dynamism, tenacity and knowledge. He had an extraordinary gift to attract and bring people to their environment, able to extract the best from each. In the last years of his professional career was dedicated to the noble task of disseminating knowledge especially in the areas of engineering, area where he worked for over thirty years. Undoubtedly and an irreparable loss and feel very failing, Peduzzi had always been a good friend of our EPC Excellence Center and will be a reference as management professional . Rest in peace."

Danilo N. Gonçalves Freitas
EPC Excellence Center

"Though I only met Ricardo a few months ago, his warmth and genuine personality made it seem like we were old friends. He was a wonderful person and his connection to the Houston and the Brazilian community were irreplaceable. My heart goes out to his family and friends."

Monica Keyes
FPP EDU MEDIA

Tribute to Ricardo Peduzzi

I received it reports and stay in shock, therefore the Ricardo was a big friend, professional and fundamental element in the connection between our Country and the U.S.A. His absence will bring immense damage in the commercial evolution and in the skilful and cordial relation that he promoted. I have the happiness of carrear with me some funny, very lawful moments and of deep confidence. He whenever found me repeat that I was his mentor and big responsible by him to have taken the decision mount the office of him and followed by the route more professional with the company, therefore she were growing and he was happy. Was a big loss for everybody and for our market of oil and gas. In function of the distance, if will have opportunity, transmit my votes of deep sorrow and solidarity with the family.

Paulinho
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"Life is truly as thin as an onion skin. We never know when we slip off this life. I get another sad news of another old friend of mine that I knew since 1967. Donald Logan passed away! My argument here is, this should be a wake up call for many people to do and be good for the good of mankind. We must leave a legacy of good deeds behind us, so to leave in peace and harmony. Praise the Lord and keep smiling, as we are here today, we must count our blessings to each day that God gives us. They say, yesterday is history, tomorrow is mystery and today is a gift. That's why today is called present, a present from God. My involvement with Peduzzi, start on 1999, when I was looking for financing for a group here in Houston, I was refer to you, and I call him and told whom I was and what I was looking for, then he was in Clear Lake at that time, and I ask him if he could come see me in my house, so he came, and we talk for good part of the afternoon, studding the possibilities for the project. During the conversation I ask him what part of Brazil he was from and he said that was Bage, then I told him I visit that city on 1966, when I was coming back from Uruguay, and while there I met a great rancher by the name of Mr. Paulo Moglia, so he ask me first how I met him? I told my father and my uncle knew him from the dealing they did in the past with cattle, so he said that Mr. Paulo Moglia was his uncle! Then I told him about another project I was involved in the past with a gentleman from Brazil, Dr. Renato Bertani, from Petrobras in Rio de Janeiro. He knew Dr Renato very well. He was the President of Petrobras America here in Houston. If I want see him he would invite me to go a BRATECC meeting. Since then I start to attend the BRATECC meetings. Since I work in Middle East, we exchange e-mails and phone calls, and sometime when I was here in Houston I use to attend the BRATECC meeting. Once he invite to his house. Then we become good friends until yesterday. I was plan to go visit him in that week that he past away. I received your e-mail saying that he died of heart attack. I am still very sad indeed."

Marcelo Freire

We were deeply saddened by the passing away of Ricardo Peduzzi. This is an enormous loss for the Brazilian community in Houston. Ricardo will live forever engraved in our memory for his many outstanding life contributions leading BRATECC, promoting friendship and business developments between Texas and Brazil , continued support for the Brazilian Texas Magazine, and in multiple roles such as an accomplished executive, a resourceful professional, an experienced educator and a visionary entrepreneur. I was very fortunate to meet such a reference high caliber professional with so many qualities who lived an exemplary life among us with energy and enthusiasm. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family. God Bless.

Otto Fanini
Principal Engineer, Electrical D&E Global
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I was one of the blessed individuals to meet Mr. Peduzzi, the little that I knew about him led me to believe he was a man of integrity, loyal to his community and passionate about life. I am an educator and I've been organizing Career Fairs for students in different school districts for the past 7 years, Mr. Ricardo Peduzzi attended several of my Career Fairs. Even though he had a very busy schedule, he always made sure to find time to come to the schools and speak to the students. He believed in education and the importance of helping young people achieving their dreams. I truly admired his disposition and his positive outlook at life. He often encouraged and complimented me on the work that I did as an educator. He was someone that constantly lifted people up instead of tearing them down. He will be greatly missed and his legacy will live forever.

Thank you Mr. Ricardo Peduzzi for truly making a difference!

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Santos Valongo Wate

By Pablo Lazo, Associate Director, ARUP and Steve Clark, Principal, ARUP

The Brazilian city of Santos is currently best known for its port, the largest in South America. In recent years, however, it has become clear that its other numerous assets – close proximity to São Paulo (the continent's most populous city), waterfront location, and historic city center – could also significantly boost the local economy by increasing tourism and attracting businesses seeking office space. Forecasts predict that a proposed new cruise ship terminal in the city could become the 5th or 6th busiest in the world.

To take full advantage of its potential, the city obtained World Bank (International Finance Corporation) funding and has commissioned Arup for an in-depth study of the Valongo waterfront. Arup's designers and consultants are applying lessons learned in waterfront redevelopment projects from around the world to this important port of Brazil.

The city hopes to turn this critical 1.2km area between the waterfront and the historic town center into a hub for tourism and culture. Formerly used for warehouse functions, the area will one day house a new cruise ship terminal, a marina, retail and office spaces, and a variety of hospitality and entertainment facilities.

Arup's scope of work includes urban design, planning, and economic feasibility analysis of the regeneration as a public/private development concession. Arup is also providing transportation planning to examine issues such as traffic movement, parking, introduction of light rail, and pedestrian mobility.

The proposed plan developed by Arup includes the creation of a new culture and tourism strip development adjacent to a series of existing historic warehouses and the water related activities. The overarching regeneration strategy represents the long term vision of the city of Santos as a tourist hub in South America.

A major element of the town hall´s plans for Santos´s future is "Alegra Centro" or "Cheer up Center" – an on-going revamp of the city´s historic center. The project began in 2003 and has seen tens of millions of dollars poured into giving the long-forgotten dockside area a facelift. As Santos´s Planning Secretary, Bechara Abdalla said to Arup, "a city can only grow if it respects its past".

Under this program, hundreds of listed buildings have been renovated or restored thanks to tax breaks given to owners prepared to invest in their properties. The waterfront regeneration plan is part of this initiative as an aspiration to have a strategic project to brand the transformation of the city.

rfront Regeneration

Resolving Site Challenges

Lining the Valongo waterfront is a row of dilapidated but historically significant warehouses that the city plans to restore as part of the project. The back side of the warehouses directly abuts a rail line which serves the port (and which cannot be moved). On the other side of the rail line is a highway, which is in turn adjacent to the city's historic district. The existing arrangement leaves very little buildable space and makes walking between the city and waterfront difficult.

Arup suggested several design interventions, including lowering the road to create an underpass over most of the Valongo's length. This would allow the city to build parkland above, facilitating pedestrianmovement between the waterfront and the city. Due to a lack of buildable land to accommodate the new cruise ship terminal, pedestrian esplanade, and other proposed functions next to the old sea wall, Arup recommended building over the water by means of a pile-supported structural platform. Arup's engineering team prepared cost estimates for this infrastructure, and the economic analysis demonstrated its potential viability.

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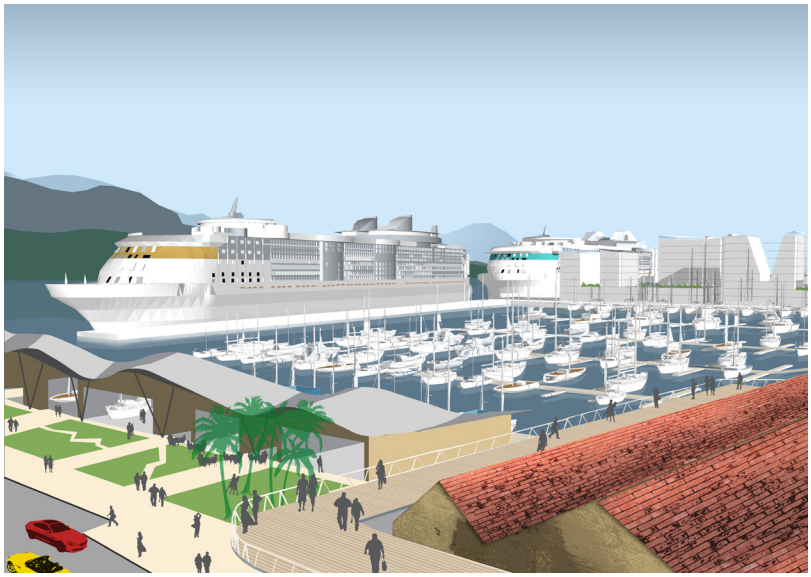
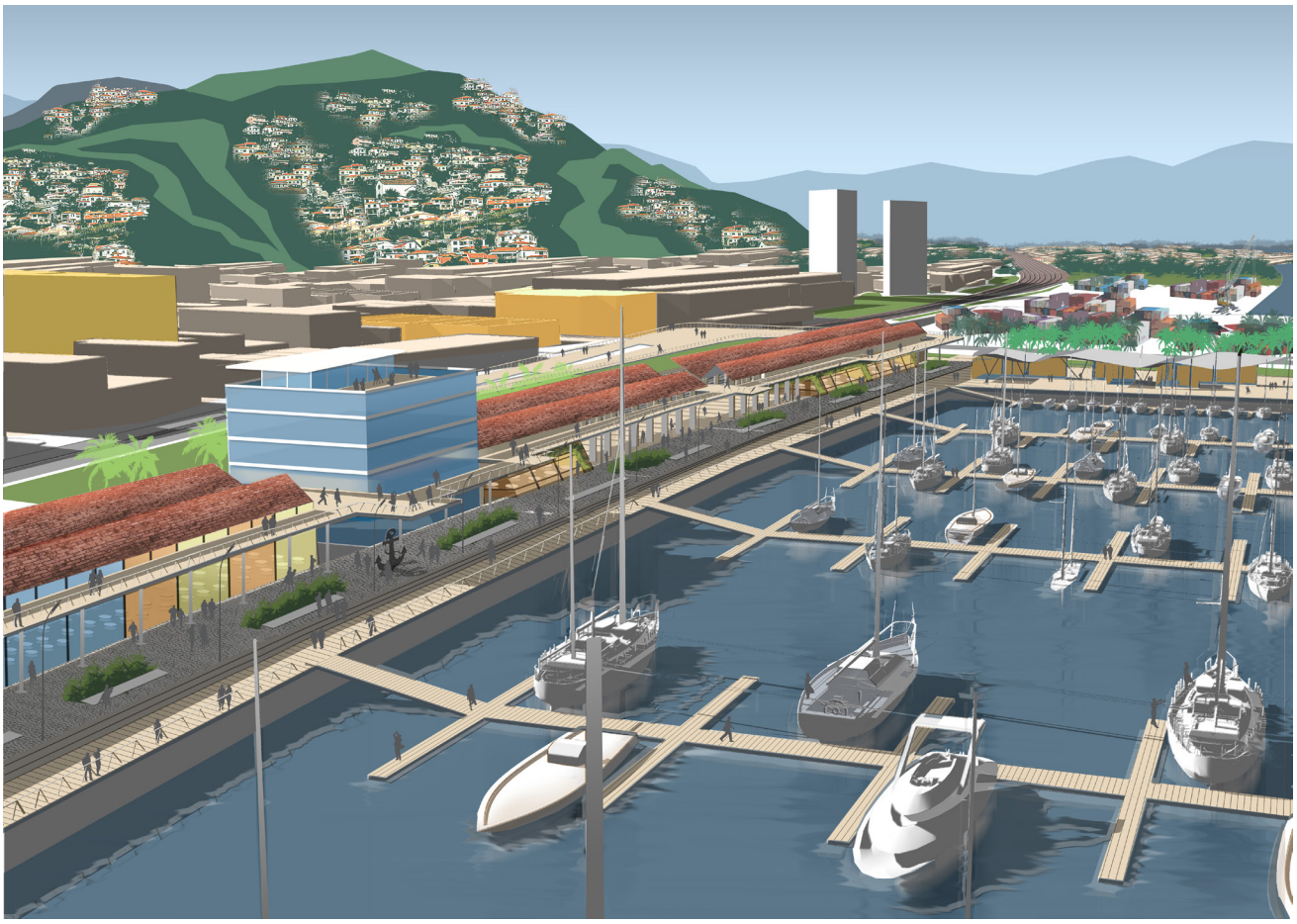
Maximizing Mobility

Arup is currently working on a transportation and mobility study encompassing the historic city center and Valongo. The focus is on determining how best to accommodate increased traffic due to the projected growth while preventing congestion.

Santos is also planning to build a light rail line, and Arup's scope includes optimization of the route to accommodate demand from the proposed new office developments, including new offices currently under construction for Brazilian oil company Petrobras.

Encouraging pedestrian movement within the city center and out to the waterfront are all key areas of focus. Arup's planners are developing designs that will prevent conflict between pedestrians and vehicles, and maximize bicycling and the use of public transport.





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Next steps

Arup will create a framework for a public/private concession that the city can use to invite bids from private developers as well as inform the emerging master plan for this part of the city.

Arup is proud to be a part of helping Santos become a recognized world-class port city and a showpiece for Brazil.

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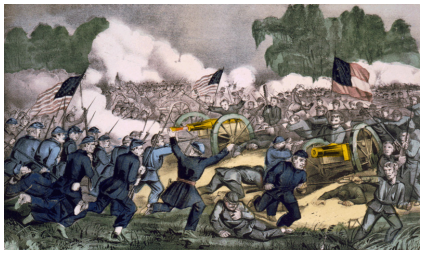
Brasil-Once Destination of the Largest Emigration in U.S. History

Today the city of Americana in the State of Sao Paulo, Brazil has a population of 200,000 which grew from a small settlement once called American Village.In Texas Colonel Frank McMullan sailed to Brazil in a chartered ship with 130 passangers on board. This ship sunk apparently due to rough seas near Cuba without loss of life. After recovering from this mishap all the passengers finally reached the coastal town of Iguape in the State of Sao Paulo. One of the emigrant's letter wrote back describing McMullan's Brazilian colony settlement as follows: "Neither too hot nor cold, and where frost is never known... everything grows, and grows well" (Elusive Eden: Frank McMullan's Confederate Colony by Eugene C. Harrer, page 26, University of Texas Press, 1987, History, 218 pages). In June 1949 the Brazilian president Eurico Gaspar Dutra visited the city of Brazil, Tennessee shortly after paying a visit to a close friend. This small city



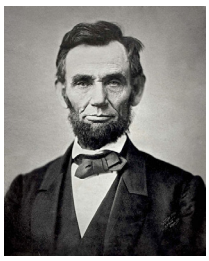
was given this name in 1869 when there was a great deal of excitement over a proposed emigration plan to Brazil in South America. At the end of the American Civil War which lasted from 1861 to 1865 a large number of Confederate families moved to Brazil. This population movement represented the largest emigration in US history. This conflict caused an estimated death toll of approximately 618,222 soldiers. Statements of reconciliation and reconstruction initiatives were issued by the re-elected US President Abraham Lincoln and the General Robert E. Lee, commander of the defeated Confederate States.

A the end of the Civil War the progressive Brazilian monarch, Peter II, attracted experienced cottom producers offering land, fiscal and financial incentives.
At the time cottom crops were economically highly attractive when compared to coffee and sugar-cane crops. Scarred by the extensive war destruction and economic loss due to the excesses of the war these families sought opportunities in Brazil. Upon arrival the immigrants had to renew their energies and spirits weakened by the 4-year long war followed by the long and difficult trip in order to start a new life.

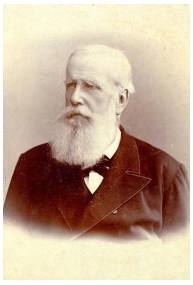
Between 1865 and 1885 an estimated 30,000 Americans left the states of Alabama, Texas, Louisiana, Carolina do Sul, Mississipi, Ohio, Virgínia, Flórida, Geórgia, Carolina do Norte, Arkansas, Kentucky e Tennessee to arrive in the Brazilian ports of Recife, Vitoria, Rio de Janeiro and Santos. The precise number of immigrants is not known but the research work conducted by Betty Antunes de Oliveira with the registry of the port of Rio de Janeiro revealed that 20,000 North-American immigrants entered this port alone between 1865 and 1885.

The Alabama State Archive located in Montgomery, Ala contains The Alabama Historical Quarterly published by the (Alabama) State Department of Archives and History, Vol. 1, Spring Issue, 1930 (250 pages). This issue published a copy of the Diary of Jennie R. Keyes who went to Brazil with her parents to live in the Norris Colony, the Brazilian colony of Americans established in the State of Sao Paulo after the Civil War. Mrs. Julia Keyes was the daughter of Col. William Hutchinson Norris from Alabama. This book offers a witness account and an extensive historical record of this emigration with the names of the people who went to Brazil, the ones that were deceived, and the ones who came back to the United States. Alcides Gussi, a researcher with the State University of Campinas (SP) in Brazil, reported that among the 5,000 immigrating families only four families utilized slaves in the period between 1868 and 1875. Most of these families effectively integrated into the progressive changes taking place in Brazil and moving away from slavery.

Social and Political tensions developed due to the growing differences between the Northern and Southern North-American States. Massive European immigration and intense industrialization in the ealry 1800's, the economic strength growth of Northern states based on remunerated labor increase their protectionist influence on the government policies. The Southern states wealth was based on international trade liberalization of agricultural products heavily dependent on the slave labor.



In 1860 Abraham Lincoln, US President Republican candidate with an anti-slavery political platform, wins the American presidential elections to become the 16th president of the United States to preside over a "Divided House". The 11 Southern states favoring slavery and unrestricted foreign trade formed a new country, Confederate States of America (CSA). Confederate forces attacked Fort Sumter in South Carolina in April 12, 1861 triggering the start of the American Civil War. As promised by Abraham Lincoln during the presidential campaign, laws abolishing slaverey were introduced and approved by the Congress and Senate in 1863 leading to the 13th Ammendment of the United States of America Constitution. Abraham Lincolm was re-elected in 1864. In 1865 the Northern Union regained control of the Southern states territory defeating the Confederate forces under the command General Robert E. Lee. Six days after the surrender of the Confederate States of America (CSA), Abraham Lincoln became the first American president to be assassinated in April 1865. About 33 years later, the Brazilian Monarch, Peter II and his successor daughter, Princess Isabel , were punished under similar conditions with a painful but less tragic fate.



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By promoting and introducing modern society changes ending slavery in the United States and Brazil, Abraham Lincoln, the monarch Peter II and his successor daughter Princess Isabel developed formidable political foes and a strong opposition from poweful and affluent segments receiving unjustified, extreme and humiliating punishments. President Abraham Lincoln had recovered control of American Southern States in a domestic war while the monarch Peter II also consolidated control of Brazilian Southern States with three international wars (i.e. Uruguay, Paraguay and Platine wars).

Peter II inherited the throne in April 7, 1831 with just 5 years of age in the edge of a territorial disintegration. Peter II during the next 58 years transformed Brazil into an emerging and importatnt international economic trade player. Peter II was a strong supporter for knowledge, culture and science. He supported study activities in a wide range of subjects including anthropology, history, geography, geology, medicine, law, religious studies, philosophy, painting, sculpture, theater, music, chemistry, physics, astronomy, poetry, technology, among others. By the end of his reign, there were three libraries in the Sao Cristovao Palace Compound located in a suburb of Rio de Janeiro. These libraries contained a collection of more than 60,000 volumes. The Brazilian nation gradually distinguished itself from the Hispano-American neighbors due to its political stability, freedom of expression, strengthening respect for civil rights, promotion and protection of a vibrant economic growth, and an especially effective form of government: a functioning parliamentary monarchy established by Brazil's First Constitution enacted in 1824. Peter II held regular weekly audiences scheduled for anyone including slaves. Peter II firmly pushed for the slavery elimination through a sequence of progressively stronger laws despite the opposition from powerful economic and political groups. Peter II influenced and prepared his daughter Princess Isabel, the successor to the throne, to serve as the Acting Monarch during his long foreign trips. Following her father's progressive trends she promoted modern ideas for the time to promote the country financial, industry and production modernization, promoting social economic development through public education, slavery abolition, female voting rights, promotion of science studies, transportation infrastructure development with railroads and regular shippping lanes, aggressive promotion of of technically skilled farmers, professionals and artisans, compensation for freed slaves and land reforms, economic growth and expansion towards West and inland, smaller farmers financing , equal women education and voting rights, economic integration of all population segments.

Until the end of the Brazilian monarchy in 1889 both Peter II and Princess Isabel promoted during 58 years progressive policies to modernize and further develop Brazil's economy. These policies resulted among other things in the slavery abolishment in Brazil through the famous Golden Law signed by Princess Isabel in May 13, 1888 following an overwhelming vote of the parliament. One year later Peter II and Princess Isabel were suddenly removed from their residence in the evening of November 17, 1889 to be immediately exiled within few hours and banned forever from Brazil. Soon after this eviction their remaining wealth and belongings were confiscated and auctioned without considerations for the associated historical value. The throne counselor and Princess Isabel's husband had warned her in the previous year that by signing the Golden Law she would put everyting to risk, destroy the monarchy, her wealth and safety, suffer personal economic and political punishment. She once stated after loosing the throne: " Thousand thrones I have, thousand thrones I will give to free the slaves in Brazil". Princess Isabel personally funded the lodging and feeding of thousands of runaway slaves. Peter II was not assassinated like Abraham Lincoln, but suffered strong humiliation dying in poverty conditions without economic support from either the New Brazilian Republic or the Portuguese Kingdon. D. Pedro II died of pneumonnia in Paris on December 5, 1891 lonely, depressed, and living in poverty conditions precariously lodged in unexpensive hotels. His last words were a brief prayer: "May God grant me these last wishes - peace and prosperity for Brazil".

These words are closely related to the words"Order and Progress" found in the Brazilian flag today.

Thanks to the kindness of the French government, Peter II was honored with a State funeral. His remains were initially buried in Lisbon, Portugal in the Royal Pantheon of the House of Braganza.

Princess Isabel quietly lived her last days in a castle located in Eu, Normandy (France) where she died in November 14, 1921.

The Brazilian Republic had a difficult start in November 15, 1889 ending a very popular Parliamentary Monarchy through a military coup short in idealism and principles, closing the Congress and establishing press censorship.

The Republic during its first decade was marked by an identity and constitutional crisis, weak governments,conflicting arbitrary decisions made by a ruling minority, alienation of the population, high inflation and economic recession.

Deodoro da Fonseca, the First Republic president, later acknowledge that the transition from the monarchy to the Republic could and should have been better managed.

The Republic's initial authoritarian government style subsided failing to tame the population's dreams and expectations for freedon and economic opportunities deeply seeded in the previous century by the popular Monarch Peter II and Princess Isabel. Peter II contributions made to the Brazilian society progress and development were only officially recognized by the President Epitacio Pessoa in 1920 who ended the permanent ban to sponsor the return of his remains to Brazil as a hero.

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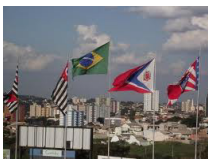
The remains of Peter II along with his wife Teresa Cristina today are in their Tomb located inside the Cathedral of Petropolis where they were brought to from Europe during 1921. This transfer was completed in time for the September 7, 1922 celebration of the First Century of Brazil'sIndependence. Peter II's father broke away from the Kingdon of Portugal declaring independence in 1822 and refusing to obey orders to return to Lisbon, Portugal. The Lincoln Memorial,located in the National Mall in Washington, D.C. , is the most famous monument honoring Abraham Lincoln. The Lincoln Memorial was also dedicated in 1922 during a ceremony marked by the U.S. President Warren G. Harding's speech on May 30, 1922. In November 1865 the State of South Carolina formed a company to establish a colony in Brazil. Major Robert Meriwether and Doctor H. A. Shaw were sent to Brazil to verify the possibility of establishing a colony. A report was prepared describing settlements established in Rio Doce, State of Espirito Santo, Cananeia and Eldorado in the State of Sao Paulo. During the same period, Dr. James Fadden Gaston from South Carolina also traveled throughout the State of Sao Paulo to publish the book entitled "Hunting for a Home in Brazil" to orient emigrating colonizers. Northern Brazilian States also received immigrants in the cities of Santarem, State of Para and in Caruaru, State of Pernambuco. Further south a considerable number of immigrants settled in the vicinity of Curitiba, the capital of the State of Parana. The Gomm House is a typical residence built by the immigrants in Parana. The largest of cocentration of Confederate immigrants settled in an area near Campinas, where the cities of Americana and Santa Barbara D'Oeste are located today. This region was preferred by the immigrants as both the climate and land are similar to the American Southern States where immigrants came from.

In December 27,1865 Colonel and Alabama Senator Wiliam Hutchinson Norrisarrivedat the port of Rio de Janeiro,RJ Brazil. The Gomm House is a typical residence built by the immigrants in Parana. a large plot of land from Domingos da Costa Machado in the banks of Quilombo river within the city limits of Santa Bárbara d'Oeste. The well known Norris Colony was organized where today became the downtown area of the city of Americana, SP. Due to the large presence of American immigrants from American southern States this area, near the railroad station, became known as the American Village ("Vila dos Americanos") originating the city's present name. Upon arrival Colonel Norris provided practical farming courses for local farmers interesting in the cottom crops and new agricultural techniques. The new farming equipment brought by Norris was an instant success. A small agricultural training school was quickly establihed to assist local farmers. With the help from Norris new agricultural techniques and crops were introdued with new farming equipment and cottom weaving for the textile industry. The immigrants brought many aspects of the North-American Southern culture which could be seen in the buildings, food, music, protestant churches.

Children's education was a priority for the American families. Schools were organized in their properties staffed with teachers hired from the USA. The teaching methods developed by the American teachers proved so efficient that were later officially adopted by the Brazilian Government. Later on the railroad expansion reached the area with the installation of the Santa Barbara Railroad station by the Paulista Railroad Company brought economic growth and intensification of commerc after 1975 for the entire region. Following the arrival of the railroad numerous producing agricultural properties were developed by the North-American immigrants who cultivated and processed the cottom crops.

In the late 1800's, the farm known a Fazenda Salto Grande was purchased by theAmerican Clement Willmot.Willmot established the first industry in Americana,SP called Clement H. Willmot & Cia. In 1889, the factory was renamed "Fábrica de Tecidos Carioba" (i.e. Carioba Textile Factory).



This factory was located near the Santa Barbara railroad station. The confederate cultural center is located in the grounds of Campo Cemetery in Santa Barbara D'Oeste, SP. In this cemetery the majority of immigrating confederates were buried. The confederate immigrating community also created the Museum of Immigration in Santa Bárbara d'Oeste, SP to preserve the culture,lagacy and contributions brought with the Confederate immigration. During 1972 Jimmy Carter, then Governor of the State of Georgia (future US President), visited Santa Barbara D'Oeste, SP to see the grave of his wife's uncle, a Confederate immigrant.

The North American descendents preserve the connection with the USA through the Fraternity of American Descendents in order to preserve their history and the original culture. Today descendants of the North-American immigrants regularly organize the annual festival Festa Confederada in Santa Bárbara d'Oeste, SP.

The festival became a tourist attraction and is marked with traditional Southern cloths, confederate flags and uniforms, food, dance and music typical of the period prior to the American Civil War.

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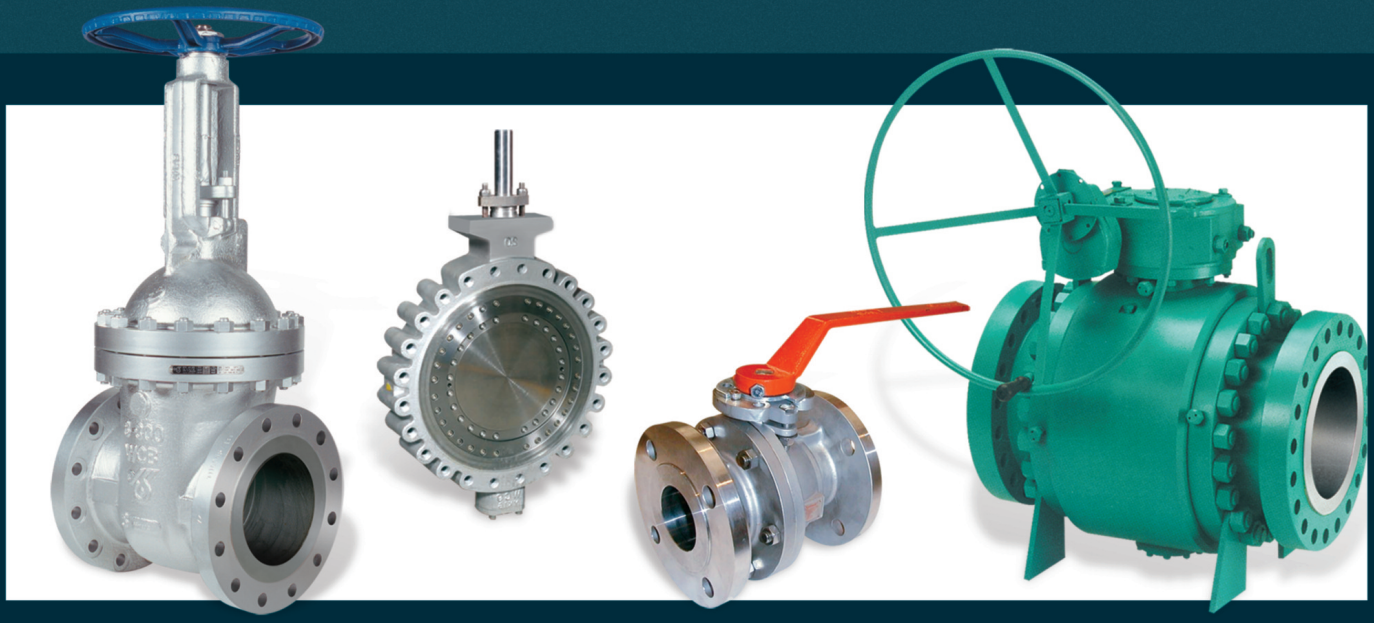

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