

# **PRESS REVIEW**

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**JOE BEVILACQUA**

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## Board 36 to Induct 24 Men

The names of 24 area men who will be inducted by Selective Service Board 36 this month have been announced. The group from Board 36 will leave with a contingent of 47 men from Boards 37 and 38, tomorrow at 7:30 a.m. from City Hall Annex.

The following men will be inducted by Board 36:

**FROM PATERSON** — Joseph Patrick Santora, of 1 Haledon Ave.; Charles Preziosi Jr., of 281 Madison Ave.; William Anthony Breen, of RD 4; Mario Julio Panicci, of 86 Madison St.; Gerald M. Spivak, of 243 8th Ave.; Ariel Achterman, of 167 N. 7th St.; William Alonzo Brooks, of 82 Clinton St.; and Oddvin Lokken, of 229 Clinton St.

**FROM PROSPECT PARK** — Carl Shapilo, of 393 N. 11th St.; and William De Graaf Jr., of 376 N. 8th St.

**FROM HALEDON** — Gabriel Bernardo, of 32 Buschman Ave.; Ronald John Saracco, of 36 John St.; and Florindo Claletti Jr., of 50 Kossuth St.

**FROM HAWTHORNE** — Ronald James Van Dyk, of 260 Warburton Ave.; and James Edward Jacobs, of 94 Mawhinney Ave.

**FROM MIDVALE** — William Stephen Kulick, of 447 Ringwood Ave.

**FROM WAYNE TOWNSHIP** — Clyde Frederick Schimanski, of 22 Ford St.

**FROM WEST PATERSON** — Joseph Lewis, of Cedarhurst Ave.; Stanley Dominick Passaretta, of 18 Newby Ave.; and William Vellecamp Jr., of 94 Ridgeview Dr.

**FROM BLOOMINGDALE** —

Gerald Robert Bond, of 19 Park Ave.

**FROM CLIFTON** — Robert Lee Ross, of 40 Dawson Ave.

**FROM TOTOWA BOROUGH** — Joseph Bevilacqua, of 128 Union Blvd.

**FROM MOUNTAIN VIEW** — Robert Desmond Lougheed, of 18 Hickory St.

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### Joseph Bevilacqua Stationed in Germany

Sgt. Joseph Bevilacqua, 24, son of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Bevilacqua, 128 Union Blvd., is a member of the 4th Infantry Division in Germany.

Sgt. Bevilacqua, a squad leader in Company A of the division's 8th Regiment, entered the Army in April 1954 and arrived overseas the following September.

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## News About Men in Service

Robert F. Passage, son of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond A. Passage, 168 Quincy Street, Passaic, has been promoted to specialist third class while serving with the Seventh Army in Stuttgart, Germany. Passage, a clerk-typist in the army's ordnance section, entered the army in November 1954. Previously employed by the Wright Aeronautical Corporation, Wood-Ridge, N.J., he was graduated from Pope Pius High School in 1952.

Sgt. Joseph Bevilacqua, 24, son of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Bevilacqua, 128 Union Boulevard, Paterson, is a member of the 4th Infantry Division in Germany. Bevilacqua entered the army in April 1954 and arrived overseas the following September.

Pvt. Richard Rizzo, 153 East 19th Street, Paterson, is receiving eight weeks of advanced infan-

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**Joseph Bevilacqua**

4th DIV., GERMANY — Sgt. Joseph Bevilacqua, 24, son of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Bevilacqua, 128 Union Blvd., is a member of the 4th Infantry Division in Germany.

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## OBITUARIES

### Alexander Zaccaro, Sr.

Alexander Zaccaro, Sr., 74, husband of Angelina Zaccaro of 69 Grand St., died yesterday in St. Joseph Hospital after a short illness.

Born in Italy, Nov. 2, 1881, he came to Paterson 50 years ago to make his home here. He was a member of San Francesco Di Paola Society and Our Lady of Pompeii R. C. Church.

The funeral will be held Friday at 8:30 a.m., from the funeral home at 37 Mill St. A half hour later a High Requiem Mass will be offered in Our Lady of Pompeii Church with the Rev. Father Mancini as the celebrant. Interment will be in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. Friends may call after 3 p.m. today.

Surviving are his widow, four sons, Peter, of Singac; Ralph, Frank and Alexander, Jr., all of Paterson; four daughters, Mrs. Celeste Bevilacqua, of Totowa Borough; Mrs. Louise Caldara, of Lincoln Park; Mrs. Angela Lo Bue, of Totowa and Mrs. Edith Donato, of Paterson; 20 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

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## Giuseppe Bevilacqua

Giuseppe Bevilacqua, 73, of 138 Elberon Ave., husband of the late Irene Mariano Bevilacqua, died Saturday in St. Joseph's Hospital.

Born in Italy, he resided the greater part of his life in the Totowa section of Paterson. He was a retired dyer's assistant, a member of the Dyer's Local 1733, and the Regia Marina Society.

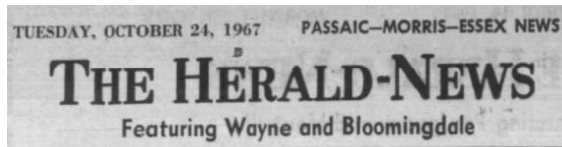
The funeral will be held Wednesday from the Aquino Colonial Home, 236 Union Ave. A half hour later a solemn high requiem Mass will be offered in St. Gerard's R. C. Church. Interment will be in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Totowa.

Surviving are two sons, Patsy of Paterson and Michael of Totowa; 11 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren; and a brother Nicola of Montreal, Canada.

## DEATHS

**BEVILACQUA** — In Paterson, on Saturday, March 27, Giuseppe, beloved husband of the late Irene Mariano Bevilacqua, of 138 Elberon Avenue, age 73 years. Relatives and friends are invited to attend the funeral on Wednesday, March 31, from the Aquino Colonial Home, 236 Union Avenue, at 9 a.m., and from St. Gerard R.C. Church, 9:30 a.m. Interment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. Visiting hours 7-10 Monday, 2-5 and 7-10 Tuesday. Mar. 29-31

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## Judge Orders Examination

TOTOWA — Municipal Court Judge Robert Boyle III last night ordered Michael Bevilacqua, 120 Union Blvd, Totowa, taken to Hope Dell for a psychiatric examination.

Bevilacqua allegedly threatened the owner of a Union Boulevard diner with a knife. He is Therapan Stratos of 29 Birchwood Ter., Wayne.



1968

## Bevilacqua Gets Silver Star Award

Army Sgt. 1.C. Joseph Bevilacqua, whose parents, Mr. and Mrs. Michael Bevilacqua, and wife, Valeria live at 45 Hudson Ave. received the Silver Star recently near Cu Chi, Vietnam.

Sgt. Bevilacqua received the award for gallantry in action while engaged in ground operations against a hostile force in Vietnam.

He is the operations sergeant assigned to Company B, 1st Battalion of the 25th Infantry Division's 27th Infantry. The sergeant entered the Army in May 1953 and was last stationed at Fort Dix, N.J., before arriving in Vietnam last January.

Sgt. Bevilacqua was graduated from Passaic Valley High School, Little Falls, in 1952 and received an associate of arts degree from the University of Maryland in 1965. He also has received the Bronze Star Medal for heroism, three awards of the Army Commendation Medal, two awards of the Purple Heart, and holds the Combat Infantryman Badge.

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## Paterson Soldier Wins Silver Star in Vietnam

Army Sgt. I.C. Joseph Bevilacqua, whose parents, Mr. and Mrs. Michael Bevilacqua, and wife, Valeria, live at 45 Hudson Ave., Totowa, received the Silver Star June 4 near Cu Chi, Vietnam.

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Sgt. Bevilacqua graduated from Passaic Valley High School, Little Falls, in 1952 and received a A.A. degree from the University of Maryland in 1965. He also has received the Bronze State Medal for heroism, three awards of the Army Commendation Medal, two awards of the Purple Heart and holds the Combat Infantryman Badge.

The Morning Call, Thursday, August 22, 1968

## Silver Star To Paterson Sergeant

PATERSON—Army Sgt. 1.C. Joseph Bevilacqua, whose parents, Mr. and Mrs. Michael Bevilacqua, and wife, Valeria, live at 45 Hudson Ave., won the Silver Star near Cu Chi, Vietnam.

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## **Soldier's Medal Awarded Sgt. Joseph Bevilacqua**

TOTOWA — An outstanding act of heroism resulted in the award of the Soldier's Medal to Army Sgt. 1.C. Joseph Bevilacqua, whose parents, Mr. and Mrs. Michael Bevilacqua, and wife, Valeria, live at 45 Hudson Ave., in Vietnam, recently.

He received the medal for voluntarily risking his life to save others. The medal is the nation's highest award for heroism in a non-combat situation.

During the same ceremony he was awarded the Purple Heart for wounds received in action.

An operations sergeant in the 1st Battalion of the 25th Infantry Division's 27th Infantry, Sgt.

Bevilacqua entered the Army in April 1954 and was last stationed at Ft. Dix. He holds the Silver Star Medal, two awards of the Bronze Star Medal and three awards of the Army Commendation Medal.

The sergeant was graduated in 1954 from Passaic Valley High School, Little Falls.

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## Sergeant Wins Soldier's Medal

An outstanding act of heroism resulted in the recent award of the Soldier's Medal to Army SFC Joseph Bevilacqua, whose parents, Mr. and Mrs. Michael Bevilacqua, and wife, Valeria, live at 45 Hudson Ave., Totowa.

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The sergeant was graduated in 1954 from Passaic Valley High School, Little Falls.

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### **M/Sgt. Bevilacqua**

M/Sgt. Joseph Bevilacqua, 33, son of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Bevilacqua of 45 Hudson Ave., was recently assigned to Headquarters Company, US CONARC at Ft. Monroe, Va.

At Ft. Monroe, Sgt. Bevilacqua will serve as an operation's sergeant with the office of the Deputy Chief of Staff, Logistics (DCSLOG).

Sgt. Bevilacqua was graduated from Passaic Valley High School in Little Falls, in 1953, and entered the U.S. Army April 7, 1954. He completed basic training at Ft. Dix.

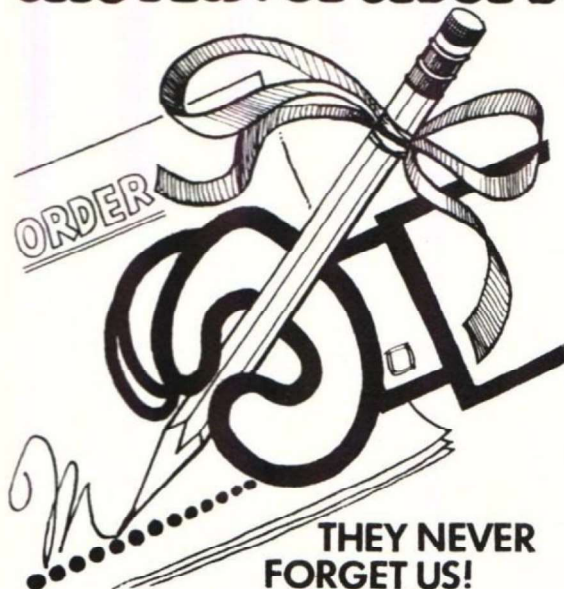




**REVIEW — M. S. Joseph Bevilacqua of Paterson reviews operations for “Wolfhounds” of the 1st Battalion, 27th Infantry at Dau Tieng, near Saigon. The “Wolfhounds” are combat troops part of the 25th Infantry’s “Tropic Lightning.”**

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# **Michael Bevilacqua, Military Bandsman**

TOTOWA — Michael A. Bevilacqua, 64, of this borough died Saturday in Chilton Memorial Hospital after a brief illness.

Born in Italy, he lived here for the last 22 years. He was a shoe repairman for Rafferty Brothers of Paterson, a member of Volunteer Fire Company 1 for the last 21 years and also a member of the Merchant Marine Band.

The funeral will be held at 9 a.m. Wednesday from the Festa Memorial Funeral Home, 111 Union Blvd. with a 9:30 Mass of the Resurrection in St. James R.C. Church. Interment will be in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery.

Surviving are his wife, the former Celesta Zaccaro; four sons, Joseph in Italy, Anthony of Totowa, Michael J. of West Milford and Patsy of Morristown; a daughter, Irene of Totowa; a brother, Patsy of Paterson, 13 grandchildren and a great-granddaughter.

**BEVILACQUA**—In Pequannock on February 5, 1977, Michael A., beloved husband of the former Celesta Zaccaro of Totowa. Funeral from the "Festa Memorial Funeral Home," 111 Union Blvd., Totowa, N.J., on Wednesday, at 9:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m. Mass at St. James R.C. Church, Totowa. Interment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Totowa. Friends may call Monday 7-9 and Tuesday 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. Feb. 7-2t

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## Trend to Violence

### Terrorists: Threat of A-Weapons

By ROBERT C. TOTH,  
Times Staff Writer

WASHINGTON—The tide of political terror continues to rise, as the shooting of Pope John Paul II and the planting of pipe bombs in New York attest. Anti-nuclear protesters also continue at a high rate, with increasing violence.

The two trends, authorities fear, are marching toward a crossing point that may usher in "megaterror" with nuclear bombs.

The evidence is overwhelming that nuclear plants, once only the target of pacifists and ecologists, now are being targeted by political extremists.

Through the 1970s nuclear facilities experienced crimes of rising severity: arson and sabotage, theft and smuggling of fissionable material, even armed assault on a nuclear plant under construction (in Argentina).

#### Nuclear Engineer Murdered

This year the first case of deliberate political murder occurred. The chief engineer at a nuclear plant under construction near Bilbao, Spain, was kidnapped and killed by Basque separatists.

The question is whether terrorists will use nuclear material as a threat.

"Many people believe that when the next nuclear bomb is used, and they believe it inevitably will be used, it will be by terrorists and not a national government," said Brian M. Jenkins, the Rand Corp.'s widely respected authority on terrorism.

Jenkins does not believe that governments are necessarily more rational in this respect, however. He argues that for politically motivated terrorists, a nuclear bomb is not too big to use for any commensurate gain.

"Terrorists want a lot of people watching, not a lot of people dead," he said. Nuclear mass murder by such a terrorist group—whether by bomb or by dispersing cancer-causing plutonium dust over a city—would likely backfire against their cause and themselves, Jenkins and associates at Rand have concluded in several studies.

#### Security Intensified

Intensified security at nuclear facilities also offers some reassurance against "this ultimate terrorist threat," as former President Jimmy Carter called it.

More than \$1 billion has been spent to improve the physical care and safeguarding of nuclear material since 1974, said George Weiss, the Department of Energy's chief of safeguards and security.

"It is prudent to be concerned about the growing convergence of political terrorism and nuclear weapons," Weiss said in an interview. "But while you can't discount it, you may not have convergence of those trends in the United States for the next 5, 10 or 20 years."

"Nuclear terrorism is more likely to be tried first in another country," I think, but how much more likely is impossible to guess," he said. Insane persons, not bound by rational goals and logical analysis, are greater dangers than political terrorists, both men agreed.

A menacing crazy man such as the late Rev. James Jones, mass murderer of his own followers, could conceivably set off a nuclear weapon in a city. So might some members of the Weathermen.

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## U.S. 'Toastmaster General' George Jessel Dead at 83

By TED THACKREY JR.,  
Times Staff Writer

George Jessel, the one-time vaudeville and silent film star who became unofficial "Toastmaster General" of the nation, died Sunday at UCLA Medical Center after a heart attack.

Jessel, 83, had been admitted to the hospital last week for tests after an apparent coronary seizure. He lapsed into a coma Sunday night.

Hospital officials said he was transferred to an intensive care unit, but died within an hour after losing consciousness.

His long-time friend and publicist, Stanley Cowan, said Jessel had taken "a slight fall" at his home in Reseda about five weeks ago, but had seemed to have no lingering ill effects. He had kept a speaking date in Florida two weeks ago.

"He had been in good health, and going to the hospital was just to make sure everything was all



Spanish special policemen climb over a rooftop in Barcelona on their way to rescuing bank hostages.

## Critics Question Court's Way of Selecting Cases

By JIM MANN,  
Times Staff Writer

WASHINGTON—It was a typical child-custody case, not unlike thousands of others that have plagued courts, lawyers, divorced persons and their children around the nation in recent years.

A state court in Florida had awarded custody of 7-year-old Shane Webb to his mother, Leah. Subsequently, a state court in Georgia issued its own custody decree, deciding Shane should be left in the care of his father, a Nashville, Ga., policeman.

Last October, the U.S. Supreme Court agreed to review the dispute to try to decide whether Georgia was required by the U.S. Constitution to honor the Florida court's earlier decree. Family lawyers hoped the court's decision might help settle some of the numerous conflicts between courts of different states in child-custody and child-stealing cases.

#### Questions Unresolved

Those hopes have now gone unrealized. Last Monday, the high court announced that it would leave these broad legal questions—and the Webb custody dispute itself—unresolved. The justices sent the case back to the lower courts, concluding that, because of defects in the lower-court proceedings, the constitutional issues were not ready to be decided.

The Webb decision, or non-decision, illustrates what has been happening in an unusual number of important cases at the Supreme Court in recent months.

Repeatedly the justices have announced that they would examine significant legal issues, but then, months later, have concluded that they should not rule on those issues.

The court's behavior has subtle but harmful consequences that can be felt throughout the legal system. Persons or groups involved in the cases wait anxiously for a Supreme Court decision—only to find them-

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## Home Satellite TV Grows but Dispute Clouds Its Future

By PENNY PAGANO,  
Times Staff Writer

WASHINGTON—Like many residents of the vast Alaskan terrain, Alan Armbruster could receive few clear television channels in his Fairbanks home.

That situation changed drastically recently when a long, slender package arrived from California containing a portable, umbrella-shaped antenna 12 feet in diameter.

Using the antenna and other electronic components, Armbruster, 31, a telecommunications specialist for the Trans-Alaska Pipeline System, assembled his own earth station to receive signals—and hundreds of television programs—from satellites circling the earth.

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## Census Shows 11.3% Over 65

U.S. Population Is Aging;  
Half Now 30 or Older

From Times Wire Services

WASHINGTON—More than one American in 10 is now age 65 or older, and the elderly are becoming one of the fastest growing segments of the population, the Census Bureau reported Sunday.

The new statistics from the 1980 head count confirmed earlier reports that the median age of the U.S. population is 30, meaning that half of all Americans are 30 or older.

In another part of the report, the bureau said 12 states now have black populations of at least 1 million, up from nine states in 1970. It put the nation's black population at 28.5 million, an increase from 22.6 million in the 1970 census.

The report said that persons age 65 or older constitute 11.3% of the population, compared with 9.8% a decade earlier. The median age in 1970 was 28.

Florida, the mecca for retirees, had the highest median age at 34.7 years, but other states with high median ages were mostly in the Northeast.

California median is 29.9 years, was recorded in Utah, California had a median age of 29.3.

Improving medical care for the elderly and the end of the "baby boom" have been the prime contributors to the aging of the American population, the bureau said.

The bureau said the median age is expected to rise sharply during the next three decades, a development that could bring profound changes in national policy—in particular, the

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## The Weather

National Weather Service forecast: Night and morning low clouds with mostly sunny afternoons today and Tuesday. High today in the upper 70s. Tuesday in the mid 70s. High Sunday 77, low 64. High May 24 last year, 68, low 50. Record high May 24, 95 in 1896; record low, 45 in 1888.

Complete weather details and among forecast in Part I, Page 25.

## '78 Israeli Vow to Aid Lebanese Christians Told

By NORMAN KEMPSTER,  
Times Staff Writer

JERUSALEM—Israel promised almost three years ago to defend Lebanese Christian forces against Syrian air power, a pledge that was renewed last month shortly before Israeli jets shot down two Syrian helicopters, Prime Minister Menachem Begin said Sunday.

Begin's disclosure, contained in a statement issued by his office, would indicate that the Israeli action April 28 attacking the Syrian aircraft was based on a long-standing policy and was not an impromptu response.

The day after Israeli warplanes shot down the helicopters, Syria moved Soviet-made SAM-6 anti-aircraft missiles into Lebanon, touching off a crisis that has brought the Middle East to the brink of war.

#### Saudi Message Awaited

Meanwhile, the role of Saudi Arabia took on growing importance in the U.S.-led diplomatic effort to head off a confrontation between Israel and Syria. Begin told reporters that President Reagan's special envoy, Philip C. Habib, was awaiting a message from Riyadh before making the next move in his effort to resolve the crisis.

Begin also denied reports published in Israeli newspapers that Jerusalem is growing impatient with Habib's diplomacy.

"I inherited unlimited patience from my mother," Begin told reporters after the regular weekly Cabinet meeting.

"We didn't set any time limit. When we reach the conclusion that the diplomatic efforts did not bring results... we shall say so in candid."

(Later Sunday, Begin charged that Soviet advisers accompany the 22,000 Syrian troops operating inside Lebanon, wire services reported from Tel Aviv. It was the first time he has publicly alleged direct Soviet involvement in Lebanon.)

#### Tel Aviv Campaign Speech

(Speaking at a campaign rally of Israeli building contractors in Tel Aviv, Begin said that Soviet advisers sent to Syria to work with tank crews "go together with Syrian units into Lebanon." United Press International reported.

(Western diplomats said they have heard reports of Soviet advisers in Lebanon but could not confirm them, UPI reported. The presence of Soviet advisers in Syria has been known for some time.)

In his statement earlier Sunday, Begin said Israel promised in August, 1978, to use its potent air force to respond to Syrian air attacks.

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## Police Storm Bank and Free Hostages

Last 70 Barcelona Captives Uninjured;  
Gunman Killed, 7 Caught, 3 Escape

By LOUIS B. FLEMING, Times Staff Writer

BARCELONA, Spain—Police, cheered by onlookers, stormed Spain's Central Bank here Sunday night to free the last of 200 hostages, killing one of the 11 terrorist gunmen who had held them captive for 37 hours.

Interior Minister Juan Jose Roson said none of the last group of hostages, numbering about 70, were hurt in the rescue. Seven of the gunmen surrendered, Roson said, but three others apparently slipped away among the escaping hostages.

Members of a special anti-terrorist squad slipped through the terrorized windows of the five-story building and made their way down to surprise the gunmen.

Police said the terrorists were not members of the Civil Guard, a fact that occasioned all members of the Spanish Parliament overnight until their surrender was negotiated.

#### Gunmen's Leader Named

The leader of the bank gunmen was named as Jose Juan Martinez Quiles, 26, from Almoraz. Police said he has anarchist affiliations and a record as a bank robber.

The dead gunman was identified as Jose Sanchez Martinez, 38, of Granada.

Roson said those involved in the bank attack—at first thought to number as many as two dozen—were gunmen "who probably were financed to realize this operation."

The gunmen had conceded defeat Sunday morning in a telephone interview with one of their leaders broadcast over Spanish radio, but were still demanding safe passage out of the country. Defeat was inevitable after the capture of the attempted Feb. 23 coup, whom they had sought to free, disassociated themselves from the conspiracy and rejected any plan to flee Spain.

Authorities appeared to be on the verge of a negotiated surrender late Sunday afternoon, but a breakdown in the talks was signaled by a burst of gunfire just before 8 p.m. Shooting continued sporadically for almost two more hours as police, in-

cluding units of a special operations group, moved into the old stone bank building.

Throughout the siege, police assumed that the terrorists were members of the Civil Guard. The gunmen had made their main demand the release of Lt. Col. Antonio Tegner Molina, now awaiting trial as one of the leaders of the Feb. 23 attempted coup.

Some people were skeptical when police quickly reported after the rescue that none of the gunmen were from the Civil Guard. If that proves correct, it will help ease the tension between the leaders of Spain's young democracy and some of its police and military officers who are still nostalgic about the reign of Gen. Francisco Franco.

#### Strain Is Evident

There was shock at the behavior of the terrorists. They had deliberately shot a hostage Saturday as a warning to police. They reportedly were brutal with two women hostages found hiding in a public lavatory. And there were unconfirmed reports that they had conducted at least one mock execution.

The strain of the affair on the hostages was evident Sunday. One of them collapsed in convulsions on the street after being released. Two others were released with serious medical problems, one apparently a victim of a heart attack.

There had been more gunfire Sunday morning as police sought to speed the release and to avoid storming the old bank building.

An olive-green armored car had driven to the bank door about 10:30 to guard for surrender.

"You failed in your attack," a Civil Guard officer called through the car's loudspeaker. "Either leave, having made a mistake, or leave as criminals."

The answer was a burst of gunfire and a defiant response over the terrorist's loudspeaker.

"We don't want to negotiate," they called out. "Go away. We must warn you the building has been mined."

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## 5 U.S. Bankers Aboard Jet Hijacked by Turk Leftists

By LOUIS B. FLEMING, Times Staff Writer

ISTANBUL, Turkey (AP)—Four U.S. bankers hijacked a Turkish Airlines DC-9 on Sunday and ordered it to land in Bulgaria, where they demanded \$500,000 and freedom for 47 prisoners in Turkish jails, the Bulgarian news agency BTA reported.

The agency said the hijackers threatened to kill five American banking executives believed to be among the 91 hostages still aboard the plane and also to blow up the craft if their demands are not met.

It said 23 passengers were freed after the plane landed near Burgas, a Bulgarian resort city on the Black Sea.

The agency said the hijackers had set a deadline of 2 a.m. Bulgarian time today for compliance with their demands but later agreed to postpone it indefinitely.

It quoted Turkish officials who flew to Burgas as warning that if any passengers or crew members

are killed, "with this act the hijackers will sign the death sentences of their adherents."

The jetliner was seized shortly after it left Istanbul's Yedigöller International Airport on Sunday morning and headed for Ankara. The gunmen ordered the pilot to land at the small military airfield at Burgas.

The news agency quoted the Turkish officials as saying after a second round of talks that it was "unthinkable" to negotiate the release of the Turkish prisoners.

An earlier brief round of talks between officials and one of the hijackers in an airport building was inconclusive, the news agency said. During those talks, a hijacker turned over the passport of William Edward Potes, described as the American pilot of the plane.

The Bulgarian agency said the captive American passengers were

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## GIs Remembered Around the World

## More Flowers Than Ever Honor U.S. Dead at Anzio

By LOUIS B. FLEMING, Times Staff Writer

NETTUNO, Italy—There will be more flowers than ever this Memorial Day as tape sounds across the desolate and silent Sicily-Rome American Cemetery here, a mile from the beach at Anzio where so many Americans died in World War II.

Aid in the north of Italy, at Lassa near the Swiss frontier, they are cutting marble again for new graves to replace those deteriorated by time and the elements.

Those who died in battle for the United States are not forgotten, even those buried far from home.

"There has been a 15% increase in orders for Memorial Day flowers this year," Dominic T. Valentine reported.

"Valentine is in charge here, supervising a crew of Italians in the meticulous care of the green grass that grows among the 7,863 marble

markers, nursing roses and dandelions into bloom, scrubbing the crosses and Stars of David into spotless condition and waiting for the families of the fallen to call.

"What we are getting now are the nephews and nieces, the sons and daughters, coming to find the graves of their uncles," Valentine said.

This is one of 14 overseas cemeteries for America's dead of World War II. Here, behind the high, ivy-covered walls, beneath umbrellas pines, magnolias and cypresses, lie the bones of the dead of World War II.

Not many of the mothers and fathers of these dead survive, and

few of the sons and daughters who grew among the 7,863 marble



George Jessel in 1972.

rights," Cowan said. "He told me he could see me on Tuesday. I said fine..."

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## ANZIO: More Flowers Than Ever in Cemetery

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those who do are, in most cases, too old for travel. Many of those buried here died young, leaving no children of their own. But the next generation has not forgotten them, as is made evident by the hundreds of young people among the visitors as today's Memorial Day celebration approached.

And each year, an increasing number remember the war dead with flowers.

The town of Taunton, Mass., has set up a 20-year fund to decorate the graves of its six World War II dead here and in Florence. One widow has arranged for flowers on her husband's grave on eight special anniversaries each year. A doctor in Florida sends flowers each year for the grave of a comrade in arms who saved his life.

Last year, 70,000 Americans were among the visitors who came here and to Florence, and tens of thousands more visited the other cemeteries in Western Europe, in the Philippines and at Carthage in Tunisia.

### Most Taken Home

Most of the war dead—59%—were taken to America for burial at the request of their families. But almost 100,000 are buried overseas, including more than 6,000 unidentified bodies, all in bronze caskets.

There has been no burial in the cemeteries of this region since one in 1976. That was a special case, a transfer from a private cemetery in North Africa that was being abandoned. The dead of the Korean and Vietnam wars are buried in the United States.

In the cemeteries overseas, the unknown soldiers are buried with the known.

"Here rests in honored glory a comrade in arms known but to God," the markers read.

On the other crosses and Stars of David are etched the name, military unit, date of death and home state.

Like Willie C. Long of Virginia, Robert L. Venator of Oklahoma, Gerst L. Buyer of Pennsylvania, Charles E. Hawkins of Kentucky, Billie E. Balentine of Texas, Ernest F. Parrish of Washington, Wilbert G. Sunman Jr. of California, Barnett Levy of Ohio—each marker catching the sunlight slanting across the gently curving lines.

The missing—"who sleep in unknown graves"—are not forgotten. Their names, too, are etched in marble. The name of Glenn Miller, the band leader whose plane went down in World War II, is among 5,125 names on the Great Wall of the Missing in the cemetery at Cambridge in England.

There are 3,094 names of the missing on the chapel wall here. Above them, in a dramatic sculpture on the ceiling, the heavens stand still. There are ranged the

## Time, air pollution and harsh climates took a toll on markers.

constellations and the planets as they stood at 0200 hours on Jan. 22, 1944, when the first American reached the beach at Anzio.

Valentine sorted through the catalogue of graves preparing for the floral decoration as requested by family, grateful community or wartime buddy. Each decorated grave will be photographed with flowers in place, a photograph sent to the donor.

"We've never missed a decoration," said Col. James Brown, the officer in charge of the cemeteries here, in Florence and in North Africa. His headquarters is in Rome.

"One of my other jobs is buying stone," he said.

All overseas markers for American war dead, even those as far away as Manila, are made of Italian marble.

In the realm of the missing, like the 2,500 missing in action in Vietnam who are honored in Honolulu, the names are also etched on Italian marble by craftsmen here.

The marble comes from Lasa in the north or from Carrara, northwest of Florence, where Michelangelo found the stone for some of his masterpieces.

Time, harsh climates and, worst of all, industrial pollution have taken a toll of World War I markers, so Brown is back in the business of contracting for more marble markers.

Each cemetery prides itself on maintaining the snow white of the crosses against the green lawns.

### 150 Crosses a Year

Replacement now is running at 150 crosses a year, most of them bound for cemeteries in the industrialized areas of Western Europe but some also for Manila, largest of the World War II cemeteries with 17,203 graves.

There is no shortage of marble in Italy.

"We have a mountain here," Giuseppe Sonzogno, general manager of the Lasa Marmo Co., explained.

Blocks weighing 15 to 20 tons are cut from the mountain, sliced with diamond saws, then reduced into the crosses and Stars of David. Each marker weighs close to 200 pounds.

All over the world, the American cemeteries have come to serve as popular parks for local residents seeking a quiet, beautiful place.

"My biggest problem is with fishermen" said Joseph Bevilacqua, director of the cemetery at Florence. A river flowing through the cemetery teems with fish, as tempting to fishermen as the green lawns are to soccer players. Both activities are politely discouraged by the staff.

Bevilacqua, 46, like Valentine, is an American, directing an Italian staff. He is a highly decorated veteran of both the Marines and the Army and saw action in Korea and Vietnam.

"It is very pleasant, very satisfying work," he said.

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"A lot of relatives come and they are a bit suspicious, thinking they will not find such a beautiful place. A lot of brothers and sisters, who may have seen Arlington (National Cemetery outside Washington D.C.), find ours completely different, and they leave satisfied. I've never had anyone say they should have moved the kin buried here."

Valentine, 61, the director here in Nettuno, has served the American Battle Monuments Commission in Florence as well, a total of 31 years.

He was planning the Memorial Day ceremony for 1981 as if it were his first, working out deployment of American and Italian military officers, the ranks of honor guards, the

moment at high noon when, to the sound of taps, the national flags are raised from half staff.

"Then the Italian colors leave the field," he said, showing a photograph of another year. "It is very moving."

And so it will also be in the other cemeteries: Rhone, Epinal, Lorraine, Luxembourg, Ardennes, Henri-Chapelle, Netherlands, Brittany, Normandy, Cambridge, Carthage, Manila and eight more where American dead lie overseas—and even in Mexico City, where 750 of the dead of the Mexican-American War are buried, and in cemeteries all over the United States.

The day of remembrance.



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# Bush's visit will honor dead in Sicily-to-Rome campaign

NETTUNO, Italy (AP) — President Bush and Clinton H. Jay were comrades at arms once, half a globe apart at a time when the world was at war.

In the spring of 1944, Bush was not quite 20, a Navy officer and an aviator in the Pacific. Jay was 31, an Army private from Youngstown, Ohio, and an infantryman in the 3rd Division's bloody drive on Rome.

On Sunday, Bush will visit the U.S. military cemetery at Nettuno, row after row of white marble headstones set in gentle arcs on a manicured lawn. Jay is one of 7,862 soldiers buried there, near the spot where he fell on May 28, 1944.

"They represent about 35 percent of those killed in Sicily and the advance on Rome," said Joseph Bevilacqua, a retired soldier and Vietnam veteran who became the cemetery's superintendent two months ago.

The bodies of most of those killed in the invasion at Anzio and Nettuno were returned to the United States at the request of next of kin. The names of 3,094 others still missing or buried at sea are carved in the white Carrara marble walls of a memorial at the end of a long grassy mall.

Bush will lay a wreath, but officials say his brief Memorial Day weekend remarks will focus on NATO, not the war.

Still, Bevilacqua says the visit is an honor, a way to acknowledge so many like Jay whose sacrifice is

remembered usually only by friends or family.

Some families paid a higher price. There are 21 pairs of brothers buried at Nettuno, most of them side by side. Two, Cpl. Preston Kaspervick and 2nd Lt. William Kaspervick of Quincy, Ill., died 10 days apart in January 1944.

Bush is coming to Italy on his way to the NATO summit in Brussels, which marks the alliance's 40th anniversary. During his European swing, he also will meet with Pope John Paul II and political leaders in Belgium, Britain, West Germany and Italy.

His most public appearance in Italy will be the stop at the 77-acre military cemetery near where Allied troops waded ashore at 2 a.m. on Jan. 22, 1944.

Allied commanders hoped the bold stroke would relieve the fierce stalemate at Cassino to the south and hasten the fall of Rome, 45 miles to the north.

The battle-hardened British 1st and American 3rd, the first divisions ashore, expected heavy resistance but were almost unopposed. The astonished Allies had caught the Germans by surprise.

"It was so easy ... American troops are standing with their mouths open and shaking their heads in utter amazement," Associated Press correspondent Don Whitehead wrote at the time.

But while the Allies secured the beachhead, crack German divisions fortified the heights beyond

the shore. The bold stroke was lost in a nightmare of rain, wind, mud, blood and high explosive. There were 3,000 American casualties in January.

A German counterattack pushed the Allies toward the sea. Then it became a static war, three months of withering artillery barrages. In the soldier's black humor it was simply called the "Sitzkrieg."

The breakout finally came in May. On June 4, after 123 days of fighting, the Allies entered Rome.

The cemetery lies along the 3rd Division's path up from the beach. Bevilacqua said it opened as a temporary cemetery two days after the landings.

"There were Germans and Britons as well as Americans buried here at first," he said. "It was in the middle of the fighting."

Today the only reminder of the fighting is rows of Latin crosses and Stars of David. Pink, long-stem chrysanthemums lie near some headstones.

"They are left by Italians," said Bevilacqua. "Sometimes they just like the name or maybe remember a name. Many of them were befriended by Americans who landed here."

Many buried in Nettuno died heroically. Two men — Sgt. Sylvester Antolak of St. Clairsville, Ohio, and 1st Lt. Robert T. Waugh of Ashton, R.I. — received the Congressional Medal of Honor, the nation's highest award for gallantry.

Others died anonymously.

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1985, omicidio di S. Casciano. Un italo-americano: "Lo vidi nei dintorni". Un agente: "Era vicino alla tenda"

# "Pacciani era nel bosco"

## Poco dopo due francesi furono trovati morti

di FRANCA SELVATICI



Il testimone e, sotto, il delitto dei francesi su cui ha deposto

FIRENZE - «Sì, quell'uomo mi colpì. Aveva una specie di divisa da operaio dell'Anas o da forestale. Io li conoscevo tutti ma quello non lo conoscevo. Per questo mi fermai, per capire chi fosse. Stava a 10, 15 metri da me, a 4 o 500 metri dallo spiazzo dove erano accampati i due turisti francesi, e credo che il delitto sia avvenuto uno o due giorni dopo quell'incontro. L'uomo era robusto e aveva un profilo aquilino, la pelle abbronzata, i capelli pettinati indietro».

Joseph Bevilacqua è tranquillo e sicuro di sé. E non fa una piega quando il pubblico ministero Paolo Canessa gli chiede: «E oggi in aula vede qualcuno che le ricorda quella persona?». «Il signore là, accanto all'avvocato». Bevilacqua non ha esitazioni a indicare Pietro Pacciani. «Ndo' m'ha visto?» chiede l'imputato ai suoi difensori. «Ma l'è matto», si agita stringendo fra i denti l'inseparabile stecchino e inanellando un paio di bestemmie. Lui ha sempre detto che nel bosco degli Scopeti non c'è mai andato. Ed ora ecco un testimone che lo indica come l'uomo che poche ore prima dell'omicidio dei giovani francesi (che avvenne l'8 settembre '85 e fu l'ultimo dei delitti del mostro) si aggirava non lontano dalla loro tenda. E, come se non bastasse, subito dopo depone un giovane poliziotto, un ex agente della Digos, Edoardo Iacovacci, che ricorda un uomo molto somigliante a Pacciani che la mattina del 7 settembre '85 si aggirava intorno alla tenda dei francesi. Per l'imputato, un'udienza da dimentic-

care.

Joseph Bevilacqua è un massiccio quasi sessantenne del New Jersey. Da più di vent'anni in Italia, è stato a lungo direttore del cimitero americano dei Falciani. Ora dirige quello di Anzio ed è venuto solo ora a deporre perché nei giorni scorsi era impegnato nella visita del presidente Clinton. Un tipo tosto. Quando l'avvocato Rosario Bevilacqua gli chiede se si è sempre occupato di bare e di morti risponde nel suo anglo-toscano: «No, prima in polizia criminale». «Quindi aveva anche pistole?» «No, solo i mani». Cioè le mani, che in effetti sono enormi e probabilmente bastavano e avanzavano.

Nel 1985 Bevilacqua viveva a 300-400 metri in linea d'aria dal luogo in cui vennero uccisi i francesi. Nei giorni precedenti il delitto li aveva notati. La ragazza prendeva il sole. Aveva un bikini nero, era molto carina. «Anch'io sono umano come voi», spiega Joe. «Volevo fermarmi, spiegare che era una zona pericolosa, tanto è vero che lungo la strada c'erano cartelli che dicevano 'Zona mostro'. Inve-

ce non l'ho fatto e ho sbagliato». Poi racconta l'incontro con lo strano personaggio in divisa da forestale e ricorda che ne parlò con i carabinieri subito dopo il delitto. Ma fu chiamato a testimoniare solo sei anni dopo. «L'uomo era alto più o meno come me, e io sono 5 piedi e 7 pollici», ricorda.

«Ecco, caro Pacciani, - interviene il presidente Enrico Cuccia - perché non viene qui? Non è mica obbligato, eh». L'imputato si alza e i carabinieri lo scortano sull'emiciclo. «Giuda», sibila al teste. «Ma io sono un uomo onesto», ribatte Bevilacqua. «Il teste è più alto di almeno un palmo», osserva il presidente. Bevilacqua non si scompone: «Ma come facevo a dieci metri a capire quanto era alto? Ho detto più o meno come me. Non avevo mica il metro». E quando gli chiedono di osservare di nuovo l'imputato non ha dubbi: «Forse aveva un po' di capelli in più, ma il naso è quello. Sì, mi sembra proprio lui».

Anche l'agente Iacovacci è preciso. La mattina del 7 settembre '85, mentre andava a San Cascia-

no, si fermò vicino alla tenda dei turisti francesi a leggere il giornale. Vide un uomo che si aggirava nella boscaglia («la mia sensazione è che fosse un guardone»). Subito dopo la scoperta del delitto, diligentemente, fece una relazione al suo superiore, il capo della Digos, e al capo della squadra mobile. In questura doveva esserci un certo caos perché la relazione andò perduta. Iacovacci ebbe occasione di parlarne qualche mese fa con l'ispettore Lamperi della Squadra antimostro, che mise a soquadro gli schedari ma non riuscì a trovare la relazione. Alla fine una copia ingiallita è saltata fuori in casa Iacovacci. L'uomo che si aggirava nella boscaglia aveva un motorino celeste con il serbatoio a goccia (stesso tipo di quello di Pacciani), aveva circa 50 anni (Pacciani ne aveva 59), era alto un metro e 70, aveva capelli brizzolati pettinati all'indietro, lo stomaco prominente, le gambe storte. L'ispettore della Sam gli mostrò una foto di Pacciani scattata nell'83. «L'uomo che vidi quella mattina gli somigliava molto».

La grande risonanza del processo produce effetti interessanti. Si fanno avanti persone che sostengono di sapere qualcosa. Ci sono testi seri, che polizia e carabinieri stanno vagliando. E ci sono anche persone che giurano di conoscere il vero mostro. Ieri una giovane donna dall'aria distrutta si è presentata in aula per denunciare un mago: «Il mostro è lui e ha già tentato di uccidermi».



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## ISRAELE: AMICIZIA CON L'ITALIA

# «Guerra» alla Rai Storace annuncia ispezioni alle sedi

Cominciano domani i blitz anti-lottizzazione

La sinistra insorge: «Metodi da Inquisizione»

Peres rassicura il governo: «Nessuna rottura»

Fini: «Anche Delors dovrà ricredersi su An»

ROMA — Continua la bufera sulla Rai. Il vicepresidente della commissione di vigilanza Storace, con una iniziativa da molti giudicata sconcertante, ha annunciato il pugno di ferro nei confronti del servizio pubblico televisivo. «Io decido» ha detto il braccio destro di Fini — di effettuare ispezioni in tutte le sedi regionali Rai d'Italia. Inizierà domani con quelle della Campania perché è la regione che più si è distinta in tema di lottizzazione selvaggia. Dursi, la relazione delle forze di opposizione che accusano Storace di trasformare la commissione di vigilanza in un tribunale dell'inquisizione. Un caso doppiamente sulle spalle della tra-

missione di Rai3 «Milano Italia», lo stesso Storace ha chiesto l'intervento della Corte dei Conti. Si stempera, invece, la polemica tra Israele e Italia dopo le nuove accuse lanciate domenica dal viceministro degli Esteri Bellini al presidente della Camera Pivotti e ai ministri di Alleanza nazionale. Ieri, il ministro degli Esteri israeliano Shimon Peres si è detto lieto di ciò che le relazioni tra i due Paesi si mantengono «cordose e amichevoli» e ha comunque assicurato che nessuna decisione sul loro futuro verrà presa prima dell'incontro con Martini previsto per lunedì in Lussemburgo. «So che in stampa italiani oggi è pieno di articoli e di voci so-

condo cui Israele avrebbe perfino dichiarato guerra all'Italia — ha detto Peres — ma posso assicurare che non è questo il caso e che notizie in questo senso non appartengono alla realtà. Tra Italia e Israele ci sono stati calori e amicizie e noi israeliani ci sono stati calori e amicizie. Il leader di Alleanza nazionale ha poi annunciato che il suo partito non farà alleanza con la destra estrinseca di Le Pen al Parlamento europeo.

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**Clinton:**  
«Il D-day  
non è finito»

I capi di Stato di 17 nazioni hanno celebrato il cinquantenario del D-day. Per Clinton, contestato dai veterani del Vietnam, «il giorno più lungo non è ancora terminato» (Foto Ap).

## ORRORI

# Finisce in Italia l'odissea dei bimbi ruandesi

KIGALI — Controllando i documenti dei governatori in Ruanda, con il moltiplicarsi delle stragi, da quell'inferno Maria Pia Fanfani e il suo segretario agli Esteri Rocchetta sono riusciti a porre alla sbarra 75 bambini e 10 genitori di una squadra di calcio ai quali ora sta leggendo la guardia sinistrata a colpi di macchina. L'arrivo dei due «Hercules» a Chiavari era atteso in nottata. Anche la maggior parte dei bambini hanno subito mutilazioni. La loro storia, omessa attraverso i racconti dei testimoni, ha rivelato un altro nuovo capitolo della guerra in Ruanda. Alcuni piccoli sono stati uccisi mentre venivano per in strada oppure mentre cercavano di piangere accanto ai cadaveri dei genitori. L'odissea ha dato di aver parlato con il generale Dutilleul, capo della missione Onu, il quale ha mostrato tutta la sua soddisfazione per un eventuale arrivo di centinaia di rifugiati.

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## I tatticismi di Gerusalemme

Dunque, per la Farnesina, i furori «antirazzisti» del sottosegretario israeliano Delors o del presidente della Commissione europea Delors non sono da prendersi troppo sul serio. Il ministro degli Esteri li considera alla stregua di slogan di uomini personali «cio non riflettono posizioni di governo». Fa bene a dirlo, perché a succedere gli slogan ci sono sempre buone diplomazie. Ma l'arabismo meglio è credibile al contrario per cento. Difficile non cogliere, nell'uscita di Delors, il timore inconscio del potere in carriera. Quell'espressione «antirazzista» (che la rabbia nel cuore) da lui usata nel dibattito con i deputati del Pci sul Ventesimo, ricorda troppo le formazioni del Partito di Liana, pezzo di guerra per il trionfo, per non essere destinato a far colpo sugli elettori francesi. E di rapito. La uccisione del ministro del Lavoro Delors alla presidenza della Cee coincide con quella del socialista Mitterrand alla presidenza della Repubblica francese. Naturali che Delors giochi le sue carte per egualizzare la sua situazione, ma non è tutto. Impossibile, invece, confondere le espressioni del sottosegretario agli Esteri del governo di Gerusalemme, dirette più contro la presidenza berlusconiana della Camera che contro la presidenza del ministro «delitti neofascisti», che non hanno avuto un comportamento antisemita. Bellini lavora ai fianchi il nostro governo di restaurazione, ma quello di prenderlo di petto. Più esattamente, la sua tattica risiede da quella, non — va di una rozza efficacia, oggi teatralizzata da William Colson, al tempo che era il braccio de-

Franco Cangioli

stro del presidente Nixon: «Per conquistare il cuore del partito politico, basti tenerlo per le palle. Il cuore segue sempre». Applicando il consiglio alla lettera, Delors neppure il giorno per il prossimo incontro tra il suo ministro Peres e il nostro Martini. Gerusalemme dove aver fatto festa per la sconfitta delle sinistre nella elezioni italiane, anche se non lo ammetterebbe mai. Col Pds al governo, i «delitti» ricorrono della politica estera italiana sarebbe stata confinata a un ruolo secondario. L'unico voto che Delors ha sempre gli applausi antirazzisti della sinistra comunista. La sua tattica, organizzata da quando, da presidente del Consiglio, organizzò la vespertina operazione Abu Azzab, il capo del comando palestinese responsabile del sanguinoso attentato dell'Achille Lauro.

## BIONI Niente colpi di spugna

ROMA — La «evoluzione politica» per Tangentopoli non sarà un colpo di spugna, ma un «punto esclamativo sulla responsabilità di chi ha sottratto denaro alla collettività». Lo ha detto il ministro della Giustizia Biondi sottolineando che il progetto riguarderà «tutti i reati contro la pubblica amministrazione» e non sarà oggetto di un decreto legge. «Ho seguito — ha aggiunto il ministro — la traccia indicata da alcuni giudici che hanno chiesto di allargare l'area del godimento».

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## TUPOLEV ESplode IN VOLO DIECI MINUTI DOPO IL DECOLLO

# Strage nei cieli della Cina

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## «Quell'uomo era Pacciani»



«Sì, è quel signore accanto all'avvocato...» Così un ex poliziotto Italo-americano ha riconosciuto Pietro Pacciani: sostiene di averlo visto nella piazzola dove fu uccisa la coppia francese (Press Photo).

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DRAMMATICO FACCIA A FACCIA AL PROCESSO PER I DELITTI DEL MOSTRO

## «Sì, era proprio Pacciani»

E l'imputato sibila al testimone: «Sei un giuda». Le falle nelle prime indagini



Pietro Pacciani nel bunker dell'assise

Servizio di  
**Mario Del Gamba**

FIRENZE — «Sì, è quel signore seduto accanto all'avvocato» scandisce il testimone indicando Pietro Pacciani. E' la sua risposta al pm Canessa che gli ha appena chiesto se vede in aula qualcuno somigliante al personaggio che qualche giorno prima del duplice delitto degli Scopeti stava forse spiando la coppia di francesi.

«Sei un giuda» gli sibila poco dopo l'imputato, fulminandolo con lo sguardo. Sono quasi faccia a faccia Pacciani ed il funzionario italo-americano Giuseppe Bevilacqua, perché il presidente ha chiesto al testimone di paragonare alla sua l'altezza della persona che ha indicato. Bevilacqua non replica a Pacciani, ma lo fa con uno dei difensori che gli contesta aver fatto verbalizzare che quel probabile guardone era alto quasi quanto lui mentre Pacciani è più basso di un palmo.

«Avvocato quel giorno non avevo il metro, eppoi distava da me quindici-venti metri» precisa ironico con il classico accento degli italo-americani.

Ex agente della polizia criminale, all'epoca del delitto degli Scopeti (9 settembre

1985) era il direttore del cimitero di guerra Usa dei Falciani. La sua abitazione distava circa 300 metri dalla piazzola dove il «mostro di Firenze» ha massacrato Nadine Mauriot e Michel Kraveichvili.

Pm: «Si ricorda che giorno fosse?»

Bevilacqua: «Due-tre giorni prima del delitto».

Pm: «Cosa vide esattamente?»

Bevilacqua: «L'uomo uscì da un viottolo ma quando si accorse della mia presenza fece un rapido dietro-front e sparì».

Pm: «Notò qualcosa in particolare?»

Bevilacqua: «Sì, indossava una camicia verde come quella della forestale o dell'Anas».

Pm: «Quella mattina vide anche la coppia francese?»

Bevilacqua: «Sì, notai che avevano cambiato posto, il giorno prima la tenda era alcune centinaia di metri più verso il Ponte dei Falciani. La ragazza prendeva il sole in bikini, il giovane era sul sacco a pelo. La mattina dopo erano sulla piazzola degli Scopeti. Ho sbagliato a non fermarmi, a non avvertirli del pericolo...».

Avv. Bevilacqua: «Che pericolo?»

Bevilacqua: «C'erano stati i

### *Ipotesi del pm:*

*tutto partì dal*

*delitto Bonini*

*rivale di Pietro*

delitti del «mostro» ed i cartelli mettevano sull'avviso che la zona poteva essere pericolosa».

Pm: «Ci descriva l'uomo che incontrò».

Bevilacqua: «Circa 50 anni, corporatura robusta, volto abbronzato, capelli bianchi».

Pm: «Vede qualcuno in aula che possa somigliargli?»

Bevilacqua: «Sì, quel signore seduto accanto all'avvocato».

I difensori contestano le contraddizioni che emergono con il verbale di interrogatorio («aveva un'incipiente calvizie ed era alto quanto me») e la modalità del riconoscimento quando la Sam mostrò al testimone due foto di Pacciani.

Ma a lasciare perplessi sono ancora le lacune che emergono nelle indagini. Bevilacqua dice che il giorno dopo il delitto andò dai carabinieri

di S.Casciano e, senza esser preso a verbale, riferì del misterioso personaggio incontrato un paio di giorni prima vicino alla piazzola della morte. Raccontò anche che la notte del delitto i suoi due cani da guardia avevano ringhiato a lungo e cercato di saltare il recinto («forse sentivano le vittime del «mostro» urlare...»). Ma è stato interrogato solo nell'89.

Sconcertanti anche i particolari riguardanti la testimonianza di un poliziotto, Edoardo Iacovacci, che a sua volta notò Pacciani «spiare» la piazzola degli Scopeti la mattina di sabato 7 settembre '85, il giorno prima che la coppia francese fosse massacrata dal maniacco. Su questo incontro il poliziotto, all'epoca in servizio alla Digos, presentò una dettagliata relazione di servizio che, però, è sparita. Solo dopo alcuni anni Iacovacci ne ha riparlato con l'ispettore Lamperi della Sam ed è stato preso a verbale.

«Andavo in auto a San Casciano per una questione privata ma essendo in anticipo sull'orario mi ero fermato a leggere il giornale accanto alla piazzola dove c'era la tenda dei turisti francesi. D'un tratto arrivò un uomo su un motorino celeste. Lasciato il ciclomotore appoggiato

ad un albero si addentrò nel boschetto. Ebbi l'impressione fosse un guardone e cercai di vedere cosa facesse, ma lui sparì dalla mia vista pur senza allontanarsi...lo sentivo muovere e camminare nella vegetazione...probabilmente si diresse verso la tenda. Poi dopo circa un quarto d'ora tornò, e riprese il motorino, ripartì verso S.Casciano. Lo vidi bene in faccia: era alto circa 1,70 i capelli brizzolati pettinati all'indietro, lo stomaco molto prominente, le gambe arcuate».

Quando è stato interrogato gli hanno mostrato due foto di Pacciani o lui: «Sì, somiglia molto all'uomo che vidi quella mattina».

Oggi dovrebbe testimoniare l'ex fidanzata di Pacciani, quella Miranda Bugli per cui nel '61 uccise il rivale in amore. Nei giorni scorsi correva voce fosse piuttosto riluttante a venire a deporre, contrariata per essere continuamente chiamata in ballo per quella vecchia relazione. L'accusa è convinta che i delitti del «mostro di Firenze» siano collegati a quel primo omicidio, anzi che l'assassino di Severino Bonini abbia fatto da modello, da prototipo al massacro delle coppie.

2000



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**FORDEMWALT, John William** — At rest at 85. Survived by his adored wife Sue; his daughters Luanne Male and Lois Langley; his son-in-law John Male; grandchildren Aimee Michelle and John David Male; and many nieces and nephews. Mr. Fordemwalt left his home in Iowa as a teenager to join the U.S. Navy. He had a distinguished career, rising from the rank of seaman to lieutenant commander. He survived the attack on Pearl Harbor in 1941 while serving on the battleship Pennsylvania. After retiring from the service, he returned to college, completed his degree and went on to teach business education at Galileo High School in San Francisco.

Funeral arrangements will be scheduled at Duggan's Serra Mortuary in Daly City.

2002



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## I Lions Nettuno si premiano

La società festeggia un titolo nazionale e due regionali conquistati nel 2002

🕒 29 Novembre 2002 👤 Mauro Cugola 📁 Giovanili

Al termine di una stagione che ha visto la società conquistare **un titolo nazionale e due titoli regionali**, è arrivato il momento delle premiazioni per la società di baseball **Lions Nettuno**, nel corso di una cerimonia svoltasi al ristorante 'Ghiotto Ristoro.

Lo spazio principale è sicuramente quello che spetta alla formazione della **categoria allievi**, che si è laureata **campione d'Italia** a Collecchio, battendo il Rimini per 14 a 0 in una partita praticamente senza storia. Così, insieme ai giocatori che hanno reso possibile questa impresa, sono stati dati dei riconoscimenti anche ai componenti dello staff tecnico, a cominciare dal manager della squadra, l'ex giocatore di serie A Paolo Catanzani, passando poi per Benedetto Pomarico, Assunta Nardacci, Marco e Alessandro Camusi, Massimo Sellaroli e Ovidio Taurelli. Premiato anche il presidente onorario della società, Joseph Bevilacqua, che è anche il soprintendente del Cimitero Americano di Nettuno.

Gli altri due trofei vinti dai Lions Nettuno nel corso del 2002 sono sempre del settore giovanile, si tratta delle due **Coppa Lazio** conquistate dalla formazione **Cadetti** e dalla formazione **Ragazzi**, che vanno ad ingrandire una bacheca già ricchissima di riconoscimenti. Da segnalare come la società del presidente **Alfonso Gualtieri** quest'anno abbia fatto scendere in campo la bellezza di sei squadre, cinque a livello giovanile (si tratta di due formazioni Ragazzi, due Allievi e una Cadetti), ed una squadra di serie C. Proprio quest'ultima ha inoltrato richiesta alla Federazione per il ripescaggio in serie B.

Tra le altre attività dei Lions, va segnalata la partecipazione al mondiale per Ragazzi che si è tenuto ad Osaka, in Giappone, selezionando una squadra composta da giocatori provenienti da tutta Italia, esperienza che si ripeterà anche la prossima stagione a San Francisco. E l'organizzazione del torneo di Slow Pitch amatoriale a Nettuno, tredici squadre iscritte che sino al prossimo febbraio si daranno battaglia sul campo della società, il 'Fausto Camusi. Per saperne di più sui Lions è possibile anche visitare il loro sito internet, all'indirizzo [www.lionsnettuno.com](http://www.lionsnettuno.com).

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## Celeste Bevilacqua

**TOTOWA** - Celeste (Zaccaro) Bevilacqua, 87, died Tuesday.

Born in Italy, she lived here most of her life.

Mrs. Bevilacqua was a homemaker.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Michael, and two sons, Anthony and Patsy.

Surviving are two sons, Joseph of Italy and Michael of Florida; a daughter, Irene Bevilacqua of Ohio; eight grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

Festa Memorial Funeral Home, 111 Union Blvd., is in charge of arrangements.

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2004



# Tre strikes and you're fuori

The language is Italian, but baseball is universal. A young American finds it's a strong connection between boys, dissolving differences.

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NETTUNO, ITALY

**T**hey're cheering my son; from the dugout they're chanting his name, a Hebrew name they've never encountered before. I've grown accustomed to this; he's a lefty pitcher with a mean natural curve.

In the Irish-Catholic enclave of the Bronx where we lived last year and he won the Little League Cy Young award, no one asked why his name wasn't Sean or Patrick. That's New York.

This year we're living in Florence, Italy, but surprisingly, here, too, we've found baseball - and a powerful common denominator. Indeed, many Italian boys have never met a Jew in their lives. But, united by the great American phenomenon of baseball, no one is inclined to focus on differences.

Among the outdoor tables and chairs at the cafe behind us, a priest has just finished an abridged Easter mass. Fans milling about sip espresso, snack on panini and gelato, and parents call out from the bleachers in Italian. Otherwise, you'd never know this was anywhere but in the US.

A coastal town south of Rome, Nettuno is most widely known as the site where the Allies landed to liberate Italy in 1943 - and where, shortly afterward, GIs introduced that most American of all sports to Italy.



"Baseball actually started in Italy at the American cemetery right after the landing," says Brooklyn-born Joseph Bevilacqua, who first arrived in Italy as a GI in 1955 and now serves as superintendent of the American military cemetery and memorial, a somber 77-acre site on the northern edge of Nettuno. It contains the remains of 7,371 American soldiers and commemorates another 490 unknown and 3,095 missing.

"We had GIs in foxholes in the general area of the cemetery, which had been a grape vineyard," relates Mr. Bevilacqua. "Some were hitting a baseball with a bat, and others [were] chasing the ball, with a few young Italian kids watching - and then they started chasing balls, too.

Like the Little League World Series venue in Williamsport, Pa., the Nettuno baseball complex sits on the site of a former garbage dump, the stadium lovingly built with elbow grease by a handful of American soldiers driven by pangs of long-distance baseball passion.

Three bases, a home plate, a pitcher's mound, a few wooden bats, and some home-grown American spirit, it appears, were all that were needed to win the hearts and minds of the locals in the months and years after the arrival of the US military.

Today, those early efforts are still paying off in a burgeoning Little League network and a fledgling professional federation.

"The first commander of the burial unit at the cemetery started the first Italian team, which consisted of most of the cemetery workers," says Bevilacqua. "He trained them and taught them how to play, remained after military service, and was the first manager/trainer of the Nettuno pro team."

Today, the Nettuno complex boasts three diamonds, a snack bar, and a stadium rivaling any American minor-league set-up. It's also home to the offices of manager Alfonso Gualtieri. Rumored to be an unofficial scout for the Florida Marlins, Mr. Gualtieri beams as he points out the photographs lining the walls of his office - there he is, posing with Barry Bonds; there, with Tom Lasorda when he managed the Los Angeles Dodgers; and there, that's a



shot of the scoreboard at San Francisco's 3-Comm Park welcoming the Nettuno Lions.

The American advantage

Military bases still spawn much of the baseball spirit, and often provide equipment as well, so towns such as Grosseto - once the site of an important American air strip - are known to enjoy consistently high levels of playing. Florence, however, has benefited from the constant influx of college students spending a year abroad - many of whom head to the Campo di Marte baseball stadium for practice.

A cultural mecca such as Florence also enjoys a steady flow of American families on sabbatical leave: There's an American or two playing on the Florentine Little League team every year, and during one recent season that team boasted three American players, making it the status symbol of the region.

Other towns, such as Rimini, Parma, and Palermo, boast winning semipro teams akin to the American Triple A division, and the halo effect extends to a Little League aura of confidence - and good strong playing.

By now, between 4,000 and 5,000 boys make up 200 Little League teams across Italy; girls' softball teams are beginning to form, too.

As in every red-blooded Little League community, games in Italy run throughout the summer; rules and base paths are in strict compliance with American Little League regulations. Ask for the count, however, and you may get the feeling you're not on home turf: Out may sound more like *fuori*; Safe will sound like *salvo*; coaches urging their outfielders to "throw it home," shout "*A casa! A casa!*" But strike? As everyone everywhere knows, a strike's a strike - and *tre* strikes always mean you're out. Er, make that *fuori*.

Here in Italy, there's no televised Major League Baseball coverage.

Professionals can hope to pull in \$36,000 a year, maximum. Yet there's a thriving cult baseball phenomenon.

Fame and fortune, status and power go to the soccer players. So what's driving the Italian passion for baseball? *Amore*. Sheer love of the game.

At first, perhaps, it was the novelty. "When the GIs came, it was a new sport for us - and we love new things, here in Italy," says Giannini Pinto, president

That's *amore*

"Baseball is a sport that's easy to fall in love with," he says, "and if you fall in love with it, it refuses to leave you alone, because it's too beautiful. Anyone who has watched really good baseball knows it's like a very graceful dance." Then too, there's admiration for what some might call the "American spirit" of the game. "There's a lot of respect in baseball," Pinto notes, "and a spirit of gamesmanship. It's an intellectual sport that requires mental focus; it's a team sport but in fact, it's a sport of individuals and a culture of community. Baseball teaches you to compete with self-control, without unbridled aggression. The culture of soccer, which is so popular in Italy, is much more aggressive and violent; fans of each team are kept on separate sides of the stadium because otherwise, it would be mayhem. But the rivalry in baseball isn't ugly or violent. When we watch American baseball we never see violence in the crowds - even when it's the Yankees against the Mets; even if the team loses. There's a spirit of respect and sportsmanship, and there are no real feelings of hate."

Expatriate Jeannie Finocchiaro concurs. The mother of a 13-year-old with a penchant for stealing bases, Ms. Finocchiaro - who arrived in Italy 30 years ago as a college student and never left - has veered away from soccer because "it's become so aggressive and violent."

"Baseball is a sport where you can build real friendships with your teammates," she adds. "It teaches strategic thinking. It also gives my son a way to relate better with his cousins in the States. And, of course," the American abroad finally admits with a laugh, "I'm fond of it myself; it's bringing me a little bit of home."

The learning curve is steep

Like Americans struggling to make a real Spaghetti Alla Carrettiera, however, Italian sluggers face handicaps. "In the States," says Valerio Ranieri, the baseball federation's Florence coordinator, "the kids already know how to hold the ball and swing the bat when they start playing in the Little League. They know the rules because it's so deeply embedded in American culture. American kids see it everywhere and learn by imitating the older players. By the time Americans get to the diamond, a lot of the [coach's] work is already done."

In contrast, he notes, "here, you need to start by teaching them where first base is. It takes months just to develop the basics. Baseball is a very difficult sport, and it takes time to develop skills - but Italian kids these days tend to want things immediately."



2008

# MemberProfile

by Molly Baldwin

In this issue of *PGMS Forum* we profile Joe Bevilacqua, CGM. A member of PGMS since 1989, Bevilacqua serves as superintendent of the World War II Sicily/Rome American Military Cemetery as well as the American Battle Monuments Commission. The cemetery is just part of the greater Commission formed in 1947 by the Secretary of the Army, with a number of sites in foreign countries designated permanent resting places for American heroes in World War II. The memorials at these military cemeteries offer a public record of the names of heroes buried there, as well as the names of those missing and the number of unknown. The 77-acre Sicily-Rome American Cemetery and Memorial is located at the northern edge of the town of Nettuno, Italy, immediately east of Anzio. The remains of 7,371 Americans were laid to rest there, and the memorial commemorates 490 unknown and 3,095 missing Americans.

**MB:** What is your position at the U.S. Embassy in Rome? How long have you held this title?

**JB:** I am a superintendent of the American Battle Monuments Commission, one of the smallest agencies in the U.S. government that works under Congress. Our commission is responsible for 24 cemeteries and many monuments with a total of over 124,000 gravesites all outside of the United States plus monuments with the names of 94,132 on a wall of the missing. I started with this commission as an assistant superintendent trainee in 1974 and was promoted to superintendent in 1979. I also serve as stone inspector for many different types of stone used in our monuments which is mostly Italian marble. Pistoia, Italy is also known as the green belt of Europe for nurseries, evergreen trees, roses etc., and I inspect these for procurement by our agency.

**MB:** What is your education background?

**JB:** I started in my uncle's nursery in New Jersey at 11 years old and I worked there until I was 16 years old pulling weeds, hoeing, watering and digging out plants. I later learned how to start lawns and tree pruning. I have 20 years of military service and have 18 course completion certificates and diplomas. I studied business management at LaSalle University, went to landscaping school in Pa. and attended the University of Georgia. I have taken courses in gold course management, lawns, grasses and Rainbird Italy irrigation. I have my Italian Agricultural dept. pesticide and chemical license and am a member of the board of herbatech in Italy. I also have become a specialist in fertilizers and golf courses.

**MB:** I read you were the 26th individual to achieve CGM status. What year did you receive it? What inspired you to become a CGM? What advice do you have for aspiring CGM's?

**JB:** I became a CGM in early 1982 to learn as much as possible, to improve my knowledge and to help for a possible promotion. I would tell anyone seeking Certified Grounds Manager status that you have to live, breath and eat your profession. Believe in what you are doing. Keep up with latest subjects in your field. Now it is very important to know local laws, pollution information, etc. I just think we have at least 10,000 different plant diseases and over 1,000,000 insects in the world and many new unknown out there.

**MB:** You have started courses at the Commission. What courses have you started? How has the reception been for them?

**JB:** The federal personnel manual lists our job title as National Parks & National Cemetery superintendent series 1630. We took most of the required duties from this outline, much from our commissions work standards, on the job experience and input from other superintendents and put together a program covering 12 different areas of training with a total of 1390 hours. For the first year on the job we evalu-



ated monthly from each area from 0 to 10 points, hours listed progressively. Trainee's were also required to read four different books about lawns, grounds maintenance, turfgrass management, destructive turfgrass insects and were tested on the contents.

Some trainees complained we were too severe, others did O.K. Now it is the basic grounds course or the manager courses which we also use for promotion points. Any new employee is required to take this course within their first year or they will not be considered for permanent status or one grade promotion. The grounds courses for managers are a great tool for success. They work but you have to encourage the employee to take it. It is also important to make yourself available when they need guidance.

**MB:** Outside of work, what are your interests?

**JB:** I am an avid mushroom man. Italy has many varieties. The Porcini is considered one of the best in the world, you can eat it raw, cooked, frozen or dried and I do just about all of these things. I also have grapefruit, lemons, tangerines and oranges in my back yard plus two apple, two pears and six apricot trees. We bottle 100 bottles or more a year of our own all natural marmalade and jam with no additives. I also do fig jelly, cherries and kumquats. This can give you an idea of our temperature/seasons. The area is also great for cantaloupes and watermelons. I also enjoy grafting fruit. I work in my vegetable garden to pass my evenings and weekends when I'm not working. I make up mushroom recipes, marinates, and barbeque local sea fish.



**ABOVE:** Joe Bevilacqua, CGM and President George H. Bush during his visit to the cemetery in Nettuno, Italy. **TOP LEFT:** Bevilacqua shown briefing other superintendents in Europe subject on irrigation.