

Italian's medal arrives too late

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AUGUSTA, Maine — Tomaso Mascioli died Nov. 6 at the age of 85 while the thing he lived for — a World War I medal from his native Italy — was caught up in red tape.
"He lived for that medal," Mascioli's daughter, Josephine Kolegue, said Monday. "What upsets me is he didn't even get a chance to hold it. It doesn't mean anything to me now, but it could have because it would have meant so much to him."
Mrs. Kolegue said, "His family

sent him to America to be a tailor's apprentice when he was 11 years old. In 1915, when he was 17, he went back to Italy to defend his country because he believed it was right to defend his homeland during war."
She said her father, whom she lived with in Skowhegan, Maine, felt the medal symbolized the homeland and family he left as a boy.
But now, Mrs. Kolegue said, "I feel empty. I have been in shock since my father died: How in the heck can I be bitter? It's

nobody's fault, it was just lost in red tape."
"Still, I'm upset," she said. "After trying to get the medal for 4½ years, you would think somebody could have done something, could have noticed."
The Italian consular agent in Portland, Dr. Domenico Santoro of Portland, said Monday the Italian government issued the Cross of Vittorio Vanteo to Mascioli on Jan. 31, 1977. He said Italy's consulate in Boston mailed him the medal Nov. 10, but he had not yet tried to contact Mascioli

or his family.
"I figured I would give her, Mrs. Kolegue, a call when I got a chance," Santoro said. "A physician's life is very busy."
Ironically, Santoro said there will be even more red tape to cut through now that Mascioli has died if his daughter wants to receive the medal. He said a 85-a-month pension has been in effect since the medal was issued, so signatures will have to be certified and heirs documented before the medal and the small sum of money can be turned over.

Censors to take aim on school materials

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Persons itching to filter what feeds school children's minds are coming out of the woodwork or closet or whatever place they've been hiding.
They're leading a censorship movement marching on the nation's schools — a crusade on the rise, according to Edward Jenkinson of Indiana University.
Jenkinson heads the Censorship Committee of the National Council

of Teachers of English. At the council's annual meeting in New York a while back he hoisted storm warnings.
Contemporary censors don't fit the stereotype: Small or large elderly females in tennis shoes. Or pot-bellied males with fringes of gray hair, pursed lips. These types, scissors at the ready, literally would cut out offending passages or words.
Modern censors of school mate-

rials come from both sides of the track, are blue collar and white collar, male and female, all according to Jenkinson.
A report in the prestigious letter, "Education, U.S.A.," the new censors are after more than four-letter words and ideas.
They are, in fact, going after school materials with vengeance not just books.

Jenkinson blames much censorship activity on social unrest, levels of government are inaccessible and frustrated parents want to do something about the schools. At least, that's Jenkinson's analysis.

His Censorship Committee come across 40 state or national organizations existing mainly to school materials. They're busy coast to coast and they focus on targets, including:

— Novels for adolescents. "Parents don't want their children reading books about drugs, sex or conflicts with parents. They want to go back to those who write more traditional times."
— Realistic dialogue. "Censors think that all characters in books should speak in standard grammatically correct English."
— Works by "questionable" writers. Authors labeled as unsavory by the censors include Langston Hughes, Ogden Rediss, and Malcolm X.

— Literature by homosexual. Censorship lists uncovered by Jenkinson include works by E. E. Schattschneider, Willa Cather, Virginia Wolfe, Gore Vidal and Hans Christian Andersen. Jenkinson said that Bryant's "Save Our Children" movement is linked with censor groups nationwide.

— Trash. This includes contemporary books for adolescents, such as, "Catcher in the Rye," "Soul on Ice," and "The Boy."
— Ideas, teaching methods, books pushing secular humanism. This charge, made in every direction against courses that value clarification, by name.

— Materials dealing with understanding. A petition that appeared in several states to prohibit schools from using materials on ethnic heritages, social cultural aspects of family life, self-understanding. Taken together, "this would virtually rule out teaching of English as we know it," Jenkinson said.

— Role-playing. Opposition appeared in Minnesota to pre-drama and the Indiana legislature asked to make it unlawful to role-play in the schools. The proposal did not pass.

— Materials that make negative statements about parents. In Minnesota, for one example, a school board was asked to remove materials that describe parents as "fashioned, or by any other name."
— Sex education. The censors don't want it in schools.

U of H analysis charged with funds misuse

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HOUSTON — University of Houston lawyers said Monday a financial analyst fired for alleged violation of university policy institutional funds for pyramid investments in federal mortgage bonds.

Mark Winslow and John Harwell lawyers for a UH inquiry into investments by Samuel A. Harwell said pyramiding Government National Mortgage Association bonds was legal and often done by pyramid investment firms.

But officials have said any investment in federal mortgage bonds against the policy of UH, and other universities, because bonds are not considered real estate.

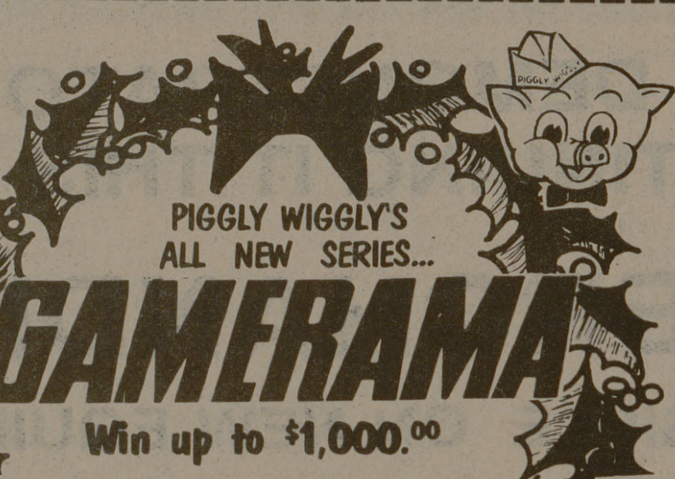
"We know there was a pyramid investment," Winslow said. "We don't know the extent or the rationale of it."
Lawyers for Harwell issued a statement saying his investment in indebtedness of the University of Houston government was done pursuant to the expressed written authority of appropriate UH officials.

Investment firm spokesmen said most brokerages have strict policies which would prevent institutional investments without authorization from appropriate officials.

Heid said the investigation turned up an unexplained transaction in which a UH certificate of deposit was used as collateral for a note to an individual with no known connection with the university.

UH spokesman Farris Block said the university has no knowledge of formation or records reflecting a UH board of regents' member committed suicide Sunday had participated in any of the investments.

Robert L. Grainger, 46, was found dead at his home of a self-inflicted wound to the head. The Harris County medical examiner ruled the death a suicide.



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