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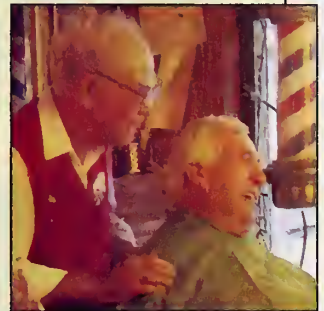
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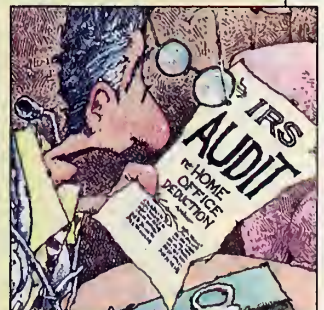
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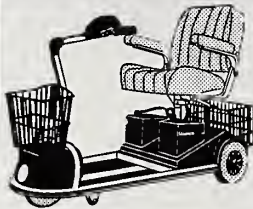


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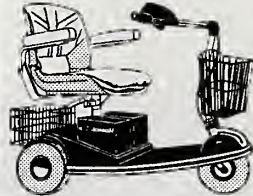




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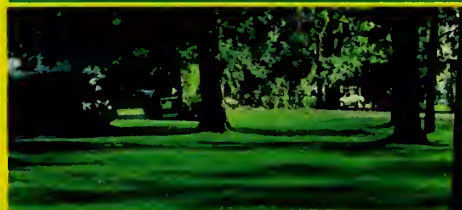
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## Returning Again

Thank you for publishing the excerpt from Gen. Douglas MacArthur's speech ("The American Soldier: 'He Belongs To History,' " November). It is always an inspiration to read the words he so eloquently delivered to the West Point cadets in May 1962. The words still ring true today and are most appropriate for Veterans Day 1993.

However, this address was not "extemporaneously" delivered. As William Manchester wrote in his book, *American Caesar*, "No one could improvise such rhetoric. The awed cadets thought he was coining the phrases, but what they actually witnessed was one of the last performances of a consummate actor who always wrote his lines beforehand, honed and polished them and then committed them to memory."

*Otis W. Livingston Jr.  
Florence, S.C.*

Thirty years before MacArthur's speech, he led Army troops on horseback and on foot, accompanied by tanks, to assault unarmed World War I veterans. These veterans assembled in Washington, D.C., at the height of the Great Depression to peacefully petition Congress for the bonus they

had been promised. MacArthur exceeded his authority by ordering troops to attack these hungry and pathetic men, women and children.

Perhaps The American Legion should commemorate this event as a reminder to all veterans as to how we might be treated by an ungrateful government if we do not remain eternally vigilant.

*Andrew J. Demes  
Montvale, N.J.*

This article was a slap in the face to all enlisted men.

*Warren J. Tanner  
Austin, Texas*

A truly moving article. One of the best ever printed by THE AMERICAN LEGION MAGAZINE.

*Leroy T. Hobson  
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cal and moral help from our local church. We didn't receive one penny from FEMA or the SBA, which promised much. Again, thank you so much.

*Wesley Chidester  
Ottumwa, Iowa*

## Lay Off Limbaugh

In the November Washington Watch column ("Limbaugh In Limbo"), Cliff Kincaid states that Rush Limbaugh supporters' interest is waning because of interviews the radio personality gave for *Playboy* and *Penthouse* magazines. Perhaps Limbaugh, representing traditional morality, will breathe some fresh air into some very stale areas. And maybe Kincaid should review the Bill of Rights.

Also, does an interview taint a person's views? If so, then Limbaugh and readers of THE AMERICAN LEGION MAGAZINE are tainted with Kincaid's liberal anger. Please stick to the real issues, Kincaid, like who is running Washington and who's spending our money.

*Jerry & Lise Reese  
Torrance, Calif.*

I think Kincaid underestimates the depth of support Limbaugh enjoys from a broad spectrum of Americans who actually listen to him.

*Jerry Greer  
Cincinnati*

Thank you for publishing the article about Limbaugh. I hope Rush does an interview for us girls in *Playgirl* magazine.

*Alice M. Emery  
Jackson, Minn.*

## Proud Service

I, too, served in Thailand during the Vietnam War, and I can appreciate the  
*Please turn to page 8*

## Correction

In a letter in the December issue of the magazine, the date of the U.S. surrender in the Philippines was incorrect ("Ghost Plane," *Vetvoice*). The correct date of the surrender was May 10, 1942.

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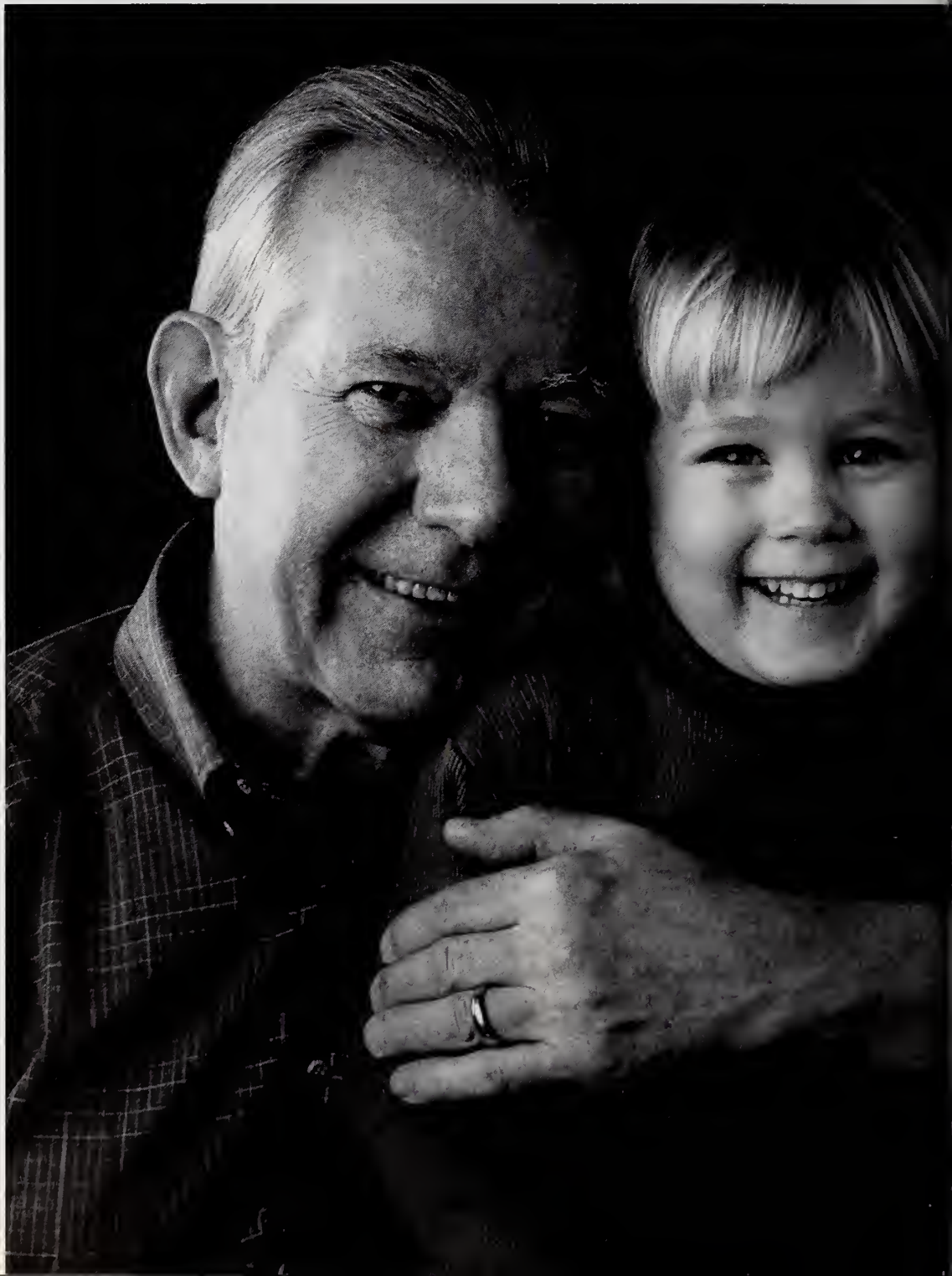
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### **How PROSCAR can shrink an enlarged prostate.**

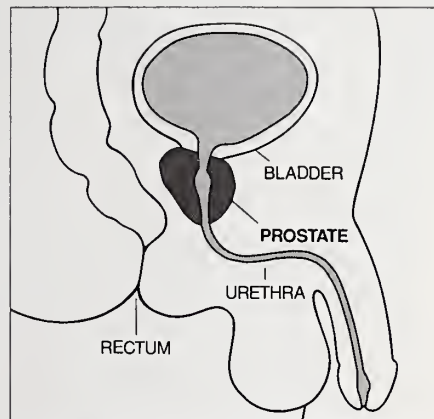
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**What is BPH?**

BPH is an enlargement of the prostate gland. After age 50, most men develop enlarged prostates. The prostate is located below the bladder. As the prostate enlarges, it may slowly restrict the flow of urine. This can lead to symptoms such as:

- a weak or interrupted urinary stream
- a feeling that you cannot empty your bladder completely
- a feeling of delay or hesitation when you start to urinate
- a need to urinate often, especially at night
- a feeling that you must urinate right away.

**Treatment options for BPH**

There are three main treatment options for BPH:

• **Program of monitoring or "Watchful Waiting".** If a man has an enlarged prostate gland and no symptoms or if his symptoms do not bother him, he and his doctor may decide on a program of monitoring which would include regular checkups, instead of medication or surgery.

• **Medication.** Your doctor may prescribe PROSCAR for BPH. See "What PROSCAR does" below.

• **Surgery.** Some patients may need surgery. Your doctor can describe several different surgical procedures for BPH. Which procedure is best depends on your symptoms and medical condition.

**What PROSCAR does**

PROSCAR lowers levels of a key hormone called DHT (dihydrotestosterone), which is a major cause of prostate growth. Lowering DHT leads to shrinkage of the enlarged prostate gland in most men. This can lead to gradual improvement in urine flow and symptoms over the next several months. However, since each case of BPH is different, you should know that:

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**What you need to know while taking PROSCAR**

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# VETVOICE

feelings of John Hamilton ("Proud of How I Served," November by Boni Hamilton).

Like John, I, too, have for years felt I served less honorably for having gone to Thailand rather than Vietnam. What a relief to know I am not alone with my feelings.

Larry W. Ehlers  
Red Bud, Ill.

I would like to say thank you, John. As far as I am concerned you are a hero just like all the men and women who have served and are serving our country.

Joseph Izzo  
Pittsfield, Mass.

## On Guard

I took delight in reading the article, "Drill Teams: Precision in Motion" (November). I was stationed in the Old Guard from 1987-89.

There is a mistake in the article, though. It referred to the U.S. Army drill team as being a member of the 3rd Infantry Division. The truth is, the drill team is a member of Company E,

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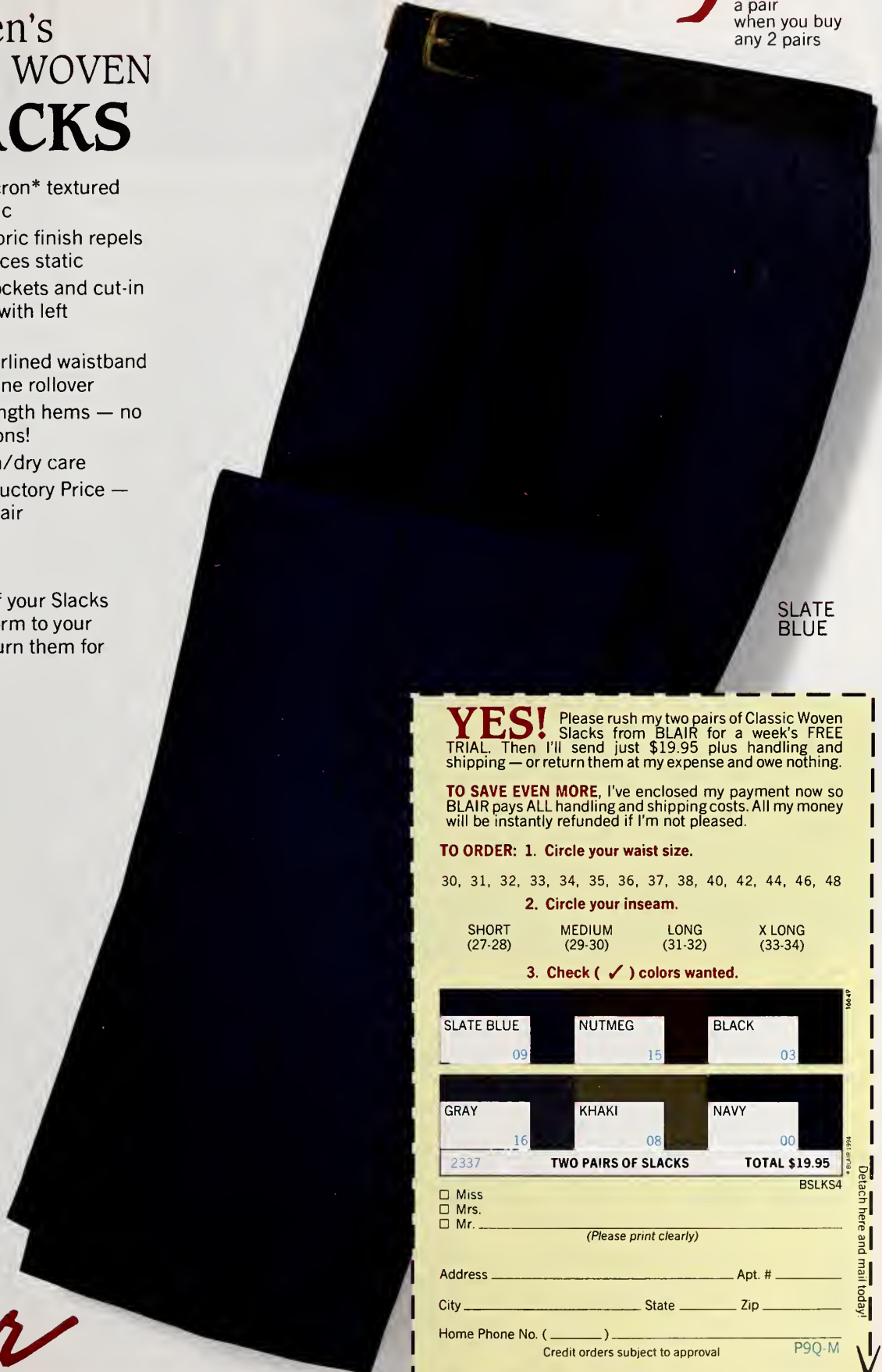
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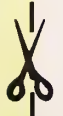
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**V**ETERANS, both men and women, often serve their country at great personal sacrifice. Physical injuries, mental scars and shattered families are all part of the cost of war.

Most veterans expect nothing in return — and nothing is what many of them get. This was the case for America's women veterans of the Vietnam War until our nation properly honored them with a memorial in Washington, D.C., in November. Several of us from The American Legion were there to help the nation say thank you to these women — a thank you long overdue.

In the words of our National Adjutant, Robert W. Spanogle, "American women served with courage, honor and compassion, not only in Vietnam, but in all the wars of our history. Those who served in Vietnam did so at a time of great debate over the U.S. involvement there.

"Not one was drafted. Rather, every woman who served during that era volunteered — as did the women who served in previous wars — and many saw the war from the perspective of field hospitals, evacuation units and surgical units. Some — whose names are on The Wall — gave their lives. Many others are still in the healing process. They and all who served with them deserve to be remembered."

The Legion raised more than \$1 million for The Wall in the days when I was a blue-cap Legionnaire. And I saw our American Legion display similar leadership in the drive to honor women Vietnam veterans.

The Legion is proud of its support for The Vietnam Women's Memorial, but this statue is the product of the hard work and dedication of The Vietnam Women's Memorial Project Board of Directors:

Diane Carlson Evans, chair and founder; Doris Troth Lippman, vice-



Nat'l. Cmdr. Bruce Thiesen

chair; Judith Helein, secretary; Daniel Daly, treasurer; Wilma Blakeman, co-chair, volunteer committee; A. Jane Carson, chair, sister search & volunteer committees; Shirley G. Crowe, chair, administration committee; and P. Evangeline Jamison, chair, fundraising committee.

There is a long list of other great women and men who helped make this memorial possible — a list that couldn't possibly fit on these pages. But I'm glad America has finally recognized the women who served during Vietnam, and I salute everyone who remembered.

There are, however, other Americans whose contributions are sometimes forgotten. For example, 51 years ago this month, during the Second World War, four U.S. Army chaplains — 1st Lieutenants Clark V. Poling (Reformed Church of North America), Alexander D. Goode (Jewish), John P. Washington (Catholic) and George L. Fox (Methodist) — gave their lives so that four young GIs could live.

The chaplains names are not

famous, and they do not occupy the thoughts of Americans when they celebrate holidays. But to those who know of their bravery, The Four Chaplains are worthy of great admiration and respect; and most of all, they are worthy of being remembered.

When a torpedo smashed into the Army troop ship *Dorchester* and the vessel began to sink, The Four Chaplains helped keep the soldiers calm and handed out life jackets. When there were no more jackets to be found, the chaplains gave their own to four GIs and told them to hit the water.

And what happened to the chaplains? As it says in *The American Legion Chaplain's Handbook*, "The last anyone saw of them, they were standing on the slanting deck, their arms linked, in prayer, to the one God they all served."

The American Legion has not forgotten The Four Chaplains, and I hope all Americans will take the time to remember them this month.

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Nor should we forget another group of veterans who have apparently been ignored, especially by those who sit on Capitol Hill. They are those who proudly wear the Medal of Honor, the nation's highest military award for valor. These heroes risked their lives for their comrades.

While most Americans, including those in Congress, have received regular raises in pay, Medal of Honor recipients received their monthly stipend for eight years without any COLA.

The American Legion applauds Congress for passing P.L.103-161 increasing the stipend from \$200 to \$400 per month. However, the Legion recommends \$600 a month for these warriors who so gallantly performed "above and beyond the call of duty."

America must show future generations that we value service to God and Country. □



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# SHOULD CONGRESS ADOPT TERM LIMITS FOR ITS MEMBERS?

Rep. Bill McCollum (R-Florida)

Never before has legislation to limit congressional terms been so popular, not only across the entire United States, but in Washington as well.

**YES**



My proposed term-limit amendment to the Constitution, which I have offered in seven consecutive Congresses, has gathered nearly three times more support this Congress than in the past. Ninety-one congressmen have co-sponsored my bill, H.J. Res. 38, which would limit House members to six two-year terms and senators to two six-year terms.

Since the committee chairmen who oppose term limits have refused for years to hold even one hearing on this issue, I have filed a petition to discharge H.J. Res. 38 directly to the House floor for a vote.

When the Founding Fathers first envisioned our nation's Congress, they saw its membership comprised of citizens who temporarily left their jobs to go to Washington for a couple of months a year and then returned home to their work and families. Today, Congress is a career-oriented body and many members are more interested in getting re-elected than anything else.

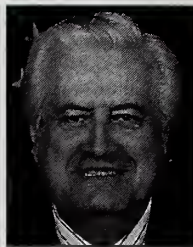
A term limitation would end the career orientation of Congress and free those serving from the pressures of interest groups. It would also encourage more people to run for Congress, knowing they would only have to serve a few years to gain power and influence to be effective in office.

Critics say that term limitation would give too much power to congressional staff, bureaucrats and lobbyists. This argument assumes that government is so complex it takes years to educate a congressman. This is just not true. There are numerous key chairmen and elected congressional leaders who have been in Congress a relatively short time. These junior members are actually less likely to rely on staff, etc., than more senior members who sometimes have lost their enthusiasm for the issues.

In a system based on seniority, those states that enact term limits on their own will be at a severe disadvantage compared to states that do not limit their members' terms. The only way to fairly establish term limits is through an amendment to the Constitution.

Only then will we return our nation's Congress to the form of government envisioned by our Founding Fathers.

Rep. Henry J. Hyde (R-Illinois)



**NO**

Even after the season of great political "change" of 1992, Americans are still disappointed with the performance of Congress. Public opinion polls show that Congress' favorable rating is at an all-time low.

So it is not surprising the idea of setting limits on the number of years a representative can serve in Congress is still gaining momentum in many states.

But term limits—which would probably require amending the Constitution—are a bad idea for a number of reasons.

First, it portrays a distrust in democracy. Those who support term limits are really saying that the American people cannot be trusted to select their own representatives.

The same opinion polls that say Americans disparage Congress as an institution also show that most Americans like their congressmen. The problem is that most Americans simply don't like other people's representatives. That's not a good enough reason to amend the Constitution.

Secondly, there is already a great turnover in Congress. Well over one-third of the members of the House have served for less than four years. Already this year, a number of members have announced their retirement, opening the way for new blood in Congress.

Limiting terms would drastically reduce the effectiveness of Congress and leave the real business of governing to the unelected permanent bureaucracy. If members are limited to six, eight or even 12 years, they will know a lot less about the vast array of complex issues than the lobbyists and bureaucrats. The issues that face Congress are enormously complex and take years to master. Already, we are far too reliant on expert staff and others to provide us with the information we use to weigh our votes and positions.

If terms are limited, these "unelected representatives"—who are not accountable to the people—will become even more essential and powerful.

Of course, we already have term limits in America. Each member of the House serves for two years before he must go back to the voters for a performance evaluation.

If the people do not like the job he is doing, they can vote him out of office. That choice is well worth keeping—not abridging, as term limits would do.

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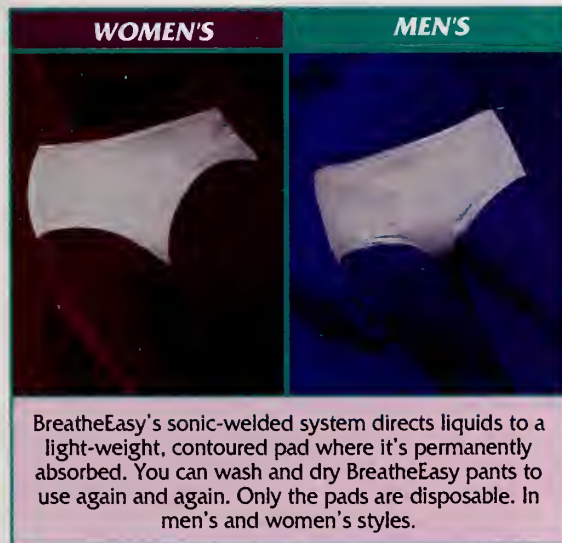
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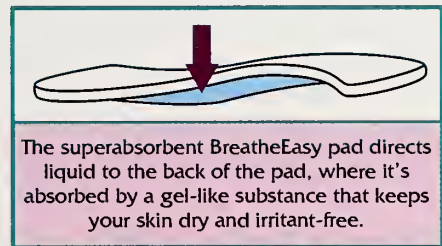


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## Canning Kessler

There's good news for the millions of Americans who buy over-the-counter vitamins, minerals and other dietary supplements: Their arch enemy, David Kessler, chairman of the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is reported to be on his way out. And his campaign to treat supplements as FDA-approved prescription drugs faces a similar fate in Congress.

Kessler, a public interest activist, was appointed by President Bush but kept on by President Clinton. He's being opposed by his old boss, Utah's Sen. Orrin Hatch, and New Mexico Rep. Bill Richardson, whose bipartisan Dietary Supplement Health and Education Act would prevent the FDA from regulating the \$4 billion supplement industry.

Kessler has already authorized raids on health food stores, contending that much of what was being sold was harmful or fraudulent.

Passage of the Hatch-Richardson bill is expected soon, despite opposition from key congressional leaders such as Sen. Ted Kennedy of Massachusetts, Rep. Henry Waxman of California and Rep. John Dingell of Michigan.

Officials of the Nutritional Health Alliance said that if Kessler's campaign is successful, it would turn the health food industry over to the nation's drug companies, who alone are capable of conducting the research and testing necessary to obtain FDA approval. Such a process, they say, would be lengthy and costly to consumers.

## Puzzle Palace PC

Pentagon officials, proud of their record of racial integration of the Armed Services, are bristling at a proposed policy that would have banned jokes about race, ethnic background and sexual orientation.

Dubbed a "jokes code," the draft policy was issued by Edwin Dorn, assistant secretary of defense for personnel and readiness. The proposal was soon withdrawn after being labeled another example of "political correctness."

Retired officers viewed the Dorn memo as largely designed to tone down the military's hostility to homosexuali-

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WASHINGTON

# WATCH

*By Cliff Kincaid*

ty. They note that Dorn was the official who tried to pre-empt congressional action on homosexuals in the service by issuing an interim policy protecting out-of-the-closet military gays.

While Dorn's actions are being met with a wary eye, he seems to have found an ally in chairman of the House Armed Services Committee, Rep. Ron Dellums of California. Dellums has formed the "Task Force on Equality of Treatment and Opportunity in the Armed Services" to examine charges of racism. But conservatives, sensing a witch-hunt, doubt that the panel will live up to its "bipartisan" label and predict that Republicans will likely bail out of it.

Dellums, an ex-Marine with a history of left-wing activism, created the task force in the wake of a controversial CBS *60 Minutes* broadcast alleging that racism prevents blacks from rising in the Marine Corps. Gen. C. E. Mundy, Jr., the Marine Corps Commandant, gave CBS a two-hour interview, only to find less than 90 seconds of it had been used. His comments about racial differences in test scores had been taken out of context.

Mundy, who earlier got burned after expressing a preference for recruiting single Marines, is now being urged to adopt a news media policy of "No comment."

## Down with Dorn

The feeling is growing that Edwin Dorn, sworn in as the assistant secretary of defense for personnel and readiness on July 2, 1993, is too controversial to survive in his post.

Concern about his penchant for "political correctness" (see previous item) now is giving way to scrutiny of his actions and statements before he assumed his Pentagon post. Though his impressive biography (including being an Army officer in the 1970s) lists affiliations with the Brookings Institution and work in the Carter administration, it makes no mention of his involvement in Jesse Jackson's Operation PUSH For Excellence Institute. A Pentagon spokesman confirmed that Dorn served as executive director of PUSH-Excel in 1981.

Dorn's opposition to the Persian Gulf War on racial grounds is also raising eyebrows. Dorn had predicted that 25 percent to 30 percent of the casualties would be black, but the actual figure turned out to be 15 percent.

## Cutting Immigration

Responding to popular pressure, Congress is expected to pass several measures to reform immigration during this session. Nevada Sen. Harry Reid's Immigration Stabilization Act, slashing the influx of legal immigration by more than 50 percent a year, stands the best chance of passing. It reduces legal immigration mainly by prohibiting the entry of entire immigrant families.

But Reid, denouncing "freeloaders and scam artists," also wants to target the illegal aliens who are "getting welfare, food stamps, medical care and other benefits without paying taxes." His bill doubles border patrols, cracks down on phony "political asylum" seekers, and eliminates U.S. citizenship for children born to illegal aliens. The latter provision, he says, would eliminate the incentive for pregnant aliens to illegally enter the country.

Capitol Hill observers also expect passage of a bill by North Carolina Sen. Lauch Faircloth requiring citizenship ceremonies in English. The bill is in response to a swearing-in ceremony for 76 immigrants in Arizona that was conducted in Spanish (for more information, see "The Campaign Against English, Page 32). □





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# VA'S STATUS QUO BUDGET

**O**MAGINE you have a car that gets 20 miles to the gallon and you only have 10 gallons of gas. Would you attempt to make a trip of 300 miles? This is what is being demanded of VA year after year," says National Commander Bruce Thiesen.

Thiesen was specifically referring to the VA budget for Fiscal Year (FY) 1994, which like those of the past 10 years does not provide enough funds to meet the needs of America's veterans.

The \$35.8 billion VA budget authorized by Congress reflects an increase of 2.3 percent—some \$802.8 million—over the FY 1993 budget. "With an increase less than the inflation rate of 2.6 percent, this means VA will provide service to veterans at a level no better and, hopefully, no worse than last year," Thiesen says. "VA must once more attempt to travel the same route it did last year without the additional fuel needed to complete its journey."

Chet Stellar, chairman of the Legion's Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation (VA&R) Commission, concurs with Thiesen. "VA is between a rock and a hard place. There is just so much VA Secretary Jesse Brown can do to stretch the budget before it winds up stalled on the side of the road," says Stellar.

Yet, considering the public's demand to cut the federal budget and reduce the deficit, VA's 1994 budget could have been much worse, according to Thiesen and Stellar. "The 1994 VA budget is a mixture of good news and bad news," Thiesen says.

## THE GOOD NEWS

Some programs, like VA research, received healthy increases in their budgets. The research budget went from \$232 million last year to \$252

*Despite an increase, there is not enough money to treat the number of eligible veterans needing care.*

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## THE VA BUDGET

(In thousands of dollars)

WHERE THE MONEY GOES	FY 1993	FY 1994
Compensation and pensions	\$16,969,239	\$16,828,446
Readjustment benefits	814,010	947,400
Insurance and Indemnities	22,730	15,370
Loan funds	681,243	620,792
Medical care	14,645,723	15,622,452
Medical research	232,000	252,000
Construction projects	688,620	570,215
Other	998,336	1,008,078
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$35,051,901</b>	<b>\$35,864,753</b>

million for FY 1994.

This was a major victory in which the Legion played a significant part. Originally, the Clinton administration had intended to cut VA research funding by 11.6 percent, down to \$206 million. The cut would have ended all new research projects for the year. Staffers from the Legion's VA&R and Legislative divisions testified before congressional committees last year in a successful lobbying campaign to increase funds for research.

However, the greatest increase in budget—almost \$1 billion—was allo-

cated to VA health care, which received some \$15.6 billion for the new year.

The nation's Medal of Honor winners may also receive a long overdue increase in their monthly stipend. In November, the House voted to increase the monthly check from \$200 to \$400. They had gone eight years without any raise, despite reports that some were living in poverty. At press time, the bill was on its way to the Senate.

If approved as written, the increase will be a partial victory for The American Legion which, through congressional testimony and Resolution 458, had urged the government to raise the stipend to \$600.

In another piece of good news, VA's general operations budget was increased from the House-proposed \$823.2 million to \$826.7 million to allow Secretary Brown additional funds to reduce the enormous backlog of 600,000 veterans' claims pending before VA. In an interview with THE AMERICAN LEGION MAGAZINE in April, Brown said if the situation did not change, the backlog would reach 900,000 by the end of 1994. Brown wants to add more claims processors to VA's staff and to revamp the claims processing system.

To allow for major increases in claims for compensation and pensions (C&P), Congress increased the C&P budget from \$16 billion last year to \$16.8 billion for FY 1994.

The budget also provides \$4 million to expand health care for women veterans. Included in the care are Pap smears, breast exams, contraceptive counseling, and treatment for sexually transmitted diseases, cardiac diseases, osteoporosis and conditions arising from rape and sexual assault.

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**EARLY BIRDS—**  
Legionnaires were among those at Omaha Beach last year for the 49th anniversary.

Thieves and pickpockets will certainly be present among the huge crowds. Passports should be carried at all times, and some means of protecting them should be used. For example, Kay's wife lined the top of his coat pockets with Velcro to

secure his passport and billfold better.

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Applications for the free badges are available by writing: World War II Commemorative Committee, ATTN: Veteran Identification Program, 5001 Eisenhower Ave., Alexandria, VA 22333.

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**June 5—**The Airborne Ceremony, St Mère Eglise.

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*If you plan to be among the half million Americans visiting Normandy this year, here are some helpful travel tips.*

**A**BOUT 500,000 American WWII veterans are expected to be among an estimated 10 million people who will converge on France this year for the 50th anniversary of the invasion of Normandy.

"If you plan to be one of them, I recommend you avoid June 6," says Charles Kay, a tour consultant for VetsTravel, which specializes in arranging veterans' travel and lodging for military reunions and visits to WWII war sites in Europe. "Since

many events and ceremonies are scheduled by Allied nations on the D-day anniversary," Kay says, "the average visiting GI veteran is likely to receive less individual recognition during that time than during other times of the year."

Kay, a retired Air Force colonel, is escorting veterans groups to Normandy for VetsTravel, May through September this year. On the basis of previous trips to Europe with tour groups, Kay has prepared some helpful tips for veterans planning to make the pilgrimage:

**Money.** Make sure you have credit cards and bank cards with you. Automatic teller machines are a good source of emergency cash, and you can receive it in foreign currency, saving on money exchange fees. Check with your credit company or bank for further information.

**Personal contacts.** Don't forget to leave the names and telephone numbers of your hotels and dates of stay with someone so you can be reached in case of an emergency back home.

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**MIXED MISSIONS—**  
By changing direction in Somalia, the U.N. became ineffective and endangered American troops.

# U.N. PEACEKEEPING

## A Question of Command

By W. Bruce Weinrod

**F**OR SOME years now, Americans have been debating the pros and cons of U.S. Armed Forces serving under the United Nations (U.N.) Command. While many say the United States should move away from its unilateral security efforts and place its military forces under the U.N. flag, The American Legion and others argue that it is wrong.

By its actions in Somalia, Haiti and elsewhere, the Clinton administration

has showed it supports greater U.S. involvement in U.N. actions. A leaked draft of a 1993 presidential policy directive made it even more official by stating that the United States should be prepared to place its combat forces under U.N. command.

The results of such a misguided policy have now become very clear. U.S. forces in Somalia were placed in an untenable position resulting in confusion and substantial U.S. military casualties. Furthermore, the U.S. military is made to look ineffective because it is sent halfway around the world to deal with urban guerrilla warfare.

The debate should be ended. It is

time to close the book on this ill-considered and ineptly implemented policy and to make clear that U.S. combat forces should never be under U.N. command.

Subordination to U.N. policy or military command causes significant problems for the U.S. military. These problems should have been anticipated before the administration worked with the U.N. to greatly expand U.N. objectives in Somalia beyond that of humanitarian relief.

Now we have daily evidence that the U.N. simply is not able to coordinate significant military actions. True, small national units, including U.S. components, have been placed under U.N. commanders in Middle East observer missions, but this is a far cry from a U.N. command of U.S. forces in a serious combat situation.

Key U.N. officials, with the agreement of Clinton appointees, made one

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**THE PRICE—**  
Somali demonstrators brandish fatigue pants taken from the body of a U.S. soldier.

of their objectives the placing of national military forces under U.N. commanders in all U.N. military actions. This is a terrible idea. The U.N., as the March 1993 report by U.N. Undersecretary General Dick Thornburgh clearly shows, is very inefficient and wasteful. Such inefficiency can be disastrous in military actions.

**T**HERE ALSO could be serious problems in the areas of command and control, and rules of engagement. At its most absurd extreme, U.N. control could mean that U.N. officials, possibly civilians at its New York headquarters, would decide how and when to deploy or use force.

Another problem area includes having U.N. military decisions made by commanders from nations whose military forces are relatively ineffective. It is totally unsatisfactory to allow military officials from developing nations—with militaries that are far below U.S. training standards and combat capabilities—to make life and death decisions concerning GIs.

Coordinating or working with other, often less capable military forces is also a major problem. As we have unfortunately already seen in Somalia where 27 nations have forces deployed, the typical *ad hoc* U.N. coalition of military forces is a recipe for disaster. The lack of combat readiness of Malaysian and other forces was a major reason for the delay in reaching U.S. Rangers under attack

and pinned down by hostile fire in Mogadishu on Oct. 4, 1993.

Corporal Jamie Smith, one of the soldiers killed in that Mogadishu fire-fight, had expressed in a letter to his father his concern that some U.N. troops did not support U.S. soldiers. Smith's father told *The New York Times* that his son had great disdain for these other troops.

The Somali experience has also



**POLICE WORK—**  
U.S. troops are trained for combat, not for peacekeeping complicated by urban guerrilla warfare.

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shown other difficulties facing multinational U.N. forces. For example, tensions and disputes have arisen between Americans and Italians. U.S. officials were concerned that the Italians were dealing directly with the Somalis. The Nigerians also were angry at the Italians whom they believe did not come to their aid when they were under attack.

Intelligence information has not necessarily been shared, and decisions to take military action have also been kept secret. U.S. officials lack confidence that secret information will be kept secret by other U.N. elements.

Compounding these problems are actions by other military forces that can have repercussions for U.S. forces. In Somalia, for example, the attack of ill-disciplined Pakistani forces on non-combatants raised the level of hostility against all outside forces.

Further, the objectives of the U.N. and the various national forces may not be the same. From the start, the U.N. wanted the objectives to include political stability and "nation-building." The result in Somalia has been to create confusion and difficulty for U.S. military forces.

Under the Bush administration, the U.S. objective was limited strictly to humanitarian relief. For a time, the current administration supported those broader U.N. objectives. Then, in early October 1993, administration offi-

cialists shifted to much more limited objectives. Under such uncertain circumstances, it has become difficult for the U.S. military to develop and implement a coherent military plan.

In addition, U.S. military personnel are trained for combat, not for peacekeeping or peace enforcement against urban guerilla warfare, as in Somalia.

Deploying U.S. ground forces on short notice to perform an unfamiliar mission can place U.S. personnel in a difficult situation. Without much preparation, the soldier may have to make split-second judgments on how to respond to an apparent civilian who is approaching him. If he fails to respond when there is a genuine threat, he risks his safety. On the other hand, if he responds in error, he risks military punishment. As Cpl. Smith wrote to his father, "You can't tell the bad guys from the good guys."

**T**HE DIFFICULTY of dealing with these conditions for the average GI is probably why the July 1993 court-martial conviction of a military policeman, Spc. James Mowris, was overturned by his commanding officer at Fort Carson, Colo. Mowris had fired a warning shot at a Somali that caused his death. The commanding officer, Gen. Guy A.J. LaBoa, set aside the conviction in October 1993 after a review of the overall situation.

Significant civilian casualties can also result if hostilities erupt in peacekeeping missions. The U.S. media and public are very sensitive to such casualties. U.S. forces could be caught in the mid-

**TARGETED**—One way to get attention for a cause is to attack Americans. Poor U.N. policies make this easy, says the author.



dle between the needs to protect themselves and carry out their mission, and criticism for inflicting casualties on noncombatants. Making the job even tougher for U.S. soldiers in Somalia was the deliberate use of civilians in some of their adversaries' battle strategies.

U.S. military personnel can also become a special target in such peacekeeping situations. Those seeking public awareness or attention to their cause often conclude that attacking Americans is one way to do it. Unfortunately, fragmented U.N. command policies can make it more likely for such attacks to succeed.

There is a final problem for the U.S. military. Resources available to U.S. military commanders are becoming increasingly limited. Putting U.S. forces into many more U.N. operations could result in shifting important resources away from specific U.S. national security requirements.

The above problems are real and serious. They do not mean that the United States should never join in a U.N. peacekeeping effort. Some efforts, such as the recent U.N. involvement in ending civil war in El Salvador, can be constructive.

But they do mean that U.S. combat involvement in U.N. operations should be the exception not the rule, and any such decision must be very carefully considered in view of the potential difficulties. There should also be strict requirements and limitations for any U.S. military involvement. In my view, policymakers should be subject to the following guidelines:

- There must be a clearly defined political mission to which the United States and all parties agree. This mission must be achievable, and the military resources allocated must be sufficient to achieve the objectives.

- The conditions under which U.S. forces can be pulled out must also be precisely understood. Broad ill-defined objectives, such as the Clinton administration's earlier "nation-building" objective in Somalia, should not be a policy objective.

- Except under rare circumstances, the United States should enter only into U.N. peacekeeping missions, not peacemaking actions. In peacekeeping, all parties agree to the international presence, while in peacemaking, there is no such agreement by all.

- As a general policy, the U.S.

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# Keeping Smalltown, U.S.A.

## O N T H E M A P

**Y**OU DON'T have to be small-town bred to have a soft spot for America's small towns. □ For at least half our history we were a nation of micro centers surrounded by farms. In ten-thousand Centervilles and Franklins and Georgetowns scattered over the land, the American idea took root, flourished, and fed the nation. You can still catch a glimpse of this early America from the window seat of a jetliner on a clear night, when small clusters of light punctuate the darkness. □ But the picture is not quite so cozy when you land in many parts of rural America today. Between 1950 and 1990, the proportion of U.S. population living on farms and in small towns plummeted from 44 percent to 26 percent. □ Oh, you'll still find plenty of small places, according to Vern Ryan, a sociologist at Iowa State University. ■ **By Norm Crampton**



## Smalltown, U.S.A.

"Drive six miles in any direction and you'll run into one." Ryan directs a program helping small Iowa towns that are worried about losing what makes a community work—stores, doctors and dentists, schools, churches—and, of course, people. Census numbers show that Iowa, for example, lost 112,000 of its rural residents between 1980 and 1990, accounting for nearly all of the state's 5 percent decline in population.

Iowa is a worst case, but it is not alone. For some time now, the big export from small-town USA has not been corn, beans, beef or machinery. It has been people, mostly young people, and mostly reared in an environment where traditional values of family, community, faith, hard work and patriotism remain strong. It's no wonder we put small towns on a pedestal.

But do small towns still represent American ideals in 1994? Isn't our fascination with small-town America just a romantic idea that ceased to exist decades ago?

Look up and down Main Street and you see towns tied to big, absentee owners with names such as Wal-Mart and McDonald's. Drive out to the industrial parks and you find national corporations and Japanese subsidiaries. The notion of small towns as plucky little islands in control of their own destiny could be as dated as a Norman Rockwell cover of *The Saturday Evening Post*.

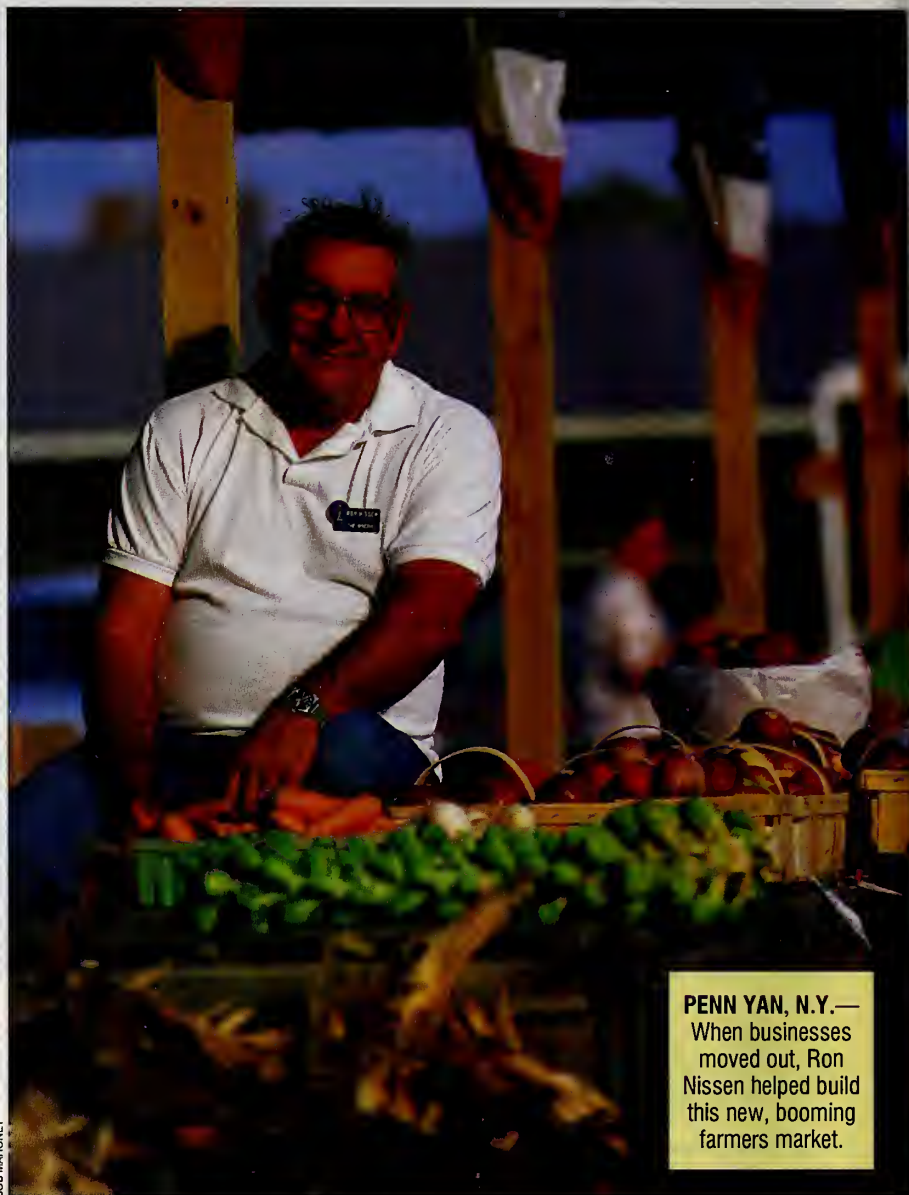
Maybe, but not in all cases. Though most small towns surrendered a big chunk of their economic independence years ago, legions of small-town residents are busy reinventing their communities for the 21st Century.

What's so special about small towns?

The qualities associated with them can also be found in suburbs and cities—a concern for the well-being of children; a feeling of safety and security; friendliness, hospitality and even good manners; compassion for strangers; a

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**PENN YAN, N.Y.—**  
When businesses moved out, Ron Nissen helped build this new, booming farmers market.

vision of the future and the will to get there.

If they seem to shine brighter in small towns, the reason may be there's less to get in the way—fewer tall buildings and big establishments.

Sociologist Ryan of Iowa State University thinks those shining small-town examples are worth preserving, but he also thinks the deck is stacked against them. "The amount of investment we're putting into rural communities is nil," says Ryan. He sees funds flowing largely to state capitals and metro areas, and he's bitter.

"It's really kind of sucking the life out of small communities," he says. "I speak as an advocate—I don't think they get their fair share."

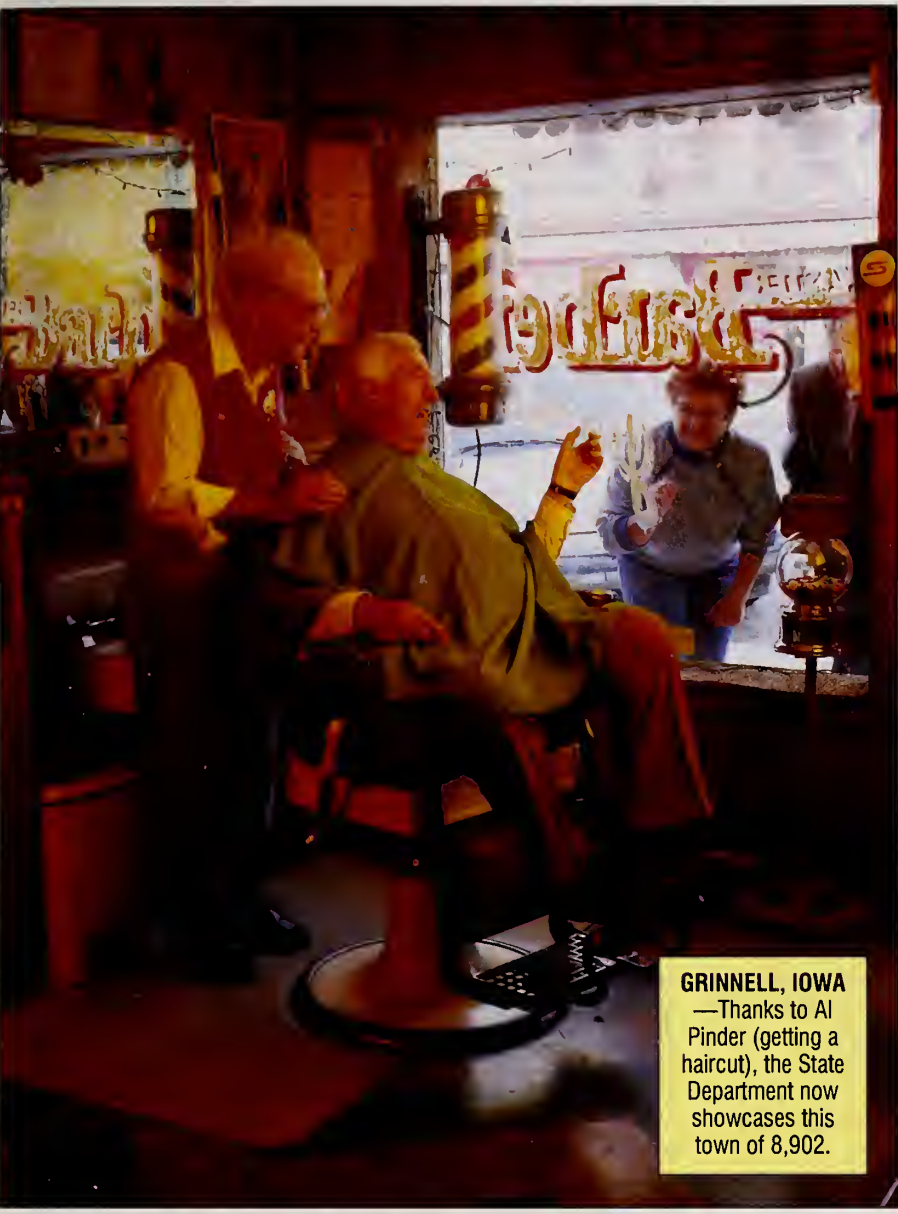
But that hasn't stopped folks in

some small towns from gutsy programs to save their communities. For example:

**Glenwood Springs, Colo.** The willingness of small towns to recognize problems is where renewal begins. When Glenwood Springs, Colo., took a look at itself a decade ago, Mayor Ted O'Leary recalled, "We didn't have a clear vision of what we were going to become. We asked, 'What is our strength?' The answer was location—a Rocky Mountain river valley within 50 miles of two world-class ski resorts, Vail and Aspen. But if Glenwood Springs expected to capitalize on the location, it had to put on a prettier face. The downtown needed sprucing up.

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**GRINNELL, IOWA**  
 —Thanks to Al Pinder (getting a haircut), the State Department now showcases this town of 8,902.



**HOMESPUN HOSPITALITY**—Iowa's Al Pinder invites foreign dignitaries to share a taste of everyday America.

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### Small Town Staying Power

**C**ORNELIA and Jan Flora, sociologists at Virginia Polytechnic Institute, say rural communities do well when they:

- 1** Accept controversy as normal and talk about it in the newspaper.
- 2** Keep personalities out of politics.
- 3** Cheer for school academics as much as athletics.
- 4** Tax themselves to maintain public services.
- 5** Have some cash left to invest in town projects.
- 6** Have the vision to see beyond city limits.
- 7** Have the confidence to share leadership with one another and with newcomers.



DAN LEWIS

**BETTER BUSINESS**—Randy and Diane Harrop helped lead the downtown revitalization of Douglas, Wyo.



# PRESSING THE PRESIDENT

*Every administration plays tug of war with the White House press corps. That enhances the news media's power, says ABC News' Brit Hume.*

**T**HE TUG of war between the White House and the Washington press corps now is an intrinsic part of American politics. The press is perceived as part of the ruling elite, even though it often is an adversary of the administration.

Though many Americans believe the nation's media preferred Bill Clinton for President, relations between the White House press corps and his administration got off to a rocky start. Reporters thought they were being denied access to administration officials and ignored by the President.

Another brouhaha developed soon after Republican operative David Gergen was brought into the White House, partly to improve press relations.

Brit Hume, ABC News' chief White House correspondent, angered the President when he asked an embarrassing political question at a press conference introducing Supreme Court justice nominee Ruth Bader Ginsburg. The President abruptly stopped the conference. He later tried to smooth things over and Hume, in turn, publicly expressed sympathy for Clinton.

The controversy probably made Brit Hume the most prominent member of the White House press corps today. A graduate of the University of Virginia, he has worked for United Press International, the Baltimore *Evening Sun* and as an investigative reporter for columnist Jack Anderson.

Hume, who considers himself more conservative than most reporters, says both Republican and Democratic Presidents have been "savaged" by the White House press. In this interview with *THE AMERICAN LEGION MAGAZINE*, Hume explains why the press has achieved so much power.

**AMERICAN LEGION MAGAZINE:** Do you think the press has been tougher on President Clinton than they were on Presidents Bush or Reagan?

**BRIT HUME:** No. I think the press has been about as sav-

age toward Clinton as it was at times toward both Bush and Reagan. It has been this way in Washington for decades. Ever since the latter part of the Johnson administration, the atmosphere in Washington between the President and the news media has been adversarial.

**Q.** You don't think Republican Presidents have gotten worse press?

**A.** In some instances. But they never expected to get good press. Since there have been more Republican Presidents lately, they have had more opportunity to get some experience in this atmosphere. The officials they brought to Washington had some understanding of how to operate and they were prepared to handle the media. It enabled them not to be caught off guard, not take it personally and not overreact.

**Q.** How do you account for the hostility?

**A.** Part of it is the necessary watchdog function of the press. Another big part is that the Vietnam War and Watergate produced some journalistic heroes. Watergate, in particular, produced Bob Woodward and Carl Bernstein of *The Washington Post*, whose Watergate coverage began the process of bringing down the Nixon administration.

This romance with the media brought a flood of new students into journalism who are on the lookout, not consciously perhaps, for the kind of story that Woodward and Bernstein did.

This harsh media spotlight is a form of power. The job of a journalist today is not merely to report in a straightforward way what happened, but to characterize it, to cast it in a certain light. This is a powerful role. It enlarges you as a player in the political process.

**Q.** Isn't that too much power?

**A.** The power is limited. We don't have the power to take away anybody's freedom. We don't have the power to





lock anybody up. We don't have the power to put anybody under subpoena. We don't have the power to confiscate anybody's money.

Our power to some extent is circumscribed. That doesn't mean that people aren't damaged by what we do. They sometimes are, and it is a worrisome thing.

But there is a check and balance against us and it comes from two sources. One is the obvious limits on what we can do, and the other is the fact that people can tune us out, and some do.

**Q.** Was President Clinton reluctant to meet with the press because of its coverage of him during the campaign?

**A.** I think so. There is a quantum leap from being a state governor, even a senator, to the kind of scrutiny you get in a presidential campaign.

It can be utterly merciless.

I think he wasn't ready for it. I don't think he appreciated it, and I don't blame him. No human being would. There is nothing like it on earth. I think he felt bitter that the draft story was dressed up again and again, and I think he wasn't pleased at the attention given to Gennifer Flowers' allegations against him.

**Q.** At one point Clinton joked that he could avoid news conferences because Larry King had given him direct access to the American people. Are talk shows that powerful?

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## H I G H L I G H T S

### *Brit Hume On...*

**Sam Donaldson:** "He has more integrity in his little finger than a lot of journalists have in their whole being."

**Fame:** "Journalists have become celebrities in our society, but to a great extent journalists are always outsiders."

**Covering the news:** "The job of a journalist today is not merely to report in a straightforward way what happened, but to characterize it, to cast it in a certain light."

**Limits on the press:** "Our power to some extent is circumscribed. That doesn't mean that people aren't damaged by what we do. They sometimes are, and it is a worrisome thing."

**The public:** "If they aren't interested in something, they don't read it and watch it. If we lose touch, we will find out about it."



**WW II  
BATTLE REPORT**

# Rolling to **ROME**

• The Allies battled  
• up the boot of  
• Italy, fighting  
• tough,  
• mountainous  
• terrain, well-  
• entrenched  
• Germans and  
• often themselves.



## By Sid Moody

**O**T WAS Britain's idea to invade Italy in World War II. The Americans thought it was a bad one.

They both were right.

With her vast empire overrun or under siege worldwide, Britain was ever-reluctant to risk irreplaceable manpower in the ultimate invasion of France. Prime Minister Winston Churchill, therefore, was forever seeking a "soft underbelly" through which to strike at Hitler's Germany. The Americans, conversely, argued that nothing should detract from an all-out invasion across the

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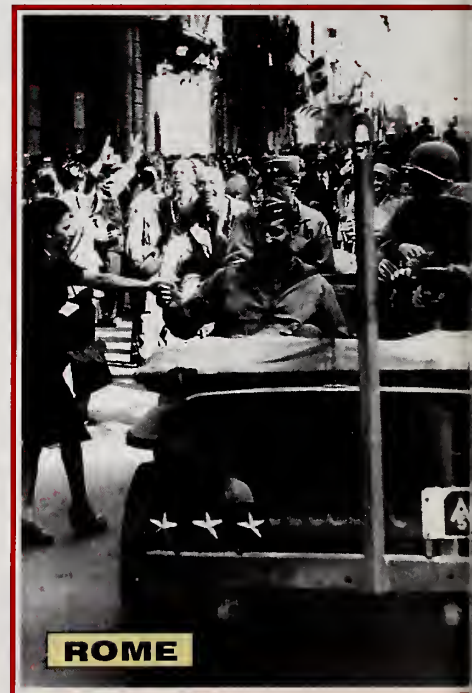
English Channel into German-occupied France.

"The Americans disliked side-shows," says the official British war history. "Confident in their ingenuity [and] unparalleled strength, they had no need or experience of the devious approach."

But with peace feelers coming from the Italian government that had succeeded ousted dictator Benito Mussolini, the Americans reluctantly yielded to their British ally.

Operation Avalanche, the invasion of Italy, began on Sept. 9, 1943, with landings on the beaches around Salerno, south of Naples. There was trouble from the start. The Allies had dispensed with the customary pre-landing air and naval barrage, hoping to achieve a surprise attack. But it didn't work.

Although the Italians had just surrendered, they did not turn on their former Axis partner—and the Ger-



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personnel. British and American cannons fired pointblank at the attacking Germans.

In one of the best executed air drops of the entire war, paratroopers of the 82nd Airborne Division landed on the swirling beachhead to help save the day. When the famed Eighth Army "Desert Rats" of Gen. Bernard Montgomery arrived after landing on the toe of the Italian boot, the reinforced Allies broke out and took Naples Oct. 1, as well as key air fields at Foggia on the opposite coast.



Then there were command problems. The over-all commander was Gen. Sir Harold Alexander, a Briton who was the last man off the beaches in the 1940 Dunkirk evacuation. He looked every inch a general and a gentleman. But his physical bravery was not matched by moral courage.

"Alexander has definitely got a limited brain and does not understand the business," Montgomery once commented. Alexander would need all his backbone if he was to control an ambitious, publicity-seeking subordinate, Lt. Gen. Mark W. Clark, commander of the U.S. 5th Army. Clark liked the limelight, but did not like Englishmen nor trust their fighting qualities. Alexander had similar doubts about Clark's U.S. soldiers.

And then there was Italy itself. Its massive, hand-over-hand mountains that form the spine of the country, and are sometimes impassable even to mules, was a perfect setting for the defense-minded Kesselring. "God's gift to gunners," he said.

The Germans dragged pre-cast pillboxes up into the crags that turned the few valleys below into shooting galleries. Everywhere they planted mines.

Not since the Byzantine general, Belisarius, in the sixth century, had an army captured Rome from the south. The Allied advance was stopped cold north of Naples when it encountered Kesselring's ingeniously fortified Gustav Line centered on the glowering heights of Monte Cassino.

With his sights directed toward Rome, Clark decided to attack head on. He ordered the 36th Division to cross the Rapido River near Cassino. "It was a terrible idea that would cost most of the division if it succeeded," said U.S. Maj. Gen. Lucian Truscott, the 3rd Division commander.

Twice in January 1944 the National Guard Texans of the 36th tried to cross the frigid, fast-flowing stream.

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**ANZIO**—Allied supply lines began here.

**ROME**—Lt. Gen. Clark captured it for publicity.

**SALERNO**—To keep from being pushed back to the sea, the Allies threw everyone into this battle.

**CASSINO**—This city smoldered long after the bitter fighting.

mans were waiting. Led by Field Marshal Albert Kesselring, one of the war's best tacticians, the Germans quickly exploited a gap between the two British and two American divisions of the landing force.

Kesselring and his troops almost pushed the Anglo-American armies back into the sea. The Allies had to throw everyone into battle—truck drivers, cooks, clerks and other support

But the stage was already set for further problems. One was that no definite goals had been set. Was it to be a limited battle or open ended? No one had said.

Gen. J.F.C. Fuller, a British military historian, called Naples and Foggia "reasonable" goals. Taking Rome would be a "political" one. Anything north of there was "daft." France, not Italy, would be the decisive theater.



## RED FLAGS

# THAT TRIGGER AN

# IRS AUDIT

*As tax time rapidly approaches, following a few simple guidelines may help you avoid the shock of an audit.*

**By Hal Morris**

**T**HAT ANNUAL ritual is upon us again. It's nail-biting time as the nasty T-word—*taxes*—is foremost on the minds of some 110 million Americans expected to file individual tax returns this year. With the April 15 filing deadline rapidly approaching, now is an appropriate time to review what triggers an audit by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS).

No one wants to be on the wrong side of the Tax Code. Certainly, most taxpayers are not out to defraud the government. But a few borderline and unintentional errors are bound to occur.

Just one number on the wrong line or an important omission on a form is enough to spring a scanning IRS computer into action, spitting out the filer's name and alerting an IRS examiner to check out the submission.

"Nothing strikes the fear of God in people like receiving a letter from the IRS," notes Tom Sherman, tax partner in the Minneapolis office of Coopers & Lybrand.

Beginning with returns filed this

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year, the IRS unveils a new research routine to formulate criteria for audits and enforcement.

About 150,000 of all types of 1994 filings will be picked randomly next year under the IRS Taxpayer Compliance Measurement Program, which will represent five personal income groups and 25 business sectors in 30 geographic areas. Previously, returns were grouped by income in just seven areas, focusing on only one type of return at a time.

In efforts to avoid a computer-generated IRS letter requesting more information, the best thing is to be thorough, advises Lawrence Gibbs, a Washington, D.C., tax lawyer and former IRS commissioner.

"There is no substitute for the simple things like taking the time to make sure the math is right and that you signed the form," he says. "Anything that causes your return to be singled out can open you up to bigger problems."

"Figures that are out of sync with numbers that have relationships within the return," such as expenses exceeding income from a certain activity, are major IRS attention grabbers, says Chartered Public Accountant (CPA) Mark Bloom, spokesman for the J.K. Lasser Institute, New York.

The IRS measures tax returns against its closely guarded computer-generated scores known as discriminant functions (DIFs).



"Anything that is out of whack, triggering a high score, draws attention," points out Richard Wolf, partner in charge of the tax department, Century City, Calif., office of Deloitte & Touche.

**D**ON'T LOOK for any solid eyebrow-raising tips from the IRS. "We don't advise people on how to avoid audits," sternly responds an IRS spokesperson. "We advise people of their responsibility to keep their records and file tax returns as required, and to comply with the tax laws."

However, a clue as to where the IRS may be taking its magnifying glass was the release last fall of the first batch of 80 specialized guidebooks for auditors. They covered air charter firms, bed and breakfast operators, lawyers, mortuaries, taxi companies and truckers.

Individual contractors, such as construction workers, also are getting scrutiny, says CPA Jeff Vorisek of McHenry, Ill., who also is associated





**HOME OFFICE—**  
Work-at-home filings are receiving closer reviews since the Supreme Court disallowed a doctor's deduction.

**JUST ONE number on a wrong line is enough to spring an IRS computer into action.**

with Money Minders, a financial advisory firm in Glenview, Ill. "And there are a lot of non-filers among self-employed attorneys and accountants," he adds.

Also, "the entertainment industry, both individuals and companies, is very hot this year and the IRS has formed a task force to concentrate in that area," observes Wolf.

Experts say taxpayers should expect close IRS inspections when returns involve:

**Home offices.** "It's a hot button now," warns Wolf. "It continues to be a nightmare," says Bloom. "It's almost a guarantee to get an examination," cautions Sherman. Work-at-home operators' filings are getting closer examinations following a 1993 Supreme Court decision that disal-

lowed a Virginia doctor's home-office deduction.

The issue: When is a home office your principal place of business? The IRS view: Only when you spend most of your time there, earn most income there and have most of your business equipment there. For guidelines, request IRS Publication 587, *Business Use of Your Home*, one of about 80 free general guides and specialized publications you can get by calling (800) 829-3676.

**Filings showing \$100,000 income and above.** With about 3.2 million individual returns in this group for fiscal year 1992, 4.9 percent were audited. This compares with only 1 percent audits of 13.7 million filings with income \$50,000 to \$100,000; 0.6 percent of 27.5 million with income \$25,000 to \$50,000, and 0.7 percent of

the 62 million with income under \$25,000.

**Bad math.** Major mistakes in calculations are likely to trigger a notice. "Typically, after massive changes (as in 1993), there are a lot of math errors which step up checking," says CPA Vorisek.

**Self-employment income.** The Schedule C form for a sole proprietor of a business or a professional in his or her own business tends to be the most looked-at form on individual returns. According to Vorisek, special attention is given to the Schedule C form because almost 30 million people are now running businesses out of homes. Also especially suspect in IRS minds is work yielding cash payments from fees, tips, coin-operated machines and bars.

**Mismatches.** A filer's numbers may not agree with W-2 (wage income from employers) and 1099 (other income sources, ranging from dividends to real estate transactions) forms fed into IRS computers.

**Unusually large expenses.** Red lights flash if figures exceed IRS average deductions. High on the list of items getting the eye are medical expenses, says tax expert Tom Sherman.

**Casualty losses.** Returns filed from disaster areas, such as from last year's Midwest floods, often trigger an audit. As an example, Vorisek cites a farmer with income who takes a substantial casualty loss. Besides, adds Wolf, "Most people carry insurance, and the loss would have to exceed 10 percent of adjusted gross income."

**Schedule E.** This form—relating to net profit from rental property or other passive activity—will give a filer a "somewhat higher [DIF] score," says Wolf.

**Retirement account transaction.** Whether it's a distribution through a pension, IRA or Keogh account, or a rollover, the deal has to be reported in tax filings. IRS learns about these through computer matches.

**Prior audit that resulted in tax deficiency.** If large adjustments were made after previous audits, chances are high that the IRS will closely inspect the latest return.

**Informants' tips.** Some audits stem from law enforcement agencies, unhappy ex-spouses and disgruntled

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In voting booths, schools and government offices, foreign languages are replacing the mother tongue of the U.S. Constitution.

By Gary Turbak

**O**N JULY 2 last year, 76 Hispanic immigrants gathered in the Tucson, Ariz., city council chambers to become naturalized Americans.

Although the brief citizenship oaths and naturalization documents were in English, most of the ceremony took place in Spanish—including the pledge of allegiance, a message from U.S. District Judge Alfredo Marquez and a welcome from the Daughters of

Gary Turbak's article, "The Coffee Conundrum," appeared in the August 1993 issue.

the American Revolution.

In essence, these immigrants received their U.S. citizenship in Spanish, the first ever to do so.

"This is multiculturalism run amok," says George Tryfiates, executive director of the English First advocacy group, and the son of Greek immigrants. "Will the Immigration

and Naturalization Service now conduct ceremonies in Farsi, Serbo-Croatian and Laotian, too?"

The Tucson incident is but one shot in an ongoing fight over the primacy of English in this country. In schools, government offices, voting booths and scores of other places, English in America is rapidly giving ground to other tongues. Inexorably, foreign languages find new ways to replace the mother tongue that gave us the Constitution, Declaration of Independence and Gettysburg Address.

English has long been the glue holding multicultural America together, but now that unity is threatened. Daily, the battle to keep English as America's language becomes more heated.

"America is fast becoming a society divided by language," says Rep. Toby Roth of Wisconsin, chief sponsor of a bill to make English the official language of the United States. Although 14 other nations—from India to Uganda to Vanuatu—have declared English their official language, the United



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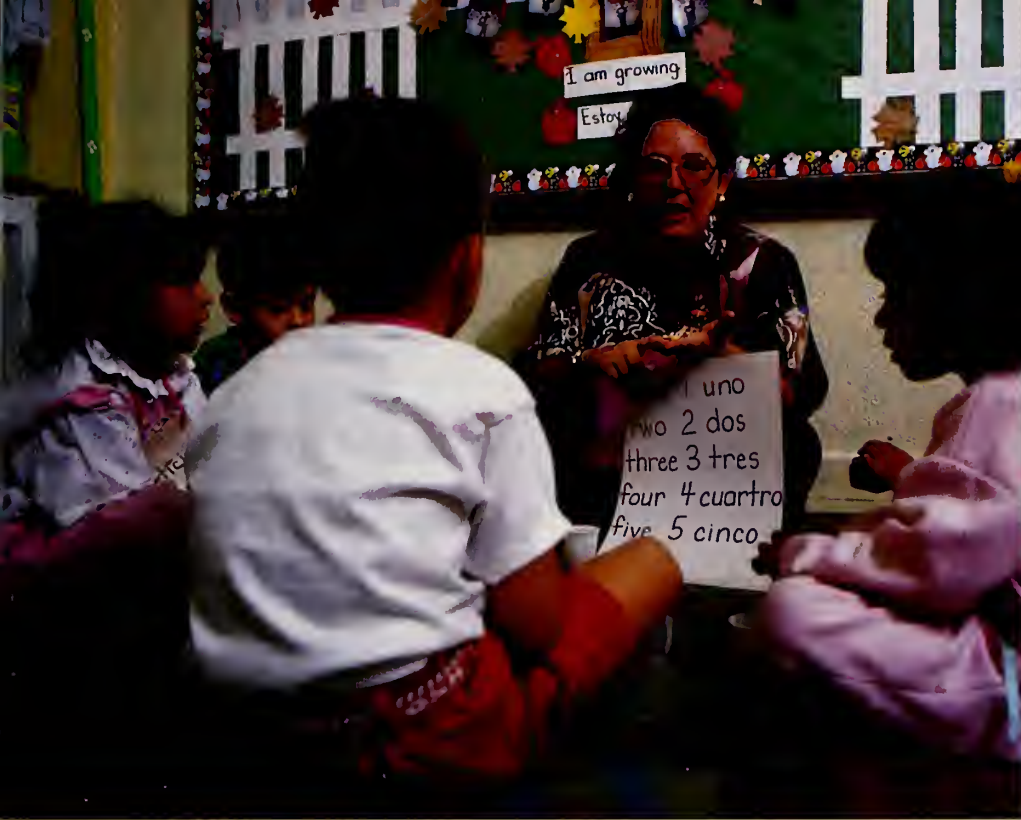
# The Campaign



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**GOOD BUSINESS**—Jose Fabila (left) requires his salesmen and front office employees to know English.





**TONGUE TROUBLES—**  
 Battles raged over Spanish-language naturalization ceremonies in Tucson, Ariz., far left. In California, teacher Sally Peterson says bilingual education is a boondoggle for bureaucrats.

homes jumped more than a third during the 1980s—to nearly 32 million, or one out of eight U.S. residents. America is home to at least 150 different tongues.

The erosion of English is most apparent in America's public schools since the 1960s, when the federal Bilingual Education Act directed millions of children to be taught in other languages—mostly Spanish.

Theoretically, children with limited English proficiency (LEP) will be better students if they study science, math and other subjects in their native languages while learning English on the side. After a

year or two, they are supposed to switch to an all-English curriculum.

The only problem with bilingual education is that it is generally considered a failure. The program "is a flop at what we have asked it to do—teach students English," says Congressman Roth.

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# Against English

States has never done so.

Naturally, some Americans who speak other languages see things differently. They believe the American government should speak in a multitude of tongues. To their ears, the mingling of languages creates a symphony, not a cacophony. America, they say, is not a homogenous melting pot, but rather a salad bowl, where each ingredient should retain its distinctive qualities.

"Ethnic communities and their languages and cultures add something unique and very positive to the flavor of the United States," says Steven Carbo, spokesman for the Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund. "We should promote multilingual policies, not English-only policies."

The United States has always been a land of immigrants. Most learned English in a "sink or swim" acceptance of their new home's mother tongue. That attitude still prevails, but many modern newcomers—or at least

some of their vocal leaders—believe America should adapt to them instead of the other way around.

This may explain why there are growing numbers of foreign-speaking families in the United States. According to the 1990 census, the number of people living in America who speak a language other than English in their

**MAKE IT OFFICIAL**  
 —English language bill sponsor Rep. Toby Roth sees America "divided by language."





# VA CAN'T MEET SOUTH'S NEEDS



• As veterans move south, VAMCs struggle with the patient load.

**V**ETERANS in the Sun Belt may wait longer or be turned down more often for medical care at VA facilities than veterans in the North. The problem is VA hospitals in the southern and southwestern states cannot keep pace with the increasing demand for treatment.

"The bottom line is that as the population shifts and ages, Sun Belt states are hard-pressed to supply services, while VAMCs [VA Medical Centers] in states that are losing veterans population are actually able to service discretionary veterans," says Jack Sullivan, Florida's State Veterans Service Officer.

All Florida VA facilities are so busy, says Florida Rep. Cliff Stearns, that they must concentrate on supplying basic treatment. Veterans from states like New York have shown him VA letters in which they are invited to come in for check-ups.

"To actually have the funds, time and facilities to solicit veterans' business is

completely foreign to anything Florida has experienced," Stearns says.

"VA is very concerned about providing even access to health care for all veterans," says VA Secretary Jesse Brown. "The migration to the Sun Belt has posed a particularly difficult challenge."

From 1980 to 1990, the veterans population in VA's southern region (Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee and Texas) increased 5.1 percent. But veterans populations in the East and Midwest decreased 10.6 percent and 11.5 percent, respectively.

When veterans move to Florida expecting to receive the same VA treatment they got in their home state, they are shocked, according to H. Michael Hahn of the Florida Department of Veterans Affairs. From 1980 to 1990, Florida's veterans population increased 25.8 percent to 1.7 million.

Similarly, Nevada's veterans population went up 37.3 percent, from 131,204 to 180,128. Arizona's grew 23.8 percent, from 370,414 to 458,635.

In contrast, many Snow Belt states report a sharp decline. Illinois, New York and Wyoming all decreased by more than 17 percent — Illinois, 1.39 million to 1.14 million; New York,

2.04 million to 1.69 million; and Wyoming, 65,328 to 53,779.

The shift in the veterans population has some lawmakers demanding VA adjust how it distributes money. According to Arizona Sen. John McCain, the VAMC at Phoenix receives 25 percent less money than the average urban VA hospital and is underfunded by \$50 million. McCain says the growing number of winter visitors to the state increases the burden.

To correct these imbalances, Florida's Rep. Stearns has submitted H.R. 408, the Veterans Bill of Rights. It calls for the same rights and benefits of veterans to be available in all states, regardless of sex, ethnic origin, religion, age or geographic location. A companion Senate bill, S. 1590, has been introduced into the Senate by Florida Senators Bob Graham and Connie Mack.

But the likelihood of passage may be small. Many Sun Belt lawmakers claim VA's budget is a victim of the political pork-barrel. According to Florida's Hahn, few congressmen are willing to let VA shift funds if that means their states will receive less federal money.

Hahn believes Secretary Brown cannot move more than 10 percent of VA's budget among the states without political repercussions.

VA's Medical Programs Budget Director Casey Wichlicz says politics do play a part in budget decisions. Making immediate, major changes in how VA distributes money, he says, is a little like "turning a battleship around in the same area as a speed boat."

Wichlicz adds that VA is aware of the Sun Belt problem and has a program, called Resource Planning and Management (RPM), under which an individual VAMC budget is based on its actual workload instead of previous budgets. Wichlicz says, however, that changes under RPM will be gradual.

Secretary Brown also is pinning his hopes on national health-care reform to solve the Sun Belt's burgeoning veterans' population. "We are optimistic that health reform will expand access to all veterans who wish to come to VA for their care," says Brown. "The department [Veterans Affairs] must respond accordingly with the facilities and services these patients will require." □

By Ken Scharnberg

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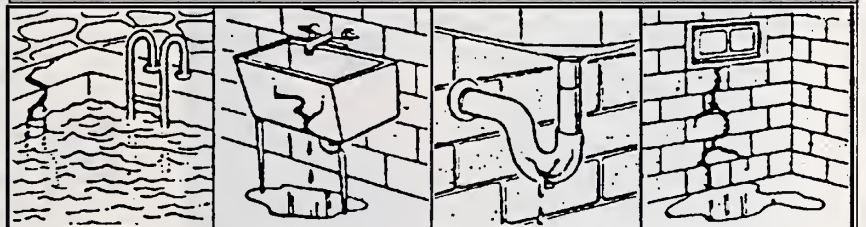
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# VIETNAM WOMEN'S MEMORIAL DEDICATED

**M**EMORIES and emotions flowed unabashedly among the 30,000 spectators on hand to witness the dedication of the Vietnam Women's Memorial in Washington, D.C., on Veterans Day 1993.

National Commander Bruce Thiesen, National Adjutant Robert W. Spanogle and several Past National Commanders attended the ceremonies on behalf of Legionnaires nationwide who donated more than \$100,000 to the \$1 million project.

The bronze memorial, located about 100 yards away from The Wall, depicts three military women, one cradling a wounded GI with the other two looking skyward.



**IN HONOR—**  
Legionnaires donated more than \$100,000 to the project.

The memorial honors the 11,000 women who served in Vietnam and the 253,000 other women who served elsewhere during the war. The names of eight military women who died in Vietnam are engraved on The Wall. Former Vietnam Army nurse Diane Carlson

Evans, a member of Legion Post 84, Northfield, Minn. led the 10-year effort to raise funds for the memorial.

"The American Legion willingly became my adviser and mentor for this project," Evans said at a Legion-sponsored breakfast

before the dedication. "If it wasn't for The American Legion, we wouldn't be here today."

Several Legion Posts and Auxiliary units paid the expenses for women Legionnaires and other representatives to attend the dedication and march in the parade. Among the marching units

was the Rockville American Legion Post 86 Color Guard of Rockville, Md., which placed third in the military-class drill competition at the National Convention in Pittsburgh last year.

Along the parade route, many male veterans waved and thanked the women veterans. "Welcome home, sisters," one former 1st Cavalry trooper shouted. "I'm here because you were there."

"The memorial is a long overdue tribute to those women who sacrificed much for their country and their fellow veterans," National Commander Thiesen said during the breakfast.

Vice President Al Gore, who served in Vietnam as an Army journalist, also attended the dedication ceremony.

"Let us make this memorial the place for healing of the pain that so many of us have felt," Vice President Gore said.

After the dedication, Thiesen participated in a wreath-laying ceremony at the statue. And that night, thousands held a candlelight ceremony around the statue. □

## LEGION NEARS GOAL TO PROTECT FLAG

**T**HE LEGION is just three shy of its minimum goal of getting 38 states to pass memorializing resolutions to protect the U.S. Flag from physical desecration.

In December, New Jersey and Massachusetts became the 34th and 35th states to pass resolutions affirming their support for a constitutional amendment to protect the flag.

Following the congress-

sional defeat of a constitutional amendment in 1990, The American Legion began the memorializing resolution campaign.

"Memorial resolutions are the tools of democracy for state legislatures to officially and effectively communicate with Congress," said Charles Pessa, Chairman of the National Legislative Commission. "The Legion is using grassroots support in all 50 states to get these memorializing res-

olutions passed. This is not a veterans' issue but clearly an American issue."

"Our thanks go out to all those dedicated Legionnaires in New Jersey and Massachusetts who were so instrumental in obtaining memorial resolutions from their states," said National Commander Bruce Thiesen. "The American Legion will not stop until the American people—not the Supreme Court—has the final vote in protecting the flag." □

**STATES THAT HAVE NOT PASSED A FLAG RESOLUTION ARE:**

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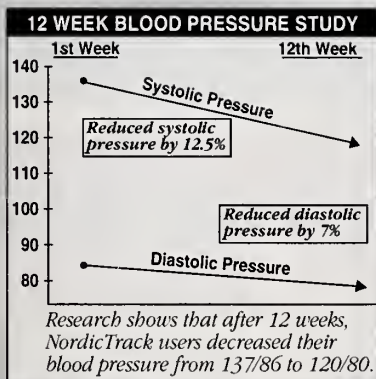


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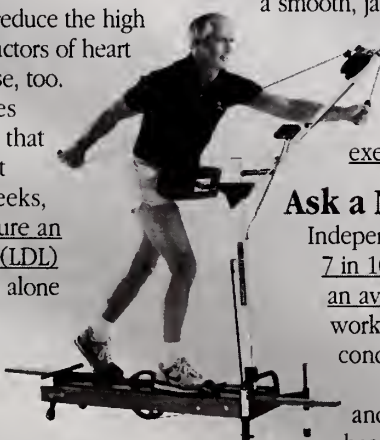
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THE LEGION  
IN CONGRESS

veterans, Legion representatives testified 41 times before congressional committees.

In addition, about 80 percent of the recommendations in its booklet, *American Legion Proposals*

*To Improve Veterans Health Care*, were included in the Clinton administration's recent health-care reform proposals.

Following is an update on the progress of legislation that concerns The American Legion and veterans:

### AMERICANISM/ CHILDREN & YOUTH

**Amendment to protect the U.S. Flag.** As the first session of the 103rd Congress adjourned, 33 states had sent memorializing resolutions to Congress requesting a constitutional amendment to ban flag desecration. American Legion Departments were at the forefront in persuading the states to pass the resolutions.

**Juvenile delinquency prevention.** PL 103-121, enacted on Oct. 27, authorizes continued funding of the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, which the Legion strongly supports. The House requested \$123 million for FY 1994; the Senate, \$95 million. The final legislation contains \$107 million.

### ECONOMIC

**Targeted Jobs Tax Credit (TJTC).** President Clinton signed PL 103-66, which includes a temporary 30-month reauthorization for TJTC, retroactive to June 30, 1992. The Legion is continuing its efforts to get Congress to make TJTC a permanently funded program.

**Veterans employment.** PL 103-112, supported by the Legion, was signed into law by the President on Oct. 21. It provides \$186.6 million in funding for veterans' training and job placement programs under the Assistant Secretary of Labor for Veterans Training

and Employment.

**VA home loans.** The House passed HR 949, which would increase the amount that veterans can borrow from VA from \$184,000 to \$203,000. The Legion supports the bill, which also provides aid to veterans who are being foreclosed.

### FOREIGN RELATIONS

**Foreign aid.** PL 103-87 calls for nearly \$13 billion in foreign aid, about \$1.4 billion less than requested by the administration.

**U.S. participation in Somalia.** The role of U.S. Armed Forces in U.N. peacekeeping and humanitarian missions is seriously being questioned. The American Legion has called for the immediate withdrawal of all U.S. troops from Somalia and an end to foreign command of U.S. troops. The Legion also has asked the government to provide protection to Americans captured by hostile non-governmental forces.

### INTERNAL AFFAIRS

**Postal rates.** The House approved HR 2403, which would add a 4 percent rate increase on third class nonprofit rates and a 2 percent increase on second class nonprofit mailings, effective this year. The Legion opposes this legislation because it would increase postal costs for THE AMERICAN LEGION

MAGAZINE, Department publications and general correspondence with members of the organization.

### NATIONAL SECURITY

**Defense Spending.** At press time, Congress was still debating the Department of Defense spending bill. The Legion continues to urge that the downsizing not progress too rapidly, and says that sufficient force levels should be maintained for possible future conflicts.

**Homosexuals in the military.** The 1994 DoD authorization includes President Clinton's "don't ask, don't tell, don't investigate" policy on homosexuals in the military. The Legion believes that homosexuality is incompatible with military service.

**Base closings.** The Senate rejected a resolution that would have disapproved 35 base closings scheduled for 1995.

**Coast Guard funding.** On Oct. 27, the President signed PL 103-122, which calls for \$3.6 billion for the U.S. Coast Guard.

**Selective Service.** PL 103-124 authorizes \$25 million to fund the Selective Service in FY 1994. On Oct. 19, the House voted 236-194 to accept the Senate's funding level. The Legion supports the continuation of the Selective Service because it would provide a quick way to assemble

troops in case of a large-scale conflict.

### VETERANS AFFAIRS AND REHABILITATION

**Veterans' cemeteries.** HR 949 authorizes additional expenditures to increase funding to improve veterans' cemeteries by raising the federal matching share in VA grants from 50 percent to 65 percent per plot.

**National Service Program.** PL 102-82 establishes the National Service Program. Funding for the program is contained in PL 103-124. The Legion regards the program as an overly generous plan that will compete with military recruiting. In addition, the Legion believes the program will set a bad precedent—paying people for volunteerism and community service.

**VA health care amendments.** On Oct. 26, the House Veterans Affairs Committee approved HR 3313. If enacted, the legislation would improve treatment for veterans suffering from exposure to Agent Orange and ionizing radiation; expand VA medical treatment offered to women veterans; authorize VA to establish nonprofit corporations at its health-care facilities to provide therapeutic work for chronically mentally ill patients; and authorize VA to furnish preventive and other medical care at community-based Vet Centers. □



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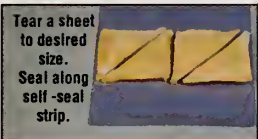
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## HELPING HEARTLAND FLOOD VICTIMS

**T**HROUGH spontaneous relief efforts and almost \$250,000 from the Legion's National Emergency Fund, victims of the Midwest flood are slowly rebuilding their lives.

Meanwhile, the Post Partnership program continues to help provide financial assistance and goods to flood-damaged areas. And in recent months, a new type of partnership has developed between Virginia school children and their counterparts in the flood area.

With the support of local groups, students at Woodburn Elementary School in Falls Church, Va., have given \$2,000 in school supplies, shoes and backpacks to grade-school students in

Dallas City, Ill., a town of 1,400 along the banks of the Mississippi.

"We found out the children in Dallas City had enough canned goods and clothes, but many of them didn't have what they needed to start school," says

Nancy Sommer, president of Woodburn Elementary's PTA.

In addition, the Virginia

students provided Post 297 of Dallas City with money to buy 25 Christmas trees for families in the town.

"Our kids are learning that the lives of Dallas City kids are a constant struggle since the flooding," says Sommer, whose husband, John, is executive director of the Legion's Washington, D.C., office. "It made our kids realize how lucky they are."



### Video Chronicles Relief Efforts

**T**HE dramatic story of the Legion's relief efforts in the Great Flood of '93 is available on video tape and can be loaned to Posts upon request.

The video has already inspired several Posts to become partners with Posts that have been damaged by the flood. One such Post is Post 675 of Dayton, Ohio. Post Commander Lone King saw the video while attending the 1993 National Convention in Pittsburgh. She borrowed a copy and took it back so members of her Post could see it. The members were so moved by the video that they voted to form a Post Partnership and contributed \$10,000 to help a flooded Post in Iowa.

"This video explains what kind of help is needed and is a great tool to help start Post Partnerships and to raise money for the National Emergency Fund," says National Commander Bruce Thiesen.

The "1993 Flood Relief/National Emergency Fund" video can be borrowed by writing to: The American Legion, Public Relations, P.O. Box 1055, Indianapolis, IN 46206.

The Virginia children are learning about the spiritual rewards of giving, just like Legionnaires throughout the country who are participating in the Post Partnership Program.

All the Posts affected by the flood have been paired with Post Partners and are well on the road to recovery. In one of those partnerships—Post 675 of Dayton, Ohio, and Post 418 of Eddyville, Iowa—representatives from the Ohio Post traveled to Eddyville in November to present flood-gutted Post 418 with a check for \$5,000.

"You brought us more than money," Post 418 Commander Robert Johnston told the representatives of the Dayton Post. "We were really down. But after we heard of your visit, we were too busy making plans and cleaning up our Post to stay down." Johnston said that before receiving assistance from the Ohio Post, the Eddyville Legionnaires were considering closing their mud-drenched Post.

"Unless fellow Legionnaires help, we're going to lose small Posts such as Eddyville," says Ohio Post 675 Commander Lone King. When the representatives of Post 675 returned home and presented their report, Post members voted to send another \$5,000 to the Eddyville Post.

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### NEW YORK NECMAN DIES

**N**EW YORK National Executive Committeeman Vincent D. Colasacco, 71, died in November. A WWII veteran, Colasacco was a 39-year member of Post 1456, Mamaroneck, N.Y. He was appointed New York's NECman in September after serving two years as the Department's Alternate NECman. Colasacco was Department of New York commander in 1989-90 and had served as Department vice commander and Americanism chairman. Condolences may be sent to: 678 Mamaroneck Ave., Mamaroneck, NY 10543-1923.

### LEGIONNAIRES IN ACTION

Post 1947 of Lancaster, N.Y., boasts that it's the only American Legion Post composed of WWII Merchant Marine veterans. They plan to place a plaque honoring the Merchant Marine at the Naval & Servicemen's Park in Buffalo, N.Y.

After years of planning and months of work, Post 109 of Gaffney, S.C., opened the Cherokee County Veterans Museum, which contains artifacts from all U.S. war eras.

Post 44 of Kosciusko, Miss., created an Aisle of Honor at the Parkway Cemetery. Flags form the aisle, and at the base of each flag is a plaque with a veteran's name, dates of birth and death, war and branch of service.



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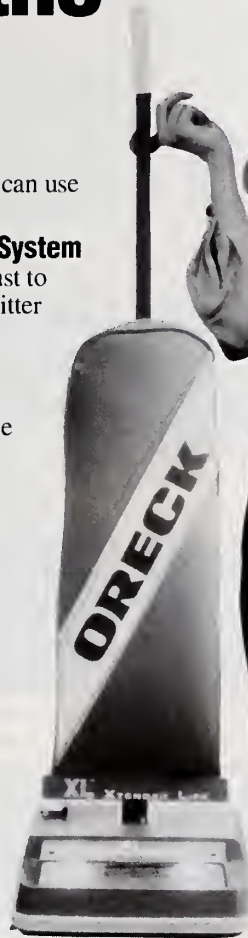
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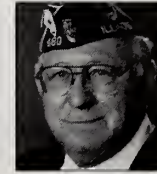
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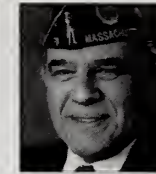
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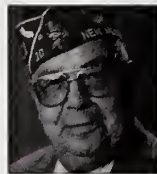
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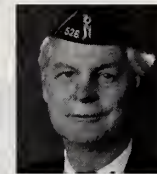


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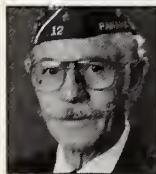
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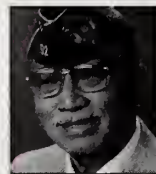
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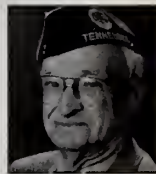
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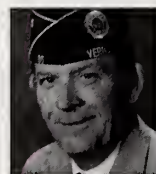
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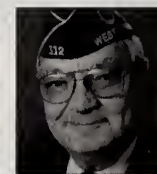
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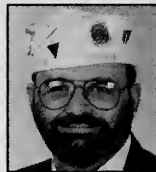
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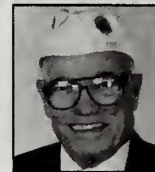
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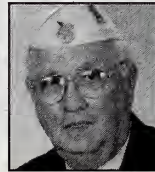
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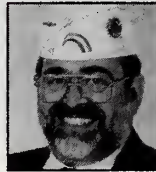
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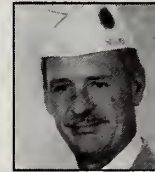
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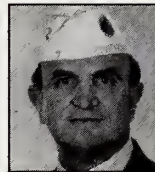
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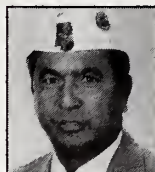
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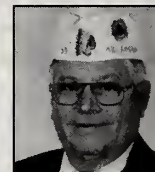
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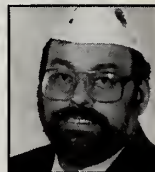
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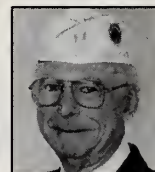
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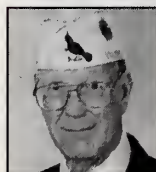
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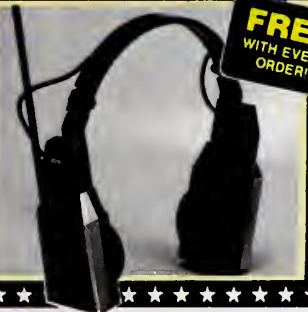
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### Arthritis And Rheumatism

- Chicago University Medical School found that megadoses of an amino acid brought relief to 80% in only 2 to 3 days (page 170).

- Scientists found that a rare enzyme increased the survival rate by 75% of those prone to heart attacks (page 197).

### High Blood Pressure

- Researchers at University of Texas found a nutrient that lowers blood pressure by up to 25 points. By adding a mineral from certain vegetables, pressure could be dropped even lower (page 217).

### Heart Disorders

- Scientists found that a rare enzyme increased the survival rate by 75% of those prone to heart attacks (page 197).

### Cancer

- A catechin type supplement has shown in lab tests to prevent lung, colon and skin cancer. Even smokers who took it had 45% less lung cancer (page 236).

- A nutrient obtained from exotic foods reduce the possibility of breast cancer by a very high percentage (page 273).

### Cholesterol

- British scientists found a substance in pine tree bark that literally blocks any accumulation of cholesterol (page 214).

### Ulcers

- A substance normally made into candy has been found to provide better ulcer relief than the popular prescription drugs (242).

### Wrinkles

- Taken orally, a substance, partially extracted from crustaceans, has been proven to reduce skin wrinkling dramatically—no matter what your age—by increasing the body's production of collagen (page 148).

### Prostate Disorders

- Scientists found that the reason for prostate problems is a deficiency of a certain mineral which is usually lost in food processing. Daily doses of the mineral gave quick relief in most cases (page 104).

### Weight Loss

- A substance found in Mexican yams caused a 30% weight loss for obese subjects in laboratory tests (page 165).

### Vision

- An extract from a berry has proven in over 50 research projects to alleviate many vision problems such as night blindness, severe myopia, visual fatigue and some glaucomas (page 182).

### Impotency!

- A sexual stimulant that causes fish to mate has been tested on humans. 90% of the men and women reported highly increased sexual desire, dramatically improved performance and more satisfaction (page 129).

- Doctors tested another substance on 100 impotent men, and within a month one third were back to normal. (page 131).

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- Tea made from the seeds of fruit growing in Brazil has been found to be a natural stimulant with no side effects. Those taking it feel more pep quickly (page 138).

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- Researchers believe that megadoses of a very safe nutritional supplement may replace estrogen shots (page 113).

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- A famous Nobel Prize winner tells of a special mixture of nutrients which was given daily to mentally retarded students. Their I.Q.s increased 20 points or more. It also worked on normal students (page 70).

- Scientists have found the nutrient that supplies the brain's chemical messenger of thoughts and memories. The memory and mental functions of elderly people who took this nutrient improved remarkably (page 63).

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# ROLLING TO ROME

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But German artillery positioned on the mountains above and machine-gun nests below slaughtered them. Swamps prevented any help from friendly tanks.

The division suffered 1,681 casualties and never made it across the 50-foot wide Rapido. Maj. Gen. Fred L. Walker, the 36th commander, said Clark had reassured him "no crossing will be attempted until we hold the high ground on your left." British troops failed in that attempt, but Clark ordered the attack anyway.

Attempts by Americans, Indians and then New Zealanders to capture Monte Cassino were equally heroic and equally futile. On Feb. 15, 1944, the Benedictine Monastery on top of the mountain was bombed to rubble in the mistaken belief the Germans had fortified it.

Down in the town of Cassino, Allied troops and Germans fought up and down the stairwells of what remained of the Hotel Continental, as

a tank blasted away in the lobby. Meanwhile, in the mountains, Allied troops shivered and froze in flooded foxholes carved out of the rock. Some outposts were so inaccessible that—despite a hurried call to the States for mules and muleskinners—food, ammo, and the dead and wounded had to be hefted by hand, up and down the heights.

In a departure from the "linear thinking" of Clark and Alexander, the Allies on Jan. 22, 1944, tried a surprise landing at Anzio, 80 miles behind the Gustav Line and 40 miles below Rome. The attack had been championed by Churchill in a Morocco strategy session at which neither Clark nor the landing's commander, Maj. Gen. John P. Lucas, had been invited.

Lucas' two divisions caught the Germans by such surprise that most of the few soldiers in the area were captured in their beds. Since then, Lucas has been much criticized for not taking the Alban Hills inland, cutting a vital German supply line, and for not capturing Rome itself. But his two divisions were hardly enough to hold the beachhead, as Kesselring brought in 71,500 troops by Jan. 29, outnumbering the Allies almost two to one.

"We could have had one night in Rome and 18 months in a P.W. camp," said Maj. Gen. W.R.C. Penney, head of the British 1st Division at Anzio.

After valiantly fighting off German attacks, the Allies settled for yet another stalemate that closely resembled the trench warfare of the First World War. "Instead of hurling a wild cat on the shore, all we got was a stranded whale," said Churchill.

The entire beachhead had been zeroed in by German artillery. One bright spot was the U.S. First Special Service Force—composed of 2,500 American and Canadian bar fighters, rogues and misfits. They would sneak through German lines at night to kill the enemy, leaving calling cards on the bodies that read, "The worst is yet to come."

ONE of the war's greatest controversies resulted when the Allies finally broke through the Gustav Line in May 1944. They had the Germans against the wall but let them escape.

Even the Germans said later that Alexander and Clark had frittered away their numerical superiority. They had soldiers from 16 Allied nations at their command; and the Allied air supremacy was ineffectively used in piecemeal undermanned attacks.

For once, Alexander massed his forces, as Poles stormed Cassino and French Moroccan troops struck through the mountains. Once the Fifth and Eighth Armies began rolling up Via Casilini, another Allied attack on Anzio was launched.

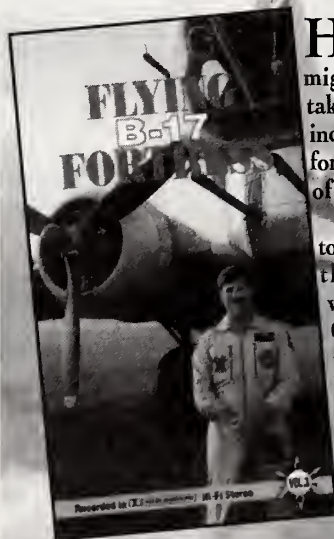
But instead of trapping Kesselring's retreating armies, Clark shifted the Anzio force, now led by Truscott, to capture Rome instead. Truscott was "dumbfounded" by the switch, and he and his generals protested vigorously.

Alexander had properly said the aim of the offensive was to destroy the German army, not pursue the glory of capturing Rome. But Rome was all Clark was after, and he made sure the photographers were there as he entered the Eternal City. Alexander didn't stand up to Clark and did not order his nearly insubordinate colleague to stick to the plan.

Clark, who had threatened to shoot at any British soldiers who tried to beat him to Rome, got his picture entering the city on June 4, 1944. But Kesselring and his troops had escaped certain defeat and would continue to fight the Allies on the Italian boot for almost another year. □

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# ENGLISH

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LEP students often remain in native language classes for several years, and some never do learn English. According to the English First organization, it's possible for a teenager to graduate from a public high school in New York City without ever gaining English fluency.

Before the bilingual program started, half of all Hispanic students dropped out of high school. Today, after 25 years of bilingual education, a report by the American Council on Education says the Hispanic dropout rate is still 50 percent—a rate much higher than for either whites or blacks. Recently, *The Boston Globe* reported that the Hispanic dropout rate in that city is actually higher for students in the bilingual program than for those who don't participate in it.

In California, a 1993 report by the Little Hoover Commission called bilingual education "divisive, wasteful, and unproductive." The commission said the number of non-English speaking students in the state today has doubled to more than a million since 1987. However, the commission said the bilingual program annually turns out the same number of fluent English speakers—60,000—as it did a decade ago.

Christine Rossell, professor of political science at Boston University, has evaluated 79 different studies of bilingual education's effectiveness. None of these, she says, found bilingual education to be any better than the sink-or-swim method of immersing children in English.

According to the LEAD (Learning English Advocates Drive) organization, some schools even put children into bilingual classrooms solely on the basis of their Hispanic- or Asian-sounding last names—regardless of the youngsters' English skills. One Hispanic mother in Glenwood, Calif., made five trips to her school before she got her English-speaking daughter out of a class taught in Spanish.

The program even angers parents it is supposed to please. In the book, *Straight Shooting*, by Boston University President John Silber, Texas ranch foreman Ernesto Ortiz expresses his dismay: "My children learn Spanish in school so they can grow up to be busboys and waiters," he says. "I teach

them English at home so they can grow up to be doctors and lawyers."

In one Florida poll, 98 percent of Hispanic parents thought it was important for their children to read and write English "perfectly." In another, Hispanic parents rated 70 items of importance to their children's education. Teaching them English ranked third, and teaching Spanish ranked 67th.

Critics say bilingual education continues only because it enjoys an entrenched constituency of bureaucrats, administrators, teachers, ethnic activists and other adults who benefit from it. The program provides jobs for bilingual teachers, and each enrolled child nets the school about \$400 in federal funds. Nationally, bilingual education costs taxpayers an estimated \$1.5 billion annually.

"I call it bilingualgate," says Sally Peterson, a long-time California

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teacher who is the president of LEAD.

English is in retreat on other fronts, too. A federal law requires election ballots and other voter information to be printed in languages spoken either by 10,000 people or by 5 percent of the population in a voting jurisdiction.

Currently, 375 jurisdictions in 21 states run elections in English and at least one other language. Voting materials in San Francisco are available in seven languages. In Los Angeles, the \$6 million cost of the 1993 city election included \$900,000—15 percent of the total—for printing multilingual materials. When Long Beach, Calif., spent \$6,200 preparing bilingual voting materials for four ballot measures, officials received only 22 requests for the publications—a cost of \$281 per non-English voter.

Federal statutes also require government-funded document translations and courtroom interpreters for non-English-speaking defendants in criminal trials. Some jurisdictions extend this service to civil cases.

Hawaii and New Mexico have even granted official status to Hawaiian and

## THE LEGION'S POSITION

Delegates to the 1992 American Legion National Convention in Chicago unanimously passed Res. 543, which urges Congress to establish English as the official language of the U.S. government. Last year at the 75th National Convention in Pittsburgh, delegates reaffirmed that position by passing Res. 254, which urges Congress, the U.S. Justice Department and the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service to require that all citizenship naturalization ceremonies be conducted in English. □

Spanish. Although unenforced, New Mexico has a constitutional requirement that all the state's teachers be fluent in Spanish and English.

Nearly 40 states give written and sometimes behind-the-wheel driver's license exams in languages other than English. Michigan offers its written test in 20 tongues, including Arabic, Finnish and Portuguese and, if necessary, will provide an interpreter for the actual driving exam. Its road signs, of course, are not written in 20 different languages.

Nationally, the GED high school equivalency test is available in English, Spanish and French, and plans are underway to add more languages. Some American colleges also conduct classes for non-English speakers.

California state agencies must accommodate speakers of other languages—even by hiring bilingual employees, if necessary. Depending on the linguistic preferences of local populations, printed information about food stamps, workers' compensation, taxes and other subjects in California must be available in English, Spanish, Vietnamese and other tongues.

In 1988, Democratic presidential nominee Michael Dukakis even delivered part of his acceptance speech in Spanish.

Although most Americans probably don't care what language people speak in their homes and other private places, it is difficult not to notice the changing tenor of the marketplace. Everything from Burger King menus to the phone book Yellow Pages have been printed in languages other than English, and many retailers advertise in their primary tongue.

In Arizona, Connecticut, Illinois, Colorado, California and several other states, radio and television stations broadcast primarily or exclusively in Polish, Greek, German, American Indian, Portuguese and other languages. There are nearly 350 Spanish radio stations in this country. The Los



Angeles Dodgers broadcast their games in Spanish, Korean, Chinese and—yes—English.

In the workplace, more and more employees are demanding the right to speak—and be spoken to—in their native tongues. Last year, the Nebraska legislature considered a bill to require every employer with four or more non-English-speaking workers to provide a translator. The bill was tabled.

Jose Fabila, the son of Mexican immigrants, disagrees with this approach. His California food company employs 103 people. "You don't have to speak English to work for me," he says. "But if you want to be a salesman, front office worker, route supervisor or a driver on our best routes, you have to know English. If I did not speak English, my business would not be as prosperous as it is."

If there is an epicenter to the language earthquake, it is Miami and Dade County, Fla., where more than half the people consider Spanish their first language.

In 1973, the area's governing body—the Metro Commission—ruled that Dade County would henceforth be bilingual and bicultural. Translators annually turned thousands of pages of English public documents into Spanish, and vice versa. Interpreters' voices echoed at meetings and conferences. Radio stations even aired Spanish public service announcements—prepared at taxpayer expense—encouraging better use of Spanish by Miamians.

In 1980, Emmy Shafer, an immigrant and survivor of a Nazi concentration camp, became upset with Miami's extensive use of Spanish. She organized a drive to reinstate English as the only official language, and Dade County voters approved the measure with a 59 percent majority.

But that's not the end of the story. In May 1993, a Hispanic-dominated Metro Commission threw out the 1980 English-only ordinance, returning Dade county to bilingualism. One commissioner has even proposed that many government services be provided in up to six additional languages.

The increasing use of other tongues has triggered a substantial backlash among Americans who think English should be the language of the United States. Various polls indicate that more than three-fourths of all Americans believe English should be the official language of government and anyone who wants to live in this country should learn English.

Eighteen states have made English their official language, and 20 others have considered similar measures. In 1987, Arkansas Gov. Bill Clinton signed into law a statute making English the state's official language. In most cases, however, these designations are largely ceremonial, since official English laws often lack enforcement teeth, and bureaucrats seem universally reluctant to implement English-only policies.

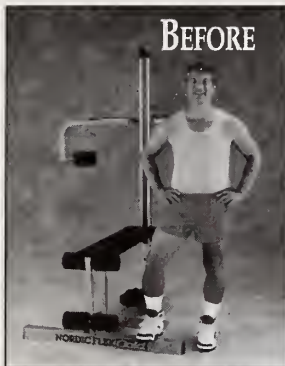
H.R. 739, a bill currently under consideration in Congress, would make English the nation's official lan-

guage. In addition to requiring that all business of the federal government be conducted in English, the measure would repeal statutes that mandate bilingual education and multilingual ballots. A House-Senate proposal, H.J. Res. 171, would amend the Constitution to make English America's official language.

English proponents hope that Congress will at long last heed the advice of President Theodore Roosevelt when he wrote in 1917, "We have but one flag. We must also have but one language, and that language is English." □

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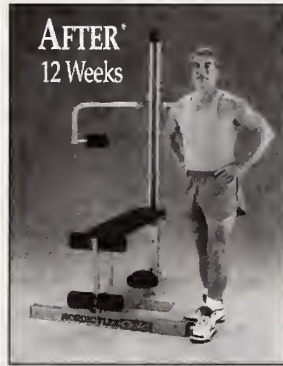
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# SMALL TOWNS

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So the residents gritted their teeth and raised local sales tax by three-quarters of a cent. That paid for new sidewalks, trees and flower beds—even bike paths. Today, Glenwood Springs is one of the fastest growing small towns in America.

**Penn Yan, N.Y.** This town, population 5,248, is in the Empire State's picturesque Finger Lakes region—vistas of farms and orchards spread over lush rolling hills. Despite its beauty, it is a hard place to make a living, especially after industry moved away during the 1980s and farm prices fell. Local tire dealer Ron Nissen decided things had to change. He called a meeting of townspeople and farmers to make a new plan for Penn Yan.

Their assets were a wealth of skills, a willingness to work and plenty of things to sell—fruits, vegetables, meats, and crafts of all kinds. Nissen and his friends determined all they needed was a big, attractive marketplace. They could imagine such a place drawing lots of customers from the Rochester-Syracuse area.

# Home-Grown Ambassadors

**S**OMETIMES it takes an outsider to remind small-townners what they are fighting to preserve.

Some years ago while on a State Department sponsored tour of the United States, a newspaper publisher from Taipei, Republic of China, visited Grinnell, Iowa, a college town of 8,902 people. There he met Al Pinder, editor and publisher of the *Herald-Register*, a twice-weekly community newspaper.

Pinder and his wife, Dorothy, did the customary thing, inviting the visitor for an honest Iowa supper of fried chicken, fresh tossed green salad and homemade rolls. Surrounded by his hosts and the Pinder tribe of six young kids, the man from the Far East exclaimed,

"This is the first American home I have been inside of!"

Pinder wondered how anyone could see America without seeing an American household of the small-town variety.

He wrote to the State Department suggesting that small-town people are natural diplomats, taking time with guests "to show them where they work, where they play, where they worship—learn their hopes, their fears, their plans for the future."

Soon, whole delegations of foreign journalists began arriving in Grinnell. No problem—Pinder has a ready list of town volunteers willing to open their homes and lives to travelers.—N.C. □

Someone suggested a name, Windmill Farm and Craft Market, which was accepted. Then came the hard part, money. When the state turned down their request for financial help, the Penn Yan group reached into their own pockets and raised \$55,000. That paid for a 26-acre site on the county highway and several loads of building

materials. Nissen went to his Mennonite farmer customers for help in building the market.

And, like an old-time barn raising, the farmers and townspeople erected two 60-by-100-ft. buildings over a weekend. Dozens of people just driving by stopped to lend a hand.

The Windmill has created 115 new jobs and has drawn as many as 12,000 customers in one day. Sales topped \$1 million the first year. In 1991, Yates County was the only New York county to increase its sales tax revenues.

**Douglas, Wyo.** The future seemed assured in Douglas, Wyo., when Diane and Randy Harrop arrived in 1976. They were Yuppies—Randy, a home-grown pharmacist and Diane, a schoolteacher from Kansas City. Douglas, surrounded by rich deposits of coal, uranium and oil, looked like a budding boomtown. Randy opened a drugstore and Diane opened a bookstore, both under the same roof. They named it R-D Pharmacy & Books, "tonics for the body and tonics for the mind," Diane says.

What happened the decade after the Harrops arrived in Douglas is now an old story in many "energy impacted" small towns. The boom went bust. After a quick surge to 10,000, Douglas' population fell back to a 5,076.

But the Harrops held on to the roller-coaster ride and did what many people in small towns naturally do in tough times: They rolled up their sleeves and went to work. Diane was elected to the city council and later became mayor, guiding a downtown

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"I grew up in larger places," says Diane, "but in none of those places was I ever really tempted to get involved to change things for the better. I've come to learn in this small place that I have a lot of abilities, that I have a lot to give."

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What these stories prove is that many small towns can survive America's megalopolitan onslaught. But they need to accept that the old-fashioned way of small-town shopkeepers producing goods and services only for local customers is no longer viable. What it takes is thinking big, but on a small scale.

For example, in southeastern Ohio, a group of small business owners—cabinetmakers, metalworkers, designers, electricians and installers—are creating a new model for the rural economy. Though their places of business are scattered in various small towns such as Amesville, Athens, Stewart, Logan and Bartlett, they have formed a jointly owned business that fills a market need.

They manufacture a motorized kitchen cabinet that descends from a wall-mounting so that people in wheelchairs can reach into the shelves. Strong sales in Ohio have opened the door to wider distribution. "We even have an agent in Manchester, England," says June Holley.

Holley is director of ACENET, the zippy acronym for Appalachian Center for Economic Networks, which introduced the cooperative company idea around southeastern Ohio.

"Part of why this all works is that small towns have never been through the mass production mentality," Holley says. "People still have the crafts mentality. They care about quality and enjoy inventiveness. The rural culture is based on collaborative efforts."

Jobs are so scarce in many small towns that almost any new employment is welcome. But there's a crucial difference between flipping burgers at a franchise and manufacturing a motorized kitchen cabinet for export to the United Kingdom. Todd Driscoll, who lives in the prosperous little paper mill town of Grand Rapids, Minn., is single-minded on this point.

"You can't build a community on retail," he says. "Adding value in rural areas is the key to our future success. If we can take low-value wood and convert it to high-value paper for printing magazines, or take milk and make cheese, or corn and make syrup,

that's the future."









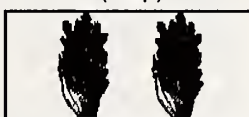



That message certainly has been received in Wahpeton, N.D., a pretty little Red River Valley community on the Minnesota border that has become the most industrialized city per capita in the entire state. One of Wahpeton's prize new catches is a 3M plant that makes computer diskettes and videotapes for sale around the world.

How did Wahpeton do it?

"The biggest kick in the butt for us was the penny sales tax," explains Jane Priebe of the local economic

development office. Wahpeton residents realized they had to put their wallets where their wishes were. They approved the one-cent local tax hike to pay for scouting and bringing back new value-added factory work.

Ironically, the people of Wahpeton, like those in Douglas, Penn Yan and Glenwood Springs, are proving that small-town America can survive—by shedding parochialism and thinking bigger, and retaining those special qualities that have always made small towns worth living in. □

		
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# BRIT HUME

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**A.** You can use a broadcast of that kind, go to town meetings and use other forums. But you can't use it every day. You have to deal one way or another with the people who cover you every day, because the cumulative effect of their reporting will become the contour that people will recognize about your administration.

**Q.** But is the formal presidential news conference really necessary?

**A.** In order to be effective, a President needs to be able to use all these forums. George Bush was good in the extemporaneous news conference with us in the White House briefing room. But he was terrible talking to an impersonal TV camera lens in the Oval Office or speaking to a sea of faces at a news conference.

Clinton seems uncomfortable in the briefing room and the Oval Office. But he seems perfectly comfortable in holding an East Room news confer-

ence where there is an air of majesty that is not present in the briefing room.

**Q.** Your ABC colleague, Jeff Greenfield, says there's no real need for presidential news conferences if reporters spend their time analyzing the President's proposals. How much time, for example, did you spend analyzing the Clinton budget plan?

**A.** A lot. Getting informed is a big part of the job. I think many of us who covered the budget process, particularly those of us who covered it through the 1980s, know quite a bit about it.

**Q.** But the confrontations with the President attract the attention. When Clinton announced his Supreme Court nomination of Judge Ruth Bader Ginsburg, you asked a pointed question about a "zig-zag" in the nomination process and news leaks about the nominees. The President refused to answer, called off the news conference, and said you spoiled the atmosphere of the event. Was the President justified in his anger?

**A.** His anger may have been justified. But was I justified in asking the question? There are times when the press has the right to cover an event but no right to intrude on it.

However, when the event is coupled with a news conference, members of the press have really no choice but to go ahead and do their job. They are obliged to be courteous and respectful, but I think they are equally obliged to ask the questions that go to the heart of the news.

**Q.** What was the public response to your question at the Ginsburg ceremony?

**A.** My telephone answering machine at the office the next day had 43 messages on it.

I was struck by how thoughtful some of them were and how remarkably divided they were. Overall, calls to ABC News were probably heavily against me. But the calls to me personally were roughly even. Some said it was a fair question and needed to be answered. Others said it was rude and unseemly and I shouldn't have asked it.

**Q.** Is there a difference between the way President Clinton might respond to you, and the way he handles political criticism?

**A.** Yes. Bill Clinton has no trouble sitting down and getting along with Senate Republican leader Bob Dole. Yet, what Dole has said about Clinton is vastly more negative and unpleasant than anything we in the press have said about him.

But I think Clinton understands what Dole is doing. They have something in common. They are both politicians. They are both out there in the arena fighting and they don't take it personally.

**Q.** The White House press corps spends so much time following the President around. Are the American people that interested?

**A.** A journalist's job is to publish or broadcast news of interest to his or her viewers. If you don't do that, you don't last very long. And if you have been doing it a long time, presumably your training as a journalist has given you a sense of what interests people.

Are we wrong about it sometimes? Of course. Sometimes we assess public interest before the public has gotten interested. That is news judgment.

**Q.** But, how do you know what folks outside the Washington Beltway are thinking?

**A.** The American people are smart people. If they aren't interested in something, they don't read it and they don't watch it. If we lose touch to the degree that we are reporting material they aren't interested in, we will find out about it. There won't be anyone on the other end of those television signals or picking up those newspapers.

**Q.** Many TV news people have become celebrities themselves. Could it be that many Americans might want to see less of you and more of the people you cover?

**A.** I wouldn't be surprised if that were true. I would certainly like to have the stories be longer, but time does not permit that. The competition for space and time is exceedingly intense and it requires us to compress things. I find that regrettable.

**Q.** You replaced Sam Donaldson as the ABC White House reporter. He's considered by some to be fairly obnoxious. What is he really like?

**A.** A great guy. He has more integrity in his little finger than a lot of journalists have in their whole being. He is a joy to work with. Prickly? Yes. But he is terrific.

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**Q.** Before the White House beat, you covered the House and the Senate and worked for newspapers, wire services and for columnist Jack Anderson. What have you enjoyed the most?

**A.** This job at the White House has been the most challenging. The most fun was working for Jack Anderson 20 years ago. That was a blast.

**Q.** What did you learn from Anderson?

**A.** That it's very important to be interesting and fair. That no matter how hard you may try, the job of the reporter is one that many people find difficult to understand. I think many politicians wonder why anybody would do what we do and why anybody would act the way we act? I think a lot of people in the public feel the same way.

Journalists have become celebrities in our society, but to a great extent journalists are always outsiders. We do tend to be skunks at the picnic.

I can remember feeling that way on the day of the inauguration of George Bush. I was covering the event and was surrounded by members of the Bush family. They were courteous to me on this triumphant day. But I had the sense that they saw me as a guy from another planet.

**Q.** You say it's necessary to be fair. Yet you have developed a reputation for being one of the few conservatives in the White House press corps. You write articles for the conservative *National Review* that are critical of the President.

**A.** Those articles could appear almost anywhere. I think they were more analytical than critical. I think they were fair.

**Q.** Are you a political conservative?

**A.** I am probably more so than your average reporter.

And I think I am in the distinct minority. However, the press corps is a pretty diverse group and diversity is

a big value these days. The press corps may be many things but it is not monolithic.

**Q.** Some members of the press go to work for government, such as White House counselor David Gergen, who served President Reagan and now is with President Clinton. What do you think about that?

**A.** Someone once told me, "Why vote, if you end up with David Gergen at the White House?" It demonstrates that the political process is a moderating force. Politics in this country is played out within a fairly narrow spectrum.

**Q.** What do you think of someone who goes from being a journalist to being a mouthpiece for a politician?

**A.** It's hard to understand. I have never been anything but a reporter. That is all I know, and I can't imagine doing anything else.

**Q.** Wouldn't you ever consider going to work for a politician?

**A.** I don't think so. I might if I was out of a job and had to take whatever I could get. But it would never be my first choice.

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## VA BUDGET

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- \$8 million to implement the Homeless Veterans Comprehensive Service Program Act, which was passed last year without funding.

- \$2 million for new community-based and primary-care outpatient clinics.

- \$2 million for marriage and family counseling for Gulf War veterans.

- \$1.5 million to install bedside phone systems in VA hospitals.

- \$1.5 million for geriatric and long-term care for innovative VA programs such as adult day-care, hospice care and hospital-based home care.

- \$4 million to buy veteran cemetery sites.

- \$16 million for a 60-bed nursing home at the Hawaii VA Medical Center.

At press time, Congress was still debating whether to allow WWII and Korean War veterans to use VA Vet Centers, which provide counseling, and employment and social services referrals to veterans of more recent wars.

### THE BAD NEWS

"Unfortunately, each dollar spent in these programs for veterans is a dollar unavailable for other equally vital services for veterans," National Commander Thiesen says. "We had hoped for a major reform in health-care eligibility to allow more veterans into the system, but the funding is just not there."

Despite the nearly \$1 billion increase in the VA medical budget, Thiesen says there will not be enough money to treat the growing number of eligible veterans seeking care. He says VA's decision last year to link five more diseases with Agent Orange exposure will make more Vietnam veterans eligible for treatment. In addition, retiring WWII and Korean War veterans who no longer have their employers' health insurance are turning to VA for their health care.

Also adding to the burden are service people discharged or retired sooner than expected because of the U.S. military's downsizing and Desert Storm veterans with service-connected ailments. "VA's budget just isn't keeping pace with the demand," says Thiesen.

The Legion was also concerned

about the new budget for the National Cemetery System (NCS). The Legion said NCS needed at least \$75 million to carry it through FY 1994, but the budget instead was cut by \$200,000 from \$70.7 million to \$70.5 million. According to Legion experts, this will be insufficient for much-needed cemetery improvements, equipment and additional personnel.

"While there are good things about this budget, it remains at best, status quo," says Thiesen. "Congress still insists in coming up short when veterans' needs are considered. Fortunately for America, our veterans never came up short when their country needed them. They were never satisfied with status quo then, and they aren't satisfied now." □

By Ken Scharnberg

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## PEACEKEEPING

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contribution should be in noncombat areas where the United States has special expertise such as logistics, communications and intelligence.

- Where possible, the United States should work with NATO and its new North Atlantic Coordinating Council to take advantage of NATO experience, resources and know-how.

- U.S. commanders must be able to control their military environment. U.N. command of U.S. combat forces is unacceptable. Any major military operation in which the United States is involved should be run similar to the Korean and Gulf wars in which the U.N., in effect, subcontracted military operations to the United States and its militarily capable allies.

- Most fundamentally, U.S. forces must not be committed to hostilities just to support strengthening multilateralism or to make policymakers feel better. Important U.S. interests must be at stake before U.S. forces are placed in harm's way.

From the onset, the current administration's ideological agenda has been

## THE LEGION'S POSITION

American forces should not be placed under foreign command without specific congressional approval, according to Res. 15, passed at the Fall Meeting of the Legion's National Executive Committee. It calls for clearly defined policies before committing U.S. troops to peacekeeping and humanitarian missions.

In addition, the Legion also unanimously passed Res. 33, calling for the immediate withdrawal of all American forces from Somalia. "The nature of the mission and role of our U.S. troops is questionable," National Commander Bruce Thiesen told the NEC at the Oct. 20-21 meeting. □

to enhance the U.N. peacekeeping role and to give the United States a much larger role in supporting such efforts. These objectives, however, have crashed against hard military realities in Somalia.

Congress and the American public thus should remain vigilant against any further creeping U.S. involvement in U.N. military multilateralism, and especially any efforts to place U.S. combat forces under U.N. control.

After all is said and done, a strong and flexible U.S. military—unhindered by a U.N. bureaucracy—is the best protector of U.S. soldiers, U.S. interests and world peace. □

## NORMANDY

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Kevin D. Bremer  
American Embassy  
Managua, Nicaragua

I always thought The American Legion was an organization that kept the memory of all services alive.

In the article, "Drill Teams: Precision in Motion," you did not include a photo of the Coast Guard precision drill team. Many Coast Guard men and women have sacrificed their lives for this great country.

The Coast Guard should have been treated equally.

Carissa R. Campbell  
Alexandria, Va.

This is the first time I have seen a comparative story about drill teams from each of the armed services and

the historical basis for their existence. There appears to be a minor discrepancy between one picture and the story.

The copy says the U.S. Navy Ceremonial Guard Drill Team uses the standard M-1 rifle.

However, the rifles in the picture of the Navy team appear to be the 1903 Springfield.

Bill Muldoon  
Publisher, Journal-Advocate  
Sterling, Colo.

*Editor's Note:* The Navy's drill team uses the 1903 Springfield for public performances and the M-1 for funerals.

### Back To Home

Thank you for the article about homeschooling by Deidre Sullivan ("Going To School By Staying At Home," September). I also thank you for the Vetvoice letters in the December issue ("At Home, In Class"). My wife and I homeschool our sons. We have had several bad experiences in public and private schools. Our children had special needs, and by default we had to teach them ourselves. We're very happy with the results.

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When I was in Korea, many of us had only one pair of mittens and would wear them backward because the front was full of holes. Wearing them backward kept our fingers from sticking to the metal and steel of our weapons.

R. Donald Scott  
Natick, Mass.

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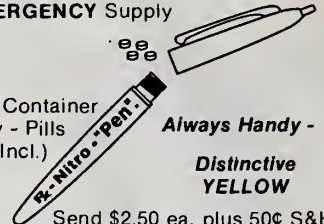
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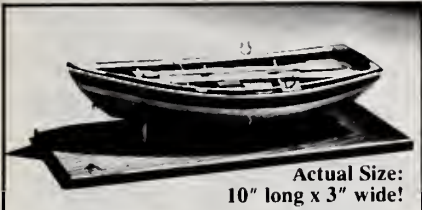
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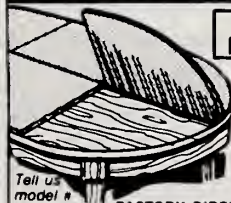
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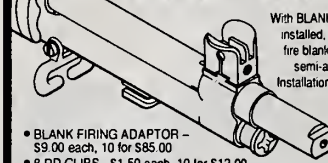
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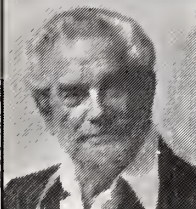
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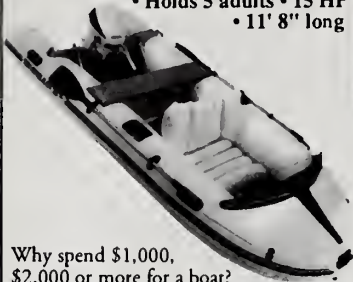
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Surviving members or descendants of the 13th Horse Cav. Rgt., for a history book. Contact: George W. Mathews, 2017 Green, Manhattan, KS 66502. (913) 7761747.

The "History of the 9th Infantry Division in Vietnam" by Edward Hymoff. Contact: Thomas G. Rodriguez, 1627 2nd Ave., Leavenworth, KS 66048. (913) 682-4198.

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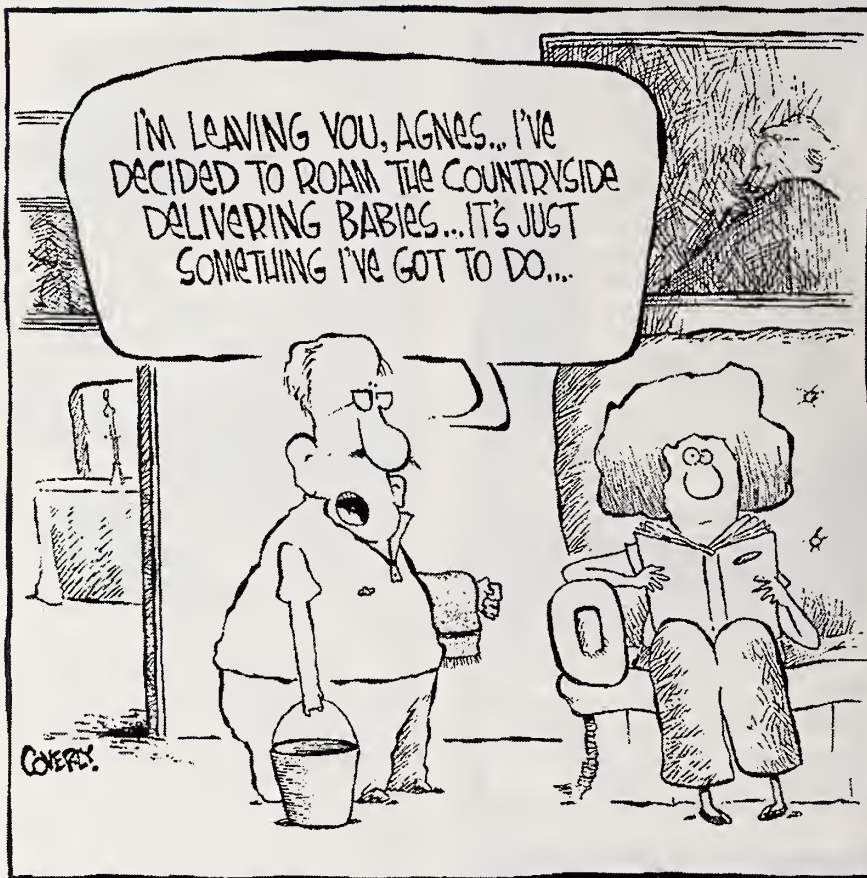
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**White House Call**

President Clinton and Hillary held a meeting at the White House with 100 doctors to discuss health-care reform. Wow! If he can get 100 doctors to make a house call, that is health-care reform.

**Buy The Best**

If you're thinking about visiting Washington, D.C., here's some advice: Don't buy the first politician you see. Take your time. Do a little comparison shopping.

**Mapless And Hapless**

Moses wandered the desert for 40 years. His journey has great historical meaning: It was the first recorded instance of a man refusing to ask for directions.

**Canned Humor**

Researchers in Maine are trying to find a sound that will drive porpoises away from fishing nets. Here's an idea: How about the sound of a can of tuna fish being opened?

**Evil Winners**

The fall television season is under way, and the rule seems to be "See no evil, speak no evil, hear no evil—win no Emmy."

**Flighty Simulator**

Some airlines are now training pilots on an advanced, high-technology flight simulator that reproduces the exact experience of a typical airline flight. The program is so realistic that when it starts it waits 90 minutes before anything happens.

**Initial Savings**

One of Vice President Al Gore's proposals for "reinventing government" is to merge agencies that have duplicate or overlapping responsibilities. By merging the ATF and DEA into the FBI, for example, the government will realize a savings of six letters.

**Hearty Aroma**

Scientists writing in the *Annals of Internal Medicine* report that eating garlic appears to offer tremendous benefits for your cardiopulmonary system. According to the article, eating half a clove of garlic will clear out your veins and arteries...and eating a full clove will clear out an entire movie theater.

**Wait A Minute**

Jed: "Being a procrastinator isn't so bad."

Ted: "Is that so?"

Jed: "Yep, in fact, I wish I'd started years ago."

**One Timer**

An American was in London on a foggy night, and he went to a club where he had a guest membership. Hoping to strike up a conversation with a distinguished-looking Englishman sitting nearby, he said, "May I buy you a drink?"

"No," the British gentleman said coolly, "Don't drink. Tried it once and I didn't like it."

After the American ordered a drink, he tried to make conversation again.

"Would you like a cigar?"

"No. Don't smoke. Tried tobacco once, and I didn't like it."

The American thought for a minute and then said, "Would you like to join me in a game of gin rummy?"

"No. Don't like card games. Tried it once, and I didn't like it. However, my son will be dropping in after a bit. Perhaps he will join you."

The American settled back in his chair and said, "Your only child, I presume?"



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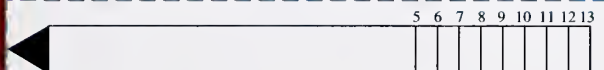
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