The Time Is Now

The central theme of last week's column was the plight of the typical American city, its "ugly" image at home and abroad, and the need to improve or eradicate it. The Veterans' War has much to be proud of for its aggressiveness, a competitive spirit and the fact that, today, the occasion time and again on international battlefields. But, there are those of us who believe that we have a thing or two in each time we take our lives into our hands in the local shopping centers and highways.

It is the Brave Drive
It may not be appropriate to offer the Purple Heart for participation in congestion problems, but anyone who has dared fight for a parking space on a typical Saturday morning in a small town or a moderate-sized city has not been hopelessly mired somewhere along the way. It is truly a problem.

The problem is further complicated by the fact that people are living farther and farther away from where they work and play. Originally, they wanted to live in a place where they could have one's cake and eat it, too. Now, the ideal situation is to have one's cake and eat it, too. The ideal situation is to have comfortable living conditions that give one a convenient sense of mobility.

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