

## Collateral Damage II



War correspondents for the AARP were typically given choice, front row seats for U.S. Army combat missions. Afghanistan, Pakistan, Syria, Iraq – no theater of operations was deemed off limits to these oft antediluvian reporters. Regrettably, collateral damage figures ran high, but there always seemed to be more than enough AARP members with a typewriter and Instamatic camera ready to take the place of their fallen comrades – probably because they quickly forgot who they were replacing, why they were there, and often who they were.