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It was a pleasure to read the article by Judith Hasson on Peter Liu. Needless to say, the idea behind having a “green bank” is brilliant. Not only does it service environmentally friendly companies but also serves as a great business plan, hence the growth in the bank assets. More importantly, it reflects living the “American dream” and Liu is a great example of that.

One has to applaud the United States for accepting citizens from across the globe with open hands, giving them an opportunity to live and fulfill their dreams and the freedom to choose their own lifestyle.

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The article “Category Is Not Destiny” on Indian American author Chandra Prasad defines in very apt and appropriate language what an American is and how multiracial relations can be converted into happiness for all immigrants if they focus on the inside rather than the outside.



Raman Dharmalingam, Kotagiri, Nilgiris, Tamil Nadu

The article “Flood Tolerant Rice” is timely. Rice is the major food of India and it is grown from plains to hill regions, all over the country.

I have worked as liaison officer of the Coffee Board Research Department and retired in 1996. Later I worked at the M.S. Swaminathan Research Foundation, Chennai on the Netherlands government biodiversity project. I have visited most of the paddy lands even in interior Orissa, West Bengal and other areas.

Floods are major problems during monsoon times (June-September and October-January) every year. This time 28 districts of Uttar Pradesh and 14 districts of Assam face drought. Every year during rains, we get floods there. But the climate has changed.

The Rice Research Institute at Cuttack, International Rice Research Institute, Manila and the work at IARI, New Delhi are worth recording here. But still floods are the major problems in rice delta zones. The cost of Samba rice has gone to Rs. 45 per kilogram now. It is very high indeed.

The work at ICRISAT, Hyderabad on drought soils and dry crops is worth mentioning here. They have done wonderful work. Still, the funds for agriculture are inadequate in India. Though college education is getting priority, agriculture and forestry are lacking funds.

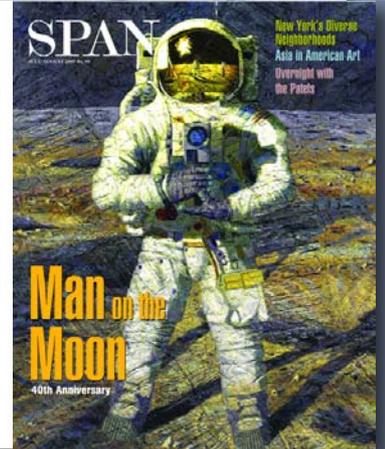
I look forward to more articles on agriculture and forestry.



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“A Small Step, a Giant Leap” reminds the young generations about the proud conquest of the past.

The cover design gives the most sensational issue of 40 years of man on the moon started by Armstrong and Aldrin in 1969 with a proud statement, “A small step but a giant leap.” It was a historic conquest for mankind on the moon, which was just an imagination earlier.



John K. George, Tiruvalla, Kerala

I find SPAN a great read on vital American and Indian issues. All SPAN articles have an interesting and informative aspect to them. However, the article on the Guggenheim exhibition and “New York’s Lower East Stride” were outstanding to say the least. The cover is starkly realistic and also extremely appealing.



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The best picture in the current SPAN is the one used as the back cover, showing “Indian Scholars Headed to the U.S.” All the ladies and gentlemen in this unique picture are so lovely to look at in their varied dresses and all sporting smiles and confidence plus joy that they would be in the United States!

This picture brought back nostalgic memories of my elder brother, who was a Fulbright scholar for the year 1961-62 and who worked and studied in Baltimore, Maryland.

