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Dear Office Manager:

Should you think Mr. Lamb might be interested in the enclosed Albany Times-Union column (10-10-93), and my response to it, please refer it accordingly!

Dan Lynch is the Managing Editor/News, under the direction of the well-known Harry Rosenfield who ^{has} probably one of the oldest Editors yet around from the old school. As for Lynch, this bit of bitchiness is unlike him ; he probably forget to take his Mylanta on the day he wrote the column. He has served time with the Inquirer, with the Harrisburg Patriot News and in Albany now for enough years that he will probably retire from there.

Hey, he might be a good Irisher for one of your Reporter roundtables. That would be suitable retribution!

Cordially,
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Ho, Dan, Dan Lynch, my main Albany TU man
Why you make that Sunday move on Brian Lamb
the C-Span man?
Sure, it ain't glitzy, no attitude, no jiving
or whoopde-do (not even on C-Span 2)
And hey man, it's just plain and comfortable
as any favorite old shoe.

Whether channels go from the present thirty-six
To that futuristic 500 cornucopia in ninety-six
I will stick with C-Span for my daily lesson
Except when, God forbid, Congress happens to be
in session.

Cordially,

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Gosh, that Hillary Rodham Clinton sure is smart — for a girl

This is about Hillary Rodham Clinton, but first let's talk about C-Span.

I don't often watch it. I know there are those who loudly sing the praises of this cable channel because it brings them the news in its pristine, unedited form.

And it's true that C-Span is startlingly unedited. It brings you news events in all their incredibly boring glory. C-Span broadcasts the mind-numbing hours of trivia that surround those few moments that constitute real news. I recall living through those interminable hours as a reporter. Now I can watch them on TV. Gee, what'll they think of next?

On C-Span, you get to watch every boring moment of those long boring news events. You get to listen to every boring "um" and "ah" that passes the lips of our newsmakers when they aren't saying something newsworthy, which is usually. And then, if you're really lucky, you get to watch and listen to Brian Lamb, the Walter Cronkite of C-Span and, quite possibly, the single most boring human being



Dan Lynch

on television.

Also the whitest. Brian Lamb is a bright, innovative and clever guy, but Mr. Excitement he is not. Next to George Bush, he's the whitest man I've ever seen. Picture Karen Carpenter in drag. Next to Brian Lamb, Peter Jennings and Tom Brokaw come across like James Brown and the Fresh Prince of Bel Air. Brian Lamb is amazingly lifelike, however.

I did flip on C-Span not long ago to find Ms. Clinton testifying before the House Ways and Means Committee on the Clinton Administration health plan. She testified for several hours. I watched for only a few moments. But from what I saw — and from what I later read — I came away with this impression: If Ms. Clinton didn't go into that hearing convinced that Congress is composed on a bunch of neanderthal jerks, then she must be convinced after that experience.

Whether you admire or despise Ms. Clinton, you must be aware by now that she carries around in her skull one of the best brains in the country. We're talking about a Yale-educated lawyer, a shrewd and calculating political operator of some years experi-

ence and one of the most articulate people around.

Hillary Clinton had spent six months immersing herself in the esoterica of health care. You had to expect that when she testified on the topic before Congress she would demonstrate a predictably impressive command of the material and an admirable capacity to peddle the administration's point of view.

This, however, seemed to come as a profound shock to the members of the House Ways and Means Committee. From the way these guys reacted to Ms. Clinton's command of facts, figures and concepts — and from the way they reacted to the smooth, assured way she handled herself — you got the idea that they'd expected Melanie Griffith would be testifying on the administration's behalf. It must have been the blonde hair that confused them.

Dan Rostenkowski fell all over the First Lady. Some other yo-yo on the committee made some remark about her wit and charm. Only one guy asked anything that might remotely be described as a tough question or two. All in all, it was a superbly patronizing and condescending performance.

Whatever the merits of the Clinton health care plan, a good many questions about it remain unan-

swered and a good many arguments can be mustered against it. But nobody on that committee seemed prepared to take on the administration's point person in public. I guess they thought it wouldn't be gentlemanly to treat a girl as an equal.

Hillary Clinton and I are the same age. Whatever other features the women's movement has sprouted in recent years, both she and I can recall what it was about when it got rolling. It was about women developing the option to move out of circumscribed gender roles and take their place in the larger societies of commerce and the professions. It was about women getting a chance to compete with men.

Now we're treated to the spectacle of an accomplished adviser to the President coming before Congress to talk about a gigantic political initiative that can affect the life of every American. And these guys end up treating her as though she's a hothouse flower too fragile for the sort of challenging interrogation they would have inflicted on just about any man in a comparable role. I would have felt better if the House Ways and Means Committee had beaten up a bit on Hillary Rodham Clinton.

Deep down, she probably would have, too.

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Reehl Sr. and Anna May Hogan Reehl, one of the founders of Holy Spirit Church in East Greenbush.

Survivors include his wife, Avis Ladd Reehl; three sons, Benjamin H. Reehl of Gardner, Maine, John A. Reehl III of Tucson, Ariz. and Kevin K. Reehl of Albany; two daughters, Lorraine McLean of Poestenkill and Lesa Higgins of Rensselaer; a brother, Joseph Reehl of East Greenbush; two sisters, Mary Leto of Albany and Margaret Nardacci of Sherman Oaks, Calif.; 10 grandchildren and a great-grandson.

Services will be held at 10 a.m. Tuesday in Rockefeller Funeral Home, 165 Columbia Turnpike, and 10:30 a.m. in Holy Spirit Church in East Greenbush.

Burial will be in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in East Greenbush.

Calling hours will be 4-8 p.m. Monday in the funeral home.

F. Victor Gaunay, 72

TROY — F. Victor Gaunay, 72, of Third Avenue, Lansingburgh, died Saturday in St. Mary's Hospital of

Jeannine Mannarino of Rotterdam and Kathie Shapiro of Clifton Park; a son, Larry Rabaglia of Millersville, Md.; a brother, Gordon MacWilliams of Cleveland, Ohio; three sisters, Diane Pickup, Kathie Bernabo and Debbie Yeager, all of Bolivar, Pa. and four grandchildren.

Services will be held at 9:15 a.m. Tuesday in the Glenville Funeral Home, 9 Glenridge Road, Glenville, and 10:30 a.m. in St. Edward the Confessor Church on Clifton Park Center Road in Clifton Park.

Burial will be in St. Anthony's Cemetery in Glenville.

Calling hours will be 4-8 p.m. Monday in the funeral home.

Dorothy Peabody, 81

CAMBRIDGE — Dorothy M. Peabody, 81, died Friday in St. Mary's Hospital in Troy.

Mrs. Peabody was born in Hoosick Falls.

Mrs. Peabody worked for many years at the Asgrow Seed Company in Cambridge, and the Undergarment Company in Hoosick Falls.

She was the widow of Harry J.

operating the robot arm and several scientific experiments.

Henize retired from the astronaut program in 1986, but continued his work for NASA as a senior scientist in the Space Sciences Branch at the Johnson Space Center in Houston.

In 1968, Henize received the Robert Gordon Memorial Award and in 1974, the NASA Exceptional Scientific Achievement Medal.

He is survived by his wife Caroline, four children and a brother.

Thomas B. Sweeney

PLATTSBURGH — Thomas B. Sweeney, 87, formerly of Lake Shore Road and Troy, died Friday at Meadowbrook Nursing Home in Plattsburgh.

Mr. Sweeney was born in Coons Crossing. He was a longtime resident of Troy, and also had resided in Cohoes and Scottsdale, Ariz. More recently, he resided on Lake Shore Road in Plattsburgh.

He was employed by the New York Telephone Co. from 1925 to 1968, where he served as Troy district plant chief for many years.

Mr. Sweeney was a member of the Friends of St. Patrick, Irish Celtic Clan and the Telephone Pioneers of America. He was a communicant of St. Augustine's Church in Peru.

James McManus

JEKYLL ISLAND, Ga. — M. James McManus, 83, formerly of the Albany area, died Friday at a hospital in Alexandria, Va., after a short illness.

Mr. McManus was born in Binghamton. He was a graduate of St. Patrick's Academy and attended Mount St. Mary's College in Emmitsburg, Md. He had lived in the Albany area for 25 years and the last 20 years in Jekyll Island, Ga.

He retired after 37 years as an area director of New York State Department of Labor's Division of Employment.

Mr. McManus was a World War II Navy veteran.

He was a member of St. Francis Xavier Church in Peru.