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Reform
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ature — a freshman, in the minority. Can the contrast to Albany be more striking?
Since with patience and plugging, you can get something done in the California Legislature, it is no accident that few of its members run for Congress, where you have to wait 10 years or so to get enough seniority to do what can be done your first year in office in Sacramento.
In contrast with the California Legislature, the oligarchical nature of the Albany system stands out in sharp detail. In an oligarchical system, everything comes down from the top; in a representative democracy, ideas come up from the people, through their elected representatives. As an essential open institution, the California Legislature is responsive to pressure from below, and well enough organized with ample staff for both leadership and individual members to be able to stand up to pressure from the governor. In New York, our governor calls our Legislature "the most responsive in the nation" — and so it is: — responsive to pressure from him. There have certainly been cases where he was right and the Legislature was wrong. But the question we have not been able to answer in New York State for the past 15 years is: What do we do when he's WRONG?
The Albany Puppet Show is obviously no answer.
The entire American system is based on the separation of the Legislative and the Executive branches, and their independence are intended to maintain a situation where neither branch can become a dictator, where each watches and counterbalances the other. When the system is practiced, it keeps ambitious people from running away with power. Obviously, we do not practice the American system in New York State.

Like Now
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and it could merely pass out of existence. Take notice, and mend your ways, scribes and pharisees of the twentieth century, before it is too late. "Woe to you because you say tithes on mint and rue and every herb, and disregard justice and the love of God. . . Woe to you because you love the front seats in the synagogues and greetings in the market place. Woe to you because you are like hidden tombs, over which men walk unaware." (Luke, XI: 42-44).

Letters
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ject our plan. We have met with many of them and all have agreed that something must be done but we have not heard of any alternate plans or offers to discuss the matter further. The resolution passed at the last meeting of the Lewis County Search & Rescue Service was to advise them that we do not feel we can train and equip a volunteer ambulance service in less than two months. Two months is a very short time to get such a unit together. If we are not wanted, the towns and the county have only to remain silent until after the 15th of September.
After we decided to attempt this we have talked with those "powers-that-be" in the area, hoping to get their support. Thus far all have agreed that something must be done. We read where service organizations in other areas get behind such projects with public support and funds, but not here. It seems that the people of the area are not interested in emergency health services. If we can't get the support of the people who will be using this service, we stand little chance of being able to successfully operate on a volunteer basis.
Operating a volunteer ambulance service will take a lot of people who are willing to volunteer their free time. At times it can be a problem trying to keep available personnel, as we have been told by other volunteer services. We feel that if Carthage, Gouverneur, Massena and others can do it, we can too, unless the Lowville area is not interested in such a project. At this time we have about 20 members who are willing to give their time for training and to standby for calls. Of that number, only two are from the Village of Lowville. They all are interested in helping their fellow man in time of need. To make a volunteer service work, we need people, funds and lots of public support.
We certainly appreciate the efforts of the JOURNAL AND REPUBLICAN in bringing this situation to the public. I might add that the JOURNAL is the only public-spirited agency that has given more than sympathy to this problem and our effort. — Sincerely yours, Frederick J. Schneider, secretary, Lewis County Search & Rescue Service, Inc.

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Women's Side
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realize that I am not always right and certainly other females have other views. However, my column represents MY views. I consequently, do not feel that my analysis of the lives of women is "shallow and inaccurate." And I cannot understand how I can be accused of imposing my views upon others. Obviously, no one has to read them, and if they do, what on earth compels the reader to accept them? Any woman who is happy and fulfilled in what she is doing, whether it be wife, mother, or sole support of the family, etc., is certainly not shallow.
Any columnist, editor, or person who writes uses the term "as it is usually used in an editorial sense instead of 'it'." Now, Margie, any female, you for example, who may not be satisfied with her lot should protest and mainly TAKE action in re-adjusting her life to her own happiness. You mention in the third paragraph of your letter that "They (millions of women) are obviously not happy." Can you speak for all women, admitting that you "represent a very small percentage of the total female population?"
If you have followed my columns, I have discussed getting involved before. This does not JUST mean being able to discuss topics intelligently, but getting involved actively. And I resent your final sentence in paragraph three, "I have aspired as high as I wish. I am a wife, housekeeper, I work 40 hours a week in a store, and I belong to organizations. I also spend my free time, which by the way is hard to find, campaigning door-to-door for my husband. (No, he does not compel me to do this. But love and faith in him does.) I enjoy all my roles and I feel I am deeply involved in everything I do. Oh, I almost forgot, my column takes up a little time each week, and this too, is most enjoyable. I would like to challenge you, Miss Copeley, to follow me around for a week and see just how involved I am!"
I conclude now while NOT imposing any restrictions on any female, I again repeat: It doesn't matter how many things a woman is involved in — just as long as SHE is happy and fulfilled. Each role (wife, mother, etc.) is very involved and complex.
I, Ann Blair, am very happy and certainly fulfilled.

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TO WED — Mr. and Mrs. William J. Brown, Lowville, have announced the engagement of their daughter, Linda Rachel, to Dennis R. Gyore, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Gyore, Snell Road, Lowville.
Miss Brown is a 1970 graduate of Lowville Academy and a 1972 graduate of Canton ATC in Nursery Education. She is currently employed at Rosedale Dairy, Inc., Lowville.
Mr. Gyore is a 1968 graduate of Lowville Academy and a 1970 graduate of Jefferson Community College. He served in the U.S. Air Force and is now employed as a bookkeeper at Suburban Propane, Lowville.
An October 20 wedding is planned.



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