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## BETHLEHEM

# Parking deck repair through the roof

As costs soar, the future of Bethlehem's parking expansion is in question.

By Nicole Radziewich  
OF THE MORNING CALL

Downtown Bethlehem's future is really about its past — a Main Street filled with restored Victorian buildings alongside slate sidewalks trimmed with leafy trees and period lampposts.

But while Main Street's historic setting attracts scores of shoppers and tourists, it

also cramps the city's effort to provide what shoppers take for granted at the malls: plenty of parking spaces.

So, when a study showed the shops along the southern part of Main Street had a "deficit" of 248 parking spaces, officials looked to the north end of the street for a solution.

They would buy a crumbling parking deck built a half-century ago for the old Orr's department store, refurbish it and then build an extension that would hug the cliff above the Monocacy Creek and connect with a small parking deck behind Hotel Bethlehem.

A year ago, the Bethlehem Parking

Authority paid a recession-weary developer \$1.6 million for the Orr's deck and planned to spend another \$1.2 million to repair it.

But the deck was in worse shape than thought. That \$1.2 million repair bill now stands at \$1.85 million, with taxpayers footing the bill through a \$3.5 million state grant earmarked for Main Street parking improvements.

Now, with the more costly repairs having eaten up more than half the grant and the likelihood of getting additional ones from Harrisburg looking increasingly difficult,

## MAIN STREET COMMONS PARKING DECK

- Built: In the 1950s; addition built in 1998
  - Number of parking spaces: 133
  - Cost of the deck: \$1.6 million
  - Cost of repairs: \$1.85 million
  - Initial repair estimate: \$1.2 million
  - Estimated annual net revenue: \$202,683
  - Proposed extension: 168 spots
  - Extension cost: \$5.3 million
  - Estimated annual net revenue of extension: \$290,000
- Source: Bethlehem Parking Authority

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## JAPAN EARTHQUAKE AFTERMATH

# NUKE FEARS HIT HOME

Democratic congressman calls for a timeout on nuclear power in U.S., as engineers in Japan seek to stave off reactor meltdown



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A person who is believed to have been contaminated with radiation is carried to an ambulance in Fukushima, Japan, on Sunday. The Japanese government reported today that radiation levels again rose above legal limits outside the crippled nuclear complex in earthquake-battered Fukushima, where authorities have been pumping seawater into overheated reactors to try to cool them and stave off a meltdown. Meanwhile, officials said today that the death toll from last week's earthquake and tsunami is expected to climb into the tens of thousands and that more than a half-million people have been displaced from their homes.

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## INSIDE NEWS



**Members of Calvary Baptist Church** on Sunday dedicated their new \$13 million facility in Bethlehem Township. The daylong celebration marked the end of a 12-year-journey to fund and construct the new church. **News 7**

**Forces loyal to Libyan leader Moammar Gadhafi** pushed deeper into rebellious eastern Libya on Sunday, overrunning an important oil town while forcing lightly armed rebels back toward the opposition stronghold of Benghazi. **News 9**

## RELIGION

# Allentown Catholic Diocese anticipates new structure to welcome Anglicans

They would be allowed to retain their hymn-rich liturgy and other sacred traditions.

By Daniel Patrick Sheehan  
OF THE MORNING CALL

Karen Brynildsen offers a pithy bit of advice that makes everyone in the Sacred Heart of Jesus Church meeting room smile knowingly:

"Sing the whole hymn!"

That's how Episcopalians, members of the worldwide Anglican communion, approach their Sunday singing. None of that half-hearted Catholic business where you lop off the last couple of verses to speed

## THE ANGLICAN ORDINARIATE

■ **The Vatican** is considering a new structure called an ordinariate to welcome large numbers of U.S. Anglicans into the Roman Catholic Church.

■ **The converts** would be members of the Catholic communion but would preserve the Anglican liturgy and other elements of their heritage.

■ **More information:** Monsignor Francis Nave, Sacred Heart Church, Bath, 610-837-7874.

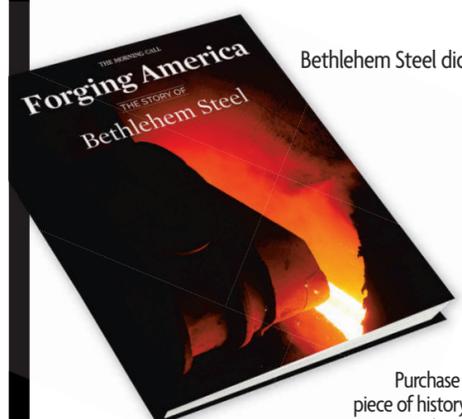
things along. Where's the reverence in that?

Perhaps Brynildsen's presence in the Roman Catholic Church — she will join it

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