

DEATH NOTICES

Frances C. Ellison

OWEGO | Frances Cecil Ellison of Watkins Glen, died Wednesday, Nov. 28, 2007 at the Riverview Manor Health Care Center after a long illness.

She was retired from Willard State Hospital and was the manager of the Ellison Souvenir Shop in Watkins Glen for many years.

Survivors include her daughter, Cheryl Arnold of Birch Run, Mich.; sister, Helen Conkright of New York.

A memorial service will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday at Haughey-Wood Funeral Home, Watkins Glen.

Burial will be in Reading Center Cemetery.

Wilbert C. Schultz Jr.

HORNELL | Wilbert C. Schultz Jr., 75, of West Street, Hornell, died Tuesday, Dec. 4, 2007 at home after a brief illness.

He was employed as a carpenter for many years at Wilbert Schultz and Sons General Contracting.

Survivors include three sons, Lawrence Schultz of Jasper, Walter Schultz of Olean, Timothy Schultz of Hornell; two daughters, Mary Blomfield-Brown of Dryden, Rachael Burkhart of Anchorage, Alaska; four sisters, Betty Converse, Shirley

Meyer and Beverly Smutzer, all of Hornell, Wilda Harris of Newport News, Va.; a brother, Albert Schultz of North Carolina.

There will be no calling hours and funeral services will be held at the convenience of the family.

Arrangements are with Dagon Funeral Home, 38 Church St.

Marjorie M. DeGroff

BATH | Marjorie M. DeGroff, of Bath, died Monday, Sept. 26, 2007 at the Steuben County Health Care Facility.

Survivors include her husband, Harold DeGroff, of Bath.

Graveside services will be held at the convenience of the family at Bath National Cemetery.

Arrangements are with Bond-Davis Funeral Home of Bath.

William Parry Sr.

ATHENS, PA. | William Parry Sr., 84, of Athens, died Monday, Dec. 3, 2007.

A World War II veteran, he worked at Bendix Corp. in Elmira for 30 years, retiring in 1975.

Survivors include his wife, Helen Parry; and two sons, William Parry Jr. of Athens and Michael Parry of Painted Post, N.Y.

A private family service

will be held.

Arrangements are with McInerney Funeral Home of Elmira.

Gertrude W. Powers

WELLSBORO, PA. | Gertrude W. Powers, 91, of Sherwood Street, died Sunday, Dec. 2, 2007 at home.

She was retired from Corning Glass Works in Wellsboro with 30 years of service.

Survivors include three children: Janice Cunningham of Southport, N.C., Fred S. Powers of Wellsboro, Martha Stock of Bainbridge Island, Washington.

Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday in Wellsboro United Methodist Church.

Arrangements are with Tussey-Mosher Funeral Home, 139 Main St.

Maudie S. Tiffany

BATH | Maudie S. Tiffany, 94, of Bath, died Monday, Dec. 3, 2007 at Taylor Health Center.

Private graveside services will be held in Pleasant Valley Cemetery in Hammondsport.

Arrangements are with Bond-Davis Funeral Home of Bath.

DEMOCRATS DEBATE



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Democratic presidential hopefuls, from left, Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton, D-N.Y., former Alaska Sen. Mike Gravel, Sen. Barack Obama, D-Ill., Sen. Chris Dodd, D-Conn., Sen. Joe Biden, D-Del., former North Carolina Sen. John Edwards and Rep. Dennis Kucinich, D-Ohio, wait for the start of the National Public Radio debate Tuesday at the State Historical Museum in Des Moines, Iowa.

Rivals hit Clinton for Iran stance

BY BETH FOUHY
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DES MOINES, IOWA | Democratic rivals assailed front-runner Hillary Rodham Clinton Tuesday for a vote against Iran that they portrayed as misguided and dangerous in light of a new intelligence report that says the Iranians stopped pursuing a nuclear weapon years ago.

One month before Iowa's leadoff caucuses — in a debate broadcast only on radio — the presidential candidates stood together in welcoming the report's assessment and criticizing President Bush's assertion that "nothing's changed" because of it. They divided on the three-month-old Senate vote to designate Iran's Revolutionary Guard a terrorist organization — a resolution that only Clinton supported among the Democratic candidates. She said her vote was meant to encourage diplomacy, but several of her foes were having none of that and John Edwards said it sounded like war.

Broadcast on NPR, the debate was limited to three subjects: Iran, China and immigration. The Democrats, unlike the campaign's Republican contenders, proposed no drastic crackdown on illegal immigrants. On China, they said more should be done to put U.S. companies on equal footing with Chinese imports, but again they proposed no radical new remedies.

The candidates sat in front of large radio microphones at a V-shaped table at the Iowa State Historical Museum. With no audience to see them in person or via video, they dressed more casually than in previous debates. Ohio Rep. Dennis Kucinich was the only one to keep on his jacket and tie.

Their interaction with each other was relatively civil compared with the sniping between the campaigns of Clinton and



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Democratic presidential hopefuls, from left, Sen. Joe Biden, D-Del., Sen. Barack Obama, D-Ill., and Sen. Chris Dodd, D-Conn., leave the National Public Radio debate.

rivals Barack Obama and Edwards in recent days.

Edwards did confront Clinton on her characterization of her September Iran vote.

"Declaring a military group sponsored by the state of Iran a terrorist organization, that's supposed to be diplomacy?" Edwards interjected. "This has to be considered in the context that Senator Clinton has said she agrees with George Bush terminology that we're in a global war on terror, then she voted to declare a military group in Iran a terrorist organization. What possible conclusion can you reach other than we are at war?"

Clinton objected. "You know I understand politics and I understand making outlandish political charges, but this really goes way too far," said the New York senator. She is locked in a tight three-way race with

Edwards, a former senator from North Carolina, and Obama, a senator from Illinois, in this first-voting state.

"None of us is advocating a rush to war," Clinton said.

Joe Biden, a senator from Delaware who chairs the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, didn't let that pass, telling Clinton that "terminology matters."

"It's not about not advocating a rush to war," he said. "I'm advocating no war."

Connecticut Sen. Chris Dodd said he and others voted against the resolution because they felt it "specifically eliminated any option except the military one."

"Those critical moments come periodically, but it demonstrates leadership on a critical issue such as this one," Dodd said. Obama missed the vote while campaigning in New Hampshire.

"Among the Democratic candidates," Edwards reminded listeners, "there's only one that voted for this resolution. And this is exactly what Bush and Cheney wanted."

Iowa is scheduled to hold the first presidential nominating contest during caucuses on Jan. 3. While Clinton is the clear front-runner in national polls, Iowa is a more heated contest and her Iranian vote has been an issue with the state's voters.

The seven candidates participating in the debate began by agreeing that the United States should shift its focus in dealing with Iran to diplomatic engagement.

"President Bush continues to not let facts get in the way of his ideology," said Obama. "They should have stopped the saber rattling, should have never started it. And they need, now, to aggressively move on the diplomatic front."

DEBATE

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"I agree with Roe v. Wade, but I support a ban on late-term abortions as long as health and safety of the woman is protected," said Katharine McClennan, who portrayed Clinton. "I would like to keep abortion safe, legal and rare."

Allard said the students had to research the candidates in order to accurately portray their positions on various issues.

"When they didn't know the candidates' position on an issue, they did very well because they are familiar with current events," Allard said. "They stayed pretty close to the candidates' positions."

RELEASED

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The group delivered a petition with 3,000 signatures objecting to the war and asking Kuhl to vote against funding it. They then refused to

Pionessa said he spent a lot of time researching Obama's position on various issues.

"I read the Audacity of Hope," Pionessa said. "I also watched a lot of videos so I could better portray my candidate."

The GOP received equal time in Allard's class, holding a debate Monday between students portraying Rudy Giuliani, Fred Thompson and John McCain.

This is the first year Allard's class has held a mock debate. Based on the success this year, she is already planning a similar activity for next year's class involving the general election.

HELP

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Turning Point, which has offices in Corning and Bath, will help eligible clients enroll in the program.

The Health Ministry of the

leave the office at closing time and were taken away by village police.

The four other defendants avoided jail after agreeing to each pay \$300 and serve community service.

PROJECT

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improvements to the primary, elementary, middle and high schools, including:

- Enhanced electronic security measures.
- Improved electronic data infrastructure.
- Additional "smart boards" for classrooms.
- Larger fifth- and sixth-grade classrooms.
- New roofing.
- Improved rigging and sound and light systems in the high school auditorium.
- Renovations to the high school cafeteria to accommodate larger shifts of students.
- Upgraded boys' and girls' locker rooms.

A separate proposition would authorize the school district to spend \$1 million to purchase artificial turf for the high school football field and equipment to maintain the turf. That proposition, however, is contingent on passage of the primary \$18 million project, Tunney said.

Approved together, the two propositions would create the following tax impact:

- One dollar per year for a \$50,000 property covered by the basic STAR exemption.
- No impact for a \$50,000 property covered by the full STAR exemption.

District residents expressed a variety of concerns during a half-hour period following the district's one-hour presentation. Those concerns included:

- Plans to purchase five half-acre properties for a total of \$50,000 near the soccer field to accommodate more

parking. Several residents questioned whether the additional space was needed.

• Additional operational costs stemming from the renovations. A Hunt Engineers representative said the additional costs would be "very inconsequential."

• Possible overcrowding of the high school cafeteria, where some students already are forced to eat quickly due to long lines. Tunney said high school officials will study ways to reduce the congestion.

• Whether the renovations are mandated by the state, or recommended by the school board. School officials responded the state mandates only a building condition survey and a five-year plan for implementing recommendations based on that survey. The specifics of the survey and plan are at the discretion of the local school board.

"You may not agree with every single thing that is in this project," Tunney said.

But, referring to the one-time state reimbursement ratio, she added: "I think it's a good deal."

The district will hold another informational meeting at 7 p.m. Dec. 12 in the high school auditorium. The public referendum will be from noon to 8 p.m. Dec. 18.

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OBITUARIES

JOYCE C. GETTINGS

LABELLE, FL | Joyce Claire Patricia Gettings, 75 formerly of Prattsburgh, NY died December 1, 2007 in Labelle Florida.

Joyce was born March 18, 1932 in Jamaica Queens, NY and was the daughter of the late Frances and Florence Lenjou.

Surviving in addition to her husband of 53 years, William L. Gettings, are daughters, Tracy (Ronald) Perkins of Prattsburgh; Cary (Martin) Muggleton of Williamsport, PA; and son, Michael (Tina) Gettings of Prattsburgh; grandchildren Matthew, Christina, Brandi, Jesse, Kara, Ryan, Andrew and Rachael and two great-grandchildren;

one sister, Jeanne Radke of Huntington, NY and several nieces and nephews.

Friends and family may call at the Bottoni-Wood Funeral Home, 4 Mechanic St., Prattsburgh on Sunday, December 9th from 2pm to 4pm. A Memorial Mass will be celebrated on Monday, December 10, 2007 at 10 am at St. Patrick's Catholic Church, North Main Street,

Prattsburgh NY with Father Robert Ring and Deacon James Hankey, officiating. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in memory of Joyce to the United Way of the Southern Tier, Civic Center Plaza, Corning NY 14830.

Friends and family may sign the guest book at www.townsendwoodfuneralchapel.com.

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