

## BRIEFS

### Three hurt in Trumansburg crash

TRUMANSBURG — A two-vehicle accident shut down a portion of South Street Extension on Monday afternoon between Rabbit Run Road and Pennsylvania Avenue.

A school bus collided with another vehicle containing two passengers, according to emergency response radio. There were no passengers on the school bus.

Two of the victims were taken by ambulance to the trauma center at Robert Packer Hospital in Sayre, Pa. The cause of the accident is still under investigation.

### Dryden passes 2013 town budget

DRYDEN — The town's 2013 budget was passed Monday during a special meeting, Town Supervisor Mary Ann Sumner said. The vote was 4-1 with Councilman Jason Leifer dissenting.

The board declined to vote on the \$5.9 million budget presented at last week's public hearing and a special meeting was scheduled for Monday.

The amount to be raised through taxation is \$1.3 million, with no increase to the tax rate.

### IPEI awards grants to Ithaca schools

ITHACA — The Ithaca Public Education Initiative awarded \$12,669 in the first round of its quarterly Red and Gold grants for the 2012-13 school year. The 30 grants will help fund special projects in the Ithaca City School District curriculum.

Some of the funded projects include a field trip to the Johnson Museum of Art for seventh-graders at Boynton Middle School; the Art of Making Marvelous Mosaics at Ithaca High School; and the creation of an up-to-date atlas collection for the library at Beverly J. Martin Elementary School.

"It is always enjoyable to see the variety of creative ideas that go into the applications," IPEI board member Pat Tempesta said in a statement. "Successful grants offer our students and teaching professionals additional enrichment opportunities that help support teaching and learning throughout the ICSD."

### Transitioning military to civilian life

ITHACA — The Ithaca Therapists' Group and the Mental Health Association in Tompkins County will sponsor "Re-Entry 101: What We Need to Know About the Return to Civilian Life After Military Deployment" from 7-9 p.m. Nov. 29 at the VFW Post 961, 423 W. State St.

Speakers Jim Murphy and Jen Pacanowski will speak on the issues and needs of vets transitioning from military culture to civilian life.

## LOTTERIES

N.Y. lottery: (518) 388-3300  
On the Web: www.nylottery.org

N.Y. Daily (day): 4-6-6  
N.Y. Win 4 (day): 4-5-2-4  
N.Y. Daily (night): 8-7-3  
N.Y. Win 4 (night): 2-8-3-3  
N.Y. Pick 10 (Sunday): 2-6-7-9-15-18-23-27-29-32-33-35-51-55-58-66-68-70-79-80  
N.Y. Take 5 (Sunday): 11-16-17-28-31

## FOR CORRECTIONS

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# University at Buffalo president shuts down shale-gas institute

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ALBANY — The University at Buffalo's controversial shale-gas research institute was shut down Monday by the school's president, less than two months after he penned a letter defending it to the board of the state university system.

In an open letter Monday, UB President Satish Tripathi said he decided to close the university's Shale Resources and Society Institute after consulting with top administrators. The institute, which was officially launched in April, had found it-

self under a cloud of criticism for an inaugural report that was authored by researchers with ties to the natural gas industry.

"It is imperative that our faculty members adhere to rigorous standards of academic integrity, intellectual honesty, transparency and the highest ethical conduct in their work," Tripathi wrote. "Because of these collective concerns, I have decided to close the Shale Resources and Society Institute."

The Shale Resources and Society Institute was launched as a branch of the university dedicated to researching hydraulic

fracturing and other issues related to shale-gas drilling. It released its first report in May. The report claimed Pennsylvania's regulation of high-volume hydrofracking had become more effective in recent years and that New York's proposed regulations would be even more so if the state were to allow the much-debated technique.

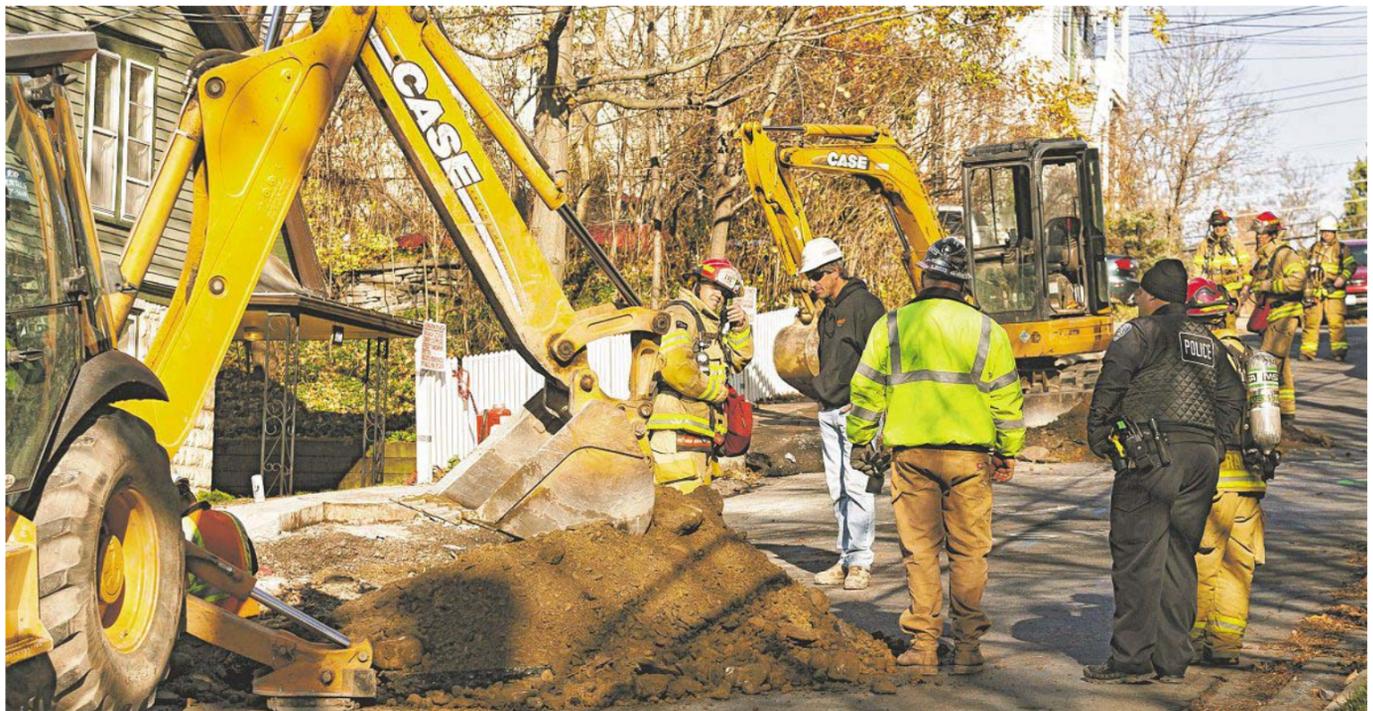
But the report led to allegations of bias and questions about how the institute was funded from fracking critics and members of the university's faculty. The institute's founders at one time sought industry funding and its co-director was being

paid by the UB Foundation, the university's quasi-public fundraising arm.

The State University of New York's Board of Trustees got involved in early September, asking for the university to defend the study and clarify the circumstances surrounding the creation of the institute.

"As with all research at UB, regardless of the source of funding, it is not the role of the university nor of the funding source to dictate the conclusions drawn by faculty investigators," UB Provost Charles Zukoski said in a statement at the time.

# City crews fix Schuyler Place gas leak



Employees of New York State Electric & Gas Corp. dig holes near a broken gas main Monday morning on Schuyler Place to close off the line in order to repair it. Ithaca firefighters, Bangs Ambulance and the Ithaca Police Department were on standby while the leak was closed off. The damage to the 4-inch gas main occurred when a crew from the Department of Public Works at the City of Ithaca nicked the line while repairing a storm sewer line under Schuyler Place between East State/Martin Luther King Jr. and East Seneca streets. SIMON WHEELER / STAFF PHOTO

# Reed considers allowing tax hike for wealthy

By Andrew Casler  
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ITHACA — U.S. Rep. Tom Reed, R-Corning, said he's willing to consider a tax increase on the wealthy, but a deal to avoid the so-called "fiscal cliff" could be impeded if the new tax revenue went toward government spending.

The fiscal cliff is the term used to describe spending cuts and tax increases that are scheduled to go into effect at the

start of 2013.

"When we're talking about revenue, on both sides of the aisle we are looking at the wealthy members of our society," Reed said during a call with reporters.

"As we consider revenues, we need a firm commitment that those revenues will go to pay the debt," Reed said. "I support applying that revenue to paying off this debt, not to increasing spending, unlike what many of my Democratic peers

are trying to do, and also what the president seems to indicate he wants to do with that increased revenue."

Reed wants to know where the tax dollars would be spent and how the federal government could be downsized to "get it to live within its means." Reed pointed out that the federal government has a \$1.1 trillion annual budget deficit.

Reed's statements are in-step with House Speaker John Boehner, R-Ohio, who put tax in-

creases on the table as long as they're accompanied by significant spending cuts.

Cornell University economist Robert Frank said the Republicans' focus on paying down the debt isn't the best way to lead an economic recovery.

"Paying down debt is very important, but the first order of business needs to be to getting the economy back to full employment," Frank said.

Frank said he agrees with the Democrats' strategy.

## NEIGHBORS

# Burdett surgeon takes medical command

By Kitty Hall-Thurnheer  
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ITHACA — Col. James Coleman, from Burdett, took command of the New York Army National Guard's Medical Command in October.

Coleman is a military flight surgeon with four combat deployments during the last 10 years. He was deployed to Afghanistan in 2003-2004 as the combined joint task force flight surgeon; as a battalion flight surgeon to Kuwait and Iraq in 2006; Kosovo in 2008-2009; and again to Iraq in 2011. Coleman is married to Dawn Coleman, and they have a 4-year-old daughter, Wendy.

### Join the 4-H club with other animal lovers

Ever wonder why goats faint, cows chew their cud

or how horses run so fast? Join the club — 4-H club, that is.

There are clubs for kids 7 to 18 years old with an interest in dairy and agriculture, horses and horsemanship, rabbits, livestock (sheep and goats) and pocket pets. Most clubs meet once a month, offer hands on experiences, on-farm activities and, for some species, the chance to lease an animal for exhibit at the 4-H Youth Fair.

For more information, call Brenda Carpenter, 4-H Club Coordinator, at (607) 272-2292, or e-mail btc6@cornell.edu.

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# N.Y. trooper recognized

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ITHACA — New York State Trooper Paul J. Turo won the hearts of animal lovers and the Kiwanis Club of Ithaca-Cayuga Frank J. Hammer Officer of the Month award on Monday for his investigative work on a farmer's cow that was shot.

In June 2011, the nine-year veteran Turo received a complaint from a Lansing farmer that his pregnant beef cow was shot and paralyzed. Initially, there were no signs of a gunshot wound and the farmer wondered why his cow was paralyzed, when he received an anonymous call advising him that the caller knew who shot the cow.

Working with that little information, Turo interviewed area farmers and citizens, including someone that he had

previously arrested and then developed a relationship with, trying to mentor the individual to a better life. That person told Turo he had received a text message from the person that shot the cow. This led Turo to the four suspects who were arrested and charged with third-degree criminal mischief and torturing or injuring animals.

The cow died after delivering its calf and the bullet was found and matched to the gun that was seized from the suspects.

Trooper Turo's supervisor, Sergeant Michael T. Soroka, said this case isn't really why he nominated Turo for the award; it was only part of the reason.

"I nominated Trooper Turo, really, because everyday he is a hardworking, dedicated and outstanding member of the state police that investigates all of his cases with sincerity," Soroka said.

Turo is one of the standardized field sobriety test training officers, and a field training officer that mentors newer members.