

## BRIEFS

### Lifton wants further frack review

ALBANY — State Assemblywoman Barbara Lifton, D-Ithaca, joined with 65 lawmakers to support putting hydrofracking's health review on hold so there can be public review and comment on the process.

Lifton called the Department of Health review "unacceptably inadequate."

There are more than 22,000 signatories to a coalition letter that requests hydrofracking's environment impact study get withdrawn due to, "fundamental inadequacies, notably failure to safeguard public health," according to a news release by Lifton.

### United Way receives challenge grant

ITHACA — The United Way of Tompkins County has received a challenge grant from an anonymous donor, a dollar for dollar match up to \$20,000.

The money will be used to fund hunger and food security programs. In 2012, a total of \$57,854 was awarded through the two grant cycles. Any Tompkins County organization can apply for Hunger & Food Security funding.

In December, area food pantry health and usage revealed that all local pantries had little or no funds on account at the Food Bank of the Southern Tier. The UWTC Board of Directors responded by awarding \$5,000 in funding for 10 food pantries and community organizations in Tompkins County.

All gifts will support local hunger and food security programs, including personal care items to help children, individuals, and families in Tompkins County. Gifts will be matched 100 percent through March 31. To make a gift online, visit [uwtc.org](http://uwtc.org).

## LOTTERIES

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

- N.Y. Daily (day): 6-1-8
  - N.Y. Win 4 (day): 7-5-9-9
  - N.Y. Daily (night): 2-0-5
  - N.Y. Win 4 (night): 2-4-3-0
  - N.Y. Take 5 (Tuesday): 2-25-29-33-39
  - N.Y. Pick 10 (Tuesday): 7-9-12-16-17-18-29-35-38-39-44-47-50-51-54-58-60-62-64-67
  - Mega Millions (Tuesday): 2-5-10-26-44
  - Mega Ball: 46
- See Friday's edition for Take 5, N.Y. Lotto and Powerball results.**

## FOR CORRECTIONS

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# Winter may slap us again

## Storm could bring up to 12 inches by weekend, forecasts show

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The Ithaca area could get slammed with heavy snow toward the end of the week. Then again, it might not.

It's still a little too early to tell, but there is a potential for several inches of snow to fall on the area starting tonight and into Friday, said WENY-TV meteorologist Joe Veres.

The National Weather Service has is-

sued a winter storm watch for the Southern Tier and Finger Lakes regions from Friday morning through Saturday morning, and said the storm could bring as much as eight to 12 inches.

But the worst of it will probably hit other areas, Veres said.

"The potential is there for six inches or more for our viewing area," he said. "This is still a couple of days away. We might have to fine-tune our forecast a little bit. It's definitely going to snow, but as far as the offi-

cial amount, there will be a difference depending on which model is verified.

"I think the worst of the storm will be later Friday afternoon and evening," Veres said. "By Saturday we should be good and sunshine will be returning over the weekend."

The snow is likely to be wet and heavy in the early stages of the storm, making shoveling more challenging, Veres said, adding that it will turn more light and powdery toward the end.



Istvan Burbank, 19, shows 5-year-old Match Weeks, from Enfield, how to use the controls for the robot. See more photos at [theithacajournal.com](http://theithacajournal.com). ROBYN WISHNA / CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

# Code Red team shares science with children

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ITHACA — When it comes to technological innovation, robots get all the glory.

But Ithaca High School's Code Red Robotics team does more than construct high-tech machines to be entered into regional and international competitions, where the robots prove their mettle by participating in challenges such as basketball and Ultimate Frisbee (no small achievements).

For the last few weeks, Ithaca High senior Mike Guo and a dozen other Code Red members have been designing, building and troubleshooting an augmented reality sandbox. The sandbox, which was inspired by the work of UC Davis professor and computer scientist Oliver Kreylos, is an interactive tool that uses Microsoft Kinect technology from an Xbox to project a virtual topographical map onto its sand. This map matches the sand's physical surface and allows digitally simulated water to appear to be flowing along the sand in real time. Changes to the actual sand shape how and

where the digital water flows.

"The sandbox teaches geology and topography to younger children," Guo said, "and older kids can appreciate and explore the technical side of the simulation."

The sandbox was unveiled to the public last Saturday at Code Red's second annual open house and will be donated to the Sciencenter after a few finishing touches are added. Cayuga Lumber donated wood for the sandbox, but Guo is also seeking fine white sand to replace the box's current sand, about 300 pounds worth, which is too dusty.

"We don't have a lot of flexibility in our financial situation. So we really do rely on community expertise and community donations for side projects," Guo said.

The Sciencenter is an ideal venue for the team's work, according to Guo, because it allows children to see that science is both fun and within their means.

"In the grand scheme of things, the robot that we build is really a sideshow," Guo said. "The main point is outreach to the community and encouraging interest in science and engineering."

# CU to display original copy of Emancipation Proclamation

Staff report

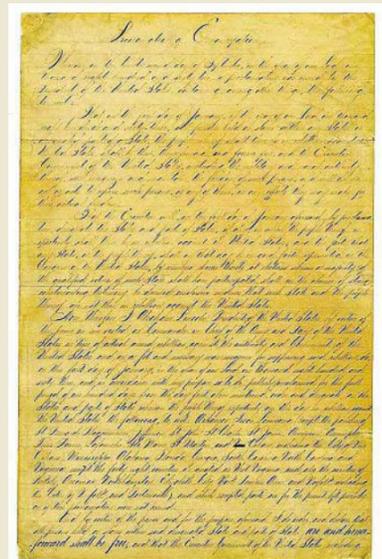
ITHACA — Cornell University Library will display its rare original copy of the Emancipation Proclamation starting Monday through Feb. 18 in honor of the document's 150th anniversary.

The document will be displayed in the Division of Rare and Manuscript Collections in Kroch Library, level 2B, as part of the "Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation at 150" exhibition, which will also include a print copy of the preliminary Emancipation Proclamation as well as Civil War engravings, and newspapers and pamphlets from the era.

Guided tours of the exhibition will be given from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday (Lincoln's birthday) and Feb. 18 (Presidents Day).

The library will also host a talk about the university's Lincoln collections at 10 a.m., 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. Feb. 18.

Cornell's copy of the Emancipation Proclamation is the first of two versions that Lincoln signed. It contains a clerical mistake that was corrected in the second version. For more information, visit [rmc.library.cornell.edu/lincoln/exhibition/introduction/index.html](http://rmc.library.cornell.edu/lincoln/exhibition/introduction/index.html).



Cornell University Library will display an original signed copy of the Emancipation Proclamation from Monday to Feb. 18. PHOTO PROVIDED

## NEIGHBORS

# Lehman teacher Raimon receives Newman award

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ITHACA — Jon Raimon received the 2013 Debra S. Newman '02 Cornell Tradition Community Recognition Award in January.

Raimon teaches English and history at the Lehman Alternative Community School. In addition, he has headed up the Service Program for the last 18 years, where students join the Service Class and commit to 100 hours of public service in a year.

As part of this program, Raimon connected with the Akwesasne Freedom School in Roosevelt town, near Massena. He teaches



Jon Raimon

native issues all year and in May takes a group of students to the Freedom School to build relationships between the two groups, where the students get to know one another, breaking down cultural stereotypes. The students have worked together on several projects including building a shower, a greenhouse and a root cellar.

Raimon also teaches about the prison system. He worked with the Finger Lakes Residential Center to create service projects where his students can meet with residents

weekly to work on joint projects.

Raimon was nominated by former student Jon Hirschberger, who wrote in his nomination, "besides being a fantastic teacher and motivator, Mr. Raimon also lives his life according to the principles that he teaches."

The Newman award is given to honor a leader who demonstrates a strong commitment to community service and leadership. The recipient receives a \$1,000 donation to a charitable contribution of his choice; Raimon donated the money to the Freedom School.

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