

BRIEFS

Dryden man killed in apparent crash

VETERAN — A Dryden man who was reported missing Friday night has been found dead, the victim of an apparent traffic accident.

The man was reportedly driving home from Alfred University for the weekend. He was reported missing by his family after he didn't show up, according to state police at Horseheads.

The victim's car was found around 9 a.m. Sunday just off state Route 13 in the Town of Veteran. His cell phone signal led police to the general area where the car was found, state police said.

The cause of the accident is still under investigation. Authorities are not releasing the victim's name at this time, pending notification of next of kin.

Victims uncooperative in stabbings

ITHACA — The victims of two unrelated stabbings in Ithaca this weekend have refused to cooperate with the investigations of both, according to Ithaca police.

A 35-year-old Ithaca man was stabbed in the neck area at 9:44 p.m. Saturday on the 400 block of West State/Martin Luther King Jr. St. Responding officers controlled the heavily bleeding wound before Bangs Ambulance transported the man to Upstate University Hospital in Syracuse. The man had been released by Sunday evening.

On Sunday afternoon, police responded to a fight on the 600 block of Chestnut Street where they found a 17-year-old with a stab wound in the back. The victim, along with a large group of people present at the assault, was uncooperative with the investigation, according to police. No information on the victim's condition was available.

Anyone with information is asked to call Ithaca police at (607) 272-3245.

Lockwood boy continues to improve

ROCHESTER — Candon Westervelt, a 9-year-old Lockwood boy, is making remarkable progress from brain surgery Thursday, according to his mother.

Colby Westervelt reported in an online post Sunday afternoon that Candon moved his left arm and leg Sunday.

Follow Candon's progress at caringbridge.com.

LOTTERIES

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

SUNDAY

N.Y. Daily (day): 3-5-7
N.Y. Win 4 (day): 5-3-2-9
N.Y. Daily (night): 2-3-7
N.Y. Win 4 (night): 8-8-7-9

SATURDAY

N.Y. Daily (day): 6-0-2
N.Y. Win 4 (day): 6-1-8-2
N.Y. Daily (night): 8-7-1
N.Y. Win 4 (night): 8-0-2-4
N.Y. Take 5: 9-13-17-25-26
N.Y. Pick 10: 4-5-8-14-19-25-26-29-37-45-47-59-63-66-68-69-70-71-72-74
N.Y. Lotto: 29-31-38-42-52-58
Bonus: 36
Powerball: 3-23-48-54-55
Powerball: 5

FRIDAY

N.Y. Take 5: 7-24-29-34-35
N.Y. Pick 10: 3-4-11-13-15-22-24-26-29-30-39-40-44-45-47-57-70-72-73-75
Mega Millions: 17-42-49-54-55
Mega Ball: 31

FOR CORRECTIONS

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Ithaca High School Code Red Robotics was one of 400 teams competing for the FIRST Robotics Championship in the Edward Jones Dome in St. Louis, Mo. on Thursday, Friday and Saturday. Noah Davis, Joon Park (standing), John Westwig, and Dan Schultz (kneeling) make a quick adjustment before one of the team's qualification rounds Friday. For more photos from the event, go to theithacajournal.com.

Code Red shows off hardware in St. Louis

Robotics team pleased with performance at international competition

By Matthew Hayes
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As teams tinkered on their contraptions at the FIRST Robotics international championship, Ithaca High School student Istvan Burbank took a moment to admire the hardware.

While every team had the same mission — create a robot that can accurately throw frisbie-like discs and climb a 90-inch metal pyramid — there were hundreds of different mechanisms devised by students from around the world, all of them clever and unique, according to Burbank.

Despite not placing during the weekend competition in St. Louis, Burbank said the team's 120-pound robot, nicknamed the Red Raptor, performed admirably among some of the best of the world has to offer.

"I was thrilled with how we did," he said. "The robot was working great, and every-

one was having a good time."

Given just six weeks to come up with a design solution and working robot, the Code Red team progressed through regional competitions to earn its spot among the best.

While some teams rely to different degrees on help from mentors, the Ithaca team takes pride in having the students be the main source of inspiration and sweat, from blueprint to final mechanical assembly.

"Code Red tries to be very student-led and student-designed and -built," Burbank said.

For him, one of the best experiences was the shared camaraderie among the young engineers. All tasked with the same mechanical conundrum, he witnessed ingenious designs and stunning craftsmanship, with the gathering of so many bright students fostering an atmosphere of shared knowledge.

More than anything, the competition was a chance to learn more about strategy and design, he said. "It was about performance and the process of how to get there."



Davis, John Westwig, Istvan Burbank, Park and Schultz were five of approximately 55 team members who made the trip. DAVE BURBANK / CONTRIBUTED PHOTOS

Tompkins invites input on livable wage policy

Public input event planned Wednesday

Staff Report

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ITHACA — A work group reviewing Tompkins County's livable wage policy has scheduled two public input sessions for Wednesday.

The livable wage law encourages county contractors to pay living wages and benefits to their employees. The law, however, doesn't provide specific methods that encourage the contractors to pay livable wages.

Both sessions will be held at the Beverly Livesay Conference Room, on the first floor of the county's Human Services Building, 320 W. State/Martin Luther King Jr. St. The first session will be from 3 to 5 p.m., with the second from 6 to 8 p.m.

While general perspectives on the policy and living wage are welcomed, the work group is seeking specific suggestions on the policy or the way it is administered, according to a news release.

The group's focus is on county service contracts — contracts between the county and an organization or individual. The group will welcome written testimony.

The work group plans to report findings and recommendations to the full legislature by summer. The legislature could require all organizations awarded county contracts to pay livable wages.

If the livable wages are made mandatory, the policy could pass expenses on to property taxpayers, some of whom do not earn a living wage, Tompkins County Administrator Joe Mareane said.

The living wage for full-time employees in Tompkins County is calculated at \$11.67 an hour with health care, and \$12.78 an hour without, according to Alternatives Federal Credit Union.

The work group is composed of various elected officials and Tompkins County staff. Pete Meyers, coordinator of the Tompkins County Workers' Center, requested a seat on the board, but he was denied.

"This would not be an issue brought forward in the first place without the workers' center," Meyers said. "I'm just, frankly, willing to flow with the situation as it is, knowing that we're going to have to bring outside pressure to bear anyways."

CAMPUS WATCH

Activist to discuss modified crops

By D.W. Nutt

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ITHACA — Environmental activist and author Mark Lynas will be the keynote speaker at a panel discussion on "Changing Crops for a Changing Climate: What Can Biotechnology Contribute?" at 2 p.m. today in Cornell's Statler Auditorium.

Lynas was a longtime opponent of genetically modified crops who stunned the environmental movement when he publicly apologized for his role in "demonizing" the crops at the Oxford Farming Conference in January.

A question-and-answer session will follow today's discussion, which will be livestreamed at ip.cals.cornell.edu/live.

TC3 research

Seven Tompkins Cortland Community College students presented their research at the first Community College Undergraduate Research Initiative national conference last month in Bethesda, Md.

Jon-David Barrara, Tim DeMarsh, Melissa Doak, Jasmine LaMountain, Sara Lawler, Thien Luu and Stephanie Perkins showcased their work at a session called "Reflections: A Comparative Study in Implementing Undergraduate Research at Community Colleges."

Barrara, an environmental studies student, presented on research conducted during a TC3 study abroad trip to Colombia. Doak, a nursing student, worked on developing chicken cell lines that could be used to cultivate the influenza virus.

DeMarsh, LaMountain, Lawler, Luu and Perkins are biotechnology students conducting research on various topics, including a hepatitis virus gene associated with cancer and improving efficiencies in ethanol production.