

POLICE MONITOR

Police say Ithaca man had 48 morphine pills

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Individuals charged with criminal offenses noted in this column will face a court proceeding to determine whether they are guilty of the charges.

TOMPKINS COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

» The Tompkins County Sheriff's Office responded to a report of an accident at 1:48 p.m. Friday at 53 Ridge Road in Lansing. Deputies found a pick-up truck in a ditch with significant damage. When they interviewed the operator, **Timothy L. Vanbenschoten**, 39, of Ithaca, they found him to be intoxicated and in possession of 48 morphine tablets, the sheriff's office said.

Vanbenschoten was charged with DWI, DWI with a 0.08 percent blood-alcohol content or more, third-degree criminal possession of a controlled substance, a felony, and ticketed for moving from lane unsafely.

Vanbenschoten was arraigned in the Town of Lansing and remanded to the Tompkins County Jail in lieu of \$50 cash bail or \$100 bail bond.

» **Steven C. Mayo**, 37, of Ovid, was charged with DWI after deputies stopped his vehicle for having no license plate while traveling on Trumansburg Road.

Mayo was charged with two counts of

DWI, no front license plate, uninsured motor vehicle, unregistered motor vehicle, expired inspection, third-degree aggravated unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle and switched license plates.

Mayo was released to a sober third party and is due to appear Feb. 25 in Town of Ithaca Court.

» **Ryan J. Sherry**, 44, of Newfield, was charged with DWI after deputies stopped him for speeding at 1:48 a.m. Jan. 27 on Elmira Road in Ithaca.

Sherry was charged with two counts of DWI, speed in zone, no or inadequate lights and unlawful possession of marijuana.

Sherry was released to a sober third party and is due to appear Feb. 18 in the Town of Ithaca Court.

» After a traffic stop on state Route 13 in Lansing, deputies found **Ralph Stevens III**, 30, of Rochester, had a revoked driver's license with a total of 40 scoffs, 32 on 12 separate dates, according to the sheriff's office.

Stevens was charged with first-degree aggravated unlicensed operation and no turn signal.

Stevens was arraigned in the Town of Lansing Court and remanded to the Tompkins County Jail in lieu of \$500 cash or \$1,000 insured bond.

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Code Red Robotics offers open house

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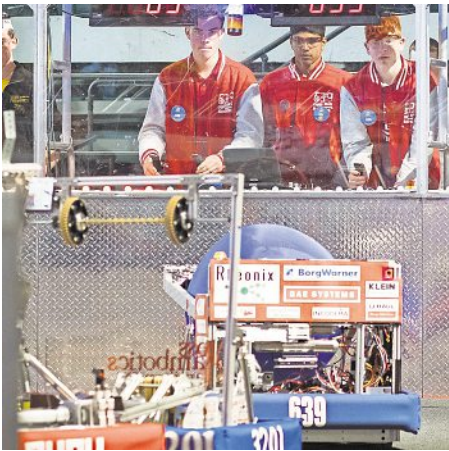
Ithaca High School's Code Red Robotics team will hold an open house from noon to 4 p.m. Saturday in the school cafeteria.

Team members will give tours of their robot build session in the school's technology wing.

Local elementary school LEGO FIRST robotics teams will show their creations.

Cornell professors will offer chemistry demonstrations. There will be design games for children and more.

The team is in the middle of a six-week build period to create a robot to enter into the annual FIRST Robotics Competition in March in Rochester.



DAVE BURBANK / PROVIDED PHOTO

From left, Cameron Burbank, Rishi Verma, and Noah Davis control their team's robot during the 2014 Buckeye Regional FIRST Robotics Competition in Cleveland.

Moment

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supremacy that have long-dictated the social structures of the country. It begins, Rickford said, with an understanding of the concept of anti-racism.

"It's far more than not being racist," Rickford said. "Racism is a passive act requiring no effort and in no way threatens the deep-rooted system of white supremacy. Nor is it color blindness, the idea that by ignoring color we've defeated the legacy of white supremacy."

Throughout the evening, the local movement's organizers engaged in a dialogue with those in attendance with an aim to build an understanding between the public and the goals of the organization. Organizer and Diversity & Inclusion Educator Nicole Lafave told those assembled the movement was to acknowledge the realities of black people in the community as well as how they could become agents of social change. Specifically, the event was called to encourage black people to fight for their liberation socially and economically.

As for the white people in the audience? Lafave said to listen and ask questions about what they don't understand but not to evaluate.

"We don't need your help, we need your support," Lafave said. "We need to imagine what a life of love, justice and liberation looks like."

That world, Rickford said, is one

where representation no longer speaks for an entire group and that the world of the future is one of actual equality, rather than a superficial facade hiding the realities of race relations in America. He said it's a difficult issue to solve and one — even with a goal in mind — the black community struggles with.

"We're inviting you to struggle with us," Rickford said. "We need to begin transcending the politics of representation like Obama in the White House; this hasn't changed the reality of people struggling every day. ...We have to transcend this and get back to grassroots politics on the street, on the front lines ... to mobilize the people most marginalized."

For Ithaca's movement, progress will begin with open dialogue — something Rickford said is the first step in building a culture of solidarity. Making it happen will involve no longer being silent. In a spoken-word piece at the beginning of the night, Ade called out the loudness of police shootings in Minneapolis as well as the deaths of Freddie Gray in Baltimore, Tamir Rice in Cleveland and Sandra Bland in Texas, recall actions that stoked the movement. He spoke of the numbness he felt about the lack of indictments related to some of those incidents.

"This ends today," Ade said in the piece. "Never have we screamed so loud."

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Cuomo picks former El Diario editor for secretary of state

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ALBANY - A former editor who led the country's oldest Spanish-language newspaper for more than a decade will become New York's secretary of state.

Rossana Rosado, the former editor and publisher of El Diario, was tapped by Gov. Andrew Cuomo on Wednesday to become head of the state Department of State, which is in charge of maintaining records and planning for the state.

If confirmed by the Senate, Rosado will replace Cesar Perales, a Cuomo ally and longtime government official who is retiring.

"From becoming the woman to serve as editor and publisher of the largest Spanish-language newspaper in the country, to championing reentry initiatives, to her work as an award-winning producer, Rossana brings a depth and diversity of experience that is second to none," Cuomo said in a statement.

Rosado stepped down as head of El Diario in 2013, retaining the title of publisher emeritus.

She also served a stint on the Port Authority's board and was a lecturer for the John Jay College of Criminal Justice. Previously, she was vice president for public affairs at New York City Health and Hospitals Corporation.

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