

Ithaca High students engineer the future



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Students in the Ithaca chapter of the Technology Student Association at Ithaca High School work on a pneumatic catapult. From left, junior Jacob Silcoff, senior Zachary Stillman, junior Freya Ryd, all of Ithaca, and junior Tristan Engst, of Ellis Hollow.

Teams rush to submit inventions

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After school on recent Thursday afternoon as laughter fades and hallways clear, a bandsaw kicks to life in a back room of Ithaca High School.

In the E Block at Ithaca High School, it becomes quickly apparent which room houses the tech lab. Located at the end of a darkened hall through the cafeteria, the end of it is lit with a trophy case filled with top-five finishes memorialized in glittering glass, rows of cold silver, gold and bronze medals, and — in one honor's case — diamond-plated steel, earned by the school's robotics team for "toughest robot."

Nestled deep in the wing, saws are roaring and students are rushing about



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Ithaca High School ninth-grader Tilden Chao works to create a prototype for a biotechnology project.

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Cuomo: Wage hike about 'dignity and justice'

Governor rallies support for \$15 minimum pay

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ALBANY — Gov. Andrew Cuomo didn't have to travel far for the latest major rally in support of a \$15 minimum wage: He could see the stage from his office.

Labor unions bused in a large crowd

of supporters Tuesday for a rally in front of the state Capitol, the latest stop in a statewide tour by unions and Cuomo in support of his minimum-wage proposal.

The rally filled much of the Empire State Plaza's north end and came a day after the state Senate and Assembly passed their own budget proposals, with Senate Republicans promising to "consider" a wage boost only after more economic analysis.

Union members waved signs — some of which bearing a photo of Cuomo's

face — as Cuomo delivered a fiery speech, pledging to get a minimum-wage hike through the Legislature.

"We're going to pass minimum wage," Cuomo said at the rally. "We're going to pass paid family leave. We're going to restore dignity and justice."

Cuomo was joined at the rally by Cardinal Timothy Dolan, the head of the New York archdiocese, who delivered an opening prayer in support of a minimum-wage hike.

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E-script mandate starts in NY

Paperless prescriptions to cut fraud, abuse

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ALBANY — The days of doctors handwriting prescriptions that patients then take to the pharmacy are coming to an end.

Starting March 27, New York is mandating electronic prescriptions as a way to streamline the process and crack down on fraud and abuse.

"This reform will improve patient safety, reduce the number of fraudulent or stolen prescriptions and help combat prescription drug abuse across New York," Gov. Andrew Cuomo said in a statement.

The program, however, is drawing concerns from doctors about the extensive work that was needed to comply and uncertainty about provisions of law.

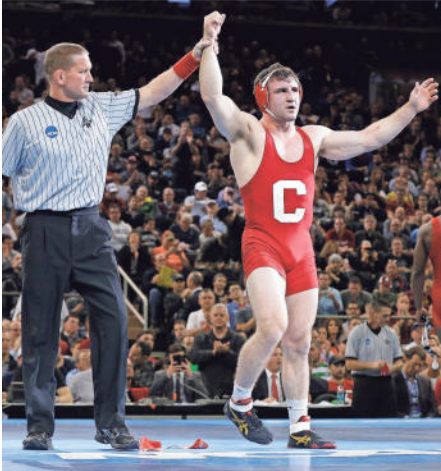
In response, the state Health Department on Wednesday issued a memo that exempted doctors from complying with the law in 12 various situations,

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GOV. ANDREW CUOMO

Cornell pair take home NCAA titles



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Cornell's Gabriel Dean at 184 pounds and Nahshon Garrett at 133 pounds won at the NCAA Division I Wrestling Championships on Saturday in New York City.

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