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Tencendur, a Kentucky Derby entrant, got his start in life at the Birsh Family Farm in Galway and seemed unlikely to be a star./B1

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DEVELOPMENT

Store queried on job goals

ShopRite vowed 335 posts in Colonie but 203 hired, IDA says

By Lauren Stanforth

Colonie

The town's Industrial Development Agency is asking ShopRite to explain why it underperformed on its job-promise numbers after receiving \$1.2 million in tax breaks for the Central Avenue store.

Details about ShopRite's job numbers, and the IDA's concern, were included in a state Authorities Budget Office report issued last week that criticized the IDA for its lack of reporting and money spent on town projects. The state report noted the Colonie IDA is planning to review options for recovering some of the benefits given to ShopRite in exchange for creating a set number of jobs.

In a written response to the state report, Colonie IDA Chairman John Kearney said his board is trying to get ShopRite representatives to explain the job shortfall. "At that time the IDA members will determine what steps, if any, it will take," Kearney wrote.

ShopRite said last year there were 203 jobs at the store at 1730 Central Ave. But in its application to receive sales and mortgage tax breaks, the company said 335 jobs would be created.

Benjamin Syden, an IDA board member, on Monday declined to say if the board will try to recoup any of the money. He said the IDA will reserve judgment until it hears ShopRite's explanation, which could happen at a meeting in June.

But ShopRite may not be directly affected by any collection efforts. The tax breaks were conveyed to Columbia Development Companies, which owns

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Train order skips Albany



Skip Dickstein / Times Union

Rail tanker cars are moved at the Port of Albany on Tuesday. A rule forcing oil trains to go slower in some cities does not apply to Albany.

City not on federal agency's list of urban areas deemed at high risk of oil disasters

By Eric Anderson

Albany

A new emergency order issued Monday limits oil trains to no more than 40 mph in so-called "high-threat urban areas" as the Federal Railroad Administration seeks to reduce the risk of explosions and fires from the volatile Bakken crude.

But the Capital Region, which has become a major transshipment point for the fracked oil from North Dakota, isn't on a list of such areas and likely won't be covered by the new rule.

The list was put together in

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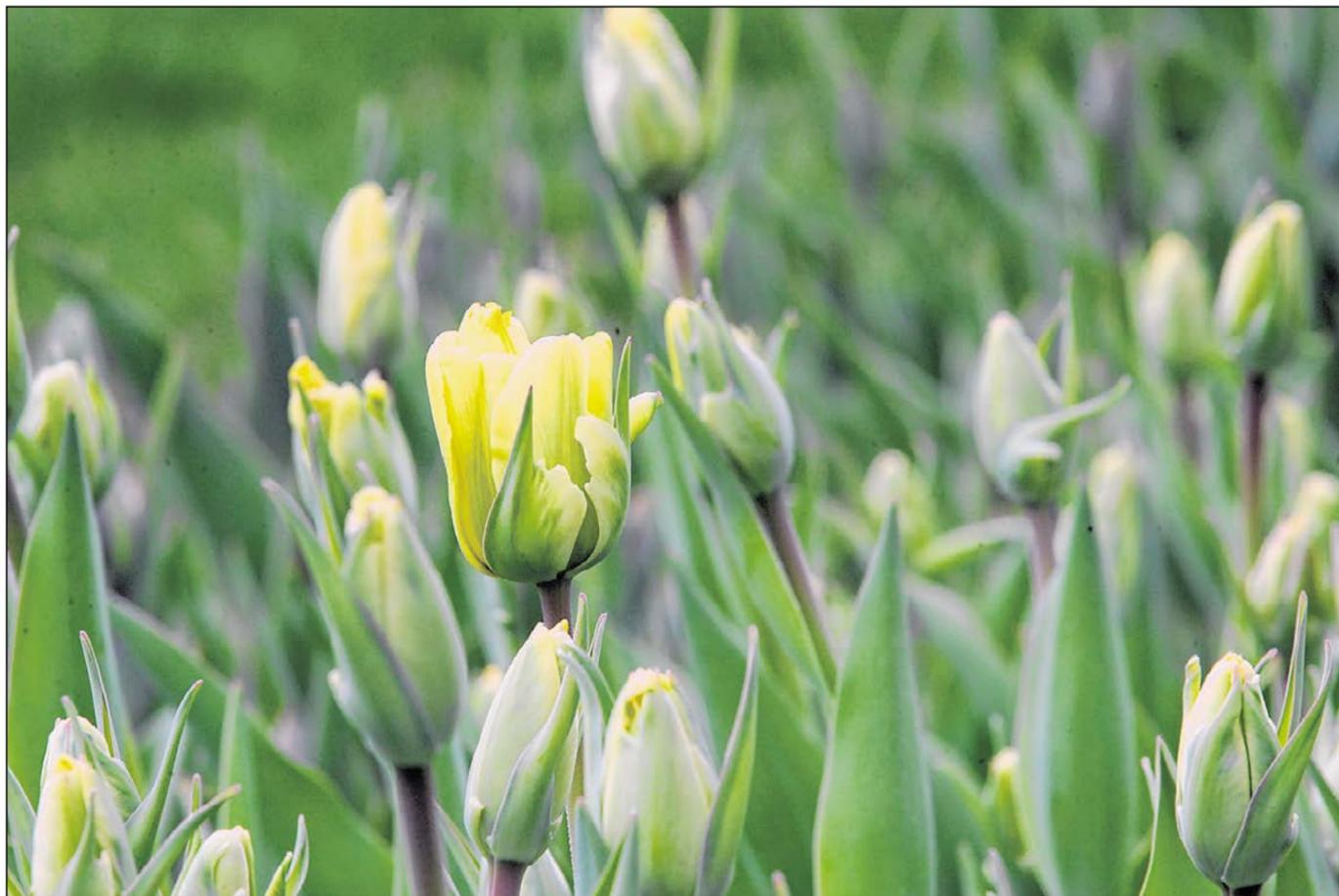
2006, six years before the first Bakken crude trains began rolling into the Capital Region, and seven years before the disastrous derailment of a runaway oil train in Lac-Megantic, Quebec, that killed 47 people.

In New York state, just two metropolitan areas — New York City and Buffalo — are on the list.

The FRA said the lower speed limit is intended to reduce the likelihood of a tank car breach in an accident. It said only one of

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ALBANY TULIP FESTIVAL



Lori Van Buren / Times Union

A peek before the peak

Buds on the flowers are a sure sign that the Albany Tulip Festival is about to be in full bloom. The 67th annual event May 9 and 10 includes the scrubbing of State Street and the crowning of the Tulip Queen in Washington Park.

EXCLUSIVE

Condo builder seeks easement

Company applies for rights for project on piece of city parkland

By Dennis Yusko

Saratoga Springs

Bonacio Construction has requested an easement from the city on a piece of Congress Park that the company may have encroached upon while building its Park Place condominium project, according to city records.

The company recently applied for access rights to an approximately 300-foot-by-25-foot piece of city-owned parkland behind 268 Broadway, where it built a concrete patio and walkways, city officials said. The

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Paul Buckowski / Times Union

The back of Park Place condominiums on Broadway in Saratoga Springs as seen from the city's Congress Park, where the project's patio and walkways have been built.

CLIMATE CHANGE

Study links extremes to global warming

Report says wide weather fluctuations could become common

By Justin Gillis
New York Times

The moderate global warming that has already occurred as a result of human emissions is responsible for about 75 percent of daily heat extremes and about 18 percent of precipitation extremes, scientists reported

Monday.

Especially hot days of a sort that occurred only once every 30 years or so before the Industrial Revolution are now occurring every six or seven years, the scientists found. Such scorching days could become near-annual events by late this century even if emissions are brought under control, the researchers said, and could occur several times a year if they are not.

The new research builds
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UPCOMING

Boutique gyms debut

Small, studio-like gyms enter the region./WEDNESDAY



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WEATHER

HIGH: **63°**
LOW: **43°**
20 mph winds call for jackets, sweaters. Details/**A2**

