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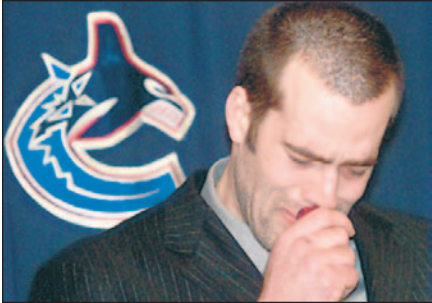
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Today: Rain, snow showers. High 41.

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Complete four-day forecast, boating conditions and air-quality ratings: **11A**

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Purchase to create new state forest

617-acre deal gives Hudson Highlands more protection

Michael Risinit
The Journal News

KENT — Nine turkeys paraded across Waywayanda Court in Kent on a recent morning, disappearing into a swath of oaks, maples and birches that are part of Putnam County's first state forest.

The state today is expected to announce its acquisition of 617 acres, which will link two existing state parcels — the California Hill and the Pudding Street multiple-use areas. The state Department of Environmental Conservation closed on the property in January, paying the estate of a local family almost \$3 million. The three areas will be known as the California Hill State Forest.

The forest will straddle the Putnam Valley border and protect Waywayanda Lake — a shallow, 90-acre body of water known for its fishing and waterfowl. The acquisition will also help preserve the Hudson Highlands, a series of forested ridges and valleys stretching from Pennsylvania into western Connecticut.

The Highlands provide drinking water to millions of New York and New Jersey residents and a critical wildlife habitat for migrant species. The forested region is also the back yard for the nation's largest metropolitan area.

"The purchase of this parcel is critical to the protection of the Hudson Highlands, whose rolling landscape and scenic vistas have served as inspiration for countless artists, authors and musicians for generations," Gov. George Pataki said last night. "This purchase will provide additional recreational opportunities and ensure that residents and visitors to the region will enjoy the same pristine beauty for generations to come."

The new state forest also sits near a swath of Clarence Fahnestock Memorial State Park, making the town's southwest corner a refuge for hikers, hunters and mountain bikers.

"It's a wonderful area," said George Baum, who chairs the Kent Conservation Advisory Committee. "We're all very pleased by them taking land out of development and making it available for potential recreational uses."

In addition, the state will pay town property and school taxes on the land, which was a relief for Supervisor William Tulipane.

"I'm glad it's not coming off the tax rolls," Tulipane said. "It will continue to maintain a nice green space for the residents of Kent."

The new state forest will be almost 1,000 acres, making it a tad smaller than the state's Nimham Mountain Multiple Use Area, which sits to the east. The state has apparently been eyeing the land for several years.

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■ **Scene:** Majestic Madrid weeps over a terrible loss, **3A**

■ **Blame:** Eyes are on bloody Basque group, al-Qaida, **3A**

■ **Victims:** A routine morning commute turns into chaos, **4A**

10 bombs kill 192 on 4 Madrid trains



Photos by The Associated Press

Rescue workers cover bodies alongside a bomb-damaged passenger train following a series of explosions yesterday in Madrid.

AT HOME

Worried families call kin, friends

Len Maniace and Ernie Garcia
The Journal News

The terrorist bombings that ripped through Madrid echoed on this side of the Atlantic yesterday in worried calls to friends and family in that capital city, in the hasty rethinking of travel plans, and in comparisons to the Sept. 11 attacks on this country.

Pelham resident Maria Prieto de Kahaner, 39, called her parents in Madrid the minute she heard the news of yesterday's attacks.

"Everybody's fine, thank God. I still have a few friends who I still have to find out about. Hopefully, they are on vacation," said Prieto de Kahaner, a translator who moved from Spain 13 years ago.

Gemma Mestres Moskovitz, a Pound Ridge resident who came to this country from Spain 10 years ago, sat for hours at her computer, corresponding with friends in her homeland and following events via a Spanish radio station internet hookup.

"Everyone is so shocked and distraught," she said. "It's like our Sept. 11, and it happened on March 11."

In several Spanish social clubs and businesses across the region, Spaniards also compared

Please see REACTION, 2A



Medical personnel help a survivor of yesterday's blasts.

ON THE SCENE

2 terror groups seen as suspects

Keith B. Richburg
The Washington Post

MADRID — Ten near-simultaneous explosions tore through four packed commuter trains in Madrid during rush hour yesterday morning, killing at least 192 people and wounding more than 1,400 in the worst terrorist attack in modern Spanish history, just three days before national elections.

The explosives were placed in backpacks and left aboard trains and on tracks at three stations. Witnesses describing the scenes of chaos and carnage said they heard multiple explosions at the city's busy Atocha station, which sent passengers scrambling in a near-stampede.

A makeshift emergency hospital was set up alongside the tracks at the station, just south of the Prado Museum. Buses were hurriedly converted into ambulances. The walking wounded were asked to make it to hospitals on



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Please see MADRID, 2A

Nancy Q. Keefe, columnist and editor, dies at 69

Meryl Hyman Harris
The Journal News

Nancy Q. Keefe, a former editorial page editor and columnist for Gannett Suburban Newspapers, was remembered yesterday as a fearless woman of conviction.

Keefe, 69, died of breast cancer Wednesday in an ambulance on the way from her home in Larchmont to Sound Shore Medical Center.

When she underwent surgery and chemotherapy for the disease in 1989, she wrote in her column, "It's taking time to accept the curative power in a hug, a funny line, an understanding smile from someone else to me, instead of the other way around." She didn't accept it for long. For the next 15 years, she wrote for the newspapers that later became The Journal News, spent time with her family, served her church and her community and played tennis.

Keefe is best remembered by friends and colleagues as a devout Catholic and patriotic American

Please see KEEFE, 2A

Read a selection of Nancy Q. Keefe's columns: thejournalnews.com/keefe

■ A remembrance by Milton Hoffman, **7B**



Nancy Q. Keefe and her husband, Kevin.



Keefe at work in an undated file photo.

Bush L.I. trip fuels debate

At 9/11 memorial launching, families split on campaign ad

Noreen O'Donnell and Michael Gannon
The Journal News

EAST MEADOW, N.Y. — President Bush's visit to Long Island yesterday to break ground on a memorial to victims of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks provided a backdrop to the debate raging among families of the victims over the president's use of images of that day in a campaign ad.

The brief ceremony in Eisenhower Park — in which the president lifted a shovelful of dirt to break ground for a memorial to Nassau County victims of the attacks — included no speeches, only prayers, the sound of bagpipes and the jarring sight of a low-flying jetliner directly overhead.

No sooner was the ceremony over than Bush strode over to the semicircle of families watching and stayed for more than an hour. He hugged many of them, talked with them, and at one point held a toddler who had been passed into his arms.

From there, he traveled to a restaurant in the park for a reception for his re-election campaign, raising \$1.6 million and sparking new criticism from Democrats.

Bush, who has insisted that he will keep the Sept. 11 attacks as a cornerstone of his re-election campaign, stood with Gov. George Pataki and for-

Please see BUSH, 2A



The Associated Press

President Bush embraces the relative of a Sept. 11 victim yesterday during a groundbreaking for the Nassau County 9/11 Memorial in East Meadow.



Bush ads attack Kerry on taxes and defense, 8A

Kerry rejects GOP's call for apology over remarks, 8A