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NEW 9/11 TRIBUTE OPENS AT RCC

Artist installs sculpture
at new memorial garden

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RAMAPO—Lucy Roberto would like to remember her son, Joseph, in as many ways—and as many places—as she possibly can.

The financial analyst at Keefe, Bruyette and Woods had just returned to work from vacation on the morning of Sept. 11, 2001, when the first plane hit the south tower of the World Trade Center.

“I could hear in his voice that he was extremely nervous, and I told him to hang up and to get out of the building,” Roberto, 78, of New City recalled of her son’s last phone call. “He just never made it out of the building.”

Joseph Roberto, 37, left behind a pregnant wife and a young son. Eleven years after the attacks, his name adorns a number of memorials, from the somber marble V-shaped wall at Haverstraw Bay Park to the sunken granite pools in lower Manhattan.

To that list, add the recently unveiled memorial garden at Rockland Community College, where Joseph Roberto’s name now appears on a plain red brick along with a simple inscription that reads: “Joseph Roberto, forever in our hearts.”

The memorial garden, designed by Page Simon, a longtime RCC art profes-

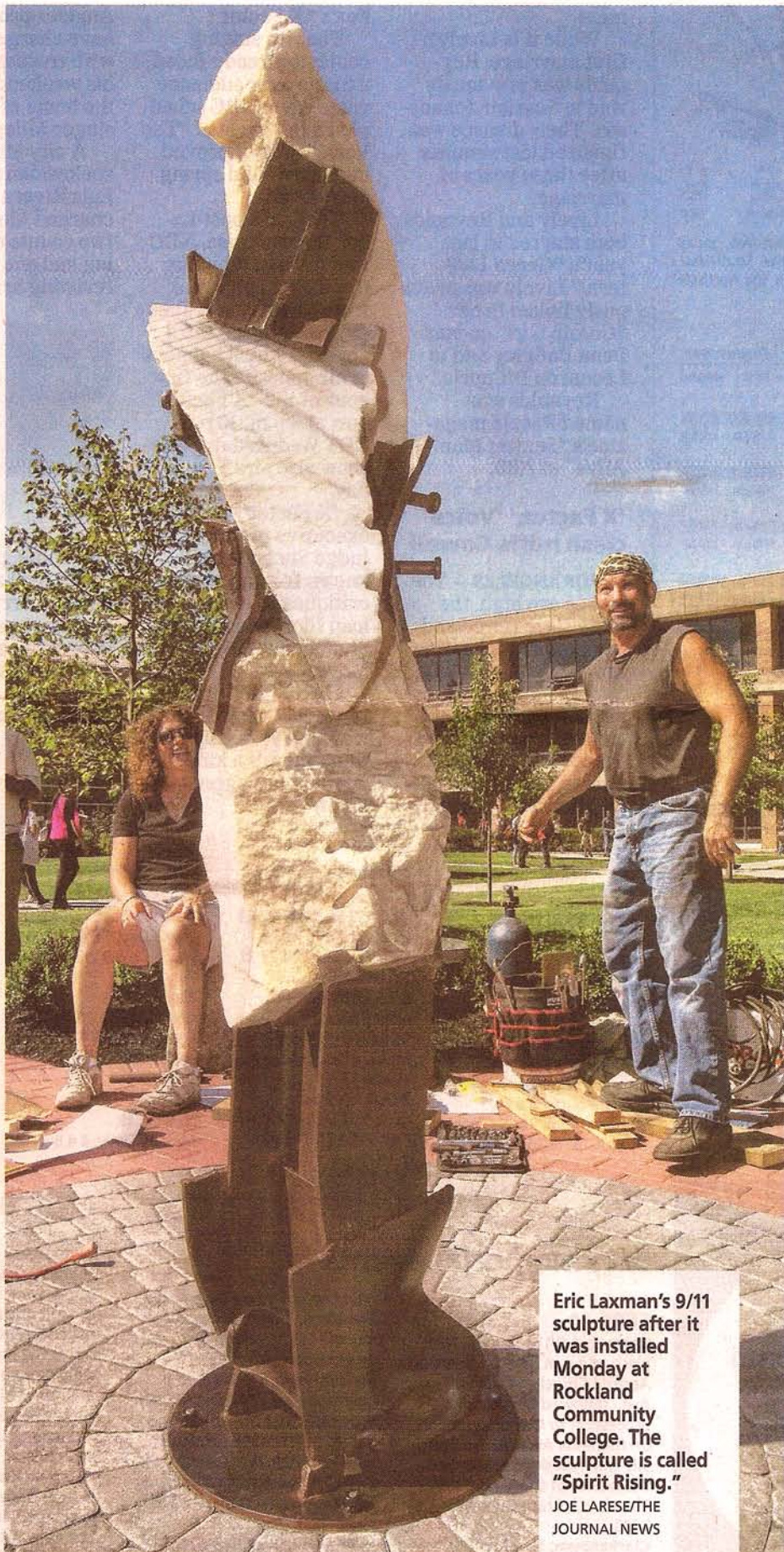
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The memorial garden will be dedicated at 8 a.m. Sept. 11 at Rockland Community College’s annual memorial service to honor the victims of the attacks. For more information, call 845-574-4000.

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Photo gallery and video with this report on LoHud.com.



Eric Laxman's 9/11 sculpture after it was installed Monday at Rockland Community College. The sculpture is called "Spirit Rising."

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