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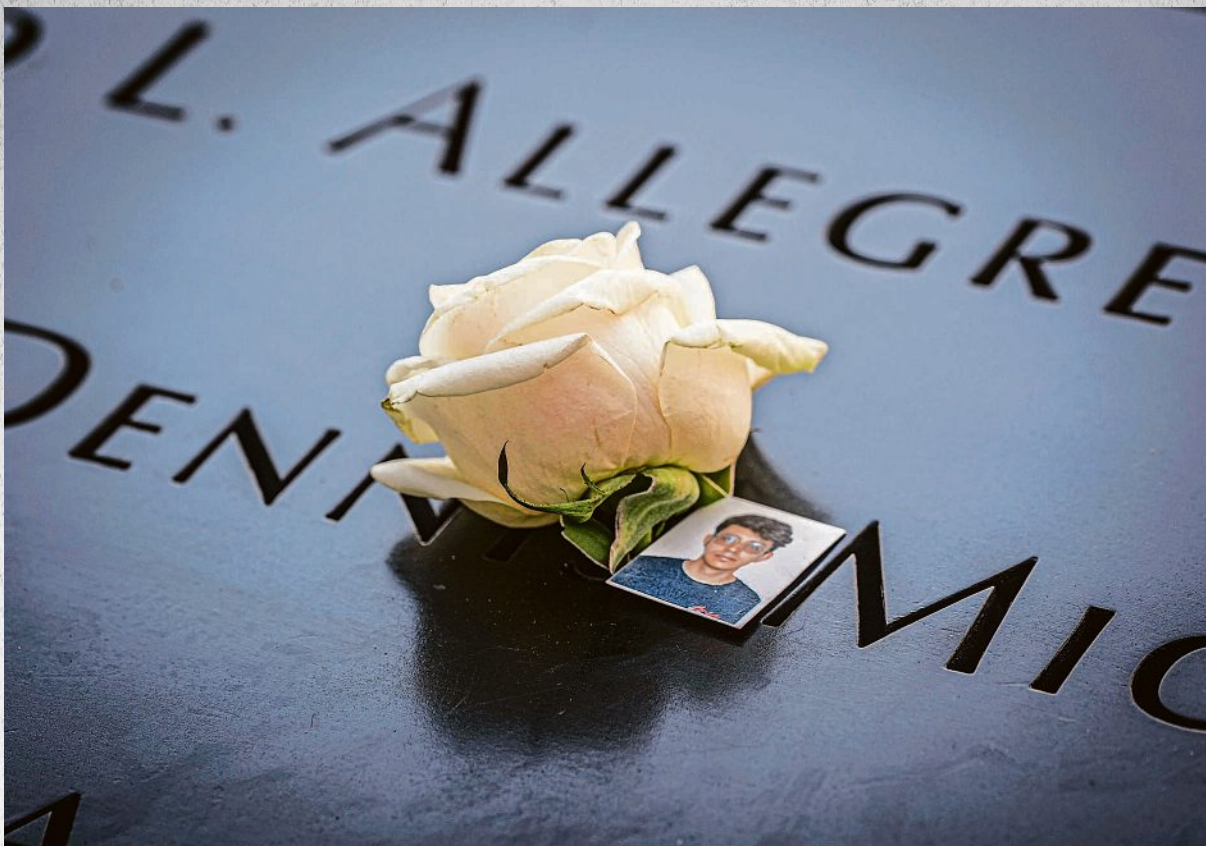
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A photo of a victim of the Sept. 11 attacks lies next to a white rose at the 9/11 Memorial at the World Trade Center in Manhattan on April 27. SETH HARRISON/THE JOURNAL NEWS

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Jeffrey Coniglio is dressed in white down to his shoes, his daughter Giada in a flowing pale green gown. They are twirling across the dance floor to music from “The Great Showman” when, suddenly, Giada flips head over heels and then swings out into a final sweeping flourish. • Guests at the Sweet 16 whoop and cheer. Father and daughter embrace. • “I’m a 62-year-old man with a 16-year-old daughter,” Coniglio says. “I always tell her she is my greatest achievement.” It’s a touching moment between father and daughter, captured on a video Coniglio keeps on his phone and proudly shares. • And it would never have happened had Coniglio not stepped into a stairwell as the north tower of the World Trade Center collapsed on Sept. 11, 2001, while he and fellow New York City firefighters went back in to search for a member of their team. • They were among 14 in the building who survived the collapse.

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Government workers see 17% hike in health care

New Jersey, unions reach agreement on costs for 2027

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New Jersey state and local government workers will pay 17% more in their health care premiums for 2027, a spokesman for Gov. Mikie Sherrill said on Thursday, Sept. 3.

That figure was not included in a press release sent by Sherrill’s office on Sept. 2.

The release said her administration had reached an agreement with 17 unions representing state workers that “waives increases in state employees’ health benefit contribution rates in 2027.”

The agreement will shield workers from escalating contributions, but they will still have to pay a 17% premium increase, said Darwin Pham, a

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Kean Jr. ‘getting stronger’ in depression battle, dad says

Facing the final weeks of a tough re-election campaign, U.S. Rep. Tom Kean Jr. is “getting stronger every day” after a two-month hospitalization for depression, his father, former New Jersey Gov. Tom Kean Sr., said in an interview.

The younger Kean has returned to work and the campaign trail and is better able to function thanks to his treatment, the former governor said, offering more details than his son has so far been willing to share about his health.

The senior Kean also said his son has been taking medication to deal with depression, a common treatment for the condition. The 7th District

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