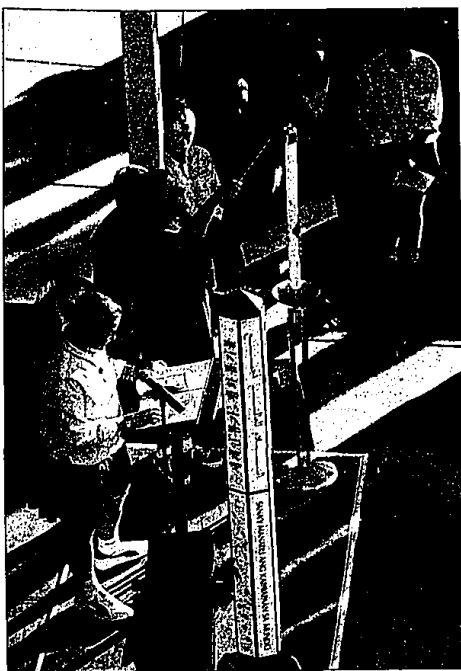




Mercy Student Lauren Russel recites a prayer for peace.



Candles stayed lit despite a cool early morning breeze.



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Students gathered in the courtyard to light candles and dedicate a peace pole.

Mercy students pray for peace

Mercy High School students gathered in the courtyard early on the morning of Sept. 11 to light candles and dedicate a peace pole.

Students lit candles in remembrance of the terrorist attacks on Sept. 11, 2001, in New York City, Washington,

D.C., and Pennsylvania and recited prayers for peace.

The school is at 11 Mile and Middlebelt Roads in Farmington Hills. The ceremony was conducted by the school's Human Relations Council and Student Government.

County chief issues call for 'Heroes' week

BY KURT KUBAN
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Oakland County Executive L. Brooks Patterson wants to make sure the events of Sept. 11 are never forgotten.

To that end, Patterson has declared this week American Heroes Week. In a declaration issued last week, Patterson urged every Oakland County community to recognize and honor citizens "who have demonstrated the American spirit of courage and selflessness by their actions."

Patterson said the idea was inspired by the many acts of heroism in the aftermath of the terrorist attacks last year. "During this week-long observance, I urge each community in Oakland County to develop a program that singles out and honors those unsung heroes who have exhibited the same kind of American spirit and heroism as that shown by those who responded in the wake of Sept. 11," he said. Oakland County

Circuit Court Judge Fred Mester has joined Patterson in his call for a week honoring everyday heroes, and even wrote a letter to President George W. Bush urging him to make it a national event. In fact, two weeks ago U.S. Rep. Joe Knollenberg introduced a resolution in the House of Representatives supporting the idea of a national role models week. Patterson is also encouraging area residents to visit the enormous Sept. 11 memorial located on the county government campus in Pontiac. The memorial consists of a 70-by-40 foot banner of the World Trade Center and Statue of Liberty, which hangs next to an American flag hoisted on a crane. "The banner and flag will be especially impressive at night when both are illuminated. I welcome all citizens to visit the memorial whenever they can," Patterson said. The memorial, which drapes on the south face of the West Wing office building, will remain on display through at least Saturday.

AD/HD conference set for OCC

The third annual Michael Golds Memorial Conference on Attention Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder (AD/HD) is scheduled for Oakland Community College's Orchard Ridge Campus in Farmington Hills from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 4.

The theme of this year's event is "AD/HD: Succeeding Across the Lifespan." It is presented by Michigan CHADD, OCC and the Michael Golds Memorial Fund.

Designed for physicians, therapists, parents, educators, social workers, adults with AD/HD, and everyone who wants to learn more about AD/HD, the conference will feature presentations on more than 15 topics including "Educating the Adolescent With AD/HD," "When Should a Child be Evaluated?" The College Transition — Pathways to

Success"; and "AD/HD and the Media." First keynote speaker is Dr. Joel Young, medical director of the Rochester Center for Behavioral Medicine, who will give an overview of contemporary AD/HD treatment. Second keynote is CHADD National Director of Communications and Media Relations Peg Nichols who will speak on "AD/HD in 2002: Turning the Tide of Public Opinion."

General admission for the conference is \$50, \$25 for students presenting ID. Lunch is included. The registration deadline is Sept. 17 and seating is limited. For more information, call (810) 220-9060, or e-mail OCT4ADHD@aol.com. The Orchard Ridge Campus is located at 27055 Orchard Lake Road, just south of I-696.

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