

Mercy High School's 'Our Town' opens Friday

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Mercy High School will present "Our Town" at 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday Nov. 15 and 16 and 2 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 17.

Tickets are \$7 at the Mercy High School Auditorium at 11 Mile Road and Middlebelt in Farmington Hills.

"This American classic and Pulitzer Prize-winning play depicts life in a New Hampshire village at the turn of the 20th Century," said director Kathy Sill. "Wilder, through his narrator, the Stage Manager, reveals to the audience a generation of hopes, joys, dreams and sorrows in Grover's Corners as seen through the eyes of the Webb and Gibbs families."

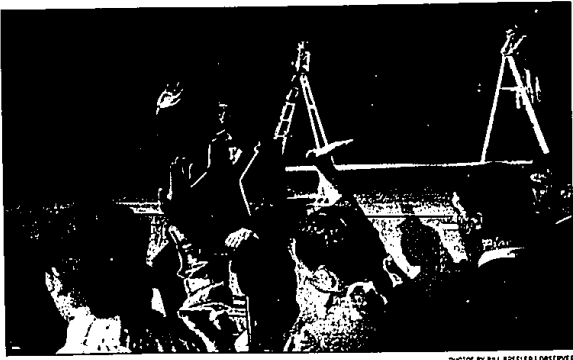
Act I shows the daily life of the two families as an example of what life is like for the entire village. In Act II, "Love and Marriage," the two families join



Mrs. Gibbs (Emily Harpe) and Mrs. Webb (Lydia Wylie-Kellerman) prepare beans for winter and talk of their dreams.

together as George Gibbs and Emily Webb marry. In the final act, the two families share their sorrow as they lay a family member to rest.

Wilder's view of life, appreciating the moment and living life fully resonates throughout his masterpiece, Sill said. Cast members include Emily



The church choir meets under the inebriated direction of Simon Stimson (Odeh Odetalla).

Gruber-Stage Manager, Ben Harpe-Dr. Gibbs, Dylan Stee-Joe Crowell, Alexandria Blakeney-Howie Newsome, Emily Harpe-Mrs. Gibbs, Lydia Wylie-Kellermann-Mrs. Webb, Jeremy Wojchilosky-George Gibbs, Connor Stee-Wally Webb, Erin Kay Biebuyck-Emily Webb, Danielle

Underwood-Professor Willard and Bryan Fraser-Mr. Webb. The boys in "Our Town" attend Brother Rice High School, Catholic Central High School, Crestwood High School, Our Lady of Sorrows School and University of Detroit Jesuit High School. Several of the cast and crew

members hold membership in Mercy High School's International Thespian Society Troupe 5693. ITS honors students with outstanding achievement in theatre arts. For more information, call (248) 476-8020, Ext. 1223.

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No injuries after utility pole snaps Suspect wanted in gas station robbery

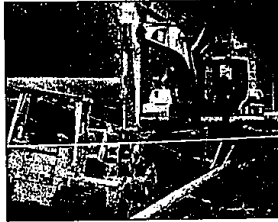
The Farmington Fire Department responded to reports that a utility pole was accidentally ripped down around 11:30 a.m. Tuesday in front of the St. John Lutheran Church on Gill Road.

There were no injuries, but fire officials had a construction worker stay inside his earth-moving machine until Detroit Edison officials could cut power to the downed lines and half of the broken utility pole that dropped to the ground. That took about an hour.

DAV Contractors were digging out a large hole for a pond in front of the church for the second day when the accident happened. Worker Troy Assemany said the trapped worker had the machine's bucket in the air while backing up, and the bucket struck the overhead power lines, causing the pole to snap in half.

The wires fell on top of the machine he was operating.

Assemany said he immediately felt the heat of the electricity and ran away after the pole snapped, taking down two transformers with it.



The operator of this excavator sits in the cab, waiting for Detroit Edison to make sure the power is off.

"It shocked me pretty good," he said. Nearby residents were without power for several hours while the pole was fixed.

Two clerks at the Speedway gas station at Middlebelt and 10 Mile told police a man walked in around 9 p.m. Sunday and demanded money from the cash register.

The clerks did not see a gun, but one said he was afraid the man may have one. The man took the cash and fled on foot. Police were unable to locate the man.

Drug possession

Police outside the Sunoco gas station on Nine Mile and Farmington Road witnessed a possible narcotics transaction taking place outside the business around 10 p.m. Thursday. Three men from Farmington Hills, a 19-year-old and two 20-year-olds, and a 19-year-old Livonia man were apprehended for mar-

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juana possession.

Police pulled over a vehicle along Grand River and Middlebelt around 4 p.m. Sunday for a cracked windshield. As the officer approached, he saw the driver, a 41-year-old Pinckney man, shoving something under his seat. Police found two baggies of marijuana.

Drunken driving

Police pulled over a vehicle along Grand River and Orchard Lake around 6:15 p.m. Saturday because it had no license plate light. The driver, a 46-year-old White Lake man, had a bottle of open bourbon under his driver's seat and cocaine residue on an empty tissue box. His blood alco-

hol level tested at .18.

Police responded to a residence on Ashley near Fink around 2:45 p.m. Monday on a complaint. Earlier in the day, Edison workers cutting trees in the neighborhood told police the man was harassing them and appeared drunk. The man pulled into his residence driveway while police waited for him. He had a .18 blood/alcohol level.

Cars scratched

Three Dodge vans on display at the Bob Saks dealership on Grand River were keyed between Nov. 8 and Monday, causing each vehicle to suffer \$1,000 in damage.

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