

STAFF PHOTO BY BILL HERRICK

At work: Bruce Lilley and R. Jack Inch wipe down vehicles exiting the Colonial Car Wash during last Saturday's Playscape benefit.

Police wary of hooded robber

FARMINGTON HILLS

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Police are investigating a suspicious report of an armed robbery at Mobil Gas Station on Orchard Lake and 12 Mile.

The "robber" made off with \$1,080 in cash.

At 8:15 p.m. Wednesday, the cashier told officers a man walked in with a sweat shirt hood pulled over his face and revealed a handgun while demanding money.

The cashier said he gave the robber money from the cash drawer and the stickup man then walked out.

Police became wary as the clerk's story changed.

At first, he said he never saw the robber until he turned around and found him at the register pointing a gun at him. He then said he spotted the bandit looking at oil products on a shelf and had his back to him.

When he phoned dispatch for help, he reported the robber as being a black male. At the scene, he told police at the scene the man was white.

"There are certainly a lot of unusual things about this robbery," Assistant Chief Chuck Nebus said.

The clerk also failed to mention the night's receipts had also been stolen, which were collected in a place known only to the clerk. Police reported the man being calm for having had a gun pointed at him.

Investigators found the clerk had \$400 cash, which he said was from his paycheck a friend cashed for him.

Mobil management said the employee has had been short on balance since hired in February. Police interviewed the clerk on Thursday and are continuing to investigate.

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Chuck Nebus
—assistant Police chief

Picket sales, donations picking up speed

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There still is time to get in line to purchase a \$25 picket for the Kids World PlayScape to be constructed in June at Shinwassee Park. But due to overwhelming community support for the "pick-a-picket" fund-raiser, folks ought to get in line sooner rather than later.

"It's getting to be time," said Bill Richards, Farmington assistant city manager. "We'll have to end picket sales at 1,500, which will give us a complete picket fence. ... We'll accommodate as many people as we can."



to Kids World.

Richards said about 1,200 of the pickets have already been sold, helping raise more than \$70,000 in cash donations to date. An additional \$50,000 of "in-kind" donations (supplies and manpower) have also been contributed to the Kids World cause.

But other significant donations of money keep pouring in. On Wednesday, at Highmeadow Common Campus in Farmington Hills, the school provided a \$1,000 check to Richards, Farmington Mayor Mary Bush and PlayScape steering committee members Bruce Lilley and Nancy Tashman. The money was raised through various Highmeadow activities held this year.

Approximately \$3,400 was generated on Saturday, April 17, during a fund-raiser at Colonial Car Wash and Colonial Oil Exchange. The two adjacent businesses on Nine Mile in Farmington are owned by Mark and Holly Owen.

Richards was among the contingent of Farmington city "celebrities" who dried cars during that event, which succeeded despite periods of rain throughout the day.

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This request will be considered at 3:00 p.m. on Friday, April 30, 1999, at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 West Ten Mile Road. All written comments should be directed to the City of Novi Building Official and must be received prior to April 30, 1999.

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Farmington Public Schools will accept sealed bids for waste disposal and recycling at the Lewis Schulman Administration Center, 32500 Shinwassee, Farmington, MI 48336 until 1:30 P.M., Wednesday, May 6, 1999 at which time they will be publicly opened and read for presentation to the Board of Education at their next regularly scheduled meeting. No oral, telephonic, telegraphic or facsimile proposals will be considered. No proposals will be considered after the time of closing of bids.

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A set of bid documents may be obtained by calling the purchasing department, Farmington Public Schools at (248) 489-3344.
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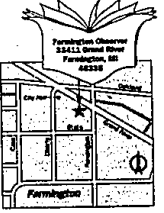
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by Herbert M. Gardner, D.D.S.

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