

## Community Corner

This week's question: Have Americans become more patriotic since the Persian Gulf war started?

We asked this question at Dagwood's Donutessen in downtown Farmington.



"Yes. The war makes people appreciate our country more when they see the way the troops are sacrificing."  
— Jerry Burger  
Westland



"Definitely. People are seeing how the troops and the families of the troops are sacrificing."  
— Jim Parker  
Farmington Hills



"Yes. We can realize what freedom we have versus what they have in Iraq."  
— Michele Blauwkamp  
Grandville, Mich.



"Yes. We're seeing a larger country (Iraq) take over Kuwait. The U.S. has always gone with the underdog."  
— Mark Worch  
Farmington Hills



"Yes. You see people with flags on their cars, and yellow ribbons are everywhere."  
— Glenn Perlan  
Wixom



"Yes... but it's pseudo patriotism. One minute we're protesting. Then there's a war and we're patriotic."  
— Kyle Klebba  
Redford Township

## police/fire calls

Listed below are some of the Farmington-area police incidents, fire calls and court cases reported during the past week:

• **DOG BITE**  
A 7-year-old Farmington girl was bitten by a neighbor's Great Dane as she walked down a sidewalk on Brookdale Street Sunday.

According to a Farmington Department of Public Safety report, the girl received a small abrasion on her left hand during the incident, which occurred shortly before 3 p.m. The owner told police the dog was playing.

• **THEFTS REPORTED**  
A 1988 Chevrolet valued at \$3,200

was stolen from a location on Eight Mile, Farmington Hills, Saturday.

A tool box and tools valued at \$1,000 was stolen from a house on Raffle Hills Drive, Farmington Hills, Saturday.

A space heater valued at \$2,000 was stolen from the southeast corner of Country Club Corporate Park on 12 Mile and Halsted. The heater was owned by Advance Enterprises.

• **DAMAGE REPORTED**  
The hood of a 1987 Nissan truck was damaged after people arm-wrestled on it in Farmington Hills Feb. 13. An estimated \$561 in damage resulted.

## School to offer armed services test

An government-sponsored aptitude test will be offered through the Farmington Community Education Department in March, for those interested in exploring various career options.

The Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery will be given Monday, March 4 from 6 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. at the Farmington Community School, 30415 Shiloh, at the corner of Shiloh and Tuck roads. There is no charge for the test, which will be administered by the U.S. Defense Department. There is no obligation for a person to

join any branch of the military service.

The test can be an effective starting point for exploring careers and job possibilities of all types, either military or non-military. It will determine aptitude or potential to acquire a skill or ability.

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Anyone who wants to take the test should register by calling the Farmington Community School at 489-3333 weekdays between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. and 7-9 p.m.

## Hockey game a benefit for child's care

The physicians at Botsford General Hospital will face off against the physicians at Garden City Hospital in a hockey match at 8:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 22, at the Southfield Civic Center, 26000 Evergreen Road. Tickets are \$2 per person. They may be purchased at the door. Pro-

ceeds from this year's match will be donated to the "Make a Wish for Abigail" fund.

Abigail Handel is a 1-year-old who was diagnosed with Infantile Acute Lymphocytic Leukemia at the age of 3 months. Her mother, Merri Handel, is a registered nurse in the Critical Care Unit at Botsford General Hospital.

Infantile ALL is a rare disease, with approximately 30 cases diag-

nosed in the United States each year. Of all cases, there is only a 20-percent survival rate.

Abigail is the youngest person in the Detroit area to be diagnosed with the disease. She has undergone high-dose chemotherapy and a bone marrow transplant. She was also the youngest person in Michigan to undergo a bone marrow transplant.

Although the Handels have medical insurance to assist with Abigail's

case, insurance will not pay for the donor's care. Uncovered expenses currently amount to over \$25,000.

A fund has been established to assist with mounting medical costs. Donations can be directed to the CAP (Caring About People) Foundation.

Checks should be made out to CAP Foundation with a memo portion stating "Abigail Handel." They can be sent directly to: 12946 Riverdale, Detroit 48223.

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