

## She's in semifinals

Courtney Kling, a student at O. E. Dunckel Middle School, has been named a regional semifinalist in Teen Magazine's Great Model Search. Her picture is in this month's issue of the magazine, along with other contenders in the year-long program.

If the 13-year-old continues to advance in the search, she could become the next in a long line of successful models who launched their careers on Teen's cover, which included Cheryl Tiegs, Cristina Ferrare and Kelly Harmon.

Courtney is the daughter of Edward and Gloria Kling of Farmington Hills, a cheerleader, baseball player and a jazz and tap dancer.



Courtney Kling

## club circuit

**HILL AND DALE GARDEN CLUB** meets at 7 p.m. today in Farmington Hills Branch Library, 12 Mile east of Farmington Road. The meeting is open to guests.

Speaker for the evening is Grover Niegarth, professor at Schoolcraft College who works with a number of bird-banding organizations. He is a member of National Audubon and Michigan Audubon Societies.

His talk and slide presentation is called "Attracting Birds to Your Home."

**BETHANY NORTHWEST**, a Christian group for the divorced, separated and widowed, meets at 8

p.m. Friday, Jan. 13, in Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church, Power Road between Silwassee and 10 Mile.

Admission is \$3 at the door. Inquiries are taken by the group's president, 555-0866.

**PHOENIX** hosts a dance party for singles over the age of 21 at 9 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 14, in Knights of Columbus Hall, 19801 Farmington Road, Livonia. Admission is \$4 at the door.

**LAMAZE CHILDBIRTH EDUCATION ASSOCIATION OF LIVONIA** hosts two sessions Tuesday, Jan. 17,

in St. Matthew United Methodist Church, 30900 Six Mile, Livonia.

A film on preparing for a Caesarean childbirth will be shown at 7 p.m.

A discussion on breastfeeding begins at 8 p.m.

Inquiries will be taken by calling the association's registrar, 592-8616.

**ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS** meets at 8 p.m. every Tuesday and at 6 p.m. every Sunday in Botsford Hospital's Administration and Education Center, 28050 Grand River. Inquiries taken by the hospital's Health Development Network, 471-8820.

**WELCOME WAGON CLUB** of Farmington and Farmington Hills meets at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 17, in Farmington Hills Branch Library, 12 Mile east of Farmington Road. Speaker for the evening will be Elie Simchak, a motivational consultant.

The meeting is open to all newcomers to the area. Inquiries are taken by Lynnette Nelson, 851-2876.

**FARMINGTON NEIGHBORS CLUB** invites guests to its next meeting at noon Wednesday, Jan. 18, in Glen Oaks Country Club.

Speaker for the day will be author and world traveler Perie Briggs, who will show slides and talk about her trips.

Reservations are necessary, made by calling Josephine Farrington, 478-3711, or Dorothy Kraft, 553-7226.

**AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITY WOMEN**, Farmington Branch, meets at 7:45 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 18, in Farmington Branch Library, State and Liberty streets.

Program for the evening is called "Women in Prison." A panel of speakers from Michigan Department of Corrections will discuss the problems of family visitation and the

separation of children of women prisoners from their mothers, and answer questions on the subject.

Panelists include Marilyn Marshall, director of Vocational Assessment Evaluation Program in Huron Valley Women's Facility; Judy Kalmek, assistant to the deputy director in Lansing; and Dawn Hawes, from Michigan Council on Crime and Delinquency in Lansing.

This meeting is open to all.

All club news and announcements for this column are to be addressed to: Club Circuit, Farmington Observer, 33203 Grand River, Farmington 48024. The information must arrive before noon on the Monday before Thursday publication.

## new voices

**MARY AND DAN HUGHES** of Plymouth announce the birth of their daughter, Kathleen Mary, born Nov. 6.

The infant's grandparents are Maureen and Peter Goode of Farmington Hills and Patricia and John Hughes of Walled Lake.

## Swimming for seniors is offered

Exercise sessions in the swimming pool are offered to senior adults, people 55 years or older, through Clarenceville Community Education, 8:30-9:30 a.m. Monday, Wednesday and Fridays beginning Jan. 23.

Fee for the eight-week program is \$24. Registrations and inquiries are taken by calling the community education department, 473-8933.

## Late-blooming lawyer builds dream practice

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With adrenalin augmenting her usual energy bank, Dreflus struggled through her studies, took the bar exam, then, while awaiting the results, signed on at Mercy College as an instructor in the professional studies division of business management and in business law.

Her teaching career continues parallel to her present practice of law, primarily in the Probate Court.

Presently, she teaches classes twice a week plus at weekend college at Mercy College.

"I love the classroom and I love teaching," she explained.

Visiting in her Southfield law office, one can read the "shingle" which says: Suzanne E. Dreflus, attesting to her attorney status, and move on to an award inscribed to her as a winner of a writing competition sponsored by the Young Lawyers

Section of the Bar Association for 1987-88.

"I WROTE about age discrimination in the granting of credit because I'm sensitive about age discrimination. And it's very nice to be recognized by your peers," she said.

This mature neophyte at the law said she loves being an attorney. "It's what I was destined to do."

Active in the Oakland County Bar Probate Committee, she works primarily with juveniles, on trusts and estates, and with the mentally ill and the developmentally disabled, on guardianships and conservatorships. "It's a social service area and it brings me satisfaction," she said. "No two cases are alike. It's not rubber stamp law. Working with the developmentally disabled, I go out and see the parents who have become guardians. It's where I feel useful."

LAW SCHOOLS don't point out options for students, she said, adding she had to find her own legal niche. "They cater to the top 10 percent who will work for large corpora-

tions. The others fall into the cracks. I knew I wanted to do something interesting, but the placement people took a long time and didn't do anything for me."

Dreflus reflects on the first time she had to stand up in court and identify herself as the attorney of record. "I stood up and said, your honor, I am Suzanne Dreflus, respondent. I couldn't tell it was my voice."

Attending her 35th Central High School reunion in 1988, Dreflus answered the usual questions from classmates with: "I've just started law school," and got a lot of surprised gasps and "You're what?"

In October, at the 40th reunion, it was satisfying to relate she has indeed passed the bar and is a practicing attorney. "The surprised faces were beautiful," she recalled.

In June, she will teach a two-week law seminar at Oxford, England, using both her legal and teaching skills. Asked if she has her eye on a judgeship, she said she probably got started too late for that and: "Anyhow, I'd have to give up teaching."

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