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And men, if you don't buy anything else about women's friendships, you have to agree the chick flick is something you simply tolerate.

Women friends bond over them, talk about them and leap from them.

The last movie Alice and I saw together was "Divine Secrets of the Ya-Ya Sisterhood," which got mixed reviews but seemed perfectly wonderful to me. It was about the kind of friendship women can keep through a lifetime, the kind of friend who is always there when you need her and even when you don't realize you do.

After sniffling our way through Sandra Bullock's dysfunctional relationship with her mother, played by Ellen Burstyn, Alice and I decided to

be Ya-Ya priestesses, divinely ordained as royalty in a secret society that claims friendship as its only real tenet. The problem has been coming up with a name.

Alice became "Princess Hair Like Hedgehog." She likes the spiky look.

My hair is blonde, but I'm just not going there, because I think a Ya-Ya name should be truthful.

So I guess I'm going to just call myself Princess Misses Her Best Friend. Because even though friends who are like family never really leave, you always feel a little sad when they're not around.

That's something all friends know, gender notwithstanding.

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Christian Conrad races by the glass doors of the fireplace and looks over to see his reflection.

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hasn't just become a cause for Monique Conrad — it's become a crusade.

"I want to help parents get a deeper understanding of how they can help their children," Monique said. "That's one of my missions I believe have been called to me from God."

"My main goal is to reach out to the community," Monique

Conrad said. "It used to be 1-in-10,000 children; now it's 1-in-166 boys. I want to be on the forefront of educating other parents. These children can be worked with with a lot of love and a lot of patience."

That's what the Conrads have been doing, and it's paying off. You can hear the payoff in Monique Conrad's voice when she delivers the evidence:

"I get kisses from my son now."

The Christian Conrad Faith Benefit is still in need of donations of things such as hot dogs, buns, condiments, chips, pop, coolers, barbecue coals, lighter fluid, face paints, toys for prizes, etc.

Anyone wishing to make a donation can contact Michelle Brown, (734) 266-8131, or Joyce Sosnowski, (734) 397-9246, or e-mail CCFAithFund@yahoo.com.

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Local volunteers help keep INFO TV-12 going

Have you caught all the great LOCAL programs that are on INFO TV-12 on your cable system? All of them are produced by local volunteers who aren't necessarily professionals (although much of what you see looks just as professional as anything you'll see on any other channel).

Our communities of Farmington, Farmington Hills and Novi have established facilities and resources to enable anyone an opportunity to produce television programming. And that also gives you the viewer an opportunity to see what's going on in your own backyards.

But it takes many volunteers to make this all come about. Not just the volunteers who produce, edit and host pro-

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grams, but also the volunteers who establish the guidelines, promote the resources and lobby on your behalf for Public Access TV.

In our communities, those volunteers are members of the Cable Access Committee. This committee is comprised of nine volunteers appointed by the mayor and city council (four from Farmington Hills — Chairperson Pat Isham, Scott Burke, Larry Bohner, Kathy McKee, and three from Novi — Art Cervi, Elinor Holland, Pat Poier and two from Farmington — Jeannie Liming and Tracy Thompson.)

There is a variety of experience on the committee. Allow us to introduce the two newest additions: an access producer for many years, and resident of Farmington, Tracy Thompson and a long time resident of Novi, Pat Poier. This diverse group of producers, equipment experts, volunteers and average citizens is your direct contact to community access.

If you have suggestions or input on how to make public access better in our community, don't be shy come and to a meeting. Meetings are held at 7 p.m. the second Tuesday of each month (except July and August) at the SWOCC Studios in Farmington. They are open to the public.

To take it a step further, you as a resident or cable access

Jaycees' golf outing planned

The Farmington Area Jaycees' Golf Outing Benefit is fast approaching.

It will be held on Saturday, August 10 at the Fox Creek Golf Course in Livonia.

The four-person scramble format golf competition will start at 11 a.m. with registration beginning at 10:15 a.m. Fox Creek Golf Course is located on 36000 Seven Mile Road between Farmington and Newburgh Roads in Livonia.

The golf registration fee is \$380 per foursome.

Response and money is due by Monday, July 22.

The package includes 18 holes of golf, cart, lunch at the turn, two complimentary beverages tickets, dinner, and goody bag.

There will also be a \$10,000 Hole in One, Longest Drive, Closest to the Pin, door prizes, and a silent auction.

Prizes include a massage, oil change, a box of golf balls, wine, dinner at a local restaurant, golf shirt, camping rental package, and much more.

The outing is limited to 25 foursomes.

Individuals, businesses and organizations are invited to support the golf outing by becoming a sponsor ranging from a tee sponsor for \$100 and up to a dinner sponsor for \$500.

Contributions for prizes and silent auction are also welcome.

To register for the golf outing, become a sponsor, or for more information, contact Betty Ference or Holly Hintz, by mail: Farmington Area Jaycees Golf Committee P.O. Box 33 Farmington, MI 48332 by hotline: (248) 477-JCCS, or by email: golf@fajc.org or visit the chapter's Web site at www.fajc.org

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Barry and Sheri Rourke of Lake Orion announce the birth of their daughter, Matia Angeli at 5:41 a.m. Friday, June 28, 2002. She weighed 6 pounds 11 ounces and was 19.5 inches long.

Matia was welcomed by her big brothers Evan, Brennan and Griffen. Her grandmothers are Yolanda French of Farmington and Clare Rourke of West Bloomfield and great-grandmother, Edna Cannizzaro of Livonia.

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