

Gotberg-Etienne

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Gotberg of Farmington Hills announce the engagement of their daughter, Marcela Lynn, to Michael Clinton Etienne, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. Clinton Etienne of Plymouth.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Harrison High School and University of Michigan. She is employed as business manager for WDIV-Channel 4, in Detroit. Her fiancé is a graduate of Plymouth Salem High School and University of Michigan.

A February wedding is planned.



Rude-Griffith

Mr. and Mrs. Cass Rozewicz of Farmington Hills announce the engagement of their granddaughter Lisa Ellen Rude to David Robert Griffith of Farmington Hills.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Romeo High School and is employed as an executive secretary with Stock Brothers Corp. in Warren. Her fiancé is a graduate of Farmington High School and is employed as the warehouse manager of Glass and Metal Distributors Inc. in Oak Park.

A May wedding is planned in First United Methodist Church of Farmington.



Van Loo-Sebastian

Dawn Janisse Sebastian and Michael Anthony Van Loo were married in Martha Mary Chapel, Greenfield Village, by the Rev. Jeffrey Sebastian of Jacksonville, Fla. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Sebastian of Livonia and the groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Gerard Van Loo of Algonac.

The bride's gown was fashioned with tiers of chivalry lace over white tulle and cascading into a cathedral-length train. Her headpiece and bodice were sprinkled with pearls and sequins.

Trisha Sebastian served as matron of honor. Vanessa Sebastian was the bridesmaid and soloist. They wore gowns of royal blue and white tulle, fashioned with full skirts draped with rosettes.

Richard Van Loo served as best man with groomsmen Derek Sebastian, Mark Sebastian ushered the guests.



The newlyweds received guests in the Stanley Suite, Hyatt Regency-Dearborn, before leaving on their honeymoon in the British Isles.

club circuit

BIRMINGHAM-BLOOMFIELD-TROY SINGLES meet for a dance party at 7:30 p.m. Friday in Room 1 of Bloomfield, on Telegraph Road north of Square Lake Road. Admission is \$3 at the door. The party is open to all singles.

MICHIGAN CACTUS and SUCULENT SOCIETY invites guests to join them for a Christmas potluck, at 2 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 14, in Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 814 N. Campbell Road, Royal Oak.

Members will show slides of their plants, tell about places they have visited of interest to cactus enthusiasts and about club activities during the year.

The holiday meeting includes elec-

tion of officers for the coming year and a gift exchange.

For information, call Carmen Bohunicki, 11633 Amel Drive, Warren, 48093.

BEREAVED PARENTS meet at 8 p.m. Monday, Dec. 15, in Newman House, Schoolcraft College Campus, 37300 Haggerty. Meetings sponsored by the group are open to parents who have lost a child.

Raymond and Gloria Collins will take calls for information or assistance at 348-1857.

B'NAI B'RITH, Metropolitan Detroit Council, is sponsoring "B'nei B'rith Night with the Detroit Red

Wings" at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 17, in Joe Louis Arena.

Tickets can be ordered by calling the council, 552-8177.

BETA SIGMA PHI, Xi Epsilon Beta Chapter, meets Tuesday, Dec. 16, in the home of Pam Woody.

Beta Sigma Phi members or women interested in affiliating with Beta Sigma Phi are invited to contact Sharon Ewing, 553-3454.

LAECHE LEAGUE of Farmington-Southfield meets at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 17, in the home of Les McNaught, 25110 Acacia, Southfield. The meeting is open to all women interested in learning the art of breastfeeding their babies.

For information, call LaLeche League's central phone, 382-2800.

WESTSIDE SINGLES meet for a dance party at 8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 19, in Livonia Elks Hall, 31117 Plymouth Road, east of Merriman. Admission is \$4 at the door.

Westside Singles hotline is 562-3170.

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.

Abuse, neglect traced to many causes.

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"Intervention is helpful," he said. "There are a lot of good resources now although it's a relatively new field. The concept of Protective Services is to jump in and intervene. Fifty to 60 percent of the time it does work."

Like many professionals, Kolly believes a better informed public would enhance Protective Services' prevention efforts.

"It's very hard for a parent to believe this happened in this family, community, to my child. Sex is a scary topic. There's a good deal of shame involved. The point is to have a good relationship with your child. There are things you can say to your child that will help protect him."

Like most experienced professionals, Kolly believes children should be given the benefit of the doubt. "The public should know that in any way a child should infer something happened you have to believe it. The validity of what he is saying is almost 100 percent."

There is a possibility that what a child alleges might be false, he said, but outright falsification of fact occurs only within very small groups.

Some adolescent females will fabricate or manipulate information, possibly as an attention-getting device, but this group constitutes less than 1 percent, he says. There are those children who were abused at an earlier age and who have never had their trauma dealt with, again a rare group. And, in certain cases, more recently, a parent has coached a child, either out of vindictiveness or a sincere effort to protect the child.

"In 95 percent of the cases you've

got to believe them. They have to learn how to lie. They don't have the knowledge to talk about it. It took a lot for them to talk about it. Some children will set out, practice what they may have experienced."

Getting information out of a child is one of the most difficult aspects of conducting an interrogation, Kolly said.

"You're trying to discover what the threat is and eliminate it. They're threatened. They've been told it's a secret. You have to realize that they will be reluctant to tell you because of the threat. They are using their language terminology. It's funny the terms they use."

KOLLY DISMISSES as inappropriate the refusal of some judges to accept the testimony of small children. Unfortunately, he said, the interpretation of the laws is gener-

ally skewed in favor of the adult.

"In Criminal Court you have to have the smoking gun. In Juvenile Court, if you have information and belief, you can enter court with that. But, as you move along, a greater degree of probability is required. In a compelling case, you can get it into court right now."

Though the objective is to eliminate the threat, that does not necessarily mean placing the abuser in jail, which occurs rarely because of the proofs that are required. The ideal, he said, is to utilize all the resources at hand, including counseling, foster care, day care or public health drug and alcohol abuse counseling.

"People don't want you there (in

the home). They aren't always willing to talk. If they refuse you have to get a court order. You have to show the judge there is a child at great risk to get him to sign the order. "We don't want to separate abusers and neglectors from the general public, because they really aren't. I believe very strongly in prison sentences for certain things; but, you have to have some compassion and balance it with a determination to let's get it done. Parenting is very, very difficult."

The extent of the action Protective Services decides to take, he said, is often predicated on the answers to three questions. Did something happen? To what degree? Should I leave the child in the home?

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