

**WEDDINGS AND ENGAGEMENTS**

**Be assertive with angry spouse**

**Simonte-Boylan**

Barbara Simonte Johnson of Troy announces the engagement of her daughter, Christy Simonte, to Michael (Mike) Boylan, son of John and Kay Boylan of Annapolis, Md. Christy is also the daughter of the late Mr. Simonte.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of The University of Michigan. She is a product manager at Platinum Technology.

Her fiancé is a graduate of The University of Michigan and the College of William and Mary. He is a financial analyst with MCI.

An August wedding is planned in Ann Arbor.



**RELATIONSHIP REALITIES**



**Q. My husband is a screamer and a yeller. He makes a big deal out of every little problem. This affects me and I often feel cold and resentful. But I am afraid it's affecting our children who are both in elementary school. Will they turn out to be like him? How can I prevent this?**

**A. Children learn what they live. I think you're right to be concerned about the welfare of your children. However, what they learn from the family dynamics can come from you as well as from their father.**

Living with an explosive and often critical yeller is not easy for a spouse, just as it isn't easy for children. The anger of a yeller may seem to come out of nowhere, but frequently is just devastating for others in the family while the yelling parent may get over his anger relatively quickly and wonder why everyone else is so upset with him.

However, the devastating effects on the children can last for years. Often when a parent shouts, yells or screams, children react with fear, anxiety and

resentment. Children in such families may become more anxious while also displaying fear toward the yelling parent. That parent may not fully understand why the children act afraid of him or are less willing to share feelings or confidences with him. Such children may be generally more frightened and timid, frequently feeling as though they can do nothing right. That may lead children to give up easily, be afraid to try new tasks, of making a mistake, particularly around the yeller. However, in the long run, children come to resent parents who show so much anger.

What is seen happening in these kinds of families is that the partner and the children learn to tiptoe around the yeller, trying to avoid problems so that he doesn't yell or get mad. Children learn to cope with anger or stress by withdrawing, avoidance and more passive behavior.

But, as your question indicates, another potential side effect of living with a yeller is that children may come to imitate the angry behavior by acting out verbally in the same way. Parents are often shocked and offended to see their child express anger, yelling the exact same way they have been yelled at. This leads to power struggles and conflicts between the yeller and children and can result in even more yelling, temper and

tears.

Living with a screamer does, of course, leave you feeling cold and resentful. His temper dampens your interest in sharing, whether it is your work, the kids, or your love. It is hard not to take such anger personally, when actually you are more a receptacle for his frustration than the cause of it. You are the victim of verbal and emotional abuse, but there are ways of coping with this situation.

In many instances screamers and yellers are angry at other things in their life, leading them to act out this anger at home. Perhaps exploring the reasons for this behavior with him would be a start. Your husband may not be aware he is taking out his frustrations on you and the kids.

What are other reasons for his anger? He may need to see a therapist in order to further explore his angry outbursts. But no matter what the reasons for his outbursts, you can still change the way you react towards him.

You do not have to accept his anger. When he starts to yell, remove yourself from the room until he calms down, taking the children with you. When he calms down, be assertive and inform him you would like to calmly discuss the issues with him; however, if he continues to be angry, you will not answer him until things settle down.

It will help to assertively state that you will not argue or discuss any issue with him when he is shouting. And you may have to leave the room to reinforce what you are saying.

It is important to handle in mind that how you react will be a model for your children learning to handle their father's anger. While the danger is that they may imitate their father's anger, perhaps an even greater danger is that they will react in a hostile or aggressive way or deal with it through passive behavior. When you show them how to be assertive, they can follow your model just as easily and maybe better than their father's. It's essential for children who have a difference between reacting in a hostile and aggressive manner and being assertive.

When living with a partner who yells, you must be assertive to take care of yourself while at the same time protecting your children. They will learn what they live.

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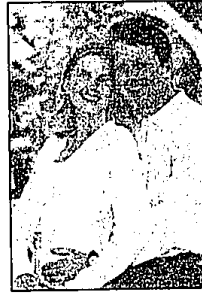
**Bysko-Senatore**

Joe and Ann Bysko of Rochester Hills announce the engagement of their daughter, Cyndi, to David Senatore, son of Bill and Gwen Senatore of Novi, formerly of Farmington Hills.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Rochester High School, Michigan State University and Oakland University. She is a direct marketing specialist for IBM.

Her fiancé is a graduate of Detroit Catholic Central and Michigan State University. He is a financial consultant, second vice president, at Salomon Smith Barney.

An August wedding is planned at Abiding Presence Lutheran Church in Rochester Hills.



**Osgood-Schwab**

Mr. and Mrs. N. Thomas Osgood of Nashua, N.H. announce the engagement of their daughter, Kimberly Lynda, to John Deuruelle Schwab Jr., son of Anne Lerchen Hanna of Birmingham and John Deuruelle Schwab Sr. of Bingham Farms.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of the University of New Hampshire and Finch University of Health Sciences/The Chicago Medical School. She is working as a family practice physician assistant in Grand Rapids.

Her fiancé is a graduate of the University of New Hampshire. He is working at Lear Corp. as an account manager in Warren.

An October wedding is planned in Nashua, N.H.



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 View the Fall 1998 collection from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Neiman Marcus, Somerset Collection. Informal modeling will be 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., couture salon.

**THURSDAY, JULY 28**  
**Mark Heister**  
 Fall trunk show of Mark Heister with representative Ruthe Vogel through Saturday, July 25, at Roz & Sperm at Bloomfield Plaza in Bloomfield Township.

**FRIDAY, JULY 31**  
**Emanuel Ungaro**  
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the Emanuel/Emanuel Ungaro Fall 1998 collection, with sponsorship from Elle and Mirabella Magazines and the Chrysler Corp., for the Concours d'Elegance "Mode Du Concours" luncheon fashion show, on the grounds of Meadow Brook Hall in Rochester.

The event begins with a reception at 11 a.m., followed by the luncheon and fashion show at noon.

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