

# A primer on separation

# Do-it-yourself divorce manual is on market

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Bloomfield Township attorney David Walsh may have hit upon the ultimate do-it-yourself scheme.

He's written a book that shows, step by step, how you can obtain a divorce without hiring a lawyer.

Walsh, 42, began writing the book in 1972 as a guide for inexperienced attorneys working for him when he was a supervisor in Wayne County

## Red Cross seeks more volunteers

The Red Cross reports that there are more than 140 volunteer positions available in Oakland County as the organization gears up for its 1978 Volunteer Recruitment Week, Sept. 18-24. This year's theme is "Serve, Grow, Make a Difference."

Volunteers are needed to work on mobile blood collection units where they assist Red Cross nurses with non-medical duties such as registering blood donors, labeling and numbering blood containers, escorting donors to the canteen area, and serving refreshments.

Individuals are also needed to serve in the same capacity at the Red Cross Donor Centers in Oak Park and Bloomfield Hills, and there are a variety of administrative volunteer positions open in all services.

There are volunteer opportunities through Red Cross at Betsford, Pontiac Osteopathic and Clinton Valley hospitals as well as in school health work, transportation service and general office work at the Red Cross Oak Park and Bloomfield Hills locations.

Additional information may be obtained by calling the Red Cross at 334-3578 or 968-2255.

legal aid clinics. He then went into private practice and put the project off until last year, when he decided the public might be ready to accept his novel approach to divorce.

Entitled "Divorce \$9.95," Walsh's book is 283 pages long and includes 50 pages of sample forms to follow when filing legal papers. Chapters cover such topics as starting a suit, property distribution, support custody and visitation, annulment, separation and premarital agreements.

Walsh, who's been practicing law for 15 years, is awaiting delivery of the first 10,000 copies of his book. So far, orders have been placed by 100 libraries across the country and several attorneys and laymen, he said. The attorney-author has been running newspaper ads and mailing promotional brochures in an effort to stir interest in the book.

"Divorce \$9.95" could eventually make the inexpensive divorce proceeding a common occurrence in state courts," the brochure predicts. "It could do away with do-it-yourself divorce factories charging \$75 to \$150 for doing practically nothing."

With the move toward no-fault divorce gaining momentum nationally, nearly one-half of all marriages ending in divorce and growing skepticism about attorneys, Walsh figures there should be a ready market for his book.

"MY BOOK is a little bit like Dr. Spock's (baby book). I think everyone who's married or thinking about getting married might want to buy it and put it on the shelf," said Walsh.

"My position has always been that in the true no-fault states where there are no significant problems with respect to custody, the property is negotiable and the two parties don't need to be married any more, divorce doesn't have to be turned into an

expensive proposition or heart-rending matter."

Walsh said his book covers the divorce laws in all 50 states and that he has updated it to include the most recent legislative changes.

"I have listed the grounds (for divorce) in all 50 states, the costs for filing and specific grounds for filing, annulment and special time periods."

"For example, I bet most people would be surprised to hear that in Michigan, by statute, a court can prevent you from getting remarried for up to two years."

Walsh said he took great pains to write the book in language that can easily be understood by laymen.

"There's no legalese. It's simpler than any directions I've had to read to put a toy together."

"I really soon feed them (readers). I lead them item by item. I started out with the assumption that everything is unknown or complicated to the reader."

WALSH said he set up his own publishing company to get the book printed. Publishers praised his manuscript, he said, but declined to print the book—possibly because they feared a lawsuit being brought by some lawyers' association.

Despite that, Walsh thinks his book will draw favorable reviews from other attorneys, bar groups and lawyers.

"Attorneys won't mind. Most of them don't like the aggravation of handling a divorce when there's not a lot of money involved."

"I think attorneys will agree the book is well-written and that I've done a darn good job. And readers will get a lot more respect for what an attorney has to go through."

What will happen when the first do-it-yourselfer goes before a judge?

"If the judge reads the book, I'm confident he'll grant the divorce, if everything is done right and the forms are prepared properly. I don't think he'll deny it just because the person doesn't have an attorney."

Although do-it-yourself divorce firms have been operating for several years, Walsh said they are limited to distributing forms and instructions. The state supreme court has ruled these firms cannot give advice to their customers.

Walsh said his book is intended primarily for uncomplicated divorces.

Cases involving disputes over child custody, visitation rights, alimony or where a large estate is at stake should be handled by a lawyer, he said.

Nevertheless, Walsh figures his book should sell 2,000 copies per state, or a total of 100,000. If the book is a success, he plans to write others, hoping to parlay his legal experience into a lucrative second career.

"After 15 years in law, I've reached the point of diminishing returns, and I've always been interested in writing and publishing. We're almost a do-it-yourself society, so we might as well have do-it-yourself law."

## First class is free for aerobic dancers

A free demonstration of aerobic dancing will begin a six week session of classes at 10 a.m. Monday, Sept. 11 in Mercy Center gym, 28600 Eleven Mile. Both morning and evening classes will continue on Mondays and Wednesdays.

Aerobic dancing was originated by Jacki Sorensen, a professional dancer and choreographer, and clinician for the President's Council on Physical Fitness and Sports.

She choreographs all dances to the

mood of the music, which might be disco, rock, folk or Charleston. Using combinations of hopping, walking, jogging, bending and stretching, the dances are simple enough for the non-dancer, but still challenging enough for others.

Each class begins with a five minute warmup dance to prepare the participants for the more vigorous dances to follow, and ends with a cool-down dance to bring the heartbeat back within normal range. Between dances,

participants walk, take heart rate and learn new steps.

"CONTINUOUS movement and fun constitute the theme of the program," said Jan McElroy, who carries on the aerobic dance classes which were brought to the area by Kathy Gillman last year.

All comers are invited to the free demonstration. Ms. McElroy will take inquiries, in the meantime by calling her at 474-7244.

## FARMINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS BUS SCHEDULES

### ELEMENTARY ROUTES

#### FOR 1978-1979

Buses will start their pickups at:

8:45

#### ALAMEDA

##### Route #12

Stops will be:

12 Mile & Echo Valley Apts.; Holly Hill & Rose Hill; Britany 3364; Britany & Thornbrook; Colwood & Argonne; Argonne & 3370; Farmington Rd. & 2655

##### Route #21

Stops will be:

Power & Shady Ridge; Power & Delany; Power 2432; Ten Mile 3280; Glen Valley - Raphael; Farmington & Ridgeway; 11 Mile & Ridgeway; Orchard Lake & Hill.

##### Route #25

Stops will be:

Orchard Lake & Pimlico; Orchard Lake & Trailer Court; 11 Mile & Power; 11 Mile & Pillsbury; Farmington & Pillsbury; Farmington & Biddlestone; Farmington & Lessner Lane; Quaker Valley 3340; Quaker Valley 3442; Quaker Valley - Quaker Valley Lane; Quaker Valley 3374; Quaker Valley & 3372

##### Route #45

Stops will be:

Farmington & Merrilyn; Shawansee & Forest (East); Shawansee & Glenview (West); Shawansee & Third Driveway East of Farmington.

Buses will start their pickups at:

8:45

#### BEECHVIEW

##### Route #29

Stops will be:

11 Mile & Arden Park; 11 Mile & Sky Drive.

##### Route #31

Stops will be:

Inkster & Hyston

##### Route #33

Stops will be:

11 Mile & Springbrook; Middlebelt & 2655; Middlebelt & Gramercy; Middlebelt & Midway; 10 Mile & 2990; Middle of Lakeland; Lakeland & Creek-side; Middle of Lakeland.

##### Route #52

Stops will be:

Westmoreland & Brookview; Westmoreland & Harcourt; Westmoreland & O'Neil; O'Neil & Springbrook; Middle of Springbrook; Springbrook & Westmoreland; Ten Mile & Floral; Orchard Lake & Pimlico; Orchard Lake & Trailer Court; Ahadana & Holly Hill; 11 Mile & 3070; 11 Mile & 3025

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#### FLANDERS

##### Route #1

Stops will be:

Grand River & 2291 (Next to Federal); Power & 2295; Power & Cloverdale; Power & Nine Mile; Cloverdale & Maple; Cloverdale & Manning; Cloverdale & Hayden; Cloverdale & Farmington

##### Route #48

Stops will be:

Power & 2290; Power & Stop Sign; Brookside (Middle) Grand River & 3080; Freedom & Apartment (near Farmington Rd.); Folson & Parker (O.L.S. ONLY); Folson & Lundy; Orchard Lake & 2175; Orchard Lake & 2140; Randall & River Glen; Farmington Nursing Home

##### Edg. Pick-Up Only:

Longacre & Stop Sign; Lytle & 2400; Townhouse; Gill & Driveway to Townhouse

#### FOREST

##### Route #1

Stops will be:

Drake & Knight Estate; Hidden Valley 2080; Old Homestead Sub.; A. Lyman; B. Quakerstown; C. Paddock; Wendy Lee; Farmington & Ameland

Buses will start their pickups at:

8:45

#### GILL

##### Route #3

Stops will be:

Gill - 2206; 9 Mile & Cass; 8 Mile & 2200; 9 Mile & Midway; 9 Mile & Goldsmith; Park Lane & Park Crest; Park Lane & Wildwood; Park Lane & Park Lane Circle; Green Hill & Apartment

##### Route #4

Stops will be:

Heinzland & 2215; Halsland & 2124; Halsland & 2112; Halsland & 2092; South Farm & Silken Glen; West Farm

### WOODCREEK

Stops will be:

Walnut Lane - 3338; Valleydale & Pimlico; Inkster & 2001; Inkster & 2005; Forestbrook & Turn Around; Forestbrook & Grand Duke; Forestbrook & Heronwood; Heronwood & 2828.

##### Route #20

Stops will be:

Pimlico & Arden area; Ardmore & Bond; Valleydale & Foxgrove; Foxgrove & Thornley; Foxgrove & Colony Circle; Foxgrove & 13 Mile.

##### Route #27

Stops will be:

Pimlico & Greenacre; Mullane & Bond; Mullane & Ravine; Mulford & Pimlico; Clubhouse & 3018; Bond & Clubhouse.

##### Route #29

Stops will be:

Lincolnview & Belcrest; Lincolnview & Staller; Staller & Belcrest; Belcrest & Brookhill; Belcrest & 12 Mile.

##### Route #35

Stops will be:

Woodstream - Driveway across from Court; Woodstream - Windbrook; 14 Mile & Hunters Ridge Apts.

##### Route #36

Stops will be:

Inkster & Sarah Fisher; Westgate & Northbrook; Westgate & Southbrook; Greendale & Bond; Eastfield & Ravine; Pershing & 3143; Highview & 3150.

##### Route #40

Stops will be:

12 Mile & David; 12 & Greening; Orchard Lake & 2514; Orchard Lake & 3080; Clubhouse - 3083; Clubhouse - Wendybrook (South); Clubhouse - Where it meets Woodstream; 13 Mile - Lazenby.

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#### LONGACRE

##### Route #2

Stops will be:

Ten Hill & Hesterton; Hesterton & Britany Hill; Britany & Lansbury; Britany & Vicary; Vicary & Ten Hill; Ten Hill & Lansbury; Hesterton & 3072.

##### Route #6

Stops will be:

Old Homestead & Liberty; Old Homestead & Crown Point; Old Homestead & Trenton; Old Homestead & 2571; Livingston & Old Homestead; Old Homestead & Hopkins; Drake & Mulwood Apt.

##### Route #12

Stops will be:

Independence Drive & The Pond; Independence & Midway; Grand River & Hathaway; Britany Hill & Sidewalk to Apt.; Vicary & Smithfield (Just Smithfield Students); Smithfield & 3072; Smithfield & The Court; Smithfield & Briar Ridge.

##### Route #15

Stops will be:

Old Homestead & Congress; Congress & Glover Ct.; Congress & Congress Ct.; Congress & Liberty; Rutledge & Oakton

##### Route #16

Stops will be:

Grand River & 3430; Johnston - Carter Crest; Johnston & Crumpton; Crumpton & the Rock Pike.

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#### MIDDLEBELT

##### Route #1

Stops will be:

11 Mile & Arden Park (East); Inkster & Beacon Square (North); Inkster & Englewood; Inkster & 2575; Inkster & 2528; Ten Mile - Murray; Ten Mile - 2514

##### Route #22

Stops will be:

11 Mile & Kilgirth (East); Newell Circle & Glencrest (East).

##### Route #24

Stops will be:

11 Mile & Kilgirth (West); 11 Mile & Sky Drive (West); Inkster & Beacon Square (South).

##### Route #30

Stops will be:

11 Mile & Sky Drive (East); 11 Mile & Arden Park (West); Inkster & Englewood.

##### Route #47

Stops will be:

Spring Valley at Top of Hill; 9 Mile - 2200; 9 Mile & Whittingham; 9 Mile & Karen; Middlebelt & Trailer Court; Grayfield & Oak Canfield; Canfield & Eldon; Eldon & First Driveway East of Middlebelt; Middlebelt & San Sou.

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### OUR LADY OF SORROWS

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#### WOODDALE

##### Route #24

Stops will be:

12 Mile & Schroeder; 12 Mile & 3656; Heronwood & 3027; Heronwood - 3045; Lyman & Meadowview; Lyman & Pleasant Valley; Pleasant Valley & Hidden Valley; Olson - 2718; Wendy Lee - 3780; 12 Mile & Drake; 12 Mile & 3777.

##### Route #36

Stops will be:

12 Mile & 3274; 13 Mile & 3675; Halstead & Pennala; Old Homestead & Hurdensburg; Old Homestead & Quakerstown; Old Homestead & Paddock; Paddock & Quakerstown; Steele & Lyman; Drake & Knight Estate.

##### Route #37

Stops will be:

Drake & Gary; Lytle - 3289; Edythe & 13 Mile; Drake & Notofway; Drake & Fredrickburg.

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8:30

#### KENBROOK & OUR LADY OF SORROWS

##### Route #31

Stops will be:

Tanglewood & Turtle Creek (South); Tanglewood & Applewood (North); Tanglewood & Applewood (South); King William - 2817; King William (Power); Fredrickburg - (Dillon).

##### Route #31A

Stops will be:

Tanglewood & Greenspring; Bycroft & Forestville; Bycroft & Triverton; Bycroft & Berryhill; Springvale & Guilford; Springdale & Starbridge; Forestville & Berryhill.

Buses will start their pickups at:

8:10

#### EAGLE