



NANCY GOOD



DR. RAYMOND TANTER

Divorce trauma eased

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said. "Everything that's said in the sessions is strictly confidential."
She added their goal is that people understand that the legal and emotional processes are intertwined. "Most people don't understand the law and it's difficult for them."
"You can lay some legalese on some people and they won't remember even hearing it," she said.
Even more important is the realization that what one goes through during the trauma of separation and divorce is normal.
"The class helps these people understand that what they're going through is typical and normal," Ms. Riklin said. "It gives them a new support system."
Most class participants have benefited from the men who have taken part in the discussion, Ms. Riklin said.
"Sometimes hearing about all the stages and difficulties they will have to go through prompts someone to change their mind and stick with the marriage," Ms. Bennethum said.
"They learn to think more about the children and how they will be affected, not only themselves."
Both women said there are definite stages that one goes through when experiencing divorce.
"First there is depression and then real despondence with the use of drugs,

drink and even thoughts of suicide sometimes entering in," Ms. Riklin said.
"WHEN THEY realize these stages are part of the trauma, they can cope and get through it."
Both women contend that shared custody between parents is the wave of the future and best for all concerned.
"We encourage an open door policy for custody which means playing it loose and allowing both parents to parent the child," Ms. Bennethum said. "You have to put the children first and also not close the father off."
Divorce usually means a lower standard of living for both parties, at least initially, and getting the property settlement taken care of, should be primary, both women agreed.
"In no fault, only one party has to want the divorce and it will go through," Ms. Bennethum explained. "You can no longer block a divorce and grounds have been abolished. But fault does enter into custody and property settlements."
Graduates of the divorce sessions have been so impressed with their value they have formed a support group that continues to meet.
Called GRAIDS (Growth Renewal after Divorce or Separating), the participants meet at 8 p.m. on Mondays at the Franklin Community Church.

Hadassah will focus on foreign policy

Metropolitan Detroit Chapter of Hadassah, 19111 Ten Mile in Southfield, will present an all-day conference on "American Foreign Policy Decision Making in the Middle East" on Thursday, Feb. 15.
The conference, slated for Temple Emanuel-El, 14450 Ten Mile in Oak Park, will be led by Professor Raymond Tanter and Ms. Nancy Good.
Dr. Tanter is an internationally recognized expert on the Middle East. He received a Ph.D. in political science from Indiana University and is now associate chairman of the Political Science Department of the University of Michigan.
He is also a visiting professor at Hebrew University of Jerusalem, where for the past five years he has taught methodology and conducted research on the Arab-Israeli conflict.

Dr. Tanter serves on numerous editorial boards and is consultant to the Rand Corp., the U. S. Defense Department and UNESCO.
Ms. Good received a BA in political science from the University of Michigan. She is presently a graduate student in international relations and is a teaching assistant.
Author of numerous articles on the Middle East, she has spent the last three summers in the Middle East conducting interviews among Israeli, West Bank, Gaza and Jordanian elite. In June 1978, she attended the Regional Arab Women's Conference in Amman, Jordan.
The morning session will cover "American Ideals, Interests and Commitments" and the afternoon session will highlight "The Politics of Policy Making."

J. Haas featured by BBAA

Detroit artist Johanna Haas will be the featured artist of the month at Birmingham Bloomfield Art Association from Feb. 15 to March 15 in the association's sales and rental gallery.
Mrs. Haas is a member of the faculty of BBAA, teaching oil painting. Her oils and watercolors are in more than 20 private and public collections in the Detroit area, Canada and Germany.
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The purpose of the visit, which is sponsored by the Israeli Ministries of Foreign Affairs and Education, is to enable the youth to meet with American students of their own age to foster a better understanding of their respective ways of life, said a spokesman for the Jewish Community Council.
After regular school hours, the visitors will be available to speak at religious schools, youth groups and adult organizations.
Community Council at 962-1880.

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