

Witch Watch

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When marriage ends, is it a failure?

Through my work, I meet many people who refer to their marriages as failures because they ended in divorce. Much guilt, grief and bitterness could be eliminated if we all could begin to view these marriages in a different light.

I do not believe that a marriage was necessarily a failure, or even a mistake, just because it came to an end while both partners were still living — any more than I believe that all marriages which last a lifetime are necessarily "successful."

I KNOW a couple who recently divorced after 22 years of marriage. They had raised two fine children and had had many good years together.

She wanted to go back to school and get a degree. He wanted to retire up north to hunt and fish. They no longer had much in common but grandchildren and memories.

They parted friends, with no hard feelings. She is doing what she always dreamed of, here in the city she loves. He is happy in his cabin in the woods and is planning to remarry when he finds the right woman to share it with him.

I believe that this couple had a successful marriage which came to successful end.

WHEN A RELATIONSHIP between a man and a woman does come to an end, people have a tendency to remember only the bad parts. They forget how much good they did for each other over the years.

Loving does not necessarily mean possessing. If we love a person, it is better sometimes to let him or her go than to hold one in bondage where both partners would be less than happy.

It would be wonderful if we could all find soul mates who were in the same stage of karmic development as ourselves. This seldom happens.

When two people reach the point where a good marriage has gone bad, and all honest attempts to save it have failed, it is in the best interest of all concerned to let go of each other. Then each one can get on with the karmic business that comes next, without blaming each other, or feeling guilty because of a "failure."

Levin urges toxic waste site reports

If you think there's a hazardous waste site in your area, report it to U.S. Sen. Carl Levin's office. After two days of hearings in July on hazardous waste management, the Michigan Democrat concluded that there was an inadequate governmental response to reports of chemical contamination that focused on human and animal health problems in Hemlock, Mich.

He then decided to develop a plan for residents to provide information to officials through his regional offices about possible toxic sites.

"I am inviting the public to contact my regional offices if there is any evidence of a chemical contamination problem which may pose a threat to the health and safety of a community," he said.

The reporting system will gather information that may or may not be available to agencies that are responsible for monitoring toxic waste problems.

"I can't guarantee that appropriate action will be taken to solve all of these problems. However I can guarantee that further governmental information in protecting the public from toxic wastes in Michigan will not be due to lack of information," Levin said.

INFORMATION provided by the public will be referred to various state agencies and the federal Environmental Protection Agency. Levin said that he will urge the appropriate agency to take prompt and effective action if there is an indication that a health hazard exists.

Individuals should contact the regional office at 1860 McNamara Federal Building, Detroit 48226, phone 226-6020, if they observe any of the following:

- Dumping of canisters, metal drums or other possible waste containers at a site that appears to be uncontrolled or unsafe, or both.

- Waste disposal activities at a site that is in close proximity to residential areas, and appears to be unregulated.

- Continuous occurrences of noxious fumes and odors arising from landfills or other hazardous waste disposal areas.



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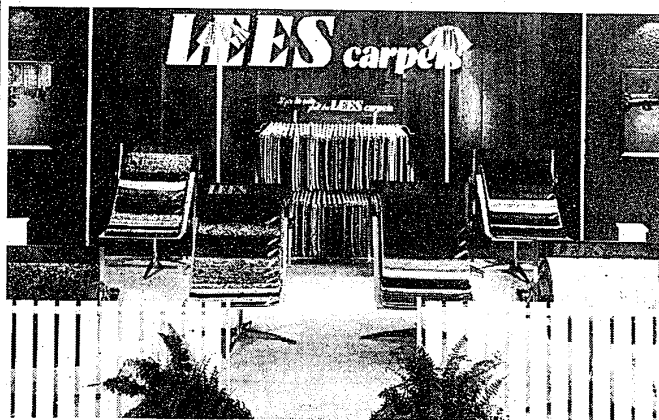
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