editorial opinion

Tim Richard writes

Ethics in the 'Damman Thing'

"Ethical considerations or matters of judgment are not encompassed in this report."

Those were the final words of Aity. Gen. Frank Kelley in his report on the "Damman Thing"—Lt. Gov. James Damman's behavior on zoning matters when he was a Troy city official.

But ethics do exist, even if lawyers and Damman don't want to talk about them. Indeed, there is a specific code of ethics for planning officials. First, consider what Damman did on the plan-

ning commission: He voted on matters affecting the use of land owned by Lincoln Investment Co., of which he was a partner.

Next, consider the American Society of Planning Officials' code of ethics adopted in 1982—acode written both for professional, salaried planners and the laymen who serve on boards:

"A PERSON to whom some private benefit may come as the result of some public action should not be a participant in that action...

'2. The possibility, not the actuality, of a conflict of interest should govern. The question is not, 'Do I think I would be biased?' but Would a reasonable person think I could be biased?.

4. A person experiencing a conflict of interests should declare his interest publicly, abstain from voting on the matter should be have a vote, keep out of any deliberations on the matter, and leave the chamber in which such deliberations are to take place.

On May 1, the attorneys in our midst celebrate their line of work with an orgy called "Law Day" What we need is a counter-observance to be called "Ethics Day."

Cultivating men for all their worth

"Students of "fascinating woman-hood" are popping out like dandelions in May. Beautiful, glowy, ready to bask in the sunlight of their leader— the man in their life. In contrast, women's libbers look like the real weeds in the garden of love.

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Tablen Andelin has triggered this naw or perhaps, very old i type love culf with her book which says being a true female locks that man into your like-tighter than a combination safe.

Halen's disciples plow the femininity garden for all it's worth. They beguile, compliment, seduce (verbally and otherwise, are constantly and forever thoughful and get angry in a cute sery way.

Their guys know hery're the bossevent it it takes a heli of a lot of coaching from the wings.

Well, whatever, if it's saving marriages, keeping peace and light in the home—more power to the lady from Santa Barbara.

"Bot, for every action, there's a reaction. The pendulum swings both wisys—in this case from "doing your own thing" to seeing that your hasband is second only to God.

If your religion will let you believe in pattern and purpose—then there's purpose in all of this. Maybe after the pendulum hist he high points at both ends of the curve. It will eventually light in the middle.

There is nothing wrong with the Andelin man-pleasing teachings — except we have forgotten to include the man with a brain. He sometimes resents always having to be the Kenhalf of the Barbie-Goll doo. Maybe he'd rather be jost Joe, or Harry or Mack with a human being for a wife who has, her great and her notes of the present moments. Maybe he'd rather be a team player rather than the coach.

In games someone has to call the plays, but marriage is more than a game. It demands more than a scorecard and a set of rules.

It needs a two-way-street under-standing

standing.

Ideally, and this is when the pendulum has finally come to rest in the middle of the curve, both partners will be working to create not fascinating womanhood or sciniting manhood, but imaginative peoplehood.

Don't wait for the book to come put—start now—put a little fun in your life—try living.

From our readers

will receive it all back from state tax redits.

\$ [if] our school system goes down hoselfrain, so will our properly values. The first question a possible new resident saks ar-what kind of a school yrgem do you have?

• The three Rs are not good enlaugh today. Our world is more combilat and education must be better to enable our future generations to cope. I point out the above facts because arrents with children in school have got to quit letting the minority discussed what kind of an education our children receive. Please get out and support your schools. eren receive. Pienie b...
port your schools.
LARRY G. MAUGHAN
Farmington

Extension not wanted

I would like to take this opportunity of the Northwestern Highway

ation to the Northwestern raymway fetersion.

While it is true that many resident scarmed of the extension in May of \$73, many more of our long-time resi-tents have heard talk of the extension for many years. However, it was not spitll \$73 that we were made aware of the fact that Northwestern would be turned into a super, divided, de-gressed, noise and air polluting high-nay.

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In the fall of 1973, a general mem-iership meeting of the Franklin Knolls Improvement Association was held and it was unanimously voted at that time to actively oppose the exten-tion of Nosthwestern Highway, it was secided at that time that the exten-tion would not solve any of our local traffic and road problems and would ossibly make them worse. There are liternatives.

Minority dictates

Bettor:
With another school millage coming of shortly, it might be well to point out the following facts:

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Many, many Farmington citizens have expressed dissatisfaction with the Farmington Board of Education, its operations and some of its members, and have felt that many of our school district's problems stem from the board's ineffectiveness. I feel the same way.

During recent weeks I have talked with many PTA and PTO groups and citizens, and they have stated these same feellings. The PTA Council's series of coffees in the community confirms jthis, too. Many questions saked during the coffees were not about the schools and kids' education, but about board members and a credibility gap that people feel.

All along I have felt that something must be changed if we are ever a pass another millage in Farmington. The proposals on the April 25 ballot once effected by individuals but by the control of the proposals on the April 25 ballot once effected by individuals but by the control of the proposals on the

not elect the best people for the job. it is our own fault!

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