

POINTS OF VIEW

Many different intelligences can lead to success

Question: A group of my friends and I were discussing standardized tests we took in school that told us whether we were intelligent or not. Many of us had average scores but have done well. We don't think these tests necessarily measure intelligence. Are we right?

Answer: Howard Gardner, a Harvard researcher, after years of study,

developed a theory of Multiple Intelligences. Gardner identified seven basic intelligences, including:

- Logical-Mathematical Intelligence: Gardner saw this as the capacity to use numbers, intelligence in logical patterns, relationships, inferences, calculations, cause and effect (e.g., scientist, logician, computer programmer).
- Linguistic Intelligence: The ability to use words effectively, useful for orators, politicians, playwrights, salespeople and journalists. Linguistic intelligence deals with the structure, semantics and pragmatic uses of language.
- Interpersonal Intelligence: Good lawyers, psychologists, school counselors, doctors, teachers and salespeople must have Interpersonal Intelligence.

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Gardner's theory considers this to be the ability to perceive and make distinctions in the moods, intentions, motivations and feelings of others.

■ **Spatial Intelligence:** Architects, interior decorators, artists and inventors, who have a sensitivity to color, shape, form and space and the relationships

between them, are good examples of people with this intelligence.

■ **Bodily-Kinesthetic Intelligence:** The creative expression of ideas and feelings can be seen in Michael Jordan's moves on the court, in Tom Hanks' portrayal of Forrest Gump, and in dancers, sculptors, mechanics and surgeons, for whom dexterity and perceptual and tactile abilities are required.

LETTERS

Hear the people

To Mayor Lichtman. I have been reading in the Observer with acute interest over the past few weeks about the proposed development on 12 Mile and Middlebelt. I have not read one article or editorial that has anything positive to say about this development.

I have also conferred with several of my neighbors regarding this proposed project, and we are all against it because of the harm it will do to our community.

Then why does it seem inevitable that this development will take place regardless of the fact that we the citizens do not want it?

There is nothing positive that will result from this. The developer is going to bulldoze our landscape and replace it with a strip mall that will create only trash, noise and horrible traffic, in addition to opening the door to further development wherever vacant land is available in this area.

This does not follow the PUD concept of enhancing the quality of the community. The only positive result this development will have is more profits for the developer.

And what will happen to the strip mall at 11 Mile and Middlebelt? Will Kroger move out to this new location, leaving vacant store space for who knows how long?

And what, if any, store will move in? Will we have a voice in this matter?

The way the City Council works, apparently not, because you're not listening now.

We must have controls in our city; otherwise these profit-seeking developers will move in and bulldoze our precious land and destroy what we moved into this community for — nice homes, less congestion and a city not taken over by strip malls.

Any store that Gary Jonna wants to include in his "nonresidential development" (a.k.a. strip mall) is already available to us in a three-mile radius.

It has to stop. Didn't you become a part of the City Council because you wanted to do good things for the community? You've missed the boat on this one, and we the residents directly affected by this unwanted development will have to pay as we watch our neighborhood sink.

Who will want to move to an area that will have five strip malls in a three-mile radius? (11 Mile and Middlebelt, Nine Mile and Middlebelt, Telegraph and 10 Mile, Telegraph and 12 Mile, and the proposed 12 Mile and Middlebelt development.)

Shame on the City Council for not having the citizens of Farmington Hills' best interests at heart. You did not do your homework; otherwise, you would know what an unwanted strip mall can do to a community.

This proposed development should not have gone on this long. It should have been rejected immediately because the citizens of Farmington Hills

have spoken and do not want it. As an elected representative, you must consider the welfare and benefit of the surrounding community.

Please listen to the citizens of Farmington Hills and stop this unwanted development.

Patricia L. Dennis, Farmington Hills

Keep the quality

I completely understand Mr. Gantchar's situation as stated in the Aug. 18 Points of View column. Mr. Gantchar's letter, and the opinions expressed in the same feature article by Bill Coutant on the proposed NCC-3 Super Kmart development on Northwestern and Orchard Lake Roads.

We, too, moved into a Farmington Hills subdivision less than one mile from Glen Acres 16 years ago. We had no city water, sewer, or paved roads, and that was some of the charm of the area.

Over time, however, it became desirable to acquire these conveniences. My neighbors and I petitioned the city for special assessment districts, agreed to pay for the improvements to our own property, and joined this century.

Even though our area is also completely surrounded by commercial development, our property values have continued to increase as a result of the

improvements we have sought.

I agree some of our traffic failure is the result of the defeat of the Northwestern extension. I find it difficult to believe the NCC-3 study that a 24-hour-a-day regional shopping center would result in only a slight increase in traffic delay.

I am not certain the 20-40 semi trucks delivering merchandise to this proposed center around the clock has been properly weighted for noise pollution, as well as traffic. An MDOT study of this area is under way and it makes sense to me to obtain these professional results before proceeding.

As for the tax benefits this center would bring to our Farmington Hills property owners, according to the city tax assessor at a Planning Commission meeting on Aug. 4, the assessments on the current residents result in \$37,000 in tax revenue.

The property assessments on the proposed NCC-3 development would provide an additional \$130,000. This is about one-half of one percent and considered a "non-issue."

The increased costs for city services to this area in police, fire, road maintenance, and possible negative effects on the remaining property values may not be worth it.

At the same city planning meeting, it was reported the SBVs of the homes in the Highway/Glen Acres area are increasing at the same rate as the rest of Farmington Hills.

The city master plan and land use for the Northwestern and Orchard Lake corner have not substantially changed since 1950. The frontage on both of these roads has always been considered to be zoned as commercial or office. Development should come as no surprise.

As a longtime resident of our city, I currently enjoy a wide variety of local shopping experiences and for the emergency situation can access the current 24-hour Perry Drug Store on this corner.

With the major expansion of the Hunter's Square Center, including a drive-through McDonald's, it seems to me there is no need for a 24-hour regional shopping center.

In fact, our city forefathers wrote the master plan to specifically exclude these regional centers from our borders.

Overall, I believe this issue revolves around personal visions of what Farmington Hills should be. I encourage you to take a drive down the Southfield Expressway to Ford Road and look left.

This development is very close to the one proposed for our neighborhood. It is fed by six- and eight-lane roads, as well as the expressway. The traffic is still deplorable.

My personal vision for Farmington Hills is to maintain a quality place in which to live, work, play and raise families.

Cheryl Mastantuono, Farmington Hills

Greedy players

Now that the baseball players have ruined the game, put people out of work and disappointed the kids in particular and the public in general by their greed, we should stop supporting them altogether by not attending any of their functions and refusing to buy baseball cards, and comic books, or any item that would pay them any residuals.

I wonder if any of them ever

gives a dime for charity.

Leon L. Scholicht, Farmington Hills

Questions rald

There is a missing element in your article and pictures about the prostitution raid in the Aug. 15 Farmington Observer.

The longer I looked at the pictures, the angrier I became.

Where are the names and pictures of the owners of the escort service? Where are the pictures of the clients buying these services? Why not wait and trap the buyers, too?

Why are the prostitutes handcuffed? These women don't seem dangerous to me. I also resented the smiling gawkers observing this clever trap of illegal sex sellers.

If there were no buyers, we'd have no sellers. Buyer beware.

M.J. LaRouche-Farrell, Farmington Hills

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