

POINTS OF VIEW

Why he supports Farmington library proposal

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On average, more than 1,000 people daily use the current Farmington Hills Branch Library...

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nancing to operate the larger library facility.
In a recent letter to the editor, M.L. Evans raises some legitimate resident concerns about extra tax burdens, non-resident use and future expansion.

The property taxes in Farmington and Farmington Hills are from two sources: residents, 60 percent; business community, 40 percent. The library board established a policy that anyone who lives, works or goes to school in our area is eligible for a local library card.

money, we feel justified in opening our doors to other non-resident users, so long as such use is not excessive from any one community.
We have reciprocal borrowing agreements with other Detroit area public libraries.

needs.
In response to the need for more specific information, election issues were fully discussed in the Friends of the Library InfoExchange newsletter, sent to every household in Farmington and Farmington Hills.

No games, please

My husband and I were opponents of Proposal A, because property taxes are deductible while sales taxes are not.
We also opposed it because it gave no guarantees to our children that the adults they trust to take care of them will provide them with an education...

country and were married during this century's bicentennial year. We have a love of our nation and the principles upon which it was founded. How dare our elected officials slap their constituents in the face by overturning their will.

children that government "of the people, by the people, for the people" has perished from the face of the earth?
Patricia A. Faletti, Farmington Hills

I will agree that it is very important that the children have a good basis in the 3Rs, but in today's world there is more to an education than the basics.
One has to know where he is coming from, what has gone into that background and how the past affects the present and the future.

small rural school, but my life would have been very dull if I had not been exposed to the arts, history and some of the so-called extras.
Dick Carvell, Farmington

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More needed

Having gone through the father phase and being well into the grandfather phase and through a long association with the Farmington Historical Museum, I have to disagree with the group of parents that want nothing but a basic 3R education for the children of the Farmington Public Schools.

History is a topic that for most of us we need an introduction and exposure before we become interested enough to follow on our own.
We host many third-grade classes at the museum, and it is a joyful experience to see the enthusiasm and the longing to learn what life may have been like a hundred years ago.

Opinions are to be shared: We welcome your ideas, as do your neighbors. That's why we offer this space on a weekly basis for opinions in your own words. We will help by editing for clarity. To assure authenticity, we ask that you sign your letter and provide a contact telephone number.

Tinkering with education failed to solve its problems

Last week the Legislature abolished the local school property tax, thereby yanking at least \$5.6 billion out of funding for Michigan's kindergarten through 12th grade schools.
Contemplating the wreckage yields two conflicting feelings.
My head says at last we have a chance to break through 25 years of futile argument about school financing and get something serious done.



My head concludes that the basis now exists for serious reform of our kindergarten through 12th grade system.
My heart reacts with the deepest possible skepticism for a number of reasons.
First, it hardly inspires confidence that even the apologists for what the Legislature did last week admit that our system of representative democracy can only function when faced with a crisis.

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