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The Final Three; My Wish List By J. Powers

On January 20, 2006, President G. W. Bush will embark on his final three years, ending January 20, 2009, God willing and the creek don't rise.

It is quite evident that President Bush is one of a handful of men with brass cajones, pardon the expression, left in Washington, D. C.—A vast majority of Republicans are no more than neutered lap dogs seeking consensus and approval from the Democrats who are no more than a bunch of teary-eyed whiners and doomsayers.

As we look forward to the next three years of continued growth of the economy and rising values of our retirement portfolios, we have to wonder what else lies on the horizon for America and the rest of the world?

Iraq has undergone dramatic changes during the previous three years and they are on the road to forming a representative republic, hindered by remnants of an archaic anti-growth and anti-free will group of totalitarian theocratic thugs. Next door, the former vice-president of Syria is on a campaign to initiate new elections of national leaders through the ballot box, as well. Meanwhile, back in the good old USA, the Democrats are beside themselves trying to gain some sense of purpose for their existence. Their eventual disintegration lies ahead because election reform initiatives in the most progressive states like Michigan; the dead and the illegal will no longer have a voice.

On the horizon, Iran will continue to pursue nuclear weapons and buck the weak and useless United Nations' Security Council and EU. This will force Israel to launch an offensive against the Iranian government, but will, in-turn, free the rising stars among the Iranian youth who also envision a new responsible and responsive government for their people.

North Korea has only one option if they are to survive one more winter; replace Kim Jong Il and the remnants of the authoritarian dictatorship. Only the people of North Korea can take back their country with nominal effects on the infrastructure.

Sudan, an anti-Christian nation, will also have to make a conscientious decision about their future. Along with the oppressive leadership in Saudi Arabia, Sudan will need to reassess itself and place in world history. Only those nations without a soul fail to realize that freedom is contagious and the people who want to provide for their families and enjoy the benefits of being great-grandparents will overshadow the governments and begin embracing the ideologies of freedom and liberty. Meanwhile, back in the old USA, the Democrats will fight tooth and nail to prevent the spread of freedom and liberty; ideologies that go against their abilities to develop and nurture a one world government. Not only will President Bush have to keep an eye on world affairs, but he will also have to sleep with one eye open to keep an eye on the anti-American Democrats.

We are moving rapidly toward our destiny. The apex of our existence and our ultimate judgment may only be a stone's-throw away. Those who are participants in secularism and are indeed agents of Satan, have misled the world into thinking that freedom and liberty means a movement away from our Creator. The reverse is true; the more that we exercise the combined blessing and curse of free will, the more susceptible we are to being generous and responsive to the Will of God and caring for our fellow man. A simple question will verify this statement; which nation is more generous to those who are starving, a republic or a theocracy?

In a previous issue of the Yooper Scooper we learned that the least charitable states in the nation are also the bluest Democratic states, like Massachusetts. In short, both secular (communist and socialist types) and theocratic societies have no interest beyond themselves, especially among the hierarchy of elitists within their governments.

With all that brought into perspective, we can now focus on my wishes for the future of George W. Bush's presidency and the things that may happen under his Administration, with or without the blessing of Congress.

President George W. Bush may begin weaning the social piglets off of the government's udders. Government agencies will no longer be authorized to write donations.

Independent government agencies will be taken apart and reassigned under stricter government controls based on the jurisdiction of the three branches of government, which will create accountability and far more transparency. Agencies will no longer possess the authority to write their own arbitrary rules and regulations that suggest any type of control over people or businesses. The writing of laws will be returned to legislators.

President Bush, through Executive Order, may reestablish the gold standard in order to effectively compete with the Euro and other nations that utilize the gold standard. In order to stabilize the dollar, the new monetary system may value each dollar at 1/500 ounce of gold.

Foreign ownership of U. S. bonds and notes will be prohibited and those existing bonds and notes will be worth only the original cost.

Oversight of interest rates will be returned to Congress, as established by the Constitution. The Federal Reserve Bank will be restructured under the Department of Treasury and the interest on the national debt will be forgiven before GWB walks out the door in 2009.

Bill and Hillary Clinton, Sandy Berger, Jamie Gorelick and several other political conspirators will not receive a pardon from President Bush. In the election of 2008, Republicans that had abandoned GWB will be ousted.

Is a Major Shift in the Earth's Axis Forthcoming?

Edgar Casey predicted that the earth's polar caps would shift by the year 2012. Whether they end up spinning around the equator or if they simply change positions is a wait and see; but is it a possible reality? In light of the various experiments that are occurring around us like the HAARP Project, ULF (ultra-low frequency) and chemical-trails, we may be suspicious that the government is working on our behalf, perhaps eliminating an inevitable.

The use of chemical agents like barium salts in the laying of the chemtrails have us wondering if the purpose is to dumb down an already questionably intelligent society or to control weather patterns. The chemtrails seem to pull in moisture and warm up the surface and may be purposely designed to melt the ice caps and thereby reduce the gravitational pull by the moon and sun. By reducing the pull on the ice caps, the poles won't be as susceptible to the great polar shift prediction.

Second, the increase in phosphorous in rain drops that fall into the ocean may help prevent some undesirable growth. Some under water plants may be responsible for reducing the oxygen output and slowing ocean currents. The oceans may be assisted in some way by restoring the depleted and essential phosphorous content, thus providing nutrients for the oxygen-producing plant growth and suffocating the CO2 producing plants. But then again, only "they" know for sure.

In further speculation, some of the scientific experiments, as they are, may pose health risks to certain types of individuals, but the overall survival of the species may require balancing the loss-gain benefits. The loss of the weakest among us means that there will be far fewer liberals around to annoy us. Although the strongest will survive, it will be a multi-cultural revival and since the superior race elitist liberals will succumb to second-hand smoke, only the God-fearing survive.

Governor Ted Nugent?

<http://view.e.newsmax.com/?ffcb10-fe84177373630d7473-fe2e15797d61047d731573-ff2c1d70746d>

Ted Nugent is no Bruce Springsteen, politically speaking.

The Motor City Madman is a conservative and four-time National Rifle Association director.

Not content with merely playing his music and starring in the OLN network's reality show "Wanted: Ted or Alive," Nugent tells the New York Daily News that the Michigan governor's mansion is in his sights.

His public statements are, shall we say, unconventional for a candidate.

About the job performance of current Democrat Governor Jennifer Granholm, Nugent says she "is not doing an ugly job, but as the perfect woman, she is scrotumless."

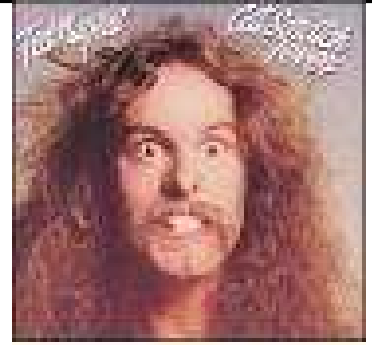
Regarding the welfare system, Nugent doesn't have affection for "the pimps and whores and welfare brats who think they've got the right to my [money] because Jesse Jackson represents [them]."

On U.S. poverty, Nugent says that "the average person who qualifies under the poverty level in America has [bleep]ing cell

phones and Tommy Hilfiger clothes! And bling-bling! I've seen them ... gold and jewelry and crack and meth! This is poverty?"

As to New York undercover cops, Nugent shares that "they wave and show me their guns. I consider us blood brothers."

The Left Coast Report relays that concerning the right to defend oneself and the Second Amendment, Nugent reveals, "I go for walks late at night in high-crime districts, and just hope."



**The Motor City Madman
Ted Nugent**

**If elected, Michigan can
have their own special
bumper sticker:**

**"Our Governor can kill
your Governor; from well
over 300 meters"**

AARP: A Cult for Senior Citizens

So what exactly happens to all that money that millions of Americans over the age of 50 send to the AARP? Last year the AARP recognized Harry Belafonte for his years of work with UNICEF.

Belafonte remarked in communist Venezuela that President Bush is the greatest terrorist in the world. AARP came out quickly to distance themselves from Belafonte, but only slightly. AARP stated that Harry Belafonte had made reckless and irresponsible comments about the President, which they don't support or condone.

The AARP is in favor of gun control and since a significant portion of those over 50 had to pick up arms and fight in foreign lands, a large portion of their membership have an intimate understanding that a disarmed citizen is an oppressed citizen. More importantly, a disarmed senior citizen is susceptible to being euthanized by the growing liberal communists.

AARP should be on the steps in Congress demanding reform of the Social Security and Medicare Acts. That's just a start; they need to focus on the important issues.

AARP needs to change from an opposition group to an advocacy group. Several key issues are more important to their members than the superficial movements. People over 50 are often discriminated against in the hiring world.

Older works in numerous private and government organizations are reassigned to jobs that have less impact, pre-pasture jobs if you will. One of the biggest discriminators is Hollywood; the center of the universe for liberals. You also need to look no deeper than the staff of their favored Democrat Party.

The AARP should be advocating a clearinghouse for prescription drugs or they should develop their own warehouse. Also, in both the public and private sectors, retirees have been losing health care protection and forced to pay for their own plans, even though they worked for 25 or 40 years with an understanding that a health care package was included in their retirement. AARP is doomed. We here at the Yooper Scooper suggest transferring your senior membership to NASCON: <http://www.nascon.org/>

2005 Profiteering By Jim Hafeman

Exxon-Mobile realized significant profits in 2005 and, as a sidebar, I wrote Congressman Bart Stupak (D-Menominee) and asked how much the government had made from the taxes on oil products during the same period. He wrote me back and said he sent my request on to the IRS. After years of being side-stepped on other issues, he finally took some action, which will help the IRS learn my name. Although it was more of a rhetorical question to compel him to shut-up, now it is an interesting question.

Other questions come to mind. I can accept that the oil industry has us over a barrel, but other industries have also created a dependent group of consumers. So maybe we need to have a graph made for presentation on the floor of Congress that shows all the profits throughout 2005. It should be outlined by the largest gainer down to the lowest gainer. I would suspect that the graph would look awfully top-heavy and Exxon-Mobile may even be near the top of the graphic list. Just as an off-the-cuff analysis of the receipts for the entire 2005 calendar year, I would suspect the graph would look like this:

- U. S. Government
 - California Government
 - New York Government
 - Movie Industry
 - Electronics Industry (China)
 - Pharmaceutical Industry
 - Insurance Industry
 - Video Games Industry (China)
 - Exxon-Mobile/Oil Industry
 - Political Campaign Funds
 - Auto Industry
- Of course the list would not be nearly complete without a list of the biggest losers for 2005 from the worst down:
- Senior Citizens
 - Consumers, especially the poor
 - U. S. Taxpayers
 - State Taxpayers
 - Self-paid Insurance Consumers

Preparing for the 2006 Election: Get to Know the Incumbent By J. Powers

The campaign for 2006 has already been initiated by the politicians. The incumbents have a distinct advantage since they are able to use the taxpayers' money to send out pro-whomever brochures to their constituents. The most recent mailing received in U. P. households was sent by **Bart Stupak** (D—Menominee) of Michigan's 1st Congressional District. Bart Stupak led the people to believe that he is actually engaged in some level of work on their behalf in Washington.

Mr. Stupak was outraged by the vast amount of money earned by the oil companies. In what TV-6 termed predatory-pricing, the oil companies had huge earnings, but so did the state and federal government. We are intentionally kept clueless on how much revenue the treasuries made during the same period.



Mr. Stupak, who professes to be our representative, prefers to fly out of Green Bay to attend conferences at the

Keystone Center in Colorado.



Mr. Stupak is allegedly a pro-life guy, but had yielded 16 times to opponents of a pro-life bill before he finally made a yield of his time to a pro-lifer.

With his brilliant sense of timing, Stupak sponsored a bill in June of 2005 that said thank you to the liberal, now ousted, Canadian government officials.

Senator Debbie, Stab-em, poke-em-now", Stabenow is also on the auction block in 2006. One of the obstruction



leaders in the Senate, she is not a doer, thinker or even a performer. Recently tied-in to the Abramoff scandal along with her colleague, Carl "Marx" Levin, Stabenow has had little progressive impact as a Senator. She did, however, sponsor a bill to recognize African-American basketball players. Most of her bills failed to attain double digit co-sponsors and are generally less substantive than a belch. Stabenow is interested in launching an investigation into the high gas prices, but as people in Michigan freeze their keesters off because of astronomical home-heating bills, both Houses were on break.

Evidently, Stabenow's best attribute is being a good actress, like her Michigan governor counterpart, Jenny Granholm. Aside from being anti-American, anti-military, anti-consumer, anti-elderly and numerous other antis; she is still trying to figure out for what she stands.

Moving into the political arena of the State of Michigan, **Jennifer, "Granny Wartholm", Granholm** is the most disastrous gover-

nor ever to lead a state in modern history, Granholm has gone as far as attempting to borrow money against the tobacco industry's "contributions" to pad the State's depleted coffers, pardon the pun.

Inflicting pain and suffering among those least able to afford it, Granholm increased the State tobacco tax to \$2.00 per pack. The State also earns another 6% State Sales Tax on the cost of the product, plus the already levied state and federal taxes.

Linked to advocates of a superior race, Granholm still enjoys support in the minority neighborhoods around Detroit. She has been actively courting the bio-medical industry to come to Michigan. The primary goal of the industry she is seeking is genetic modifications, including eugenics.

Along with her fellow Democrats, she has willfully made county, township and municipal governments dependent on the State to provide them with funding. Since she has taken office, numerous lay-offs and decreases in services has prevailed around the State, particularly in the U. P. and specifically cities like Ishpeming.

Since she has taken office, she has brokered land deals that have depleted tax revenues in counties that are already victims of too much tax-exempt state and federal property. She has also been delinquent on paying for state lands in the counties.

The DNR has been scrambling to



determine which State-owned properties they can liquidate. The cost has become too high to maintain and of course there are the obligations to help fund counties who are stricken with having vast portions of tax-less property within their border.

Even though the State is in debt, she has found monies to give to her "Cool Cities" initiative. The money helps to fund warm-up shacks at ice rinks (Marquette) that should be the responsibility of the local authorities. Most places have a little shack to keep warm in and either a fire hydrant nearby to make the ice or the volunteer fire department comes by and gives the rink a squirt once in a while to keep it going. Now the shacks are half million dollar projects.

Finally, all the incumbent candidates have nothing good to say about the job President Bush is doing. While most the country is thriving, the State of Michigan is dragging butt. The State legislators, led by the GOP, are doing the best they can with what they have to work with, or better put, with what they have to work against. <http://www.michlmi.org/> shows the current unemployment rate in the State. We lost approximately 35K jobs last year alone in Michigan. The incumbents in D. C. and the governor have failed the State miserably. While our infrastructure collapses, jobs move overseas to the Carolinas or other overseas states, and we continue to feel the results of their incompetence and self-absorption.

The Cable Guy Says "Get 'er Done!"

There are a lot disgruntled voters out there; they have grown tired of the same old dribble that comes out of Washington, D. C. these days. All the incumbents come home and blame everyone but themselves for the failures of the American legislative and judicial branches. Even after making a career out of running for office, most don't have a clue and few ever really cared for anything except themselves.

If the politicians were serious about any type of reform or really looking to correct or eliminate programs that may or may not work, they only have to get out and meet the people. As an example, the recent move by the organizationally-challenged in Washington to restructure the Medicare/Medicaid system is a dismal disaster that reeks of job security issues over citizens' needs and rights.

If every elected official would take a few hours out of their free time when they're home and stop by their local Social Security office and ask the workers what needs to be done, they will get answers that are not only enlightening, but workable. Who knows better than those who work in the trenches? No one knows the internal workings and disparities better than the people who work in the system.

Even toy manufactures don't turn to an expert with a Ph.D. to learn if they should invest in a toy; they turn to the real experts who know toys best; the kids. We have career politicians that have campaigned on the same issues for decades, failed to walk the walk and do little more than provide some advocacy work for those in dire straits. We need people in office that actually care about their citizens and district.

MOTOWN to Welcome English Band: Super Bowl XL

<http://www.superbowl.com/features/detroit> - <http://www.sbxl.org/>

Detroit, Motor City, MO-TOWN

It seems sacrilegious to have the Super Bowl in

Detroit and invite an English rock band, the Rolling Stones, to perform during the half-time show. But hey, what more could we expect from a City that is trying to redefine who they are by stepping away from a shining, glorious past to a new, highly



THE ROAD TO FORTY

What would have really been a booster shot for the City that

Never Shines would have been asking Bob Seger to put his band together for a brief stint.

The only thing we can suggest is that if you're a visitor to Detroit with tickets to the Super Bowl, do not bother going to their casinos. And to ensure a safe night's sleep, stay in Windsor. Please remember your driver's license and a certified copy of your birth certificate just in case the Terrorist Threat moves up a color or two.

Ok, so those who put Detroit on the musical map are a little older, some of the greatest artists in American history are still touring the casinos and show boats all over the country.

The Temptations, Isley Brothers, Spinners and Gladys Knight are just a few of the greats that still have that soul. The amazing Aretha Franklin would be a much better choice for entertainment.

dependent City of corruption and decay. Even the days, when a car owner could be loyal to their favorite manufacturer and have some pride about the wheels they own, are now over. Mediocrity isn't a battle cry for the City of Detroit, it's not even a goal worth attaining.

Buyer Beware: The Gas Man Cometh By C.J. Williams

On January 11th, the Lagasco propane delivery truck from Chassell showed up in my driveway, and I caught the driver before he could head out to their tank behind the house. I told him I didn't think we needed a fill, and explained that we'd gone back to burning wood to stay warm because we couldn't afford the high gas bill and eat, too.

The delivery guy, who's really very nice and always likes to visit a bit, said, "You and a whole lot of other people, lady! But, since I'm here, why don't I take a look and see how much is in the tank?"

I asked how much Lagasco was charging and he replied, "For you, \$1.89. For others, \$2.30."

"What, I exclaimed, "You mean you have one price for me and you're ripping off all the old gray-haired ladies all along the route to my place?"

"Well, the boss is afraid of you," he said. "Besides, gas at LaCourt's in Baraga is going for \$1.84 a gallon and the boss has to be competitive out here. So he's charging you \$1.89."

"Well, I don't want any today, and I think it's terrible to rip off the old folks living on cat food, and I don't want a fill," I said.

But, he said he might as well take a look because the boss would ask why he didn't, so I made him promise not to sue me for my wood stove if he broke his neck getting over the snow banks to the tank. As it turned out, we could have taken maybe 100 gallons, but I sent Joe Friendly on his way after we chatted for a short while about the pet-eating wolves in Tapiola and how life was treating us in general.

This problem with Lagasco (All Star Gas then) came to the surface a couple years ago when another driver drove in when early summer days were getting warmer. For some reason he stuck his head in the door first, and I asked how much they were charging. Believing it was much higher than what my neighbor had just paid LaCourt for a delivery, I said I thought we could make it through the summer with what we had. He went out to the truck and was going to leave, or so I thought.

Several minutes later there was a knock on the door and he popped his head back in and said, "Lady, have I got a deal for you today!"

He said he'd called the boss and I could have a discount that day. Since I'd called my hubby in the meanwhile, who thought gas might be higher in the fall and questioned my decision, I accepted a couple hundred gallons of "on sale just for you" liquid gold.

Then the last winter, we were away when a delivery was made and came home to find the bill stuck in the door. Again, I thought it was way out of line, and next day called LaCourt and talked to the boss, who didn't want to tell me how much he was charging his customers. When I explained that I was getting mighty fed up with the Chassell rip-off artists and why, and might be thinking of changing companies, I found out his gas was quite a bit cheaper.

Next, I got Joe Friendly delivery guy's boss on the phone and said, "Buddy, you and I have to talk. LaCourt was charging \$1.21 for gas yesterday when you made a delivery here. I'm sick of you ripping me off,

and ripping gray-haired ladies and poor folk off, and as far as I'm concerned, next summer, you can get your tank out of here!"

He said he'd get his pencil out and see what he could do, and after I advised him he better sharpen it darn good, he wrote a new bill for \$1.24 per gallon, which, if memory serves me without hunting up the bill, was 20 cents a gallon less that he soaked us in the first place.

The US-41 highway-distance from LaCourt's in Baraga to Lagasco in Chassell is a little less than 20 miles, and I just don't believe that warrants a 41-cent per gallon price hike, especially since he was charging everybody else along the way here \$2.30 a gallon. Did he charge them each a little more to make up my discount or does he just work with a dull pencil for everyone else all the time? If I hadn't been confrontational and made the boss sharpen his pencil, would he still be ripping me off?

As far as I'm concerned, Lagasco is outta here next summer, just as soon as we figure out how to get to the tank without running over and busting the septic line.

Buyer beware: We're victims only if we allow ourselves to be! ~ CJ

Children's Trust Fund check-off returns to Michigan tax forms

Taxpayers are encouraged to help fight child abuse via their 2005 returns

"No child should live in fear of abuse and preventing abuse is what the CTF check-off is all about," Governor Jennifer M. Granholm said. "Children are the future of this great state and by contributing to CTF you are making an investment in Michigan's future that is guaranteed to pay off." <http://www.michigan.gov/minewswire/0,1607,7-136-3452-134058--,00.html>

Editor's Note: Here we go again with another touch-feely way of raising revenue for the State of Michigan. Anyone remember the lottery? This new guilt-inflicting scam will do nothing to prevent child abuse, unless it goes directly to building new prisons and lobbying legislators to make child abuse violations a automatic life sentence. It's all just one more step in building the already out-of-control bureaucracy. ~JP

Fur Flies Over UPPCo Land Sale

By C. J. Williams

Boy, what a catfight ensues when environmentalists get into a hissing contest with developers wanting to make a fortune preparing land for ritzy vacation homes in the north woods! It's sort of like the infighting within the sportsman's community, one faction pitted against the other for the spoils of the hunt.

Yes, I'm writing about UPPCos land sale to Naterra Land Company, particularly the property at Ontonagon County's Bond Falls Reservoir, which the restricted-use, eco-environmental developer and no-land-use Wildlanders are haggling over.

All heck is breaking loose and the anti-development Wildlanders now have the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) all riled up through a letter writing campaign. Could be only rumor, but the scuttlebutt is that FERC may put the skids on the whole shebang. Then there's that matter of the Wildlanders' goal to re-establish "old growth" forests, which means no tree cutting and no "viewshed" to the ole Bond Falls water hole.

To top off FERC's involvement, the DNR is also now involved because some re-wilders believe land being eye-balled for development may actually be habitat set aside for wolves. Throw into this mix the DEQ, and you've got quite an Alphabet Soup. But, while they're all still hissing at one another, let's examine some background about this three-ring circus.

WPS Resources is a holding company based in Green Bay, and its principal subsidiary is the Wisconsin Public Service Corporation. Its other subsidiaries include UPPCo and WPS Energy Services.

On December 8, 2004, UPPCo filed an application with the Michigan Public Service Commission (MPSC) for approval of the disposition of net proceeds expected to result from sales of certain of its U. P. land holdings.

In its application UPPCo indicated to the MPSC that it owned approximately 7,300 acres of undeveloped and partially developed land adjacent to its AuTrain, Bergland, Bond Falls, Cataract, Prickett, and Victoria hydroelectric facilities, which the FERC determined was unnecessary for hydroelectric operations.

According to the "Opinion and

Order" issued by MPSC, and subsequently signed on April 28, 2005, UPPCo also indicated that it was "exploring the sale of the lands with both the State of Michigan and private investors", stating that the "sale of the lands to the State would enhance the preservation of existing pristine lands and/or create additional recreational areas, and sales of the lands to private investors for development would have a revenue-producing impact, thereby improving the general economy of the area".

It's stated in that document that the Commission found that "the settlement agreement was reasonable and in the public interest, and should be approved. Sales of the lands, either to the State of Michigan and/or private investors for development purposes should result in improvements to the local and State economy".

However, a May 5th WPS Resources press release padded the potential buyer list by telling the public that UPPCo had indicated to the MPSC that it was "exploring the sale of the lands to governmental agencies, conservation groups, and private investors."

Conservation groups? As in protectors of Upper Peninsula "pristine" UN Bio-reserve acres, like The Nature Conservancy, which just can't seem to get its glommers on enough access to more and more U. P. land to control?

Sure enough! TNC was offered the parcels, but since the tax-exempt and unlicensed real estate broker, creatively partnering with the State, can't use its own billions to buy its own bio-reserve acres, they just had to say, "No thanks."

Now that fur is flying, UPPCo has disclosed that they did, indeed, offer it to the State, Feds, TNC, and the Tribes, but all declined so they took Naterra's offer. Set up job, perhaps?

According to Ontonagon radio station Y-101 news, UPPCo has sold only a little over 1,000 acres to Naterra, leaving another 6,200 acres to peddle.

Surely the State won't want that either, especially since the Natural Resources Trust Fund just coughed up mega-millions for the conservation easement on Granholm's U. P. Big Deal, plus a couple more deer yards to manage, etc., and also since Gran-

holm is considering picking up a conservation easement on some former Mead (now New Page) acres, and maybe even some of the International Paper forestland now on the market. Nothing like shopping in the forest, eh?

Anyway, it looks like it'll be up to Naterra or another eco-land development outfit to get the north woods primed for elitist get-a-ways tucked in amongst the trees in planned little sustainable vacation settlements far from the maddening Sheepie crowds in urban Eco-Ville.

Naterra Land Company is a Minneapolis-based outfit, owned by Phil Taylor, who hopes to connect a million people to nature within the next 25 years. Of course, he's likely also planning to get filthy rich doing it.

About a year ago, Taylor consolidated all his businesses into one company and christened it Naterra, a combination of the word "nature" and "terra", the Latin word for land, which he felt better reflected the company's commitment to nature.

Prior to consolidation, Taylor Investment Corporation did business as Taylor Investment and Four Season Realty in MN, WI, and MI, specializing in lakeshore property. In the southern states, Tennessee and Georgia mountain property, as well as Texas hill-country home sites, were offered under the name Taylor Investment and Four Seasons Properties.

Perhaps anticipating a successful bid for the UPPCo property, as well as other Yooperland waterfront, hilly, or mountainous acres that just might become available, Naterra is opening an office in Marquette next spring, after which it plans to launch four "projects". Meanwhile, they've set up shop in a temporary office in Marquette and also have an office in Watersmeet.

Naterra already offers some Mar-enisco-Gogebic area home sites on Stateline Lake at the "Red Maple Landing" project. Lot sizes vary from 1.6 to 2.7 acres with from 100 to 895 feet of lake frontage, and the lots are priced from \$94,950 to \$199,950.

Another Naterra development "project" now offering lots is "Keweenaw Hideaway" on Mud Lake, east of Lake Linden. The guaranteed build-able lots range from 1 to 3 acres

with 116 to 221 feet of water frontage, and are being offered from \$52,950 to \$54,950. Prices are, however, subject to change.

Protective environmental "covenants" apply to both of the projects, just as they do on other property Naterra readies for buyers of eco-lots.

According to information cited on Naterra's Keweenaw Hide-hole Website page: "Covenants, Conditions, and Restrictions (CCR's) are beneficial because they protect your property from unwanted use. Most importantly, they provide rules for how your neighbors can and can not use their property, which makes it harder for them to do something that would depreciate the value of your property...Properties with CCR's tend to hold their value much better than properties without." (Ya, right. Restrictions are all the rage!)

Lots being developed by Naterra at their northeastern Minnesota "Voyager's Retreat" project carry covenants, too, including a minimum house size of 1,500 square feet, what sorts of other structures can be built on the lots, and mandated setbacks from the lakeshore. It's also possible that surface water use will be limited. Then there'll likely be mandates for "rain gardens" and "no-mow" zones along the waterfront to protect the shoreline and provide habitat for crawling things, like wood ticks and eco-neighbor spys.

So there we have it folks. The eco-twits wanting no land-use, no more roads, and a return to pre-1492 times are having a hissing contest with the dictatorial restricted land-use developers reaching out to fat cats with more money than brains. What ever happened to normal, as in none of the above?

I'm warning the "covenanted" newbies though, if they come to my neck of the woods at Prickett Dam "Skeeter Swamp" project, I'm demanding first dibs on the worm-minnow concession so the suckers can catch blue gill and bass, and nobody better carp about the sound of our chainsaw or 4-Wheeler. ~ CJ



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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear YS:

Enema Domain (Something to Reflect On)

Unless I'm mistaken, the Supreme Court decision allowing property to be taken from one person and given to a rich person only applies when the rich person is going to produce more money from that property than it does under the current owner of the property.

Does that then not exclude environmental groups that claim to want to preserve the land since preservation will produce no income from the property? Would that not affect all current claims by these groups that want to take land under Enema Domain?

It seems to me that could be a legal argument for anyone fighting these groups.

If the groups then stated anything about the rich minerals and such under the property, that would expose the real reason they want the land. Upon that, they would need to state they want to preserve the land for future use for mining the land, which would not be the reason they

claim to exist nor covered by the Supreme Court decision that states the land can be transferred only for profit reasons, not future profit speculation?

Does the Supreme Court decision also not prevent a local government from taking someone's land to build such things as parks? There is no profit in parks. If the city wanted to build a revenue generation project like a baseball stadium as they did here in Dayton after years of trying because no one wanted it, would the city be prevented from doing so when it is revealed the park would not generate enough money to pay for itself and must be given tax breaks and be supplemented by city money?

Since this is a "for profit" deal, could state laws not be passed requiring the person losing the land to be given a percentage of any future profits included as payment for the land, as well as the current value of the land they were paid for?

It would seem if those claiming they can generate 10 million more dollars from the land a year than is currently being generated by the present owner, the new owners must recant

their claim or admit it's only fair to give the present owner a percentage since they would be making zero millions without the land.

This may have went nowhere, but it seems legal minds that fight Enema Domain might want to consider these thoughts in their fight. They are often clouded in legality, and creative thinking has passed them by. Something here might be worth considering. If you haven't a leg to stand on going into court because of the Supreme Courts decision, shouldn't you try making yourself a new pair of legs to stand on?

If nothing above seems feasible, perhaps it may lead to new direction thinking that may. A good warrior knows that, as in martial arts, you turn your opponents weaknesses to your advantage. This Supreme Court decision just may have created a weakness in Enema Domain that wasn't there before and is, as yet not been, recognized. This is the government. They always screw things up, so instead of complaining about the decision, maybe someone should look at how it may have helped instead of being stuck in a how it has hurt mode. ~Henry Glover

Dear Mr. Glover,

Although we are still waiting for the U. S. Senate to begin impeachment proceedings against the five liberal judges who supported the taking of private property for public purpose, we do see some battles brewing that may indeed support your observations and outstanding argument. As CJ Williams pointed out, the MSU biosphere in Northern Lower Michigan is in the center of the richest oil and gas reserves in the State. Although they're a part of the government, should the property be surrendered to private drilling interests? Clearly the county and State would benefit from turning the land from a no tax, non-profit holding to one that will produce significant revenues.

On the same order, The Nature Conservancy and other non-profit groups are "protecting" lands, yet they themselves have drilled and bought and sold property, selling the property with the least value in the way of natural resources. Give us a break, these guys are no more than really smart investors. And yes, a controlling interest would be a better deal than fair market value.